

**USTA Northern California  
BOARD RESOLUTIONS  
12/4/2012**

DATE	COMMITTEE	ACTION
8/8/2012	ADULT LEAGUE	<p>It was moved and seconded to adopt the following new rule: Effective with the 2013 Adult 18 &amp; Over season, at least six players are required to be at level on a team roster beginning with the first match played. Motion approved.</p> <p>The survey subcommittee presented a summary of the two 2012 surveys (Organization and Player/Captain) which asked a series of questions concerning various league issues and rules. A copy of the summary is attached. The only action item that came from the survey results and which also has been discussed for several years dealt with the issue of the number of players allowed to be on a team roster that were not at level, or one level below the rating of the team. This is an issue for our single straight level leagues (Adult 18 + and 40+ for the 2013 season). Discussion surrounded whether limitations should be placed on scorecard lineups rather than the roster, thus assuring that same level rated players would be playing in several of the lines. Since it is unclear at this time as to whether National would allow a lineup/score card rule, the committee elected to use the roster as several other sections have been implementing in recent years. The group also debated whether a percentage of the team vs. a specific number of players would be used, and the number 6 was agreed upon. Due to an Early Start League in Reno that is already in registration, it was decided to start this rule with the Adult 18 &amp; Over league season.</p> <p>The 2013 LLARs will be presented after the September meeting and will include this rule which will then be publicized including administration of the consequences of not following the rule.</p>
3/14/2012	ADULT LEAGUE	Motion passed to adopt the 2013 League Calendar as modified by the previous motions. (See attachment).
3/14/2012	ADULT LEAGUE	Motion passed to include a new NorCal local league season called Mixed 55 & Over starting in 2013 as a 10 week local league season, including both playoffs and a championship event.
3/14/2012	ADULT LEAGUE	Motion passed to adopt the Adult 40 & Over format using one singles and two doubles for the local league season for 2013.
12/3/2012	ADULT TOURNAMENT	<p><b>4. 2013 Grand Slam Tournament/ Tournament of the Year Designations</b></p> <p>After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded: <b>RESOLVED</b>, that all 2013 Grand Slam Tournaments and Tournaments of the Year submitted be approved:</p> <p>The motion was approved.</p>
12/3/2012	ADULT TOURNAMENT	<b>3. Aces Award Recommendations</b>

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After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded: **RESOLVED**, that the all adult tournament award recipients submitted be approved.

The motion was approved.

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## **2. One-Day Doubles Tournaments**

After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded: **RESOLVED**, that the One Day Doubles Tournament Information Sheet attached at the end of this document be approved by the Adult Tournament Committee. The Adult Tournament Committee also endorses the One Day Doubles Tournament Info Sheet (attached at end of this report) to be approved by the Sanction and Schedule Committee as well.

The motion was approved.

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## **1. National Top 500 List**

After discussion, the following motion was duly made and seconded: **RESOLVED**, that the following 2013 Men's and Women's Open Tournaments will be submitted to National to count in the National Top 500 ranking list. Each section is allowed to submit up to 4 Men's and 4 Women's Open Tournaments for such purpose.

### **Men's Tournaments**

- 1) \$25,000 The Heritage Bank of Commerce Open Aug. 6-11  
Moraga
- 2) 2013 SAP Open Pre-Qualifying Tournament Feb. 4-8  
Los Gatos
- 3) \$4000 Bay Counties Open May 30-Jun 2  
Danville
- 4) \$2500 Los Gatos Men's Open Apr. 18-21  
Los Gatos

### **Women's Tournaments**

- 1) \$25,000 The Heritage Bank of Commerce Open Aug. 6-11  
Moraga
- 2) 52nd Annual Captain Weber Days Open July 19-21  
Stockton
- 3) \$10,000 Comerica Bank 112th California Open Aug. 8-11  
Aptos
- 4) Mountain View Open May 24-27  
Mountain View

The motion was approved.

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## **5. Elimination of the Family Grand Prix**

Staff commented on the declining participation of players in family tournaments. It was noted that in 2012 there were only 5 family tournaments with some of the divisions too small to hold the event. It was noted that there is no minimum tournament requirement to enter in the Family Grand Prix.

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

**RESOLVED:** That effective 2013 the Family Grand Prix will be eliminated from the Adult Tournament Schedule. The funds allocated for the Family Grand Prix will be reinvested to the Family Category to help grow family tournaments and participation in family tournaments.

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**4. Senior and Open Grand Prix Minimum Tournament Requirement**

Staff proposed to increase the minimum tournament requirement to qualify for the Senior and Open Grand Prix from 1 to 2 tournaments in an effort to make the Senior and Open Grand Prix a more prestigious event. The Committee and staff discussed concerns of low participation and the limited number of senior tournaments

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minimum tournament requirement to qualify for the Senior and Open Grand Prix will remain at 1 tournament.

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**3. 2013 NTRP Grand Prix Minimum Tournament Requirement**

Staff proposed changing all of the tournament minimum requirement from 1 to 2 for 2013. Staff explain that the change would make the Grand Prix a more prestigious event that all players would be working towards. The Committee commented on the divisions having issues and that would be further impacted by the change. It was suggested that the Committee focus on growing these divisions and that changing the minimum requirement for all of the proposed divisions at this time may not be beneficial.

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

**RESOLVED:** All NTRP Grand Prix divisions that currently have a 1 tournament minimum requirement and that is being held at the 2012 NTRP Grand Prix will be bumped up to a 2 tournament minimum for 2013 and all NTRP Grand Prix divisions that currently have a 1 tournament minimum requirement that is not being held at the 2012 NTRP Grand Prix will remain a 1 tournament minimum.

The 2013 NTRP Grand Prix Minimum tournament requirement chart below reflects the approved changes.

