

2026 USTA SoCal Section Wild Card Criteria for the Level 1 USTA National Championships

Each section will be allowed to use 2 quota spots as “wildcards” for the National Championships. The wild card will be awarded in the division where the player earned it. ***The USTA SoCal Junior Competition Committee reserves the right to change these procedures at any time for cogent reasons.

- **Clays (6/11/26 entry deadline; Quota List Pub. Date: 6/10/26)**
(2026 Quota: BG18/16/14: 8 // BG12: 6)
 - Top 2 players on USTA SoCal Quota List. See additional criteria below.
- **Hard Courts (7/16/26 entry deadline; Quota List Pub. Date: 7/8/26)**
(2026 Quota: BG18/16/14: 8 // BG12: 6)
 - Winner of Junior Sectionals (If winner gets in on their own through Direct Acceptance List or section quota, then WC will go to the 3rd place finisher, then 4th. After that, it'll revert to staff/committee WC**). See additional criteria below.
 - Finalist of Junior Sectionals (If finalist gets in on their own through Direct Acceptance List or section quota, then WC will go to the 3rd place finisher, then 4th. After that, it'll revert to staff/committee WC**). See additional criteria below.
 - NOTE: Players who withdraw from the 3/4 playoff match will be INELIGIBLE to receive a quota wild card.
- **Indoors (10/29/26 entry deadline; Quota List Pub. Date: 10/28/26)**
(2026 Quota: BG12-18: 3)
 - Top 2 players on USTA SoCal Quota List. See additional criteria below.
- **Winters (12/3/26 entry deadline; Quota List Pub. Date: 11/25/26)**
(2026 Quota: BG12-18: 6)
 - Winner of the Level 4 Westlake (If winner gets in on their own through Direct Acceptance List or section quota, then WC will go to the finalist. After that, it'll revert to staff/committee WC**). See additional criteria below.
 - Winner for the Level 4 Yamasaki (If winner gets in on their own through Direct Acceptance List or section quota, then WC will go to the finalist. After that, it'll revert to staff/committee WC**). See additional criteria below.

NOTE: USTA SoCal staff will be required to submit the quota wild card selection 2-3 days prior to the quota list publication date.

Players must either be entered in the tournament at least 3 days before the quota publication date OR formally accept the wild card upon notification from the USTA SoCal staff.

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USTA SoCal Quota Wild Card Criteria

To receive any quota wild card, players must not have 5 or more suspension points on their record due to conduct in the last 12 months at the time wild cards are awarded. (i.e. code violations, unsportsmanlike conduct, refusal to play, etc.). Wild cards will be awarded a few days before the quota publication date, therefore, players' suspension points will be reviewed at that time. Players with excessive grievances filed against them will also be ineligible to receive a section quota wild card.

**Staff/committee wild cards will be determined using the pool of players who enter at least 3 days before the entry deadline. There will be no application process. They will use the all factors method which could include any of the following criteria as well as those not listed below:

- Computerized tennis rating (i.e. WTN, UTR)
- NSL
- Sportsmanship
- USTA Tournament results
- Support of USTA SoCal programs and team events (Maze Cup, Player Development Camps, Youth Tennis Council, etc.)
- Plays tournaments to completion, including backdraws

They may also choose to revert back to the quota list if they wish not to use the wild card.

Important Dates

Tournament Name	Level	Start Date
Junior Sectionals (Closed)	3	6/6/2026
Westlake (Closed)	4	9/19/2026
Yamasaki (Closed)	4	10/10/2026