

**USTA Northern California  
BOARD RESOLUTIONS  
12/11/2013**

DATE	COMMITTEE	ACTION
8/14/2013	ADULT LEAGUES	<p>It was moved and seconded to approve including all of the 2014 Adult 40 &amp; Over League seasons and Adult 18 &amp; Over seasons in the Player At Level rule ( LLARS: Rule 5a) and to change the number of players required to be "at level" on league formats with 3 lines to 4 players at level required. All other local league formats (levels with five lines played) will remain at 6 players at level required.</p>
6/12/2013	ADULT LEAGUES	<p>1. It was moved and seconded to adopt the 2014 League Calendar as presented in the following attachment. <b>Motion passed: (See attachments at the end of this report).</b></p> <p>Discussion: The ALC discussed the 2014 League Calendar and revised the original proposal submitted by the Subcommittee comprised of both ALC and Board members. Major discussion concerning the positioning of seasons, the format of the Adult 40 &amp; Over League, and the length of the Adult 18 &amp; Over league resulted in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The format for the Adult 40 &amp; Over League will remain the same as in 2013: 1 singles/2 doubles during local league season changing to 2S/3D during championships due to National rules. Concern for court use (with 5 lines) and winter months resulted in both groups agreeing to the same format as in 2013.</li><li>B. For the Adult 18 &amp; Over League both groups recommended shortening the season to 12 weeks due to the deadlines for National Leagues and due to the strong (Mem Org and Board) requests to avoid any overlapping with the Adult 18 &amp; Over Season.</li><li>C. The arrangement of the nine league seasons became more problematic in 2014 due to all Nationals being played in the fall of 2014. Thus, all five leagues that end at Nationals need to be completed during the first three quarters of the year. Accepting that no National leagues would overlap with Adult 18 &amp; Over, the remaining four leagues would need to be played in pairs of two in the first and third quarter. The resulting arrangement has two similar league types played at the same time for two different age groups: Both Adult 40 &amp; Over and Adult 55 &amp; Over will be played during the first quarter and both Mixed 18 &amp; Over and Mixed 40 &amp; Over will be played the third quarter. Advantages to this arrangement include: (1) players and captains may elect to play in one or the other league, and or may elect to play in both; (2) if team and player registration declines, this could allow more court time for other activities and possibly reduce league fatigue; (3) an attempt to balance the number of teams playing each quarter; (4) allowing Mixed seasons to keep the later part</li></ul>

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of the summer/early fall which move them into their nationals sooner; (5) moving the Adult 55 players to a cooler part of the year; (6) and lastly while there would be no younger leagues in the winter, the flex program and USTA tournaments offers an opportunity for match play.

- D. Three NorCal League seasons only had slight adjustments to their seasons, while the newest league season, Mixed 55 & Over was moved to the winter months. The proposed calendar also avoids any overlapping of the four largest League seasons (Adult 40 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over, Adult 18 & Over and NorCal Combo).
- E. As in the past, staff requested administrative oversight to adjust specific dates to maintain smooth league operations and to accommodate facility dates for events. It has become more problematic to allow for extensions and/or variations within league seasons due to the many league seasons. Captains have expressed concerns about the shorter seasons which can result in as few as 7 matches, but staff and the ALC hope to address these concerns with boundary refinements and more outreach in areas.

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9/18/2013

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- **Adult Tournament Rules**

- A. Concurrent Tournament Rule**

- Staff proposed adding a line to the concurrent tournament rule to clarify that if the concurrent tournament rule is violated, the concurrent tournaments will not count toward the minimum tournament requirement to qualify for Grand Prix.

After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED:** that effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Adult Tournament Concurrent Tournament Rule be amended as follows (new language is underlined, deleted language is stricken through):

16. Concurrent Tournaments. A player shall not be entered at the time entries close in two or more USTA sanctioned tournaments scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or in part, unless each Tournament Committee involved understands the situation, concurs in writing, and each agrees to accommodate the player's schedule. The final decision rests with each tournament committee. If one tournament agrees to accept concurrent entries and accommodate the player's schedule but the concurrent tournament does not, the player may not enter both.

If entries for the overlapping tournaments close on different dates, approval must be received from all Tournament Committees no later than the entry closing date that occurs last.

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Players who enter a tournament and play it to completion, may then enter another tournament with overlapping dates without permission.

If a player violates this concurrent tournament rule ranking points earned in any concurrent tournament played will not count toward ranking or the Grand Prix Points Race and the concurrent tournaments will not count toward the minimum tournament requirement to qualify for Grand Prix.

This motion was approved.

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9/18/2013

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**B. One Day Tournaments**

Staff proposed to the Committee to lift the referee requirement for one day tournaments to help minimize the costs of running these events while keeping the entry low for the players. Staff mentioned that they have been to a number of one day tournaments and observed that there had not been any problems and that it is a friendly and social atmosphere. The cost of the one day tournaments were also discussed and the Committee agreed that it was good to try to keep the cost down to encourage more players to play as players seem to be enjoying this type of format.

After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED:** that effective January 1, 2014, the requirement for referees at one day tournaments will be lifted; however, there will be a sportsmanship question in a player evaluation to gauge the players' opinions about the sportsmanship at the one day doubles tournaments in 2014. The USTA NorCal Adult Tournament Certified Officials Rule will be amended as follows (new language is underlined, deleted language is stricken through):

22. Certified Officials. The Referee of each USTA NorCal sanctioned adult tournament with the exception of One-Day Doubles Tournaments shall be a referee certified by the USTA. A Certified Official is recommended at each satellite site and for each 8 courts of play.

This motion was approved.

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2/5/2013

ADULT  
TOURNAMENT

**1. Notes from Grand Prix subcommittee meetings**

After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED:** that effective immediately, the draw limit for the Senior and Open Grand Prix be decreased to 8 for all events with the exception of the Men's Open Singles event which will remain at 16.

The motion was approved.

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2/5/2013

ADULT

**2. Adult Tournament Rules**

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TOURNAMENT

A. New Ratings

After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED:** that effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Adult Tournament Rules be amended to add the following new rule:

**Year End Ratings- When new ratings are released by National at the end of each year, any player that is already entered into a tournament at the time of the release and has been bumped up by National, said player shall be able to play at his or her rating prior to the release for that tournament.**

The motion was approved.

