



Palmetto Tennis Center to host the \$25K Women's Palmetto Pro Open, A USTA Pro Circuit Event, Tournament June 10 - June 16. The 12th year of the Palmetto Pro Open.

Sumter, SC: The total prize money is \$25,000. The world class level of players in the draw per year use the Palmetto Pro Open as a pathway to advance their careers to the biggest stage of the sport on the WTA tour. Namely, current world #1 Naomi Osaka, this year's 2019 Australian Open winner and last summer 2018 US Open winner played the Palmetto Pro Open. Former #3 and current top 10 player Sloan Stephens who was the 2017 US Open winner are just a couple of players who have played in past Palmetto Pro Open events and are having successful professional careers on the WTA tour.

Players to look for in this year's field includes returning 2017 Palmetto Pro Open champion Ashley Lahey. 21-year-old American Usue Maitan Arconada who comes in having won a 2019 25 K singles title in Petham, Alabama as well as an 80 K doubles title in Dothan, Alabama. 18-year-old, up and coming Hailey Baptiste, who won a 25 K this year in Plantation FL and 20-year-old, last summer's PPO semi-finalist Maria Mateas, who was also Duke Universities #1 singles player as a freshman this past year will hit the Palmetto Tennis Center courts the week of June 10, 2019!

Don't miss out on this prestigious sporting event right here in Sumter, South Carolina. Admission for spectators is always free! Shaded bleacher style seating is available for that up close and personal experience as seen on TV!

ABOUT Palmetto Tennis Center:

Palmetto Tennis Center is a National Tennis Court in Palmetto Park in Sumter, South Carolina. It is the largest tennis center in the state. They have 24 lit hard courts. All play is free to the community and there is programming available for 3 yr. olds through adults. They host several tournaments every year both junior and adult.

ABOUT THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT:

With approximately 90 tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$15,000 to \$125,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit 38 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering nearly \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Andy Murray, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka** and **Sam Querrey** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

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