

## **Instructions on Producing the Match Video**

*The general purpose of the virtual match video is to replicate, as closely as possible, what a coach would observe if they were to watch your court at the showcase. Following these guidelines will present what coaches want to see from a competitive match for their recruiting purposes:*

1. Arrange to play a practice match with a player in your area of the same gender and with a similar UTR (within .5 to .75 of a UTR point is ideal). To make this as authentic as possible, it's not recommended you to play against a coach or parent. Play one short set, regular scoring, with a tie-break at 4-all. Recording a singles match should take priority, but if you find the process easily manageable, and would like to share a one set doubles match via a separate YouTube link, we will accept those as well.
2. Choose a court that does not have shadows or other things that would prevent a clear view.
3. Set up a camera (or phone) in the back of the court in order to get a full court view. The best options, if the proper accessories are available, would be to hang or clip the camera on top of the back fence/curtain, film from a viewing balcony, or to put the camera on a tripod straight behind the center line, as close to the fence/curtain as possible so that it does not hinder play. If you happen to have access to a club in your area that has video capabilities (Playsight being one example), you should arrange to use that facility.
4. Check the quality of the video prior to filming the actual set.
5. So that the set maintains a flow and coaches are not forced to wait through a lot of dead time, keep the time between points to a minimum, and keep change-overs brief. Moving more quickly than usual for ball pick up or change-overs should not cause a major hindrance since you are only playing one short set. You are not required to clip out any "dead times", but if you have the editing knowledge to do so, you are welcome to make those edits.
6. While it's not expected that you play your very best, and no video will ever be "perfect", it is important that the video of the set represents you playing toward the higher end of your capabilities.
7. The video should be uploaded on YouTube. It's an easy process! For a tutorial on uploading videos, watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtF2AgFSLAw>. Please label videos under the "unlisted" category so only those with the link can view the video. In the title put "your name (UTR) vs. opponent's name (optional) and/or UTR. In the description, please identify yourself in the video (e.g. player starting in the near court, returning, with the red shirt). Add the link to your College Day Registration page or send it to Betsy at [Gonsalves@ms.usta.com](mailto:Gonsalves@ms.usta.com) (**YOU MUST BE REGISTERED FOR COLLEGE DAY IN ORDER FOR THE COACHES TO RECEIVE YOUR YOUTUBE LINK**)
8. Other recommendations:
  - Match can be played either outdoors or indoors, but a hard court is preferred.
  - If you cannot find a junior player of the same gender/class to compete against, it's okay to play against a player of the other gender or slightly older or younger, provided the UTR's are similar. It's not recommended that you play against your coach or a parent.
  - Switch sides of the court as you would in a regular tournament match and use score cards and state the score every point so that coaches can follow along. Orient the score cards so they can be read in the camera view.
  - Playing a competitive short set means that these videos will likely be more than 20 minutes in length. Therefore, they will usually take quite a long time to upload into a

YouTube link. Don't worry that you have done something wrong if it signals quite a long time to upload and process, but please keep this in mind if you are trying to upload your video very close to the deadline. If YouTube says that your video is too long (more than 15 minutes is the default limit), you simply have to verify your video/account which is a quick and easy fix. Once verified, you can upload a video up to 12 hours long.

Directions for verifying so that you have unlimited video time are here:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/71673#>