



The 2009 KIA Motors Qualifying Series Culminates in the 2009 Tournament of Champions

USTA Georgia is pleased to announce the creation of the KIA Motors Tournament of Champions Qualifying Series. Series play will culminate with the KIA Motors Tournament of Champions, an "invitation only" tournament honoring the top NTRP singles and doubles players from each of USTA Georgia's eight districts.

What is it?

A three-day tournament designed to bring the top NTRP singles and doubles players together from all eight districts.

What is the date?

October 16-18, 2009, in Macon, GA.

Who can play?

The top two singles and doubles teams from each district are invited. Players will compete in 2.5-5.0 divisions. (Mixed and Combined Mixed divisions are not included in the Tournament of Champions.)

What district am I in?

Go to ustageorgia.com and click on the "Find a Facility/Find a CTA" button at the top right corner of the USTA Georgia homepage. Your district is the one in which you reside, and yes, you and your doubles partner must reside in the same district to qualify as a team.

How can I qualify?

Play in sanctioned USTA Georgia NTRP tournaments (minimum of one), now called the KIA Motors Tournament of Champions Series. Your top four results will count towards your state standing. USTA Georgia will invite the top two singles players and top two doubles teams from each district, based on their Georgia standing.

Can I only play tournaments in my District?

Absolutely not. Any tournaments in the KIA Motors Tournament of Champions Series will count as well as USTA National and USTA Southern Category I tournaments (2.5-5.0).

How do I find out if I qualify?

USTA Georgia will send out invitations to all of the qualifiers. You have until September 21, 2009, to qualify. The selections will be made from the most current USTA Georgia standings at that time.

Additional Information

- For doubles, players will qualify as a team as long as both are residents of the same district. Players' district standings will be listed by team, not by individual.
- If a doubles partner can't go, next team in the standings goes.

- Each District will have two alternates for singles and doubles for each NTRP division. If a qualifying player or team cannot compete at the KIA Motors Tournament of Champions, the alternates from that district will be invited to fill openings in the draw for their District, up until the time the final draw has been made.
- If there are not enough players from certain districts to fill the draw, the remaining singles players or doubles teams will be selected according to State NTRP Standings, regardless of what district they are from.
- Any withdrawals after the final draw has been made will be filled by the district hosting the tournament. All local alternates must have played in at least one USTA Georgia NTRP tournament for that calendar year.

The KIA Motors Tournament of Champions Qualifying Series

Current 2009 USTA Georgia NTRP tournaments, part of the KIA Motors Tournament of Champions Qualifying Series may be found at <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/Schedule/Search.aspx>.

Under **Tournament Finder**, remember to select **Southern-Georgia** in the first drop-down "National/Section/District" menu, then under "Division," select **NTRP Divisions** and "**Find it**" adjacent to the Divisions pull-down menu. This will allow you to search, month-by-month, for NTRP tournaments in Georgia. Check back often, as tournaments are cancelled and added throughout the year.