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Proposed Amendments to USTA Regulations

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R1. Proposed by Officials Committee Sandi Pardon, Chair

PASSED

Amend USTA Regulation VII.D. as follows (pp. 123-124):

VII. OFFICIATING

- A. **Safe Play** [unchanged]
- B. **Betting** [unchanged]
- C. **Certification of USTA Officials** [unchanged]
- D. **Procedure for Official to Appeal Certification Decisions**

Any member may file an appeal of a certification decision to the Officials Committee if the USTA:

- Refuses to approve the member's application or certification category; or
 - Decertifies the official.
1. The USTA Officials Committee sets forth the process for appealing certification decisions. The process must be posted on the USTA's website. Any changes to the process must be posted at least 90 days before becoming effective.
 - ~~1.2.~~ All appeals of a certification decision shall be in writing submitted electronically to the USTA in a manner set forth by the USTA Officials Committee and on the form designated by the USTA Officials Committee and sent by first class certified or registered mail to the Officials Chair, c/o of the Officials Department, USTA National Campus, 10000 USTA Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32827. All appeals must be mailed within thirty (30) days of the decision. Absent good cause shown, Any appeal not mailed submitted within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision, absent good cause shown, shall be is barred.
 - ~~2.3.~~ Any person submitting an appeal of a certification decision shall be entitled to prompt written notification of all decisions. Notification must be sent in accordance with the procedures established by the Officials Committee which shall be sent by certified mail.
 - ~~3.4.~~ Any member aggrieved by the decision of the USTA Officials Committee may file a grievance in accordance with USTA Bylaw 43.

- E. **Officiating Procedures and Techniques** [unchanged]
- F. **Court Monitors** [unchanged]
- G. **Sectional and District Officials Committees** [unchanged]

Effective Date: Immediately

Rationale: The current Regulation outlines a process that requires significant effort on the part of the Official submitting the appeal, the Officials Committee Chairperson, and staff to fulfill the notice requirements. As technology has evolved, and the OfficialsFirst database has launched, the Officials Department has the opportunity to make this process more customer friendly. This proposed change to USTA Regulation VII.D gives the Officials Committee the opportunity to determine the process for appeals and to leverage current technology. The change also reduces the expense and time incurred in managing the appeal process.

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R2. Proposed by Adult Competition Committee Chrissie Costamagna, Chair

PASSED

Part I. Amend USTA Regulation I. as follows (pp. 43-60):

I. PRE-TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Applicability of USTA Regulations

1. *Use in USTA sanctioned tournaments.* [unchanged]
2. *Definition of tournaments.* [unchanged]
3. *Regulations for USTA tournaments that are part of WTA, ATP, or ITF circuits.* [unchanged]
4. *Regulations for other circuits.* Circuits to which **USTA Regulation I.A.3.** does not apply may adopt special tournament regulations to be uniformly applied throughout each tournament in the circuit, *provided that* the regulations are not inconsistent with **USTA Regulations** and that notice thereof is published with the information for the circuit. Any special tournament regulations for Junior tournaments must be consistent with the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations or the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations. Any special tournament regulations for Adult and Family tournaments must be consistent with the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.

B. Application for Sanction and Appointment of Tournament Committee [unchanged]

C. Tournament Committee [unchanged]

D. Tournament Appeals Committee [unchanged]

E. Match Formats and Scoring

The Tournament Committee determines the match format and scoring system, *unless* an applicable National, sectional, or district regulation specifies or restricts the format to be used. Most matches use the scoring system specifically described in **Rules 5, 6, and 7** of the **ITF Rules of Tennis**, and are the best of three tiebreak sets. In interscholastic and state championships in the Boys' 18 and Girls' 18 Divisions, the final round may be the best of five tiebreak sets. In the Men's Open, 25, and 30 Divisions, matches in any round may be the best of five tiebreak sets. Other match formats may be used. Results of matches using other formats must be used for rankings unless prohibited by applicable National, sectional, or district ranking regulations. Commonly used formats include No-Ad scoring, matches consisting of the best of three sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the third set, pro sets, matches consisting of one set only, short sets, and formats authorized in the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations. The tournament entry form must specify the format being used.

1. Tiebreaks

- a. *7-Point Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2).* [unchanged]
- b. *10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of deciding final set.* The 10-Point Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) is described in **Appendix V.4.** (Match Tie-Break (10 Points) of the **ITF Rules of Tennis** and determines the winner of any match in which it is used. The match tiebreak used in USTA sanctioned tournaments shall be the 10-Point Match Tiebreak unless other USTA regulations specifically authorize a different Match Tiebreak format.

Any tournament electing to use the 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a deciding final set shall announce the election on the entry form. See USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations for when this format may be used in national Junior tournaments; ~~USTA Regulation X.A.3.e.~~ USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations for when the 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set may be used in ~~Category I USTA Adult, Senior, and Family~~

~~National Championship tournaments~~; and USTA Regulation XIII.B.3.d. and h. for when the 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set may be used in Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships.

- c. *Coman Tiebreak Procedure*. [unchanged].
 - d. *Recording the Set Tiebreak score*. [unchanged]
 - e. *Recording the Match Tiebreak score*. [unchanged]
 - f. *Ball changes*. [unchanged]
2. *No-Ad scoring*. The No-Ad scoring system is described in **Appendix V (“No-Ad” Scoring System)** of the **ITF Rules of Tennis**. A tournament electing to use No-Ad scoring must announce the election before the start of tournament play *except* that the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations and the Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanction Regulations may limit the use of No-Ad scoring in national ~~Junior~~ tournaments.
3. *Short sets*. [unchanged]
4. *Pro sets*. [unchanged]

F. Ball and Ball-Change Pattern [unchanged]

G. Player Eligibility

1. *USTA membership generally required to play in sanctioned tournaments*. [unchanged]
2. *Open to amateurs and professionals*. [unchanged]
3. *Eligibility for tournaments*. There are ~~three~~ four general categories of tournaments:
 - *Junior*;
 - ~~Adult~~; Senior; ~~and~~
 - Family; and
 - *Wheelchair*.
- a. *Junior tournaments (18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8)*. [unchanged]
- b. ~~Adult, Senior, and Family~~ Adult, Senior, and Family tournaments. A player, if otherwise eligible, may enter any:
 - i. *Men’s or Women’s Division* that is not restricted by age or ~~NTRP~~ rating;
 - ii. *Men’s or Women’s Division with minimum age restriction if the player will reach the minimum age by December 31 of the year during which the division is scheduled to start*;
 - iii. *NTRP Division or other level-based division* if the player’s ~~NTRP~~ rating is less than or equal to the ~~NTRP~~ rating for the division; or
 - iv. *NTRP Division or other level-based division with minimum age restriction if the player’s rating is less than or equal to the rating for the division and if the player will reach the minimum age by December 31 of the year during which the division is scheduled to start*.
 - iii. ~~*Adult, Senior, or Family Division with minimum age restriction if the player will reach the minimum age by December 31 of the year during which the division is scheduled to start*~~;

FAC Comment I.G-1: The USTA may require a specific rating system be utilized for determining eligibility in a level-based Adult Division.

- c. *Family tournaments. A team, if otherwise eligible, may enter any:*
 - iv. *Parent-Child Division* if the parent and child are related by virtue of blood, legal adoption, or current step relationship. (Death does not destroy any step relationship, but divorce does.) A child may play with different parents in different tournaments or different divisions in a tournament;
 - vii. *Parent-Child Division* with minimum age restriction for parent. If the parent and child are related as defined in USTA Regulation I.G.3.b.iv. and the parent will reach the minimum age by December 31 of the year during which the division is scheduled to start; ~~or~~
 - viii. *Grandparent-Grandchild Division* if the grandparent and grandchild are related

by virtue of blood, legal adoption(s), or current step relationship(s). Adoptive and step relationship(s) may be created at the parent or the grandparent levels. (Death does not destroy any step relationship, but divorce does.) A child may play with different grandparents in different tournaments-;

~~iv~~ *Husband-Wife Doubles Division* if one player is male and the other player is female and the players are:

- Married;
- In a civil union;
- Domestic partners; or
- Spousal equivalents-;

~~v~~ *Same Gender Couples Doubles Division* if players are of the same gender and the players are:

- Married;
- In a civil union;
- Domestic partners; or
- Spousal equivalents-; or

~~vi~~ *Combined Ages Division* if players meet the other requirements of the division and the combined age of the players will reach the minimum combined age for the division by December 31 of the year during which the division is scheduled to start.

~~ed~~ *Wheelchair tournaments.* [unchanged]

~~de~~ *Mixed doubles tournaments.* [unchanged]

~~ef~~ *Coed tournaments.* [unchanged]

4. *Additional eligibility requirements for competing in USTA sanctioned Wheelchair tournaments.* [unchanged]

H. Entry Process

1. *Means of entry.* [unchanged]

2. *Entry form.* [unchanged]

3. *Acceptance of entries.* [unchanged]

4. *Acceptance of entries in tournaments with limited size draws.* If the number of entrants exceeds the draw limit, the Tournament Committee accepts players and alternates into the draw using one of the listed methods.

a. *Entries received by deadline accepted based on record.* [unchanged]

b. *Optional method for Adult, ~~Senior~~, and Family Divisions.* [unchanged]

c. *Optional methods for Junior Divisions.* [unchanged]

d. *Optional methods for Entry Level Tournaments in ~~Adult, Senior, Family, and~~ Wheelchair Divisions.* The USTA, a Sectional Association, or a District Association may authorize optional methods of selecting players for Entry Level Tournaments in ~~Adult, Senior, Family, and~~ Wheelchair Divisions that give priority to players previously not selected into the draw because of a limited size draw.

e. *Optional methods for Adult and Family Divisions. The USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations may authorize optional methods of selecting players for Adult and Family tournaments.*

5. *No discrimination in acceptance of entries.* [unchanged]

6. *Voluntary submission of seeding information.* [unchanged]

7. *Electronic service fee.* [unchanged]

8. *Withdrawal from tournament and refund of entry fee.* [unchanged]

9. *Request for special scheduling.* [unchanged]

Part II. Amend USTA Regulation II.A. as follows (pp. 61-89):

II. DRAW REGULATIONS

A. Seeding

While there is no requirement that every tournament have seedings, most tournaments of the elimination and compass draw types, as distinguished from round robins, use seedings to ensure that players of recognized outstanding ability do not confront each other in the early rounds.

1. *Responsibility for seeding.* [unchanged]
2. *Number of seeds.* The number of players seeded shall equal a power of two (for example, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, or 32). The maximum ratio of players seeded shall be one to three, *except that* any draw may have one or two seeds and ~~that~~ special provisions may apply to ~~Category I USTA National Championships, Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, and Category II USTA National Tournaments~~ national Adult and Family tournaments sanctioned by the Adult Competition Committee. (See ~~USTA Regulation X.A.2.b. and Table 18.~~ USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.)

FAC Comment II.A-2: ITF tournament regulations permit no more than 16 seeds in tournaments that are part of an ITF circuit. ~~Category I USTA~~ Level 1 Adult, ~~Senior~~, and Family National Championships in the Men's 35-85 and Women's 35-80 Divisions follow the ITF tournament regulations.

3. *Listing seeds.* [unchanged]
4. *Seeding methods.* [unchanged]
5. *Seeding in national tournaments.*
 - a. *Juniors.* [unchanged]
 - b. *Adult, Senior, and Family.* The method of seeding at national Adult and Family tournaments is set forth in the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations. ~~Seeding for Category I USTA National Championships, Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, and Category II USTA National Tournaments shall use the All Factors Method of seeding (see USTA Regulation II.A.4.b.) and shall follow the seeding criteria in USTA Regulation X.A.2. and Table 18.~~
 - c. *Wheelchair.* [unchanged]
6. *Seeding in tournaments other than national tournaments.* [unchanged]
7. *Publication of method of seeding and seeding criteria.* [unchanged]
8. *Seeding groups.* [unchanged]
9. *Placing.* [unchanged]
10. *Block seeding.* [unchanged]

B. Making the Draw [unchanged]

C. Changes in Draw [unchanged]

D. Scheduling Matches [unchanged]

Part III. Amend USTA Regulation V. as follows (pp. 117-118):

V. POST TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Responsibilities of Tournament Committee and Referee After Completion of Tournament
[unchanged]

B. Grievances

Any official, volunteer, player, or person associated with a player (including, but not limited to, a parent or coach) who observes a violation of **USTA Regulations**, standards of conduct, fair play, or good sportsmanship may file a written grievance according to the grievance procedures of the Sectional Association where the tournament was held; *except* if the conduct arises out of any of the following tournaments, the grievance shall be filed with the Chair of the USTA Grievance Committee, c/o USTA Office of General Counsel, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, New York 10604:

- Junior tournaments on the National Junior Tournament Schedule;
- Adult, ~~Senior~~, and Family tournaments on the National Adult, ~~Senior~~, and Family Tournament Schedule;
- ~~USTA National Intersectional Team events~~;
- Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships, or
- International competitions in which USTA players participate.

(See USTA Bylaw 43 for procedures and time frames for the filing of grievances and appeals.)

C. Suspensions by Sectional Associations [unchanged]

Part IV. Amend USTA Regulation VIII. as follows (pp. 125-126):

VIII. GENERAL RANKING REGULATIONS

A. Junior Rankings

Junior rankings are governed by the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.

B. Adult and Family Rankings

Adult and Family rankings are governed by the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.

BC. ~~Adult, Family and~~ Wheelchair Rankings

1. *Definition of ranking period.* [unchanged]
2. *USTA membership required.* [unchanged]
3. *Ranking systems.* [unchanged]
4. *Results considered for rankings.* [unchanged]
5. *Ranking considerations.* [unchanged]

Part V. Amend USTA Regulation X. as follows (pp. 130-140):

X. ADULT, SENIOR, AND FAMILY NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND NATIONAL RANKINGS

A. National Adult and Family Tournament Schedule

Annually the USTA shall publish the National Adult and Family Tournament Schedule, which will include the USTA Level 1 Adult and Family National Championships and such other tournaments authorized for sanction by the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations (see USTA Regulation X.E.). The National Adult and Family Tournament Schedule may also include ITF tournaments.

B. National Adult and Family Rankings

The USTA shall publish national rankings in the Adult and Family Divisions authorized by the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations (see USTA Regulation X.E.).