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NTRP Division	Men's Divisions		Women's Divisions		Mixed Doubles Divisions
	Singles	Doubles	Singles	Doubles	
2.5	1	1	2	1	1
3.0	4	2	4	2	2
3.5	6	2	6	2	4
4.0	6	3	6	3	3
4.5	6	2	2	1	2
5.0	5	2	1	1	1
5.5	3	1	1	1	1

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## 2. Reconfirmation of Awards Criteria

Chrissie noted that it was appropriate for the Committee to review and reconfirm the current awards criteria to be used for this year.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the tournament ATC awards criteria has been reaffirmed with no changes.

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## 1B. Concurrent Tournament Rule

Staff proposed amending the Concurrent Tournament Rule to include players who enter a tournament and play it to completion, who then may enter another tournament with overlapping dates without permission. The Committee discussed and agreed that amending the rule would help promote more play and create less work for the tournaments.

After discussion, the following motion was made and seconded:

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

### 16. Concurrent Tournaments.

A player shall not be entered at the time entries close in two or more USTA sanctioned tournaments scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or in part, unless each Tournament Committee involved understands the situation, ~~and concurs in writing, and each agrees to accommodate the player's schedule.~~ Players may play in concurrent tournaments provided those tournaments involved are advised of the conflict by the player prior to entry, and agree in writing to accept such concurrent entries and accommodate the player's schedule. The final decision rests with each tournament committee. If one tournament

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agrees to accept concurrent entries and accommodate the player's schedule but the concurrent tournament does not, the player may not enter both.

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

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

If the a player violates the rule against entering concurrent tournaments this concurrent tournament rule, such ranking points earned in any concurrent tournaments played will not count toward ranking or the Grand Prix pPoints Race.

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### 1A. Posting First Match Start Times

Staff proposed changing the posting of the first match time from 72 hours before the start of the first match to a fixed standard time. Staff also explained that Junior Council has amended its policies concerning when draws must be posted. The amendment, to be effective January 1, 2013, gives a tournament the flexibility to post doubles start times after posting singles start times. This proposal also standardizes the time by which match times are to be posted by changing the requirement from a specified hours window (72 hours before first start time) to a days before and set time (10 am three days before).

Thereafter, the following motion was made and seconded:

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

#### 4. First Match Times.

##### a. *Tournament Responsibility for Publicizing First Match Start Times.*

~~Tournaments have the following options for publicizing first match start times:~~

- ~~i. posting tournament draws 72 hours in advance of the first match of the tournament;~~
- ~~ii. posting the scheduled start times of all first singles matches (or doubles if doubles only tournament) 72 hours in advance of the first match of the tournament.~~

The draw for each event must be published with start times to the USTA website no later than 10:00 am three days before the start date of the tournament, except that a tournament may delay the publication of a doubles draw with start times until 10:00 am two days before the start date of the tournament provided the tournament posts a notice about the delayed publication of the doubles draw on its home page. A waiver to this rule may be approved by prior written consent of the USTA NorCal staff.

b. *Players Responsible for Obtaining Start Times.* [unchanged]

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The Board approved that for Excellence Tournaments, the entry fees shall be as follows: Singles per event fee of \$40 at the singles-only Excellence Tournament. Doubles per event fee per player of \$30

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doubles at the doubles-only Excellence Tournament. The base fee shall remain \$50 for the Excellence tournaments that hold both singles and doubles.

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4/18/2012 BOARD The Board then discussed the tournament participation numbers and requested additional data from staff. There was concern expressed for starting the sanction period on May 1 without certain Committee decisions being fully subject to the challenge process. After discussion, the Board approved the change in the start of the sanctioning period from May 1 to June 1.

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4/18/2012 BOARD With respect to the Committee decisions, a Board Director requested clarification regarding Rule 2.D.i regarding mandatory entry open and closing dates for Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments and Championship Tournaments. After discussion on motion, the Board approved the Committee decision to amend Rule 2.D.i with the discussed clarification (rule entirety with the change underlined) as noted below:  
2. Sanction Application.  
D. Information provided on Online Sanction Form.  
i. Application must provide accurate information. It is solely the responsibility of the applicant to provide accurate information on the Online Sanction Form including, but not limited to, tournament dates, entry open and closing dates, sites, events, divisions, draw sizes, entry fees, and contract information, provided, however that the entry closing dates for singles for the Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, and Championship Tournaments shall be no less than 7 days prior to the start date of the respective tournament and the entry open dates shall be 6 weeks prior to the entry closing date. Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, and Championship Tournaments may set a later entry closing date for doubles, provided this date is published to the website before entries open.

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4/18/2012 BOARD The President called upon Adult League Manager who first provided a self rate demonstration for the directors. She then provided an overview of the leagues calendar for 2013 and she and Adult League Chair responded to questions regarding the various changes. During the discussion, the Chairman commented on a new software product used for scheduling and noted that the Board was being asked to ratify the Budget & Finance Committee's approval to spend \$14,500 for the schedule balance software. After further discussion, the Board approved the expenditure as presented.

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2/8/2012 BOARD Player Development Director reviewed the proposal to add a second local community market in San Francisco and receive a national matching grant for a total of \$50,000 over a period of 3 years (\$25,000 in 2012, \$15,000 in 2013 and \$10,000 in 2014). It was noted that the plan is similar to Stockton and will be run through the San Francisco Parks & Recreation Department. The directors requested that future similar requests be first reviewed by the Budget Committee. They also asked whether other partnerships and national matching were available. Motion unanimously approved.

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12/4/2012 DIVERSITY The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to select Mark Manning for the Icon Award and Cheri King for the

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Service Award.