B. Self-Rate Grievances

After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED:** that effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Adult Tournament Rules be amended to add the following new rule:

**If a player's rating gets bumped up during the season as a result of a self-rate grievance, the player must start playing at that level immediately. If a player is in the middle of the tournament, the player shall be able to play the tournament to completion.**

This motion was approved.

C. Senior/Open Seeding Rule

After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED:** that effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Adult Tournament Adult Open and Senior Seeding Rule be amended as follows (new language is underlined, deleted language is stricken through):

7. Seeding. Tournament Committees shall seed tournaments as follows:

a. Adult Open and Senior Divisions Guidelines.

i. Use of Seeding Coordinators Required ~~Recommended~~. Adult and Senior Tournaments Committees are required ~~recommended~~ to use the USTA NorCal approved seeding coordinators for each division.

ii. ~~Seeding Procedure When Seeding Coordinators Not Available or Used~~. If a seeding coordinator is not designated for a division, the Tournament Committee shall use the most current Grand Prix Points Race List for seeding. ~~Procedures for seeding doubles and mixed doubles with Grand Prix Points Race Lists are set forth in Rule 7.d. below.~~

This motion was approved.

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12/11/2013	BOARD	<p>Motion unanimously approved.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the USTA NorCal Board hereby approves the expenditure of approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 over a three-year period to fund the hiring of a full time Executive Director for the Northern California Tennis Foundation and to permit the President of the Foundation to determine what outside sources to use to solicit a person to fill the position.</p>
6/19/2013	BOARD	<p>Motion unanimously approved.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That effective immediately, USTA NorCal Sanction Rule 2.D.v. be amended to clarify the Base Fee policy as follows (underlined language is proposed to be added; stricken through language is proposed to be deleted):</p> <p><b>2. Sanction Application.</b></p> <p><i>D. Information provided on Online Sanction Form.</i></p> <p><i>v. Entry fees.</i> Entry fees must be listed on the Online Sanction Form. Tournaments may charge either a Base Fee or a Per Event Fee as follows:</p> <p>a. <i>Base Fee.</i> A Base Fee is a flat entry fee that a player pays for playing in the tournament. One fee is charged for two or more events entered. Only tournaments that have the following characteristics are eligible to charge a Base Fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tournament offers more than one event (for example, singles and doubles), and</li> <li>• The Tournament offers the same events in all divisions (for example singles and doubles are offered in all age divisions, NTRP levels, junior tournament levels), and</li> <li>• If draws are limited, the doubles draw limit is not less than one-half of the singles draw limit (for example, if the singles player draw limit is 16 players, the doubles team draw limit must be no less than 8 teams). are eligible to charge a Base Fee.</li> </ul> <p>b. <i>Per Event Fee.</i> A Per Event Fee is an entry fee that a player pays for playing in each event in a tournament.</p>
6/19/2013	BOARD	<p>Motion approved "to allocate up to \$500,000 to renovate selected high schedule and junior high school courts throughout the Section"</p>
5/15/2013	BOARD	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules, USTA NorCal Sanction Rules, USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Rules, and all such other necessary rules and policies of USTA NorCal, be amended, effective with tournaments sanctioned January 1, 2014 to create the USTA NorCal Junior Competitive Structure as set forth on Exhibit A.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED FURTHER:</b> That the 2014 sanction date blocks for the USTA NorCal Junior Tournaments listed below, shall be as set forth on Exhibit B, and that in succeeding years shall fall on corresponding date blocks:</p> <p>Sectional Championships  Excellence Tournaments  Championship Tournaments  Super Series  Sectional Open Jamboree Tournaments  Summer Grand Prix Invitational  Coed Round Robin Tournaments</p>

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**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That beginning in 2014, a USTA NorCal Summer Junior Grand Prix Circuit and Invitational shall begin as set forth on Exhibit C, and that the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules and USTA NorCal Sanction Rules shall be amended to implement the new Circuit and Invitational.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That USTA NorCal Sanction Rules be amended as follows:

**3. Sanction Deadlines and Fees.**

*A. Sanctioned tournaments.*

i. *Junior tournaments.* Sanctions for junior tournaments must be applied for between June 1 and June 30, except that in 2013 only, the period for applying for 2014 junior tournaments shall be between June 17 and September 3. Applications for tournaments in the 18, 16, 14 and 12 divisions received during this period will be charged per level based on the following table:

<b>Junior Event Type</b>	<b>Sanction Fee</b>
Open, Coed Round Robins, Sectional Open Jamborees, Super Series, Championships, Excellence, Sectionals	\$60.00
Novice, Challenger	\$30.00
Orange and Green Ball Tournaments	No Fee

For example, if an application for a junior tournament with Open, Challenger, and Novice and Challenger events will be charged a total sanction fee of \$120. There shall be no sanction fee for tournaments in the 10 divisions.

ii. *Adult tournaments.* Sanctions for Adult tournaments shall be applied for between June 1 and June 30. Applications received during this period will be charged a \$50.00 sanction fee. In 2013 only, an application for 2014 Adult Family and Junior tournaments one application shall be due no later than September 3.

iii. *Wheelchair tournaments.* Applications for Wheelchair shall be applied for between June 1 and June 30. Applications received during this period will be charged a \$25.00 sanction fee. In 2013 only, an application for 2014 Wheelchair and Junior tournaments one application shall be due no later than September 3.

iv. *Junior, Adult Family, and/or Wheelchair tournaments on one Online Sanction Form.* Applicants who apply for a Junior, Adult Family, and/or Wheelchair tournament on one Online Sanction Form will be charged the sanction fee per tournament type.

v. *Late Applications.* Late Applications are all sanction applications submitted on or after July 1 (and in 2013 only, sanction applications for junior tournaments submitted on or after September 3). The table below sets for the time-table for Late Applications to be considered pursuant to Rule 4.B.:

<b>Late Applicants Received By:</b>	<b>Will Be Considered On or Before:</b>
November 1	December 1

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February 1	March 1
May 1	June 1
August 1	September 1

Late Applicants for Junior tournaments will be charged a \$50.00 fee in addition to the sanction fees listed above.

#### **4. Sanction Approval.**

A. *Approval dates.* No later than October 10, sanction applications received by June 30 (and in 2013 only, sanction applications for junior tournaments received by September 3) will be considered for approval pursuant to Rule 4.B. Applications also requiring Board approval shall be approved by the Board no later than October 31. Late Applications will be considered for approval as set forth in table in Rule 3.A.v.

