

**USTA Northern California
BOARD RESOLUTIONS
12/31/2014**

DATE	COMMITTEE	ACTION
7/11/2014	ADULT LEAGUES	<p>1. It was moved and seconded to adopt staff recommendation on the 2015 national Move Up Split Up regulations 2.06A and 2.06B - <i>No cross-over in the application of the rule between Adult divisions and Mixed divisions. The rule applies separately to Adult leagues and then to Mixed Leagues. E.G., national players in the adult leagues would not count as national players in the mixed leagues, and visa versa.</i></p> <p>Discussion: The Adult League Committee discussed options allowed by national to apply the rule. National will allow sections to add more restrictions to the rule. NorCal does not deem that necessary.</p>
7/11/2014	ADULT LEAGUES	<p>2. It was moved and seconded to modify the eligibility for post season (play-offs, Districts and Sectionals) beginning with the 2015 league season. <i>A player must have played in two matches for the same team during the local league season. Defaults will NOT count for eligibility. For National Championships, a player must have played in three matches for the same team through Sectional Championships. No defaults will count towards national eligibility. Retired matches will count for all players as a match played [ULR 2.03A(4)] Please note that if a player is deemed ineligible after he participates in a match, that individual match will not count towards his or his partner's eligibility for postseason play.</i></p> <p>Discussion: A two match requirement with no defaults is more in line with national's three match requirement yet it is a compromise for NorCal captains who must attempt to qualify all players in a short season. Players expecting to play and receive credit for a match are double penalized when a team defaults. A two match requirement provides more match data leading into post-season for all players. A two match requirement for eligibility with no defaults encourages captains to play everyone.</p>
4/9/2014	ADULT LEAGUES	<p>It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed 2015 League Calendar as presented in the following attachment.</p>
12/3/2014	ADULT TOURNAMENT	<p>Membership Requirement for Grand Prixes</p> <p>The USTA NorCal membership rule for the Grand Prixes was revisited at this meeting.</p> <p>After discussion, on a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the following shall be added to the Adult Tournament Ranking Rules:</p> <p>"To be eligible for the Grand Prix tournaments and/or prize money players must be USTA NorCal members."</p>

Rationale: Adult Players may have more than one residence but may have their membership and play their tennis matches in the USTA NorCal section.

3/31/2014

ADULT
TOURNAMENT

A. Cancellation of One Day Tournaments

The following motion was duly made and seconded:

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

28. One-Day Doubles Tournaments. Below are special provisions for one-day doubles tournaments. Except as provided below, these tournaments shall comply with all other Adult Tournament Rules and Sanction Rules:

e. Cancellation of a One Day Tournament. In the case of inclement weather, no earlier than two days before the tournament start date, the tournament may contact the USTA NorCal Adult Tournament Coordinator to request a waiver to the cancellation of tournaments rule. Waivers will be determined on a case by case basis.

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ADULT
TOURNAMENT

B. Match Format for One Day Tournaments

The following motion was duly made and seconded:

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

28. One-Day Doubles Tournaments. Below are special provisions for one-day doubles tournaments. Except as provided below, these tournaments shall comply with all other Adult Tournament Rules and Sanction Rules:

b. Match Format. When a draw offers more than three matches, one 6-game set shall be played. When a draw offers three matches, an 8-game pro set shall be played. When a draw offers one or two matches, either the best of 3 tiebreak set format or the best of 3 tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set.

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ADULT
TOURNAMENT

C. Ranking Rule Change Proposal

The following motion was duly made and seconded:

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

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 Prix 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.~~

