

**USTA Northern California  
BOARD RESOLUTIONS  
12/13/2011**

DATE	COMMITTEE	ACTION
4/13/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	It was approved that starting in 2012 the 5.5 adult level will be called 5.5+ and that each team may register as many players as they wish at the above 5.5 level, but only two players can participate in each match.
2/9/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	It was approved that the working model for the 2013 calendar be patterned after the 2012 calendar, with no significant changes unless necessitated by rule or policy changes at the national level.
2/9/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	It was approved to adjust the upper limit of skill level for Combo 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5 to 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 respectively.
2/9/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	It was approved to drop rule 17b, which had allowed NTRP complaints against computer rated players in Combo and Fifty Mixed leagues.
2/9/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	It was approved to survey the Adult League captains to determine their attitude regarding Local League rule 38a:

*The decision to play either a full third set or a match tiebreak is made by the home team on each court, exploring the suggestion to return to the original policy of playing a Match Tie break in lieu of a full third set if any player on the court, either home or away, demanded it.*

12/2/2011	ADULT TOURNAMENT	<p><b>4. End of the Year Awards Criteria</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the Adult Tournament End of the Year Awards Criteria and agreed that certain criteria needed to be amended or clarified, including a tournament minimum to qualify for Player of the Year awards and clarification of the Tournament of the Year criteria.</p>
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Following discussion, on motion was duly made and seconded: **RESOLVED**, that effective immediately that following revised Year End Awards Criteria be approved.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Type of Award	Criteria	Process	Comments
NTRP Player of the Year	<p>*Awarded in each NTRP division</p> <p>* based on the most points earned during Grand Prix season</p> <p>* players must play the minimum number of tournaments to qualify for the Grand Prix to be eligible except that players must play at least two tournaments during the Grand Prix Season</p> <p>* recipient cannot have been serving all or part of a 3 month or more probation or suspension within the last 12 months</p>	<p>* check point tables</p> <p>* consult Grievance Committee re probation/suspension info</p>	

Senior Player of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Awarded in each age category (singles, doubles, mixed; men/women)</li> <li>* players must play a minimum of two tournaments during the season.</li> <li>* based on year end final rankings</li> <li>* recipient cannot have been serving all or part of a 3 month or more probation or suspension within the last 12 months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* check point tables</li> <li>* consult Grievance Committee re probation/suspension info</li> </ul>	
Open Player of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Awarded in each category (singles, doubles, mixed; men/women)</li> <li>* based on year end final rankings</li> <li>* players must play a minimum of two tournaments during the season</li> <li>* recipient cannot have been serving all or part of a 3 month or more probation or suspension within the last 12 months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* check point tables</li> <li>* consult Grievance Committee re probation/suspension info</li> </ul>	
Peter Sharkey Award (Senior)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* must be a male, 55 and over, and have never won a NorCal singles tournament before</li> <li>* There must have been at least 5 players in the tournament event and you must apply for the award by the end of the tournament season.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* check tournament information</li> <li>* amount of award is dependent on amount in the account/number of recipients</li> </ul>	Since the NCSTA no longer exists, can we remove this criteria without "violating" the terms of the award
Tournament Director of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* tournament cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* cannot receive the award 2 years in a row</li> <li>* Member organization must host a minimum of 2 tournaments with the highest player evaluation rating</li> <li>* must average 15% player evaluation submission level for total tournaments run</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* ATC Committee vote</li> </ul>	
Outstanding NTRP Tournament of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* tournament cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* tournament cannot win the award 2 years in a row</li> <li>* highest player evaluation rating to be eligible</li> <li>* must meet 15% player evaluation submission level by players who played the NTRP tournament</li> <li>* pre and post tournament reports must be submitted timely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* ATC Committee vote</li> </ul>	
Outstanding Senior Tournament of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* tournament cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* tournament cannot win the award 2 years in a row</li> <li>* highest player evaluation rating to be eligible</li> <li>* must meet 15% player evaluation submission level by players who played the Senior tournament</li> <li>* pre and post tournament reports must be submitted timely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* ATC Committee vote</li> </ul>	

Outstanding Open Tournament of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* tournament cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* tournament cannot win the award 2 years in a row</li> <li>* highest player evaluation rating to be eligible</li> <li>* must meet 15% player evaluation submission level by players who played the Open tournament</li> <li>* pre and post tournament reports must be submitted timely</li> </ul>	* ATC Committee vote	
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Outstanding Senior Tournament of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* tournament cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* tournament cannot win the award 2 years in a row</li> <li>* highest player evaluation rating to be eligible</li> <li>* must meet 15% player evaluation submission level by players who played the Senior tournament</li> <li>* pre and post tournament reports must be submitted timely</li> </ul>	* ATC Committee vote	
Outstanding Open Tournament of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* tournament cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* tournament cannot win the award 2 years in a row</li> <li>* highest player evaluation rating to be eligible</li> <li>* must meet 15% player evaluation submission level by players who played the Open tournament</li> <li>* pre and post tournament reports must be submitted timely</li> </ul>	* ATC Committee vote	
Tournament Referee of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* tournament cannot be on probation/suspension</li> <li>* cannot win the award 2 years in a row</li> <li>* to be eligible, referee must have worked at least 2 tournaments</li> <li>* tournament standing may be considered in the decision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* confirm with Bard Rickey that referee is in "good standing"</li> <li>* ATC Committee Vote</li> </ul>	
Volunteers of the Year	* outstanding service in promoting adult tennis within NorCal		Staff makes the recommendations; if ATC wants to also make suggestions, we should develop a process
Sportsmanship	* recipient(s) cannot have been on probation or Suspension	* consult Grievance Committee re probation/ suspension info	This will need to wait until we can determine the best way to receive nominations. At a minimum, we should make sure something is on the Tournament Director report to suggest players exhibiting good sportsmanship.

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### 3. NTRP Ratings

The Committee discussed the situation when a player's rating on the NorCal player profile page was different than what was in Tennislink.

Following discussion, on motion was duly made and seconded:

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**RESOLVED**, that effective immediately when a player's rating on the USTA NorCal player profile page is different than what is in Tennislink, NorCal will default to the Tennislink rating - underlined language is proposed to be new; stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted: (It may help to have this as an attachment.)

27. **NTRP Ratings.**

a. NTRP Rating Required for NTRP Tournaments. A player participating in a USTA NorCal sanctioned NTRP tournament must have an NTRP rating. Players that do not have a computer-generated NTRP rating must self-rate before entering.

b. Notice to Player in Violation of NTRP Rating Requirement. If it is discovered that a player is in violation of the NTRP rating requirement, the player will be notified in writing by USTA NorCal. Any player who has been notified that he/she does not have a valid USTA rating must self-rate prior to registering in a USTA NorCal NTRP tournament. A player violating this rule will receive an automatic 30 day suspension and any points earned from that tournament toward the Grand Prix points race, seeding/tentative/final rankings lists will be removed.

c. ~~Players May Not Play Below their NTRP Rating.~~ Players may not enter and play below their NTRP Rating. Any player who plays an NTRP tournament below their NTRP rating level:

- ~~will receive~~ be levied 10 suspension points in the NorCal Penalty Suspension System, and
- any points earned for the tournament that appear on the Grand Prix Points Race List will be removed. ~~and~~

~~Referees are encouraged to default such a player for unsportsmanlike conduct if it is discovered after the draw has been made. This rule only allows a Referee~~ may only the right to default a player who has an NTRP rating higher than the level that they signed up for entered and/or played. A Referee may not default a player they "believe" is playing out of level.

Note: USTA NorCal republishes each player's NTRP ratings on the NorCal website; however, the official NTRP ratings are published in each player's profile on USTA.com In the event a player's NTRP rating on the NorCal website differs from the rating published on the USTA player profile, the NTRP rating in the USTA player profile shall be the official NTRP rating. Direct questions about ratings should be directed to the Adult Tournament Coordinator.

d. NTRP Self-Rate Grievance.

i. Persons Who May File a Grievance. A Tournament Director, Referee, or player participating in a tournament may file a self-rating grievance. There is no requirement for the player to have played the person that he is filing against. A self-rating grievance can be filed at any time, but only grievances filed up on or before July 31 may impact the Grand Prix for that year. A member of the NorCal staff may file a self-rating grievance at any time with no restriction; staff generated grievances after July 31 may affect the Grand Prix after approval of the ATC.

ii. Grievance Form. The following information is required:

- name of person filing grievance;
  - name of person whom the grievance is being filed against;
  - specific and tangible information regarding the player's tennis
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history and information that substantiates the claim that the player has misrepresented their skill level by self-rating too low;

- person filing grievance must specifically ask the USTA NorCal office to forward the grievance to player.

There is a \$25.00 fee, per person, for filing a Self Rate Grievance. This fee will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The fee should be submitted by check made payable to USTA NorCal, at the time the grievance is filed. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in this Complaint being dismissed.

iii. Procedure for Filing Grievance. Email your grievance to wilson@norcal.usta.com and concurrently mail the filing fee to USTA NorCal, 1920 North Loop Road, Alameda, 94502). If you do not have access to email to file a grievance, you may hand write the grievance, following the requirements and directions given above, and fax it to (510) 748-7377, ATTN: NTRP Tournament Self-Rate Grievance.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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## 2. Seeding

The Committee discussed adding a rule that allows the Committee to waive the seeding rule in special circumstances to help promote tournament play. For example, this year an organization in Fresno wanted to host a dual sanctioned tournament sanctioned by NorCal and the Fresno Tennis Association in an attempt to promote adult tournament play and more USTA memberships. In that attempt the organization applying for the tournament wanted to be fair to USTA players and Fresno players and wanted to use an all factors method.

Following discussion, on motion was duly made and seconded: **RESOLVED**, that effective immediately Rule 7e shall be added to the Adult Tournament Rules.

Rule 7.e shall read as follows:

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

e. Waiver. A Tournament Committee may request a waiver to the seeding rule guidelines set forth in Rule 7.a. or the procedures set forth in Rule 7.b., c., or d if a request is made in writing to the Adult Tournament Coordinator no later than 60 days before entries open and includes a rationale for the request and a proposed alternate method of seeding. The Adult Tournament Coordinator in consultation with the Chair of the Adult Tournament Committee shall approve or deny the waiver request. If a waiver request is approved, the Tournament Committee shall post the approved alternate method of seeding to the tournament website no later than the date entries open. Failure to timely post the alternate method shall result in an automatic reversal of the approved waiver.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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## 1. List of 2012 Men's and Women's Open Tournaments to count in the National Top 500 Ranking list

**The following motion was duly made and seconded:**  
**RESOLVED**, that the following 2012 Men's and Women's Open

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Tournaments will be submitted to National to count in the National Top 500 Ranking list. Each section is allow to submit up to 4 Men's and 4 Women's Open Tournaments to count for this ranking list. If for some reason one of the submitted tournaments is cancelled, the next alternate tournament will be submitted to National. The motion was unanimously approved.

