

SADDLEBROOK USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S 25KS WESLEY CHAPEL, FL • JANUARY 22-29



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Saddlebrook Resort – Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Website: www.procircuit.usta.com

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, Jan. 22

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Jan. 24

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$25,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$3,919	50
Runner-Up	\$2,091	30
Semifinalist	\$1,144	18
Quarterfinalist	\$654	9
Round 16	\$392	5
Round 32	\$228	1

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$1,437
Runner-Up	\$719
Semifinalist	\$359
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round 16	\$131

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO WESLEY CHAPEL

The **Saddlebrook USTA Pro Circuit Women's 25K** returns to Wesley Chapel for the second consecutive year. The city also hosted a men's event in 2008. It is the third USTA Pro Circuit women's event of 2017 and the last of three consecutive \$25,000 clay-court women's events to kick off the season, all of which will be held in Florida. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training on clay for younger players.

To follow the tournament, download the USTA Pro Circuit's phone app for smartphones and tablets by searching "procircuit" in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Notable players competing in Wesley Chapel include:

Sofia Kenin, 18, Pembroke Pines, Fla.
(Defending Singles Champion)

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Wesley Chapel, Fla., in January 2016, and then won the \$50,000 event in Sacramento, Calif., in July.
- Won the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a wild card into the 2016 US Open, facing eventual finalist Karolina Pliskova in the first round.
- Improved from No. 620 at the end of 2015 to No. 212 at the end of 2016.
- Won the 2015 USTA Girls' 18s national title



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Defending singles champion Sofia Kenin climbed as high as No. 2 in the world junior rankings and reached the final of the junior US Open in 2015.

to earn a wild-card berth into the US Open women's singles draw for her first Grand Slam main draw.

- As a junior player, reached the singles final at the 2015 US Open Junior Championships, the semifinals at the 2016 junior US Open and the quarterfinals at 2016 junior Wimbledon.
- Climbed as high as No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Represented the U.S. at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and also competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China.
- Also goes by Sonya.

Danielle Collins, 23, St. Petersburg, Fla.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 as a two-time NCAA singles champion, winning the title in 2014 and 2016. In doing so, she became the seventh woman all-time to win multiple NCAA singles titles.
- Was also a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American and the 2016 ITA Senior Player of the Year; tallied 125 career singles victories in college.



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Former University of Virginia standout Danielle Collins won the NCAA singles title in 2014 and 2016, becoming just the seventh woman all-time to win multiple NCAA singles crowns.

- Received a wild card into the US Open women's draw in 2014 and 2016.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Williamsburg, Va., in 2011, and \$25,000 Stillwater, Okla., in 2016).
- Has trained at Nick Bollettieri's IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Robin Anderson, 23, Matawan, N.J.

- Graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for the fourth consecutive year, becoming the seventh player in school history to accomplish that feat.
- Named the ITA National Collegiate Player of the Year for 2014-15.
- Was part of UCLA's NCAA-title winning team in 2014 and reached the NCAA doubles final in 2013.
- At the 2015 US Open, won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament for the top U.S. college players.
- Has won one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Landisville, Pa., in 2011) and two doubles titles (\$25,000 Redding, Calif., in 2013, and \$25,000 Daytona Beach, Fla., in 2017).
- In February 2016, reached the final of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich. Advanced to two additional USTA Pro Circuit semifinals in 2016.
- As a junior player, reached the singles quarterfinals at the 2010 junior US Open.

Usue Maitane Arconada, 18, College Park, Md.

- Currently No. 5 in the world junior rankings.
- Won her first pro-level match at 14 years old, in qualifying for the WTA's Citi Open in Washington, D.C., in 2013, beating then 26-year old Maria Irigoyen. In 2016, won her first WTA match at the Citi Open as a wild card.
- Won the junior doubles title at Wimbledon in 2016 (with Claire Liu) and reached the girls' singles quarterfinals; also reached the third round in singles and the quarterfinals in doubles at the 2015 and 2016 junior US Open.
- Born in Argentina and moved to Puerto Rico when her father accepted a position as Puerto Rico's national volleyball coach.

Elizabeth Halbauer, 19

- Cracked the Top 350 for the first time in 2016 after winning an ITF Circuit event in Argentina in April and reaching the final at another \$25,000 ITF Circuit event in Canada in August.
- Competed in US Open qualifying in 2016 as a wild card.
- Reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Daytona Beach, Fla., in 2017.
- Won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 2013.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Julia Elbaba, 22, Oyster Bay, N.Y.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016, setting the UVA record for singles wins with 133 in her career. Earned All-America honors in singles for the fourth consecutive year.
- Was ranked No. 1 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles rankings during her collegiate career.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 event in New Orleans in 2012.

Lauren Embree, 26, Naples, Fla.

- Former collegiate standout at the University of Florida, completing her outstanding college career in 2013 by being named the National College Player of the Year.
- Went 26-3 in her final year for the Gators at the No. 1 singles spot, and compiled a staggering 117-16 singles record during her four years.
- In 2013, won her second USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$10,000 event in Fort Worth, Texas, after also winning a title in Wichita, Kan., in 2008.
- Holds four USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- In 2009, won a USTA wild-card playoff to earn a berth into the main draw of the French Open, where she lost in the opening round to former world No. 3 Nadia Petrova.
- Announced in April 2016 that she was retiring after a series of injuries, but is now making a comeback.

Sophie Chang, 19, Havre de Grace, Md.

- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Women's Singles Championship to earn a wild card into the US Open qualifying tournament in her US Open debut.
- Holds four USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- Committed to play at the University of Virginia before turning pro.
- Great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the mixed doubles title at the 1910 U.S. National Championships.

Alexandra Mueller, 28, Abington, Pa.

- Holds 18 career USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles and seven singles titles.
- Two-time winner of the US Open National Playoffs, earning wild cards into the US Open Qualifying Tournament in 2010 and 2012.

Michaela Gordon, 17, Los Altos Hills, Calif.

- Peaked at No. 21 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in January 2015.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of junior Wimbledon in 2014 and 2015.
- Has competed in all four Grand Slam junior events.
- Reached the semifinals of the 2013 and 2014 Easter Bowl—a prestigious junior event.

**Player field subject to change*

WESLEY CHAPEL PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Sofia Kenin (USA)	Jesika Maleckova (CZE)	2016	Ingrid Neel (USA) – Natalia Vikhlyantseva (RUS)