8/20/2014	BOARD	After discussion, the following motion approved . RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approves the hiring Erik Douglas of Leading Resources, Inc. as a Strategic Planning Facilitator to assist in developing a 3 to 5 year Strategic and Operating Plan at an initial cost of \$40,000.
5/21/2014	BOARD	RESOLVED: That effective immediately USTA NorCal Sanction Rules be amended to change the initial sanction application period from June 1-30 to August 1-31 of each year and to change the names of the application deadlines to Primary Sanction Deadline, those received by August 31, and Quarterly Sanction Deadlines, applications received on an ongoing basis. Motion approved.
5/21/2014	BOARD	RESOLVED FURTHER: That effective immediately the USTA NorCal Sanction Rules shall be amended to include the following provision that makes the sanction decisions of the Sanction and Schedule Committee exempt from the Committee Decision process, but appealable to the Board. <i>Sanction decisions exempt from Committee Decision process; may be appealed to Board. Sanction decisions made by the Sanction and Schedule Committee in compliance with these USTA NorCal Sanction Rules, shall be exempt from the Committee Decision process of the USTA NorCal Board. Applicants that are denied a sanction or that object to a sanction approval may appeal the decision to the USTA NorCal Board within 21 days of the time the applicant is notified pursuant to Rule 4.C. below. The Board may revoke an approved sanction based upon an appeal. Motion approved.</i>
5/21/2014	BOARD	RESOLVED FURTHER: That effective immediately, Rule 5 of the USTA NorCal Sanction Rules be amended to permit the Sanction and Schedule Committee to first review applications received in the past for a declined tournament before putting an Excellence or Sectionals Championship out to bid. Language proposed to be added is underscored; language proposed to be deleted in stricken through. Motion approved.
4/16/2014	BOARD	RESOLVED: That the Coaches Commission Decision approved April 9, 2014 to require request \$18,000 in funds be referred back to the Sportsmanship Committee so that it may be submitted to the Budget Committee with the proposal it supports, before it is resubmitted to the Board, and that upon submission to the Board it also include the proposal or a rationale. Approved.
2/19/2014	BOARD	Following additional discussion, the amended resolution was approved RESOLVED: That the USTA NorCal Board hereby approves the

expenditure of approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 over a three-year period to fund the hiring of employees to run the Northern California Tennis Foundation and to permit the President of the Foundation to determine what outside sources to use to solicit a person to fill the position.

12/9/2014	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, that Kim Grant be awarded the Service to Tennis for D&I ACES category. The motion was approved.
12/9/2014	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, that Wing-Yan So be awarded the Leadership Award for D&I ACES category. The motion was approved.
12/9/2014	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, that Jeff Arons be awarded the Mark Manning Icon Award for D&I ACES category. The motion was approved.
12/9/2014	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, that Dale Evans be awarded the Trailblazer Award for D&I ACES category. The motion was approved.
12/9/2014	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to purchase five tickets valued at \$500 for the MESHOF Award Ceremony. The motion was approved.
9/4/2014	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, that the regular committee meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month. The motion was approved.
9/4/2014	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, select Suzi Mills and Alex Levels as the Diversity & Inclusion TDW grant recipients. The motion was approved.
6/5/2014	DIVERSITY	The following motion was duly made and seconded: RESOLVED, to offer a second scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to attend Tennis Teacher's Conference in New York if there is a second top ranking applicant. Motion was approved.
4/19/2014	DIVERSITY	RESOLVED, to accept the <i>D&I Strategic Plan</i> as a working document for 2014-2016. The motion was approved.

8/20/2014

JUNIOR
COUNCIL

2. Super Series Move Up/Move Down Policy: Passed

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rule 11.H.vii. (the Move Up/Move Down policy) be deleted in its entirety and that conforming changes be made to remove any other reference to the policy as it relates to the Super Series tournaments.

Rationale: Rationale includes the following:

- The Move Up/Move Down policy isn't consistent with the Super Series goal of grouping players with similar ratings because it forces players to play outside of their grouping.
- The same players don't play all the Super Series events, creating disparity between the strength of each flight from tournament to tournament, exacerbating the out-of-level consequences of the move up/move down policy.
- The Move Up/Move Down policy adds complexity to a tournament structure that is already complex in that players don't have access to their rating out to the 100's unless they pay

the for the premium subscription.

8/20/2014 JUNIOR COUNCIL

3. Ranking Points for USTA National Warm Up Tournaments and USTA National Doubles Championship: Passed

RESOLVED: That effective immediately the USTA National Warm Up Tournaments shall be designated a USTA NorCal L1B ranking tournament and the USTA National Doubles Championships shall be designated a USTA NorCal L1 ranking tournament.

Rationale: This resolution corrects omissions from the NorCal ranking point tables. The original intent of the Council was to have all national tournaments count in the NorCal ranking system.

