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UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

2025 USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

The United States Tennis Association Incorporated ("USTA" or "Sponsor") is sponsoring a contest for the 2025 USTA League National Captain of the Year (hereinafter, the "Contest") as further described below. The Contest is offered only to legal residents of the 50 United States (including the District of Columbia and other locales under United States jurisdiction, including Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, American Virgin Islands, and other protected territories) who are 18 years of age or older as of January 1, 2025 and who has met the eligibility criteria below, including the requirement of an independent nomination by the entrant's USTA Sectional Association.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

The 2025 USTA League National Captain of the Year (the "Contest") was developed to recognize outstanding captains in the USTA League program, set positive examples of captains and to promote the role of League captain.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Contest is open to all playing and non-playing League captains who have captained any USTA League team(s) during the 2025 calendar year. To qualify for the Contest, an eligible USTA League captain must be nominated by their applicable USTA Sectional Association for consideration as the 2025 USTA League National Captain of the Year. Only one (1) captain can be nominated for the Contest by each of the seventeen (17) USTA Sectional Associations. The USTA Sectional Association has the authority and full discretion to nominate a League captain in their Section by their own nomination process. The USTA Sectional Association has the option to not participate in the National Captain of the Year Contest. A nominated League captain must have a current residency within the geographical territory of the nominating USTA Sectional Association to be eligible for the Contest. The nominated League captain must be a current USTA member in good standing with no sportsmanship grievance filed during the 2025 calendar year as a captain or player in any USTA program.

Employees, officers, directors and volunteers of the United States Tennis Association Incorporated (the "USTA"), the USTA Foundation Incorporated, , the USTA National Tennis Center Incorporated, USTA Player Development Incorporated, any USTA Sectional Association, or each of their respective parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, and assigns (collectively, the "USTA Parties"), anyone involved in the Contest's development or execution, and/or the immediate family members (meaning spouse, parents, siblings, children and each of their spouses) any such employee, officer, director, volunteer, or person are not eligible to participate in the Contest.

By taking part in this Contest, participants agree to be bound by these Official Rules. Sponsor reserves the right to permanently disqualify from this Contest a participant it believes has intentionally violated these Rules. Void where prohibited.



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ENTRY PERIOD: The Contest will be made available from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 (the "Entry Period"). Eligible Captains become eligible for the Contest by securing their nomination through the USTA Sectional Association to the Sponsor at any time during the Contest Entry Period.

JUDGING:

Content and format of submission. To be considered for the Contest, the captain must be nominated to the Sponsor by the USTA Sectional Association via their independent nomination process, as determined by each applicable USTA Sectional Association in its sole discretion. Captains must confirm the details and requirements for their Sectional Association's nomination process with their USTA League Section League Coordinator. Only one (1) captain can be endorsed for the award by each of the seventeen (17) USTA Sectional Associations.

Once the USTA Sectional Association has selected its 2025 National Captain of the Year nominee, The Section's League Coordinator will provide the National Captain of the Year nomination form questions to the nominated captain to answer via email. The Contest nomination form must be completed and returned to the Sponsor before the nomination deadline of 11:59 pm ET on December 31st, 2025. The answers must be submitted to the USTA National Office by the USTA Section League Coordinator. All answers must be truthful and factual. Any false or misleading information provided in the answers will disqualify the captain from being considered for the Contest. Captain nomination forms that have not been completed in their entirety by the nominated captain and/or been verified by the USTA Section League Coordinator will not be considered an official nomination, and no corrections will be accepted after the December 31, 2025 11:59 pm ET deadline. Nominations mailed or delivered in person by an individual will not be considered.

Contest Criteria: The Contest nomination questions that will be asked are as follows, and are subject to be supplemented or revised by the Sponsor at any time, in Sponsor's sole discretion:

- 1. What USTA Section does the captain represent.
- 2. What is the name of the captain as shown in Tennislink.
- 3. What is the captain's USTA number.
- 4. What is the captain's email address.
- 5. Photo requirement of the captain in a tennis environment.
- 6. Optional video of captain's nomination.
- 7. How many years has the captain participated in USTA Leagues.
- 8. How many years has the captain been in the captain role?
- 9. Has the captain been involved in a sportsmanship grievance in 2025, or suspended from any play in any USTA program, inclusive of USTA Leagues and Tournaments?
- 10. Please provide any accolades given to the captain from participation in USTA Leagues in 2025. This is inclusive of championship results, awards or other recognitions from the Section and below.
- 11. Please provide a statement from the captain about why the captain should be considered for the award and what USTA Leagues means to the captain.
- 12. Three options for testimonials from teammates, other players and captains, USTA Sectional Association and below staff, tennis club, or volunteers of USTA Leagues supporting the nomination.

