



DATE	COMMITTEE	ACTION
2/4/2019	ADULT TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE	<p>3. Criteria for Qualifying for NTRP National Championships</p> <p>While creating the endorsement list for the 2019 NTRP National Championships we became aware there were players who self-rated who won the Grand Prix Tournament, but generated a computer rating that bumped them up into the next level. Because the players earned a computer rating of a higher level, they were no longer eligible to compete in the NTRP National Championships.</p> <p>Self-rated players: If you are a self-rated player you are not eligible to compete in the National NTRP Championships if you earn a computer rating that is higher than the division you qualified in. Following discussion, the motion was duly made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>Resolved: Self-rated players who compete in the Grand Prix tournament and win are not eligible for endorsement if they earn a computer rating in a higher level.</p>
2/5/2019	JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS COMMITTEE	<p>1. <u>Local League Organizer (LLO) & HITS Red Ball JTT - Incentive Program</u></p> <p>Staff presented committee with proposals regarding \$35,000 budgeted for local league organizer incentives along with the H.I.T.S. Red Ball JTT incentive program. Incentives will be sent to league organizers that meet certain league and participation criteria. Incentives that are distributed under this program will be logged and reviewed quarterly to ensure that spending is in line with the budget.</p> <p>Following discussion, the following motion was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 2 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions:</p> <p>RESOLVED: The 2019 JTT Local League Organizer and HITS Red Ball JTT Incentive programs/amounts will remain the same as the 2018 incentive program.</p> <p>Rationale: \$35,000 of the 2019 JTT Budget is earmarked to help offset costs associated with starting and maintaining a USTA JTT Local League and/or HITS Red Ball JTT leagues. The incentive programs help recruit new local league organizers along with support the current organizers running leagues in their community. The 2018 program was deemed successful and no new changes were recommended for 2019.</p> <p>2. <u>USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations – Same Gender Benchmark</u></p> <p>The committee discussed and proposed an updated 2019 JTT Same Gender Division advanced/intermediate benchmark.</p> <p>Following discussion, the following motion was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 2 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions:</p> <p>RESOLVED: Edit Rule 2c. in the 2019 USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations to read as follows:</p>

2019 Same Gender Divisions - Advanced/Intermediate Benchmark*

Girls Division: A girl with a UTR of 7.25 or higher must play in the Advanced Division**

Boys Division: A boy with a UTR of 7.50 or higher must play in the Advanced Division**

*The UTR eligibility list will be published online as of 3/1/19

**Some players may have a UTR above the advanced benchmark level but have a reliability indicator 50% or lower. If a player's reliability indicator is 50% or lower, they do not have to automatically play in the advanced division. In this case, their Junior NTRP will be used to determine their level of play. If the player has a Junior NTRP of 3.5 or higher they must play in the advanced division.

If a player does not have a UTR rating, the player is only eligible to play in the intermediate division if they are a 3.4 Junior NTRP rated player and below in Tennislink. To self-rate a player without a UTR, contact jrteamtennis@norcal.usta.com with the player's name, USTA number and team name. USTA JTT staff will contact you regarding the self-rate process.

Rationale: Each year the JTT Committee sets an Advanced/Intermediate player benchmark for same gender divisions. The benchmark will go into effect as of 3/1/19.

3. USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations – JTT Team Tournaments

The committee discussed a rule change to the 2019 USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations regarding JTT Team Tournaments.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of **2 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions:**

RESOLVED: Edit Rule 20 in the 2019 USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations to remove Regionals event references and add in Section Championship advancement language. Rule will be written as follows:

- **Rule 20 – JTT Team Tournaments**
 - Open to all teams in regards to participation and registration
 - Teams that compete in a JTT Team Tournament have the opportunity to advance to JTT Sectionals based on their finish in the event. Teams that win their division at a Team Tournament will advance to a JTT Sectionals event

Rationale: JTT Team Tournament champions will now advance directly to JTT Section Championship events for that particular season as JTT Regional qualifying events have been discontinued

4. USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations – JTT Regionals

The committee discussed a rule change to the 2019 USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations regarding JTT Regionals which were piloted in 2018 as a way to increase participation

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of **2 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions:**

