

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.

R1. Proposed by Junior Competition Committee Ivan Baron, Chair

PASSED
(Parts I – VIII)

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

I. PRE-TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Applicability of USTA Regulations [unchanged]

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 may not be inconsistent with the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations or the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations.

FAC Comment IA-2: USTA Regulation I.A.4. authorizes Sectional Associations and District Associations to adopt ~~tournament~~ regulations for ~~circuits used to qualify or endorse players for sectional and national~~ tournaments over which they have been granted sanctioning authority.

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~~, ~~Sectional, and USTA National C~~ 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 ~~shall~~ must be used for rankings unless prohibited by applicable ~~N~~ational, 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, ~~Red, Orange, or Green Ball Tennis formats,~~ and short sets, and formats authorized in the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations. The tournament entry form ~~shall~~ must specify the format being used.

1. *Tiebreaks.* [unchanged]
2. *No-Ad scoring.* [unchanged]

3. *Short sets.* [unchanged]

4. *Pro sets.* [unchanged]

F. Balls and Ball-Change Pattern [unchanged]

G. Player Eligibility

1. *USTA membership generally required to play in sanctioned tournaments.* All players, including non-U.S. citizens, are required to be members of the USTA in order to play in sanctioned tournaments *unless* this requirement is waived by the USTA or one of its Sectional Associations or District Associations for an Entry Level Tournament. USTA membership is not required to play in sanctioned matches or tournaments that are interscholastic, intercollegiate, or that are limited to students and conducted by scholastic or collegiate officials.

For the purpose of this provision, all foreign players ~~shall be~~are presumed to be residents of the United States, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Province of British Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereby required to enroll unless they have a certification from their national association or from the USTA stating that they are in fact nonresidents of the United States as above defined. If a foreign, nonresident player requests that the USTA issue a certification that the player is a nonresident, then the USTA ~~shall~~will issue the certification upon finding that the player is a nonresident.

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).* A player, if otherwise eligible, may enter any Junior 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**); *provided that*, annually the Junior Competition Committee may designate one or more junior national tournaments ~~that to~~ use the ITF's year-of-birth age eligibility regulation.

FAC Comment I.G-1: The USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations require players either to be 11 years of age or to have completed the USTA's 10 and Under Youth Progression System (also known as Youth Progression) as of the entry deadline to play in tournaments that count for junior rankings.

The USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations:

- **Require players to be 5 years of age to play in a Red Ball Net Generation Tournament;**
- **Require players to be 7 years of age to play in an Orange and Green Ball Net Generation Tournament that counts toward Youth Progression; and**
- **Require players to have passed the Youth Progression requirements of Orange Ball Tennis before playing in a Green Ball Net Generation Tennis Tournament.**

b. *Adult, Senior, and Family tournaments.* [unchanged]

c. *Wheelchair tournaments.* [unchanged]

d. *Mixed doubles tournaments.* [unchanged]

e. *Coed tournaments.* [unchanged]

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

H. Entry Process

1. *Means of entry.* The Tournament Committee ~~shall~~s determine the means of entering the tournament, which may be by its own entry form, by a standard entry form, or by electronic means, unless an applicable National, sectional, or district regulation specifies the entry form.
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. The USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations or USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations may authorize optional methods of selecting players for Junior tournaments.
 - ed. 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.
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]

FAC Comment I.H-4: The inclusion of the word *Closed* in the title of the tournament means that the tournament is limited to residents of a particular geographic area. The inclusion of the word *Open* in the title of the tournament means that the tournament is open to all players regardless of where they liveside. ~~Nonetheless, many Sectional Championships and sectional qualifying circuits are open to residents only. In addition, special regulations limit participation in national Junior tournaments to U.S. citizens and a few special groups. See the USTA Junior National Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.~~