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11/14/2011 ADULT TOURNAMENT

**TOY/Grand Slam Designation Criteria Update**

The following motion was approved: **Resolved** that the criteria for the NTRP Grand Slam Tournament Designations and NTRP Tournament of the Year Designations in the attached document be approved.

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4/19/2011 ADULT TOURNAMENT

**Ranking & Grand Prix Points Race Periods.**

*C. Adult, Senior, Family, and NTRP Grand Prix Points Race Period.* The ~~Adult, Senior, Family and NTRP Grand Prix Points Race Period~~ shall begin with the first tournament after the Grand Prix Tournament through tournaments that finish prior to the end of the following September. The Adult and Senior Grand Prix Points Race Period shall begin with the first tournament after the Grand Prix Tournament through tournaments that finish 7 days prior to the start of the Adult and Senior Grand Pre Tournament(s). The Grand Prix Tournament shall not be part of the Grand Prix Points Race Period. Results from any other tournament that is completed after the end of the Grand Prix Points Race Period shall count toward the following year's Adult, Senior, Family and NTRP Grand Prix Points Race.

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4/19/2011 ADULT TOURNAMENT

**Amendment to the Ranking and Grand Prix Points Race Periods**

RESOLVED: That, effective immediately, Rule 3.C. of the USTA NorCal Adult, Senior, Family, NTRP & Wheelchair Points Per Round Ranking and Grand Prix Points Race Rules be amended to:

- make the Adult and Senior Grand Prix Points Race Period begin with the first tournament after the Grand Prix Tournament through tournaments that finish 7 days before the start of the Adult and Senior Grand Prix Tournament(s); and
- allow any tournament that finishes after the end of the Grand Prix Points Race period to count toward the following year's Adult, Senior, Family, and NTRP Grand Points Race Periods.

As amended, Rule 3.C. shall appear as follows (stricken through language is proposed to be deleted, underlined language is proposed to be added):

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4/19/2011 ADULT TOURNAMENT

RESOLVED, that the one day tournament plan shown below be approved effective immediately. Approved the one day tournament plan shown below:

One Day Tournament Plan

Maximum Draw Limit: 16

16 Player Event

Draw Format: 16 Compass Draw

Matches: Players will be guaranteed 4 matches

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Match Format: 2 short sets and a 10 point match tie-break to decide the match. A short set is first player to 4 with a tiebreak at 4 games all.

If an event only has 6-8 players

Draw Format: First Round Loser Consolation with a playoff for top 8.

Matches: Players will get 2 or 3 matches.

Match Format: 2 short sets and a 10 point match tie-break to decide the match. A short set is first player to 4 with a tiebreak at 4 games all.

If an event has 5 or Less Players

Draw Format: Round Robin

Round robin with 5 players will have 5 rounds but everyone will only play 4 matches.

Match Format: 2 short sets and a 10 point match tie-break to decide the match. A short set is first player to 4 with a tiebreak at 4 games all.

All Players would get ranking points according to ranking system that is already in place.

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2/24/2011	ADULT TOURNAMENT	<p>The following tournaments have been approved by the Adult Tournament Committee to be submitted to National to count towards the National Top 500 Ranking List for 2011. This motion was approved by email.</p> <p>Women:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Stead/Moraga</li><li>2. Cal Open/Seascape</li><li>3. Mountain View</li><li>4. Modesto</li></ol> <p>Men:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Stead/Moraga Open</li><li>2. SAP Pre Qualifying</li><li>3. CVAC NorCal Grand Prix</li><li>4. Bay Counties</li></ol>
12/14/2011	BOARD	<p>The Board meeting continued with an extensive discussion concerning the reduction in the number of junior tournaments for 2012 and the sanction approval process. After discussion, the Board agreed to rescind the Executive Committee decision approved in May 2011 concerning item #2 entitled "Sanction Approvals Made by Sanction &amp; Schedule Committee, Subject to Appeal to Board" and to now require the Sanction &amp; Scheduling Committee to submit all meeting minutes and decisions to the Board going forward for consideration and action.</p>
8/17/2017	BOARD	<p>USTA NorCal Treasurer, gave a report covering USTA NorCal's financial status, and reviewed financial reports in the Board package.</p> <p>Motion passed to ratify a budget increase request in the Adult</p>

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Tournament budget by the Adult Tournament Committee of \$2,300 for the North-South Senior Cup event in 2011.

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8/17/2011 BOARD Statement of Action Item: To reinforce doubles as a Level One Priority in NorCal by approving the following actions. This Action Item is intended, if approved, to become effective January 1, 2012 and may be bifurcated [*the action item was bifurcated*]:

- Mandate one entry fee (including the Tennis Link fee) for both singles and doubles for all Junior OPEN level tournaments that hold both singles and doubles and require that Junior OPEN level tournaments that charge one entry fee promote doubles. [Clarified Language: *Mandate a Base Fee (including the Tennis Link fee) for entering both singles and doubles for all Junior OPEN level tournaments when both singles and doubles events are offered and require that Junior OPEN level tournaments that charge a base fee actively promote doubles.*]
- Establish "college scoring" eight game pro sets as the required format for all doubles matches played at the Junior OPEN, Challenger, and Novice level in NorCal.
- Recommend doubles be scheduled as early as possible at ALL NorCal junior tournaments.

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6/15/2011 BOARD The Executive Director and Legal Counsel announced the results of the vote. The amended NorCal Bylaws were approved by a vote of 8,000 votes FOR and 2,800 votes AGAINST.

Voting Numbers: Executive Director announced the quorum and vote numbers. There were 17,945 total possible votes. 10,950 votes were delivered via proxies, and 10,800 of those votes were available to be voted due to the presence of their proxy holders at this meeting. A quorum was reached by surpassing 8,974 votes needed for a quorum. The voting procedures for a change in the Bylaws require a 2/3rds majority vote, which equaled 7,200 votes of the votes possible.

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5/18/2011 BOARD The Chair reviewed the progress and process the Constitution and Rules Committee took towards preparing proposed changes to the NorCal By-Laws. There were two teleconferences, held prior to this Board meeting, wherein many of the Board members were able to participate and discuss the proposed changes.

The Board of Directors recommended their support of the proposed modified Bylaws attached, in their entirety, including the following amendments.

Amendments included:  
Motion passed: Schools, colleges, or universities that do not have permanent tennis courts will receive (1) vote. All schools, colleges and universities that have permanent court(s) will receive 25 votes.

Motion passed: An officer of the Board of USTA NorCal may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board membership (for clarification, only, this means the entire Board, not a quorum of those present).

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Motion passed: The Immediate Past President will be limited to one 2-year term.

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3/23/2011	BOARD	USTA Norcal Player Development Director discussed a 10 & Under USTA National 'Matching Funds' program proposal. USTA Norcal costs in 2011 are \$50,000, \$18,750 in 2012, and \$9,375 in 2013. Also discussed progress in general for Norcal's 10 & Under Initiative. Approved motion unanimously the budget modification for funding of the '10 & Under Matching Funds' proposal of \$50,000 in 2011, \$18,750 in 2012, and \$9,375 in 2013.
2/2/2011	DIVERSITY	Resolved: To sponsor a Winter Camp in San Francisco in the amount of \$2000.
1/22/2011	DIVERSITY	Resolved, to support the participation of the Gilroy Garlic Festival with up to \$1000 worth of collateral and giveaways.
1/22/2011	DIVERSITY	Resolved to sponsor a table at the 2011 ACES in the amount of \$500.
1/22/2011	DIVERSITY	Resolved, to sponsor a table in the amount of \$1250 at the African American Sports Hall of Fame.
11/16/2011	JUNIOR TENNIS COUNCIL	<p><b>9. Combining Events: Passed</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That effective January 1, 2012, Rule 9.A.iv. of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall be deleted in its entirety and the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to include the following new rule on combining age divisions and levels when there are three (3) or fewer entries:</p> <p><b>Combining Events When There are Three (3) or Fewer Entries.</b> Events that receive three (3) or fewer entries may be combined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• any age division in a tournament level may be combined with the <u>next-higher age division</u> in a tournament level (for example, a Novice 12s may be combined with a Novice 14s, but not with a Novice 16s); and</li><li>• any age division in a tournament level may be combined with the <u>same age division in the next-higher level</u> (for example, a Novice 12s may be combined with a Challenger 12s, but not with a Challenger 14s and not with a higher level such as an Open 12s),</li></ul> <p><i>provided that</i> the Tournament Director shall notify the players involved by email or telephone message immediately after entries close. Players shall accept or decline to compete in the next-higher age division or level. Players declining may withdraw from the event or the tournament without penalty and are entitled to an entry fee refund, if applicable.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Council reviewed Novice tournament rule that allows a division that receives three or fewer entries to be combined with the next-higher age division, provided players are contacted and agree, otherwise they are withdrawn without penalty and receive a refund and determined this policy should apply to all levels and also when two levels are combined.</p>

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11/16/2011

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**8. Change to Tournament Scheduling Guidelines and Requirements: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2012, Rule 18 of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to:

- change the guideline for the latest start time in the 18 and 16 divisions from 10:00 pm to 8:00 pm;
- change the guideline for the latest start time in the younger divisions from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm;
- make mandatory the USTA Regulation that recommends 12 hours rest between the completion of the last match of a day and the start of play of the first match the following day.

As amended, Rule 18 will read as follows - new language is underlined, deleted language is stricken through:

**18. Tournament Scheduling.**

~~**A. Latest Start Time in 14, 12, 10 and 8 Divisions.** No match should start nor suspended match be resumed after 8:00 pm. Tournament Committees should use their best efforts not to begin matches after 6:00 PM on school nights.~~

~~**B. Latest Start Time in 18 and 16 Divisions.** No match should start nor suspended match be resumed after 10:00 pm. Tournament Committees should use their best efforts not to begin matches after 6:00 PM on school nights.~~

**A. Latest Start Time.** No match should start nor suspended match be resumed:

- after 8:00 pm in the 18 and 16 divisions; and
- after 7:00 pm in all other junior divisions,

except that no match should start nor suspended match be resumed after 6:00 pm on school nights.

**B. 12-Hour Overnight Rule.** All players shall be given at least 12 hours of rest between the completion of their last match of any day and the start of play of their first match of the following day.

**C. Maximum Number of Matches in a Day – All Divisions.** The scheduling guidelines for junior divisions in USTA Regulation II.D.12. shall be mandatory for all junior tournaments. Matches played in the 10s and 8s divisions shall follow the scheduling guidelines in USTA Regulation II.D.12. for the 12s divisions.

