



2022 Flagstaff Open Tournament Player's Guide (Friday through Sunday - June 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2022)

Greetings! On behalf of the Flagstaff Tennis Association (FTA) Tournament Director, Tournament Committee volunteers, and sponsors, WELCOME to the **2022 Flagstaff Open**, held in Flagstaff, AZ and hosted at the beautiful Northern Arizona University (NAU) Tennis Complex. Tournament and area information can also be found on the FTA Website <http://www.flagstafftennis.com>.

Contact Information

- Tournament Director
 - Laura Nicol: For all general inquiries, contact Laura Nicol via email: info@flagstafftennis.com (replies will sent via text or email). You may also email her at lauranicol@alumni.nd.edu
- Tournament Referees
 - Rusty Tolson (Referee)
 - Jean Brown (Umpire)
- Tournament Desk: 928-326-1575 Please TEXT message only.
- FTA President
 - Jean Brown
- Questions related to players schedule, times, or issues
 - Laura Nicol: 928-856-1538 Please TEXT message only.

Safety First!

- The safety and well-being of all players is our highest priority.
- Report all injuries to the Tournament Desk as soon as possible.
- Stretch out and warm up properly before each match.
- Drink plenty of liquids (especially water) and eat healthy foods. Flagstaff is at 7200' in elevation!
- Basic first aid kits are provided at the Tournament Desk.
- Tournament officials will call 911 for medical emergencies.
- Tournament officials and staff cannot administer first aid to players.
- Parental supervision and involvement with player safety is very important and appreciated.
- A parent/guardian/friend may serve as a trainer (medical aide) for his/her player in instances of injury but cannot coach players and must follow medical timeout rules as instructed by tournament officials.

Court Site

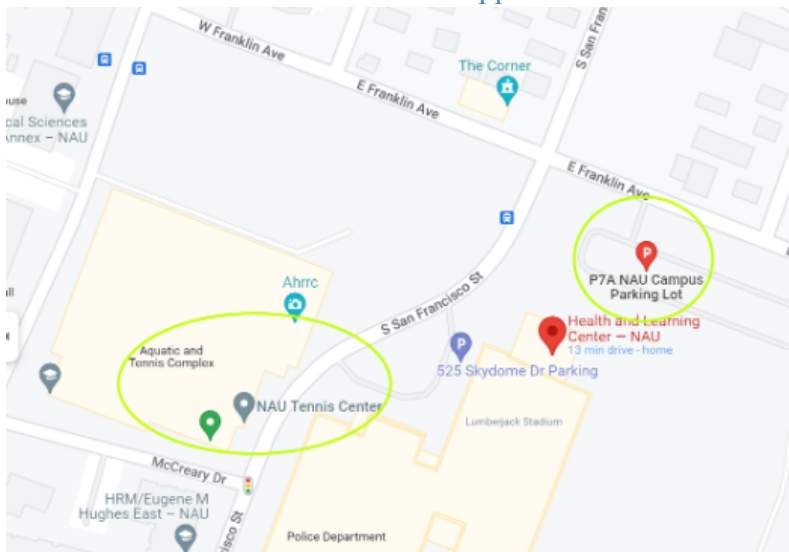
- **Address:** NAU Tennis and Aquatic Center
821 S San Francisco St
Flagstaff, AZ 86011
- **Phone:** (928) 523-1660 (this number is not for the tournament information)
- **Courts:** Six indoor and six outdoor courts (12 hard courts total), all lighted.
- **Singles Sticks:** Singles sticks will be used for singles matches (except 10 and under division).
- **Court Assignments and Usage:** With few exceptions, junior divisions matches may be played indoors, while adult divisions may be played outdoors. On the draws, indoor and outdoor courts are designated 1-6 Indoor, and 1-6 Outdoor. Players may request to play a match indoors. The request must meet these three conditions: (1) a court is available, (2) the request is made before match start, and (3) all applicable players agree.
- **Practice Courts:** Practice courts will not be available at NAU due to number of entrants. Please Google available tennis courts in the area for an extensive warm up PRIOR to your match. Please look at these websites for practice courts and directions. info: <https://playtennis.usta.com/flagstafftennis/Courts>.
- **Inclement Weather:** Inclement weather may require more extensive use of the indoor courts for match play only. Match format may be modified by the Referee to accommodate play.

Parking

We have negotiated special pricing for parking at this year's tournament when you use the ParkMobile app. Cost is \$3.50 per half day (4 hours)

Directions:

1. Park in lot P7A, across from the Tennis & Aquatic Center at 824 S San Francisco St, Flagstaff, AZ 86011
2. Download the ParkMobile app from Apple Store or Google Play
3. Enter 4698 in the Search box
4. Follow the instructions in the app to create an account and make payment.



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Enter your zone number by referring to nearby signage or using the map.

Select the duration of time you want to park.

Confirm your information and start your parking session.

Monitor your session and extend time remotely if needed.