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

II. DRAW REGULATIONS

A. Seeding [unchanged]

B. Making the Draw

1. *Public draw.* [unchanged]
2. *Draw made by Referee or Deputy Referee.* [unchanged]
3. *Draw formats.* National, sectional, and district regulations may specify or restrict the draw format that may be used. USTA Regulations II. describes the procedures that Referees ~~shall~~must follow when they run single elimination draws, First Match Consolations, voluntary Sign-Up Consolations, Feed-In Championships, round robins, and compass draws. ~~Tournaments may use other draw formats.~~ When a ~~tournament uses other~~different draw formats is used, the ~~Referee shall~~Tournament Committee must post on the tournament website or at the tournament site the updated procedures defining the format before the start of play. Referees ~~shall~~must follow USTA Regulations *except for* those USTA Regulations changed by the posted procedures.
4. *Main draw.* [unchanged]

FAC Comment II.B-2: The standard method for distributing byes, described in USTA Regulation II.B.4.d.i., should be used for most tournaments, including those that use a Curtis Consolation Draw of 64 or Modified Curtis Consolation. The Referee generally should choose an alternate method only when there is a distinct scheduling advantage to doing so.

- The method described in USTA Regulation II.B.4.d.ii. works well when there is a Feed-In Championship in which the first two rounds of FIC are scheduled on the same day.
- The method described in USTA Regulation II.B.4.d.iii. increases the number of second round matches in which both players have first round byes. This may facilitate scheduling because players with byes are not waiting for their opponents to finish first round matches. If there is a First Match Consolation, a player with a bye who loses in the second round will often receive a bye in the consolation and face another player who also lost after receiving a first round bye. This method should not be used in a tournament with a Feed-In Championship.
- The method described in USTA Regulation II.B.4.d.iv. will shorten by one day a tournament that plays only one singles match a day and that has a Feed-In Championship with a draw only slightly larger than a power of two. (For example, the system works for a draw of 16 with up to 10 players, a draw of 32 with up to 20 players, a draw of 64 with up to 40 players, and a draw of 128 with up to 80 players.)

5. *Consolation draw.* ~~Except where otherwise provided~~ Unless prohibited, a mandatory First Match Consolation (FMC) draw, a mandatory Feed-In Championship (FIC) draw, or a voluntary Sign-Up Consolation (SC) draw may be used. Consolation matches should be conducted under the same conditions as the main draw, including the use of new tennis balls, ~~so that results will be valid for ranking purposes.~~
 - a. *Instructions for mandatory First Match Consolation (FMC).* [unchanged]
 - b. *Instructions for mandatory Feed-In Championship through quarterfinals for draw of 128.* [unchanged]

FAC Comment II.B-4. Other Types of Feed-In Championship Draws.

1. Feed-In Championship through Quarterfinals for Other Size Draws. The Feed-In Championship through the quarterfinals can be used for draws other than 128, and the methods in USTA Regulation II.B.5. are used.

2. Feed-In Championship ~~with Separate Draws for Losing Quarterfinalists and Losing Semifinalists~~through the Round of 16 with a Quarterfinal Playoff and a Playoff for 3rd place.

TDM has a Feed-In Consolation option in which:

- ~~___~~ • Losers through the round of 16 go in the Feed-In Consolation with the winner of this draw placing ~~10th~~9th;
- ~~___~~ • Losing quarterfinalists go in a separate draw to play for 5th through 8th places; and
- ~~___~~ • Losing semifinalists play for 3rd and 4th.

3. ~~FAC Comment II.B-5: Curtis Consolation~~ Draw of 64. When there is a shortage of courts or when a Feed-In Championship needs to be played in a limited amount of time, some tournaments use a special Feed-In Championship format ~~One of the most widely known is the Modified~~called the Curtis Consolation Draw of 64 (CC) in which:

~~This format works when there is a:~~

- ~~• Draw of 256 with up to 192 entrants;~~
- ~~• Draw of 128 with up to 96 entrants;~~
- ~~• Draw of 64 with up to 48 entrants; or~~
- ~~• Draw of 32 with up to 24 entrants.~~

~~The Curtis Consolation is built into TDM.~~

4. Modified Feed-In Championship. This type of Feed-In Championship feeds the losers from the first two or more rounds of the main draw into a consolation draw.

