

OPEN Player & Guest - Information Sheet
2015 US OPEN USTA Wheelchair Championships
1980 – 2015

ITF Super Series
USTA Category I Sanctioning
USTA Gold, Silver and Bronze Balls (3rd place play off)
Prize Money \$40,000

The US OPEN runs concurrently, Tuesday, September 1 – Sunday, September 6, 2015

Tournament Director: Mary Buschmann & Ken Hayden

Tournament Referee: Bob Boulware

Tournament Desk: Mary Buschmann USTA Missouri Valley Section
Ken Hayden USTA

Tournament Facility Host: Dwight Davis Tennis Center

ROHO Tournament Hospitality: Jackie, Rita, Omelia, and Bridget

Dwight Davis Stringer: Dan Batchelor

Open play: Open Division play begins on Tuesday September 1, 2015

Open Draw: The Open Public Draw will be made at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 31, 2015 at Dwight Davis Tennis Center. As per ITF Requirement, if you are not on site by 4:00 PM, Monday please call Mary Buschmann at 913-961-6199 to confirm your arrival.

Tournament Organizers: The Gateway Confluence Wheelchair Sports Foundation
Website: confluencesports.org OR usopen.confluencesports.org
Email: usopenwheelchair@gmail.com
Twitter: @USOPEN_WC
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/US.Open.St.Louis>

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Tournament Schedule Summary:**

Monday	August 31	Players arrive Tournament check-in at DDTC 5:00-8:00PM Public Draw at DDTC 5:30 PM
Tuesday	September 1	Play begins 9:00 AM Open Doubles Sign-up by 10:00 AM (Tournament Desk)
Wednesday	September 2	Play continues
Thursday	September 3	Play continues
Friday	September 4	Play continues Doubles Semi Finals Sponsor / Player Party @ Dwight Davis: 6pm-9pm (appetizers and drinks)
Saturday	September 5	Singles Semi Finals Doubles Finals
Sunday	September 6	Singles Finals Players Depart

ENTRY FEE:

Entry fee for OPEN Players is **\$125** due at the time of registration or at Check-In (**Credit card payments can be made through the online registration. Check or cash will only be accepted if paying at on-site registration**).

Open Coach/Guess fee of \$125 will be required at the time of registration or at on-site check in (includes transportation to/from airport, transportation to/from courts, entrance to the courts, and lunch daily). **Fees are payable by cash or check at on-site check in. (Checks made payable to The Gateway Confluence.)**

SCHEDULE:

Play will begin each day at: 9:00 AM unless otherwise posted starting on Tuesday, September 1st. Updated draws and the following day's schedule will be posted each evening as soon as it is prepared and kept at the Parkway Hotel on the two front tables in the lobby. An informational bulletin board with draw sheets will be located at Dwight Davis Tennis Center and updated throughout the day. Draw sheets and match times will also be posted on the US OPEN website. <http://usopen.confluencesports.org/> and on Tennis Link.

DOUBLES:

Please sign up for all doubles at the tournament desk by 10:00AM, Tuesday, September 1st.

TENNIS CHAIR STORAGE:

Tennis chairs will be stored at Dwight Davis Tennis Center. This is a safe and secure location. During play chairs will be stored off courts and out of traffic way behind the stadium court (North). There will be volunteers to assist locating and transporting sports chairs to courts. Please do not leave chairs in

“a convenient place for you” as this will impede traffic flow and may cause a disruption as we hunt for it. As you arrive at the host hotel (Parkway Hotel) please leave your sports chair in the conference room in the lobby (will be marked for US OPEN). A chair tag will be given for your tennis chair. Please attach this tag to your tennis chair. This system will assist us as we locate your chair for matches. These will be simple tags that you can easily remove at the conclusion of the tournament. (OPEN PLAYERS @ Parkway Hotel – Blue Tag / OPEN PLAYERS not at Parkway hotel – Green Tag) **At the close of the tournament, you are responsible for bringing your tennis chair back to the hotel & storing it until you depart.**

PRACTICE COURTS:

Prior to matches beginning in the morning, the courts may be used for warm-up. During play designated courts may be used for practice. Practice court sign-up will be available at the tournament desk. Please take direction from the tournament desk so as not to impede or impair ongoing tournament matches.

GOLD BALL EVENT:

The 2015 US OPEN USTA Wheelchair Championships is a Gold Ball event for all divisions.

MEALS:

Breakfast: will be available at The Parkway Hotel. Breakfast is complimentary.

Lunch: will be served from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Stadium Courtside Tent @ Dwight Davis.

Credentials are required to get lunch. Please be sure to have your credentials with you when you come to the stadium tent.