8/20/2014 JUNIOR COUNCIL

4. Ranking Points for Grand Prix Summer Circuit Invitational: Passed

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the following shall be the points for winning rounds at the Grand Prix Summer Circuit Invitational:

Finish	Proposed Ranking Points for Grand Prix
Champion	40 Ranking Points for Each Round Robin Win Plus 64 Additional Ranking Points Plus Bonus Points Max of 185 points (not including Bonus Points)
2nd Place	40 Ranking Points for Each Round Robin Win Plus 35 Additional Ranking Points Plus Bonus Points Max of 155 points (not including Bonus Points)
3rd Place	40 Ranking Points for Each Round Robin Win Plus 15 Additional Ranking Points Plus Bonus Points Max of 135 points (not including Bonus Points)
All Other Players	40 Ranking Points for Each Round Robin Win Plus Bonus Points

Rationale: When Junior Council approved the ranking point tables for the NorCal Level 4 Grand Prix Summer Circuit Invitational, it failed to set up a table that corresponded to the tournament format. The format is not a traditional draw, but one that mirrors the USTA NorCal Masters. This resolution corrects this oversight.

8/20/2014 JUNIOR COUNCIL

14. Selection of Players for Limited Size Doubles Events in Open Tournaments, Sectional Open Jamboree Tournaments, Championship Tournaments, Excellence

Tournaments with Both Singles and Doubles Events, and Sectional Championships with Both Singles and Doubles Events

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 rankings using the most recently published Doubles Seeding List; and
 - second, on 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 rankings and combined ranking points:

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

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 102.

Rationale: The USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules provide instruction on how to treat a team for the purposes of seeding when one player has a rank in the division and one does not, but the same policies do not exist for selection of doubles teams when the draw is limited. Council determined that the same principle should apply to selection.

5/6/2014

JUNIOR
COUNCIL

1. Website Posting Requirements: Passed

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rule 13 be amended as set forth below. Proposed language to be added is underlined.

13. Website Posting Requirement. As required by the USTA

Regulations I.H.2., by the time entries open, the Tournament Committee shall post to the TennisLink Tournament Home Page information about the tournament including, but not limited to

- the draw format(s) and whether consolation is offered;
- the specific limit, if any, on the size of the draw(s);
- the match and scoring formats;
- the method of seeding;
- the locations of play;
- any clothing or shoe restrictions;
- the ball type, the number of balls for play, and the ball-change policy;
- the court surface;
- the time and place of the draw.

In addition to the information required by USTA Regulation I.H.2., when the draw is limited, the Tournament Committee shall also post process by which players are selected;

Rationale: Council believes that given the various selection processes NorCal has for its tournaments, notice of how players will be selected is an important piece of information players should have before entering. Note that the Rule as written above incorporates conforming changes to list more of the specific information required by the USTA Regulation for the purpose of better education administrators and our constituents as to what must be posted.

5/6/2014

JUNIOR
COUNCIL

2. Mandatory Open and Challenger Entry Deadlines: Passed

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rule 7.B. be amended as set forth below. Proposed language to be added is underlined; proposed language to be deleted is stricken through.

7. Entry Deadlines.

B. Entry Deadlines for Open and Challenger

Tournaments. The entry deadline for Open and Challenger Tournaments shall be 11:59 pm (one minute before midnight) ~~seven~~ six days prior to the start date of the tournament. For example, if a tournament starts on a Saturday, the entry deadline shall be the 11:59 pm the previous ~~Saturday~~ Sunday.

Rationale: Extending the deadline for Challenger and Open tournaments will enable players who are competing in a two-weekend tournaments who are out the first weekend, to sign up for the next-weekend's tournament, but still give the Tournament Committee sufficient time to make draws, schedule and meet the publication deadline of Wednesday at 10:00 am before the start of a tournament.

5/6/2014

JUNIOR
COUNCIL

3. Minimum UTR 4 for Coed Round Robin: Passed

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, USTA NorCal Junior

Tournament Rule 7.B. be amended as set forth below. Proposed language to be added is underlined; proposed language to be deleted is stricken through.

