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An endorsed player is an Eastern resident (see below) who has collected a win in at least one tournament in their natural age division within the last 12 months, is age eligible for the respective national tournament, has provided accepted proof of citizenship documents (see below), and is in good standing with the Section.

WHAT TOURNAMENTS REQUIRE SECTION ENDORSEMENT?
The draws for the USTA National Clay Court Championships, USTA National Hard Court Championships, USTA Winter National Championships and the February & October National Regionals require section endorsement. Quotas are set for each of the 17 USTA sections. The section quota is determined by USTA National at the end of the 2016 calendar year; a calculation based on the size of the Section and the number of players in the Top 150 of each age division.

ENDORSEMENT LISTS mirror the section standings by calculating a player's best 6 singles tournaments (2 of which may be national) + 25% of their best 6 doubles tournaments (2 of which may be national), over a 12 month rolling year; points will travel down from older age divisions.

Endorsement & SUPER SIX & Empire Cup SECTION REQUIREMENTS
To be endorsed, play in a Super Six or Empire Cup Tournament:

1) A player must be a USTA member and a legal resident of USTA Eastern, Inc. (a “legal resident” is a player whose principal domicile lies within the boundaries of the USTA Eastern Section). In addition, he/she must be a citizen of the U.S., a resident alien in possession of a valid alien registration receipt card, or an alien who has resided in the U.S. continuously for more than one year and is a member of a family of a person in the diplomatic or consular corps. The ranking chairperson may ask for proof of residency and/or verification of age.

2) A player needs to be in good standing with the Section. Poor personal behavior, bad sportsmanship or any acts detrimental to the game, which could prevent endorsement selection or cause the revocation. Any withdraws from team events, 4 days prior to the start of the event, may cost the player a spot on the team the following year, to be determined by the Eastern Junior Competition Committee. Any player, who is a no show to a team event, could cost them their endorsement to any future National tournament, to be determined by the Eastern Junior Competition Committee. Any player suspended twice or more within a 12 month period, forfeits their eligibility to appear on a Section endorsement into the next two (2) national tournaments. This includes any tournaments listed on the National Junior Tournament Schedule (NJTS) that require Section endorsement.
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EASTERN SUPER SIX
1. Super Six tournaments carry national points. Two (2) tournaments are designated National Level 3 points (January and June). Four (4) tournaments are designated National Level 4 points (March, April, September and November). These events will be 32 singles draws.

2. All draws of 32 will select up to 2 that are in the top 25 of the Eastern Standing list of the next younger age division. Except in the 10 and under division. Draws of 48 players will select 3 players from the next youngest division.

3. Players may enter in up to two (2) age divisions when entries close. The Eastern office will select players for these divisions in the following order: 18; 16; 14; 12. If a player is entered in two age divisions and is selected in the other older age division, that player shall not be eligible for selection into the younger division. If a player is not selected for the older division, that player is eligible for selection in the younger division and is eligible to be an alternate in the younger division but not in the older division.

SEEDING & SELECTION
Seeding and selection is determined by the most current Combined Sectional Standings and ALL other available information regarding a player (i.e. sectional standing, national standing, lower age division standing, recent quality wins, etc.) and anything else which might assist the Manager of Rankings in making a more informed decision. It is important that this person(s) have administrative jurisdiction in determining seeds, as extensive research and special circumstances goes into seeding specific tournaments.

CONSOLATION DRAWS (SUPER SIX)
A full feed-in championship rnd 16 (FIC16), will be played in the Super Six tournaments, it will include a FIC to be played through the main draw RND of 16, the quaterfinal losers will play off in a quaterfinal playoff to determine 5th & 6th place, in addition, semifinal play-offs will be played for positions #3 and #4.

EMPIRE CUP DOUBLES
6 Empire Cup tournaments will be held in each age division (BG12-18). Players are ONLY allowed to enter one age division. Players must choose their own partners, tournaments are NOT required to pair players together.

No late entries will be excepted, UNLESS, and a player that had a timely registration’s partner withdraws or there is an uneven # of players in the draw, that player has the right to find a doubles partner (that does not affect the seeds – in the case of a withdrawal.)
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**EASTERN SWEET 16**
Eastern’s Sweet 16 tournament will be held in each age division (BG12-18).

1. Players may enter in up to two (2) age divisions when entries close. The Eastern office will select players for these divisions in the following order: 18; 16; 14; 12. If a player is entered in two age divisions and is selected in the other older age division, that player shall not be eligible for selection into the younger division. If a player is not selected for the older division, that player is eligible for selection in the younger division and is eligible to be an alternate in the younger division but not in the older division.

2. Selection will be based on a player’s standing in that age division. Selection from younger lists will NOT be considered.

3. This is NOT a national tournament and will carry “Sweet 16” points in the Eastern Section.

**NATIONAL TEAM EVENTS (ZONALS & INTERSECTIONALS)**

1) Boys & Girls 14 & 16 Intersectional Team events will select the top 4 boys and girls off the most recently published endorsement list, at the end of May. Selection will generally be made based on current records and endorsement list, but may also include sportsmanship and team compatibility.

2) Boys & Girls 18 Intersectional team events will select the top 6 boys and 6 girls off the most recently published endorsement list, in mid-June. Selection will generally be made based on current records and endorsement list, but may also include sportsmanship and team compatibility.

3) Zone Team event selection will select the top 24 boys and 24 girls in the BG 14 & 16 divisions and 30 boys and 30 girls in the BG12 divisions, that have registered within the deadline but may also include sportsmanship and team compatibility. Selection will be based on the most recently published endorsement list, published June mid-June.

4) Players that withdraw from any team competition, for whatever reason, 7 days prior to the start date (registration) of the event is considered a late withdrawal and may have a negative impact on their selection into future team competitions.