Dinner: Everyone is on his or her own for supper/dinner and we encourage folks to explore the Central West End for unique and varied dining experiences. There is an Applebee's adjoining the Parkway Hotel.

WHEELCHAIR REPAIR STATION:

Tires, tubes, and some parts will be available at cost. Parts you provide will also be worked with.

STRINGER:

A stringer will be available at Dwight Davis Tennis Center from Tuesday – Sunday. The cost of stringing is \$20 labor. You may bring your own string or purchase string from Dwight Davis Tennis Center. Turn around time will be swift, however get your racquet in the queue as early as you can so you won't be disappointed.

TRAINER:

An athletic trainer will be available throughout the tournament from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday through Sunday. Trainers will be stationed behind the stadium court (North) and dispatched for on court service.

TOURNAMENT TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM COURTS:

(Complimentary from Parkway Hotel) Transportation between the Parkway Hotel, courts, and return will be accomplished utilizing minivans and our kind volunteer drivers from Main Street United Methodist Church of Alton, Illinois. The trip from The Parkway Hotel to Dwight Davis Tennis Center is less than a three-minute ride. The queue for AM transport will begin at 7:30 AM. Our drivers will be lined up outside the hotel. In the event you are required to wait you may do so inside the hotel lobby or under the hotel's portico. Our volunteer drivers are instructed to assist you in any way you may require. Please, kindly direct them as to your personal need for assistance. No smoking, drinking, or

eating will be allowed in minivans. Please do not ask drivers to make trips other than those designed to assist you from hotels to courts and back. Drivers will adhere to all traffic laws and obey all traffic signals. There will never be a need to encourage speeding, as no one will ever be in jeopardy of match default as long as we know you are in transport. In the event of rain there are umbrellas placed in each vehicle.

NO SMOKING:

As always, the US OPEN USTA Wheelchair Championships is a No Smoking Tournament. Please do not smoke anywhere in or near the grounds of the Dwight Davis Tennis Center. If you must smoke, please remove yourself as far away from the property and entrances as is possible.

RESTROOMS AT DWIGHT DAVIS:

Restrooms are located on the East & West sides of the pro shop and down stairs (under the pro shop). Staff will do all they can to maintain their cleanliness and readiness for use at all times. Obviously we require your cooperation to maintain these facilities in outstanding shape. Please utilize all waste receptacles and pick up and clean up after yourself. Pitch in to help keep everything in order and please treat the entire facility with respect. When closed for cleaning, please automatically utilize the other restroom facilities.

BALL PEOPLE:

When available they can be assigned to the court that you are playing your match on. You may decide at the time you report to the tournament desk for your upcoming match whether you prefer to have or not have this assistance. In the event you decide to utilize these volunteers please take the time to talk with the individual volunteers as to how they can best perform this service for you. Our ball people are instructed to retrieve errant first serve balls. They will do this as quickly and safely as possible. Build this rhythm into your game and coexist with your partner, opponent and those offering assistance to make your matches run smoothly. Communication, friendliness and patience will insure you a great ball person and will allow everyone to have a better experience.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Several roving photographers will be working as inconspicuously as possible to “freeze frame” some of your 2015 US OPEN USTA Wheelchair Championships moments.

EXTENDED STAY:

Those requiring additional nights stay will in most case remain in place. Relocation transportation for those so desiring will be at no charge to the player. Hotel cost incurred by players for the extended stay will of course accrue to those individuals.

CHILDREN:

Parents who have minors accompanying them are cautioned that Dwight Davis Tennis Center is not a play area for them. Please maintain contact control with each minor so as to insure his or her safety.

TOURNAMENT HOTEL:

(player transportation provided to and from airport & to and from courts from Parkway Hotel only)

The Parkway Hotel
4550 Forest Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63108
Telephone: (314) 256-7777

Toll-Free: (866)-314-7700

FAX: (314) 256-7999

<http://www.theparkwayhotel.com>

E-Mail: info@theparkwayhotel.com

Hotel Rate: \$118.00 (single, double, triple or quad)

Reservation Deadline Date: August 5th

Reservations can be made by calling 314-256-7777 and referencing the "2015 US OPEN USTA Wheelchair Championship group block" or reservations can be made on-line at:

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/bbe/page2.aspx?pcode=27365&propertyid=9697&nights=11&checkin=08/28/2015&group=6230>

- Breakfast daily
- All rooms feature high-speed internet access, microwave ovens, refrigerators, coffee makers, irons and ironing boards, multi-line telephones with voice mail features, combination DVD/VCRs, and hair dryers.
- Full Service Casual Restaurant (Applebee's Grill & Bar), Exercise Room, Lobby ATM, Business Center, Attached Parking Garage (\$5.00 per night), Gift Shop, Ice Machines, Self-Service Laundry, Valet Dry-Cleaning, Luggage Storage, & Wi-Fi in lobby.