A. Adult, Senior, and Family National Tournament Regulations

~~1. *Overview of Adult, Senior, and Family National Tournament System.* Annually the USTA shall publish the National Adult, Senior, and Family Tournament Schedule, which shall include the following tournaments:~~

~~a. *Annual Category I USTA National Championships.* The USTA shall hold at least one Category I USTA National Championship in each of the divisions set forth below. Category I USTA National Championships may be sanctioned on hard, grass, clay, or indoor surfaces:~~

~~i. *Adult Divisions.* Men's and Women's Open and 30.~~

~~ii. *Senior Divisions.* Men's and Women's 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, and 90.~~

~~iii. *Family Divisions.*~~

~~• *Father Son, Father (60 & Over) Son, Father (70 & Over) Son, Father (80 & Over) Son;*~~

~~• *Father Daughter, Father (60 & Over) Daughter, Father (70 & Over) Daughter, Father (80 & Over) Daughter;*~~

~~• *Mother Son;*~~

~~• *Mother Daughter, Mother (60 & Over) Daughter, Mother (70 & Over) Daughter;*~~

~~• *Husband Wife Mixed, Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 100 Years), Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 120 Years), Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 140 Years); and*~~

~~• *Grandfather Grandson.*~~

~~b. *Optional Category I USTA National Championships.* The USTA may hold one or more Category I USTA National Championship in each division below. These Category I USTA National Championships may be sanctioned on hard, grass, clay, or indoor surfaces:~~

~~i. *Adult Divisions.* Mixed and 30 Mixed.~~

~~ii. *Senior Divisions.* 35 Mixed, 40 Mixed, 45 Mixed, 50 Mixed, 55 Mixed, 60 Mixed, 65 Mixed, 70 Mixed, 75 Mixed, and 80 Mixed.~~

~~iii. *Family Divisions.*~~

~~• *Mother (60 & Over) Son, Mother (70 & Over) Son;*~~

~~• *Same Gender Male Couples Doubles, Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 80 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 100 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 120 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 140 Years);*~~

~~• *Same Gender Female Couples Doubles, Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 80 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 100 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles*~~

- ~~(Combined Ages 120 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 140 Years); and~~
- ~~• Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 90 Years), Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 110 Years), Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 130 Years)~~
- ~~c. USTA National Intersectional Team Events. Annually the Adult Competition Committee shall hold USTA National Intersectional Team Events in divisions as determined by the Committee.~~
- ~~d. Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, Category II USTA National Tournaments, and Category III USTA Tournaments. Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, Category II USTA National Tournaments, and Category III USTA Tournaments are sectionally sanctioned tournaments that are selected by the Adult Competition Committee and the USTA Adult Tennis Department for inclusion on the National Adult, Senior, and Family Tournament Schedule. The Adult Competition Committee, in consultation with the USTA Adult Tennis Department:~~
 - ~~• shall determine the selection criteria; and~~
 - ~~• may select tournaments in divisions in which the players are not ranked.~~

~~**FAC Comment X.A-1:** Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, Category II USTA National Tournaments, and Category III USTA Tournaments also may be sanctioned by the ITF. These tournaments are played under ITF Seniors Regulations.~~

- ~~2. Seeding for Category I USTA National Championships, Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, Category II USTA National Tournaments, and Category III USTA Tournaments.~~
 - ~~a. All Factors Method. The All Factors Method of seeding described in USTA Regulation H.A.4.b. shall be the method of seeding.~~
 - ~~b. Number of seeds. The number of players seeded shall be as set forth in Table 18.~~

TABLE 18	
Number of Seeds for Category I USTA National Championships, Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, Category II USTA National Tournaments, and Category III USTA Tournaments	
The number of players seeded shall be 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, or 32; and the maximum number of seeds shall be as follows:	
• Draw of 128 with 97-128 players	32 seeds
• Draw of 128 with 65-96 players	16 seeds
• Draw of 64 with 33-64 players	16 seeds
• Draw of 32 with 17-32 players	8 seeds
• Draw of 16 with 9-16 players	4 seeds
• Draw of 8 with 5-8 players	2 seeds
• Draw of 4 with 3-4 players	2 seeds

~~**FAC Comment X.A-2:** The Tournament Committee should seed the maximum number of players when adequate seeding information is available, but should not do so when information is not available.~~

- ~~3. Tournament regulations for Category I USTA National Championships. All Category I USTA National Championships that are sanctioned by the ITF shall be played under ITF Seniors~~

~~Regulations and shall follow the requirements listed below when they are not inconsistent with ITF Seniors Regulations. Any Category I USTA National Championship that is not sanctioned by the ITF shall follow the requirements listed below.~~

- ~~a. *Citizenship not required.* Category I USTA National Championship shall be open to citizens of the United States and non-citizens.~~
- ~~b. *Draw regulations.*~~
 - ~~i. *Draw sizes.* The Tournament Committee shall determine the draw size. The Tournament Committee may hold a qualifying draw.~~

FAC Comment X.A-3: Matches played in qualifiers that are part of a Category I USTA National Championship count for national ranking when authorized by the Adult Competition Committee and count for meeting the minimum participation requirements.

- ~~ii. *Draw formats.* The Tournament Committee determines the draw formats. Each player must be offered at least two matches in each event, unless waived by the Adult Competition Committee. Draw formats that may be offered include, but are not limited to:~~
 - ~~• First Match Consolation;~~
 - ~~• Feed In Championship;~~
 - ~~• Compass Draw;~~
 - ~~• Round robin, including a format with multiple round robins that have the winners of each round robin advance to a playoff; and~~
 - ~~• Voluntary consolation.~~

~~Tournament Committees are permitted to use a block seeded draw, but the draw format must offer a second match in the event to a block seeded player who loses in the first match.~~
- ~~iii. *Playoff for third place.* Category I USTA National Championships shall have the losing semifinalists in all events (singles, doubles, and mixed doubles) playoff for third place.~~
- ~~c. *Selection process.* When a draw size is limited, selection shall be based on the players' records as set forth in **USTA Regulation I.H.4.a.**~~
- ~~d. *Wild cards.* Wild cards may not be awarded.~~
- ~~e. *Match formats.* The Tournament Committee determines the match formats. Match formats that may be offered include, but are not limited to:~~
 - ~~• The best of 3 tiebreak sets;~~
 - ~~• The best of 3 tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set;~~
 - ~~• The best of 3 short sets;~~
 - ~~• The best of 3 short sets with a Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set; and~~
 - ~~• Pro set in which a player or team must win 4 or more games by a margin of 2.~~

~~A timed match format may not be used.~~
- ~~f. *No Ad scoring may be used.* Category I USTA National Championships may use No Ad scoring.~~
- ~~g. *Playing on sanctioned surface.* The Tournament Committee arranges to have all matches played on the surface on which the tournament has been sanctioned. The Tournament Committee is authorized to have matches played on a different surface to complete the tournament within the sanction period. The designation "hard courts" includes all types of hard courts, and the designation "clay courts" includes all types of clay courts.~~
- ~~h. *Scheduling.*~~
 - ~~i. *Limit on number of matches per day.* The scheduling guidelines in **USTA Regulation II.D.9.** and **Table 9** are mandatory for all Category I USTA National Championships.~~

ii. ~~Order of play.~~ On any day of play, players' matches should be scheduled as follows:

- ~~All singles main draw matches should take precedence over all consolation matches;~~
- ~~All round robin matches are main draw matches;~~
- ~~The first singles consolation match of the day may be scheduled before a main draw doubles or main draw mixed doubles match; and~~
- ~~The first main draw doubles match of the day should be scheduled before a second singles consolation match. For the purpose of this regulation, playoff matches for third place are considered part of the main draw. Consolation matches include all non-main draw singles matches, such as the non-east draw matches in a Compass draw.~~

i. ~~Practice courts.~~ Practice courts should be available on the day before the start of the tournament and on each day during the tournament.

4. ~~Tournament regulations for USTA National Intersectional Team Events.~~

- a. ~~Scheduling guidelines and match limitations.~~ The scheduling guidelines and match limitations set forth in **USTA Regulations II.D.9.** and **Table 9** shall not apply to players who enter both singles and doubles.
- b. ~~Tournament Directors' discretion.~~ Tournament Directors may impose entry and scheduling limitations, provided they are announced before the start of the tournament.
- c. ~~Coaching.~~ Coaching shall be allowed in USTA National Intersectional Team Events.
- d. ~~Other regulations.~~ Other regulations for the USTA National Intersectional Team Events shall be prepared by the Adult Competition Committee and the USTA Adult Tennis Department and shall be published.

B. ~~Divisions and Categories Ranked~~

1. ~~Divisions and categories required to be ranked.~~ The USTA shall issue rankings in the:

- a. ~~Top 500 categories.~~ Men's and Women's Top 500 categories.
- b. ~~Adult Divisions.~~ Men's and Women's 30 Divisions.
- c. ~~Senior Divisions.~~ Men's and Women's 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, and 90 Division.
- d. ~~Family Divisions.~~
 - ~~Father Son, Father (60 & Over) Son, Father (70 & Over) Son, Father (80 & Over) Son;~~
 - ~~Father Daughter, Father (60 & Over) Daughter, Father (70 & Over) Daughter; Father (80 & Over) Daughter;~~
 - ~~Mother Son;~~
 - ~~Mother Daughter, Mother (60 & Over) Daughter; Mother (70 & Over) Daughter;~~
 - ~~Husband Wife Mixed; Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 100 Years); Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 120 Years); Husband Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 140 Years); and~~
 - ~~Grandfather Grandson.~~

2. ~~Divisions that may be ranked.~~ The USTA may issue rankings in other divisions.

C. Eligibility for National Ranking

In the ~~Top 500 categories and the Adult, Senior,~~ and Family Divisions, only the following categories of persons are eligible to receive a national ranking:

1. **U.S. Citizens.** [unchanged]
2. **Certain aliens.** [unchanged]

D. Sanctioning of National Adult and Family Tournaments

The Adult Competition Committee shall sanction all USTA Level 1 Adult and Family National Championships and such other tournaments authorized by the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations (see USTA Regulation X.E.). The USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations govern the process by which these tournaments are

sanctioned.

E. Authority for Committee to Adopt USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations

Tournaments sanctioned by the Adult Competition Committee, the process by which these tournaments are sanctioned, and Adult and Family national rankings shall be governed by the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations as adopted and amended by a committee appointed by the USTA President and in accordance with procedures determined and approved by the USTA Board.

D. Top 500 National Rankings

1. ~~Points Per Round Ranking System.~~ Rankings in the Top 500 Men's and Women's singles ranking categories shall be based on a points per round ranking system. The order of players on the ranking list shall be based on ranking points earned during the previous 12 month period. The Player Development Department shall determine:
 - ~~The tournaments that shall be considered for ranking;~~
 - ~~The ranking points that shall be assigned to each round in each tournament;~~
 - ~~How byes, withdrawals, walkovers, disqualifications, defaults, and retirements are handled;~~
 - ~~How ranking ties are broken; and~~
 - ~~The number of times and dates on which the rankings shall be published each year.~~The Player Development Department annually shall publish this information on the USTA website.
2. ~~Corrections.~~ Player records shall be published on the USTA website. Players should check their records and submit verifiable additions and corrections to the Player Development Department. Periodic updates to the rankings may be published after additions and corrections are verified.

FAC Comment X.D-1: The Top 500 ranking list is used by the ITF to determine the Top 500 ranked players for the purposes of selection into qualifying for ITF professional tournaments.

E. Adult, Senior, and Family National Rankings

1. ~~Adult, Senior, and Family ranking period.~~ The Adult, Senior, and Family ranking period for all players and teams shall be January 1 through December 31.
2. ~~National Ranking Tournaments.~~ The following tournaments shall be known as National Ranking Tournaments in the Adult, Senior, and Family ranking divisions and only results from these tournaments shall be considered for ranking:
 - ~~Category I USTA National Championships;~~
 - ~~ITF tournaments held in the United States;~~
 - ~~Super Category II USTA National Tournaments;~~
 - ~~Category II USTA National Tournaments;~~
 - ~~USTA National Intersectional Team Events;~~
 - ~~Category III USTA Tournaments;~~
 - ~~Sectional Championships (as defined in USTA Regulation X.E.3.);~~
 - ~~Local Tournaments (as defined in USTA Regulation X.E.4.); and~~
 - ~~Adult/Senior Team Events.~~
3. ~~Sectional Championships.~~ These are tournaments sanctioned by the Sectional Associations as Sectional Championships in the Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions that are neither Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, Category II USTA National Tournaments, nor Category III USTA Tournaments.
4. ~~Local Tournaments.~~ These tournaments are sanctioned by the Sectional Associations or District Associations in the Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions that are neither Super Category II USTA National Tournaments, Category II USTA National Tournaments, Category III USTA Tournaments, nor Sectional Championships.
5. ~~Points Per Round ranking system.~~
 - a. ~~Ranking points.~~ Players shall earn ranking points in National Ranking Tournaments based on a Points Per Round ranking system. The Adult Competition Committee shall

determine the ranking points that shall be assigned to each round in each tournament (including the qualifier, if any) and for participating in each tournament. This information shall be published annually on the USTA website.

- b. ~~Relative weights of National Ranking Tournaments.~~
- i. ~~ITF tournaments held in the United States.~~ The Adult Competition Committee shall determine the points for winning matches in the ITF tournaments held in the United States and annually shall publish this information on the USTA website.
 - ii. ~~USTA National Intersectional Team Events.~~ The Adult Competition Committee shall determine the points for winning matches in the USTA National Intersectional Team Events and annually shall publish this information on the USTA website.
 - iii. ~~Adult/Senior Team Events.~~ The Adult Competition Committee shall determine the points for winning matches in the Adult/Senior Team Events and annually shall publish this information on the USTA website.
 - iv. ~~Relative weights of other National Ranking Tournaments.~~ The relative ranking weights of tournaments, other than the tournaments listed in **USTA Regulation X.E.5.b.i., ii. and iii.**, shall be determined by the Adult Competition Committee and shall be published annually in **Table 19**.

Table 19	
Relative Ranking Weights for Other National Ranking Tournaments	
Tournament Type	Relative Ranking Weight
Category I USTA National Championship	10
Super Category II USTA National Tournaments	5
Category II USTA National Tournaments	4
Category III USTA Tournaments	3, 4, 5, or 10*
Sectional Championships	2
Local Tournaments	1
*The Adult Competition Committee shall determine the relative ranking weight of each Category III USTA Tournament. The relative ranking weights of Category III USTA Tournaments are not required to be the same	

- c. ~~Treatment of byes, withdrawals, walkovers, disqualifications, defaults, retirements, and abandonments or cancellations.~~
- i. ~~Byes.~~ A player who advances because of a bye does not receive ranking points for advancing.
 - ii. ~~Withdrawals.~~ A player who advances because of a withdrawal shall receive ranking points for advancing.
 - iii. ~~Walkovers.~~ A player who advances because of a walkover shall receive ranking points for advancing.
 - iv. ~~Disqualification.~~ A player who advances because of a disqualification shall receive ranking points for advancing.
 - v. ~~Defaults.~~ A player who advances because of a default shall receive ranking points for advancing.
 - vi. ~~Retirements.~~ A player who advances because of the opponent's retirement shall receive ranking points for advancing.

- vii. ~~Abandoned or cancelled matches.~~ If a match is abandoned or cancelled by tournament decision, players will be awarded ranking points based on the last round in which they won a match.
 - d. ~~Breaking ranking ties.~~ If players or teams receive the same number of ranking points, ties shall be broken using the following steps in the order listed. As many ties as possible shall be broken before using the next step:
 - ~~Most points earned in Category I USTA National Championships;~~
 - ~~Most points earned in Super Category II USTA National Tournaments and Category II USTA National Tournaments; and~~
 - ~~Most points earned in any other National Ranking Tournament.~~
6. ~~Calculating rankings in Adult and Senior Divisions.~~ Subject to the following limitations, singles rankings, team doubles rankings, and individual doubles rankings in the Adult and Senior Divisions shall be based on the total ranking points received during a calendar year for up to four tournaments in which the player or team received the most ranking points:
- ~~Players and teams must meet the minimum tournament participation requirements listed in Table 20 to be ranked.~~
 - ~~Ranking points earned at no more than two Sectional Championships shall be counted for a national ranking.~~
 - ~~Ranking points earned in at least one Category I USTA Championship shall be included among the National Ranking Tournaments that count for national ranking.~~
 - ~~Only those players or teams who receive at least 50 ranking points shall be ranked.~~

FAC Comment X.E-1: There are no rankings in the Adult or Senior Mixed Doubles Divisions.