B. *Sanction approval process.*

i. *Ten and Under Orange and Green Ball Tournaments.* Sanction decisions shall be made by the USTA NorCal staff in consultation with the chair of the Ten and Under Tennis ROG Development Committee and the chair of the Sanction and Schedule Committee. These decisions are not subject to the USTA NorCal Board of Directors Committee Decision Approval Process.

ii. *Adult One Day and Family Tournaments.* Sanction decisions shall be made by the chair of the Sanction and Schedule Committee and the chair of the Adult Tournament Committee with staff assistance. These decisions are not subject to the USTA NorCal Board of Directors Committee Decision Approval Process.

iii. *All other tournaments.* Except for sanctions for Ten and Under Orange and Green Ball Tournaments (see Rule 4.B.i) and Adult One Day and Family Tournaments (see Rule 4.B.ii), all other sanction approvals shall be made by the Sanction and Schedule Committee. These approvals are subject to the Committee Decision process of the USTA NorCal Board and no sanction approval is considered made until it has been subject to this process.

C. *Notice of sanction approvals to applicants.* [unchanged]

D. *Acceptance of sanction.* [unchanged]

E. *Additional documentation required before approved sanction is considered final and tournament appears on TennisLink online calendar.* [unchanged]

2/20/2013	BOARD	A Board of Director explained in detail the proposed format, specifically competition season and levels, sourcing of players, membership requirements, organizers, software needs, size and make-up of teams. The Board of Director and the Board discussed in detail the proposed incentive program – a 3 year program with an increased scale each year depending on the number of new teams an organizer forms. There were questions concerning how a “new” team and “organizer” are defined, the elements and amounts of the incentives, and the ease (or difficulty) in hosting/managing the leagues. This Board Member suggested the program could begin in the fall if the software is in place. The Board had further questions and comments regarding incentives when the organizer is a facility, court requirements, and fees charged to players by organizers. This Board Member noted that by the 3rd year, the program would be self sustaining with 2500 to 3000 juniors participating.
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In response to additional questions from the Board, this Board Member noted that he is asking the Board to approve the concept of the program and that staff would need to work through the details which would be approved by the Board. The Board briefly reviewed the history of similar programs and raised some concerns of needing more detail around the structure, including the push to launch for the fall. Member noted that the approach to the program can move more slowly but that staff will need to be increased. JTT staff noted that staff was working on the application process for teams. It was requested that the program be re-evaluated after the 3 years, particularly from the incentive perspective. Two other Board Members described the team tennis programs that they currently run/oversee. The Board Member then made the following motion which was seconded: that the Board preliminarily endorse the expenditure of approximately \$100,000 (net) per year for 3 years to support the program outlined in the proposal subject to the Budget Committee approval from time to time of the actual details of the ongoing costs associated with growing this program. Further discussion ensued about integrating non-USTA leagues into the proposed program as well as the dollar allocation of the incentives. Another Board Member asked that the motion be amended to include that program begin in the spring of 2014. Thereafter, upon a restatement of the motion with the amendment, the motion was approved.

10/8/2013	BUDGET AND FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A motion was then made and seconded to approve the 2014 Budget, as presented. Subsequently, a motion was then made to amend the motion, to modify the 2014 Budget and ALC decision to charge a fee for all league District and Sectional events, with the exception of the Super 65 league. The amendment passed 2-1. The motion, as amended, passed.</li> <li>A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$1,146.76 from the 2013 Budget to the Junior Department budget for ITA tournaments held in 2013, that were seeking reimbursement of costs greater than their revenues. The motion passed.</li> </ul>
5/31/2013	BUDGET AND FINANCE	<p><b>COMBO LEAGUE REGISTRATIONS TO BE ENTERED IN TENNISLINK</b></p> <p>Beginning with the 2013 Combo season, and for all future seasons, Combo registrations will be entered into TennisLink, increasing registration costs in the Leagues Department, by an estimated \$38,900 in 2013. The anticipated result on Network Funding to the Section (in revenues), is an increase of approximately \$150,000, beginning in 2015. This was approved unanimously.</p>
10/1/2013	DIVERSITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to not pursue an electronic mailbox system, but rather stay with email. The motion was approved.</li> </ul>
10/1/2013	DIVERSITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to hold committee meetings via conference call and meet in person once a quarter. The motion approved.</li> </ul>

8/6/2013	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, amend the motion of July 2 regarding TDW scholarships to now offer two scholarships at \$1000 each.
5/7/2013	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to allocate \$500 to support 10 NJTL Training Participants. The motion was approved.
10/7/2013	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p><b>October 7, 2013 – Passed.</b> That the following clarified the Super Series move up/move down policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the two players that lose/lose in the bottom 18s division draw are age eligible for the 14s division draw of the next Super Series, they may opt to either play in the top 14s division draw or they may re-enter the 18s division and are only eligible for selection into the bottom draw if there is an opening in the draw - they may not be selected based on their rating. Players that lose/lose in the bottom 18s division draw that are not age eligible for the 14s division draw may enter the 18s division of the next Super Series but may only be selected if there is an opening in the draw - they may not be selected based on their rating.</li> <li>2. The winners of the top 14s division draw must play in the bottom 18s division draw of the next Super Series they enter.</li> <li>3. Players that lose/lose in the bottom 14s division draw may enter the next Super Series but may only be selected for the bottom 14s division draw if there is an opening in the draw - they may not be selected based on their rating.</li> </ol> <p><u>Rationale:</u> When Junior Council passed the structure for 2014, it represented to the USTA NorCal Board that it deferred a decision related to whether players that win a lower bracket in a Super Series would earn a spot in the higher bracket based on their finish in the event for the next Super Series played and would submit a proposal for approval to the Board prior to 2014. The policy is intended to promote earned advancement from one flight to the next, creating incentives and excitement to participate beyond the reward ranking points.</p>
10/7/2013	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p><b>5. Super Series Doubles:</b> Passed</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That only singles events shall be held at the Super Series and that the entry fee shall be reduced from \$60 to \$55.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> The complexity of the move up/move down policy coupled with the difficulty in scheduling doubles when fewer than all players compete, pairing players within the same flights, and the Section struggling to find facilities to run the events due to the court requirements necessitated this vote by Council. While this eliminates doubles events from the Super Series events, Council has taken steps to promote doubles in 2014 by increasing the doubles percentage in the combined rankings and re-instating doubles seeding lists that will show doubles standings on at least a monthly basis.</p>

