



GUIDE AND BEST PRACTICES

USTA Officials' Forum



Here is a guide to the USTA Officiating Forum, including best practices and tips for ensuring you make the most out of your discussions!

Topics

- Please ensure you are asking questions related to the Topics and Subtopics listed. If you have questions related to topics not listed, they should be directed to the officiating inbox at officiating@usta.com.
- To locate the topics, please click on the “Topics” tab (see below). You can click on a topic and it will show a list of previous postings that were submitted related to the topic.

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Options ▾

The screenshot shows the forum interface with the 'Topics' tab selected. Below the navigation tabs, there is a search bar labeled 'Search within community'. Two topic cards are visible: '1. Connect with Others' and '2. ITF Rules, USTA Regulations, Professional Reg...'. An arrow points to the 'Topics' tab.

Postings

- As a member of a Community, you will be able to create and reply to postings.
- Please ensure you are searching for previous postings in case your question has already been answered. You can use the search field within the “Main” tab or within each Topic and Subtopic.
- When you click a topic, you will be able to create various types of postings using the “Create Posting” dropdown
 - Discussion: Use this posting to begin a discussion with the Officiating community
 - Create a File: Use this posting if you would like to share a specific link to a resource (i.e. a local regulation document, Scenarios and Interpretations, Friend at Court etc.)
 - Q&A: Use this to ask about an ITF Rule, USTA Regulations etc. to an expert. This is the best way to post a question and receive feedback from one of our USTA Trainers!
 - Suggestion: Use this type of posting to share a suggestion with moderators, admins or experts (share a suggestion featured posting - e.g. link to Friend at Court)
- We encourage you to create a posting within a specific topic so it is easily accessible to others who are searching for topics.



TAGS:

- Tags are searchable words that help others find your postings. We encourage you to add a tag to help others find scenarios.
- Helpful tags might include: "Hindrance", "Permanent Fixtures", "Correcting Errors".

Following

BECOME A FOLLOWER OF A COMMUNITY:

- By following a community you are able to receive notifications every time someone submits a posting.
- You can follow and unfollow at any time.
- Instructions: To follow a specific community, please select the officiating community, Off-Court Connections: The USTA Officials' Forum, and click the "Options" dropdown. From there you will be able to follow the community.

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BECOME A FOLLOWER OF A POSTING:

- You may follow a specific posting to receive notifications whenever there is a reply
- To follow a posting, click on the posting you are interested in being notified about. From there, click the "Options" dropdown and select "Follow Discussion", "Follow Q&A" "Follow File" etc.

Soft vs. Broken Ball