7. ~~Calculating rankings in Family Divisions.~~ Each player or team must play in one Category I USTA National Championship in order to receive a national ranking (see **Table 20**). Family rankings shall be based on the total ranking points received during a calendar year from the four

TABLE 20 Adult, Senior, and Family Minimum Tournament Participation Requirements for National Ranking	
Division	Minimum Tournament Participation Requirements
Adult & Senior Divisions	<p>Two Category I USTA National Championships, (including qualifiers that are part of the Championships); or</p> <p>One Category I USTA National Championship (including qualifier that is part of the Championship) and one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Super Category II USTA National Tournament • One Category II USTA National Tournament • One Category III USTA Tournament
Family Divisions	One Category I USTA National Championship, (including qualifier that is part of the Championship)

National Ranking Tournaments in which the player or team received the most ranking points, except that:

- ~~Ranking points earned at no more than two Sectional Championships shall be counted for a national ranking.~~
- ~~Ranking points earned in at least one Category I USTA National Championship shall be included among the four National Ranking Tournaments that count for national ranking.~~

F. Matches That Count in More Than One Ranking Division or Category

- ~~1. *Results from NCAA Division I National Tournaments.* Results from the following NCAA Division I National Tournaments may be considered in both the Top 500 ranking categories and the Men's and Women's Collegiate NCAA Division I ranking categories described in **USTA Regulation XII.D.:**
 - ITA All American Championships;
 - ITA National Indoor Championships; and
 - NCAA Division I National Championships.~~
- ~~2. *Results from USTA Boys' and Girls' 18 National Championships.* Results from the USTA Boys' and Girls' 18 National Championships may be considered in both the Top 500 ranking categories and the Boys' and Girls' 18 Divisions.~~

~~**G. National Adult/Senior and Family Ranking Committees**~~

- ~~1. *USTA President shall establish national ranking committees.* The USTA President shall establish national ranking committees under the Adult Competition Committee to rank the categories and divisions that are required to be ranked under **USTA Regulation X.B.** The USTA President may appoint an Adult/Senior and Family Ranking Coordinator to coordinate all national rankings in these divisions and categories. Subject to the approval of the USTA President, vacancies in the Adult/Senior and Family Ranking Coordinator position or on the ranking committees may be filled by the Chair of the Adult Competition Committee. If the Chair is unable to fill the vacancy, the Adult/Senior and Family Ranking Coordinator, subject to the approval of the USTA President, shall fill the vacancy.~~
- ~~2. *Committee size.* Each ranking committee shall have at least two and no more than five members inclusive of its chair. If a ranking committee has an even number of members, the Adult, Senior, and Family Ranking Coordinator may act as an additional member of the committee.~~
- ~~3. *Tentative rankings.* This is the first ranking determined by a ranking committee. The tentative rankings shall be made available to the tentative ranked players by January 15 of each year. These tentative rankings have no official standing until certified by the Adult/Senior and Family Ranking Review Board.~~
- ~~4. *Corrections and appeals must be received no later than January 30.* Any corrections to a player's record or any appeal to the tentative rankings must be received by the Chair of the Adult/Senior and Family Ranking Review Board no later than January 30 of each year.~~

~~**H. Adult/Senior and Family National Ranking Review Board**~~

- ~~1. *Composition.* The Adult/Senior and Family National Ranking Review Board shall consist of a chair and two to four individual ranking committee members all of whom shall be appointed by the USTA President. If an appeal comes before the Adult/Senior and Family National Review Board in a division or category in which its chair is a member, the chair may not consider that appeal.~~
- ~~2. *Meetings.* The Adult/Senior and Family National Ranking Review Board shall meet to finalize the tentative rankings in the Adult/Senior and Family Divisions. Meetings may be held by telephone conference call or other communication equipment that allows all persons participating to hear each other.~~
- ~~3. *USTA staff shall provide relevant data.* The USTA staff shall provide all relevant data to the Adult/Senior and Family National Ranking Review Board.~~
- ~~4. *Final rankings issued by March 1.* These are the singles, doubles, and mixed doubles rankings in all Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions that have been certified as official USTA rankings by the Adult/Senior and Family Ranking Review Board and shall be subsequently published. The Adult/Senior and Family National Ranking Review Board shall issue the final rankings by March 1.~~

~~**I. Confidentiality of Ranking Information**~~

~~Members of the ranking committees and the Adult/Senior and Family National Ranking Review Board shall not disclose any results of their deliberations or any other information concerning the rankings before their release by the USTA.~~

~~**JF. Eligibility and Selection for ITF International Team Competition** [unchanged]~~

Part VI. Amend USTA Regulation XIV. as follows (p. 151):

XIV. MEDALS AND PRIZES

A. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Balls

Gold balls shall be awarded to the winners, silver balls to the runners-up, and bronze balls to the third place playoff winners in:

1. Tournaments authorized by the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.
2. Tournaments authorized by the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.~~All Category I Adult, Senior, and Family National Championships listed in USTA Regulations X.A.1.a. and b.~~
3. Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships, *except* that bronze balls shall be awarded at a tournament only if the tournament website states that a third-place playoff will be held.

B. Gold Davis Cup Insignia [unchanged]

C. Gold Fed Cup Charm [unchanged]

D. Restrictions on Trophy and Award Presentations [unchanged]

Part VII. Amend USTA Regulation XVII. as follows (pp. 154-160):

XVII. SANCTIONING

A. General Information [unchanged]

B. USTA League and USTA Junior Team Tennis Approved Without Necessity of Sanction [unchanged]

C. Sectional and District Tournaments and Leagues Other Than USTA League and USTA Junior Team Tennis

1. *Sanction approval.* Sectional Associations approve the sanctions for:

- Tournaments (see definition in **USTA Regulation XVII.A.2.**) that are not approved by **USTA Regulation XVII.B.** or subject to the bid process of **USTA Regulations XVII.D., E., F., & G.H.;**
- Leagues (other than USTA Leagues and USTA Junior Team Tennis) if the league wants the matches played during the season to count for ranking;
- Intra-Organization Member tournaments in which the Organization Member wants the matches to count for ranking; and
- Intercollegiate and interscholastic tournaments. (These tournaments do not have to be sanctioned but may be sanctioned with or without a sanction fee being charged.)

A Sectional Association may delegate the sanction approval process to its District Associations.

2. *Junior ranking tournaments.* [unchanged]

3. *Junior non-ranking tournaments.* [unchanged]

~~4. *Adult and Family ranking tournaments.* Adult and Family ranking tournaments must meet the minimum requirements set forth in the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.~~

~~54. *Sanction fees.* Unless specified in the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations, or the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations, or the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations, a Sectional Association may set sanction fees, and may delegate the setting of sanction fees to its District Associations.~~

~~65. *Rights for sanctioned prize money tournaments over \$5000.* [unchanged]~~

D. Junior National Tournaments [unchanged]

~~**E. Adult and Family National Tournaments:**~~

~~The regulations for sanctioning USTA Level 1 Adult and Family National Championships and other tournaments sanctioned by the Adult Competition Committee shall be set forth in the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations (see **USTA Regulation X.E.**).~~

~~**EE. Adult, Senior, Family, and Wheelchair National Tournaments (Other Than US Open and Those USTA National Championships That Are Awarded by USTA Board)**~~

~~1. *Primary host site shall be Organization Member.* [unchanged]~~

~~2. *Sanctioning process.*~~

~~a. *Application requirements.* [unchanged]~~

~~b. *Application deadline.*~~

~~i. *Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions.* Applications for tournaments in the Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions shall be submitted to the Adult Competition Committee by July 1 of the year before the start of the tournaments.~~

~~ii. *Wheelchair Divisions.* Applications for tournaments in the Wheelchair Divisions shall be submitted by August 1 of the year before the start of the tournaments.~~

~~c. *Submission to appropriate competition eWheelchair Tennis Committee.* Applicants shall submit applications to the appropriate competition committee for consideration and approval or disapproval.~~

~~• *Adult, Senior, and Family.* Applicants shall submit applications for Category I USTA Adult, Senior, and Family National Championships to the Adult Competition Committee.~~

- ~~Wheelchair~~. Applicants shall submit applications for Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships to the Wheelchair Tennis Committee.
- d. *Approval by Sectional Associations.* [unchanged]
- e. *Sectional Association approval not required when it submits competing application.* When a Sectional Association has submitted a competing application for a tournament, the ~~appropriate competition e~~ Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall approve or disapprove all applicants from that section for that tournament.
- f. *Notice to competing applicants of their right to appear before the appropriate competition e Wheelchair Tennis C*ommittee. The chair or the chair's designee shall inform all applicants of competing applications and may require them to submit additional information in order to consider the competing applications. Representatives of all applicants shall be permitted to appear in person, by proxy, or by electronic means to make presentations to the committee in support of their applications at all meetings in which applications are considered.
- g. *Approval of sanctions ~~by appropriate competition committee.~~* The ~~appropriate competition e~~ Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall review only the applications from:
 - Applicants approved by Sectional Associations;
 - Sectional Associations; and
 - Applicants that are not subject to approval or disapproval by a Sectional Association because the Sectional Association submitted a competing application.

The committee shall approve or disapprove applications as soon as possible after the application deadline. Upon approval of a sanction, the chair or the chair's designee shall notify the successful applicant. If the committee does not approve any application, or any approved applicant declines or is unable to host the tournament, then the appropriate committee may select a sanction holder to host the tournament.
- h. *Tournament contract.* [unchanged]
- i. *Right of USTA Board to assume responsibility for sanctioning process.* [unchanged]
- 3. *Sanction fees.* The sanction fee for a ~~Category I USTA Adult, Senior, and Family National Championship, a USTA National Intersectional Team Event, or a~~ Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championship ~~shall be is~~ \$100 per tournament.
- 4. *Tournament titles for USTA National Championships.* The ~~applicable competition e~~ Wheelchair Tennis Committee establishes the title for USTA National Championships and other tournaments under its jurisdiction. The title shall include, where applicable, the age, sex, surface, and any other divisions of the tournament. The initials "USTA" shall be used in identifying USTA National Championships, except that the initials "US" only may be used in identifying the US Open.

FAC Comment XVII.E-4: The following ~~are is an~~ examples of a tournament titles ~~for these tournaments:~~ USTA National Women's 35 Hard Court Championships; and USTA National Indoor ROHO Gateway Classic.

GF. Television, Cable, Satellite, Internet, Radio, Film, and Video Rights

The USTA reserves all television, cable, satellite, internet, radio, film, and video rights for all USTA National Championships and tournaments sanctioned by the Junior Competition Committee and the Adult Competition Committee. If the USTA relinquishes these rights and they are subsequently sold and if no other arrangements have been mutually agreed to before the award of the sanction, the gross proceeds shall be divided between the USTA and the sanction holder as follows:

- The first \$1000 shall belong to the sanction holder;
- The next \$9000 shall be divided 50% to the sanction holder and 50% to the USTA;
- The next \$10,000, 35% to the sanction holder and 65% to the USTA; and
- All amounts over \$20,000, 25% to the sanction holder and 75% to the USTA.

HG. ITF Junior Tournaments. [unchanged]

III. Role of USTA Board in Sanctioning US Open, USTA National Championships, and Certain Other Tournaments [unchanged]

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

Rationale:

The call item makes the following substantive changes:

- Adult and Family Division regulations for tournaments, ranking, and sanctioning are being transferred from the USTA Regulations in the *Friend at Court* to a new set of stand-alone regulations called “USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.” The Board approves the procedures for a committee, appointed by the President, to adopt and amend the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations. The Governance Committee will no longer adopt and amend regulations in these areas.
- Adult and Family ranking tournaments (including tournaments sanctioned by Sectional Associations) must meet the minimum requirements included in USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.
- Adult and Family Rankings (including Sectional and District Rankings) are governed by the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.
- Divisions based on rating systems other than NTRP are authorized.
- Optional methods for selecting players for Adult and Family tournaments are authorized.

The purpose of the call item is to better serve Adult and Family tournament players and stakeholders, and respond to the needs of the marketplace on a more timely basis by being able to change the regulations without the current time constraints of the existing USTA Regulation amendment process.

As part of this amendment, all divisions for only adults (Open, Age, NTRP and other level-based Divisions) will be grouped under the term “Adult tournaments.”

Additionally, this call item removes reference to the Top 500 ranking category from the ranking eligibility regulation. This category is used to create lists that accept players to fill vacancies in USTA Pro Circuit events. At this time the USTA is not certain as to whether the ITF will continue to have member nations use these types of lists. To avoid the need to amend the USTA Regulations in the future should the list become obsolete, all regulations related to the Top 500 ranking category, including the eligibility criteria, will be housed in the separate set of regulations.

The amendment process for the new set of regulations, to be known as the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations, will be set forth in the separate booklet of regulations. Below is a draft regulation for the new amendment process the Committee reviewed during its discussion of and prior to the vote to submit this call item. This draft regulation is based on similar regulations found in the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations and the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations.

These USTA ADULT AND FAMILY TOURNAMENT, RANKING, AND SANCTIONING REGULATIONS may be amended by the USTA Adult Competition Committee upon the recommendation of an Adult and Family Regulations Subcommittee.

The Adult and Family Regulations Subcommittee is comprised of members appointed by the Chair of the USTA Adult Competition Committee.

Proposed amendments are subject to review and comment by the Office of General Counsel and Chair of the Constitution and Rules Committee prior to adoption.

Each amendment will be in writing and forwarded to the USTA Adult Competition Committee and the Executive Directors of each Sectional Association at least 21 days before any meeting of the USTA Adult Competition Committee at which the amendment will be considered.

Unless otherwise specified, amendments will become effective on January 1 following the year of adoption.

If this call item is approved, the Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations, which become effective January 1, 2021, will be as currently set forth in the **USTA Regulations**, with amendments that will be distributed with at least 21 days' notice to the Executive Director of each Sectional Association before the committee adopts the regulations. The amendments will:

- Standardize and simplify the tournament and ranking system for tournament play;
- Create a system that can be more easily marketed for growth; and
- Be incorporated into the new TMT platform.

Notes to C&R:

1. If this Call Item passes, conforming changes are needed as follows:

- **USTA Regulation II.D.6.:** Remove "Senior" from the last sentence of the regulation.
- **Table 9:** Remove "Senior" from the title of the Table and change references to Senior Divisions to Adult Divisions.
- **Table 11:** Change "Senior" to "Adult."
- **Table 12:** Change "Senior Mixed Doubles" to "Adult Mixed Doubles" and "Senior 35-90" to "Adult 35-90." Additionally, all Adult Divisions, including NTRP, need to be grouped together, and the Husband-Wife needs to move to the Family Divisions group.
- **USTA Regulation V.C.:** Remove "Senior" from the third sentence of the regulation.
- **USTA Regulation VI.E.:** Remove "Senior" from title of regulation and in the first sentence of the regulation.
- **FAC Comment XVII.A-1:** Change "Category I USTA Adult, Senior and Family National Championships" to "USTA Level 1 Adult and Family National Championships."

2. If this Call Item passes, the following edits and deletions to the Glossary need to be made as follows:

Adult Divisions. ~~The Open, 25, 30, Open Mixed Doubles, and 30 Mixed Doubles comprise this group of divisions.~~The following divisions comprise the group of Adult Divisions: Open Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles; Men's, Women's and Mixed Age divisions beginning at 25 and older Divisions; and NTRP and other level-based Divisions.

Category I USTA Level 1 Adult and Family National Championships. ~~These are the highest-level sanctioned tournaments in the tournaments are those Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions. USTA National Championships that are held on the designated surfaces (grass, clay, hard, and indoor courts).~~

Category II USTA National Tournaments. ~~These tournaments are sectionally sanctioned tournaments that are selected by the Adult Competition Committee and the Adult Tennis Department for inclusion on the National Adult, Senior, and Family Tournament Schedule and that are designated as Category II.~~

Category III USTA National Tournaments. ~~These tournaments are sectionally sanctioned tournaments that are selected by the Adult Competition Committee and the Adult Tennis Department for inclusion on the National Adult, Senior, and Family Tournament Schedule and that are designated as Category III.~~

Local Tournaments. ~~These are Adult, Senior, and Family tournaments sanctioned by the Sectional or District Associations that are not Super Category II USTA Tournaments, Category II USTA Tournaments, Category III USTA Tournaments, or Sectional Championships and are considered for national ranking.~~

National Adult, Senior, and Family Tournament Schedule. This schedule is published yearly by the Adult Competition Committee and the Adult Tennis Department and lists all National Ranking Tournaments other than Sectional ~~Championships and Local Ranking~~ Tournaments.

National Ranking Tournaments. These are the tournaments that are used for national rankings. A list of Junior tournaments is found in the USTA Junior National Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations and the National Junior Tournament Schedule. A list of Adult, Senior, and Family tournaments is found in [the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations](#). A list of Wheelchair tournaments is found in **USTA Regulation XIII.C.4.a.** and the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule.

~~**NTRP Divisions.** These divisions are comprised of all the divisions in which eligibility is based on NTRP rating. Note that NTRP divisions have age and NTRP criteria.~~

Orange Ball Tennis. Orange Ball Tennis is played on a 60-foot court with a stage 2 (orange) ball and a racket that is not longer than 25 inches. When adults ~~and seniors~~ play Orange Ball Tennis, they may use any length racket that is authorized by the ITF Rules of Tennis.