Rationale: In response to a reported concern that the tournament scheduling guidelines are often not followed because they only suggest scheduling parameters and do not require them, Council reviewed Rule 18 that sets forth the tournament scheduling rules and determined the proposed new scheduling guidelines and requirements were needed to best serve the junior players.

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11/16/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
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**7. Clarification of Concurrent Tournament Rule: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2012, the Concurrent Tournament Rule in the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to include the new underscored language as follows:

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**5. Concurrent Tournaments.** When entries close, a player shall not be entered in two or more sanctioned tournaments if any parts of the tournaments overlap, unless each Tournament Committee involved understands the situation and concurs in writing. 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. Players who enter a tournament and play it to completion, may then enter another tournament with overlapping dates without permission. A player who is on the alternate list in one tournament is not considered in violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule if they enter another concurrent tournament.

Rationale: Several circumstances have taken place this year related to a player that appears on an alternate list of an Excellence Tournament, but has decided to enter and play another tournament. Referees have been inclined to penalize these players under the Concurrent Tournament Rule because they have entered two concurrent tournaments without permission, when the reality is the player just wants the opportunity to play and does not believe they will get into the Excellence. Council determined the proposed change to the rule will clarify how the Concurrent Tournament Rule is to be enforced.

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11/16/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
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**6. Selection for Challenger and Novice Tournament Doubles Events: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2012, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to include the following rules on selecting doubles teams for Challenger and Novice Tournaments with limited draw sizes:

**Selection of Doubles Teams for Challenger and Novice Tournaments with Limited Draw Sizes.** The Tournament Committee shall accept doubles teams into the doubles event in the following order:

1. Teams comprising two players in the singles draw shall be accepted.
2. Teams comprising one player in the singles draw and one alternate not in the singles draw.
3. Teams comprising two players not in the singles draw.
4. If more than the maximum number of entries is received, selection order is based:

- first on, lowest combined standings; and
- second, lowest combined doubles ranking points,

*except* that no team comprised of a Late Applicant shall be selected before a team comprised of timely applicants.

Tournaments are NOT authorized to expand the draw size in order to accommodate teams.

For the purpose of determining selection of teams, below is the process of calculating combined standings and combined ranking points:

- A team's combined standing is determined as follows: Player A holds the #200 standing and Player B holds the #201 standing. The Team of A&B would have the combined standing of 402.
  - Combined Doubles Ranking Points are determined as follows: Player A has 25 doubles ranking points and Player B has 10
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doubles ranking points. The Team of AB would have combined doubles ranking points of 35.

Rationale: Similar to the issue of accepting teams for the Sectionals, Excellence and Opens with limited draw sizes, there may be circumstances in which Tournament Committees may need to limit their draw sizes at Challenger and Novice. The process proposed for the Challenger and Novice tournaments, however, needs to be different from the Sectionals, Excellence and Opens, because players in singles for these tournaments are selected in reverse list order. In the event doubles entries exceed the number of spots available, Council determined the proposed procedure for accepting teams is needed.

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**5. Selection for Sectional Championships, Excellence, and Open Tournament Doubles Events: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2012, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to include the following rules on selecting doubles teams for Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, and Open Tournaments with limited draw sizes:

**Selection of Doubles Teams for Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, and Open Tournaments with Limited Draw Sizes.** The Tournament Committee shall accept doubles teams into the doubles event in the following order:

1. Teams comprising two players in the singles draw shall be accepted.
2. Teams comprising one player in the singles draw and one alternate not in the singles draw.
3. Teams comprising two players not in the singles draw.
4. If more than the maximum number of entries is received, selection order is based:
  - first on, highest combined standings; and
  - second, highest combined doubles ranking points,

*except* that no team comprised of a Late Applicant shall be selected before a team comprised of timely applicants.

Tournaments are NOT authorized to expand the draw size in order to accommodate teams.

For the purpose of determining selection of teams, below is the process of calculating combined standings and combined ranking points:

- A team's combined standing is determined as follows: Player A holds the #200 standing and Player B holds the #201 standing. The Team of A&B would have the combined standing of 402.
- Combined Doubles Ranking Points are determined as follows: Player A has 25 doubles ranking points and Player B has 10 doubles ranking points. The Team of AB would have combined doubles ranking points of 35.

Rationale: Beginning in 2012, the Sectional Championships will join the Excellence tournaments as the two tournaments that have limited draw sizes. There may be other circumstances in which Tournament Committees may need to limit their draw sizes. For example, we have many one-weekend Open tournaments that may need to plan ahead an limit draw sizes to complete the events in 2-3 days. NorCal is also beginning a combined ranking that is

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anticipated to increase the demand for doubles. In the event doubles entries exceed the number of spots available, Council determined the proposed procedure for accepting teams, which is based on the process used to select doubles teams for the USTA National Championships, is needed.

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**4. Selection of Sectional Championship Qualifiers: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That the following Open tournaments be designated at the qualifiers for the 2012 Sectional Championships:

- Future Stars 2000's Sacramento Junior Open - Sacramento - June 2-3 (ID #508362912)
- Sylvano Tennis Association Junior Open - Santa Clara - June 2-3 (ID #500020212)

Rationale: Beginning in 2012, the Sectional Championships will have two Open tournaments at which the top 4 finishers in the singles qualify for acceptance into each division, provided the finishers submit timely entries. Annually, Junior Council must designate the Open tournaments that will be the qualifiers. In 2012, Sectionals will be held June 9-10 and 16-18. Following a review of the Open tournaments held in date blocks leading up to Sectionals, Council chose these two tournaments to be the qualifiers.

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**3. National Tournaments That Count for USTA NorCal Ranking:  
Passed 6-0**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2012, the following tournaments be awarded NorCal ranking points as set forth below:

- All USTA National Championships: wins earn NorCal round and bonus points equivalent to USTA NorCal Excellence Tournaments
- All USTA National Opens, USTA Regional Tournaments, USTA International Tournaments, and ITF Tournaments held in the United States: wins earn NorCal round and bonus points equivalent to USTA NorCal Championship Tournaments

Rationale: The Council reviewed the ranking point tables that currently award points for wins in the USTA National Team Tournaments (Zonals, Intersectionals and National Team). Awarding points was done to encourage participation in these events, assign ranking value on representing USTA NorCal nationally, and improve accuracy of rankings. NorCal rankings also award points for results in tournaments on the National Junior Tournament Schedule that are designated as Level 2 or 3 and that take place in NorCal (USTA National Opens, USTA Regional Tournaments, and ITF tournaments). Awarding sectional ranking points to these national tournaments was done to promote NorCal juniors competing in these tournaments.

Council questioned the logic to limiting points to only certain USTA National Opens and USTA Regional Tournaments and determined the accuracy of rankings and seeding would be improved if all of the national tournaments would count toward NorCal rankings.

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**2. Change to USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Bonus Points:  
Passed 6-0**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2012, the Bonus Point table used in the NorCal junior points per round ranking system for wins against top players shall be as follows:

<b>NorCal Ranking of Player Defeated</b> <i>(based on Bonus Point List)</i>	<b>Bonus Points Earned For Win</b>
Top 10	75
#11 through #20	50

Rationale: Bonus Points became part of the NorCal junior ranking system whereby players earned extra ranking points when they defeated a player ranked in the top 100. The bonus point table adopted mirrored the national ranking system. The rationale was to encourage play, facilitate the aging up process, and create better ranking accuracy.

Since implementation, there has been feedback from Council Members, parents, players, and staff. Council concluded that wins against players so far down the list shouldn't earn Bonus Points. For example, a player in the top 10 shouldn't earn points for beating a player so far below them on the ranking list. Nationally, the top 100 players are spread across the country and the frequency with which those player play against each other is much less than in NorCal where the top 100 players are competing against each other all of the time.

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**1. USTA NorCal Year-End Masters: Passed 6-0**

**RESOLVED:** That a new USTA NorCal Year-End Masters be approved, which shall be organized by USTA NorCal staff, shall first be held in December 2012, and shall be as fully described in Exhibit A to these minutes.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a budget request for the USTA NorCal Year-End masters be made as set forth below:

USTA NorCal Year-End Masters	Budget Amount	Budget Category & Explanation
Food (\$125/day – 2 days)	\$250	e. Tournaments 6370.10 (Meals - In Section)
Awards for 1st-4th Place in all Divisions (32 place finishers x \$40/trophy)	\$1,280	e. Tournaments 7055 (Awards)
Court Fees (\$500/day – 2 days)	\$1,000	e. Tournaments 7085 (Court Fees/Expenses)
Balls (\$75/box – 5 boxes) - 120 Total Matches 96 Preliminary RR Matches; 8 Championship Matches; 8 3rd/4th Place Playoff Matches; 8 Mixed Doubles Matches	\$375	e. Tournaments 7090 (Events)
Officials (\$125/official – 2 officials)	\$250	e. Tournaments 6660 (Umpires & Referees)
T-Shirts/Sweatshirts (similar to Herb Cup)	\$2,000	e. Tournaments 7100 (T/Sweatshirts)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,515</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> (64 players x \$30 entry fee)	<b>\$1,920</b>	e. Tournaments 5000.10 (Entry/Registration Fees)
<b>NET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$3,235</b>	

**EXHIBIT A: USTA NorCal Year-End Masters****Competition Overview**

Annually, USTA NorCal shall organize a year-end singles-only competition for the top eight (8) USTA NorCal players. It shall be held each year after the conclusion of the last Championship Tournament and as a preparation tournament for the USTA National Winter Championships. In 2012, the sanction dates shall be December 8-9, with the following weekend 15-16 used in the case of rain. The entry fee shall be \$30 per player.

**Selection of Players and Seeding**

Only those players who have not received a default for misconduct or under the Point Penalty System between January 1 and the time of selection shall be eligible.

The top eight (8) eligible players on the most recently published NorCal Final Ranking List in the boys' and girls' 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions shall be selected. Selection shall be done following the conclusion of the last USTA NorCal Championship Tournament of the calendar year. The next highest eligible player on the most recently published NorCal Final Ranking List shall be designated as the alternate and shall replace any player who withdraws or who is defaulted. Seeding shall be based on the Ranking List used to select players. In the event there is a tie between two players under consideration for selection or for the purposes of determining the seeds, a coin toss shall determine selection and seeding.

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## **Competition Format - Round Robin with Playoffs of Ordered Finishers from Each Flight**

Preliminary Rounds: The preliminary rounds shall be played using a Round Robin format. The players in each division shall be divided into two flights of four players each. The 1st seed shall be placed in one flight and the 2nd seed shall be placed in other flight. The 3rd and 4th seeded players shall be drawn to separate flights. The 5th and 6th seeded players shall be drawn to separate flights. The 7th and 8th seeded players shall be drawn to separate flights.