- c. *Instructions for voluntary Sign-Up Consolation (SC).* [unchanged]
6. *Round robin.*
 - a. *When authorized.* Unless prohibited by an applicable National, sectional or district regulation, Round robin draws may be used in any tournament for which the entry form states that the tournament ~~shall will~~ be played using a round robin format ~~and Additionally, a round robin draw may be used~~ in any division in any tournament in which there are eight or fewer players or teams entered.
 - b. *Procedure.* [unchanged]
 - c. *Determining order of finish.* [unchanged]
 - d. *Defaults, withdrawals, walkovers, and retirements.* [unchanged]
7. *Separating event into multiple draws.* Unless prohibited by an applicable National, sectional, or district regulation, a Tournament Committee may separate an event into more than one draw ~~when there are six or more entries~~. This decision may be made before entries open or after all entries have been received. The Tournament Committee ~~shall must~~ publish the following information on the tournament website once the decision has been made:
 - The method for separating players in the draws;
 - If there will be multiple winners of the event;
 - If the top finishers from each draw advance to a final round;
 - If all or some players play in a final or playoff round; and

- If a final or playoff round is held, the procedure for determining who advances and if a round robin First Match Consolation, or single elimination format is used.
- a. *Separating players into more than one draw.* Unless a method is specified for use or prohibited from use by an applicable National, sectional, or district regulation, ~~u~~Use one method below to separate players into draws:
 - i. *Waterfall all players.* [unchanged]
 - ii. *Waterfall seeded players and randomly draw remaining players.* [unchanged]
 - iii. *Random draw.* [unchanged]
 - iv. *Flighting players.* [unchanged]

FAC Comment II.B-12 Any rating system may be used for waterfaling and flighting players unless the USTA prohibits its use.

- b. *Final and playoff rounds.* [unchanged]
- c. *Placement of players in final and playoff rounds.* [unchanged]
- 8. *Compass draw.*
 - a. *When authorized.* Unless prohibited by an applicable National, sectional, or district regulation, a Ccompass draws may be used ~~in any tournament~~ provided the entry form states the tournament ~~shall~~will be played using a compass draw format.
 - b. *Seeding.* [unchanged]
 - c. *Making draw.* [unchanged]
 - d. *Byes.* [unchanged]
 - e. *Progression in draw.* [unchanged]
 - f. *Specific procedures for draw of 32.* [unchanged]
 - g. *Specific procedures for draw of 16.* [unchanged]
 - h. *Specific procedures for draw of 64.* [unchanged]
 - i. *Prizes.* (unchanged)
- 9. *Alternate method for making collegiate and scholastic draws.* [unchanged]
- 10. *Application to team competition.* [unchanged]
- C. Changes in Draw** [unchanged]
- D. Scheduling Matches** [unchanged]

FAC Comment II.D-3: In deciding whether to schedule singles or doubles matches first in Junior tournaments, the Referee should consider many factors including:

- ~~Whether the singles draw is for endorsement spots;~~
- Whether ranking points are awarded for doubles for combined rankings;
- Whether match formats for singles, consolations, and doubles are different and how these formats affect minimum rest periods;
- Impact of the Recovery Rule; and
- The weather.

Part III. Amend **USTA Regulation IV.** as follows (p. 103 - 116):

IV. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

A. Checking in at Tournament

1. ~~Prove~~ USTA membership verification. When USTA membership verification is required, A player ~~shall~~ must provide the Tournament Committee with proof-verification of their current USTA membership. ~~or deposit sufficient funds with the Committee to purchase a membership.~~ A foreign nonresident player who has proof that the player is a member of the player's National Association is exempt from this requirement. ~~The Tournament Committee may delegate this duty to the Referee.~~
2. *Check-in at tournament desk.* [unchanged]
3. *Obtain time of next match.* [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.* [unchanged]
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.* [unchanged]
11. *No abuse of players or officials.* [unchanged]
12. *Player shall not enter two tournaments at same time.* When entries close, a player shall not be entered in two or more sanctioned tournaments, if any part of the tournaments overlap unless each Tournament Committee involved understands the situation and concurs in writing. After a player has been eliminated from a tournament whose schedule of play partially overlaps with that of a second tournament, the player may enter the second tournament. This restriction may be waived by the USTA or one of its Sectional Associations or District Associations.
13. *Player shall not enter tournament intending to withdraw if player's entry is accepted in another tournament.* A player shall not enter a tournament with the intention of withdrawing if the player's entry is accepted in another tournament, unless the Tournament Committee for the tournament in which the player has entered understands the situation and concurs with the contemplated action. This restriction may be waived by the USTA or one of its Sectional Associations or District Associations.
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]

Part IV. Amend **USTA Regulation V.B.** as follows (p. 117):

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~~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~~must 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;~~;~~or
- Denial of entry into a Junior tournament on the basis of residency.