Special rules regarding the nomination questions. No one may assist you and no one other than you may contribute to the content of the nomination form answers. This includes, but is not limited to, use of chatbots, artificial intelligence, or other work of any other writer. Answers may not include unlawful, threatening, libelous, defamatory, obscene, inappropriate or profane material, material that violates the intellectual property, privacy or other rights of third parties, or material that otherwise violates the rules, as determined by the Sponsor or the USTA Section League Coordinator in their sole discretion. In submitting your nomination



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form answers to the Section League Coordinator, you represent and warrant that your answers are truthful and factual, that no one has assisted you in answering the nomination questions, and that any of the USTA Parties' use of the nomination answers, or any part of the same, will not infringe upon the rights of any third party. All entries must be in English. Incomplete entries will be disqualified.

Winner selection. After the December 31st, 2025 11:59 pm ET deadline, the USTA National League Player Experience SubCommittee, which is comprised of six (6) USTA National League volunteers and one (1) USTA National staff representative ("Committee") will review the nomination submissions and determine one (1) winner and four (4) nominees that will be recognized as "notable nominees." Nominated captains will be judged by the Committee based on a full review of the Contest Criteria provided by each Nominee and Sectional Association as set forth above. Winners will be determined by a majority vote of the Committee members, or as otherwise determined in the absolute sole discretion of the Committee. The selected winner of the Contest will be notified by telephone and/or email before January 31st, 2026. The selected winner of the Contest will be announced to all USTA League players on or before March 3rd, 2026. The announcement entails content on the USTA National League Captain's Corner website, social media posts on the USTA accounts, USTA League player-wide email and any USTA Sectional Association announcements.

PRIZES:

One (1) First Place Prize: The USTA League Captain who has been selected by the Committee (the "First Prize Winner") will receive the designation of "2025 USTA League National Captain of the Year". The First Prize Winner will receive a "First Place Prize" consisting of (i) menjacket with the recognized designation, (ii) recognized on USTA League communication outlets, including but not limited to website and email, and (iii) the option to select one of the following:

- 1. One(1) free year of USTA membership and League fees for the following championship year of 2026 of up to \$500.00
- 2. A trip for two (2) to Orlando, FL to attend the 2026 USTA Annual Meeting currently scheduled to take place between March 26 March 30, 2026. Travel dates and dates of attendance at the Annual Meeting shall be determined by USTA in its sole discretion. The First Prize includes roundtrip economy class air transportation for two (2) individuals to a nearby Southern California airport from a major commercial airport near the city of residence of the League Captain; two (2) nights' standard hotel accommodations (standard room, double occupancy) at a hotel chosen by USTA; two (2) credentials to attend the 2026 USTA Annual Meeting on a date and time determined by the USTA; and ground transportation to and from the First Prize Winner's residence and the airport, and to and from the airport and the hotel in Orlando. All travel arrangements and reservations will be coordinated, booked and paid for by USTA through its designated travel provider. The prize winner will not be reimbursed for any travel expenses incurred directly by prize winner. Approximate retail value ("ARV") of First Place Prize: \$2,000 (actual value will depend on point of departure and any airfare fluctuations).
- 3. A trip for two (2) to Flushing, New York to attend the 2026 US Open. Travel dates and the dates, times and seating location for the US Open tickets shall be determined by USTA in its sole discretion. The Prize includes roundtrip economy class air transportation for two (2) individuals to a metro-New York airport from a major commercial airport near the city of residence of the league coordinator; two (2) nights' standard hotel accommodations (standard room, double occupancy) at a hotel chosen by USTA; two (2) reserved seat tickets for each of the Day Session and Evening Session in Arthur Ashe Stadium for the 2026 US Open on one (1) designated date between September 4 -7, 2026; and ground transportation to and from the First Prize Winner's residence and the airport, and to and from the airport and the hotel in New