12/4/2012	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to release the funds constituting their last installments of the scholarship plus a volunteer commitment to an outreach event.
12/4/2012	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, that the minutes of November 13, 2012 meeting be approved with one amendment to detail plans for a subcommittee for college scholarships.
11/13/2012	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to purchase a table to the ACES Brunch Banquet on February 24, 2013 at a cost of \$600.00. The motion was approved.
10/9/2012	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to allocate up to \$1000 for marketing and collateral related to college scholarships. The motion was approved.
7/3/2012	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to sponsor the 2012 Oakland Chinatown Fest. The motion was approved.
2/24/2012	DIVERSITY	Motion passed to sponsor a table at a cost of \$750.00 for the MESHOF event on March 31, 2012.
11/20/2012	JUNIOR COUNCIL	

**3. Budget Request for 2013 Pilot of Level-Based Tournaments with Adults: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That the following addition of \$1,625 to the 2013 Junior Budget for up to 5 adult/junior Level-Based Tournament Pilots be submitted to the Budget Committee and Board for approval, and that the divisions for the events offered be changed from 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 to 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0.

Budget Item	Total Amount For 1 Tourney	Total Amount For 5 Tourneys	Budget Category & Explanation
Food: Coffee, fruit, bagels, snacks, water Approx. \$150/day x 2 days for 96 participants	(\$300)	(\$1,500)	b. Player Dev. 6370.10 (Meals - In Section)
Awards: 6 SG 1st & 2nd = 12 awards @ \$25 each 6 DB 1st & 2nd = 24 awards @ \$25 each	(\$900)	(\$4,500)	b. Player Dev. 7055 (Awards)
Court Fees: \$500/day for 2 days	(\$1,000)	(\$5,000)	b. Player Dev. 7085 (Court Fees/Expenses)
Balls: \$75/case - 7 cases, based on 148 matches	(\$525)	(\$2,625)	b. Player Dev. 7090 (Events)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$2,725)</b>	<b>(\$13,625)</b>	

<b>TOTAL INCOME - \$25 Base Entry Fee</b> 16 estimated players per division x \$25 entry fee	\$2,400	(\$12,000)	b. Player Dev. 2000.10 (Entry/Registration Fees)
<b>NET EXPENSE/BUDGET REQUEST</b>	(\$325)	(\$1,625)	

Rationale: At its last meeting, Junior Council approved of holding one or more non-sanctioned, non-ranking, level-based tournaments that will have juniors and adults competing against one another. The Board subsequently approved of the pilots in the 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 NTRP Divisions. In order to begin implementation, Amy Jensen asked the Council to consider bumping the levels offered up by one level, so that events in the 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 division are held. Based on feedback she's received, she believes the higher NTRP players are more comfortable with the concept of playing with juniors and in order for the Pilots to be successful, she'd like to see this change. Additionally, Amy presented a budget request of \$325 per tournament, or \$1,625 total for holding 5 pilots. The budget is based on the following parameters:

- Men's Boys'/Women's/Girls' Singles & Doubles - 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 NTRP Divisions
- 6 Singles Events - Max Draw Size of 16: Match TB in Lieu of 3rd Set, SE, Playoff for 3rd/4th
- 6 Doubles Events - Max Draw Size of 8 Teams: 8 Game Pro Set, SE, Playoff for 3rd/4th
- 2-Day Tournament: Day 1 - 16 Courts; Day 2 - 12 Courts
- Day One: 1 doubles, 2 singles (3 maximum matches)
- Day Two: 1 doubles, 2 singles, 1 doubles (4 maximum matches)

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**2. Team Budget Request: Shift of Funds from USTA National Doubles Tournament to USTA National Intersectional Team Championships: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That the following adjustment be made to the 2013 Junior Budget:

Budget Item	Amount	Budget Category & Explanation
Performance Awards for USTA National Doubles Tournament (\$250 per player for up to 8 players)	\$2,000	b. Player Development 6140.10 (Grants General)
Team Manager Stipend to attend USTA National Doubles Tournament	\$2,000	b. Player Development 6140.10 (Grants General)
A stipend of up to \$500 per player (8 players x \$500 per player) paid to the player upon completion of USTA Intersectional Team Championship	(\$4,000)	f. Intersectionals 6380.20 (Travel Out of Section)
<b>NET EXPENSE</b>	\$0.00	

Rationale: In 2013, the USTA will no longer be holding the USTA

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National Doubles Tournament, a Level 3 National Ranking Tournament. This tournament permitted each section to endorse one team in the BG16 and 14 divisions. In 2013 the USTA will be replacing the tournament with the USTA National Doubles Championships, a Level 1 Gold Ball National Championship, but sections are not guaranteed representation at the tournament. Players enter as doubles teams and selection is based on national standing.

Currently, the junior budget has a total of \$4,000 allocated for the USTA National Doubles Tournament. \$2,000 is for Performance Awards (\$250 per player) and \$2,000 is to pay for a team manager to attend with the players.

This proposal seeks to shift the \$4,000 budgeted for the USTA National Doubles Tournament to the USTA BG 16 Intersectional Team Championships, a Level 1 National Ranking Tournament. Like the Doubles Tournament, 8 players attend the Intersectionals. As compared to the USTA BG 18 National Team Championships, the other team National Level 1 Ranking Tournament, \$45 per player less is budgeted for Intersectionals and the out of pocket airfare costs for Intersectionals are \$150-\$350 greater for Intersectionals (this is comparison to the airfare for B18 National Team and G18 National Team, respectively). Additionally, no pre-tournament workout is held for the Intersectionals players due to the timing of the tournament in the calendar.

It is also important to consider that it has always been difficult for NorCal to get top players and their parents to commit to Intersectionals. This is due to many factors including:

- The aforementioned cost associated of the tournament;
- The event is generally less attractive because it is on clay;
- Because of the proximity to the National Team Championships the Nationals Hard Courts that immediately follows, many college coaches attend the National Team events; and
- As compared to the USTA BG 18 National Team Championships, where it's a short drive to Kalamazoo or San Diego, Intersectionals players must fly to the National Clay Courts from Shreveport, a very expensive airline ticket.

