

USTA BILLIE JEAN KING GIRLS' 16s & 18s NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 3-11, 2024 AT SAN DIEGO'S BARNES TENNIS CENTER
National Tennis Tournament to Feature Top Junior Players From Across the United States

SAN DIEGO – (June 27, 2024) – The United States Tennis Association Billie Jean King Girls' 16s and 18s National Championships will be played Saturday, August 3 through Sunday, August 11, 2024 at Barnes Tennis Center, 4490 W. Point Loma Blvd., San Diego, CA, 92107.

Nearly 400 of the top junior tennis players in the country, aged 16 and 18 and under, will compete for the title of National Champion. In addition, the following wild cards to the 2024 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y., will be awarded to the tournament's top finishers:

18s Singles Champion – US Open Main Draw Singles and US Open Juniors Main Draw Singles

18s Doubles Champions – US Open Main Draw Doubles and US Open Juniors Main Draw Doubles (required to play with same partner)

18s Singles Finalist – US Open Qualifying Singles and US Open Juniors Main Draw Singles

18s Singles 3rd place – US Open Juniors Main Draw Singles

18s Singles 4th place – US Open Juniors Qualifying Singles

18s Singles 5th place – US Open Juniors Qualifying Singles

16s Singles Champion – US Open Juniors Main Draw Singles

The Girls' 16s event will begin on Saturday, August 3 and conclude with the singles and doubles championships on Saturday, August 10. The Girls' 18s tournament will get underway on Sunday, August 4 and conclude with the singles and doubles championships on Sunday, August 11. Both divisions feature 192-player singles draws and 96-team doubles draws.

The Opening Ceremony for the USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 16s and 18s National Championships will take place at Barnes Tennis Center on Saturday, August 3 at 4:30 p.m. (PDT).

Admission is free each day of the tournament and there is no charge for parking at the Barnes Tennis Center. To view the official tournament website, please go to: www.ustagirlsnationals.com.

Early-round tournament matches will also be played at the following sites from Saturday, August 3 through Tuesday, August 6 — **Balboa Tennis Club**, 2221 Morley Field Drive, San Diego, CA 92104 and **University of San Diego**, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110.

Admission to view matches is free at both sites. Parking is free at the Balboa Tennis Club. Parking information for USD is available at <https://www.ustagirlsnationals.com/tournament-sites-1.html>.

Nearly every American player on the current WTA tour has won or participated in the USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 18s National Championship which celebrates its 106th anniversary this year.

To view the complete list of past Girls' 18s champions, click [here](#).

To view the complete list of past Girls' 16s champions, click [here](#).

Sofia Kenin, the 2015 Girls' 18s champion, captured the Australian Open singles title in 2020 and achieved a career-high No. 4 in the WTA singles rankings. Coco Gauff, who reached the 18s semifinals in 2018, captured her first-career Grand Slam singles title at the 2023 US Open. Earlier this month, Gauff achieved a career-high No. 2 in the WTA singles rankings.

To view Breaking Barriers, an in-depth documentary on the USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 16s and 18s National Championships produced by Tennis Channel, click [here](#).

About USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 16s & 18s Nationals – *The USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 16s & 18s National Championships are the premiere hard court tennis tournaments for amateur and professional American girls aged 16 and 18 and under in the United States. In 2010, both age groups began playing their events concurrently at San Diego's Barnes Tennis Center. Tournament participants, who represent nearly every state in the United States, have been endorsed by their respective USTA Section or have received USTA special exemptions based on their results in qualifying tournaments, junior rankings, or results on the WTA Tour or International Tennis Federation Junior Circuit. Past tournament champions include Chris Evert, Tracy Austin, Andrea Jaeger, Zina Garrison, Mary Jo Fernandez, Jennifer Capriati, Lindsay Davenport and Sofia Kenin.*

About Barnes Tennis Center – *Barnes Tennis Center is a three-time award-winning multi-racquet sports facility in San Diego. It was constructed between 1995 and 1997 and named after its lead donor family, the "George E. Barnes Family Junior Tennis Center." The capital campaign was led by Dr. Homer Peabody Jr., who spearheaded the project and is greatly appreciated by Youth Tennis San Diego. The Center is dedicated to serving the youth of San Diego, and children aged 18 and under have court priority and play for free. The facility offers 7 Padel courts and 19 Pickleball courts.*

Youth Tennis San Diego, owner and operator of Barnes Tennis Center, has brought the game of tennis right to the backyards of thousands of children and adults across San Diego County—eliminating long-standing financial barriers and dramatically increasing the accessibility of the sport. At the head of tennis organizations, YTSD has developed outreach programs, with its signature Kathy Chabot Willette After School Tennis at the forefront, in a central location at Barnes Tennis Center in the heart of San Diego. For additional information, go to: <https://www.barnestenniscenter.com/>.