Tournament Desk

- A Tournament Desk will be at the site.
- The Tournament Desk will open 60 minutes prior to the first match each tournament day and through completion of play for each day.
- The Tournament Desk is the focal point for tournament information - match check-in, start times, score reporting, etc.
- We request a **cell phone number and email address** so we can contact you should match schedules change (e.g., rain delays). Please ensure the tournament desk has an updated contact cell number when you check in.
- Each player is responsible for staying apprised of information made available through the Tournament Desk, especially match start times and locations, which are subject to change.
- Matches may be called thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

Match Play Procedures

- Thirty (30) minutes prior to match start time, report to the Tournament Desk to receive balls, court assignment, and instructions.
- Please limit drinks on the court to water and **non-colored sports drinks** (e.g., for electrolytes).
- You may be briefed by the tournament desk and/or an official before the start of your match. If an official is available, a coin toss performed.
- Warm up on the court for a **maximum** of 5 minutes, including serves.
- Leave the courts immediately upon match completion.
- Pick up your trash and gear before departing the courts.
- Return the used balls and immediately report the score to the Tournament Desk.
- Get your next match date/time

Match Format

- **Adult 'Open' Draws**: Best of three (3) full sets. Sets tied at 6 games decided by a 7- point tiebreak.
- **Other Main**: Best of three (3) sets, with a (10 point) MATCH TIE-BREAK played in lieu of a third set. Sets 1 and 2 tied at 6 games decided by a 7- point tiebreak.

- All consolation rounds will consist of an 8-game proset, at 8-all, use a 7-point tie break
- No-ad Scoring: No-ad scoring will be used for all matches. The receiving team choose who will receive the game point serve. In mixed doubles, the game point serve is gender to gender.
- Contingency Plans: Match format modifications will be applied if weather (e.g., extreme heat, rain, etc.) and/or scheduling demands (e.g., pro-sets, no-ad scoring), as determined by the Referee.
- “Standard tiebreak procedures will be followed for all tiebreaks (i.e., no Coman Tiebreak formats).
- JUNIORS: Main draw, Best of three (3) sets, with a (10 point) MATCH TIE-BREAK played in lieu of a third set. Sets 1 and 2 tied at 6 games decided by a 7- point tiebreak. All consolation rounds will consist of an 8-game proset, at 8-all, use a 7-point tie break. All doubles will be played as an 8-game proset, at 8-all, use a 7-point tie break.

Ball Policy

- For adult and junior divisions, three new high-altitude Dunlap yellow balls per match.
- Men’s and Women’s Open matches will receive new balls if there is a third set.
- 10s divisions will play with the orange ball (3 balls per match).
- 12s divisions will play with the green dot ball (3 balls per match).
- Players may request new balls for a new set if the preceding set was long and the balls are badly worn. Does not apply to the start of a 10-point match tiebreak. Contact an official for assistance.
- All other ball changes are limited to replacement of damaged or decompressed balls. Replacements balls will be of similar wear and compression, as determined by the site official.

Food and Drinks and FUN

- Complimentary fruit, snacks, and bottled drinks will be available.
- **Everyone** is invited to join in our ice cream social outside on Saturday (June 25th) from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Come on by and build an ice cream sundae! Reminder, no food is allowed in any other area of the indoor facility or on the outdoor courts.

Silent Auction

- Please support FTA youth scholarships by participating in our Silent Auction
- Auction will close at 11am on Sunday, June 26th
- Accepted forms of payment for auction items will be cash, check or credit card.
- Items must be paid for and picked up (or accommodations made) by noon

Awards

- Gifts will be awarded for first and second place in all divisions (main draw).

Match Times and Schedule Conflicts: Some scheduling conflicts are unavoidable and will be resolved as they are identified. As many players are competing in multiple divisions, and given it isn’t possible to know in advance who will advance in the draw, some players may find they have a schedule conflict. If so, please advise the tournament desk and we will address these on a case-by-case basis. It is important to regularly check the draws/schedule posted to <https://playtennis.usta.com/Tournaments> particularly in the early morning, and always be available via your phone so the tournament desk can contact you.

Number of Events. Players may enter up to two events (i.e., two singles divisions, two doubles divisions, or a singles/doubles combination).

Important Rule Reminders (keeping in mind this is a USTA sanctioned tournament).

- Players and parents need to be familiar with this FTA Tournament Player's Guide.

- Play will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Tennis (“Friend at Court”).
- Emphasis will be placed on “The Code” (Part 2 of the rules).
- Spectators (e.g., parents, guardians, coaches) **cannot** coach players, except as authorized during junior division rest periods prior to a third set or match tiebreak.
- Only clear drinks are allowed on courts.
- The use of the grass near the tennis courts is permitted. Do not drive stakes into the grass.
- No spectators are allowed on the courts with players. EXCEPTION: A parent/guardian may serve as a trainer for his/her player in case of injury but may not coach and must follow medical timeout rules as directed by officials.
- Cell phones must be turned off (except during authorized coaching) and cannot interfere with play.
- Both players and spectators are expected to maintain a high degree of sportsmanship at all times.
- Proper tennis attire is required. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, offensive pictures or verbiage, running/street shoes, and long pants. Tournament officials will require a change of clothing if player dress choices are deemed inappropriate and/or unsafe.
- Out of fairness to all players, the Point Penalty System will be enforced.
- The Referee or on-site official reserves the right to disqualify players for misconduct.

Thank you for reading this. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out. As a way for reading this information all the way through, please mention “Easter Egg” at check in for a raffle ticket for a great prize. Shhhhh. It is a secret!