NorCal came in 7th this year at Intersectionals, our best result ever at this event. Players and parents are excited. If we can attract more of our top juniors for Intersectionals, we are sure to do better.

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**1. Selection of Tournaments that Qualify Players for 2013 Sectional Championships: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That the singles semifinalists in each age division of the 2013 Open Tournaments listed below (4 players from each tournament, 8 total players per division) who have submitted timely entries shall be accepted into the Sectional Championship in the corresponding age division:

- Fremont Tennis Center (500021713) - May 5-6, 11-12: 30 courts available; tournament shall limit their entries per division
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to 48 singles and 24 doubles, but can expand them if fewer than this number register in some divisions.

- Santa Clara/Sylvano Tennis Academy (500004813) - May 11-12, 18-19: 14 courts available: tournament shall limit their entries per division to 24 singles, 12 doubles, but can expand them if fewer than this number register in some divisions.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That because these tournaments are concurrent, but only have one weekend that overlaps, the Tournaments shall be required not to approve concurrent entries and that the Santa Clara/Sylvano Tennis Academy tournament shall be required to close entries no later than Saturday, May 4th so that players who lose the first weekend at Fremont will not mistakenly enter Santa Clara/Sylvano.

Rationale: The selection rules for the Sectional Championships require that two Open tournaments be designated in each division (BG 18, 16, 14, and 12 singles) and the top 4 finishers from each tournament earn qualifying spots into the Sectional Championships. Following consideration of several tournaments, the Council voted in favor of the two submitted by this resolution.

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**3. Piloting Tournaments with Adults and Juniors: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That in 2013, USTA NorCal shall organize and pilot one or more Generation Gap Tournaments at which juniors and adults of the same level will compete against one another. The Tournament(s) shall have the following parameters:

- The tournament shall not count for adult or junior ranking
- Divisions shall be mens'/boys' and womens'/girls' 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 singles and doubles;
- Juniors and adults may and are encouraged to pair together as doubles teams;
- Junior players shall use the self-rating process currently in use for NTRP tournaments to determine the level they shall enter;
- The minimum age requirement shall be 12 years of age.

Rationale: The USTA NorCal Junior Competition Task Force supported piloting events in 2013 that paired juniors and adults of equal ability. Results from the survey lend support to this concept - both in terms of permitting adults and juniors to compete, but also in terms of creating level-based play. The leagues department is currently piloting a Generation Gap Flex league that permits juniors to play on league teams with adults. Council supported the idea of piloting play between adults and juniors in a tournament setting and approved the piloting of this type of competition in a tournament.

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**2. USTA Junior Ranking Rules: Best 6: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2013, Rule 7 of the

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USTA NorCal Junior Points Per Round Ranking Rules be amended as follows to change the ranking calculation from a "best 8" to a "best 6" system (underlined language is added, stricken-through language is deleted):

- 7. Calculating Rankings.** Each player's combined ranking will be based on the accumulation of points for winning rounds at the player's ~~eight~~ six best singles and six best doubles Sectional Ranking Tournaments in the age division during the previous 12-month period as follows:
- 100% of the Ranking Points earned at & 6 best singles Sectional Ranking Tournaments
  - + 15% of the Ranking Points earned at & 6 best doubles Sectional Ranking Tournaments
  - = Total Ranking Points

Rationale: "Best of" refers to the number of singles tournaments and doubles tournaments that count for NorCal ranking. Currently 100% of the ranking points earned at a player's best 8 singles results and 15% of the ranking points earned at a player's best 8 doubles results determine a player's total points, and therefore their ranking. This proposed amendment would reduce the number from Best 8 to Best 6.

- "Best 6" would have a substantially positive benefit to players that includes:
  1. Increased player ability/time to focus on skill development (periodization);
  2. Reduction of travel costs and time;
  3. Reduced pressure to "chase points";
  4. Promote a healthy level of tournament matches to minimize overuse and other injuries.
  5. Potential for increased doubles participation as players "invest" more in the fewer number of tournaments they participate in;
  6. A more efficient age division transition, creating a smaller period of time for a player to establish themselves in their new age division. This would permit top players to qualify for Nationals without overplaying and improve the accuracy of rankings and seedings; and
  7. Alignment of NorCal with National USTA policy of including 6 tournaments in player ranking.
- "Best 6" would have an insignificant impact on rankings, participation and endorsement. Data the B14 ranking lists, adjusted to reflect the change from Best 8 to Best 6 illustrates the impact on rankings and Council had no concern. Historical data from the Southern Section shows their experience had no impact on overall participation. During the first 5 months of 2006, as compared to the first 5 months of 2005, overall participation did not suffer.

If this proposal is approved by the Board, an immediate educational campaign will need to take place to inform the

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players of the change and the impact it will have on rankings beginning January 1, 2013.

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**1. USTA Junior Tournament Rules: Change to Alternative Match Format: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2013, Rule 21 of the Junior Tournament Rules be amended as follows to permit staff to make exceptions rule that restricts changing back to an original match format (underlined language is added, stricken-through language is deleted):

**21. Change to Alternate Match Format.** The Tournament Committee may change the match format before the start of play in any round in a draw without notice on the tournament web page when in the Tournament Committee's discretion the change is necessary to complete the draw after inclement weather, health concerns, or safety concerns causes the tournament to fall behind its published schedule; *however*, the Tournament Committee may not switch from regular scoring to No-Ad scoring. The Tournament Committee shall use their best efforts to have all matches in a round in a draw use the same match format.

In the event the Tournament Committee has to change the match format in more than one singles draw, the Tournament Committee shall use their best efforts to use the same alternate match format in all changed singles draws. In the event the Tournament Committee has to change the match format in more than one doubles draw, the Tournament Committee shall use their best efforts to use the same alternate match format in all changed doubles draws.

Once the match format in a draw has been changed, the Tournament Committee may not revert back to the original match format without prior written approval of the USTA NorCal staff.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That this amendment supercedes the amendment to Rule 21 approved by the Council on August 22, 2012, which only proposed the change set forth in the last paragraph of the Rule 21.