10/7/2013	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p><b>6. Super Series and Coed Round Robin Concurrent Entry Clarification:</b> Passed on October 7, 2013</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That an amendment to the concurrent entry policy for Super Series and Coed Round Robin Tournaments be approved (stricken through language is proposed to be deleted; underlined language is proposed to be added):</p> <p><b>Selection and Publication Policy: Concurrent Super Series/Coed Round Robin Tournaments (March, May, July, November).</b> Selection shall first be done by USTA NorCal staff for the Super Series <u>in descending division order (18s, followed by 14s). A player entered in both tournaments that is not accepted into the 18s Super Series shall be eligible for selection into the 14s Super Series.</u> A player entered in <del>both tournaments</del> <u>a Super Series and Coed Round Robin</u> that is not accepted into the Super Series shall be eligible for selection into the Coed Round Robin Tournament. A player may be an alternate for <del>both</del> <u>all</u> tournaments; however once a player accepts a position in a draw of one tournament that player may not subsequently withdraw from that tournament to play in the other. Doing so shall be considered a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> In August the Board approved Junior Council's proposal to permit players to enter concurrent Super Series/Coed Round Robins, but allow them to play in only one. At the time, it was contemplated that both the 18s and 14s division of the Super Series would be at one site, and therefore one tournament entry. Following a review of the sanction applications received for Super Series, it is possible that this won't happen. To facilitate entering both the 18s and 14s (as well as the Coed RRs), this amendment was approved to permit concurrent entry, but still permit a player to play in only one concurrent event.</p>
10/7/2013	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p><b>7. Coed Round Robin Doubles Requirement Clarification: Passed</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That players who compete in the Coed Round Robins shall be required to also play in doubles and shall play on a team with a partner within their draw. The Tournament Committee shall make the parings.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> By this resolution, Council clarified it's intent that all players competing in the Coed Round Robins shall also play doubles in the tournament.</p>
10/7/2013	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p><b>8. Endorsement Policy for USTA National Championships and Closed USTA Regional Tournaments: Passed by different votes - see dates below. A fully amended and restated Endorsement Policy for these tournaments is also provided.</b></p> <p><b>September 24, 2013 - Passed: RESOLVED:</b> That effective January 1, 2014, the endorsement policy for USTA National</p>

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Championships shall include a provision that exceptional players may be granted a waiver to appear within the NorCal quota as follows:

The purpose of the waiver is to place value on a player's entire body of results and not only those that count for USTA NorCal Junior Ranking. This will enable the waiver committee to take into account, on a case-by-case basis, participation in Adult, Professional, and ITF tournaments, as well as participation in another junior age division. The intent is for the waiver to be used sparingly and only after full consideration is given both to the waiver applicant and any players that will not be within the NorCal quota for a USTA National Championship if the waiver is granted. The proposed members of the waiver committee are the Manager of Player Development, Junior Competition Coordinator, and Chair of Junior Council.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That in order to be considered for a waiver, a player shall have played in at least one USTA NorCal tournament within the preceding 12-month period. Among the tournaments that may be considered are:

- any USTA NorCal-sanctioned tournament, regardless of division (age division, adult division, etc.)
- any team tournament on which a player is selected to represent NorCal (national team tournaments, Maze Cup, Pacific Cup, etc.)
- Gen Gap Tournament, and any other non-sanctioned tournament similar to this event
- ITA Summer Circuit tournament
- ProCircuit tournaments in NorCal
- ATP or WTA tournaments, including the qualifying, played in NorCal

This list is for informational purposes, is not intended to be an exhaustive list, and the waiver committee can consider any tournament played in NorCal as meeting this requirement.

**September 24, 2013 - Passed: RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2014, the maximum number of waivers that may be granted per age division for each USTA National Championship is one.

**September 24, 2013 - Passed: RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2014, the following players shall be included in the endorsement policy:

- **USTA National Clay Court Championships:** Winner of the immediately preceding Excellence Tournament of the division shall be placed within the USTA NorCal quota for the division, provided if the player remains age eligible for the division.
  - **The USTA National Championships (Hard Courts):** None (*note that the winner of the June Sectionals is automatically accepted by the USTA into this tournament provided the player remains age eligible for the division and enters the tournament.*)
  - **USTA National Winter Championships:** Winner of the September Sectional Championships of the division shall be placed within the USTA NorCal quota for the division, provided if
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the player remains age eligible for the division.

Rationale: The new national tournament structure drives play back to the Sections and leaves no pathway to acceptance into a USTA National Championship except through quota and wild cards. As a result Council felt it was important to create pathways within our endorsement system for exceptional players to gain access to the USTA National Championships. The amended and restated policy does this in two ways. First, it creates a waiver process by which an exceptional player can be endorsed within NorCal's quota based on their entire body of results, which may not include a majority of results in junior tournaments. Second, it allows for the winners of significant tournaments to be endorsed within NorCal's quota. This will provide reasonable access to exceptional players that may feel their development is better served by playing tournaments that do not count for NorCal junior ranking.

Note: A resolution was proposed and defeated on October 7th to endorse all remaining players using the National Standings Lists of the division.

### **Amended and Restated Endorsement into USTA National Championships and Closed USTA Regional Tournaments**

#### **USTA National Clay Court Championships:**

1. Winner of the immediately preceding Excellence Tournament of the division shall be placed within the USTA NorCal quota for the division, provided if the player remains age eligible for the division.
2. Up to 1 player per division may be granted a waiver to appear on the Endorsement List within the NorCal quota.
3. Remaining players shall be endorsed using most recently published Sectional Final Ranking List of the division.
4. Additional players may be granted waivers to appear on the bottom of the Endorsement List so that the player may be accepted into a USTA National Championship when remaining vacancies are filled with players from the National Standings List and the players for the qualifier (BG18 and 16 only) are selected.

#### **The USTA National Championships (Hard Courts):**

1. Up to 1 player per division may be granted a waiver to appear on the Endorsement List within the NorCal quota.
2. Remaining players shall be endorsed using most recently published Sectional Final Ranking List of the division.
3. Additional players may be granted waivers to appear on the bottom of the Endorsement List so that the player may be accepted into a USTA National Championship when remaining vacancies are filled with players from the National Standings List and the players for the qualifier (BG18 and 16 only) are selected.