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

C. Suspensions by Sectional Associations [unchanged]

Part V. Amend **USTA Regulation VI.** as follows (pp. 119-120):

VI. RED, ORANGE, AND GREEN BALL TENNIS

A. Purpose [unchanged]

B. Definitions of Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis [unchanged]

C. Junior Divisions Required to Use Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis [unchanged]

D. Authority for Committee to Adopt Regulations for Junior Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis Regulations and USTA Net Generation Tournaments

Junior Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis and USTA Net Generation Tournaments ~~shall be~~ governed by the USTA ~~Junior Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis~~ Net Generation Tournament Regulations, adopted and amended by a committee or committees appointed by the USTA President and in accordance with procedures determined and approved by the USTA Board.

E. Adult, Senior, ~~and Family,~~ and Wheelchair Divisions May Use Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis

Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis may be played in Adult, Senior, ~~and Family,~~ and Wheelchair Divisions.

1. *Racket.* [unchanged]

2. *Scoring.* Any scoring format authorized by the **USTA Regulations** and ~~in the Junior Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis~~ USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations may be used.

3. *Results considered for ranking.* [unchanged]

Part VI. 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, Family, and Wheelchair Rankings

A1. Definition of ranking period. [unchanged]

B2. USTA Membership Required. Only persons ~~enrolled~~ with the a current USTA ~~as an Adult, Junior, Family, Life, or Honorary membership~~ and in good standing on the last day of the ranking period ~~shall be~~ are considered for a ranking.

C3. Ranking Systems.

1a. Points Per Round Ranking System. [unchanged]

2b. Head-to-Head Ranking System. [unchanged]

3c. Sectional Association ranking systems. A Sectional Association ~~shall~~ must determine which of the two ranking systems, the Head-to-Head Ranking System or the Points Per Round Ranking System, is used to rank players or teams at the sectional level and ~~shall~~ must publish its ranking system. A Sectional Association may also allow its District Associations ~~or subdivisions~~ to make this decision. In this case, the District Association ~~or subdivision shall~~ must publish its ranking system.

D4. Results Considered for Rankings.

1a. Sectional and district tournaments. All matches from any tournament that has been sanctioned by the applicable Sectional Association or District Association are considered for ranking in that Sectional Association or District Association ~~unless prohibited by the applicable sectional or district ranking regulations or the USTA Junior Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis Regulations.~~ Regulations for a Sectional Association or District Association may authorize additional tournaments for consideration for ranking.

The applicable Sectional Association or District Association or the applicable committee ~~shall~~ must determine in which ranking period the ranking data from tournaments that begin in one ranking period but are not completed until after the beginning of the next ranking period ~~shall~~ will be considered.

2b. Matches generally may count in only one division. [unchanged]

~~3. Results from tournaments based on race, creed, color, or national origin not counted. Results of any tournament from which entrants have been excluded by excluded by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, or sexual orientation shall not be considered for ranking purposes.~~

4c. Exhibitions not counted. Exhibitions ~~shall~~ may not be considered for ranking purposes.

E5. Ranking Considerations.