Rationale: This amendment gives staff the authority to waive the requirement that a tournament not revert back to the original match format when it has been shortened due to inclement weather. It also expands the reasons for shortening the match format to include health concerns or safety concerns, a change that is consistent with what is permitted in the USTA Regulations. As part of a review of this Rule 21, Council also considered whether a Referee should be allowed to revert back to the original match format without permission when there is inclement weather. Council had concerns over allowing a tournament to switch back without permission and it believed such a policy had the potential to cause confusion.

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Council believes a Tournament Committee should be able to plan ahead when bad weather (rain or extreme heat/humidity) is forecast and contact the staff prior to the weekend. This would allow staff to be in the loop when questions or concerns were sent to staff following the tournament.

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**4. USTA Junior Tournament Rules: Novice Tournament Draw Formats: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2013, Rule 9.A.i. of the Junior Tournament Rules be amended as follows to provide additional guidance and instruction on match formats at Novice Level tournaments (underlined language is added, stricken-through language is deleted):

**9. Junior Tournament Descriptions - Boys' and Girls' 12, 14, 16 and 18 Divisions**

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

**i. Draw Format.** ~~Singles~~ ~~Draws~~ will either be a Round Robin, a First Match Loser Consolation, ~~Feed-In Championship, Modified Feed-In Championship,~~ or a Compass Draw ~~as determined by the Tournament Committee. Round Robins and Compass Draws must provide a minimum of three matches, and the draw format shall be determined by the Tournament Committee after entries close as follows:~~

- (a) Draws with 2 entrants may play one match to determine the winner or may be combined with another event as set forth in Rule 16.
- (b) Draws with 3 entrants may either be a Round Robin or may be combined with another event as set forth in Rule 16.
- (c) Draws with 4 or 5 entrants shall be a Round Robin.
- (d) Draws with 6 or 7 entrants may be a Round Robin or a First Match Loser Consolation.
- (e) Draws with 8 or more entrants may be a Round Robin, First Match Loser Consolation or Compass Draw.

Tournaments shall publish to the tournament website prior to entries opening that one of the three singles draw formats (Round Robin, First Match Loser Consolation, or Compass Draw) shall be used and the format shall be determined when entries close and the Tournament Committee has had the opportunity to evaluate the total entries received. Tournaments are encouraged to use a draw format that maximizes the number of matches played by each entrant.

Doubles draws will either be single elimination, Round Robin, First Match Loser Consolation, or a Compass Draw. If the draw type is single elimination, it shall be posted to the tournament website before entries open. If it is a Round Robin, First Match Loser Consolation, or Compass Draw, the

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draw format shall be determined in the same manner as the singles draw format.

Rationale:

- Provides better clarity and guidance in the organization of Novice Level singles draws: The proposal eliminates the FIC and MFIC format as this not used at the Novice Level. A review of the applications approved for 2013 Novice tournaments indicates no applicant applied for one for these formats. It also removes the requirement that a Compass and Round Robin draw provide three matches as this is not possible with all Compass and Round Robin draw sizes. It replaces this requirement with specific guidance on the draw formats to use based on number of entries and gives the Tournament Committee the flexibility to determine the draw format after entries close. It finally encourages Tournament Committees to choose a draw format (when an option is given) that maximizes play.
- Allows for Single Elimination doubles draws to be held: Many of the 2013 applications for Novice tournaments are for single elimination doubles and many 2012 tournaments were approved for and ran single elimination doubles draws.

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**3. USTA Junior Tournament Rules: Publication of First Match Times: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2013, Rule 20 of the Junior Tournament Rules be amended as follows to promote doubles by giving tournaments the ability to delay the posting of doubles draws, create a standardized time all singles draws are to be posted, and to permit staff to make exceptions to the publication rule when deemed necessary (underlined language is added, stricken-through language is deleted):

**20. First Match Times**

- A. Tournament Responsibility for Publicizing First Match Start Times.** The draw for each event must be published with start times to the USTA website no later than 10:00 am three days ~~72 hours~~ before the start ~~time of the first match of the event~~ date of the tournament, except that a tournament may delay the publication of a doubles draw with start times until 10:00 am two days before the start date of the tournament provided the tournament posts a notice about the delayed publication of the doubles draw on its home page. A waiver to this rule may be approved by prior written consent of the USTA NorCal staff.

Rationale: This proposed amendment gives a tournament the flexibility to post doubles start times after posting singles start times. Many tournaments are already doing this, primarily to give the Referee more time to accept late doubles entries, receive information on partnerships, and make the doubles draws. The proposal also standardizes the time by which times are to be posted by changing the requirement from a specified

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hours window (72 hours before first start time) to a days before and set time (10 am three days before), so that the publication requirement is the same timeframe for all tournaments, making it easier for staff to enforce this rule. Finally, it gives the NorCal staff the authority to further delay the publication of a draw in special circumstances, such as the delayed start of a draw when too few entries are received.

8/22/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**2. Endorsement into USTA National Championships: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, USTA NorCal shall establish a policy by which a player may apply for a waiver to appear on the bottom of one of NorCal’s endorsement lists for a USTA National Championship (Spring, Clay, Hard Court, Winter). NorCal staff shall set a deadline to submit a request for a waiver. A committee comprised of the Manager of Player Development, Junior Competition Coordinator, and Chair of Junior Council shall rule on the waiver requests. If a player’s waiver is approved, the player shall be placed at the bottom of the endorsement list so that they may be accepted into a USTA National Championship when remaining vacancies are filled with players from the National Standings List.