*Note: The June Sectionals Champion gains automatic acceptance as part of the national selection process for the Hard Courts if the player remains age eligible and enters.*

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**USTA National Winter Championships:**

1. Winner of the September Sectional Championships of the division shall be placed within the USTA NorCal quota for the division, provided if the player remains age eligible for the division.
2. Up to 1 player per division may be granted a waiver to appear on the Endorsement List within the NorCal quota.
3. Remaining players shall be endorsed using most recently published Sectional Final Ranking List of the division.
4. Additional players may be granted a waiver to appear on the bottom of the Endorsement List so that the player may be accepted into a USTA National Championship when remaining vacancies are filled with players from the National Standings List.

**Closed USTA Regional Tournaments:**

1. Players shall be endorsed using most recently published Sectional Ranking List of the division.
2. Players may be granted waivers to appear on the bottom of the Endorsement List so that the player may be accepted into a Closed USTA Regional Tournament when remaining vacancies are filled with players from the National Standings List.

**Waivers to Appear Within Quota (USTA National Championships Only):**

The purpose of the waiver is to place value on a player's entire body of results and not only those that count for USTA NorCal Junior Ranking. This will enable the waiver committee to take into account, on a case-by-case basis, participation in Adult, Professional, and ITF tournaments, as well as participation in another junior age division. The intent is for the waiver to be used sparingly and only after full consideration is given both to the waiver applicant and any players that will not be within the NorCal quota if the waiver is granted. The proposed members of the waiver committee are the Manager of Player Development, Junior Competition Coordinator, and Chair of Junior Council.

Minimum Waiver Requirement: In order to be considered for a waiver, a player shall have played in at least one USTA NorCal tournament within the preceding 12-month period. Among the tournaments that may be considered are:

- any USTA NorCal-sanctioned tournament, regardless of division (age division, adult division, etc.)
- any team tournament on which a player is selected to represent NorCal (national team tournaments, Maze Cup, Pacific Cup, etc.)
- Gen Gap Tournament, and any other non-sanctioned tournament similar to this event
- ITA Summer Circuit tournament
- ProCircuit tournaments in NorCal
- ATP or WTA tournaments, including the qualifying, played in NorCal

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10/7/2013

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## 9. Ranking Tables: Passed

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2014, the ranking levels and ranking point tables shall be as set forth in Exhibit A.

Rationale: Council approved changes to the ranking point tables that it believed were necessitated by the new national structure, the new Super Series concurrent flight tournaments, the new consolation format that will be used in NorCal tournaments (FIC through the R16), and the need to award higher point values for national tournaments in the ranking system to facilitate a better ordering of players for seeding, selection and endorsement.

Significant changes include:

- assigning USTA National Championships the same point value as NorCal Sectionals;
- assigning other national tournaments points between Sectionals and Excellence point values;
- creating special tables for the Super Series concurrent flights
- changing Open tournaments from a per round point system to a flat number of points for each win to reduce the skewing of points when small draws are held.

Note: A resolution was proposed and defeated on October 7th to count all USTA NorCal Adult Open tournament with prize money of \$1,000 or more in the junior ranking system.

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9/24/2013

JUNIOR  
COUNCIL

## 1. Selection for Excellence Tournaments: Passed

**RESOLVED:** That beginning January 1, 2014, the selection for the Excellence Tournaments shall be as follows:

- 1. Ranking Lists:** Up to 20 players shall be selected from the most recently published Sectional Final Ranking Lists of the division, in the order in which their names appear on the list.
- 2. Ratings:** Up to 12 players shall be selected based on each player's most recent rating as follows: the players with the 12 highest ratings shall be selected, provided a player's rating is higher than the last player selected under step #1 above. In the event two players have the same rating, a tie shall be broken based on the players' rankings on the Sectional Final Ranking Lists used under step #1.
- 3. Vacancies and Alternates:** If vacancies remain, players shall be selected from the Sectional Final Ranking Lists used to select players under step #1 in the order in which their names appear on the list. Alternates shall also be ordered in the same manner. Any late entry shall be placed on the bottom of the alternate list regardless of ranking or rating.

Rationale: When Junior Council passed the structure for 2014, it represented to the USTA NorCal Board that it intends for the selection into Excellence Tournaments to be done using a combination of ratings and the USTA NorCal Ranking Lists. The result will permit younger-division players with high ratings to be accepted, as well as players of the division with high ratings and lower rankings. Council also advised the Board that intended to make a final decision on the numbers of players selected from

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each list after a more in-depth review of the ratings lists and will submit a proposal for approval to the Board prior to 2014. The ratio of 20 players from the ranking list to 12 players from ratings was agreed to after extensive debate and a detailed presentation from staff that this ratio will improve the competitiveness of the tournament if up to 20 players are selected from rankings and up to 12 from ratings.

Note: Two resolutions were proposed and defeated in advance of this approved resolution. The first had the rankings to ratings selection ratio at 16:16. The second had the ratio at 26:6.

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COUNCIL

**2. Doubles Percentage in Combined Ranking; Seeding of Singles and Doubles Events: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2014, Rule 7 of the USTA NorCal Points Per Round Ranking Rules be amended to increase the percentage of doubles points that are part of the ranking calculation from 15% to 20%. As amended, Rule 7 shall read as follows:

**7. Calculating Rankings.** Each player's combined ranking will be based on the accumulation of points for winning rounds at the player's six best singles and six best doubles Sectional Ranking Tournaments during the previous 12-month period as follows:

100% of the Ranking Points earned at 6 best singles Sectional Ranking Tournaments  
+ 20% of the Ranking Points earned at 6 best doubles Sectional Ranking Tournaments  
= Total Ranking Points

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That effective January 1, 2014, USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to specify that Singles Seeding Lists and Individual Doubles Seeding lists shall be used for seeding, that the lists shall be based on a player's best singles or doubles results in previous 12-month period, and that the Individual Doubles Seeding Lists shall be used for selection of doubles teams when the entry limit has been exceeded.

