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### National Public Parks Tennis Championships Coming to Oakland in August 2014

*Oakland plays host to national tennis event for the first time  
in the tournament's 88-year history*

**OAKLAND, CA** – The City of Oakland, in partnership with the United States Tennis Association (USTA), has announced that registration is now open for the **88<sup>th</sup> Annual National Public Parks Tennis Championships (NPPTC)** taking place in Oakland, California August 16 - 24, 2014. The nation's most prestigious municipal tennis tournament, NPPTC is held annually in the public parks of the host city for players of all levels of ability. Created, promoted and supported by the National Public Parks Tennis Association, the tournament has been a staple across the country since 1923. The popular event is coming to Northern California for the first time in its 88-year history.

“We are honored to be selected as host city for this top-flight, family-friendly event,” said Oakland Mayor Jean Quan. “Our rich sports history, beautiful landscape and happening cultural scene make Oakland an ideal destination for players and their families. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the sunny side of the Bay Area this August.”

“The prestige of the tournament, combined with the superb climate and scenic beauty offered in Oakland and the Bay Area, will be a real attraction for tennis players and their families,” said Gregory D. Hunter, co-chair of the NPPTC Committee. “We are excited that the region's strong tennis tradition will be evident throughout the tournament and our quality East Bay players will be showcased to the world.”

Registration is open for the event being held at four outstanding venues: Davie Stadium, Alameda College, Merritt College and Mills College. Players can register to compete in one or more divisions, including:

- **NTRP** — Men and Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed (Aug. 16-18)
- **Junior** — Boys and Girls, 12's-18's Singles and Doubles (Aug. 18-22)
- **Open** — Singles, Doubles and Mixed (Aug. 21-24)
- **Senior** — Men's and Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed (Aug. 20-24)
- **Wheelchair** — Men and Women Singles and Doubles, A and B divisions (Aug. 23-24)
- **Family** — Father/Son, Father/Daughter, Mother/Daughter, Mother/Son (Aug. 23-24)

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Steve Leube, executive director of USTA Northern California is proud to partner with NPPTC on this tournament. “It aligns so perfectly with our principles, which is to promote and develop the growth of tennis at all levels and age groups as a lifetime activity.”

Oakland was chosen as this year’s location to honor the late USTA Northern California Hall of Famer Mark Manning who worked tirelessly to challenge and teach youth tennis and life skills in the neighborhoods of east Oakland. He broke many barriers in the sport and was a true advocate for youth tennis in Northern California.

The City of Oakland is planning a number of host activities to welcome players and their families, with details to be announced in the coming weeks. Sponsors to date include: Oakland Parks & Recreation, National Public Parks Tennis Association, Port of Oakland, Friends of Oakland Parks & Recreation, Clif Bar, FoodsCo., PG&E, Oakland Ice Center, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland Marriott City Center, and Visit Oakland.

More information on the tournament schedule, registration information and venues can be found at [www.npptc2014.com](http://www.npptc2014.com).

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The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is the national governing body for the sport of tennis and the recognized leader in promoting and developing the sport’s growth on every level in the United States, from local communities to the crown jewel of the professional game, the US Open.

USTA Northern California, headquartered in the San Francisco Bay Area, is the 4th largest section of the USTA. With 51,000 individual members, hundreds of organizational members, volunteers, and a professional staff, USTA NorCal is devoted to promoting and developing the growth of tennis as an inclusive and inviting lifetime activity in Northern California and Northwest Nevada.

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