



SuperSport
A USTA Missouri Valley Sportsmanship Initiative
Nomination Guidelines (PILOT PROGRAM)
EFFECTIVE January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

ELIGIBILITY

1. All nominations must be submitted through the Match Tennis App to be considered.
2. All nominations must be in association with a USTA Missouri Valley sanctioned event.
3. A player cannot vote for themselves.
4. A family member cannot vote for a member of their family. Family members are defined as: Parents, domestic partners of a parent, legal guardians, step-family members, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and any biological, adopted, or foster family members.
5. One nomination per individual, per event (*you can only vote for a person one time and only one person per event.)
6. Any change to your vote may be made through 11:59 pm on the event's last day.
7. All players awarded at least 5 nominations during the designated SuperSport time period will receive a SuperSport branded item through the USTA Missouri Valley store. USTA Missouri Valley will send the voucher by email.
8. All players will be capped at 5 nominations per event. (*to promote equity and fairness)
 - One additional nomination will be awarded to the player designated as having received the most approved nominations in that same event and will equal a total of 6 nominations. (*6 is the maximum number awarded per event.)
 - This same player will also be indicated as the SuperSport winner for that specific event with a virtual ribbon by their name in the Match Tennis App.
9. One junior tournament player and one adult tournament player designated as having received the most approved nominations during this SuperSport initiative (January 31 – July 31) will be recognized as the grand prize winner. They will receive a trip for two to the 2024 US Open.
10. All nominations are subject to validation by the USTA Missouri Valley districts: Heart of America, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and St. Louis.

PENALTY

1. A player will lose nominations/points upon receipt of a code violation at any time during this Pilot Program's 12-month period. Directions are as follows:
 - 2x the number of code violation points will be deducted from the total number of nominations to date. (Ex. A player begins an event with 15 points in the SuperSport Initiative and then receives a code violation of 2 points. This player will have 4 points deducted from their total of 15 points and will now have 11 points.)
 - Additionally, any nominations awarded to this player during the event will not be counted.
2. If a player receives a second code violation during the same three-month period, they will automatically be removed from the SuperSport Sportsmanship results.

TIEBREAK CRITERIA

1. The SuperSport Sportsmanship Committee members will evaluate each player's nomination history for the three-month period. The committee will add the total number of tournaments where each player received the most approved nominations. This count will be compared to other tied players to determine the winner.
2. If a tie remains after the completion of the first tie-breaker, the following process would be to total the number of all nominations by removing the cap of 5 nominations maximum as was outlined in Rule #8.

POLICIES AND DISCLAIMERS

From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, during the SuperSport initiative, USTA Missouri Valley, in collaboration with the Match Tennis App, will promote good behavior from players during tournaments. This nomination and award system aims to incentivize and reward players who exhibit exemplary sportsmanship, aiming to create a more positive and respectful tournament environment for all participants. The following policies and disclaimers shall apply to the award system and the use of the Match Tennis App and the USTA Missouri Valley and participating USTA Missouri Valley Districts: Heart of America, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and St. Louis.

TIERED REWARD SYSTEM:

The Sportsmanship Award System includes a tiered reward system wherein players who receive a specified number of nominations shall be awarded certain items. Any player, parent, or tournament staff member may nominate individual players for the Sportsmanship Award by utilizing the Sportsmanship Award button on the tournament page within the Match Tennis App or by using the respective external tournament nomination page. The tiered reward system shall be as follows:

- 5 Nominations: USTA Missouri Valley Selected Award - SuperSport branded item from the USTA Missouri Valley Store.
- 10 Nominations: \$50 USTA Missouri Valley Store Gift Card
- US Open Grand Prize:
 - Dates: August 26 - September 08, 2024
 - US Open Ground Pass Tickets for two provided by USTA Missouri Valley
 - Airfare of \$800
 - Hotel \$500 Grant
 - \$30 US Open Store gift card
 - The Grand Prize Giveaway will be announced the first week of August after the July 31 contest cutoff for the US Open trip.

In addition to the tiered awards, a grand prize sportsmanship award shall be given to the player with the most nominations. The grand prize sportsmanship award shall be awarded annually, with the player who has the highest number of qualified nominations in the set time period being awarded the grand prize.

LIMITATION ON POINTS ALLOCATION PER TOURNAMENT

Pursuant to the regulations of this competition, participants shall be eligible for a maximum allocation of six (6) points/nominations for the individual designated as the nomination leader during a single tournament. All other participants shall be entitled to a maximum of five (5) points per tournament.

PREVENTION OF CHEATING:

Several measures shall be implemented to maintain the integrity of the SuperSport Initiative. The nomination process shall be monitored to ensure valid and legitimate nominations. The number of nominations a single person may make shall be limited to prevent one person from unfairly influencing the results. Parents or players who vote for themselves or their child shall be automatically voided. The technical system is designed to disallow such action.

Additionally, each nomination shall require the nominator to fill in a text field listing the match's opponent and why they are nominating the player, thereby encouraging votes for players who have earned it through action rather than simply being friendly or popular.

Finally, the nomination data shall be regularly reviewed and analyzed to identify suspicious activity. Appropriate action shall be taken to ensure the integrity of the award system.

VIOLATION OF USTA RULES:

1. If a player receives a code violation, 2x the number of code violation points will be deducted from their accumulative nomination points to date in conjunction with removing nominations received from the coded event.
2. If a player receives a second code violation, they will be automatically removed from the SuperSport Initiative.

LEGAL DISCLAIMERS:

The Sportsmanship Award System is an optional feature within the Match Tennis App and is not required for participation in USTA tournaments. USTA Missouri Valley and Match Tennis App shall not be held responsible for the conduct of individual players or the outcome of any matches. Awards are subject to availability and may be substituted with a similar item at the discretion of USTA Missouri Valley or sponsor. USTA Missouri Valley and the Match Tennis App reserve the right to modify or cancel the Sportsmanship Award System at any time without notice. Using the SuperSport Initiative through the Match Tennis App, users agree to be bound by these legal policies and disclaimers.