Red Ball Tennis. Red Ball Tennis is played is on a 36-foot court with a stage 3 (red) ball and a racket that is no longer than 23 inches. Red ball tennis is mandatory for tournaments in the 8 Divisions and recommended for other competitions in this Division. When adults ~~and seniors~~ play Red Ball Tennis, they may use any length racket that is authorized by the ITF Rules of Tennis.

~~**Senior Divisions.** The Men's and Women's 35 and older Divisions and the 40 Mixed Doubles, 50 Mixed Doubles, and 60 Mixed Doubles Divisions comprise the Senior divisions.~~

~~**Super Category II USTA National Tournaments.** These tournaments are sectionally sanctioned tournaments that are selected by the Adult Competition Committee and the Adult Tennis Department for inclusion on the National Adult, Senior, and Family Tournament Schedule and that are designated as Super Category II.~~

3. When drafting the Call Item (Part I, UST Regulation I.G.3.b. and c. on page 2), the Committee identified that some of the subparagraphs ended in a semicolon and others in a period. The Committee has used the semicolon for all subparagraphs in b. and the new c.; however this may not be the preferred form for the Family Divisions with bulleted lists.
4. If both R2 and R3 pass, **USTA Regulation XVII.** Sanctioning, portions of subsections E.2. and E.3. will be deleted in their entirety and all remaining subsections will be renumbered.
5. If both R2 and R3 pass, **USTA Regulation VIII.** subsections B.1-5 will be deleted in its entirety.
6. If both R2 and R3 pass, **USTA Regulation XVII.** subsection 4 will reflect the Adult Tournaments and subsection 5 will reflect Wheelchair Tournaments. All other subsections will be renumbered.

Proposed Amendments to USTA Regulations

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

R3. Proposed by Wheelchair Tennis Committee Jennifer Edmonson, Chair

PASSED

Part I. Amend USTA Regulation I. as follows (pp. 43-60):

I. PRE-TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Applicability of USTA Regulations

1. *Use in USTA sanctioned tournaments.* [unchanged]
2. *Definition of tournaments.* [unchanged]
3. *Regulations for USTA tournaments that are part of WTA, ATP, or ITF circuits.* [unchanged]
4. *Regulations for other circuits.* Circuits to which **USTA Regulation I.A.3.** does not apply may adopt special tournament regulations to be uniformly applied throughout each tournament in the circuit, *provided that* the regulations are not inconsistent with **USTA Regulations** and that notice thereof is published with the information for the circuit. Any special tournament regulations for Junior tournaments must be consistent with the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations or the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations. Any special tournament regulations for Wheelchair tournaments must be consistent with the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.

B. Application for Sanction and Appointment of Tournament Committee [unchanged]

C. Tournament Committee [unchanged]

D. Tournament Appeals Committee [unchanged]

E. Match Formats and Scoring

The Tournament Committee determines the match format and scoring system, *unless* an applicable National, sectional, or district regulation specifies or restricts the format to be used. Most matches use the scoring system specifically described in **Rules 5, 6, and 7** of the **ITF Rules of Tennis**, and are the best of three tiebreak sets. In interscholastic and state championships in the Boys' 18 and Girls' 18 Divisions, the final round may be the best of five tiebreak sets. In the Men's Open, 25, and 30 Divisions, matches in any round may be the best of five tiebreak sets. Other match formats may be used. Results of matches using other formats must be used for rankings unless prohibited by applicable National, sectional, or district ranking regulations. Commonly used formats include No-Ad scoring, matches consisting of the best of three sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the third set, pro sets, matches consisting of one set only, short sets, and formats authorized in the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations. The tournament entry form must specify the format being used.

1. Tiebreaks

- a. *7-Point Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2).* [unchanged]
- b. *10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of deciding final set.* The 10-Point Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) is described in **Appendix V.4.** (Match Tie-Break (10 Points)) of the **ITF Rules of Tennis** and determines the winner of any match in which it is used. The match tiebreak used in USTA sanctioned tournaments shall be the 10-Point Match Tiebreak unless other USTA regulations specifically authorize a different Match Tiebreak format.

Any tournament electing to use the 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a deciding final set shall announce the election on the entry form. See USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations for when this format may be used in national Junior tournaments; **USTA Regulation X.A.3.e.** for when the 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set may be used in Category I USTA Adult, Senior, and

Family National Championships; and ~~USTA Regulation XIII.B.3.d. and h.~~ USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations for when the 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set may be used in Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships Wheelchair tournaments.

- c. *Coman Tiebreak Procedure.* [unchanged].
- d. *Recording the Set Tiebreak score.* [unchanged]
- e. *Recording the Match Tiebreak score.* [unchanged]
- 2. *No-Ad scoring.* [unchanged]
- 3. *Short sets.* [unchanged]
- 4. *Pro sets.* [unchanged]

F. Ball and Ball-Change Pattern [unchanged]

G. Player Eligibility

- 1. *USTA membership generally required to play in sanctioned tournaments.* [unchanged]
- 2. *Open to amateurs and professionals.* [unchanged]
- 3. *Eligibility for tournaments.* There are three general categories of tournaments:
 - Junior;
 - Adult, Senior, and Family; and
 - Wheelchair.
 - a. *Junior tournaments (18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8).* [unchanged]
 - b. *Adult, Senior, and Family tournaments.* [unchanged]
 - c. *Wheelchair tournaments.*

i. Eligible impairment. A player, if otherwise eligible, may enter any: Wheelchair division if the player has an eligible impairment affecting the lower extremities that falls into one of the categories set forth in Table 5.

TABLE 5
Eligible Impairment Criteria for Wheelchair Divisions

<u>Eligible Impairment</u>	<u>Examples of Underlying Health Conditions that can lead to the Eligible Impairment</u>
<u>Impaired Muscle Power:</u> <u>Players with impaired muscle power have a condition that either reduces or eliminates their ability to voluntarily contract their muscles in order to move or to generate force.</u>	<u>Spinal cord injury (complete or incomplete, tetra or paraplegia or paraparesis), muscular dystrophy, post-polio syndrome and spina bifida.</u>
<u>Limb Deficiency:</u> <u>Players with limb deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of trauma, illness or congenital limb deficiency.</u>	<u>Traumatic amputation, amputation due to bone cancer, or dysmelia.</u>
<u>Leg Length Difference of 7 cm or More</u>	<u>Dysmelia and congenital or traumatic disturbance of limb growth.</u>
<u>Hypertonia:</u> <u>Players with hypertonia have an increase in muscle tension and a reduced ability of a muscle to stretch caused by damage to the central nervous system.</u>	<u>Cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and stroke.</u>
<u>Ataxia:</u> <u>Players with ataxia have uncoordinated movements caused by damage to the central nervous system.</u>	<u>Cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, stroke and multiple sclerosis.</u>
<u>Athetosis:</u> <u>Players with athetosis have continual slow involuntary movements.</u>	<u>Cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and stroke</u>

TABLE 5
Eligible Impairment Criteria for Wheelchair Divisions

<u>Eligible Impairment</u>	<u>Examples of Underlying Health Conditions that can lead to the Eligible Impairment</u>
<u>Impaired Passive Range of Movement:</u> <u>Players with impaired passive range of movement have a restriction or a lack of passive movement in one or more joints.</u>	<u>Athrogryposis and contracture resulting from chronic joint immobilization or trauma affecting a joint</u>

- ii. ~~*Quad eligibility.*~~ A quad player, if otherwise eligible, may enter a Quad Division if the player has a permanent medical condition set forth in **Table 5** that affects three or more limbs.
- iii. ~~*Junior age eligibility.*~~ A player, if otherwise eligible, may enter any Junior Wheelchair Division if the player has not exceeded the maximum age by the last day of the month during which the division is scheduled to start (see **Table 4**).
- iv. ~~*Criteria for specific divisions and use of power wheelchairs.*~~ The USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations set forth the criteria for entering a Wheelchair division, which may include minimum and maximum rankings or ratings, and requirements related to the use of powered wheelchairs.
 - i. ~~*Men's Open or Women's Open Division*~~ if the player meets the eligibility requirements of **USTA Regulations I.G.4.a.**
 - ii. ~~*Men's A, Men's B, Men's C, Women's A, or Women's B Division*~~ if the player meets the eligibility requirements of **USTA Regulations I.G.4.a.-b.**
 - iii. ~~*Quad Open Division*~~ if the player meets the eligibility requirements of **USTA Regulations I.G.4.a.-c.**
 - iv. ~~*Quad A Division*~~ if the player meets the eligibility requirements of **USTA Regulations I.G.4.a.-c.**
 - v. ~~*Junior Open/A (18 & Under) Division*~~ if the player meets the eligibility requirements of **USTA Regulations I.G.4.a.** and the age eligibility requirement of **USTA Regulation I.G.3.a.**
 - vi. ~~*Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles or Senior B/C (40 & Over) Doubles Division*~~ if the player meets the eligibility requirements of **USTA Regulations I.G.4.a.-b.** and the player will reach the minimum age by December 31 of the year during which the division is scheduled to start. To play in a power wheelchair, the player must also meet the requirements of **USTA Regulation I.G.4.d.**
- d. *Mixed doubles tournaments.* [unchanged]
- e. *Coed tournaments.* [unchanged]
- 4. ~~*Additional eligibility requirements for competing in USTA sanctioned Wheelchair tournaments.*~~
 - a. ~~*Minimum eligibility requirements.*~~ A player, if otherwise eligible, may enter a USTA sanctioned Wheelchair tournament if the player has a medically diagnosed permanent mobility related physical disability. This permanent physical disability must result in a substantial loss of function in one or both lower extremities. A player must meet one of the following minimum eligibility requirements:
 - i. ~~*Neurological deficit at the SI level or rostral associated with loss of motor function; or*~~
 - ii. ~~*Ankylosis and/or severe arthrosis and/or joint replacement of the hip, knee, or upper ankle joints; or*~~
 - iii. ~~*Amputation of any lower extremity joint rostral to the metatarsophalangeal joint;*~~

- ~~or~~
- ~~iv. Functional disabilities in or both lower extremities equivalent to i., ii. or iii. above.~~
- ~~b. **Criteria for specific divisions.** The Wheelchair Tennis Committee, in consultation with the Adult Tennis Department, shall determine eligibility criteria for requiring players to enter the Open, Quad Open, Men's and Women's A and B Divisions, Men's C Division, Quad A Division, Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles, and Senior B/C (40 & Over) Doubles Divisions. The criteria shall be published. See **Table 5.**~~
- ~~i. **Notification of change of division.** No later than 15 days after the date of the review, the Adult Tennis Department shall post the current lists of players required to play in a specific Letter Division and of players who may play in a lower Letter Division on the Wheelchair section of the USTA website. Upon request, the USTA shall provide notice by first class mail to any player.~~
- ~~ii. **Appeal of change in division.** A player may appeal a requirement to play in a specific Letter Division by submitting a written petition to the Tournament Subcommittee of the Wheelchair Tennis Committee by first class certified mail (return receipt requested) to the following address: Adult Tennis Department, USTA National Campus, 10000 USTA Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32827. The appeal must include a statement as to why the player is appealing the decision. Absent good cause shown, any appeal shall be barred unless it is made in writing within 14 days of the mailing of the notice. The Tournament Subcommittee shall rule on the appeal within 21 days of the receipt of the appeal. Until the decision is ruled upon, the player must continue to play in the Letter Division specified by the notice. Appeal decisions are final.~~

TABLE 5
Criteria for Entering Wheelchair Divisions

A. Men's, Women's, and Quad Open Division

All players with ITF rankings as set forth below must play in the Open Division:

Division ITF Ranking

Men's Open Top 100

Women's Open Top 75

Quad Open Top 50

B. Move Up/Move Down Criteria and Procedure for Determining Eligibility. Twice yearly, the Adult Tennis Department, in consultation with the Wheelchair Tennis Committee, determines which players, if any, must play in a higher Letter Division and which players may play in a lower Letter Division. They publish their determinations in Move Up and Move Down Lists.

1. January 1 Criteria and Procedure. National Ranking Lists in the singles Letter Divisions shall be used for the Men's and Women's A and B Divisions and Men's C Divisions. Move Up and Move Down Lists for these divisions shall determine eligibility for play in both singles and doubles. National Ranking Lists in the doubles Letter Divisions are used for the Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles and Senior B/C (40 & Over) Doubles Divisions:

a. Players ranked in the top 5% of a division must move up to the next higher Letter Division for one year, except that

- Players meeting this criteria in the Men's, Women's, and Quad A Divisions are not required to move up to the Open Division, and
- Players meeting this criteria in the Women's B Division are not required to move up to the Women's A Division if there are 14 or fewer players on the Women's A Division Move Up List.

These players are listed on a Move Up List.

b. Players ranked in the bottom third of a Letter Division may enter that division or the next lower

TABLE 5
Criteria for Entering Wheelchair Divisions

~~Letter Division. These players are listed on a Move Down List.~~

- ~~c. — Players competing in multiple Letter Divisions are reviewed in each Letter Division. This may result in a player being restricted from entering multiple divisions.~~
- ~~d. — Players not appearing on a Move Up or Move Down List must play in their current division or higher.~~
- ~~e. — Players affected by a Move Up List are notified and may appeal as set forth in **USTA Regulation I.G.4.b.ii**. A requirement to move up a Letter Division is effective on February 1.~~

~~2. — **July 1 Criteria and Procedure.** National Standings Lists in the singles Letter Divisions are used for the Men's and Women's A and B Divisions and Men's C Divisions. Move Down Lists for these divisions determine eligibility for play in both singles and doubles. National Standings Lists in the doubles Letter Divisions are used for the Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles and Senior B/C (40 & Over) Doubles Divisions.~~

- ~~a. — No player may be required to move up a Letter Division higher than a Letter Division in which the player is participating.~~
- ~~b. — Players appearing in the top two thirds of a National Standings List of a Letter Division must play in that Letter Division or higher for the remainder of the calendar year. These players are listed on a Move Up List.~~
- ~~c. — Players appearing in the bottom third of a National Standings List of a Letter Division may enter that division or the next lower Letter Division. These players are listed on a Move Down List.~~
- ~~d. — A player not appearing on a Move Down List must play in the highest division in which the player has a national standing.~~
- ~~e. — Players affected by a Move Up List are notified, and may appeal, as set forth in **USTA Regulation I.G.4.b.ii**. A requirement to participate in a Letter Division is effective on August 1.~~

~~C. — **Eligibility of Quad Players for Men's and Women's Divisions.** A Quad Men's or Women's player has the option of playing the lettered division of a Men's or Women's letter division, respectively, except that:~~

- ~~• — A Quad Open player with a Quad ITF ranking in the top 15 must play in the A or Open Division.~~
- ~~• — Other Quad Open players with Quad ITF rankings may not compete in the C Division.~~

~~D. — **Eligibility of Women Players for Men's Divisions.**~~

- ~~• — A Women's Open player with a world ranking in the top 30 may compete in the Men's A or Open Division.~~
- ~~• — A Women's Open player with a world ranking below the top 30 may compete in the Men's B Division or above.~~
- ~~• — A woman without a world ranking may compete in a Men's Division. The Tournament Committee will evaluate and place the player in the appropriate Men's Division based on the player's skill level.~~

~~c. — *Quad players.* A quad player must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:~~

- ~~i. — A quad player must meet the criteria for permanent physical disability as defined in USTA Regulation I.G.4.a.~~
- ~~ii. — A quad player must have a permanent physical disability that results in a substantial loss of function in one or both upper extremities.~~
- ~~iii. — A quad player must meet one of the following minimum eligibility requirements:~~
 - ~~• — a neurological deficit at the C8 level or rostral with associated loss of motor function; or~~
 - ~~• — upper extremity amputation; or~~
 - ~~• — upper extremity phocomelia; or~~
 - ~~• — upper extremity myopathy or muscular dystrophy; or~~

- ~~• functional disabilities in one or both upper extremities equivalent to one of the four disabilities listed above in this subparagraph iii.~~
- iv. ~~A quad player must have at least one of the four following functional disabilities related to upper extremity use, irrespective of trunk balance:~~
 - ~~• lack of capacity to perform a smooth and continuous overhead service; or~~
 - ~~• lack of capacity to perform a smooth and continuous forehand and backhand;~~
 - ~~or~~
 - ~~• lack of capacity during play to maneuver a manual wheelchair using full wheel control; or~~
 - ~~• lack of capacity during play to grip the racket for all strokes without taping or an assistive device.~~
- d. ~~*Power wheelchairs.* A player who has severe limitations on mobility that prevent the player from pushing a manual chair and therefore uses a power wheelchair for everyday mobility may use a power wheelchair to play wheelchair tennis; however, once a player has elected to play tennis in a power wheelchair, the player must continue to do so in all USTA sanctioned tournaments.~~

H. Entry Process

1. *Means of entry.* [unchanged]
2. *Entry form.* [unchanged]
3. *Acceptance of entries.* [unchanged]
4. *Acceptance of entries in tournaments with limited size draws.* If the number of entrants exceeds the draw limit, the Tournament Committee accepts players and alternates into the draw using one of the listed methods.
 - a. *Entries received by deadline accepted based on record.* [unchanged]
 - b. *Optional method for Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions.* [unchanged]
 - c. *Optional methods for Entry Level Tournaments.* [unchanged]
 - d. *Optional methods for Entry Level Tournaments in Adult, Senior, and Family, ~~and Wheelchair~~ Divisions.* The USTA, a Sectional Association, or a District Association may authorize optional methods of selecting players for Entry Level Tournaments in Adult, Senior, and Family, ~~and Wheelchair~~ Divisions that give priority to players previously not selected into the draw because of a limited size draw.
 - e. *Optional methods for Wheelchair Divisions. The USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations may authorize optional methods of selecting players for Wheelchair tournaments.*
5. *No discrimination in acceptance of entries.* [unchanged]
6. *Voluntary submission of seeding information.* [unchanged]
7. *Electronic service fee.* [unchanged]
8. *Withdrawal from tournament and refund of entry fee.* [unchanged]
9. *Request for special scheduling.* [unchanged]

Part II. Amend USTA **Regulation II.** as follows (pp. 61-89):

II. DRAW REGULATIONS

A. Seeding

While there is no requirement that every tournament have seedings, most tournaments of the elimination and compass draw types, as distinguished from round robins, use seedings to ensure that players of recognized outstanding ability do not confront each other in the early rounds.