Treatment of Defaults, Withdrawals, Walkovers and Retirements: A player is credited with a win when there is a default, retirement, withdrawal or walkover of the opponent (unless an alternate takes the place of a player - see below). A player who is defaulted for any reason other than lateness shall not play in subsequent matches and may not be declared the winner of the round robin. A player who is defaulted, retires, or creates a walkover shall finish lower than every other player who has an identical match record.

Substitution of a Player with an Alternate: During the preliminary rounds, a player that withdraws or is defaulted for any reason other than lateness, whether it is before the first match or a subsequent match in the preliminary rounds, shall be replaced with an alternate, if an alternate is available.

Determining Top Finishers: After completion of the preliminary rounds (whereby each player plays every other player in the flight - 3 rounds per player), the top finishers shall be determined as described in the USTA Regulations (USTA Regulation II.B.6.c. and d.).

Championship Match: The top finisher in each of the two flights shall play one Championship match to determine the winner of the tournament.

Playoff for 3rd & Fourth Place: The 2nd best finishers in each of the two flights shall play one match to determine 3rd and 4th place.

Mixed Doubles Exhibitions: The remaining finishers shall be drawn, by age division, into mixed doubles teams and shall play exhibition matches.

### **Match Format**

All matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets.

### **Tournament Schedule**

Provided inclement weather doesn't affect the schedule, the rounds shall be played as follows:

Day 1: First two rounds of Round Robin

Day 2: Third round of Round Robin; Championship, 3rd/4th Playoff and Mixed Doubles Matches

### **Ranking Points**

This event does not fit into our current structure of ranking points.

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If the tournament is approved, the points earned shall be as follows:

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Ranking Points</b>
Champion	100 Ranking Points for Each Round Robin Win Plus 200 Additional Ranking Points Plus Bonus Points
2nd Place	100 Ranking Points for Each Round Robin Win Plus 125 Additional Ranking Points Plus Bonus Points
3rd Place	100 Ranking Points for Each Round Robin Win Plus 25 Additional Ranking Points Plus Bonus Points
All Other Players	100 Ranking Points for Each Round Robin Win Plus Bonus Points
Mixed Doubles Matches	The ranking program does not allow for mixed doubles matches to count for ranking.

Rationale: This proposal creates a new year-end singles-only competition. Modeled after the year-end ATP and WTA players, it will be a tournament for the top 8 USTA NorCal players in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions that will be held each year after the conclusion of the last Championship Tournament and that will count for ranking. The tournament has several purposes:

- a preparation tournament for the USTA National Winter Championships;
  - like the Herb Cup, it would recognize the singles players with the best overall calendar year record; and
  - also like the Herb Cup, it would be an event that players could strive throughout the year to qualify for.
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**6. Selection for USTA NorCal National Teams and Maze Cup: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That the policies for selecting the players and coaches for USTA NorCal National Teams and Maze Cup, and for ordering lineups, be amended and restated in full as set forth on Exhibit A to these minutes. [Note: See Exhibit immediately below the Rationale.]

Rationale: Council desires to field as strong as possible NorCal teams in a manner that recognizes our players' successes in national and international tournaments, rewards finishers in NorCal's top tournaments preceding the team selections, includes representation from NorCal's ranking lists, and builds in flexibility to select players of recognized ability that may not have otherwise been selected.

**EXHIBIT A: Selection for USTA NorCal National Teams and Maze Cup**

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**USTA ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

NorCal has fielded 2 teams per division (12, 14, 16) in the past and it is anticipated that it will field 3 teams in 2012. Each division will select 18 boys and 18 girls that are water-falled onto the 3 teams by the tournament based on the Line-Up submitted by the section (12 players per division if we return to 2 teams).

**Eligibility:** Players must meet the USTA national age eligibility and citizenship requirements to be selected. Players must also meet the USTA NorCal Residency requirements as described in Rule 3 of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules.

**Current Selection & Line-Up Policies:** Players selected using the most recently published NorCal singles Final Ranking Lists. (Note that in the past we also added 100 points to a players point total if the player competed in 3 doubles tournaments between January 1 and the date of selection - this as eliminated by Junior Council at its last meeting as part of the implementation of the combined ranking). The line-up is based on the order in which the players appear on the most recently published NorCal singles Final Ranking List.

**Selection Proposal:** Boys and girls for each team will be selected from the applicants as follows:

- The winner and runner up of the USTA NorCal Sectional Championships .....
- Players not previously selected that are ranked in the top 5 on the most recently published NorCal Final Ranking Lists.....
- Up to 2 Wild Card players may be selected .....
- Players not previously selected that are in the top 100 of the most recently published National Standing List AND who have played to completion at least one USTA NorCal Championship or Excellence tournament or the Sectional Championships within the immediately preceding 6 months, selected by order of standing.\*
- Vacancies will be filled with players from the most recently published sectional Final Ranking Lists, selected by order of rank.

\* *Playing the tournament to completion means a player must not have withdrawn from the tournament without playing a match. Matches won by withdrawal, walkover, default and retirement count as playing a match.*

**Coach & Team Selection - Recommended Timeline:** Zonals are held at the end of July; in 2012, July 25-29. Team Workout to be held July 21 or 22 in 2012.

- Coaches: Application Deadline - April 15th. Selection done on or about May
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- Team: As soon as possible after the completion of the Sectional Championships - on or about June 21 in 2012.

**Line-Up Proposal:** Line-ups will be ordered as follows:

- Players in the top 100 of the most recently published National Standings Lists will be ordered first, in the order of their standing.
- Remaining players are ordered by rank using the most recently published NorCal Final Ranking Lists.
- Wild Card recipients will be placed in the lineup as determined by the Wild Card Committee.

Line-ups will be announced to the participants as soon as possible after selection and line-up order is determined.

**Wild Cards:**

- To be considered, a player must submit a timely entry to USTA NorCal AND apply for a Wild Card no later than the entry deadline - note that this is not the tournament entry deadline by which Sections must submit their teams to the tournament, but the published deadline set by NorCal for being eligible for consideration for selection.
- The Wild Card Committee shall be comprised of the Manager of Player Development, Junior Competition Coordinator, and Chair of Junior Council.
- Wild Cards do not have to be awarded.
- There is no specific selection criteria for the Wild Cards, however the purpose of awarding Wild Cards (if any) shall be for NorCal to field the strongest teams possible.

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### **USTA BOYS' AND GIRLS' 18 NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

NorCal fields one team of 7 boys and one team of 7 girls - they compete separately at different locations. The national policy allows a team to be comprised of 6-7 players; in the past, the 7th players have been sent alternates.

**Eligibility:** Players must meet the USTA national age eligibility and citizenship requirements to be selected. Players must also meet the USTA NorCal Residency requirements as described in Rule 3 of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules.

**Current Selection & Line-Up Policies:** Players selected in the same manner as the USTA Zone Team Championships. The line-up is based on the order in which the players appear on the most recently published National Standing List.

**Selection Proposal:** Boys and girls for each team will be selected from the applicants as follows:

- The winner of the USTA NorCal Sectional Championships .....
- A player not yet selected with the highest ranking among the applicants on the most recently published NorCal Final Ranking List.....
- Up to 1 Wild Card player may be selected .....
- Players not previously selected that are in the top 100 of the most recently published National Standing List AND who have played to completion at least one USTA NorCal Championship or Excellence tournament or the Sectional Championships within the immediately preceding 6 months, selected by order of standing.\*
- Vacancies will be filled with players from the most recently published sectional Final Ranking Lists, selected by order of rank.

\* *Playing the tournament to completion means a player must not have withdrawn from the tournament without playing a match. Matches won by withdrawal, walkover, default and retirement count as playing a match.*

**Coach & Team Selection - Recommended Timeline:** National Team Championships are held the week before the USTA National Championships in August; in 2012, boys held July 28-31, girls held July 30 - August 2. Team Workout to be held July 21 or 22 in 2012.

- Coaches: Application Deadline - April 15th. Selection done on or about May
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- Team: As soon as possible after the completion of the Sectional Championships - on or about June 21 in 2012. The 7th boy and girl slated to play last in the lineup will be specifically advised of their status and policy for playing 4th team member (see below).

**Line-Up Proposal:** Line-ups will be ordered as follows:

- Players in the top 100 of the most recently published National Standings Lists will be ordered first, in the order of their standing.
- Remaining players are ordered by rank using the most recently published NorCal Final Ranking Lists.
- Wild Card recipients will be placed in the lineup as determined by the Wild Card Committee.

Line-ups will be announced to the participants as soon as possible after selection and line-up order is determined.

**Wild Cards:** Same as wild card policy for USTA Zone Team Championships.

**Policy for 7th Team Member (Note this is the policy written in the National Tournament Committee manual and is required at this tournament):** Every team member must play in at least one official Team Match per day and at least one official team singles match during the entire competition. For example, the #7 player can play doubles every day, except one day on which that player must play singles.

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### **USTA BOYS' AND GIRLS' 16 INTERSECTIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

NorCal fields one team of 4 boys and one team of 4 girls - they compete together as one team. The national policy allows a team to be comprised of 3-4 boys and girls; in the past, the 4th boy and girl have been sent as alternates.

**Eligibility:** Players must meet the USTA national age eligibility and citizenship requirements to be selected. Players must also meet the USTA NorCal Residency requirements as described in Rule 3 of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules.

**Current Selection & Line-Up Policies:** Players selected in the same manner as the USTA Zone Team Championships. The line-up is based on the order in which the players appear on the most recently published National Standing List.

**Selection Proposal:** Boys and girls for each team will be selected from the applicants as follows:

- The winner of the USTA NorCal May Excellence Singles Tournament.....
- If not previously selected the player ranked #1 on the most recently published NorCal Final Ranking List .....
- If not previously selected the player with the highest standing on the most recently published National Standing Lists .....
- Players not previously selected that are in the top 100 of the most recently published National Standing List AND who have played to completion at least one USTA NorCal Championship or Excellence tournament or the Sectional Championships within the immediately preceding 6 months, selected by order of standing.\*
- Vacancies will be filled with players from the most recently published sectional Final Ranking Lists, selected by order of rank.

\* *Playing the tournament to completion means a player must not have withdrawn from the tournament without playing a match. Matches won by withdrawal, walkover, default and retirement count as playing a match.*

**Coach & Team Selection - Recommended Timeline:** Intersectionals are the second week of July; in 2012, July 8 - 12.

- Coaches: Application Deadline - April 15th. Selection done on or about May 15th.
  - Team: Immediately following the completion of the May Excellence - on or about May 30. The 4th boy and girl slated to play last in the lineup will be
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specifically advised of their status and policy for playing 4th team member (see below).

**Line-Up Proposal:** Line-ups will be ordered as follows:

- Players in the top 100 of the most recently published National Standings Lists will be ordered first, in the order of their standing.
- Remaining players are ordered by rank using the most recently published NorCal Final Ranking Lists.

