



Minutes of the USTA NorCal Adult Leagues Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2022

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Luis Reis, chair of the Adult Tournament Committee ("ATC" or "Committee"), called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and a roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Leslie Airola, Chris Aria, Darren Cohen, Steve Cornell, Mark Fairchilds, Mariko Fritz-Krockow, Brian Martinez, Andie Mouzes, Wendell Pierce, Luis Reis (chair), Marina Wills

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Michelle Wilson, Joanna Broda-Schunck

Wendell Pierce joined at 7:11pm and Brian Martinez joined at 7:19pm

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Staff. Being that this was the first Committee meeting of the new term, all committee members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of August 26, 2022 Minutes. The Committee reviewed the draft of the minutes of the meeting held August 26, 2022.

The following motion was then **APPROVED** by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the ATC meeting held August 26, 2022 be approved as presented.

3. Old Business

a. Items Approved by Unanimous Written Consent Since Last Meeting. The Committee noted that the following items were approved by Unanimous Written Consent and would go to the Board for Board approval in December

- 2022 NTRP National Championship NorCal Endorsement Criteria (See Exhibit A)
- Adult Tournament Awards Criteria (See Exhibit B)
- 2022 Adult Tournament Award Recipients

Mariko Fritz-Krockow joined at 7:42pm

The Committee went into closed session at 7:45pm

b. Most Outstanding 1-Day Tournament of the Year Award. In closed session, the Committee discussed possible recipients for the 2022 Most Outstanding 1-day Tournament Award.

Following discussion, when the committee came out of closed session at 7:56 pm, the Committee took a straw vote to approve the 2022 Most Outstanding 1-Day Tournament of the Year by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

4. Removal of Link to Tournament Evaluation Rule in Adult Tournament Rules. Staff informed the ATC that the rule to require tournament directors to post the link to the tournament evaluation on their tournament homepage is going to be removed as a conforming change because

there is no longer a link to the tournament evaluation as tournament evaluations are currently texted to all players at the end the tournaments.

Following discussion, the Committee noted that the following rule will be removed from the Adult Tournament Rules:

27. Link to Tournament Evaluation. Tournament Directors are required to post the link to the tournament evaluation on their tournament homepage.

5. NTRP Gold Cup Series Tournament Designation Criteria. Proposed amendments to the criteria for selection of Gold Cup tournaments were presented to the Adult Tournament Committee and discussed. It was explained that: 1. adding the criteria of being an event of multiple days was necessary due to the fact that a Gold Cup is a level 4 tournament, which requires multiple days; 2. the score and the response rate were adjusted to conform with the current survey scores and participation numbers; 3. The requirements of the pre- and post-tournaments reports are being removed due to a change in the procedures that do not require these any longer.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Wendell Pierce, seconded Leslie Ariola, and **approved** by a vote of 10 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the following amendments to the NTRP Gold Cup Series Tournament Designation Criteria be approved (underlined language is proposed addition, crossed out language is proposed to be removed).

32. NTRP Gold Cup Series Tournament Designations. *Each year, up to 6 NTRP tournaments, in different regions, would be designated as a Level 4 Open: NTRP Gold Cup Series Tournament. Tournaments that meet the following minimum criteria shall be considered first for Gold Cup Series designation:*

** The tournament needs to be multiple days*

** The tournament needs to have received an evaluation score higher than 90% (4.5)*

• A minimum of ~~15-25~~% of the total participants must have completed a player evaluation;

• ~~The Pre-Tournament Checklist is completed by the Tournament Director no later than the date entries open;~~

• ~~The Post-Tournament Report is completed no later than 7 days after completion of the Tournament; and~~

• The tournament has complied with all applicable USTA NorCal sanction and tournament rules. Player results in all divisions shall receive Level 4 ranking points in accordance with the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking & Sanctioning Regulations. All champions of NTRP Gold Cup Series Tournaments shall receive a special piece of USTA NorCal logo wear or other item commemorating their win.

Rationale:

1. Adding the criteria of being an event of multiple days was necessary due to the fact that a Gold Cup Tournament is a level 4 tournament, which requires multiple days;
2. The score and the response rate were adjusted to conform with the current survey scores and participation numbers;
3. The requirements of the pre- and post-tournaments reports are being removed due to a change in the procedures that do not require these any longer.

6. NTRP Gold Cup Series Tournament Designation. After the approval of the amendments to the criteria, the Adult Tournament Committee reviewed the nominations for which tournaments should receive Gold Cup status. During a discussion it was pointed out that the tournaments on the list were from different areas, were level 5 or higher and had a large number of participants.