Rationale: Council re-examined the NorCal junior ranking policy of not allowing points earned in an older age division to count in the player’s natural age division and concluded that having a policy to ensure top players stay and play where they are competitive is important, but that it had to be done in a manner that would benefit all players. This view is consistent with the Council-proposed and Board-approved principle that our competitive system should facilitate the endorsement of top players to Nationals. As a result of the discussion, Council is proposing the creation of a waiver process for a player to appear on the bottom of the endorsement list of his or her desired National Championship age division. Because a significant number of players are accepted into USTA National Championships based on their national ranking (28 in the 18s division, 36 players in the 16s, 14s, and 12s division, of a 128-draw National), a waiver policy his would ensure a player’s acceptance so long as the player has a high enough national standing. At the same time, a waiver policy would not affect the top of the endorsement list where players are competing in the age division for the limited number of quota spots.

8/22/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**1. Match Formats for USTA NorCal Junior Sectional Championships: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That beginning in 2013, the match formats for the Sectional Championships shall be as set forth in the table below under New Approved Match Formats Beginning in 2013:

Event	Format in 2012 Rules	New Approved Match Formats Beginning in 2013
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Main Draw Singles	Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets	Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets (no change)
FIC Singles	Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets	Match Tiebreak Played in lieu of 3rd Set
Doubles	Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets	Best of 3, Match Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set, or 8-Game Pro Sets, to be determined by the Tournament Committee and posted to website before entries open

Rationale: As a result of the new Recovery Rule that requires 2 hours minimum rest to be offered between singles matches when the Best of 3 Set format is played in the first singles match, the Board approved the April decision by Junior Council to grant waivers to the mandatory use of certain match formats at Sectionals, Excellence and Championships. In all Sectional Championships, waivers were granted to shorten the FIC and Doubles formats. This decision was made to standardize the match formats at Sectionals.

4/4/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**5. 2013 NorCal Date Block for January Singles-Only Excellence: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That the date block for the 2013 January singles-only Excellence shall be January 12-13, 19-21 and that the last day, Monday, January 21st, the Martin Luther King holiday, shall be used as a rain make-up day in the event the tournament is not able to finish in the first four days.

Rationale. Prior to the opening of the sanction period for 2013 tournament, Junior Council did a review of the 2013 date blocks for Sectionals, Excellence and Championships to determine whether there would be any conflicts between NorCal tournaments that count for national ranking and other national tournaments. The calendar weeks used for the NorCal tournaments are the same as those in 2012, with the dates adjust for the 2013 year. I was discovered that an adjustment to the calendar moves the January USTA Regional Tournament to the 3rd weekend in January to avoid the MLK Holiday, a weekend reserved for the Sections to hold tournaments. The January Regional now conflicts with the January singles-only Excellence. The Council recommends this change to avoid the conflict. Council also reviewed the other date blocks and recommended no changes.

4/4/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**4. Mandatory Entry Open and Closing Dates for Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, and Championship Tournaments: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the sanctioning of 2013 tournaments, Rule 2.D.i. and Rule 6.B. shall be amended as set forth below - new language is underlined:

**2. Sanction Application.**

*D. Information provided on Online Sanction Form.*

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- i. *Application must provide accurate information.* It is solely the responsibility of the applicant to provide accurate information on the Online Sanction Form including, but not limited to, tournament dates, entry open and closing dates, sites, events, divisions, draw sizes, entry fees, and contact information, *provided, however that the entry closing dates for singles for the Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, and Championship Tournaments shall be 7 days prior to the start date of the respective tournament and the entry open dates shall be 6 weeks prior to the entry closing date. Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, and Championship Tournaments may set a later entry closing date for doubles, provided this date is published to the website before entries open.*

**6. Approval or Notice of Change; Increase in Entry Fee Not Permitted after Approval of Sanction.**

- B. *Written notice requirements.* Sanction holders **shall notify in writing** the Adult Tournament Coordinator or the Junior Competition Coordinator in the event it is desired that changes be made to the entry open and closing dates, *except that:*
- the entry open dates and singles closing dates for Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, and Championship Tournaments shall be as set forth in Rule 2.D.i.;
  - the entry closing date may not be changed to an earlier date; and
  - the entry closing date may not be changed to a date that violates the Adult and Junior Tournament Rules that require posting match times and draws 72 hours before the start of the tournament.

Rationale:

1. Many tournaments use the practice of extending entry closing dates as a strategy to increase entries in a manner that allows them to be taken electronically instead of manually as late entries. While this may assist a tournament in its administration, it has created a sense that the deadline is meaningless, instilling the notion that a player doesn't have to meet deadlines to enter. This has resulted in:
    - confusion over when entries will actually be taken;
    - instances of a tournament failing to meet the 72-hour by which draws/start times are to be published;
    - inconsistent deadlines from one tournament to the next as to the ranking list to be used for seeding;
    - inadequate time for Championships, events with unlimited draw sizes, to get additional sites when entries exceed the capacity of the courts previously secured for the tournament.
  2. When possible, creating policies for how tournaments run that
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are consistent from tournament to tournament helps with the overall quality of our system. It creates consistency in terms of educating tournament directors on how events are to be administered, and in terms of what our constituents (players/parents/coaches) should expect.

3. Junior Council is beginning the process of considering whether the national 2014 policy to allow concurrent entries in multiple levels of tournaments could be beneficial in NorCal, a structure that requires different tournaments in the same date block to have the same entry closing dates. Implementing this new policy in 2013 allows NorCal to gather information before sanctioning for 2014 begins on whether this is a beneficial policy for the future.