Rationale: This proposal is intended to promote doubles and place a greater value on doubles in our ranking system without sacrificing accuracy of singles and doubles seedings. It:

1. Increases the percentage of doubles points added to the ranking calculation, thereby placing more value on doubles play currently taking place and providing additional incentives to compete in doubles.
  2. Requires the publication of Singles Seeding Lists and Individual Doubles Seeding Lists to be used for seeding tournaments so that the seedings for singles are based only on singles results and seedings for doubles are based only on doubles results; and
  3. Uses the Individual Doubles Seeding Lists to select teams when more than the draw limit of entries is received.
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9/24/2013	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p><b>3. Super Series Ranking Level: Passed</b></p>
		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Super Series tournaments shall be considered the same Level tournament as an Excellence.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Following a review of the various tournaments that will count for ranking in the NorCal junior system, Council determined it would like to increase the value of points earned at Super Series to that of the Excellence tournaments.</p>
9/24/2013	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p><b>4. Super Series Move Up/Move Down: Passed on various dates - see dates below Passed:</b></p>
		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Super Series tournaments shall have the following move up/move down selection policy: In each of the Super Series compass draws of 8, two players win/win (finalists of East) and two players lose/lose (players in South draw).</p> <p><b>Win/Win Players:</b> Regardless of rating at the time of selection, the win/win players must play the next-higher flight in the next Super Series entered, except that if the win/win players in the top flight shall stay in the top flight.</p> <p><b>Lose/Lose Players:</b> Regardless of rating at the time of selection, the lose/lose players must play the next-lower flight in the next Super Series entered, except those players that lose/lose in the bottom flight. The bottom flight Lose/Lose Players shall not be accepted into the next Super Series they enter <i>unless</i> the draw is not filled without them.</p>
7/17/2013	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p><b>3. Clarification of Base Entry Fee Refunds: Passed</b></p>
		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That effective immediately, USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rule 24 shall be amended as set forth below (underlined language is proposed as new, stricken through language is proposed to be deleted), that a conforming change will be made to the USTA NorCal Sanction Rules to add the base fee requirement that tournaments pair players into teams when these players enter doubles without partners, and that such other conforming changes as may be necessary shall also be made to the USTA NorCal Sanction Rules:</p>
		<p><b>24.Entry Fees.</b></p>
		<p><b>A. Processing Fee May Not be Charged by Tournament Committee to Accept Entries.</b> <u>The Tournament Committees may not collect the Active.com fee when a player does not register online.</u></p>
		<p><b>B. Per Event and Base Fees.</b></p> <p><b>i. Per Event Fee.</b> <u>A per event fee is an entry fee charged for entering each event in a tournament. For example, if a player enters singles and doubles, one fee is charged for entering the singles event and one fee is charged for entering the doubles event. If a player only enters the singles, only the singles per event fee is charged. Per Event fees may be charged at Open</u></p>

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tournaments that only hold singles and at Challenger tournaments and will be charged when a tournament offers only singles or only doubles.

**ii. Base Fee.** A base fee is an entry fee charged for entering a tournament that offers multiple events to a player. A base fee can only be charged for a division when:

- multiple events are available to all players in the division,
- doubles events do not require a player to enter with a partner, and
- the tournament pairs players without partners into teams.

If draws are limited in singles, the doubles team draw limit may not be less than one-half of the singles draw limit. For example, if a tournament has Boys' 16 Open singles with a draw limit of 32, Boys' 16 Open doubles must also be offered and the doubles draw limit must be not less than 8.

When an alternate replaces a withdrawing player in one event in a base fee tournament, the alternate will be charged the entire base fee, regardless of whether the alternate is also playing another event because the alternate has the option to decline acceptance.

**BC. Refunds.** Pursuant to this section, when an entry fee refund is required the Tournament Committee shall refund a player's entire entry fee (minus shall not be obligated to refund the Tennis Link non-refundable registration fee).

**i. Withdrawals No Later than 7 Days Before Start of Tournament.**

**a. Per Event Fee.** if the entry is not accepted or if If a player withdraws from an event no later than seven days before the start date of the tournament, the player's entire per event entry fee shall be refunded (minus the Tennis Link non-refundable registration fee). No refund is required beginning 6 days before the start date of the tournament.

**b. Base Fee.** If a player withdraws from the tournament no later than seven days before the start date of the tournament, the player's base entry fee shall be refunded.

If a player has entered both singles and doubles and the player withdraws from the singles event no later than seven days before the start date of the tournament, 2/3 of the player's base entry fee shall be refunded.

If a player enters both singles and the player withdraws from the doubles event no later than seven days before the start date of the tournament, 1/3 of the player's entry fee shall be refunded.

No refund is required beginning 6 days before the start date of the tournament.

**ii. Entries Not Accepted.**

**a. Per Event Fee.** If a player is not accepted into an event when there is a per event fee, the player's

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entire entry fee for the event shall be refunded.

**b. Base Fee.** If a player's entry is not accepted in all events entered, the player's entire entry fee shall be refunded.

If a player enters both singles and doubles and the singles entry is not accepted, 2/3 of the player's entry fee shall be refunded.

If a player enters both singles and doubles and the doubles entry is not accepted, 1/3 of the player's entry fee shall be refunded.

At the June Sectional Championships at which a singles qualifier is held, a player is considered accepted into singles if the player is accepted into the singles qualifier.

**iii. Credits Not Permitted.** The Tournament Committee may not issue a credit for the entry fee in lieu of an entry fee refund.

**iv. Fees for Refunding Not Permitted; Administrative Fee for Full Rain Out Permitted.** The Tournament Committee shall not charge any fee (such as a processing, service, or handling fee) for refunding the entry fee. *However*, in the case where the tournament is rained out before a match is played, the tournament may withhold an administrative fee of \$2.00 per entry in the case of a tournament that charges a per-entry fee or a total of \$2.00 in the case of a tournament that charges a base fee.

**v. Partial Rain Out Policy.**

**a. When Per Event Fee Charged.** No refund of the per event fee will be required to be made to a player if that player ~~plays only~~ finishes one match in an event and then the tournament event is subsequently rained out.

**b. When Base Fee Charged.** No refund of the base fee will be required to be made to a player if that player finishes one match in all events in which their name appears in the draw and the event(s) are subsequently rained out.

If a player is in both the singles and doubles draws and the singles event is rained out before one match is finished, 2/3 of the player's entry fee shall be refunded.

If a player is in both the singles and doubles draws and the doubles event is rained out before one match is finished, 1/3 of the player's entry fee shall be refunded.

**GD. Nonpayment of Entry Fee.** The tournament may charge a collection fee for returned entry fee checks or nonpayment of outstanding fees at the tournament. Nonpayment of entry fees or cancellation of payment after the entry deadline will result in player suspension until such payment is received by the tournament.

Rationale: It has come to the attention of staff that there are often times that a player has entered a base fee tournament and intends

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on playing both singles and doubles, but an odd number of players enters doubles and a player is left without the opportunity to play doubles. Our rules currently state that if a player is not accepted into a tournament, they are entitled to an entry fee refund. In a per event fee scenario, the doubles fee is refunded, but there is no guidance on what happens when a base fee is charged. Additionally, there is no guidance on what happens if a base fee is charged and the singles or doubles event is rained out. To address these issues, has proposed this rule modification, effective immediately.

