Press Release

USTA TO HOST INAUGURAL USTA ALL-AMERICAN COLLEGE COMBINE COLLEGIATE SCOUTING EVENT FOR AMERICAN JUNIORS

USTA All-American College Combine and USTA/ITA Collegiate Coaches Workshop
Set for June 14-16 at USTA National Campus in Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla., February 20, 2017 – The USTA today announced that USTA Player Development will host the inaugural USTA All-American College Combine – the first-ever national collegiate scouting event for American juniors – and USTA/ITA Collegiate Coaches Workshop June 14-16 at the USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando.

The USTA All-American College Combine is designed to give American juniors exposure, knowledge, and data to help their recruitment by college tennis programs around the country. Participants will engage in a number of on- and off-court evaluations over the three days, including tournament match play in front of college tennis coaches. The tournament will be considered a Tennis Recruiting “National Showcase,” so results will count toward each player’s Universal Tennis Rating, and the tournament winners will receive a main draw wild card into a USTA Pro Circuit $15,000 event.

Led by USTA Player Development staff and Dr. Mark Kovacs, all data will be collected and a report will be created for each participant. Players from the Team USA National Junior Team will participate in the event.

The USTA National Campus will also host a combined USTA/ITA College Coaches Workshop simultaneously with the USTA All-American College Combine, with more than 100 collegiate coaches from NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA and Junior College programs expected to attend. The workshop will offer a variety of coaching education and professional development sessions.

“Supporting American juniors and their parents in their quests for college scholarships is a priority for us,” said USTA Collegiate Tennis Director Stephen Amritraj. “The USTA All-American College Combine is a way to provide college coaches a convenient opportunity to evaluate American juniors and hopefully increase the number of Americans on college teams throughout the country.”

“Not only is college tennis a viable part of the professional tennis pathway, the majority of the tennis community’s leaders have experienced college tennis,” said Martin Blackman, General Manager, USTA Player Development. “College tennis is an integral part of our tennis ecosystem. It pulls junior players up, it pushes pros out and it cultivates business leaders with an affinity for our great sport. We recognize that college tennis coaches are recruiting in a global market, but as the National Federation we need to create as many developmental opportunities as possible for junior players who aspire to play varsity college tennis.”

2017 USTA All-American College Combine
USTA National Campus, Orlando, Fla.
June 14-16, 2017

- Eligible Participants: American Prospective Student-Athletes; boys and girls ages 13-18
- Visit the TennisLink page to register http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=202598#&s=0
- Cost: $349
- Skills to be evaluated:
  - Tennis: Serve speed, serve accuracy, groundstroke accuracy.
  - Fitness Testing
  - Psychological self-assessment.
The USTA All-American College Combine is the latest initiative through which the USTA aims to help American juniors maximize their exposure as they work to earn college scholarships. The USTA also provides exclusive opportunities for American collegians to earn pro wild cards through collegiate competition, compete on the USTA Collegiate National Team, achieve grants for playing in professional tournaments and enroll in Professional Tennis Management programs at select colleges.

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 715,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest-attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the US Open Series, linking seven summer WTA and ATP World Tour tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA’s philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships and helps under-resourced youth and individuals with disabilities, and supports wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com, “like” the official Facebook page, facebook.com/usta, or follow @usta on Twitter.