4/4/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**3. Ranking Points for Early USTA National Championship Rounds: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective retroactively to the first USTA National Championship held in 2012, the BG 18 National Spring Championships, the USTA NorCal Ranking Rules shall be amended to include points for early rounds at the USTA National Championships as follows - underlined points are new:

**Tournaments Without a Feed-In Championship**

Player Result	Excellence Doubles and USTA National Championships
Champion	560
2nd Place	490
3rd Place	350
4th Place/SF <sup>2</sup>	280
Quarterfinalist	210
Reached R16	140
Reached R32	<u>100</u>
Reached R64	<u>80</u>
Lost in R128	<u>0</u>
Points for each consolation Round Won <sup>3</sup>	<u>25</u>

**Feed-In Championship Tournaments**

Player Result <sup>1</sup>	Excellence Tournaments and USTA National Championships
Champion	560
2nd Place	490

3rd Place	455
4th Place/SF <sup>2</sup>	420
FIC Champion	385
FIC Finalist	350
FIC SF	315
FIC QF	280
FIC QF Qualifying	245
FIC R16	210
FIC R16 Qualifying	175
FIC R32	140
FIC R32 Qualifying	<u>105</u>
FIC R64	<u>70</u>
FIC R64 Qualifying	<u>40</u>
FIC R128	<u>20</u>
FIC R128 Qualifying	<u>0</u>

Rationale: Effective January 1, 2012, the USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Rules were amended to allow players to earn ranking points for wins at all tournaments on the National Junior Tournament Schedule. When this amendment was proposed and approved, Junior Council failed to recognize that the points tables do not award points for USTA National Championships singles draws of 192 and 128 and doubles draws of 96 and 64. Junior Council concluded not assigning points to early rounds at the USTA National Championships was an oversight and it desired that it is in the best interest of NorCal players to award points for these rounds.

4/4/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**2. Impact of New Recovery Rule on USTA NorCal Junior Tournaments - Adoption of Match Format Waiver Policy for 2012: Passed**

WHEREAS: Junior Council has determined that it has no desire to amend the Junior Tournament Rules that require the Best of 3 Set match format in certain singles events and that the adoption of the national Recovery Rule may have an impact on whether the following tournaments that require the Best of 3 Set singles match format can be played to completion:

- Sectional Championships - all divisions, main draw singles and FIC singles
- BG 18, 16, and 14 Excellence - main draw singles
- BG 18, 16, and 14 Championship - main draw singles

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the following waiver policy shall be in place in 2012 to enable the consideration of shortened formats that require the use of the Best of 3 Set singles match format:

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## Waiver Policy for Tournaments Required to Use Best of 3 Set Format

The Tournament Committee of an affected Sectional Championship, Excellence Tournament, or Championship Tournaments may apply in writing for a waiver to Tommy Tu to run a Match Tiebreak singles format instead of the Best of 3 set format.

Waiver request shall include:

- number of courts available for tournament and match schedule plan (rounds played each day) demonstrating the inability of the tournament to run the event with the Best of 3 Format;
- statement as to why either no additional courts are available or the impact of the projected cost to acquire additional courts on the tournament budget;
- if both consolation and main draw matches are required to use the Best of 3 format, specify which matches the shortened format is being requested for;
- specify whether the request is for all singles rounds or a limited number of rounds.

The waiver request must be received at least 45 days prior to the date entries open. A decision on the waiver request shall be made by the Chair of Junior Council and the USTA NorCal staff no later than 30 days before entries open. The decision may uphold or deny all or part of the request and may also include instructions to the Tournament Committee that were not contemplated in the request.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That immediately following adoption by the Board, staff shall send a notice regarding waiver policy to the Tournament Committees of the Sectional Championships and Excellence and Championship Tournaments.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That certain tournaments may have entry open dates that do not allow the Tournament Committee to meet the 45-day deadline, in which case these deadlines will be waived so that a waiver request may be considered.

Rationale: The new Recovery Rule that was adopted by the USTA and took effect on March 19th requires 2 hours minimum rest after a singles match when the match format is the best of 3 tiebreak sets or more. The actual length of the match has no bearing on the rest required to be offered. Junior Council concluded that factors such as court availability and the scheduling strategy will impact whether or not the Recovery Rule will affect a tournament and determined that because the Junior Tournament Rules require specified match formats at certain tournaments, a policy needs to be in place to make adjustments in the event it is discovered a tournament is not able to fully implement the Recovery Rule and also complete a tournament.

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4/4/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**1. Support of Sportsmanship Committee Proposal to Change No Show Default Penalty from Automatic 30-Day Suspension to 5 Suspension Points: Passed**

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**RESOLVED:** That Junior Council hereby supports the unanimously approved resolution of the Sportsmanship Committee to change the penalty for No Show Defaults from an automatic 30-day suspension to 5 suspension points.

Rationale: Automatic 30-day suspensions have had a negative impact on first-time players who may not be aware of the rules when they first start. Additionally, staff regularly deals with cases where No Show Defaults are incorrectly given by Referees, resulting in automatic suspensions that later result in NorCal having to take back the penalty letter sent to players. The Council believes this is a better policy to promote good public relations, especially with new players, while at the same time keeping an appropriate penalty.

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2/1/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**3. Draw Format for Stand-Alone Excellence Doubles Tournament: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, Junior Tournament Rule 9.E.iii. shall be amended to state that the draw format at the stand-alone Excellence Tournament shall be one of the following consolation formats: Compass Draw, Feed-In Championship, or First Match Loser Consolation.

Rationale: Currently, the Junior Tournament Rules require that a single-elimination draw format be used, regardless of whether the tournament has combined singles and doubles or is a stand-alone doubles tournament. Since at least 2008, the stand-alone Excellence has run a form of consolation, with no opposition by the staff or Junior Council. The entry fee for this tournament is \$50, the same for the combined singles and doubles tournament. Currently the tournament that is to be held in March has plans to run a form of consolation. The Council concluded that the rules should require a consolation at the stand-alone doubles Excellence.

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2/1/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS  
COUNCIL

**2. Revision of the Selection Rules for USTA NorCal National Teams: Passed**

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, the team selection policies shall be amended as follows:

- The Wild Card selection criteria for USTA Zone Team Championships shall be amended to increase the number of players that may be selected by Wild Card from 2 to 3.
- The Wild Card selection criteria for USTA National Team Championships shall be amended to increase the number of players that may be selected by Wild Card from 1 to 2.
- The Wild Card selection criteria for USTA Intersectional Team Championships shall be amended to create a new selection criteria that states one player, the third player selected to the team, may be selected by Wild Card.