Additional Hotel Info:

The Chase Park Plaza has also offered US Open players and guests a special rate. However the Chase Park Plaza is not the official tournament hotel and complimentary transportation will not be provided at this hotel. Call 877-587-2427 or 314-633-3269 Mon-Fri 8am-8pm CST and ask for the: US Open USTA Wheelchair Championship room block and you will get the discounted rate of \$169 + tax. Call by August 9, 2015 in order to get the special rate.

**If you are looking for a roommate you can email Tournament Director Kenny Hayden, kjhay12@yahoo.com to see if he can help find a roommate.

We do not guarantee that will find you a roommate. If you do not have a roommate at the time of the tournament you will be in a single and will pay for a single room. Note: If you choose to have a roommate, it will be your responsibility to make those arrangements and state that clearly to the Hotel when making your reservation. The Open will NOT be responsible for arranging roommates and anyone without a roommate WILL be billed the Single Occupancy Rate. All prices are given in US Dollars and are near approximates. The Parkway Hotel is a property with spacious rooms and adequate door sizes with most rooms being set-up in the typical double queen bed configuration.

TOURNAMENT VENUE:

Dwight Davis Tennis Center

5620 Grand Drive

St. Louis, MO 63112

Historical Dwight Davis Tennis Center is located in the heart of Forest Park, which resides centrally to the city of Saint Louis, Missouri, USA. Dwight Davis is the premier tennis facilities in the St. Louis area with 19 courts, including a stadium court that seat 1500. Included are locker rooms and pro shop and when you roll out the front gate you are in the middle of 1,293-acre Forest Park containing world renown Zoo, Art Museum, History Museum, etc with miles of hard surface paths that wind through manicured woods and water featured park land.

www.dwightdavistennis.com

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:

Complimentary Airport Transportation from 8am – 10pm.

If you arrive before 8am and don't want to wait for complimentary transportation or arrive after 10pm, please plan on making your own transportation arrangements.

In order to receive complimentary airport transportation, we will need to receive your flight information **on/before August 19, 2015**. If we do not receive your information by the 19th, you will not be receiving complimentary airport transportation. The Confluence assumes the costs for airport transportation. Each driver will have a list of all those who have provided their information, if you have not provided your information and your name is not on the list, there will be an additional fee charged at the time of pick up.

We have forwarded your specific itinerary to our airport transportation coordinators so as to make your arrival as smooth and trouble free as possible. If you have not already provided your complete flight information, please do so as soon as possible! Please email that information to usopenwheelchair@gmail.com.

Last minute adjustments (mini emergencies en route, flight delays or flight cancelations) will require you to contact: Jackie Klotz at 618-954-9129 or Omelia Durso-Missey at 618-407-4649.

Upon arrival at Lambert St. Louis International Airport, proceed to the baggage claim. Along the way you will see lighted visual displays with a welcoming message:

Main Terminal Arrivals (American / Delta / United / US Airways):

US OPEN Wheelchair Tennis Players: Welcome to St. Louis! Ground transportation is awaiting you outside the Main Terminal on the airlines ticketing level, exit MT-6, Upper Level.

After collecting your gear from the baggage carousel go back up the half level you have come down from the arriving gates and use the elevator marked MT-4 which is near the USO end of terminal. Take it up to main level (Airline Ticketing Level) and turn left as you exit elevator. This will allow you to depart the terminal using Exit MT-6. Ground transportation will be awaiting you just outside.

Transportation from the airport to the hotel will be accomplished utilizing a fleet of large white lift vans with lettering indicating: LifeBridge Partnership or St. Louis Society for the Physically Disabled. Please look for the vehicles - be patient should one not be immediately present and in the event that you are feeling "stranded" call Scott Luhrs, cell Phone: 314-803-2270 on his cell so he can give you his estimated time of arrival. Scott's cell number is 314-803-2270. Please be patient and consider that traffic situations do occur. Should you be left at the curb for longer than 10 minutes, then call Scott. (Between 8am – 10pm)

East Terminal Arrivals (Southwest):

US OPEN Wheelchair Tennis Players: Please exit East Terminal through Exit ET-15. Ground transportation will be awaiting you.

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The host hotel and the event facility are both located to the North off Highway 40/I-64. This arterial corridor runs East & West through the heart of the region. Undergoing expansion renovation for a few years now it is nearly complete, however as with all projects of this nature, changes in traffic flow accompanied by exit openings and closings is of an ongoing nature. Plug the addresses into your favorite search engine. Seek updates just prior to leaving home, and be prepared to make adjustments. *511 will connect you to some traffic updates while in the immediate area. Safe travels.