



## **US OPEN AND DECOTURF EXTEND THIRTY-ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR SIX YEARS**

**DecoTurf remains the “Surface of the US Open” through December 2014**

**FLUSHING, N.Y., September 3, 2009** -- The USTA announced today that DecoTurf, the most recognized tennis court surface in the world, will extend its thirty-one year contract with the US Open and remain the “Surface of the US Open” through December 2014. DecoTurf has been the surface of the US Open, the world’s highest-attended annual sporting event, since 1978 and represents one of DecoTurf’s strongest associations with the sport.

DecoTurf’s partnership with the US Open has included the multi-layer cushioned tennis surface that is constructed among all 34 outdoor courts at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, including Arthur Ashe Stadium, the world’s largest tennis stadium. DecoTurf also covers the 12 indoor courts in the new 245,000-square-foot USTA Indoor Training Center, which opened in November 2008. The surface is also constructed on courts that host the Olympus US Open Series leading up to the US Open.

“We are thrilled to extend our contract with DecoTurf for six years,” said Jim Curley, Chief Professional Tournaments Officer, USTA. “The US Open and DecoTurf are a natural partnership, providing the most recognized tennis court surface at one of the world’s most prestigious tennis tournaments.”

“DecoTurf is proud and honored to continue our relationship at the US Open,” said John Graham, Managing Director of DecoTurf. “We are very pleased with the partnership we have forged with the USTA over more than 30 years, and look forward to continuing to provide the highest quality playing surface for the premier Grand Slam Tournament.”

The 2009 US Open will be held Monday, August 31 through Sunday, September 13. The tournament will be broadcast by CBS, ESPN and Tennis Channel.

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**DecoTurf** is the most recognized tennis court surface in the world. DecoTurf’s multi-layer cushioned tennis surface has been selected for use at the world’s most prestigious events including the Olympus US Open series, the two most-recent Olympic Games, Davis Cup, Fed Cup, and at many of the finest facilities around the world. DecoTurf is also an Official Surface of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association and the Professional Tennis Registry. DecoTurf has authorized applicators around the globe that are trained to install the surface that is known for its consistent speed of play, true ball bounce, durability, low maintenance, vibrant long lasting colors, and overall customer value. For more information on DecoTurf visit [www.decoturf.com](http://www.decoturf.com) or call 978-239-1356.

**The USTA** is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the

professional game. A not-for-profit organization with 730,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Olympus US Open Series linking 10 summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns the 94 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S., is a minority owner and promotional partner of World TeamTennis, and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA philanthropic entity, USTA Serves, provides grants and scholarships and through tennis, helps underserved youth and people with disabilities to improve academics, build character and strive for excellence. For more information on the USTA, log on to [usta.com](http://usta.com).

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