Following discussion, the motion to approve the suggested tournaments to receive Gold Cup status was made by Mariko Fritz-Krockow, seconded by Steven Cornell, and **approved** by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions

RESOLVED: The following tournaments be designated as Gold Cup Tournaments:

1. Napa Valley Tennis Classic - NTRP 2.5 - 5.0
2. Laguna Creek Fall NTRP Classic
3. San Francisco City Championships

Rationale:

These selections were made based on the Gold Cup Designation criteria that is also recommended for approval by the Board.

7. NTRP Tournament of the Year Designation Criteria. Proposed amendments to the criteria for selection of Tournaments were presented to the Adult Tournament Committee and discussed. It was explained that: 1. Adding the criteria of being an event of multiple days was necessary due to the fact that a Tournament of the Year is a level 5 tournament, which requires multiple days; 2. the score and the response rate were adjusted to conform with the current survey scores and participation numbers; 3. The requirements of the pre- and post-tournaments reports are being removed due to a change in the procedures that do not require these any longer.

Following a discussion, the motion to approve the amended criteria was made by Leslie Airol, seconded by Wendell Pierce, and **approved** by a vote of 10 in favor 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the following amendments to the NTRP Tournament of the Year (TOY) Designation Criteria be approved (underlined language is proposed addition, crossed out language is proposed to be removed).

33. NTRP Tournament of the Year Designations. *Each year, up to 6 NTRP tournaments, in different regions, would be designated as a Level 5 Open: Tournament of the Year Tournament. NTRP Tournaments of the Year (TOY) are those tournaments that, after NTRP Gold Cup Series Tournaments have been designated, receive the highest average rating by participants. Tournaments that meet the following minimum criteria shall be considered first for events to be designated as TOY:*

** The tournament needs to be a multiple day event*

- *The tournament shall have received an average rating by all participants on the player evaluation ~~of at least 3.75, of at least 4.0 (80%)~~*
- *A minimum of ~~15~~ 25% of the total participants must have completed a player evaluation;*
- *~~The Pre-Tournament Checklist is completed by the Tournament Director no later than the date entries open;~~*
- *~~The Post-Tournament Report is completed no later than 7 days after completion of the Tournament; and~~*
- *The tournament has complied with all applicable USTA NorCal sanction and tournament rules. Player results in all divisions shall receive Level 5 ranking points in accordance with the USTA Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking & Sanctioning Regulations.*

Rationale:

1. Adding the criteria of being an event of multiple days was necessary due to the fact that a Tournament of the Year is a level 5 tournament, which requires multiple days;
2. The score and the response rate were adjusted to conform with the current survey scores and participation numbers;
3. The requirements of the pre- and post-tournaments reports are being removed due to a change in the procedures that do not require these any longer.

8. NTRP Tournament of the Year Designation. After the approval of the amendments to the criteria, the Adult Tournament reviewed the suggestions for which tournaments should receive the

Tournament of the Year status. During a discussion it was pointed out that several of the tournaments on the list were from the same area. It was explained that due to a currently low number of tournaments, it was not possible to find multiple day tournaments in different areas. It was also noted that two of the tournaments have not yet applied for sanctioning and their status would be approved pending their application and sanctioning.

Following the discussion, the motion to approve the suggested tournaments to receive Tournament of the Year status was made by Marina Wills, seconded by Mariko Fritz-Krockow, and **approved** by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions

RESOLVED: The following tournaments be designated as Tournaments of the Year:

1. Adult NTRP 40+ & 55+ 3.0-4.5 Singles & Doubles - Operation Pride
2. * Sweet Spot -Sierra View Country Club - NTRP 3.0 - 5.0 Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles
3. * Stonegate NTRP 18+ Singles & Doubles
4. Laguna Creek Spring NTRP Classic
5. Johnson Ranch Round Up - NTRP 3.0 - 5.0 Men's & Women's Singles, Doubles & Mixed.

Rationale:

These selections were made based on the TOY Designation criteria that is also recommended for approval by the Board.

* Sweetspot and Stonegate have been selected conditionally pending application for sanctioning

Mark Fairchilds joined at 8:42pm

9. Promotion for new/returning tournament directors. The ATC was presented with a proposed promotion for new/returning tournament directors. After a brief discussion the proposal for the promotion for tournament directors was tabled until the next meeting with the suggestion that Committee members will send staff ideas for survey questions to inquire why tournament directors stopped hosting tournaments and what would help them to bring them back.

10. Adult Tournament Committee meeting dates. The ATC discussed having a standing meeting date each month for a meeting. It was noted that staff would be sending an email out to get a day preference for the regular Adult Tournament Committee meeting.

The Adult Tournament Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm

EXHIBIT A

1. 2022 NTRP National Championship Endorsement. Approved by Unanimous Written consent on December 5, 2022, by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the following amendments to the NorCal endorsement criteria for the NTRP National Championship are be approved (stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted; underlined language is proposed addition).