11. Junior Tournament Descriptions

E. Coed Round Robins. Coed Round Robins are gender-neutral ratings-based tournaments that group players with similar ability into 4-player round robins. Tournaments are intended for intermediate players. Coed Round Robins shall take place over a 2-day sanction period. All events use a yellow ball on a 78' court and a player's racquet may not exceed 29" in length.

i. Eligibility-

a. ~~Pathway Eligibility - Players Aged 12 Years and Younger.~~ To enter and play in a Coed Round Robin Tournament, players must first fulfill the pathway requirements as set forth in Rule 10.

b. ~~Minimum Rating.~~ ~~To enter and play in a Coed Round Robin Tournament, players must have a minimum Universal Tennis Rating of 4.~~

Rationale: Council reviewed USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rule 11.E.i.b. that requires players that enter a Coed Round Robin have a minimum UTR of 4. It concluded it was better to place no restrictions and let a Coed Round Robin accept as many players as it can accommodate.

5/6/2014

JUNIOR
COUNCIL

4. Seeding Excellence Tournaments: Passed

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rule 15.B. be amended as set forth below. Proposed language to be added is underlined; proposed language to be deleted is stricken through.

15. Seeding.

B. Procedure for Seeding 12-and-Under Green Ball, Challenger, Open, Sectional Open Jamboree, Championship, and Excellence Singles Events. The Tournament Committee shall seed 12-and-under Green Ball, Challenger, Open, Sectional Open Jamboree, and Championship, and Excellence singles events. The Junior Competition Coordinator shall seed Excellence singles events. Singles seeding will be based on the most recently published Singles Seeding Lists; however, when a tournament receives entries from players who have a USTA national standing as of the date entries close in the top 50 of any division, they shall be considered for seeding. See Rule 15.F. for the doubles seeding procedure.

Rationale: Council reviewed the seedings at the February and April/May Excellence and determined that the latter tournament, which seedings recommended by NorCal staff, had better predictability because players with top 50 national rankings were

considered for seeding, as is set forth in the seeding rules. It concluded that the only way to guarantee the consideration of these players would be for NorCal to do the seeding, as it does for the Sectional Championships.

5/6/2014

JUNIOR
COUNCIL

5. Clay Court Event at Olympic Club Budget: Passed

RESOLVED: That Junior Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000 toward the budget for the clay court event at the Olympic Club, which funds will come from the existing budget *unless* it is discovered additional funding is necessary. In the event additional funds are necessary, staff shall be authorized to submit a request to the Budget Committee to support a budget increase for the event.

Rationale: Council reviewed the plans and budget for the upcoming 64-player clay court event at the Olympic Club - June 23-27. At the time of the meeting, it was uncertain whether the funds for the tournament had been incorporated into the 2014 USTA NorCal budget. Because the Council supports the event, it recognized the need to authorize funds for the tournament and take the necessary steps to have it approved if it wasn't already a part of the budget.

5/6/2014

JUNIOR
COUNCIL

2015 Junior Tournament Dates: Passed

RESOLVED: That the dates for the 2015 Sectional Championships, Excellence Tournaments, Super Series, Championship Tournaments, Coed Round Robins, and Sectional Open Jamborees shall be as set forth below:

Sectional Championships

Singles & Doubles (Draw of 88)	Jun 6	-	Jun 7	and	Jun 13	-	Jun 16
Singles Only (Draw of 64)	Sep 19	-	Sep 20	and	Sep 26	-	Sep 27
Doubles Only (Draw of 32)	Nov 7	-	Nov 8				

Excellence Tournaments (Draws of 32)

Singles Only	Mar 14	-	Mar 15	and	Mar 21	-	Mar 22
Singles & Doubles	Apr 18	-	Apr 19	and	Apr 25	-	Apr 26
Doubles Only (32 teams)	Aug 22	-	Aug 23				
Singles & Doubles	Aug 29	-	Aug 30	and	Sep 5	-	Sep 7
Singles & Doubles	Oct 24	-	Oct 25	and	Oct 31	-	Nov 1

Championship Age Division Singles Only Tournaments (Draws of 40)

Concurrent w/Ntl Tourneys	Feb 14	-	Feb 16				
Concurrent with Excellence	Mar 14	-	Mar 15	and	Mar 21	-	Mar 22
Concurrent w/Ntl Tourneys	May 23	-	May 25				
Concurrent w/Ntl Tourneys	Oct 10	-	Oct 12				

