

Proposed Amendments and Additions to USTA Bylaws

Note: Words underlined are proposed to be added. Deleted text is shown in strikethrough.
References are to the *2019 Yearbook*, unless otherwise noted.

B2. Jointly Proposed by:
Chrissie Costamagna, Chair, Adult Competition Committee
Jennifer Edmonson, Chair, Wheelchair Tennis Committee

PASSED

Amend **Bylaw 43** (pp. 100 - 102) as follows:

43. *Grievance Committee.*
- a. *Composition.* [unchanged]
 - b. *Chairperson.* [unchanged]
 - c. *Jurisdiction.* The Grievance Committee shall be responsible for investigating and deciding matters related to the following:
 - i. Unless specifically limited herein, the Constitution and the Bylaws and the standards of conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship;
 - ii. Grievances arising out of or concerning tournaments as listed on the **USTA Regulation V.B.;**
 - iii. Grievances concerning USTA players participating in international competitions;
 - iv. Appeals from tournament suspensions imposed under the USTA ~~Junior~~ Suspension Point System as set forth in **USTA Regulation IV.F.1011.;**
 - v. Appeals of Sectional Association tournament suspensions of six months or longer (two or more current suspensions may be aggregated to meet the jurisdictional requirement);
 - vi. Requests for reinstatement from professional to amateur status as provided in **USTA Regulation XVIII.E.;**
 - vii. Appeals from Decisions denying a request for a waiver of a **USTA Regulation** as provided in **USTA Regulation XX.;**
 - viii. Matters referred to it by the Board;
 - ix. As specifically set forth in **USTA Regulations**, as amended from time to time;
 - d. *Filing a Grievance or an Appeal of a Suspension.* [unchanged]
 - e. *Timeline for a Grievance or Appeal of a Suspension.* [unchanged]
 - f. *Investigation and Initial Decision on a Grievance or an Appeal from a Suspension.* [unchanged]
 - g. *Suspensions.*
 - i. *Appeal involving suspension by Sectional Association.* [unchanged]
 - ii. *Appeal of Suspension under USTA ~~Junior~~-Suspension Point System.* A player suspended under the USTA ~~Junior~~-Suspension Point System may appeal to the USTA Grievance Committee in the time frame and in accordance with **USTA Regulation IV.F.1011.**
 - iii. *Relief authorized.* [unchanged]
 - h. *Appeal from an Initial Decision of a Grievance or Appeal from a Suspension.* [unchanged]
 - i. *Grievance Committee Hearing.* [unchanged]
 - j. *Appeal of Grievance Committee Decision.* [unchanged]
 - k. *Reinstatement.* [unchanged]

- l. *Protected Competitions.* [unchanged]
- m. *USTA League grievances.* [unchanged]
- n. *USTA Junior Team Tennis grievances.* [unchanged]

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

Rationale: This call item proposes to expand the applicability of the USTA Junior Suspension Point System to include behavior at Adult and Wheelchair tournaments, under the new title of USTA Suspension Point System. The Committees believe that having a tool to better address patterns of behavioral issues at Adult and Wheelchair tournaments will better serve the needs of all Adult and Wheelchair players.

FAC Note: USTA Regulation IV.F.10 will become USTA Regulation IV.F.11 at the conclusion of the 2020 Annual Meeting and Conference, provided the regulation change proposals presented by the Wheelchair Committee are passed.