1a. Rankings based on records. [unchanged]

2b. Insufficient data. [unchanged]

3c. Class A category and numerical groupings. [unchanged]

Part VII. Amend USTA Regulation IX. as follows (pp. 127-128):

IX. JUNIOR ~~NATIONAL~~ TOURNAMENTS AND ~~NATIONAL~~ RANKINGS

A. National Junior Tournament Schedule [unchanged]

B. ~~National~~ Junior Rankings [unchanged]

C. Eligibility

1. *Players eligible for ~~national~~ Junior rankings and tournaments.* Players ~~that who meet the following criteria~~hold a status listed below are eligible ~~both~~ for a ~~national~~ Junior ranking; ~~and~~ to play in tournaments sanctioned by the Junior Competition Committee, *(except such tournaments that may specifically exempt players from these eligibility requirements); and to play in certain tournaments sanctioned by a Sectional Association as set forth in the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.:*

a. *U.S. citizens.* [unchanged]

b. *Certain aliens.* [unchanged]

2. *Loss of eligibility.* [unchanged]

3. *Reinstatement of eligibility.* [unchanged]

D. Sanctioning of National Junior Tournaments [unchanged]

E. Authority for Committee to Adopt USTA Junior ~~National~~ Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.

Tournaments sanctioned by the Junior Competition Committee, the process by which these tournaments are sanctioned, ~~and~~ Junior national rankings, and minimum requirements for tournaments sanctioned by the Sectional Associations and District Associations that count for Junior ranking shall be governed by the USTA Junior National 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.

F. Eligibility for ITF International Team Competitions [unchanged]

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

XVII. SANCTIONING

A. General Information

1. *Meaning of sanctioning.* [unchanged]
2. *Definition of tournament.* [unchanged]
3. *Eligible applicants.* [unchanged]
4. *Safe Play. The Tournament Director must comply with the requirements of Safe Play, including clearing USTA background screening and successfully completing Safe Play education.*
45. *Discrimination not allowed.* [unchanged]
56. *No prize money for junior tournaments.* [unchanged]
67. *Submission of application.* [unchanged]
78. *Payment of sanction fee.* [unchanged]
89. *Issuance of sanction.* [unchanged]
910. *Use of USTA name in reference to tournament.* [unchanged]
110. *Use of certified officials recommended in sanctioned tournaments.* [unchanged]
121. *USTA does not assume financial responsibility for tournaments.* [unchanged]
132. *Sanction will not be issued if prior sanction fee is delinquent.* [unchanged]
143. *Specification in title of whether tournament is invitational or closed.* [unchanged]
154. *Definition of gross revenues.* [unchanged]
165. *Tournament may lose sanction if it does not comply with USTA Regulation XVII. and terms of sanction.* [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., & G.**;
 - 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 ~~or subdivisions~~.
2. *Junior ranking tournaments. Junior tournaments that count for Junior rankings must meet the requirements in the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.*
3. *Junior non-ranking tournaments. Junior tournaments that do not count for Junior rankings must meet the requirements in the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations.*
24. *Sanction fees. Unless specified in the USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations or the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations, Aa*

Sectional Association ~~shall~~may set ~~the~~ sanction fees, ~~if any,~~ and may delegate the setting of sanction fees to its District Associations ~~or subdivisions~~.

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

- D. Junior National Tournaments** [unchanged]
- E. Adult, Family, and Wheelchair National Tournaments (Other Than US Open and Those USTA National Championships That Are Awarded by USTA Board)** [unchanged]
- F. Television, Cable, Satellite, Internet, Radio, Film, and Video Rights** [unchanged]
- G. ITF Junior Tournaments** [unchanged]
- H. Role of USTA Board in Sanctioning US Open, USTA National Championships, and Certain Other Tournaments** [unchanged]

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Rationale: In response to academic research and a groundswell of support from USTA Sectional Associations for consistency and simplicity of junior competitive tennis, the Junior Competition Committee is proposing a unified competitive structure to make tennis easier to understand and address the needs of the modern family. Features of the proposal include:

- A nation-wide structure of non-ranking tournaments to serve entry level players as they enter the game and develop, and as an alternative for those intermediate level players that prefer a non-ranking competition environment. The non-ranking structure will be known as the USTA Net Generation Circuit.
- A nation-wide structure of 7 levels of ranking tournaments with one National set of point tables used to reward players for their wins. The ranking structure will be known as the Junior Tour, Powered by Net Generation.

The features of these structures are consistent with the American Development Model, the USTA's long-term athletic development principles that serve to guide parents and coaches as players develop and mature.