1. *Responsibility for seeding.* [unchanged]
2. *Number of seeds.* [unchanged]
3. *Listing seeds.* [unchanged]
4. *Seeding methods.* [unchanged]
5. *Seeding in national tournaments.*
 - a. *Juniors.* [unchanged]
 - b. *Adult, Senior, and Family.* [unchanged]
 - c. *Wheelchair.* ~~The method of seeding at national Wheelchair tournaments is set forth in the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations. The tournament committees of Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships may choose to use either the All Factors Method of seeding or a Computerized List Method of seeding. The Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall establish and publish the seeding criteria to be followed when using a Computerized List Method of seeding. See USTA Regulation XIII.B.3.e.~~
6. *Seeding in tournaments other than national tournaments.* [unchanged]
7. *Publication of method of seeding and seeding criteria.* [unchanged]
8. *Seeding groups.* [unchanged]
9. *Placing.* [unchanged]
10. *Block seeding.* [unchanged]

B. Making the Draw [unchanged]

C. Changes in Draw [unchanged]

D. Scheduling Matches [unchanged]

1. *Players' requests for special scheduling.* [unchanged]
2. *Scheduling matches of players with long commutes.* [unchanged]
3. *Players are responsible for obtaining starting times.* [unchanged]
4. *Posting and changing schedule.* [unchanged]
5. *Scheduling matches by sections of draw.* [unchanged]
6. *Singles and doubles.* [unchanged]
7. *Required rest between matches.* [unchanged]
8. *Required rest between sets.* [unchanged]
9. *Scheduling guidelines.* The Referee complies with the scheduling guidelines in **Tables 8 and 9**, when reasonably practical.
 - a. *Junior Divisions.* [unchanged]
 - b. *Sectional and district limitations.* [unchanged]

TABLE 9
Scheduling Guidelines for Adult, Senior, Family, and Wheelchair Divisions:
Maximum Number of Matches per Day

Divisions	All matches best of 3 Tiebreak sets	All matches best of 3 Tiebreak sets when Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set	All matches short sets	All matches short sets when Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set and pro sets played to 7, 8, 9, or 10 games	All matches pro sets played to 6 or fewer games	Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis; When more than one format is used; All other formats
Adult Open; Adult/Senior Divisions through 60; Family Divisions Group A; NTRP 4.5 Division and higher	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	6 matches, no more than 4 of which should be singles	108 games, no more than 81 of which should be singles
Senior Divisions 65 through 80; Family Divisions Group B	2 matches	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	3 matches	4 matches	81 games, no more than 54 of which should be singles
Senior Divisions 85 and Older	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches	3 matches	78 games, no more than 39 of which should be singles
Wheelchair Divisions	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	<u>4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles</u>	<u>4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles</u>	<u>6 matches, no more than 4 of which should be singles</u>	<u>108 games, no more than 81 of which should be singles</u>
NTRP 4.0 Division and lower; All other divisions	No more than 2 singles; no guideline for doubles	No more than 3 singles; no guideline for doubles	No more than 3 singles; no guideline for doubles	No more than 3 singles; no guideline for doubles	6 matches, no more than 4 of which should be singles	85 games, no more than 63 of which should be singles

TABLE 9
Scheduling Guidelines for Adult, Senior, Family, and Wheelchair Divisions:
Maximum Number of Matches per Day

Divisions	All matches best of 3 Tiebreak sets	All matches best of 3 Tiebreak sets when Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set	All matches short sets	All matches short sets when Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set and pro sets played to 7, 8, 9, or 10 games	All matches pro sets played to 6 or fewer games	Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis; When more than one format is used; All other formats
<p>Family Divisions Group A: Father-Son, Father (60 & Over)-Son, Father-Daughter, Father (60 & Over) Daughter, Mother-Son, Mother (60 & Over)-Son, Mother-Daughter, Mother (60 & Over)-Daughter, Husband-Wife, Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 100 Years), Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 120 Years), Grandfather-Grandson, Same Gender Male Couples Doubles, Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 80 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 100 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 120 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles, Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 80 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 100 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 120 Years).</p> <p>Family Divisions Group B: Father (70 & Over)-Son, Father (80 & Over)-Son, Father (70 & Over) Daughter, Father (80 & Over)-Daughter, Mother (70 & Over)-Son, Mother (70 & Over)-Daughter, Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 140 Years), Same Gender Males Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 140 Years), Same Gender Female Couples</p>						
<p>If a player enters more than one division, these guidelines apply separately to each division.</p>						
<p><i>Completion of suspended matches.</i> When a match is carried over from a preceding day, it is counted as a match for these scheduling guidelines if the player so elects and if 16 or more games of singles or 20 or more games of doubles are required to finish the match.</p>						

10. *Court surfaces.* The Tournament Committee shall not arrange for playing any division on more than one type of court surface. When a tournament cannot be finished on this surface, the Committee may use available courts of any type. ~~However, USTA Regulation XIII.B.3.f. requires that the semifinals, finals, and playoffs for third place of Category I USTA Wheelchair Championships normally be played on the surface specified in the title.~~

Part III. Amend USTA Regulation III. as follows (pp.90-102):

III. CONDUCTING THE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Committee Responsibilities Once Tournament Starts

1. *Keep order.* [unchanged]
2. *Provide supplies, including singles sticks.* [unchanged]
3. *Provide balls.* [unchanged]
4. *Make arrangements to finish tournament.* The Tournament Committee shall arrange for enough courts so that under normal conditions the tournament can be completed on time and so that the Referee can schedule matches in each division on the specified surface.

When a tournament cannot be finished on the specified surface, the Committee may use available courts of any type. ~~However, USTA Regulation XIII.B.3.f. requires that the semifinals, finals, and third place playoffs of Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships normally be played on the surface specified in the title.~~

If there is no practical way to finish on time, the Committee makes arrangements mutually agreeable to the players involved to finish at a later date:

- Unless prohibited by applicable national, section, or district regulations, or
- In the absence of such arrangements, declares the tournament unfinished and distributes the prizes equitably among the still-involved players.

B. Referee Responsibilities After Draw Made [unchanged]

C. Rest

1. *Rest between matches.* The Referee shall offer the players at least the minimum rest between matches as set forth in **Table 11**.

TABLE 11 Minimum Rest Between Matches		
The Referee, Sectional Association, or District Association should permit additional rest when any of them concludes that the length of a match, heat, humidity, total time on the court during the day, or other condition justifies more rest. *See also Recovery Rule		
Divisions	All Best of 3 and 5 set matches	Pro set formats
Juniors	60 minutes except 30 minutes in doubles only tournaments*	30 minutes
Senior 35-45 & Parent-Child	60 minutes*	30 minutes
Senior 50-90	90 minutes*	45 minutes
Parent-Child with minimum parental age		
Grandparent-Grandchild		
Husband & Wife (Combined Ages)		

TABLE 11
Minimum Rest Between Matches

The Referee, Sectional Association, or District Association should permit additional rest when any of them concludes that the length of a match, heat, humidity, total time on the court during the day, or other condition justifies more rest. *See also Recovery Rule

Divisions	All Best of 3 and 5 set matches	Pro set formats
Wheelchair	<u>60 minutes*</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match of 60 minutes or less: —30 minutes* • Between 60 & 90 minutes: —45 minutes* • 90 minutes or more: 60 minutes* 	<u>30 minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match of 60 minutes or less: 30 minutes • Between 60 & 90 minutes: —45 minutes • 90 minutes or more: 60 minutes
NTRP without age restrictions	60 minutes*	30 minutes
NTRP 35-45	60 minutes*	30 minutes
NTRP 50-90	90 minutes*	45 minutes
All other divisions	30 minutes*	30 minutes

Red, Orange, or Green Ball Tennis formats: The tournament shall offer the players reasonable rest, which in many cases will be no more than 15 minutes.

For any other format, the rest is at least 30 minutes.

A player is governed by the amount of rest allowed for the division in which the player plays.

Players who participate in more than one division are entitled to at least 30 minutes rest between matches in different divisions, unless the Recovery Rule applies in which case the Referee shall offer the player a rest of two hours.

When more than one match format is played, the match format of the preceding match shall govern the minimum rest.

***Recovery Rule:** The Recovery Rule requires the Referee to offer a player two hours of rest after a singles match that uses a format consisting of the best of 3 tiebreak sets or more if the player's next match is singles. The regulation does not apply to short set matches, matches that play a tiebreak in lieu of a final third set, nor to any indoor match that lasts less than two hours.

2. *Rest between sets.* The set breaks and rest periods between sets are set forth in **Table 12.**

<p style="text-align: center;">TABLE 12 Time Allowed Between Sets At the end of each set, there shall be a set break of a maximum of two minutes, except as provided below.</p>				
Divisions		After 2nd set in best of 3 set match	After 2nd set when Match Tiebreak is played in lieu of 3rd set	After 3rd set in best of 5 set match
Junior	Boys' and Girls' 12-16	Mandatory 10-minute rest period; <i>however</i> , when play is suspended for 10 minutes or more during the 2nd set, only a mandatory 3-minute rest period will be taken	Mandatory 3-minute rest period.	
	Boys' and Girls' 18			Mandatory 10-minute rest period; <i>however</i> , when play is suspended for 10 minutes or more during the 3rd set, only a mandatory 3-minute rest period will be taken
Adult	Men's Open, 25, & 30	2-minute set break	2-minute set break	Tournament may allow 10-minute rest period
	Women's Open, 25 & 30	10-minute rest period at option of any player <i>unless</i> tournament gives notice that it will eliminate break.	2-minute set break	
	Mixed Doubles			
	(Open, 25, & 30) Husband-Wife Mixed Doubles			
Senior	Senior Mixed Doubles (35 & older)	10-minute rest period at option of any player	2-minute set break	
	Husband-Wife Mixed Doubles (Combined Ages)			
	Senior 35-90			
Family & NTRP	Parent-Child, Senior Parent-Child & Grandparent-Grandchild			
	NTRP			

TABLE 12
Time Allowed Between Sets
At the end of each set, there shall be a set break
of a maximum of two minutes, except as provided below.

Divisions	After 2nd set in best of 3 set match	After 2nd set when Match Tiebreak is played in lieu of 3rd set	After 3rd set in best of 5 set match
Wheelchair	2-minute set break*	2-minute set break	
Wheelchair	10-minute rest period at option of any player; <u>except that when play is suspended for 10 minutes or more during the 2nd set, there shall be no option for a rest period.</u>	2-minute set break	

A player is governed by the rest period in the division in which the player plays.

In Junior divisions, no player shall practice during any rest period between sets. (See **USTA Regulation IV.C.7.**)

Coaching is not allowed during a 2-minute set break. Coaching is allowed during any 3-minute or 10-minute rest period.

In all non-Junior matches, when play is suspended for 10 minutes or more, any rest period may be taken only after two consecutive sets in a best of 3 set match (three consecutive sets in a best of 5 set match) have been played without interruption. Completion of an unfinished set counts as one set.

This table also applies to short set matches. For rest periods in Red, Orange, & Green Ball Tennis, see the USTA Regulations for Red, Orange, & Green Ball formats.

~~* When there is heat, humidity, or other adverse conditions and after notice before the match, the Referee may grant 10 minutes rest, during which no player shall practice.~~

D. Suspension or Postponement of Play [unchanged]

E. Medial Timeout and Bleeding Timeout [unchanged]

F. Toilet/Change of Attire Breaks [unchanged]

G. Shortening Tournaments

Inclement weather, health concerns, or safety concerns may require the Referee to take steps to shorten the tournament to keep the tournament on schedule, including, but not limited to:

1. *Switch to No-Ad scoring.* [unchanged]
2. *Switch to 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of deciding final set, short sets, or pro sets.* The Referee may switch to the 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a deciding final set, short sets, or pro sets for any complete round, ~~with the following exceptions: except that,~~
 - ~~• The USTA Junior-National Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations for the respective divisions shall set forth when this format may be used in national Junior tournaments; and~~
 - ~~• See USTA Regulations XIII.B.3.d. and h. for when the 10-Point Match Tiebreak, short sets, or pro sets may be used in Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships.~~
3. *Strictly enforce pre-match warm-up time and breaks between sets.* [unchanged]
4. *Tighten court usage.* [unchanged]
5. *Cancel matches.* [unchanged]

H. Ball Change Errors, Ball Replacement, and Practice Balls [unchanged]

Part IV. Amend USTA Regulation VIII. as follows (pp. 125-126):

VIII. GENERAL RANKING REGULATIONS

A. Junior Rankings

Junior rankings are governed by the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking and Sanctioning Regulations.

B. Adult, Senior, and Family ~~and Wheelchair~~ Rankings

1. *Definition of ranking period.* [unchanged]
2. *USTA membership required.* [unchanged]
3. *Ranking systems.* [unchanged]
4. *Results considered for rankings.* [unchanged]
5. *Ranking considerations.* [unchanged]

C. Wheelchair Rankings

Wheelchair rankings are governed by the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.