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Prize Terms and Conditions. Air transportation to Orlando, FL or Flushing, NY will be provided only if the First Prize Winner lives at least 100 miles from the destination. The First Prize Winner and his or her guest must take air travel on same itinerary and must travel on dates specified by the USTA. Lost or stolen tickets, travel vouchers or certificates will not be replaced. Once booked, no change, extension, or substitution of trip dates is permitted, except by the USTA at its discretion. If a First Prize Winner is at least twenty-one (21) years old, he or she may be accompanied during the Prize trip by a guest who is under the age of majority if: (a) the parent or legal guardian of the guest has executed an Authorization Form, giving consent, a Liability Release and, where legal, a Publicity Release, on the guest's behalf; and (b) USTA, in its sole discretion, has granted its approval. In all cases, the First Prize Winner's guest or the parent/legal guardian of any guest who is a minor in his or her state, province or territory of residence will be required to sign a Liability and Publicity Release (except where prohibited by law). USTA reserves the right to request proof of guest's age, parenthood or guardianship. A Prize Winner will be deemed to have forfeited the Prize if USTA, in its sole discretion, finds that the proof is unsatisfactory. The First Prize Winner and guest are responsible for obtaining all necessary and required travel documents.

The First Place Prize Winner is fully responsible for all costs and expenses associated with claiming and using the First Place Prize, including without limitation all taxes, gratuities, spending money, insurance and any other incidentals, except as otherwise set forth above. The First Place Prize is provided "as-is" and the Winner assumes all risks associated with use of the First Place Prize.

The First Place Prize Winner is responsible for reporting and paying all applicable federal, state and local taxes associated with Winner's receipt of the First Place Prize. Sponsor will withhold and/or report taxes as required by the applicable laws of Sponsor's and the Winner's jurisdictions.

The First Place Prize is non-transferable, in whole or in part. The First Place Prize cannot be substituted, assigned, sold, transferred or redeemed for cash, in whole or in part, but Sponsor in its sole discretion may substitute a prize of equal or greater value if the First Place Prize becomes unavailable for any reason. If a winner cannot accept the First Place Prize as stated, the First Place Prize will be forfeited in its entirety and/or an alternate winner may be selected by Sponsor, in its sole discretion.

Sponsor is not responsible if the any event associated with the First Place Prize, include the Annual Meeting and/or the US Open is postponed, cancelled or rescheduled after ticketing of the First Place Prize for any reason, in whole or in part, including due to COVID-19. No compensation will be paid in lieu of US Open ticket prizes that cannot be used for any reason, including but not limited to cancellation of the US Open. First Place Prize awards, including US Open tickets or travel accommodations, may not be used for advertising, promotions (including contests or sweepstakes) or other trade purposes without the prior express written consent of the Sponsor. Tickets to the US Open are subject to all ticket terms and conditions as well as US Open venue rules and regulations.

Notable Nominations:

Up to four (4) nominations will be chosen by Sponsor to be recognized on USTA League communication outlets, inclusive but not limited to website and email.



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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The First Prize Winner may be required to complete and sign an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability Release and, where legal, a Publicity Release, an IRS Form W9 and any other documentation that Sponsor may require, in its discretion. Required documentation must be completed and provided to Sponsor within seven (7) days of having received the same. If a First Prize Winner does not timely return requisite documents, or in the event of non-compliance with any of the requirements of these Official Rules, the prize will be forfeited and an alternate First Prize Winner will be selected by Sponsor from the winners of the Notable Nominations, subject to and in accordance with these Official Rules.

Releases. By participating in the Contest, each nominee hereby agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless the United States Tennis Association Incorporated, USTA Foundation Incorporated, , USTA National Tennis Center Incorporated, USTA Player Development Incorporated, each of the USTA Sectional Associations, each of their respective parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, dealers, and all others involved in the Contest's development or execution, and each of their respective owners, principals, shareholders, directors, officers, volunteers, employees, agents, contractors and representatives (collectively the "Released Parties") FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITIES OR DEMANDS, LOSSES OR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONTEST OR ACCEPTANCE, USE, MISUSE OR NONUSE OF ANY PRIZE OR PARTS THEREOF (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ACTIVITY OR TRAVEL RELATED THERETO), INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LIABILITY FOR DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY, DAMAGE OR LOSS OF ANY KIND, AND FROM LIABILITY TO ANY OTHER PERSONS RELATING TO OR RESULTING FROM ENTERING OR DOWNLOADING MATERIALS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONTEST. PRIZES ARE PROVIDED "AS IS." THE RELEASED PARTIES DO NOT MAKE ANY WARRANTY, REPRESENTATION, OR GUARANTEE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR IN LAW, RELATIVE TO THE USE OF ANY PRIZE, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, QUALITY, MERCHANTABILITY, AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. FURTHER, NO RESPONSIBILITIES ARE ACCEPTED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES, OMISSIONS, DELAYS, RE-ROUTING, OR ACTS OF ANY GOVERNMENT OR AUTHORITY, OR IF THE CONTEST CANNOT BE COMPLETED OR IF A PRIZE CANNOT BE AWARDED DUE TO ACTS OF WAR, NATURAL DISASTERS, WEATHER, ACTS OF TERRORISM, OR IF THE PRIZED EVENT(S) ARE CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING COVID-19 RESPONSE. USTA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THIS CONTEST IN ANY WAY IT DEEMS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE AND TO CANCEL THIS CONTEST IF IT DEEMS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE.