Line-ups will be announced to the participants as soon as possible after selection and line-up order is determined.

**Policy for 4th Team Member (Note this is the policy written in the National Tournament Committee manual and is required at this tournament):** Every team member must play in at least one official Team Match per day and at least one official team singles match during the entire competition. For example, the #4 player can play doubles every day, except one day on which that player must play singles.

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## **MAZE CUP**

USTA NorCal fields a team ten (10) players for the event, six (6) players from the 16s Division (3 boys and 3 girls) and four (4) players from the 18s Division (2 boys and 2 girls). The 3rd boy and 3rd girl in the 16s Divisions compete only in exhibition singles and mixed doubles matches, unless there is a withdrawal of one of the other players.

**Eligibility:** Players must meet the age eligibility requirements to be selected. Players must also meet the USTA NorCal Residency requirements as described in Rule 3 of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules.

**Current Selection & Line-Up Policies:** All players interested in participating in the Maze Cup must submit a statement of interest to the Junior Competition Coordinator. From players expressing interest, the Maze Cup Team will be selected. Selection shall be based on any combination of USTA NorCal singles and doubles rankings, national singles and doubles standings, the amount of tournament play within USTA NorCal, recent results, our coaches input, and sportsmanship. There is no stated policy on the line-up and it has been determined by the coach(s) in the past.

**Selection:** All players interested in participating in the Maze Cup must submit a statement of interest to the Junior Competition Coordinator by a date to be determined by staff. From players expressing interest, the Maze Cup Team will be selected by staff in consultation with the Maze Cup coach(es). Selection shall be based on all available information including, but not limited to USTA NorCal rankings, national standings, ITF and ATP/WTA rankings, the amount of tournament play within USTA NorCal, recent results, and sportsmanship. The line-ups shall be determined by staff in consultation with the Maze Cup coach(es). The line-ups will be announced to the participants as soon as possible after selection and line-up order is determined.

**Coach & Team Selection - Recommended Timeline:** Maze Cup is held the first weekend in June; in 2012, held June 1-2. Team Workouts to be scheduled prior to event.

- Coaches: Application Deadline - January 15th. Selection done on or before February 15th.
  - Team: As soon as possible after the completion of the Easter Bowl (BG14 & 16 Spring National Championships and ITF 18s event) - In 2012, on or about March 27th. Announcement as soon as possible thereafter. The 3rd boy and girl slated to play the exhibition matches will be specifically advised of their status.
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## 5. Discontinue Coaches to USTA National Winter Championships and Hold Pre-Nationals Workouts - 2011 and 2012 Budget: Passed 4-0

**RESOLVED:** That a the USTA NorCal junior player development program to send coaches to USTA National Championships be immediately discontinued and replaced with a player development program of holding Pre-National Workouts for NorCal players attending the following tournaments:

- USTA BG 18, 16, 14 and 12 National Winter Championships;
- USTA BG 18, 16, 14, and 12 National Clay Court Championships; and
- USTA BG 16, 14, and 12 National Spring Championships/USTA BG 18 ITF Easter Bowl.

The approximately 3-hour events will be run by coaches hired by NorCal, and NorCal staff and shall include:

- no less than 2 hours of tennis
- meeting/party with food following tennis

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a 2011 budget adjustment be requested to implement the program effective with the 2011 USTA National Winter Championships as follows:

<b>2011 Budget Decrease:</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Budget Category &amp; Explanation</b>
<b>National Championship Traveling Coaches</b> 8 Coaches: one coach x 8 divisions x 4 Ntl Champ		
Salary (\$200/day - 3 days)	\$4,800	b. Player Development 7220 (Coaching Expense)
Airfare (\$250/coach)	\$2,000	b. Player Development 6380.20 (Travel - Out of Section)
Car Parking/Taxi to Airport (Up to \$50 per coach)	\$400	b. Player Development 6385.10 (Travel - In Section)
Hotel (\$95/night - 3 nights)	\$2,280	b. Player Development 6385.20 (Lodging - Out of Section)
Car Rental (\$200/coach)	\$1,600	b. Player Development 6380.20 (Travel - Out of Section)
Meals (\$40/day - 3 days per coach)	\$960	b. Player Development 6370.20 (Meals - Out of Section)
<b>TOTAL BUDGET DECREASE</b>	<b>\$12,040</b>	
<b>2011 New Expense:</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Budget Category &amp; Explanation</b>
<b>Workout Before 2011 USTA National Winter Championships</b>		
Salary - \$200/day: one coach x 8 divisions	\$1,600	b. Player Development 7220 (Coaching Expense)
Court Cost: \$600 per event	\$600	b. Player Development 7085 (Court Fees/Expenses)
Food/Refreshments: \$5.00 per person Approx. 172 people (80 players, 80 parents, 8 coaches, and 4 NorCal staff)	\$860	b. Player Development 6370.10 (Meals - In Section)
NorCal Logo Wear for Tournament 80 players x \$25.00 each	\$2,000	b. Player Development 7100 (T/Sweatshirts)
Tennis Balls: approx. 2 cases @ \$75 ea	\$150	b. Player Development - 7090 (Events)
Administration: approx. \$25	\$25	b. Player Development - 7090 (Events)
<b>TOTL NEW EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$5,235</b>	
<b>NET DECREASE IN 2011 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT BUDGET</b>	<b>(\$6,805)</b>	

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the following adjustment be requested to the current draft of the 2012 budget:

<b>012 Expenses Discontinued:</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Budget Category &amp; Explanation</b>
<b>National Championship Traveling Coaches</b> 32 Coaches: one coach x 8 divisions x 4 Ntl Champ		
Salary (\$200/day - varies 3-4 days)	\$22,800	b. Player Development 7220 (Coaching Expense)
Airfare (\$250 or \$550/coach depending on location of tournament)	\$15,800	b. Player Development 6380.20 (Travel - Out of Section)
Car Parking/Taxi to Airport (Up to \$50 per coach)	\$1,600	b. Player Development 6385.10 (Travel - In Section)
Hotel (\$95/night - varies 3-4 nights)	\$7,790	b. Player Development 6385.20 (Lodging - Out of Section)
Car Rental \$40/day for car and gas - varies 3-4 days)	\$4,560	b. Player Development 6380.20 (Travel - Out of Section)
Meals (\$40/day - varies 3-4 days)	\$4,560	b. Player Development 6370.20 (Meals - Out of Section)
Practice Court Fees	\$500	b. Player Development 7085 (Court Fees/Expenses)
<b>TOTAL DISCONTINUED EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$57,610</b>	
<b>2012 New Expense:</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Budget Category &amp; Explanation</b>
<b>Workout Before USTA National Spring, Clay, and Winter Championships</b>		
Salary - \$200/day: 1 coach per division per event; 8 Coaches for each event; 24 total	\$4,800	b. Player Development 7220 (Coaching Expense)
Court Cost: \$600 per event	\$1,800	b. Player Development 7085 (Court Fees/Expenses)
Food/Refreshments: \$5.00 per person Approx. 172 people per National Championship (80 players, 80 parents, 8 coaches, and 4 NorCal staff)	\$2,580	b. Player Development 6370.10 (Meals - In Section)
NorCal Logo Wear for Tournament 80 players x \$25.00 each x 3 events	\$6,000	b. Player Development 7100 (T/Sweatshirts)
Tennis Balls: approx. 2 cases per event @ \$75 each - \$150 per event estimate	\$450	b. Player Development - 7090 (Events)
Administration: approx. \$25 per event	\$75	b. Player Development - 7090 (Events)
<b>TOTL NEW EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$15,705</b>	
<b>NET DECREASE IN 2012 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT BUDGET</b>	<b>(\$41,905)</b>	

Rationale: Junior Council determined after 1 ½ years of the program, sending coaches to the USTA National Championships is not an effective player development program because the scheduling of matches made it nearly impossible for a coach to see all players and provide feedback. Also, because travel of all players is not coordinated by NorCal, as it is with the National Team Tournaments, organizing team practices on site before the tournament is difficult. With the recent success of the Team Workout held for the participants in the Zone Team Championships and the National Team Championships, Council wants to implement alternative player development program to hold pre-USTA National Championship Workouts, similar to the summer team workout. Like the summer workout, the events can:

- build NorCal spirit and camaraderie;
- provide a training time for players to focus on their tournament goals;
- help parents and players communicate prior to leaving for a tournament, thereby helping to facilitate doubles partnerships and promote coordination among NorCal families at the tournaments.

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JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**4. Herb Cup Budget - 2011 and 2012: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That a budget request for the 2011 Herb Cup be made as set forth below, and that the Budget Committee be requested to approve the 2012 Herb Cup budget as set forth below:

Herb Cup	2011 Budget	2012 Budget	Proposed for 2011 & 2012	Budget Category & Explanation
Food	\$100	\$100	\$125	e. Tournaments 6370.10 (Meals - In Section)
Awards	\$400	\$400	\$700	e. Tournaments 7055 (Awards)
Court Fees	\$750	\$750	\$750	e. Tournaments 7085 (Court Fees/Expenses)
Unknown Budget Item	\$250	\$250	\$0	e. Tournaments 7090 (Events)
T-Shirts/Sweatshirts	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$1,920	e. Tournaments 7100 (T/Sweatshirts)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>	<b>\$3,495</b>	

Rationale: The Herb Cup is the annual invitational event for NorCal's top doubles players. Budget increases are necessary to expand the Herb Cup to include the top players in the 10s divisions.

**Important Note:** On the day after the Junior Council meeting, it came to staff's attention that the unknown budget item of \$250 in the 2011 and 2012 budgets is for balls, but that the expense should be \$225 (3 cases balls at \$75 each). When this request was submitted to the Budget Committee, staff and the Chair felt it was best to request the actual amounts necessary and not reflect the administrative error that is reflected in the minutes. The budget request submitted to the Budget Committee is as follows:

Herb Cup	2011 Budget	2012 Budget	Proposed for 2011 & 2012	Budget Category & Explanation
Food	\$100	\$100	\$125	e. Tournaments 6370.10 (Meals - In Section)
Awards	\$400	\$400	\$700	e. Tournaments 7055 (Awards)
Court Fees	\$750	\$750	\$750	e. Tournaments 7085 (Court Fees/Expenses)
Balls	\$250	\$250	\$225	e. Tournaments 7090 (Events)
T-Shirts/Sweatshirts	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$1,920	e. Tournaments 7100 (T/Sweatshirts)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>	<b>\$3,720</b>	

9/27/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**3. Herb Cup Dates: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That the date for the Herb Cup shall be determined by USTA NorCal junior staff, provided that the date not be concurrent with any tournament that counts for national junior ranking, and it be in the month of November or December.