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**8. Selection and Publication Policy: Concurrent Super Series/Coed Round Robin Tournaments (March, May, July, November).** Selection shall first be done by USTA NorCal staff for the Super Series. A player entered in both tournaments that is not accepted into the Super Series shall be eligible for selection into the Coed Round Robin Tournament. A player may be an alternate for both tournaments; however once a player accepts a position in a draw of one tournament that player may not subsequently withdraw from that tournament to play in the other. Doing so shall be considered a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule.

Rationale: This resolution deals with the selection publication deadlines, doubles partner notifications and policies related to concurrent entry for the structure that will be implemented beginning January 1, 2014. Note that the Board was previously advised that proposals related to these issues would be considered later in the year. Council believes these policies are in the best interest of its players to facilitate choice and to optimize play. If approved by the Board, staff will put notes on the tournament home pages of all related tournaments regarding the new concurrent entry policies.

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**7. Selection Policy: Concurrent Championship Age Up Tournaments and Sectional Open Jamborees (January, July, December).** Selection shall first be done by USTA NorCal staff for the Championship Age Up Tournament. A player entered in both tournaments that is not accepted into the Championship Age Up Tournament shall be eligible for selection into the Sectional Open Jamboree. A player may be an alternate for both tournaments; however once a player accepts a position in a draw of one tournament that player may not subsequently withdraw from that tournament to play in the other. Doing so shall be considered a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule.

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COUNCIL

**6. Selection Policy: Concurrent Excellence and Championship Age Division Tournaments (March).** Selection shall first be done by USTA NorCal staff for the Excellence Tournament. A player entered in both tournaments that is not accepted into the Excellence shall be eligible for selection into the Championship Age Division Tournament. A player may be an alternate for both tournaments; however

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once a player accepts a position in a draw of one tournament that player may not subsequently withdraw from that tournament to play in the other. Doing so shall be considered a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule.

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**5. Exception to Entering a Concurrent Junior NorCal and National Tournament.** Entries for National tournaments close approximately 3 weeks and 1 day before the tournament starts.

A player that enters a National tournament that is concurrent with a NorCal tournament may not be entered in the NorCal tournament when entries close for the NorCal tournament if the player has been accepted into the National tournament. Players that are on the acceptance lists for both tournaments are in violation of the concurrent tournament rule and will be assessed 5 suspension points.

Players may remain on the list of accepted players for the NorCal tournament and on the alternate list for a National tournament, or on the alternate list of both tournaments; however once a player accepts a position in a draw of one tournament that player may not subsequently withdraw from that tournament to play in the other. Doing so shall be considered a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule.

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**4. Exception to Entering Concurrent USTA NorCal Junior Tournaments:** Concurrent entries shall be permitted, but playing in concurrent tournaments is not permitted under the following conditions:

- Concurrent entry is into one division of an Excellence Tournament and one division of a Championship Age Division Tournament. The entry into the Excellence Tournament may be in a younger division than the Championship Age Division Tournament.
- Concurrent entry is into one division of a Championship Age Up Tournament and one division of a Sectional Open Jamboree. The entry into the Championship Age Up Tournament may be in a younger division than the Sectional Open Jamboree.
- Concurrent entry is into Super Series and Coed Round Robin tournaments.

Once a player accepts a position in a draw of one tournament that player may not subsequently withdraw from that tournament to play in the other. Doing so shall be considered a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule.

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**3. Doubles Partner Notification Deadline:** No later than the end of the day on Monday prior to the Saturday start date of the tournament, any doubles team that has not previously entered as a team shall advise the Tournament Committee of the partnership.

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COUNCIL

**2. Singles Selection Publication Date - Championship Age Division Tournaments and Sectional Open Jamborees:** The singles selection lists for Section Open Jamborees shall be

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published no later than the Sunday prior to the start date of the tournament.

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7/17/2013

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COUNCIL

**2. Concurrent Tournament Entry, Selection and Publication Policies: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That beginning January 1, 2014, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall include the following provisions:

**1. Singles Selection Publication Date - Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, Championship Age Up Tournaments, Super Series, and Coed Round Robins:**

Unless delayed due to the availability of staff to make singles selections, the singles selection lists for Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, Championship Age Up Tournaments, Super Series, and Coed Round Robins, shall be published no later than the Friday following the Monday entry deadline. In the event of a delay, the publication date shall be published to the tournament website.

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7/17/2013

JUNIOR  
COUNCIL

**Super Series Entry Deadline: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That for consistency and to facilitate selection of players, beginning January 1, 2014, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall state that the entry deadline for all USTA NorCal Junior Super Series tournaments shall be two Mondays prior to the start date of the tournament.

Rationale: When Junior Council passed the structure for 2014, it inadvertently left out the Super Series tournaments from the list of tournaments that would have the mandatory entry deadline. This resolutions fixes that omission.

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4/3/2013

JUNIOR  
COUNCIL

**Re-Naming of USTA NorCal Girls' 18 Sportsmanship Award: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That the USTA NorCal Girls' 18 Sportsmanship Award shall be re-named and henceforth known as the Elena Cadet Sportsmanship Award.

**RESOLVED FUTHER:** That a one-time expense of \$150.00 (c. Junior Programs - 7055: Awards) shall be budgeted in 2013 to purchase a perpetual plaque to be annually engraved with the recipients' names and hung in the USTA NorCal office.

Rationale: In 2002 USTA NorCal named the Boys' 18 Sportsmanship Award after Daniel Scafidi. Daniel was an outstanding NorCal junior tennis player from Reno. In 2001, during his freshman year at St. Mary's College in Moraga where he was a member of the men's tennis team, Daniel was killed along with his younger brother in a car accident. In November 2009, NorCal lost another of its special young players, Elena Cadet, in a fatal car accident. Elena graduated from Monte Vista High School where she was a four-year varsity tennis player as well as captain of the team. She continued her love for tennis at UC Riverside. In

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addition to tennis, Elena had an amazing voice and loved singing, playing piano and guitar for all of her family and friends. Several Council members attested to Elena's exemplary character and following discussion, unanimously supported renaming the Girls' 18 Sportsmanship Award in her memory and requesting funding to purchase a perpetual plaque.

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3/6/2013

JUNIOR  
COUNCIL

**Support of National Junior Competition Proposals: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That the Junior Council endorses the proposed changes to the national junior competitive structure and recommends that USTA NorCal vote in favor of the proposals at the upcoming USTA Annual Meeting.