RESOLVED: Remove Rule 21 from the 2019 USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations

- **Rule 21 - JTT Regionals**

- Closed events in which prior qualification through league play or JTT Team Tournaments is required
- In addition to teams that qualify from JTT Team Tournaments, Championship eligible leagues will qualify teams directly to Regionals based on final league standings. The standings will be determined by a team's win/loss record at the end of the season. Teams with a winning record or better will automatically advance to their respective JTT Regional (win/loss record percentage of .500 or better). Teams that win their division at Regionals will advance to a JTT Section Championship event.
- **Exception - Summer Season:**
 1. **Same Gender Sectionals:** The 2018 summer season will not hold Regional events prior to Sectionals. Same Gender division teams will advance directly from league play to the summer JTT Same Gender Section Championships based on finish. The winning team from each eligible division will automatically advance to the Same Gender Section Championships.
 2. **Coed Sectionals:** The 2018 summer JTT Coed Section Championships is an open team registration process and a specific coed team/roster will not need to qualify from Regionals in order to participate at Coed Sectionals. Players can register for a summer Coed Section Championships team if they meet player eligibility requirements (see Rule 2c for more info.).
 3. **10U and 12U Gender Neutral Leagues:** Teams in these divisions do not advance to Regional or Section Championship events in the summer season.

Rationale: JTT Regional events were piloted in 2018 however the events received mixed feedback from coaches, parents and players. Regionals were not open to new teams and ultimately did not lead to an increase in overall JTT participation or unique player participation.

5. USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations – JTT Section Championships

The committee discussed a rule change to the 2019 USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations regarding JTT Section Championships.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of **2 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions:**

RESOLVED: Edit Rule 22 in the 2019 USTA NorCal JTT Section Regulations to remove Regionals event references and add in Section Championship advancement language. Rule will be written as follows:

- **Rule 22 – JTT Section Championships**

- Closed events in which prior qualification through league play or a Team
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Tournament is required

- o All championship eligible leagues will qualify teams based on the regular season standings. One out of every three local league teams in a division/flight will advance to the JTT Section Championships for that designated season
 - There must be at least three teams of the same age division/level in a flight in order to qualify a team for Sectionals from that area
- o Teams that win their division at a JTT Team Tournament will advance to the JTT Section Championships for that designated season

Rationale: JTT league champions and JTT Team Tournament champions will advance directly to JTT Section Championship events as Regional events will be discontinued.

1/16/2019

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1. Consideration of Applications for Junior Tournaments - Passed 4-0-0

RESOLVED: That the following Junior tournaments are hereby approved.

Organization	Events	Dates	Location
Cello International TA	Challenger	March 30-31	Fairfield
InShape Rancho Solano	Challenger	April 13-14	Fairfield
Cello International TA	Challenger	April 27-28	Fairfield
Cello International TA	Challenger	May 18-19	Fairfield
Cello International TA	Challenger; Open	June 29-30	Fairfield
Cello International TA	Challenger; Open	July 27-28	Fairfield
Cello International TA	Open	August 24-25	Fairfield
Cello International TA	Challenger	October 26-27	Fairfield
Lafayette Tennis Club	Challenger	November 2-3	Lafayette
Cello International TA	Challenger; Open	November 23-24	Fairfield

2. Consideration of Applications for Adult Tournaments - Passed 4-0-0

RESOLVED: That the following Adult tournaments are hereby approved.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
In Shape Rancho Solano	NTRP	April 6-7	Fairfield
Tri Valley Tennis Academy	NTRP	May 25-26	Danville
Longs Tennis Academy	NTRP	June 1-2	San Jose
In Shape Rancho Solano	NTRP	June 1-2	Fairfield
Cello International TA	Open	August 16-18	Woodland
Longs Tennis Academy	NTRP/Open	August 17-18	San Jose
Longs Tennis Academy	NTRP/Open	September 21-22	San Jose
Longs Tennis Academy	NTRP/Open	December 21-22	San Jose

3. Notice of Rain Make-Up Weekend for Tournaments - Passed 4-0-0

RESOLVED: That, when a tournament is approved for rain make-up dates outside of its sanctioned dates, this information must be communicated to players and parents on the tournament homepage.