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE 2022 NTRP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION

Divisions:

- 18 & Over Men's & Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Singles/Doubles
- 40 & Over Men's & Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Singles/Doubles
- 55 & Over Men's & Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Singles/Doubles

Northern California's quota for ~~2022~~ 2021:

Northern California's quota is 2 players in each singles division, and 2 teams in each doubles division.

- ~~2 of the quota spots will be reserved for the 2019 endorsed players listed below that did not get to play in the 2020 NTRP National Championships due to the tournament being cancelled~~
- Players for the other 2 quota spots will be selected using the following criteria:

Selection Criteria:

- 1) ~~The determined placements of the 18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over NorCal NTRP National Qualifying Tournament in the division they played. The Champion and the Finalist will receive NorCal's endorsement to the 2022 NTRP National Championships. The 3rd place finisher will be the #1 alternate.~~
- 2) Spots not filled ~~by the determined placements of the 18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over NorCal NTRP National Qualifying Tournament~~ by the first selection criteria will be determined using the same National Rankings list that was used for acceptance to the NorCal Qualifying Tournament which was published on October 19, 2022 ~~will be determined using the 2020 USTA NorCal Final Ranking list.~~ Should a tie exist in determining the endorsed positions for the NTRP National Championships ~~tournaments~~, the following criteria will be used, in order, until the tie is broken: head-to-head matches won; most tournaments played; most matches played; coin toss.
- 3) After using the ~~USTA NorCal Final~~ National Ranking list, any remaining spots will be determined by the Adult Tournament Committee.

* Doubles selections for the NTRP National Championships are team based.

NTRP Rating Validation:

- Player will use his/her year-end rating the year prior to the NTRP National Championship
- Self-rates are not eligible to participate

EXHIBIT B

Adult Tournaments Awards Criteria. Approved by Unanimous Written consent on December 5, 2022, by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the following amendments to the Adult Tournament Awards criteria be approved (underlined language is proposed addition, crossed out language is proposed to be removed).

Adult Tournament Awards Criteria	
<i>Staff compiles list of eligible candidates and information related to award criteria. Straw vote of ATC determines winner.</i>	
Adult Tournament Director of the Year: Awarded annually to a Tournament Director of an Adult Open, Age <u>Group</u> , Senior , Family and/or NTRP Tournament.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one Adult, Family and/or Senior Tournament directed must receive a player evaluation rating of a 4.0 or higher to be eligible, with a minimum of 15% of the participants submitting an evaluation. • All USTA NorCal tournaments directed (any division) must receive a player evaluation rating greater than 3.5 to be eligible, with a minimum of 15% of the participants submitting an evaluation. • <u>Awarded to the tournament director that hosted the most tournaments and the combined rating of the tournaments is above 4.0 (80%) satisfaction, with a minimum of 25% of the participants submitting an evaluation.</u> • Tournament Director not eligible if the Organization Member holding a sanction for any tournament (any division) in which the person served as Tournament Director had been put on probation or suspension during the calendar year. • Written feedback on tournament evaluations shall be considered by ATC Committee. • ATC Committee shall consider feedback from player survey taken at Grand Prix.
Outstanding NTRP Tournament of the Year: Awarded annually to the Organization Member sanction holder of an NTRP Tournament.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization Member holding sanction must be current USTA member. • Tournament not eligible if Organization Member holding sanction had been put on probation or suspension for any tournament (any division) during the calendar year. Tournaments with a player evaluation rating of a 4.0 or higher with <u>15%-25%</u> or more of the participants submitting an evaluation, shall be considered for this award. If no tournament meets this criterion the ATC may select a tournament with a lower rating and/or participant participation rate or declare that there shall be no recipient for the year.
Outstanding Senior <u>Age Group</u> Tournament of the Year: Awarded annually to the Organization Member sanction holder of an Adult 30 and/or Senior Age Group <u>Age Group</u> Tournament.	
Outstanding Open Tournament of the Year: Awarded annually to the Organization Member sanction holder of an Adult Open Tournament.	
Outstanding Family Tournament of the Year: Awarded annually to the Organization Member sanction holder of a Family Tournament.	

Outstanding New Tournament: Awarded annually to the Organization Member sanction holder of an Adult Open, Adult <u>Group Senior</u> , Family and/or NTRP Tournament.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The timely submission of pre and post tournament reports may be considered.• Written feedback on tournament evaluations shall be considered by ATC Committee.• ATC Committee shall consider feedback from player survey taken at Grand Prix.
<u>Outstanding 1-Day tournament of the Year:</u> <u>Awarded annually to the Organization Member sanction holder of a 1-Day Tournament.</u>	
*** The Adult Tournament Committee reserves the right to not select a recipient in any given category in any given year.	