

Roof Protocol

Arthur Ashe Stadium & Louis Armstrong Stadium
2018 US Open



1 The US Open is an outdoor tennis tournament.



A retractable roof is available when necessary for use over Arthur Ashe Stadium and Louis Armstrong Stadium. Each roof takes approximately seven minutes to close and fully seal.

The roofs over Arthur Ashe Stadium and Louis Armstrong Stadium will be used to protect against inclement weather, or the strong probability of inclement weather.

2 The Tournament Referee will determine when to close the roof. His decision is final.



In certain situations, with the threat of inclement weather, Arthur Ashe Stadium may be pre-conditioned to ready for roof closure. These pre-conditioning steps include:

- **Closing of the Stadium shutters** surrounding the upper bowl of the Stadium
- **Activating the air management system** for the Stadium.

Louis Armstrong Stadium is a naturally ventilated stadium; it does not require pre-conditioning

3 Once it's been determined the roof will close, the following steps will occur:



- The Tournament Referee will notify the roof control booth
- **Activation of roof close.**
- **Activation of the air management system in Arthur Ashe Stadium** to ensure air circulation throughout the Stadium if not already activated in pre-conditioning.
- **All doors leading from the concourse areas to the Club and Promenade levels will be closed in Arthur Ashe Stadium.**

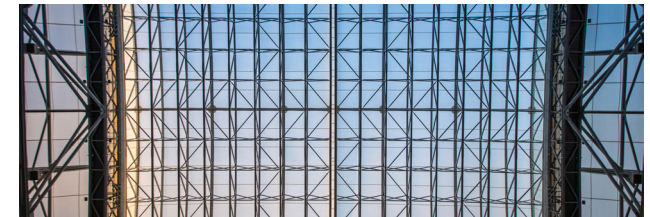
Additional Guidelines:



In general, when the roof has been closed during a match, the match will be completed with the roof closed. Depending on circumstances, the Tournament Referee, at his discretion, can have the roof opened later in the same match.



The position of the roof for succeeding matches will be determined by the Tournament Referee.



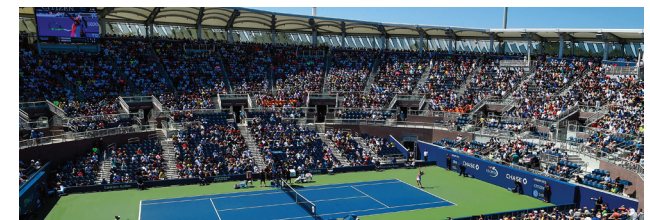
The roof will be either fully open or fully closed.



The roof will not be used to protect ticket holders from heat or direct sunlight. The roof will be used only for inclement weather or the strong probability of inclement weather.



The lighting systems in Arthur Ashe Stadium and Louis Armstrong Stadium operate independently from the roof structure. The use of lights in either stadium will be determined by the Tournament Referee.



The US Open reserves the right to move matches into or out of Arthur Ashe Stadium or Louis Armstrong Stadium in order to maintain the overall schedule of play.