



2023 Flagstaff Open – Adults Only Tournament Player’s Guide (Saturday and Sunday - June 10th and 11th 2023)

Greetings! On behalf of the Flagstaff Tennis Association (FTA) Tournament Director, Tournament Committee volunteers, and sponsors, WELCOME to the **2023 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
- Tournament Referee
 - Jean Brown
- FTA President
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- Questions related to players schedule, times, or issues
 - Laura Nicol: info@flagstafftennis.com

Prior to the tournament, send inquiries to info@flagstafftennis.com. During the tournament, stop by the Tournament Desk with any inquiries.

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.

Court Site

- Address: NAU Tennis and Aquatic Center

821 S San Francisco St
Flagstaff, AZ 86011

- Phone: (928) 523-1660 (Tennis courts, may not be manned)
- Courts: Six indoor and six outdoor courts (12 courts total), all lighted.
 - Singles Sticks: Singles sticks will not be used for singles matches
- Court Assignments and Usage: On the draws, indoor and outdoor courts are designated 1-6 Indoor, and 1-6 Outdoor. Players will receive the next available court when their match is called. Next available court means indoors, or outdoors and players may not request a preference...
- Practice Courts: Practice courts will not be available due to number of entrants. Please Google available tennis courts in the area for practice courts.
- Inclement Weather: Inclement weather may require more extensive use of the indoor courts for match play only. Match format may be modified by Referee to accommodate play.

Parking

- NAU has summer free parking in the following lots on weekends starting June 10:
 - Lumberjack Stadium (P7A) – Closest location: See map below
 - Skydome (P66)
 - Kitt Recital Hall and Cline Library (P13)



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.

- When you check in, please ensure the tournament desk has an updated contact information. You will be contacted by cell phone should your match schedules change (e.g., rain delays).
- 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 will be called fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- Check in **at the tournament desk 30 minutes before the estimated scheduled start time.**
- Please be flexible as matches proceed as match start times may shift earlier or later

Match Play Procedures

- When you get a text that a court is ready for your match, 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).
- **Most** matches will not start until an official has briefed you and performed a coin toss.
- Warm up on the court for a maximum of 5 minutes, including serves.
- Leave the courts within 5 minutes of match completion.
- Pick up your trash and gear before departing the courts.
- Return the used balls and reports the score to the Tournament Desk. A player from each team must report the scores.
- 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 and Consolation Draws: Best of two (2) 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.
- 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 and the tournament team.

Ball Policy

- For adult divisions, three new high-altitude yellow balls per match.
- Men’s and Women’s **Open** singles will receive new balls if there is a third set.
- 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.

Officials

- A tournament Referee will be on site at all times.
- An additional roving umpire may be on duty during peak play periods.
- Some matches may be chaired as part of a USTA officials training program.

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 10th) from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Come on by and build an ice cream sundae!

- Please limit drinks on the court to water and **non-colored sports drinks** (e.g., for electrolytes).
- Racket Stringing may be available, contact the tournament Desk for need and we will try to arrange it for you.

Silent Auction

- Please support FTA youth scholarships by participating in our Silent Auction
- Auction will start 9am on Saturday June 10th, and close at 12 noon on Sunday, June 11th
- Accepted forms of payment for auction items will be cash, credit cardcheck
- Items must be paid for and picked up (or accommodations made) by 3pm on Sunday June 11th.

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 main vs. consolation rounds, 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 [Tennislink.usta.com](https://www.tennislink.com), 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).

Parents and players need to plan for travel and lodging accordingly. This is a typical Summer Weekend in Flagstaff and room reservations must be made early!

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"). <https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2022-pdfs/2022%20Friend%20at%20Court.pdf>
- Emphasis will be placed on "The Code" (Part 2 of the rules).
- Contact the official if conflicts can not be resolved.
- A one-time 3 minute medical time-out is allowed for injury, illness and heat related condition. If the match does not resume play after 3 minutes, the player(s) are subject to a Point Penalty Violation/Code Violation. A maximum 15 minute medical time out is allowed for bleeding injury.
- 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.
- Players may not accept any coaching during a match.
- No spectators are allowed on the courts with players.
- 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 and street shoes. 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.