Rationale: Flexibility to use a variety of November and December dates will ensure weather doesn't impact the ability to hold the Herb Cup. To avoid further adjustments that may need to be made from time to time in the future, the resolution gives staff the latitude to select the Herb Cup dates, with certain restrictions.

9/27/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**2. Draw Size, Selection, Entry Fee and Sanction Period for Sectional Championships: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2012:

1. Rule 9.F.i. of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be

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amended to state that the sanction period for the Sectional Championships shall consist of two weekends, the first of which shall be Saturday-Sunday and the second of which shall be a three-day weekend, Sunday-Monday. In 2012 the dates shall be June 9-10 and 16-18. In future years, the comparable weekends shall be used.

2. Rule 9.F.ii of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to limit the draw size for the Sectional Championships to 64 singles players and 32 doubles teams.

3. Rule 9.F. of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to add a new subparagraph that shall specify the selection process for the Sectional Championships shall be as follows:

- Eight Qualifiers: Each year USTA NorCal shall designate two Open Tournaments in each age division preceding the Sectional Championships which shall be qualifying tournaments for the Sectional Championships. The semifinalists in each age division of both tournaments (4 players from each tournament, 8 total players per division) who have submitted timely entries shall be accepted.
- Two Wild Cards: Up to two wild cards that may be selected by the Wild Card Committee.
- Players on Sectional Final Ranking Lists: The remaining players shall be selected from the most recently published sectional Final Ranking List.
- Alternates and Late Applicants: The alternate list shall be ordered based on the most recently published sectional Final Ranking List. Players who submit an entry after the deadline shall be placed on the bottom of the Alternate List in the order in which they are received. Late entries received at the same time shall be ordered by lot.

4. The Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended include the following Wild Card provisions:

- To be considered for a Wild Card, a player must submit a timely entry into the tournament and apply for a Wild Card no later than the entry deadline.
- The Wild Card Committee shall be comprised of the Manager of Player Development, Junior Competition Coordinator, and Chair of Junior Council.
- Wild Cards do not have to be awarded.

5. Rule 9.F.v. of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended to increase the entry fee for the Sectional Championships from a base fee of \$65.00 to a base fee of \$70.00

Rationale:

- NorCal places no entry limitations to our highest level of tournament and a player could conceivably have Sectionals be their first tournament. If Sectionals is to be our best tournament, it should have a selection process that recognizes that significance and creates a pathway that emphasizes earned advancement.
  - The number of competitive matches taking place at Sectionals is low. If a match where the loser wins 5 or more games is to be considered competitive, 3 of the 8 divisions have less than half of the matches considered competitive. The most competitive total is 62% of the matches. Playing an appropriate level for both the winning and losing players is important to player development.
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- The dates used for the Sectional Championships are in conflict with high school finals and graduations. To avoid conflicts, as well as reduce parents' work days missed, the resolution proposes these tournaments be 2-weekend events.
  - If draws are to be limited, Council believes a selection process is necessary to give players with lower ranks the ability to qualify for Sectionals and the need to provide a pathway for top younger players to play a higher age division.
  - The draw size reduction will reduce a tournament by one day, cut participants by approximately 25% (because boys draws are much larger than girls draws), but many costs stay the same. To make the tournaments affordable, Council has proposed increasing the base entry fee by \$5.00

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9/27/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**1. Singles Match Format for 12s Divisions at Championship Tournaments: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, Rule 9.D.iv. of the Junior Tournament Rules be amended to require the singles format in the 12s divisions be the best of 3 sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set.

Rationale: The use of the best of 3 sets match format when there is a draw of 33 or more, requires at least some 12 division players up to 6 total rounds of singles, and up to 5 rounds of doubles. Using the best of 3 format potentially violates the scheduling guidelines for maximum number of matches in a day in the 12s divisions. Although the table in Friend at Court allows one singles and up to 3 doubles matches in a day when 8-game prossets are used in doubles, this number of matches is not an optimum schedule for 12 year olds.

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8/9/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**Change to Endorsement Policy for USTA National Zone Team Championships, USTA Boys' & Girls' 16 National Intersectional Team Championships, and the USTA Boys' & Girls' 18 National Team Championships: Passed 5-0**

**RESOLVED:** That effective upon ratification of the combined ranking by the Board, the endorsement policy for USTA National Zone Team Championships, USTA Boys' & Girls' 16 National Intersectional Team Championships, and the USTA Boys' & Girls' 18 National Team Championships shall be amended to eliminate the 100 points added to a players point total if the player has played to completion at least 3 doubles events to competition that count for USTA NorCal doubles rankings between January 1 and the date of publication of the endorsement list.

Rationale:

Council concluded that the combined ranking would have a positive impact on doubles participation and therefore the policy that adds ranking points for the purposes of endorsement into the national team events was no longer necessary. Rescinding the policy would eliminate an administrative task done by staff to create the national team endorsement lists and would also be more transparent as no adjustments would be made to a ranking list for the purpose of endorsement.

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8/9/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**Grace Period for Approved 2012 Junior Tournaments to Add  
Doubles Events:  
Passed 5-0**

**RESOLVED:** That effective upon ratification of the combined ranking by the Board, and provided that entries have not yet opened for a tournament, any approved 2012 junior tournament that does not have doubles events shall be offered the opportunity make the necessary adjustments to its sanction to add doubles events on or before December 31, 2011, and such adjustments made on or before December 31, 2011 shall be exempt from the written approval requirements and fees for making changes as set forth in Rule 6.A. of the Sanction Rules for USTA NorCal Tournaments.

Rationale:

Because Council believes tournaments that do not currently offer doubles events may be interested in adding doubles once the combined ranking is adopted, and because the Sanction Rules currently charge a \$5.00 fee for making such changes, Council concluded it needed to take steps to encourage adding doubles events without penalty.

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8/9/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**Seeding of Doubles Under Combined Ranking: Passed 5-0**

**RESOLVED:** That effective upon ratification of the combined ranking by the Board, effective April 1, 2012, Rule 14 (Seeding) of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules be amended to clarify that the Final Ranking Lists are used to seed both singles and doubles and a new subparagraph C. shall be added to state the procedures for seeding doubles:

**C. Procedure for Seeding Doubles Teams.** Teams shall be seeded in the order of their combined ranking using the most recently published Final Ranking List. For example, if Partner A holds the #1 ranking and Partner B holds the #10 ranking, the Team of A&B would have a combined ranking of 11. Teams that have the same combined ranking shall be seeded in the order of the total number of doubles ranking points held by each team. If one partner does not have a ranking, for the purposes of calculating the combined ranking, the unranked player shall be assigned a rank that is equivalent to one lower than the lowest ranked player on the Final Ranking List. For example, if Partner C holds the #1 ranking, Partner D does not have a ranking, and the Final Ranking List for this event has a total of 100 players on the list, Partner D is assigned a ranking of 101 and Team C&D have a combined ranking of 101.

Teams with USTA National, ITF, ITA, WTA and ATP standings and rankings may also be considered for seeding if permitted in Rule 14.A. or B. above.

Rationale:

The Council chose to have doubles seeded under the combined ranking in the same manner national junior tournaments are seeded under the national combined ranking system.

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8/9/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**Education Plan for Combined Ranking:  
Passed 5-0**

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**RESOLVED:** That effective upon ratification of the combined ranking by the Board, USTA NorCal will take steps necessary, including publication of a notice of the website, to educate the parents, players, and coaches on the new combined ranking system.

Rationale:

The Council believes that a comprehensive educational effort will need to take place to ensure players, parents and coaches understand the affect their doubles playing patterns will have on their ranking.

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8/9/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**Effective Date of Combined Ranking: Passed 5-0**

**RESOLVED:** That because:

- in a combined ranking system, the ranking program will used data from each player's best 8 singles and doubles results over the past 12 months and can not be adjusted to phase in doubles results counting toward the combined ranking, and
- there will potentially be significant changes to the ranking lists when the first combined ranking list is published, and
- the January Excellence Tournaments use the ranking lists for selection, and
- USTA NorCal uses the ranking lists for endorsement to the USTA National Spring Championships which takes place in February and March,

the effective date of the combined ranking shall be April 1, 2012 and that as soon as possible after ratification by the Board USTA NorCal shall start publishing combined ranking lists for information purposes only.

Rationale:

The rationale for an April 1, 2012 effective date is contained in the bullet points of the resolution. Additionally, Council believes that having an effective date in April will give players ample time to understand the new system and adjust their playing patterns to maximize the potential for earning points in both singles and doubles.

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8/9/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**Adoption of Combined Ranking and Continued Publication of Individual Doubles Final Ranking Lists: Passed 5-0**

**RESOLVED:** That the USTA NorCal Junior Points Per Round Ranking System be amended as follows:

1. To make a player's ranking based on both singles and doubles points by adding:
  - 100% of the ranking points earned in singles from the 8 sectional ranking tournaments in which the player received the most singles ranking points
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  - 15% of the ranking points earned in doubles from the 8 sectional ranking tournaments in which the player received the most doubles ranking points.
2. To eliminate the publication of singles sectional Final Ranking Lists and replace them with one Final Ranking List based on the combined ranking.

Individual doubles Final Ranking List shall continue to be published for informational purposes only and for the selection of the Herb

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Rationale:

The Council believes that adopting a combined ranking whereby a portion of ranking points earned in doubles are added to the ranking points earned in singles will promote doubles play. Empirically it has been successful in increasing participation in other Sections that have adopted it. The Council chose to adopt a system that mirrors the national combined ranking because it has been shown to promote doubles while minimizing the potential inaccuracy of ranking lists caused by including doubles points and because players will more easily understand the new NorCal system because it is the system they've been playing under nationally for many years. Council also has chosen to continue with the publication of individual doubles Final Ranking Lists to promote doubles play even though they are only used for selection into the Herb Cup, an invitation tournament held in December to recognize doubles participation and excellence.

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7/12/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**Rankings in the 10 and Under Divisions: Passed 6-0**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2012, USTA NorCal shall discontinue ranking players using the Points Per Round Ranking System in the 10s divisions; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That Junior Council recommends the 10 and Under Committee develop a Leader Board system that recognizes participation in 10 and Under competitions and also consider developing one or more tournaments to create elite competition for the best Under 10 players.

Rationale:

The Council learned that only 244 boys and 131 girls are currently ranked in the 10s divisions and 38% of those players have 20 or fewer ranking points. They concluded that any decision made with respect to competition in the 10s division would impact very few players, especially as compared to the large growth expected in the 10s divisions with the new initiative. Council concurs with the 10 and under initiative's emphasis on playing more, developing proper technique at an early age, and rewarding participation and concluded that PPR rankings don't necessarily support the new philosophy. Council is concerned about the need for the competition generated by ranking lists, but agreed that those most ready for ranked competition will be playing in the 12s division. Council supports replacing PPR ranking lists with a Leader Board approach that recognizes participation and is more in line with the 10 and under initiative's new philosophy.