Rationale: Following a review by Junior Council of the proposed amendments, it concluded the changes were in the best interests of USTA NorCal junior players.

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10/3/2013

ROG  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

**ROG Coach Recognition Program**

The following motion was duly made and seconded:  
**RESOLVED**, that in the ROG Coach Recognition Program that it be added to Level 2 that a coach must have a team in a Regional Future Tennis Champions tournament to be considered Level 3. The motion was approved. **RATIONALE**, the committee wanted the Regional Future Tennis Champions tournaments to be a requirement of the program since this is one of our key ROG programs in Northern California.

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8/6/2013

ROG  
DEVELOPMENT

**(Email vote)**

**1. Junior Development Pathway Amendments**

The following motion was duly made and seconded:  
**RESOLVED**, that the following amendments in the attached graphic be made to the Junior Development Pathway. The motion was approved.

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7/18/2013

ROG  
DEVELOPMENT

**1. Junior Tournament Rule Amendments – Point Penalty Suspension System for Orange and Green Ball Tournaments**

The following motion was duly made and seconded:  
**RESOLVED**, that as of October 1, 2013 the Point Penalty Suspension System be used for Orange and Green Ball tournaments. The motion was approved. **RATIONALE**, the committee is aware of the potential repercussions of using the Point Penalty Suspension System for Orange and Green Ball tournaments for the players, but is also concerned that not having the system available for tournament directors to use could encourage inconsistencies about how sportsmanship issues are handled, as well as potential liability issues that may transpire from not having a plan of action in place in case an incident is to occur.

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6/6/2013

ROG  
DEVELOPMENT

**1. Junior Tournament Rule Amendments - Minimum**

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## Number of Players

The following motion was duly made and seconded:  
**RESOLVED**, effective as of January 1, 2014 that for Orange and Green tournaments there must be a minimum of four (4) players in order for the draw to be played. If the event has three (3) players or less then the event must be cancelled. The motion was approved. **RATIONALE**, since singles and doubles are required, and a base fee is used, the committee wants to ensure each player entered will get at least one singles and doubles match.

### 2. Junior Tournament Rule Amendments – Draw Formats

The following motion was duly made and seconded:  
**RESOLVED**, effective as of January 1, 2014 for Orange and Green tournament singles draws, if there are 4-5 players entered in a draw then a Round Robin Draw must be used. If there are 6 or more players in an event then Multiple Concurrent Round Robin Draws. The maximum amount of players per round robin Draw is 5. Playoff rounds may be added to tournaments format. If a tournament has a large number of entries, the tournament director may decide to run two separate events. If there are 8 or 16 players entered then a Compass Draw shall be used. The motion was approved. **RATIONALE**, one of the concerns of the committee was to ensure there was more consistency about how tournaments are being operated. If the draw formats are determined based on the amount of players entered, then tournament directors and players will have a better understanding of what to expect from each tournament.

### 3. Junior Tournament Rule Amendments – Concurrent Round Robin Draws

The following motion was duly made and seconded:  
**RESOLVED**, effective as of January 1, 2014 for Orange and Green tournaments, if Concurrent Round Robin Draws are used, then it is suggested that a minimum of two (2) courts be allocated for each draw. The motion was approved. **RATIONALE**, in order for a draw to be completed within the allowed timeframes, the committee felt it was necessary to have a minimum of two courts allocated per draw.

### 4. Junior Tournament Rule Amendments – Maximum Amount of Matches Played

The following motion was duly made and seconded:  
**RESOLVED**, that effective as of January 1, 2014 for Orange and Green tournaments, the maximum amount of singles matches a player can compete in one tournament is six (6) and the minimum amount is three (3). This also includes playoff rounds as part of the 6 maximum. The motion was approved.

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**RATIONALE**, the committee felt it was necessary to establish a minimum and a maximum number of matches played to ensure that the tournament director provided a quality tournament experience for the players.

### **5. Junior Tournament Rule Amendments – Doubles Requirements**

The following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED**, effective as of January 1, 2014 for Orange and Green tournaments, all doubles draws must not exceed one (1) hour. If a player does not compete in the doubles event then they will not be given credit in the Junior Development Pathway. The motion was approved. **RATIONALE**, since one of the main priorities of the committee is to promote doubles, they felt participation would be increased and encouraged if a time limit was met, as well as only giving credit to the players who played doubles to completion in the Junior Development Pathway.

### **6. Junior Tournament Rule Amendments – Doubles Scoring Format**

The following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED**, effective as of January 1, 2014 for Orange and Green tournaments, the scoring format for doubles is a 10 point match tiebreak. If the tournament has an odd number of entries – inter-changing partner’s format shall be used. The motion was approved. **RATIONALE**, the committee felt in order for a tournament director to be able to complete a tournament within the allotted timeframe (1 hour) that using match tie-breaks would allow a tournament director an adequate amount of time to complete the whole tournament.

### **7. Junior Development Pathway Amendments**

The following motion was duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED**, that the committee will amend the Junior Development Pathway to allow players to progress through the pathway by an accumulation of points based on availability of programs and/or player preference. Participation points can be earned by competing in the Play Days, Jr. Team Tennis, team tournaments, and tournaments. The motion was approved. **RATIONALE**, the committee was aware, and concerned, of the potential lack of programming within specific areas that would allow a player to progress through the Junior Development Pathway. The committee felt by going to a point system within each level, players would have the option to choose the programs they compete in to achieve their points.

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4/4/2013

ROG  
DEVELOPMENT

### **1. Junior Development Pathway – Transition Phase Amendment**

The following motion was duly made and seconded: **RESOLVED**,

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that the transition phase in the Junior Development Pathway to be amended to remove the clause for New and Returning players and to extend the deadline of when a player needs to determine their level to August 31, 2013. The motion was approved.

**RATIONALE**, from the feedback the committee and staff has received from parents, players, and coaches; they felt these amendments were necessary to ensure all players had ample time and flexibility to determine the best level for them.

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4/4/2013

ROG  
DEVELOPMENT

## **2. Junior Ranking Rules – Green Level Tournaments**

The following motion was duly made and seconded: **RESOLVED**, that there still be rankings for Green Level tournaments. The motion was approved.

**RATIONALE**, the committee felt that continuing the rankings for players competing in Green Level tournaments provided an educational opportunity for players to learn how the rankings operate since the next level of competition for them is played with a yellow ball.

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