



Palmetto Tennis Center to host the \$25K Women's Palmetto Pro Open, A USTA Pro Circuit Event, Tournament June 13 - June 19. The 14th 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, former world #1 Naomi Osaka, 2019 Australian Open winner summer 2018 US Open winner played the Palmetto Pro Open. Former #3 player Sloan Stephens who was the 2017 US Open winner, Danielle Collins, Australian Singles Finalist 2022, are just a couple of players who have played in past Palmetto Pro Open events.

Players to look for in this year's field includes the returning 2021 Palmetto Pro Open Singles Champion Peyton Stearns. Peyton led the Texas Longhorns at #1 singles to back-to-back NCAA I Championships in both her freshman and sophomore year becoming the first Longhorn to secure an NCAA singles title this past spring 2022. There are 13 American players in the top 20 to watch including Palmetto Pro Open returning players Sophie Chang, Ellie Douglas, Ashlyn Krueger, and Alexa Graham all in the top 10 of this year's entry list.

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 and 8 state of the art German red clay courts under construction; to open soon. All play is free to the community and there is programming available from ages 4 years old through adults. They host several tournaments every year from local, college, state, regional, national, and pro circuit events.

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.

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