

2016 Oracle/ITA Masters Fact Sheet:

Objective: To create a unique event on the ITA National calendar that is inclusive of ALL of the ITA Division I Membership and that provides a pathway to our fall ending championship: The USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships. This event will utilize Universal Tennis Ratings as part of the selection and seeding process furthering and strengthening our partnership with UTR and creating competitive match play for all players involved.

Dates: October 13-16, 2016

Draw size:

32 – WS

32 – MS

32 – XD

There will be first round loser consolation for men's and women's singles.

Site: Pepperdine and Malibu Racquet Club.

Travel stipend: Each player's institution will receive up to \$750 per player to cover travel and hotel expenses to the event.

Selections:

Singles:

1 player per conference

Plus WCs, at-large as available

1st WC – Oracle

2nd WC – Host WC (if available)

At-large – if needed

Mixed:

Each team is comprised of the men's player and the women's player from each conference; WC players will be paired together or with conference players who do not have a counterpart.

Conference lists: (31)

American Athletic Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Atlantic Sun Conference; Atlantic 10 Conference; Big East Conference; Big Sky Conference; Big South Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Big West Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; Conference USA; Horizon League; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Mid-American Conference; MidEastern Athletic Conference; Missouri Valley Conference; Mountain West Conference; Northeast Conference; Ohio Valley Conference; Pac-12 Conference; Patriot League; Southeastern Conference; Southern Conference; Southland Conference; Southwestern Athletic Conference; The Summit League; Sun Belt Conference; West Coast Conference; and Western Athletic Conference.

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Selection Criteria:

Automatic Singles (31) –

Each conference gets one player into the singles draw per gender. The spot is offered to the top player from that conference as determined below.

- Returning conference Player of the Year
 - If POY is a senior or there is no conference POY, then the following process will be followed:
 - Highest returning player in the ITA Final National Rankings (published)
 - If no players on the in the ITA Final National Rankings, then the following process will be followed:
 - Highest returning UTR rated player (100% Reliability) as of May 31;
 - Note: player must have competed in Spring of 2016.
 - If the conference has named a conference co-player of the year, the higher UTR rated player will be selected.
 - If POY declines, the following process will occur:
 - Highest returning player in the ITA Final Rankings (published) will be offered in order.
 - Once the above list has been exhausted, the spot converts to a WC or at-large berth.

At-Large Singles (if two or more Automatic Singles berths are declined):

- The at-large berths will be offered and alternate list for this event will be ordered by UTR (100% reliability) on August 15.

Mixed –

The 32 men's singles players and 32 women's singles players will play in the mixed doubles draw.

Seeding:

Singles –

Tournament will be seeded with UTR on October 10. All 32 players will be seeded and placed accordingly.

Mixed –

Tournament will be seeded with UTR on October 10 by combining the two players' UTRs. All 32 teams will be seeded and placed.