By submitting the Contest nomination form answers, each nominee (a) waives his/her rights in the nomination and assigns all rights, title and interest in and to the nomination responses and materials, including, copyrights, to the USTA; (b) acknowledges and agrees that the USTA, as owner, has the exclusive, unrestricted, perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide, freely-assignable and irrevocable right, but not the obligation, to use, edit, alter, copy, reproduce, license, sell, rent, disclose, display, publish, prepare derivative works from, perform, distribute, exhibit, broadcast, or otherwise exploit the entry, in whole or in part, in any form or media, now known or hereafter developed, including, without limitation, broadcast television, radio and the Internet, for any purpose whatsoever, without any payment to, or further authorization by, the nominee or his/her parent/legal guardian; (c) acknowledges and agrees that the Released Parties have the unrestricted, irrevocable right, but not the obligation, to use nominee's name, address, photograph, picture, likeness, moving image, voice, biographical material, personal information, and any performance on nominee's part, whether in their original form or as altered, edited, lifted or reproduced by the Released Parties (collectively, "your Likeness"), in perpetuity throughout the world, whether in connection with the nominee or not, in any and all media (including broadcast television, radio and the Internet) now existing or hereafter discovered or



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developed, for any and all purposes including, without limitation, advertising, promotion, entertainment and commercial purposes, without any payment to, or further authorization by, the nominee except where prohibited by law; and (d) agrees to execute such further documents and instruments and take any further acts as the USTA may reasonably request in order to effectuate these Official Rules.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Participants agree to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules and decisions of the Sponsor which are final and binding on all matters relating to this Contest.

Each prize must be accepted "as is" and may not be exchanged for an amount of money, auctioned, bartered, sold or transferred and is non-refundable. No substitutions will be allowed, except as set forth below.

If a prize cannot be awarded as described in these Official Rules, the Sponsor, as well as its directors, officers, employees, and members, reserve the right to substitute a prize or prize component with another of comparable value.

Refusal to accept a prize releases the Sponsor, and each of its directors, officers, employees, and members of all responsibility and obligations towards the winner of such prize.

All information requested by and supplied to the Sponsor by each prize winner must be truthful, accurate, and in no way misleading. The Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any prize winner from the Contest in its discretion, should the prize winner at any stage supply untruthful, inaccurate, or misleading details and/or information or should the prize winner be or become ineligible at any stage of the Contest pursuant to the Official Rules.

INTERNET: If for any reason this Contest is not capable of running as planned due to infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest, Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest. Should this Contest be terminated, Sponsor reserves the right to select the winners from among all eligible, non-suspect entries received as of the action requiring such termination. Releasees assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of entries. Releasees are not responsible for lost, late, garbled, misdirected, or postage due entries or mail, or for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or telephone lines, computer on-line systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail or entry to be received by Sponsor on account of technical problems, human error or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participant's or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participation in this Contest or downloading any materials in this Contest. CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEBSITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES OR OTHER REMEDIES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

MISCELLANEOUS: If any provisions of these Rules are held to be invalid or unenforceable, all remaining provisions hereof will remain in full force and effect. Participants agree that this Contest is governed solely by the laws of the State of New York. Any claims arising out of the Contest shall be governed solely by New York



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law and may be brought only in a federal or state court in New York. If any provisions of these Official Rules are held to be invalid or unenforceable, all remaining provisions hereof will remain in full force and effect. USTA trademarks and copyrights are proprietary to the USTA.

DATA COLLECTION: All personal information, such as name, e-mail address and age is collected solely for purposes related to this Contest and shall not be used for any other purpose unless the individual providing it consents to other uses. By providing this information, all nominees who participate in this Contest consent to it being used for purposes related to this Contest. Personal information submitted in relation to the Contest will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws, these Official Rules, and the USTA Privacy Policy which may be found at

https://www.usta.com/en/home/about-usta/who-we-are/national/usta-privacy-policy.html#/purpose-of-use-p ersonal-data. All information submitted by participants is subject to, and will be treated in a manner consistent with, the USTA Terms of Use accessible at

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Any other questions please contact <u>leaguenationals@usta.com</u>.

