

# U.S. Open 1997 honours Arthur Ashe

The new Arthur Ashe Stadium, named after the first winner of the U.S. Open in 1968, is the centrepiece of a \$254m expansion project at Flushing Meadow. This year's Open will play host to 97 of the top 100 ranked men and 109 of the top 112 women



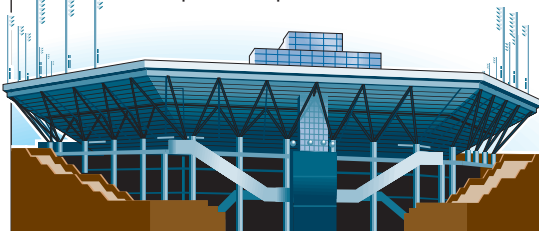
*Flushing Meadow  
Aug 25 – Sept 7*

## Prize money – total \$11,821,890

	Winners	Total
<b>Singles</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$7,180,000</b>
<b>Doubles</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$2,420,000</b>
<b>Mixed doubles</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$346,000</b>
<b>Qualifying and other</b>		<b>\$1,875,890</b>

## The new Arthur Ashe Stadium

Seating 22,547, the stadium will be dedicated on August 25 in the presence of 30 former U.S. Open champions



## The Top Three ATP/WT A rankings:

- 1 Pete Sampras
  - 2 Michael Chang
  - 3 Yevgeny Kafelnikov
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- 1 Martina Hingis
  - 2 Jana Novotna
  - 3 Monica Seles

*Men and women receive equal prize money in each competition*

**Arthur Ashe won 51 singles and doubles titles in his 12-year professional career**

<b>U.S. Open</b>	1968
<b>Wimbledon</b>	1975
<b>French Open</b>	
<b>Doubles</b>	1971
<b>Australian Open</b>	1970
<b>Doubles</b>	1977
<b>Davis Cup</b>	1968-1972