Rationale: Junior Council concluded that a way to further strengthen the teams, but maintain an emphasis of play in NorCal would be to increase the wild cards that are available to be

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awarded. Wild cards, while available to be given, are not required to be used. The wild card policy, which is not changed by this resolution reads:

- 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.

As revised, the selection criteria for the three tournaments affected by this resolution will read as follows:

### **USTA ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Player Selection:** Boys and girls for each team (16s teams: 12 boys and 12 girls; 14s and 12s teams: 18 boys and 18 girls) ,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 3 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.*

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

**Player Selection:** Six 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 2 Wild Card players may be selected .....
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- 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.*

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

**Player Selection:** 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.....
- Up to 1 Wild Card player may be selected.....
- 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.*

2/1/2012

JUNIOR TENNIS COUNCIL

1. USTA NorCal Generation Gap Invitational Tournament: Passed 6-0

**RESOLVED:** That a new USTA NorCal Generation Gap Invitational Tournament be approved, which shall be organized by USTA NorCal staff, shall first be held in June 2012, and shall be as fully described in Exhibit A to these minutes.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That as proposed, the tournament will have no impact on the USTA NorCal Budget, but in the event there is a need for funding, the staff will work with Junior Council to make a budget request to the USTA NorCal Board.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That should additional sponsorship dollars and courts become available, the Junior Council endorses the

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expansion of the number of participants in the tournament.

## **EXHIBIT A: USTA NorCal Generation Gap Invitational Tournament**

### **Competition Overview**

This proposal is for an annual event in June where our strongest juniors get the chance to compete against seasoned adult players. The tournament will not count for USTA NorCal junior ranking. The tournament will be organized by USTA NorCal. The Tournament Committee will be comprised of USTA NorCal staff and volunteers.

### **Selection of Junior Players**

The top 2 ranked players from each age division at the end of the year (in 2012, as of March 1) will be invited to participate in the event; however sportsmanship will also be considered and may result in the selection of the next-highest player. If the invitation is declined the next highest ranked player will be invited. Because this is not a ranking tournament, age eligibility at the time of the event in June is not a consideration for selection.

### **Selection of Adult Players**

The Generation Gap Tournament Committee will work to invite the best adult players in each age category. Either the highest nationally ranked adult players, or retired collegiate/professional players who no longer compete.

### **Competition Format**

There will be four separate 'Cups' within the event, each named after a player or sponsor. Names for each 'Cup' are yet to be determined. Each Cup will have a winner (either the juniors or the adults) and overall there will be a winner (juniors or adults)

Cup 1: 18's vs. 35's

Cup 2: 16's vs. 45's

Cup 3: 14's vs. 55's

Cup 4: 12's vs. 65's

Round 1 - Singles (pro set – tiebreak at 8 games all)

Round 2 – Reverse Singles (pro set)

Round 3 – Doubles (pro set)

Round 4 - Mixed/mixed-mix the age and mix the gender! (pro set)

Winner in each Cup is determined by total matches won (5 total). The mixed/mixed does not count for overall score. Overall winner is determined by total matches won (25 total)

### **Match Format**

All matches will be a pro set with a Match Tiebreak at 8 games all. No ad scoring will be used in the doubles event – receiver can choose the side. In the mixed/mixed you must serve gender to gender.

### **Tournament Schedule**

This is a one-day event, June 23 in' 2012 (rain back up on June

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24). A comparable date will be chosen for subsequent years when there is an opening in the sectional and national tournament calendar.

Singles: Round 1: 8 am (8 matches)  
Round 2: 9 am (8 matches)  
Round 3: 10 am (8 matches)  
Round 4: 11 am (8 matches)

Lunch Break: 12-1 pm - guest speaker (possibly by adult players about their junior and/or college experience).

Doubles: 1 pm - Gender: 4 matches  
2:30 pm - Mixed/Mixed: 4 matches

Awards Ceremony: 5 pm - Trophy presentation and speeches

BUDGET		
BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT	BUDGET CATEGORY & EXPLANATION
Snacks: fruit, water, Gatorade	\$200	e. Tournaments 6370.10 (Meals - In Section)
Lunch: 32 players x \$10 each	\$320	e. Tournaments 6370.10 (Meals - In Section)
Player Gift: Nike Dri Fit shirt for each player - goal is to have item donated	\$0	e. Tournaments 7100 (T/Sweatshirts)
Balls - 4 cases @ \$70 each	\$280	e. Tournaments 7090 (Events)
Court Fees: 11 court facility	\$500	e. Tournaments 7085 (Court Fees/Expenses)
Trophies: 4 Cups @ \$75/per Cup	\$300	e. Tournaments 7055 (Awards)
Guest Speaker <i>If adult participant does not act as speaker.</i>	\$100	e. Tournaments 7090 (Events)
<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	
<b>SPONSORSHIP INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	e. Tournaments 4600.40 (Sponsorships)
<b>ESTIMATED NET INCOME/EXPENSE*</b>	<b>+ \$300</b>	

Rationale: This proposal creates a new annual competition that is based on level of play, rather than age. The invitational tournament is proposed be held in June following the Sectional Championships and will pits our best juniors in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions against the best in the 35s, 45s, 55s, and 65s adult age divisions, respectively. Purposes and benefits of the proposed tournament include:

- The event draws on our large and active population of adult players who are looking to give back to tennis and mentor our juniors.
  - Juniors will compete in an environment in which they can learn tactics and strategy from the adults as well as observe the mental and emotional maturity of our top adult players.
  - Plants the seeds of a culture change that encourages more of a connection/cooperation between juniors/adults in NorCal, with the goal of promoting more juniors to practice with adults.
-