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Dear Coach/Tournament Director:

The ITA sanctioned events are a major part of our intercollegiate program. If you are planning to host a college tennis tournament during the 2017-2018 season, we strongly encourage you to have your tournament(s) sanctioned by the ITA.

The Oracle/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings are determined solely by results from the following:

- ITA Regional and National Championships*
- ITA sanctioned tournaments
- Dual matches
- Conference championships*
- End of the year NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, and CCCAA Championships

**** Please note: ITA National and Regional Championships and ALL Conference Championships receive an automatic ITA sanction and are NOT required to pay the tournament sanction fee.***

All those who wish to receive an ITA sanction must be current member of the ITA. If you would like to register as a new member, or renew a previous membership, [click here](#). Your membership confirmation email will contain a username and password that will allow you to sanction your event.

BENEFITS OF THE ITA TOURNAMENT SANCTION:

ORACLE/ITA COLLEGIATE RANKINGS

All ITA sanctioned tournament results will be used in our Oracle/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings. The Oracle/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings are released regularly throughout the year, and are used for all ITA national tournament seeding and selection, as well as guidelines for the NCAA Championships. We will provide tournament codes to facilitate entering results through the ITA Results Entry system found on our website, www.ITATennis.com.

ITA RULES

ITA sanctioned events are required to adhere to all ITA rules, published annually in the *ITA Rulebook*, and excerpted in the *ITA Scorebook*. All participants in your event will also be bound by ITA rules. All sanctioned events will receive a complimentary electronic copy of the 2017 edition of the *ITA Rulebook*.

WILSON TENNIS BALLS

ITA sanctioned events receive our special discounted tournament rates when ordering Wilson balls, the official tennis ball of the ITA. Unless an event receives financial sponsorship from another tennis ball company, all ITA sanctioned events must use Wilson balls. We strongly encourage you to purchase additional Wilson balls for your sanctioned event. To place an order, please email or call Wilson Sporting Goods representative Michelle Magsamen (Michelle.magsamen@wilson.com or 800-669-8605).

ELECTRONIC DRAW SHEETS

The ITA will also provide all sanctioned events with electronic draw sheets in Microsoft Excel format. Flighted, compass and regular draw formats are provided.

ITA WEBSITE LISTING & RESULTS LISTING

All ITA sanctioned events are listed on our ITA website. If possible, submit your event results electronically so that we can provide a link to your school's website for viewing.

SAVE MONEY ON AIR TRANSPORTATION

All ITA sanctioned events are eligible to receive our special discounted rates for air travel through Anthony Travel, Inc., the official travel management group of the ITA. Please call 1-877-284-2254 for assistance or visit the website at <http://www.anthonytravel.com/>

SAVE MONEY ON CLOTHING AND SHOES

All ITA sanctioned tournaments are eligible to receive our special discounted rates on shoes and clothing through Tennis Warehouse, the official shoe and clothing supplier of the ITA. For further information please call 1-800-833-6647 or visit the website at <http://www.tennis-warehouse.com/>.

HOW-TO SANCTION YOUR TOURNAMENT

We are currently in the process of formulating our 2017-2018 Sanctioned Tournament Calendar. If you would like to receive an ITA sanction for your 2017-2018 event, please go to our website, www.itatennis.com and click on "Sanctioned Tournaments" under the "Events" tab. Remember that in order to sanction your event you or your organization must be a current member of the ITA. Please call Chris Eriksson (602-687-6381) if you have any questions concerning the sanctioning process – or if you would like additional information about the ITA.

All sanction fees must be paid by credit card at the time of sanctioning. The fee for an official ITA sanction is:

Small College single gender event - \$45.00

Small College men's and women's event - \$90.00

A separate registration must be completed for each event. ITA sanctions must be renewed on an annual basis. The ITA must receive all tournament sanction fees at least three weeks before the start of your event to ensure receipt of a sanction certificate, an electronic copy of the 2017 ITA Rulebook and other tournament materials.

Thank you for your support of the ITA and college tennis. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours truly,

Chris Eriksson