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7/12/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**1. QuickStart 10 and Under Tournaments - 10 and Under Committee Decisions: Passed 6-0**

**RESOLVED:** That Junior Council supports the phase in plan for Green and Orange Ball 10 and Under Tournaments approved by the 10 and Under Committee at its meeting held on June 21, 2011 (items 2, 3 and 3 in its minutes) as follows:

- all tournaments offering a 10 year old event are required to use the Green Level ball and a full size court. It is recommended that all players participating in this age division use a racquet that is
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26 inches or below.

- the Early Development Centers will host USTA NorCal Orange level tournaments that are open for all players to apply for from June 21, 2011 through August 31, 2011.
- the sanction period for all member organizations to host Orange Level Tournaments will be June 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012.

Rationale:

The Council is in support of the phase in plan previously approved by the 10 and under Committee that implements Green Ball tournaments immediately and allows for a period of piloting formats and study in order devise an effective plan that will be positively received by Organization Members that will be running these tournaments.

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3/8/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**5. Budget Proposal for Coaching Pay for USTA NorCal Teams and USTA National Championships: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the budget for coaches' pay shall be increased by \$1,800 and pay for coaches hired by the junior department for NorCal's teams and to attend USTA National Championships shall be as follows:

- Coaches shall be paid \$200 per day+ \$40/day for meals + travel expenses.
- Total days for the team coaches (Zonals, Intersectionals, National Team, Maze Cup, Pacific Cup, and Under 10 Exchange) includes total tournament days plus up to one day for travel. Staff will determine based on the tournament site whether payment for a travel day is necessary.
- Total days for the coaches attending the USTA National Championships includes 3 days (day prior to start of tournament, plus two tournament days) plus up to one day for travel. Staff will determine based on the tournament site whether payment for a travel day is necessary.
- In some cases, based on tournament sites, coaches will travel more than the maximum one day allowed. The allotted number of travel days (and pay) shall not increase, but the expenses will be covered if approved by staff.
- If the proposal for Team Workouts for USTA Zone Team Championships and USTA National Team Championships is ratified by the Board, coaches shall be paid \$100 total (no expenses) for the Workout.

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3/8/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**4. Proposal and Budget Request for Team Workouts Before USTA Zone Team and National Team Championships: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board, annual pre-event team workouts shall be held by the coaches and NorCal staff for the participants in the USTA Boys' and Girls 16, 14, and 12 Zone Team Championships and the USTA Boys' and Girls' 18 National Team Championships. In 2011, this would be Saturday, July 23 or Sunday, July 24. Attendance by the coaches is mandatory. Attendance by the players is mandatory, unless clearance is given by the respective team coach. The approximately 3-hour event will include:

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- no less than 2 hours of tennis
- meeting/party with food following tennis

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the USTA NorCal junior budget shall be increased to pay for the team workouts, which will have approximately 180 in attendance (86 players, 8 coaches, 86 parents, 4 NorCal staff) as follows:

Food/Refreshments: \$5.50 per person estimate

Courts: \$600 estimate

Administration: approximately \$25

Tennis Balls (approx. 2 cases): \$90

Budget Request: \$1,800

Following the vote, it was noted that additional pay for coaches to run the workouts is included in the next proposal the Council will consider.

3/8/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**3. Budget Request for USTA Zone Team Championship Team Uniforms and Team Dinners: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the USTA NorCal junior budget shall be increased to cover certain additional expenses of USTA Zone Team Championship participants as follows:

Uniform Expense: \$30 x 72 players = \$2,160 Budget: g.

Zonals 7230 (Uniforms/Warm-ups)

Team Dinner: \$15 x 72 players = \$1,080 Budget: g.

Zonals 6370.20 (Meals Out of Section)

Total Request: \$3,240

3/8/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**2. Ranking Points for USTA NorCal Jr. Team Tennis Summer League: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the USTA NorCal Points Per Round Ranking System shall be amended, effectively as soon as possible thereafter, as follows:

Players who compete in at least two matches during the USTA NorCal Jr. Team Tennis Summer League on a co-ed team shall be awarded the following number of ranking points for participation:

Advanced Division: 100 points

Intermediate Division: 50 points

- The points will be added to a player's record in their natural age division (because in JTT, there are only 12, 14, and 18 divisions) after the completion of the Jr. Team Tennis Summer League season and no later than August 15th.
- For the purposes of determining the number of matches in which a player has competed, any match that ends in a win by either player or team after the start of the match, shall be considered. An example of a match that does not count is one that is defaulted before the first point of the match.

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3/8/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**1. Junior Tournament Rules: Amendment Proposals to Clarify Draw and Match Formats and Make Website Posting Rules Consistent with the USTA Regulations: Passed 4-0**

**RESOLVED:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended, effectively as soon as possible thereafter, as follows:

- In addition to the Round Robin draw format, clarify that all of the following "regular draw" formats can be used at Challenger, Open and Championship Tournaments:

Single Elimination, First Match Loser Consolation, First Round Loser Consolation, Feed-In Championship, Modified Feed-In Championship, or a Compass Draw.

The only time a Round Robin may be used is when there are 3 entrants in an event (Rule 11)

- Specify that any of the following match formats may be used in Novice Tournaments: best of three tiebreak sets, best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set, 8-game pro set, single set. Also state that the consolation draw matches may be played with a shorter format than main draw singles.
  - In addition to the best of 3 tiebreak sets and the best of 3 tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set, currently allowed in Challenger and Open Tournaments with non-Round Robin draws, specify that those formats must be used in the main draw of all non-Round Robin tournaments and that any of the following match formats may be used in consolation: best of 3 tiebreak sets, best of 3 tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set, 8-game pro set, or single set. Also specify that if a pro set is played in a Round Robin, it shall be an 8-game pro set.
  - In Championship Tournaments allow either the best of 3 tiebreak sets, the best of 3 tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set, or an 8-game pro set to be the consolation singles match format and/or the doubles match format.
  - Because the rules frequently state that information must be posted to the tournament website, but they do not specify, in accordance with USTA Regulations that the information must be posted by the time entries open, add a rule requiring the tournament description, including draw size and format, information on consolation, and match and scoring formats be posted by the time entries open.
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2/23/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**3. USTA NorCal Junior Performance Awards - \$8,000 Budget Increase: Passed 7-0**

**RESOLVED:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board of the USTA NorCal Junior Performance Award Program, that an additional \$8,000 be added to the budget for the USTA NorCal Junior Performance Award Program, bringing the total available funds to \$16,000; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board and of approval of the request for an additional \$8,000 in funding, that the USTA NorCal Junior Performance Award Program be amended to give \$250 awards to the top two eligible players in each age division of a USTA National Championship and that a player may receive up to two awards per year.

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2/23/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**2. USTA NorCal Junior Performance Awards - Policy Approval: Passed 7-0**

**RESOLVED:** That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the USTA NorCal Junior Performance Award Program as set forth on **Exhibit A** shall be immediately implemented.

**EXHIBIT A  
USTA NorCal Junior Performance Award Program**

The USTA NorCal Junior Performance Award Program provides the top USTA NorCal players with \$250 performance awards to compete in USTA National Championships. Up to \$8,000 will be awarded to eligible players (up to 8 awards per USTA National Championship, and up to 32 total awards per year) as follows:

No later than 30 days following the completion of a USTA National Championship, the highest ranked player in each division on the USTA NorCal sectional endorsement list that is accepted into the USTA National Championship and who meets the following criteria will be notified that they have received a \$250 performance award, and payment will be made as soon as possible thereafter.

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2/23/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS COUNCIL

**1. Sectional Ranking Points for Wins at Excellence  
2. Tournaments: Passed 7-0**

RESOLVED: That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the sectional ranking points awarded for Excellence Tournaments and Designated National Tournaments shall be immediately increased as set forth below:

Player Result	FIC Tournaments	Player Result	Tournaments Without FIC
Champion	560	Champion	560
2nd Place	490	2nd Place	490
3rd Place	455	3rd Place	350
4th Place/SF	420	4th Place/SF	280
FIC Champion	385	Quarterfinalist	210
FIC Finalist	350	Reached R16	140
FIC SF	315	Reached R32	0
FIC QF	280	Reached R64	N/A
FIC QF Qualifying	245	Lost in Round of 128	N/A
FIC R16	210	Points for each consolation Round Won <sup>4</sup>	N/A
FIC R16 Qualifying	175		
FIC R32	140		
FIC R32 Qualifying	0		
FIC R64	N/A		
FIC R64 Qualifying	N/A		

1/25/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS COUNCIL

**I.**  
Resolved: That the USTA NorCal points per round ranking system for juniors be amended, effective immediately upon ratification by the Board, to award players who defeat in singles a player ranked in the top 100 the following number of Bonus Points:

NorCal Ranking of Player Defeated (based on Bonus Point List)	Bonus Points Earned For Win
Top 10	75
#11 through #20	50
#21 through #50	25
#51 through #75	10
#76 through #100	5

Bonus Points are attached to the tournament at which they are earned. If a tournament is not among a player's best 8 tournaments, neither the points per round nor the bonus points are added to a player's singles ranking point total.

The ranking of the defeated player is determined by a Bonus Point List published on the last day of each month and includes results from the previous 12 month period as follows:

Publication Date:	List Includes Match Results From the Following Period:	List used for Earning Points for Tournaments Starting Between:
Dec. 31, 2010	Jan. 1, 2010 & Dec. 31, 2010	Jan. 1 & Jan. 31, 2011
Jan. 31, 2011	Feb. 1, 2010 & Jan. 31, 2011	Feb. 1 & Feb. 28, 2011
Feb. 28, 2011	Mar. 1, 2010 & Feb. 28, 2011	Mar. 1 & Mar. 31, 2011
Mar. 31, 2011	Apr. 1, 2010 & Mar. 31, 2011	Apr. 1 & Apr. 30, 2011
Apr. 30, 2011	May 1, 2010 & Apr. 30, 2011	May 1 & May 31, 2011
May 31, 2011	Jun. 1, 2010 & May 31, 2011	Jun. 1 & Jun. 30, 2011
Jun. 30, 2011	Jul. 1, 2010 & Jun. 30, 2011	Jul. 1 & Jul. 31, 2011
Jul. 31, 2011	Aug. 1, 2010 & Jul. 31, 2011	Aug. 1 & Aug. 31, 2011
Aug. 31, 2011	Sep. 1, 2010 & Aug. 31, 2011	Sep. 1 & Sep. 30, 2011
Sep. 30, 2011	Oct. 1, 2010 & Sep. 30, 2011	Oct. 1 & Oct. 31, 2011
Oct. 31, 2011	Nov. 1, 2010 & Oct. 31, 2011	Nov. 1 & Nov. 30, 2011
Nov. 30, 2011	Dec. 1, 2010 & Nov. 30, 2011	Dec. 1 & Dec. 31, 2011
Dec. 31, 2011	Jan. 1, 2011 & Dec. 31, 2011	Jan. 1 & Jan. 31, 2012

**Bonus Points** shall be implemented retroactively to January 1, 2011. The first singles Sectional Ranking List published after ratification by the Board shall include Bonus Points for all wins in tournaments starting after January 1, 2011.