Championship Age Up Tournaments AND Sectional Open Jamboree (Draws of 48)

Singles and Doubles	Jan 17	-	Jan 19	and	Jan 24	-	Jan 25
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Singles and Doubles	Jul 25	-	Jul 28
Singles and Doubles	Dec 27	-	Dec 30
Super Series AND Coed Round Robin Date Blocks			
Singles and Doubles	Feb 28	-	Mar 1
Singles and Doubles	Mar 28	-	Mar 29
Singles and Doubles	May 16	-	May 17
Singles and Doubles	Jul 18	-	Jul 19
Singles and Doubles	Nov 21	-	Nov 22

Rationale: Council reviewed the 2014 dates and approved the same calendar date blocks for 2015 *except* as follows:

- Added a Super Series Feb 28-Mar1
- Moved the Excellence #1 later two weekends so that it doesn't conflict with the Boys' California High School Tennis Classic
- Moved the Excellence #2 earlier one weekend so May is less congested and it doesn't conflict with a projected SAT date

3/31/2014

JUNIOR
COUNCIL

Amendment to USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rule on Awards: Passed

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the Rule 30 of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules, which sets the awards requirements for junior tournaments, shall be amended as follows (underlined language is proposed as new, stricken through language is proposed to be deleted):

30. Awards.

- A. Challenger Tournaments.** First place awards shall go to all undefeated players. Finalist awards go to all players that lose one match. Medals are acceptable awards for Challenger Tournaments.
- B. Coed Round Robins.** Awards shall go to the 1st place finishers in each singles Round Robin. Medals are acceptable awards for Coed Round Robins.
- C. Super Series.** Awards shall go to the 1st and 2nd place finishers in all flights.
- BD. All Other Tournaments.** Singles and doubles awards shall be presented to:
- all main draw finalists;
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place finishers when playoffs are held; and
 - consolation finalists.
- CE. Sportsmanship Awards.** Sportsmanship Awards must be presented to two players each day of a tournament. USTA NorCal shall provide the Sportsmanship Awards no later than the start date of the tournament.

Rationale:

Super Series: Because the Super Series events have 4 compass draws of 8 players, the existing awards policy requires more than

half of the players in each draw receiving awards (63% of the players), a huge cost burden for organizations hosting the Super Series. The amendment requires awards for only the Champion and Finalist of each flight for the Super Series (25% of the players).

Coed Round Robins: Coed Round Robins pair 4 players together and each player gets 3 singles matches and one doubles match. If we were to use the existing awards policy, it would require 50% players in each Round Robin receive singles awards and 100% the players receive doubles awards, a huge cost burden for organizations hosting Coed Round Robins. The amendment requires awards for only the Singles Champion (25% of the players).

2/10/2014

ROG
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Sectional Championships – Orange and Green Tournaments

The following motion was duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the following criteria be used for the Orange and Green Sectional Championships:

There will be two Sectional Championships held each year – one each 6 months. This tournament will be held over two days and played at the same facility. Entry fee is \$40. Player gifts will be given to all players entered.

Orange Level Sectional Championships Description:

- Gender specific
- 16 girls and 16 boys
- Doubles teams will be comprised of players who qualify for singles. Players can choose their partners; if no partner is determined players will be paired together by the tournament director.

Format:

- Compass Draw will be used for singles and doubles
- 2 out of 3 short sets with a third set match tiebreak will be used for singles and one short set for doubles

Selection process:

- Players will be selected based on an internal standings list generated by most matches won in tournament play in up to 6 tournaments. This list will not be published online, but the 16 highest listed players will be selected.
- Green Level Sectional Championships

Description:

- Gender specific
 - 16 girls and 16 boys
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- Doubles teams will be comprised of players who qualify for singles. Players can choose their partners; if no partner is determined players will be paired together by the tournament director.

Format:

- Compass Draw will be used for singles and doubles
- 2 out of 3 single sets with a third set match tiebreak will be used for singles and one set for doubles

Selection process:

- Players will be selected into the Green Ball Sectional Championships based on the 12 and under rankings. The top 16 girls and boys on the list will be selected to participate.

The motion was approved.