Part V. Amend USTA Regulation XIII. as follows (pp. 144-150):

XIII. WHEELCHAIR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND RANKINGS

A. National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule

~~Annually the USTA shall publish the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule, which will include the USTA Level 1 Wheelchair National Championships and such other tournaments authorized for sanction by the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations (see USTA Regulation XIII.E.). The National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule may also include ITF Wheelchair tournaments.~~

B. National Wheelchair Rankings

~~The USTA shall publish national rankings in the Wheelchair Divisions authorized by the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations (see USTA Regulation XIII.E.).~~

A. Regulations for All Wheelchair Tennis Tournaments

- ~~1. Play authorized in different divisions in singles and doubles. A player who is eligible for more than one division may play in different divisions in singles and doubles.~~
- ~~2. Holding a one match final. The Tournament Committee may hold a one match final when there are two players in a division. The Tournament Committee may authorize these players to enter another division for which they are eligible.~~
- ~~3. When divisions may be combined. The Tournament Committee may combine consecutive Letter Divisions if there are three or fewer players entered in either division.~~
- ~~4. Separating an event into two draws. The Tournament Committee may separate an event into two draws when there are four or more players and the separation places players of similar skill level into the same draw.~~
- ~~5. Recommended draw formats. The Tournament Committee should select draw formats that give players the possibility of playing three matches.~~

B. Wheelchair National Tournament Regulations

- ~~1. Overview of Wheelchair National Tournament System. Annually the USTA shall publish the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule, which shall include the following tournaments:
 - ~~a. Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships. The USTA shall hold at least one Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championship in each of the following divisions:
 - Men's, Women's, and Quad Open
 - Men's, Women's, and Quad A
 - Men's and Women's B
 - Men's C
 - Junior Open/A (18 & Under)
 - Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles
 - Senior B/C (40 & Over) DoublesThese tournaments may be held on hard, clay, or indoor surfaces.~~
 - ~~b. Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, and Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments. Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, and Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments are tournaments sanctioned by Sectional Associations that are selected by the Wheelchair Tennis Committee and the Adult Tennis Department for inclusion on the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule. The Wheelchair Tennis Committee, in consultation with the Adult Tennis Department, determines the selection criteria. These tournaments shall comply with USTA Regulations XIII.B.3.a e., g., and h., unless the tournament has been sanctioned by the ITF, in which case it shall be played under the ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis. At least one Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournament and one Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournament shall be selected for the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule in each of the divisions listed in USTA Regulation XIII.B.1.a.~~
 - ~~c. ITF wheelchair tournaments. The Adult Tennis Department shall determine criteria for~~~~

~~selecting ITF wheelchair tournaments to be placed on the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule.~~

FAC Comment XIII.B-1: ~~All of the Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships, Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, and Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments in the Men's Open, Women's Open, and Quad Open Divisions are also sanctioned by the ITF and are played under the ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis.~~

- ~~2. *National Standings Lists.* At least monthly, the USTA shall publish National Standings Lists in each Wheelchair Division. The Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall determine the criteria for the National Standings Lists.~~

FAC Comment XIII.B-2: ~~The Wheelchair Tennis Committee has established the following criteria for the National Standings Lists:~~

- ~~• Players must have a current USTA membership; and~~
- ~~• Wheelchair standings shall be based on the total ranking points received during the previous 12-month period from the three National Ranking Tournaments in which a player received the most ranking points.~~

- ~~3. *Tournament regulations for Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships.* All Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships that are sanctioned by the ITF shall be played under ITF wheelchair tournament regulations and shall follow the requirements listed below when they are not inconsistent with ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis. Any Category I USTA National Championship that is not sanctioned by the ITF shall have the following requirements:~~

- ~~a. *Citizenship not required.* Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships shall be open to citizens and non-citizens.~~
- ~~b. *Singles and doubles draws.* Each Category I USTA National Wheelchair Championship shall be required to offer singles and doubles in the divisions for which the tournament has been sanctioned, except for Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships in the Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles and Senior B/C (40 & Over) Doubles Divisions, which are only required to hold doubles.~~
 - ~~i. *Draw sizes.* Draw sizes shall be determined by the Tournament Committee. Selection for draws with limited draw sizes shall be done as set forth in **USTA Regulation I.H.4.**, except that the Tournament Committee has discretion to conduct a qualifying draw. Wild cards may not be awarded.~~
 - ~~ii. *Singles consolation draw, compass draw, or round robin required.* Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships shall include consolation draws in singles. The Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall specify the consolation format that shall be used.~~

FAC Comment XIII.B-3: ~~The Wheelchair Tennis Committee has authorized the use of Feed In Championship, Modified Feed In Championship, First Match Consolation, and First Round Consolation at Category I USTA National Wheelchair Championships.~~

- ~~iii. *Playoff for third place.* The Tournament Committee shall determine whether a playoff for third place shall be offered and shall publish the information on the website by the time it is prepared to receive entries. If the match is offered, players must play the match unless failure to do so is attributable to injury, illness, or personal emergency. For the purpose of determining scheduling in compliance with **USTA Regulation XIII.B.3.g.ii.** below, the playoff matches are considered~~

~~part of the main draw.~~

- ~~e. *Seeding.* The seeding method shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and shall be either the All Factors Method of seeding described in **USTA Regulation II.A.4.b.** or the Computerized List Method described in **USTA Regulation II.A.4.a.** If the Computerized List Method of seeding is used, the Tournament Committee shall use the most recently published National Standings List to order the seeds. However, when a tournament in an Open Division receives entries from players or teams who have a ranking in the top 75 on the most recently published ITF ranking list, the players or teams shall be considered for seeding.~~
- ~~d. *Match formats.* The Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall determine the match formats to be used in Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships. These match formats shall be published.~~

FAC Comment XIII.B-4: The Wheelchair Tennis Committee has authorized the use of the following match formats in Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships, Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, and Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments:

- The best of three tiebreak sets; or
- The best of three tiebreak sets with a 10 Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.

Note: Match formats of tournaments sanctioned by the ITF are controlled by the ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis.

- ~~e. *No Ad scoring may be used.* Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships may use No Ad scoring.~~
- ~~f. *Playing semifinals, finals, and playoffs for third place on sanctioned surface.* The semifinal, final, and third place playoff matches shall be played on the surface on which the tournament has been sanctioned unless more than 24 hours of inclement weather or other cause prevents these matches from being played on the sanctioned surface. For purposes of this regulation, the designation “hard courts” includes all types of hard courts and the designation “clay courts” includes all types of clay courts.~~
- ~~g. *Scheduling.*~~
 - ~~i. *Limit on number of matches per day.* The scheduling guidelines in **USTA Regulation II.D.9.** and **Table 9** are mandatory for all Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships, except that they shall not apply to tournaments that are required to use the ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis.~~
 - ~~ii. *Order of play.* Rounds in the main draw should take precedence over consolation rounds, except that a player may be required to play one consolation singles match before the main draw doubles match. For example, the second consolation singles of the day for any player should be scheduled after the main draw doubles each day.~~
- ~~h. *Shortening tournaments.* In the event of inclement weather, health concerns, or safety concerns, the Referee may use a match format not previously authorized for use at a Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championship by the Wheelchair Tennis Committee. All matches in each round shall be played with the same match format. Note, however, the shortening of tournaments sanctioned by the ITF are controlled by the ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis.~~
- ~~i. *Practice courts.* One practice court for each 60 players in the tournament shall be available on the day before the start of the tournament and on each day during the tournament; however, in no event shall more than two practice courts be required.~~

C. Wheelchair National Rankings

- 1. *Divisions ranked.* The USTA shall issue rankings in the following divisions:
 - Men’s, Women’s, and Quad Open

- ~~• Men's Women's, and Quad A~~
- ~~• Men's and Women's B~~
- ~~• Men's C~~
- ~~• Junior Open/A (18 & Under)~~
- ~~• Senior Open/A (40 & Over)~~
- ~~• Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles~~
- ~~• Senior B/C (40 & Over) Doubles~~

C. Eligibility for National Rankings

~~2. Eligibility for national ranking. In the Wheelchair Divisions, Only the following categories of persons are eligible to receive a national ranking:~~

- ~~a1. U.S. citizens. [unchanged]~~
- ~~b2. Certain aliens. [unchanged]~~

D. Sanctioning of National Wheelchair Tournaments

~~The Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall sanction all USTA Level 1 Wheelchair National Championships and such other tournaments authorized by the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations (see USTA Regulation XIII.E.). The USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations govern the process by which these tournaments are sanctioned.~~

E. Authority for Committee to Adopt USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.

~~Tournaments sanctioned by the Wheelchair Tennis Committee, the process by which these tournaments are sanctioned, and Wheelchair rankings shall be governed by the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations as adopted and amended by a committee appointed by the USTA President and in accordance with procedures determined and approved by the USTA Board.~~

~~3. Wheelchair ranking period. The Wheelchair ranking period for all players and teams shall be January 1 through December 31.~~

~~4. National Ranking Tournaments and Matches:~~

~~a. National Ranking Tournaments. The following tournaments shall be known as National Ranking Tournaments and only results from these tournaments played during the Wheelchair ranking period shall be considered for Wheelchair national rankings:~~

- ~~• Category I USTA National Wheelchair Championships~~
- ~~• Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments~~
- ~~• Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments~~
- ~~• Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments~~
- ~~• Sectional/Local Ranking Tournaments as defined in USTA Regulation XIII.C.5.~~

~~b. National Ranking Matches. National Ranking Matches are matches in ITF tournaments not listed on the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule between players who meet the eligibility requirements of USTA Regulation XIII.C.2. that are reported to the Adult Tennis Department. These matches shall be considered for ranking.~~

~~**FAC Comment XIII.C.2:** An example of a National Ranking Match is a match played in the US Open Wheelchair Championships (NY). Players should report results of matches in ITF tournaments not listed on the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule to the Adult Tennis Department, USTA National Campus, 10000 USTA Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32827.~~

~~5. Sectional/Local Ranking Tournaments. Sectional/Local Ranking Tournaments are Wheelchair tournaments sanctioned by the Sectional Association or District Associations that have not been selected to be Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, or Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments in the following divisions:~~

- ~~• Men's, Women's, and Quad Open~~
- ~~• Men's, Women's, and Quad A~~
- ~~• Men's and Women's B~~

- ~~• Men's C~~
 - ~~• Junior Open/A (18 & Under)~~
 - ~~• Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles~~
 - ~~• Senior B/C (40 & Over) Doubles~~
6. ~~Points Per Round Ranking System.~~
- ~~a. Ranking points. Players shall earn ranking points in singles and doubles at National Ranking Tournaments based on a Points Per Round Ranking System. The Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall determine the ranking points that shall be assigned to each round in each tournament and for participating in each tournament. This information shall be published annually on the USTA website.~~
 - ~~b. Relative ranking weights of National Ranking Tournaments. The Wheelchair Tennis Committee, in consultation with the Adult Tennis Department, determines the relative ranking weights of National Ranking Tournaments and publishes them in **Table 21**.~~

Table 21	
Relative Ranking Weights for Wheelchair National Ranking Tournaments	
Tournament Type	Relative Ranking Weight
Category I USTA National Wheelchair Championships (ITF Super Series)	10
Super Category II USTA National Wheelchair Tournaments (ITF Level 1 Tournaments)	7
Super Category II USTA National Wheelchair Tournaments (ITF Level 2 or 3 Tournaments)	5
Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments (ITF Futures Series)	4
Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments	3
Sectional/Local Ranking Tournaments	1

- ~~c. Treatment of byes. A player who advances because of a bye does not receive ranking points.~~
 - ~~d. Treatment of withdrawals, walkovers, disqualifications, defaults, and retirements. A player who advances because of a withdrawal, walkover, disqualification, default, or retirement shall receive ranking points.~~
 - ~~e. Treatment of abandoned and cancelled matches. If a match is abandoned or cancelled by tournament decision, players will be awarded ranking points based on the last round in which they won a match.~~
 - ~~f. Ranking ties. If players receive the same number of ranking points, ties shall be broken using the following steps in the order listed:

 - ~~• Most points earned in Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships;~~
 - ~~• Most points earned in Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, and Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments; and~~
 - ~~• Most points earned in any other National Ranking Tournament.~~~~
 - ~~g. Ranking calculation. Wheelchair rankings shall be based on the total ranking points received during the ranking period from the three National Ranking Tournaments in which a player received the most ranking points.~~
7. ~~Matches may count in only one division. No match may count for ranking in more than one division. If divisions are combined and a player is placed in a higher division, the player shall~~

~~receive participation credit for the division in which the player played.~~

~~**FAC Comment XIII.C.3:** If the Men's Wheelchair B and C Divisions are combined in a tournament, the tournament shall be considered a B Division event. Wins and losses shall count toward a B Division ranking only and the player shall receive participation credit for the B Division only.~~

~~8. *Corrections.* Wheelchair singles and doubles player records shall be published on the Internet on an ongoing basis. Wheelchair players should check their records and submit verifiable additions and corrections to the Wheelchair Ranking Coordinator. Each player who has competed against another USTA player in an ITF sanctioned tournament shall report the verifiable results to the Wheelchair Ranking Coordinator. Wheelchair rankings are done by computer and are not subject to positional protest or appeal.~~

~~**D. Wheelchair National Ranking Committees**~~

- ~~1. *USTA President shall establish national ranking committees.* The USTA President shall establish national ranking committees under the Wheelchair Tennis Committee to rank the divisions that are required to be ranked under **USTA Regulation XIII.C.1**. The USTA President may appoint a Wheelchair Ranking Coordinator to coordinate all national rankings in these divisions. Subject to the approval of the USTA President, vacancies in the Wheelchair Ranking Coordinator position or on the ranking committees may be filled by the Chair of the Wheelchair Tennis Committee. If the Chair is unable to fill the vacancy, the Wheelchair Ranking Coordinator, subject to the approval of the USTA President, shall fill the vacancy.~~
- ~~2. *Committee size.* Each ranking committee shall have at least two and no more than five members inclusive of its chair. If a ranking committee has an even number of members, the Wheelchair Ranking Coordinator may act as an additional member of the committee.~~
- ~~3. *Confidentiality of ranking information.* Members of the ranking committees shall not disclose any results of their deliberations or any other information concerning the rankings before their release by the USTA.~~

Part VI. Amend USTA Regulation XIV. as follows (p. 151):

XIV. MEDALS AND PRIZES

A. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Balls

Gold balls shall be awarded to the winners, silver balls to the runners-up, and bronze balls to the third place playoff winners in:

1. Tournaments authorized by the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations;
2. All Category I Adult, Senior, and Family National Championships listed in USTA Regulations X.A.1.a. and b.; and
3. ~~Tournaments authorized by the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations. Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships, except that bronze balls shall be awarded at a tournament only if the tournament website states that a third place playoff will be held.~~

B. Gold Davis Cup Insignia [unchanged]

C. Gold Fed Cup Charm [unchanged]

D. Restrictions on Trophy and Award Presentations [unchanged]

Part VII. Amend USTA Regulation XVII. as follows (pp. 154-160):

XVII. SANCTIONING

A. General Information [unchanged]

B. USTA League and USTA Junior Team Tennis Approved Without Necessity of Sanction [unchanged]

C. Sectional and District Tournaments and Leagues Other Than USTA League and USTA Junior Team Tennis

1. *Sanction approval.* Sectional Associations approve the sanctions for:

- Tournaments (see definition in **USTA Regulation XVII.A.2.**) that are not approved by **USTA Regulation XVII.B.** or subject to the bid process of **USTA Regulations XVII.D., E., F., and G.H.;**
- Leagues (other than USTA Leagues and USTA Junior Team Tennis) if the league wants the matches played during the season to count for ranking;
- Intra-Organization Member tournaments in which the Organization Member wants the matches to count for ranking; and
- Intercollegiate and interscholastic tournaments. (These tournaments do not have to be sanctioned but may be sanctioned with or without a sanction fee being charged.) A Sectional Association may delegate the sanction approval process to its District Associations.

2. *Junior ranking tournaments.* [unchanged]

3. *Junior non-ranking tournaments.* [unchanged]

4. ~~*Wheelchair ranking tournaments.*~~ Wheelchair ranking tournaments must meet the minimum requirements set forth in the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.

~~54.~~ *Sanction fees.* Unless specified in the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations, ~~or the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations,~~ or the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations, a Sectional Association may set sanction fees, and may delegate the setting of sanction fees to its District Associations.

~~65.~~ *Rights for sanctioned prize money tournaments over \$5000.* [unchanged]

D. Junior National Tournaments [unchanged]

E. Adult, ~~Senior, and Family, and Wheelchair~~ National Tournaments (Other Than US Open and Those USTA National Championships That Are Awarded by USTA Board)

1. *Primary host site shall be Organization Member.* The primary host site of each USTA National Championship shall be an Organization Member.

2. *Sanctioning process.*

a. *Application requirements.* [unchanged]

b. *Application deadline.*

~~i. *Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions.*~~ Applications for tournaments in the Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions shall be submitted to the Adult Competition Committee by July 1 of the year before the start of the tournaments.