1/25/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS COUNCIL

**II.**

Resolved: That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the sectional ranking points awarded for wins in singles and doubles (excluding mixed doubles) at the USTA Boys' and Girls' 16 Intersectional Team Championships (Intersectionals) and USTA Boys' and Girls' National Team Championships (National Team) shall be immediately increased as follows:

Player Position on Team	Sectional Points for Wins at Maze Cup, Intersectionals and National Team Championships
<b>Position #1</b> <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
<b>Position #2</b> <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
<b>Position #3</b> <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
<b>Position #4</b> <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
<b>Position #5</b> <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
<b>Position #6</b> <b>USTA BG 18 National Team Championships Only</b> <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150

1/25/2011

JUNIOR TENNIS COUNCIL

**III.**

Resolved: That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the Tournament Assistance Grant Program as set forth on Exhibit A shall be immediately implemented.

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JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**IV.**

Resolved: That effective immediately upon ratification by the Board, Rule 3 of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended as follows (underlined language is new, stricken-through language is deleted):

**3. Player Eligibility.**

A. Age Eligibility. [not changed]

B. Residency and Citizenship or Alien Requirements for Excellence Tournaments and Sectional Championships. Excellence Tournaments and the Sectional Championships are open only to "Residents of Northern California." "Residents of Northern California" refers to permanent residents of USTA NorCal (as geographically defined in the USTA Bylaws) and temporary residents of the Section who do not reside there in USTA NorCal solely for the purpose of participating in tournaments and who are:

• i. U.S. Citizens. Citizens of the United States.

ii. Certain Aliens.

- permanent resident aliens in possession of a valid permanent alien registration receipt card (green card) or
- aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and who are members of families in the diplomatic or consular corps.

The residency of a USTA NorCal junior is determined by the primary residence of the physical and legal custodian or guardian of said junior player. USTA NorCal reserves the right to ask any player, parent, or legal guardian to furnish proof of residence, citizenship, and/or alien status, even though the junior may be holding a valid USTA card with USTA NorCal designation.

C. Loss of Eligibility. Players who have made a declaration of citizenship to a foreign country or who have accepted endorsement from another federation into an international team competition shall not be eligible to participate in Excellence Tournaments or the Sectional Championships.

D. Reinstatement of Eligibility. A player who has previously qualified to play in Excellence Tournaments and the Sectional Championships and who lost this right by:

- playing for another federation in an international team competition; or
- no longer being classified by the Department of Homeland Security as an alien with a status listed in Rule 3.B.ii.

may apply for reinstatement. The USTA NorCal junior staff, in consultation with the USTA NorCal General Counsel, shall rule on the request. The player may appeal the ruling to the USTA NorCal Board.

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**V.**

Resolved That effective immediately upon ratification by the Board, Rule 9A of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended as follows

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(underlined language is new, stricken-through language is deleted):

**9. Junior Tournament Descriptions.** Tournaments are offered for juniors with competition in the following six levels. Some tournaments may offer events in more than one level. For example, a tournament may offer both Novice and Open level events.

A. *Novice Level.* Events at the Novice level offer introductory and recreational competition.

- Draws will be either Round Robin, First Match Loser Consolation, Feed-In Championship, Modified Feed-In Championship, or a Compass Draw. Round Robins and Compass Draws must provide a minimum of three matches. The format will be determined by each Tournament Committee and posted to the tournament web page.
- The match format will be determined by each Tournament Committee and posted to the tournament web page.
- Singles and doubles matches shall use regular scoring.
- Doubles events are optional for the tournament to hold. If held and weather permitting, it is strongly recommended that at least one round of doubles shall be played in the first two days of the tournament.
- Any age ~~group~~ division that receives three or fewer entries may be combined with the next-higher age ~~group~~ division; provided that the Tournament Director shall. ~~Tournaments combining age groups must~~ notify the players involved by email or telephone message immediately after entries close. Players may shall accept or decline to compete in the next-higher age division. Players declining may withdraw from the event or the tournament without penalty and are entitled to an entry fee refund, if applicable.
- There is no maximum per event entry fee for singles, doubles, and mixed doubles and no maximum base fee in Novice Tournaments.

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**VI.**

Resolved: That effective immediately upon ratification by the Board, Rule 9E of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended as follows (underlined language is new, stricken-through language is deleted):

**9. Junior Tournament Descriptions.** Tournaments are offered for juniors with competition in the following six levels. Some tournaments may offer events in more than one level. For example, a tournament may offer both Novice and Open level events.

E. *Excellence Level.* Events at the Excellence level offer advanced competition in a limited-size draw and each is designated as a Level 4 National Ranking Tournament.

2011 Excellence Tournaments shall be held during the following date blocks and scheduled as follows:

**January 29, 30 – February 5, 6** (4 days) – all divisions: Singles only tournament

**May 7-8** (2 days) – all divisions: Doubles only tournament

**May 21-22, 28-30** (5 days) – all divisions: Singles and Doubles tournament

**October 15-16, 22-23** (4 days) – all divisions: Singles and Doubles tournament

The singles event shall have a draw of 32 with a Feed-in

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Championship that feeds in players through the quarterfinals. If weather permits, the Excellence Tournaments held in January and in May are required to run the Feed-in Championship through the quarterfinals for Singles.

If weather permits, all Excellence Tournaments must finish the Feed-in Championship.

The singles draw shall have a play-off for third and fourth place. The main draw singles match format shall be the best of three tiebreak sets.

The Feed-in Championship (consolation) match format at the Excellence Tournaments held in January and in May shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of the third set. The Feed-in Championship match format at the Excellence Tournaments in October will be the best of three tiebreak sets.

A single-elimination doubles event shall be held at the two May and the October Excellence Tournaments.

The doubles match format at Excellence Tournament held May 21, 22, 28-30 will be 8-game pro-sets with a match tiebreak at 8-games all. The doubles match format at all other Excellence Tournaments will be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of the third set.

Singles and doubles matches shall use regular scoring.

The match formats shall be as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Boys' and Girls' 18, 16, and 14 Divisions Except Doubles Only Tournament</u>	<u>Boys' and Girls' 12 Divisions Except Doubles Only Tournament</u>	<u>2011 Doubles-Only Excellence Tournament</u> †	<u>2012 Doubles-Only Excellence Tournament</u> †
<u>Main Draw Singles</u>	<u>Best of 3 TB Sets</u>	<u>Match TB</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
<u>FIC Singles</u>	<u>Match TB</u>	<u>Match TB</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
<u>Doubles</u>	<u>8-game proset</u>	<u>8-game proset</u>	<u>Match TB</u>	<u>Best of 3 TB Sets</u>

The entry fee for the Excellence Tournaments shall be a base fee for playing singles and/or doubles. The entry fee shall be \$50.00.

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**VII.**

Resolved: That the resolution adopted by Junior Council on December 1, 2010 to adopt a policy for awarding grants to players who compete in USTA National Championships and USTA Team Championships, which has not yet been submitted to the Board for ratification, is hereby rescinded.

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**VIII.**

The following program was unanimously approved.

TAG Entry Fee Refunds:

- Approved Applicants are eligible to receive up to receive a refund equivalent to 50% of an entry fee for up to eight (8) USTA NorCal sanctioned tournaments in a calendar year

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(January 1-December 31).

- The TAG Program does not apply to participation in nationally-sanctioned USTA junior tournaments that take place in USTA NorCal (e.g. West Coast Championships, USTA Girls' 16 National Open).
- TAGs may be awarded to up to 10% of the total number of entrants in a tournament.
- Because there is a limit on the number of TAGs that may be awarded per tournament, should the number of grants requests (see Grant Request below) exceed the maximum allowed grants, recipients will be selected based on the Adjusted Gross Income provided on the Application, with those having the lowest Adjusted Gross Incomes awarded first.

Eligibility to Apply: All USTA NorCal junior members who meet the Residency Requirements set forth in Rule 3B of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules are eligible to apply for a TAG.

Application to Participate in TAG Program:

- USTA NorCal shall publish all information regarding the TAG Program, including the TAG Application, to its website.
- An eligible player may apply to participate in the TAG Program at any time during a calendar year by completing and submitting the TAG Application. A new TAG Application must be submitted for each calendar year.
- All information and signatures requested on a TAG Application must be provided for an application to be approved.
- The parent or legal guardian of applicant (or player if they are 18 years or older) must certify by signature on the TAG Application that the junior player is in need of financial assistance to enter and play tournaments in USTA NorCal.
- The TAG Application shall include a request for Adjusted Gross Income on the most recently filed federal tax return (line 4 on 2010 Form 1040 EZ and line 37 on 2010 Form 1040) and shall require that a copy of the most-recently filed tax return accompany the TAG Application
- All Applicants will be notified by USTA NorCal as to whether the Application has been approved.

Grant Eligibility:

- Sportsmanship: TAG recipients shall maintain a high level of good sportsmanship. Approved Applicants shall not receive a TAG for a tournament if they are assessed three (3) or more suspension points during the tournament. Additionally, a player who requests a TAG for a tournament at which three (3) or more suspension points are assessed shall have the total number of tournaments for which a TAG can be received reduced by one.
- Play to Completion: TAG recipients are expected to play a tournament for which they are requesting a TAG to completion. For the purposes of the TAG Program, this means a player must not have withdrawn for the tournament without playing a match. Matches won by withdrawal, walkover, default and retirement count as playing a match.

Grant Request:

- No later than seven (7) days after the last day of a tournament, an Approved Applicant shall formally request to
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receive the TAG by emailing the USTA NorCal office. The request shall include the player's name, USTA Membership Number, tournament name, sanction dates, and Tournament ID Number (found at the top of the TennisLink home page). Failure to request a TAG within the 7-day time limit will be denied.

- Approved Applicants shall not request a TAG once they have received TAGs from the eight (8) maximum tournaments, or such lesser number should the player be deemed ineligible for a tournament for under the sportsmanship eligibility criteria.
  - Should the number of TAG requests exceed the maximum number allowed, USTA NorCal shall notify any Approved Applicants that are denied a refund based on this limit.
  - Approved Applicants that meet the Sportsmanship and Play to Completion grant eligibility requirements shall be sent a refund to the address provided on the Application. Refunds may take up to 45 days to process.
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