This Call Item has been prepared in conjunction with amendments to two other sets of regulations that govern junior tennis in the United States and that are housed outside of the USTA Regulations in *Friend at Court*: the USTA Junior National Tournament, Ranking and Sanctioning Regulations and the USTA Junior Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis Regulations (to be known as the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations). These two sets of regulations have a different governance process from the Call, which involves notice and input of the Sectional Associations with final approval by the Junior Competition Committee. The amendments in this Call Item facilitate the broader and more detailed amendments being proposed to the regulations referenced above. Summaries of the detailed amendments proposed to those regulations have been distributed to the Sectional Associations and members of the Governance Committee.

The substantive amendments in this Call Item include:

- Vesting the authority for setting requirements of tournaments sanctioned by the Sectional Associations, both ranking and non-ranking, in the regulations housed outside of *Friend at Court*. Requirements include match formats, draw formats, length of sanction period, in some cases the number of tournaments, and whether they can be Open or Closed. In the case of the ranking tournaments, amendments will continue to be made by the Junior Competition

Committee. In the case of the non-ranking tournaments, amendments will be made by the Local Play and Competition Committee.

- Changes the name of the USTA Junior Red, Orange and Green Ball Tennis Regulations to the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations.
- Although in an FAC Comment, establishes the minimum age requirements to play Net Generation Tournaments and ranking tournaments.
- Narrows the definition of the Curtis Consolation, a draw format rarely used today, but that will be programmed into the new tournament administration platform.
- Expands the use of Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis to the Wheelchair Divisions, an aspect of the proposal that has the endorsement of the Wheelchair Tennis Committee.
- Requires tournament directors to comply with the requirements of Safe Play.

Notes to C&R:

1. Conforming changes to the following Glossary Terms may be needed. Below are suggested edits, additional Glossary Terms, and deleted Glossary Terms.

A. Edits to existing Glossary Terms

Curtis Consolation Draw of 64. This ~~format is a special type of~~ Feed-In Championship ~~that~~ is often used when there is a shortage of time on courts. A Curtis Consolation Draw of 64 feeds the Round of 64 and Round of 32 losers into one draw with the winner placing 13th. It also feeds the Round of 16 and Quarterfinal losers into another draw with the winner placing 5th.~~Round of 16 losers and quarterfinal losers play a separate consolation or consolations instead of being fed back into the back draw. When a modified Curtis Consolation is played, some of the back draws are played through the semifinals only.~~

Domicile. Domicile is a legal concept involving residence. It is defined as that place where a person has that person's true, fixed, and permanent home or that person's home for the indefinite future. A person can only have one domicile at any one time. ~~Eligibility for endorsement or for some closed tournaments is often based on domicile.~~

Entry Level Tournament. This is the first or lowest level or levels of sanctioned play recognized by a Sectional Association or District Association. Entry Level Tournaments in the Junior divisions are part of the Net Generation Circuit and are governed by the USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations.

Feed-In Championship. This term, commonly abbreviated as FIC, refers to a ~~special form of~~ consolation draw in which the losers from multiple rounds in the main draw are fed back into another draw or draws against players who lost in earlier rounds of the tournament. ~~This format is very helpful when the Tournament Committee wants to determine an order of finish through at least sixth place. Most FICs have a playoff for 3rd and 4th place. There are several types of Feed-In Championships:~~

- A FIC that feeds in losers through the Quarterfinal with the winner of the consolation placing 5th.
- A FIC that feeds in losers through the Round of 16 with the winner of the FIC playing 9th and the Quarterfinal losers feeds into a spate draw with the winner placing 5th.

- A Modified FIC that feeds in at least first two rounds into the consolation, but fewer rounds that would classify the draw as one of the other FICs.
- A Curtis Consolation Draw of 64 that feeds the Round of 64 and Round of 32 losers into one draw with the winner placing 13th and also feeds the Round of 16 and Quarterfinal losers into another draw with the winner placing 5th.

National Junior Tournament Schedule. This schedule is published yearly by the Junior Competition Committee and lists all ~~National Rankings Tournaments other than the Sectional Ranking Tournaments~~ National Junior Tournaments sanctioned by the USTA and ITF junior tournaments that take place in the United States.