~~ii. *Wheelchair Divisions.*~~ Applications for tournaments in the Wheelchair Divisions shall be submitted by August 1 of the year before the start of the tournaments.

c. *Submission to ~~appropriate Adult eCompetition eCommittee.~~* ~~Applicants shall submit applications to the appropriate competition committee for consideration and approval or disapproval.~~

~~• *Adult, Senior, and Family.*~~ Applicants shall submit applications for Category I USTA Adult, Senior, and Family National Championships to the Adult Competition Committee.

~~• *Wheelchair.*~~ Applicants shall submit applications for Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships to the Wheelchair Tennis Committee.

d. *Approval by Sectional Associations.* [unchanged]

- e. *Sectional Association approval not required when it submits competing application.* When a Sectional Association has submitted a competing application for a tournament, the ~~appropriate-Adult e~~Competition ~~e~~Committee shall approve or disapprove all applicants from that section for that tournament.
- f. *Notice to competing applicants of their right to appear before ~~appropriate-Adult e~~Competition ~~e~~Committee.* The chair or the chair's designee shall inform all applicants of competing applications and may require them to submit additional information in order to consider the competing applications. Representatives of all applicants shall be permitted to appear in person, by proxy, or by electronic means to make presentations to the committee in support of their applications at all meetings in which applications are considered.
- g. *Approval of sanctions ~~by appropriate competition committee.~~* The ~~appropriate-Adult e~~Competition ~~e~~Committee shall review only the applications from:
 - Applicants approved by Sectional Associations;
 - Sectional Associations; and
 - Applicants that are not subject to approval or disapproval by a Sectional Association because the Sectional Association submitted a competing application.

The committee shall approve or disapprove applications as soon as possible after the application deadline. Upon approval of a sanction, the chair or the chair's designee shall notify the successful applicant. If the committee does not approve any application, or any approved applicant declines or is unable to host the tournament, then the appropriate committee may select a sanction holder to host the tournament.
- h. *Tournament contract.* [unchanged]
- i. *Right of USTA Board to assume responsibility for sanctioning process.* [unchanged]
3. *Sanction fees.* The sanction fee for a Category I USTA Adult, Senior, and Family National Championship, and a USTA National Intersectional Team Event, ~~or a Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championship shall be~~ is \$100 per tournament.
4. *Tournament titles for USTA National Championships.* The ~~applicable-Adult e~~Competition ~~e~~Committee establishes the title for USTA National Championships and other tournaments under its jurisdiction. The title shall include, where applicable, the age, sex, surface, and any other divisions of the tournament. The initials "USTA" shall be used in identifying USTA National Championships, except that the initials "US" only may be used in identifying the US Open.

FAC Comment XVII.E-4: The following ~~are is an~~ examples of a tournament titles ~~for these tournaments~~: USTA National Women's 35 Hard Court Championships; ~~and USTA National Indoor ROHO Gateway Classic.~~

F. Wheelchair National Tournaments:

The regulations for sanctioning Level 1 USTA Wheelchair National Championships and other tournaments sanctioned by the Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall be set forth in the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations (see USTA Regulation XIII.E.).

GF. Television, Cable, Satellite, Internet, Radio, Film, and Video Rights

The USTA reserves all television, cable, satellite, internet, radio, film, and video rights for all USTA National Championships and tournaments sanctioned by the Junior Competition Committee and the Wheelchair Tennis Committee. If the USTA relinquishes these rights and they are subsequently sold and if no other arrangements have been mutually agreed to before the award of the sanction, the gross proceeds shall be divided between the USTA and the sanction holder as follows:

- The first \$1000 shall belong to the sanction holder;
- The next \$9000 shall be divided 50% to the sanction holder and 50% to the USTA;
- The next \$10,000, 35% to the sanction holder and 65% to the USTA; and
- All amounts over \$20,000, 25% to the sanction holder and 75% to the USTA.

HG. ITF Junior Tournaments. [unchanged]

II. Role of USTA Board in Sanctioning US Open, USTA National Championships, and Certain Other Tournaments [unchanged]

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

Rationale:

The call item makes the following substantive changes:

- Wheelchair Division regulations for tournaments, ranking, and sanctioning are being transferred from the USTA Regulations in the *Friend at Court* to a new set of stand-alone regulations called “Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.” The Board approves the procedures for a committee, appointed by the President, to adopt and amend the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations. The Governance Committee will no longer adopt and amend regulations in these areas.
- Wheelchair ranking tournaments (including tournaments sanctioned by Sectional Associations) must meet the minimum requirements included in USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.
- Wheelchair Rankings (including Sectional and District Rankings) are governed by the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.
- Divisions based on rating systems other than NTRP are authorized.
- Optional methods for selecting players for Wheelchair tournaments are authorized.
- Table 5, which lists the criteria for entering Wheelchair Division tournaments, has been amended by removing the USTA criteria and replacing them with “Eligible Impairment Criteria” based on the ITF’s classification of eligible wheelchair players.
- Table 9, which includes limits on the number of matches per day for Wheelchair Division matches, has been expanded to include limits for matches played under six formats. The current table has limits for only two formats.
- Table 11, which specifies minimum rest between matches, has been amended to provide for 60 minutes of rest after all best-of-3 and best-of-5 set matches and 30 minutes of rest after all Pro-set matches. Currently the amount of rest varies depending on the length of the previous match.
- Table 12, which specifies the time allowed between sets, has been amended to provide for a 10-minute rest period at the option of any player in all Wheelchair Divisions (except that if play is suspended during the 2nd set for 10 minutes or more, no rest period is allowed). The authority of the Referee to authorize additional rest for Wheelchair Open players if there is adverse weather has been removed. Currently Wheelchair Open players do not receive a rest period but are allowed the 2-minute Set Break.

The purpose of the call item is to better serve Wheelchair tournament players and stakeholders, and respond to the needs of the marketplace and the changing ITF landscape on a more timely basis by being able to change the regulations without the current time constraints of the existing USTA Regulation amendment process.

The purpose of the change to the medical impairment eligibility requirements for playing in a Wheelchair Division is to conform to the ITF’s eligibility requirements.

The purpose of the change to the rest between matches and the rest period between sets is to standardize the provisions for all divisions.

The amendment process for the new set of regulations, to be known as the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations, will be set forth in the separate booklet of regulations. Below is a draft regulation for the new amendment process the Committee reviewed during its discussion of and prior to the vote to submit this call item. This draft regulation is based on similar regulations found in the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations and the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations.

These USTA WHEELCHAIR TOURNAMENT, RANKING, AND SANCTIONING REGULATIONS may be amended by the USTA Wheelchair Tennis Committee upon the recommendation of a Wheelchair Regulations Subcommittee.

The Wheelchair Regulations Subcommittee is comprised of members appointed by the Chair of the USTA Wheelchair Tennis Committee.

Proposed amendments are subject to review and comment by the Office of General Counsel and Chair of the Constitution and Rules Committee prior to adoption.

Each amendment will be in writing and forwarded to the USTA Wheelchair Tennis Committee and the Executive Directors of each Sectional Association at least 21 days before any meeting of the USTA Wheelchair Tennis Committee at which the amendment will be considered.

Unless otherwise specified, amendments will become effective on January 1 following the year of adoption.

If this call item is approved, the Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations, which become effective January 1, 2021, will be as currently set forth in the **USTA Regulations**, with amendments that will be distributed with at least 21 days' notice to the Executive Director of each Sectional Association before the committee adopts the regulations. The amendments will:

- Standardize and simplify the tournament and ranking system for tournament play;
- Create a system that can be more easily marketed for growth; and
- Be incorporated into the new TMT platform.

Notes to C&R:

1. Edits, additions, and deletions to the Glossary need to be made as follows:

~~**Category I USTA Level 1 Wheelchair National Championships.** These tournaments are [these](#) Wheelchair USTA National Championships ~~that are held on the designated surfaces (grass, clay, hard, and indoor courts).~~~~

~~**Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments.** These tournaments are sectionally sanctioned wheelchair tournaments that are selected by the Wheelchair Tennis Committee and the Adult Tennis Department for inclusion on the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule that are designated as Category II.~~

~~**Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments.** These tournaments are sectionally sanctioned wheelchair tournaments that are selected by the Wheelchair Tennis Committee and the Adult Tennis Department for inclusion on the Wheelchair National Tournament Schedule that are designated as Category III.~~

~~**Sectional/Local Ranking Tournaments.** These are Wheelchair tournaments sanctioned by the Sectional Associations or District Associations that have not been selected to be Super Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, or Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments. These count for national wheelchair ranking.~~

~~**Move Down List.** This is a list of wheelchair tennis players who may enter a next lower Letter Division.~~

~~**Move Up List.** This is a list of wheelchair tennis players who are required to move up to the next higher Letter Division.~~

National Ranking Tournaments. These are the tournaments that are used for national rankings. A list of Junior tournaments is found in the USTA Junior National Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations and the National Junior Tournament Schedule. A list of Adult, Senior, and Family tournaments is found in

USTA Regulation X.E.2. and the National Adult, Senior, and Family Tournament Schedule. A list of Wheelchair tournaments is found in the USTA Wheelchair Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations USTA Regulation XIII.C.4.a. and the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule.

~~**Super Category II USTA Wheelchair National Tournaments.** These tournaments are sectionally sanctioned tournaments that are selected by the Wheelchair Tennis Committee and the Adult Tennis Department for inclusion on the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule and that are designated as Super Category II.~~

2. Additional global changes may need to be made to the USTA Regulations to change:
 - Category I USTA National Wheelchair Championships to USTA Level 1 National Wheelchair Championships;
 - Delete reference to Super Category II USTA National Wheelchair Tournaments, Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournaments to Level 2 USTA Wheelchair Tournaments, and Category III USTA Wheelchair Tournaments.
3. **FAC Comment I.G-2** (p. 58) may need to be moved to earlier in Regulation I, and possibly renumbered, so that it immediately follows the Wheelchair eligibility requirements.

FAC Comment I.G-2: Wheelchair players are referred to the current ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook for the eligibility requirements to participate in ITF sanctioned wheelchair tournaments.

4. If **Table 9** is amended as proposed (Part II), the Wheelchair Divisions will have the same scheduling guidelines for maximum number of matches per day as the Adult divisions set forth in the first row of the table. To conserve space, adding “Wheelchair Divisions” to the list of divisions covered by the first row, and deleting the Wheelchair Divisions row in its entirety is recommended when FAC 2020 is published.
5. If both R2 and R3 pass, **USTA Regulation XVII.** Sanctioning, portions of subsections E.2. and E.3. will be deleted in their entirety and all remaining subsections will be renumbered.
6. If both R2 and R3 pass, **USTA Regulation VIII.** subsections B.1-5 will be deleted in its entirety.
7. If both R2 and R3 pass, **USTA Regulation XVII.** subsection 4 will reflect the Adult Tournaments and subsection 5 will reflect Wheelchair Tournaments. All other subsections will be renumbered.

Proposed Amendments to USTA Regulations

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

R4. Proposed by Wheelchair Tennis Committee Jennifer Edmonson, Chair

PASSED

Part I. Amend USTA Regulation II.C.3. as follows (pp. 83-84):

II. DRAW REGULATIONS

C. Changes in Draw

1. *Withdrawal of player before play starts.* [unchanged]
2. *Players omitted from draw.* [unchanged]
3. *Substitutions in draw after play starts.*
 - a. *When to make substitutions.* The Referee may substitute a new player or team into the draw if the Referee (preferably assisted by a Tournament Committee member) determines that the ability of a new player or team does not invalidate the seedings. The Referee and Tournament Committee should keep in mind that it is generally desirable to encourage play.
 - i. In an elimination-type tournament no player or team who has lost a match may be reinstated into the draw.
 - ii. A substitution may be made for a player or team who has reached the second round by virtue of a bye, disqualification, default for a reason other than misconduct, default for lateness, or withdrawal.
 - iii. A player or team may be substituted if a player ~~A substitution may be made for a player who~~ is injured during the warm-up of the ~~player's~~ first-round match or a ~~second-second~~-round match ~~that the player has~~ reached by virtue of a bye.
 - iv. A wheelchair player or team may be substituted during the warm up, a player is not able to repair or replace a wheelchair within 20 minutes.
 - iv. If the Tournament Committee has provided the Referee with a priority list, the Referee shall use this list in filling places in the draw before accepting any late entry.
 - vi. Except in extremely unusual circumstances, the draw will not be remade after it has been announced.
 - b. *Positioning player or team.* [unchanged]
4. *Correcting an error in seeding.* [unchanged]

Part II Amend USTA Regulation III. as follows (pp. 90-102):

III. CONDUCTING THE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Committee Responsibilities Once Tournament Starts [unchanged]

B. Referee Responsibilities After Draw Made [unchanged]

C. Rest [unchanged]

D. Suspension or Postponement of Play [unchanged]

E. Medical Timeout and Bleeding Timeout [unchanged]

F. Toilet/Change of Attire Breaks [unchanged]

G. Special Provisions for Wheelchair Tennis Players

These provisions apply to wheelchair tennis players regardless of whether they are playing in a Wheelchair Division or another division.

1. *Wheelchair repair timeout.* A player or team may take one or more timeouts for wheelchair repairs during a match. The timeout begins when work begins on the wheelchair and does not include time to locate and bring tools or parts to the court. Any cumulative stoppage of play exceeding 15 minutes will result in the loss of a point; any cumulative stoppage of play exceeding 20 minutes will result in a default (see **Table 15**). Any time taken within a 90-second changeover and a 120-second set break to repair a wheelchair does not count toward the cumulative time permitted for a wheelchair repair timeout. If play resumes after 15 minutes, but before a default, the players are entitled to a re-warm-up of the same duration as the original warm-up. No coaching is allowed during a wheelchair repair timeout.

2. *Re-strapping racket by Quad player on changeover or set break.* When an official determines that there is genuine need, a reasonable amount of time may be given to a Quad player during a changeover or a set break to re-strap the racket to their hand without incurring a penalty. No coaching is allowed during a re-strapping.

GH. Shortening Tournaments [unchanged]

HI. Ball Change Errors, Ball Replacement, and Practice Balls [unchanged]

IV. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

A. Checking in at Tournament [unchanged]

B. Player Responsibilities Under The Code [unchanged]

C. Standards of Conduct

1. *General.* [unchanged]
2. *USTA Anti-Doping Program.* [unchanged]
3. *Shoes.* [unchanged]
4. *Warm-up.* [unchanged]
5. *Leaving court.* A player may leave the court to retrieve a ball. A player shall obtain permission from an official to leave the court. If a player is unable to contact an official, a player may leave the court:
 - To contact an official;
 - For a toilet/change of attire break;
 - To obtain water on a changeover or set break when none is available on the court; or
 - To repair or replace broken clothing, shoes, or necessary equipment other than the racket or a wheelchair.A player may leave the court to get a replacement racket but is subject to code violations for delay under the Point Penalty System.
6. *Leaving tournament area after match is suspended.* [unchanged]
7. *Practice during rest period.* [unchanged]
8. *Removal of official.* [unchanged]
9. *Inspection of ball marks.* [unchanged]
10. *No coaching.* Except as permitted under **Rule 30** of the **ITF Rules of Tennis**, a player may not receive coaching during any suspension or interruption of play due to the following:
 - a. Medical timeout or bleeding timeout under **USTA Regulations III.E.1 and 2.**;
 - b. Maladjustment of a player's clothing, footwear, or equipment under **Rule 29.b** of the **ITF Rules of Tennis**;
 - c. Toilet/change of attire break under **Rule 29.c** of the **ITF Rules of Tennis** and **USTA Regulation III.F.**;
 - d. Wheelchair repair timeout or additional time for a Quad player to re-strap a racket; or ~~de.~~ Seeking the assistance of an official under **USTA Regulation IV.C.5.**Coaching is permitted during a rest period between sets under **Rule 30** of the **ITF Rules of Tennis** and during any other suspension of play under either **USTA Regulation III.D.** or **Rule 30.** A temporary interruption of play during which the players do not leave the playing area is not a "suspension" of play for these purposes. Coaching is not permitted during any warm-up.
11. *No abuse of players or officials.* [unchanged]
12. *Player shall not enter two tournaments at same time.* [unchanged]
13. *Player shall not enter tournament intending to withdraw if player's entry is accepted in another tournament.* [unchanged]
14. *Player shall not enter tournament player cannot finish.* [unchanged]
15. *Player shall not transfer entry.* [unchanged]
16. *Player shall not withdraw from tournament after entries close except for illness, injury, personal circumstance, or previously authorized entry into another tournament.* [unchanged]
17. *Player shall not fail to appear for reasons other than injury, illness, or personal circumstance.* [unchanged]
18. *Player shall not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.* [unchanged]
19. *Player shall not engage in gambling activity.* [unchanged]
20. *Point Penalty System.* [unchanged]

- D. **Point Penalty System** [unchanged]
- E. **Defaults and Disqualifications** [unchanged]
- F. **USTA Junior Suspension Point System** [unchanged]

TABLE 15 Time Violations	
Time Violations	Penalties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay between points or after warm-up • Violation of the 90-second changeover or 120-second set break provisions • Violation of the 3-minute Rest Period • <u>Exceeding 15 cumulative minutes for wheelchair repair</u> • <u>Exceeding 20 cumulative minutes for wheelchair repair</u> 	<p>Violations shall be penalized as follows:</p> <p>First Offense Warning</p> <p>Each additional violation One Point Penalty</p> <p><u>One Point Penalty</u></p> <p><u>Default</u></p>
<p>Important note: Two consecutive time violations shall not be assessed unless an intervening actual point has been played. Delay after the time violation is created as a Code Violation.</p>	

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

Rationale: The USTA Regulations currently do not provide any guidance on handling wheelchair repairs during a tournament or permitting time for Quad players to re-strap their rackets. The Committee believes these new regulations are needed to ensure proper procedures are in place for tournaments in which Wheelchair players compete. In order to avoid confusion between USTA and ITF tournaments, these new regulations have been written to be consistent with the ITF procedures. The Regulation permits up to 20 minutes for a time-out to repair a wheelchair before a default is issued. In addition, a quad player can take a reasonable amount of time to re-strap a racket.

Notes to C&R:

1. Additions and edits to **USTA Comments** to the **ITF Rules of Tennis** are recommended as follows:

New comment following ITF Rule 29.a on page 15:

[USTA Comment 29.2: The 90-second changeover limit and 120-second set break limit does not apply when a Quad wheelchair tennis player needs extra time to re-strap a racket. See USTA Regulation III.G.2.](#)

New comment following ITF Rule 29.b on page 15:

[USTA Comment 29.3: A wheelchair tennis player may take a timeout for wheelchair repairs that may not exceed 20 minutes. See USTA Regulation III.G.1.](#)

Edits to **USTA Comment 30.2** on page 16:

USTA Comment 30.2: Is coaching permitted during a rest period? Yes. Coaching is permitted during a 3-minute or 10-minute rest period. However, coaching is not allowed in the following situations:

- A toilet/change of attire break;
- A 2-minute set break;
- A Medical timeout;
- Bleeding timeout;
- [A wheelchair repair timeout;](#)
- [When a Quad player is given additional time to re-strap their racket;](#)

- When players remain on court for a short stoppage of play such as during slight rain or repair of the net or net strap;
- When a player leaves the court seeking the assistance of the Referee; or
- When equipment or clothing is being adjusted.

2. A conforming change is needed to **Part D.** of **Table 3. Responsibilities of Referee, Conducting the Tournament** to add the following new row:

III.G.	Handles player requests directed to the Referee for a wheelchair repair timeout
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3. Edits, additions, and deletions to the Glossary need to be made as follows:

[Wheelchair Repair Timeout. A wheelchair repair timeout is a cumulative timeout of up to 20 minutes that is permitted for wheelchair repairs during a match.](#)

Reasonable Time. Reasonable time is a concept that applies to:

- Toilet/change of attire breaks;
- [Time needed for a Quad wheelchair player to re-strap the racket;](#)
- Time needed to repair or replace clothing or equipment other than a racket [or a wheelchair;](#)
- Time needed to replace a racket with another racket on court;
- Time needed to replace a contact lens with a spare that is on court; and
- Time needed to retrieve balls between points in matches without ball persons.

The Referee generally establishes a reasonable time for toilet/change of attire breaks based on the proximity of the toilets to the court. The time needed to repair or replace clothing or equipment other than a racket [or a wheelchair](#) generally may not exceed 15 minutes.

Proposed Amendments to USTA Regulations

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

R5. Jointly Proposed by:
Chrissie Costamagna, Chair, Adult Competition Committee
Jennifer Edmonson, Chair, Wheelchair Tennis Committee

PASSED

Part I. Amend USTA Regulation IV.F. as follows (pp. 113-116):

IV. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

F. USTA ~~Junior~~ Suspension Point System

1. *Application.* The USTA ~~Junior~~ Suspension Point System applies to sanctioned ~~Junior~~ tournaments, *except that* it does not apply to Junior Red Ball Tennis Tournaments, and *except that* it does not apply to Junior Orange and Green Ball Tennis tournaments unless authorized by the Sectional Association that sanctioned the tournament. It applies to conduct:
 - During all matches (main draw, compass draw, consolation, qualifying, and doubles);
 - During tournament activities;
 - At tournament facilities; and
 - At facilities, such as hotels, dormitories, and homes where players stay.Additionally each suspension point assessed at ITF ~~Junior~~ tournaments becomes one suspension point under the USTA ~~Junior~~ Suspension Point System.
2. *Suspension points.* After consultation with the Sectional Associations and the applicable USTA departments, the applicable committee, ~~and the Junior Competition Department, the Junior Competition Committee~~ shall determine the violations that will result in suspension points and the number of suspension points for each violation, and annually shall publish the violations and suspension points in **Table 17**.
3. *Reporting misconduct.* [unchanged]
4. *Suspension Point administrator.* The applicable USTA department shall administer the USTA Suspension Point System.
45. *Assessing and reporting suspension points.* Only the Referee, designee of a Sectional Association that sanctions the tournament, or the applicable ~~Director of Junior Competition~~ Suspension Point Administrator may assess suspension points. Points shall be assessed pursuant to **Table 17**. The Referee or the Referee's designee shall report points assessed within three days after the end of the tournament. Failure to report shall not invalidate any penalties imposed or suspension points assessed.

FAC Comment IV.F1: When a violation occurs that involves a doubles team, suspension points shall be assessed only to the doubles player who was responsible for the violation.

FAC Comment IV.F2: Suspension points are reported in the TennisLink system.

TABLE 17
Suspension Points

	Violation	Suspension Points
Code Violations	Each code violation (point, game, or default) <i>except that</i> players who receive code violations because of delay immediately after a medical timeout or because of obvious cramping are not assessed suspension points	2
Defaults*	Default for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant inappropriate conduct on or off court	8-10*
	Default for refusal to play or continue to play (for reasons other than illness, injury, or personal circumstance)	5
	Default because of an adult discipline	5
	Default for no-show	5
	Default for late arrival	1
	Disqualification for ineligibility	3
	*Suspension points for defaults are in addition to points previously assessed for code violations.	
Improper Entry or Withdrawal	Being entered when entries close in two or more sanctioned tournaments scheduled to overlap unless each Tournament 5 Committee approves the multiple entries in writing	5
	Withdrawal from tournament after entries closed for reason other than injury, illness, personal circumstance, or previously authorized entry 4 into another tournament	4
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Not using best efforts to win	2
	Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct on court after a match that would have resulted in a code violation had it occurred during the match	2
	Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct off court regardless of location or medium. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct at tournament sites, tournament activities, hotels or other housing, or online	5
	Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant inappropriate conduct, regardless of location or medium. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct at tournament sites, tournament activities, hotels or other housing, or online	8-10*
Gross Misconduct	Physical violence against another person on or off court by a player, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player	10
	Illegal use or possession of drugs	8
	<u>A minor Possessing-possessing</u> or drinking alcoholic beverages <u>by a minor</u>	8
	Gambling activity as defined in USTA Regulation IV.C.19.	8
	Destruction of property	8

TABLE 17
Suspension Points

	Violation	Suspension Points
Playing Under Suspension	Playing in any sanctioned tournament while suspended by USTA or one of its Sectional Associations	10
ITF Junior Suspension Points	Each suspension point assessed at ITF Junior-tournaments and USTA International Tournaments becomes one suspension point under the USTA Suspension Point System	1

*The Referee, designee of a Sectional Association that sanctions the tournament, or the applicable Director of Junior Competition Suspension Point administrator shall determine the number of suspension points (8 to 10 inclusive) that shall be assessed based on the seriousness of the conduct.

- ~~56.~~ *Notification to player of points assessed.* The person filing the suspension point report pursuant to **USTA Regulation IV.F.4.** or that person's designee shall notify the player of the suspension points assessed within seven days after the end of the tournament and shall record the method of notification. Failure to notify the player or record the method of notification shall not invalidate any penalties imposed or suspension points assessed.
- ~~67.~~ *Appeal of suspension points.*
- a. *Suspension points assessed at sectional ~~Junior~~-tournaments.* A Sectional Association, at its discretion, may adopt a procedure for permitting a player to appeal suspension points assessed at ~~Junior~~-tournaments it sanctioned. Points removed from a player's record as a result of an appeal process shall not count toward a suspension.
 - b. *Suspension points assessed at national ~~Junior~~-tournaments.* A player may appeal suspension points assessed at national ~~Junior~~-tournaments only after the player has accumulated sufficient points to be suspended.
 - c. *Appeal of suspension points.* After the player has accumulated sufficient points to be suspended, all suspension points are appealable.
- ~~78.~~ *Player suspension.* The USTA shall suspend ~~Junior~~-players according to the following schedule:
- a. *First suspension.* If a player receives 10 suspension points within a 12-month period, the player shall be suspended from competing in sanctioned tournaments for three months. (If no USTA National Championship falls during the 3-month period, the player shall not be accepted into the USTA National Championship immediately following the 3-month suspension period.) Upon suspension these 10 points shall be cleared from the player's record. All other suspension points shall remain on the player's record and count toward a second suspension.
 - b. *Second suspension.* If a player receives 8 suspension points within the 12 months immediately following the first suspension, the player shall be suspended from competing in sanctioned tournaments for six months. Upon suspension these 8 points shall be cleared from the player's record. All other suspension points shall remain on the player's record and count toward a third suspension.
 - c. *Subsequent suspensions.* If a player receives 6 suspension points within the 12-month period immediately following the second suspension (and any suspensions subsequent to

the second suspension), the player shall be suspended from competing in sanctioned tournaments for a period to be determined by the ~~Director of Junior Competition~~applicable Suspension Point administrator, the ~~Chair of the Junior Competition~~applicable committee, and one additional member of the ~~Junior Competition~~applicable Committee ~~to be appointed by its' the Chair~~. The suspension period shall not be less than one year. In the case of a junior player, including a junior wheelchair player, the maximum suspension period is and may be up to the remainder of the player's junior career. These 6 points shall be cleared from the player's record.

~~89.~~ *Written notice of suspension to player and Sectional Association.* After the USTA has determined that a player will be suspended, the ~~Director of Junior Competition~~applicable Suspension Point administrator shall send a notice by first class mail and by certified mail (return receipt requested) to the player at the address shown on the records of the Membership Department with a copy to the player's Sectional Association. The notice shall set forth:

- That the player is being suspended;
- The length of the suspension;
- The player's right to appeal the suspension under **USTA Regulation IV.F.1011.**;
- The procedure for appealing the suspension; and
- A statement that if the player chooses not to appeal the suspension, then the suspension shall begin 30 days after the date the notice was mailed.

Failure of the ~~Director~~applicable Suspension Point administrator to notify a Sectional Association shall not invalidate the suspension.

~~910.~~ *Player may request that suspension start immediately.* When a player accumulates sufficient points to be suspended, the player may request that the suspension period begin immediately. The player shall mail the request by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the ~~Director of Junior Competition~~applicable Suspension Point Administrator. If the ~~Director~~applicable Suspension Point administrator confirms that the player has accumulated sufficient points to be suspended, the suspension shall begin on the date that the certified notice was mailed.

~~1011.~~ *Right to appeal suspension.*

- a. *Suspension points at national ~~Junior~~ tournaments and ITF ~~Junior~~ Tournaments.* When at least one suspension point that results in a suspension is assessed at a tournament ~~listed on the National Junior Tournament Schedules~~sanctioned by the applicable national committee or at an ITF ~~Junior~~ tournament, any appeal shall be filed with the USTA Grievance Committee in accordance with **USTA Bylaw 43f.ii**. Absent good cause shown, any appeal shall be barred unless it is made in writing within 30 days of mailing the notice of suspension. The notice of appeal shall be mailed first class certified or registered mail to the Grievance Chair, c/o USTA Office of the General Counsel, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, New York 10604.
- b. *All suspension points at tournaments sanctioned by one Sectional Association.* When all suspension points that result in a suspension are assessed at tournaments sanctioned by one Sectional Association, any appeal shall be filed with the Sectional Association that sanctioned the tournaments. Unless the Sectional Association grievance procedures provide a longer period for appeal or absent good cause shown, any appeal shall be barred unless it is made in writing within 30 days of mailing the notice of suspension. The notice of appeal shall be mailed first class certified or registered mail to the Grievance Chair of the Sectional Association. The Sectional Association shall notify the ~~Director of Junior Competition~~applicable Suspension Point administrator of the appeal.
- c. *Suspension points at tournaments sanctioned by more than one Sectional Association.* When suspension points are accumulated at different tournaments sanctioned by different Sectional Associations, the same procedure shall be used as set forth in **USTA Regulation IV.F.1011.a**.

~~1112~~. *Effective date of suspension.*

- a. If the player does not appeal the suspension, the suspension begins 30 days after the ~~Director of Junior Competition~~applicable Suspension Point administrator mails the certified notice of suspension to the player or such earlier date as may be requested in writing by the player under **USTA Regulation IV.F.910**.
- b. If the player appeals the suspension and the appeal is denied, the suspension begins on the date the decision is mailed unless the decision states otherwise or unless a stay is granted.

Part II. Amend USTA Regulation V.B. and C. as follows (pp. 117-118):

V. POST TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Responsibilities of Tournament Committee and Referee After Completion of Tournament
[unchanged]

B. Grievances

Any official, volunteer, player, or person associated with a player (including, but not limited to, a parent or coach) who observes a violation of **USTA Regulations**, standards of conduct, fair play, or good sportsmanship may file a written grievance according to the grievance procedures of the Sectional Association where the tournament was held; except if the conduct arises out of any of the following tournaments, the grievance shall be filed with the Chair of the USTA Grievance Committee, c/o USTA Office of General Counsel, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, New York 10604:

- ~~Junior~~ Tournaments on ~~the a National national Junior Tournament tournament Scheduleschedule~~; or
- ~~Adult, Senior, and Family tournaments on the National Adult, Senior, and Family Tournament Schedule;~~
- ~~USTA National Intersectional Team events;~~
- ~~Category I USTA Wheelchair National Championships, or~~
- International competitions in which USTA players participate.

(See USTA Bylaw 43 for procedures and time frames for the filing of grievances and appeals.)

C Suspensions by Sectional Associations

A Sectional Association that imposes a suspension from participation in tournaments as the result of a grievance arising out of a sectional matter or as a result of a suspension imposed under ~~any the non Junior USTA suspension Suspension point Point system System~~ shall report the suspension to the USTA National office within seven days of the suspension becoming final under the Sectional Association's procedures. ~~If the suspension involves Adult, Senior, Family, or Wheelchair tournaments, the~~ Sectional Association shall send a copy of the notice of suspension to the ~~applicable Suspension Point administratorAdult Tennis Department. If the suspension involves Junior tournaments, the Sectional Association shall forward a copy of the notice of suspension to the Junior Competition.~~ Failure to send the notice of suspension within seven days after the suspension becomes final shall not invalidate the suspension.

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Rationale: This call item proposes to expand the applicability of the USTA Junior Suspension Point System to include behavior at all 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 all tournaments will better serve the needs of all players.

Note to C&R:

If this call item passes, the edits to follow glossary term are recommended as follows:

Suspension Point System. This is a system under which ~~junior~~ players are assessed points for unsportsmanlike behavior in USTA sanctioned tournaments and ITF tournaments. A player who accumulates too many points is suspended.