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 **USTA Regulation XIII.C.4.a.** and the National Wheelchair Tournament Schedule.

Timed Match. A timed match is a scoring format ~~that may be played in Red, Orange or Green Ball Tennis~~ whereby players continue playing until the end of a specified period of time ~~has ended.~~

Wild Card. A wild card ~~entry into a USTA National Championship may be granted to a junior player when extenuating circumstances prevent the player from entering through the normal qualifying or endorsement procedure. Wild cards also may be granted based on the recommendation of the national coaching staff to a player who has demonstrated significant potential at the national or international level~~ is a means of entry into a tournament for a player who has not otherwise qualified.

B. New Glossary Terms

10 and Under Youth Progression. 10 and Under Youth Progression (also known as Youth Progression) is the pathway Junior players age 10 and under must progress through before they are eligible to play in a tournament that counts for Junior ranking.

Modified Feed-In Championship. This type of Feed-In Championship feeds the losers from the first two or more rounds of the main draw into a consolation draw.

Net Generation Tournaments. Net Generation Tournaments are USTA-sanctioned tournaments for Junior players age 5 to 18 that do not count for ranking and are open to players regardless of residency, domicile, or citizenship.

Ratings. Ratings are a system of categorizing or grouping players by their ability. Ratings are based on match results. NTRP is the official rating system for determining the levels of competition in USTA Leagues. JNTRP is a USTA junior rating system that helps match opponents of similar skill levels. Ratings are permitted for use in seeding and separating

players into more than one draw. Any rating system may be used for seeding and separating players into more than one draw *unless* its use has been restricted by the USTA.

USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations. USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations are the regulations that govern Junior tournaments that count for Junior ranking. They are published on usta.com.

C. Deleted Glossary Terms

~~**Endorsement.** Endorsement refers to the process used by Sectional Associations to list their players in the order in which they want the players accepted into tournaments such as the USTA National Championships, Intersectionals, and Zonals.~~

~~**Sectional Endorser.** Each Sectional Association lists its junior players in the order in which the Sectional Association has decided that the players should receive entry into the USTA National Championships and USTA Team Championships. The person who prepares this list for the Sectional Association is the Sectional Endorser.~~

~~**Sectional Ranking Tournaments.** These are sectional tournaments that count for junior national ranking.~~

2. The following revision must be made to **FAC Comment II.A-6**:

FAC Comment II.A-6: Any rating system may be used for seeding, *unless* its use has been restricted by the USTA. Sectional Associations or District Associations may require some tournaments to use a Computerized List Method of seeding and other tournaments to use the All Factors Method of seeding. The Sectional Associations or District Associations may also leave the choice to the Tournament Committee.

3. Global Changes for FAC Editors:

- Existing **FAC Comment I.G-1** will need to be renumbered to **FAC Comment I.G-2**.
- Existing **FAC Comment II.B-12** will need to be re-number to **FAC Comment II.B-13**.
- Change USTA Junior National Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations to USTA Junior Tournament, Ranking, and Sanctioning Regulations.
- Change USTA Junior Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis Regulations to USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations. *This change is the only change that will be made in the 2020 FAC.*
- Change Table 12, there is an incorrect title of these Regulations - “USTA Regulations for Red, Orange, and Green Ball” should be changed to USTA Net Generation Tournament Regulations.
- Change USTA Competitive Pathway Department to USTA Competitive Pathway Department.
- Change Director of Junior Competition to Director of Competitive Pathway.
- References to TDM may require global changes if the new tournament management product is implemented in 2021.
- Remove all reference to other subdivisions. The Glossary Definition of District Associations incorporates other subdivisions.
- Modified Curtis Consolation no longer exists; do a global removal.

- In **USTA Regulation VIII.B.1.**, the capitalization in the title has been changed and a period has been added to the end of the heading.
- In **Fig.4** (pg. 72), the Feed-In Championship example will be removed.
- Global search and replace to verify that the word National is capitalized, and sectional and district is not unless used as a proper noun.