

NOTE: *The resolution in topic #1 in these minutes was approved by the USTA NorCal Board as of January 21, 2026. The resolution in topic #2 in these minutes was approved by the USTA NorCal Board as of February 18, 2026. The minutes were approved by the Committee on April 29, 2026.*

Leslie Airola-Murveit, chair of the Adult Tournament Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: *Leslie Airola-Murveit (Chair), Luis Reis (Vice-Chair), Mariko Fritz-Krockow, Wendell Pierce, Mark Fairchilds, Darrin Cohen, Michael Rogers, Andie Mouzes*

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

1. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held November 19th, 2025. The following motion was duly made by Michael Rogers, seconded by Luis Reis and **approved** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 recusal by Leslie Airola-Murveit (due to absence at the meeting in question)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Adult Tournament Committee meeting held November 19th, 2025, be approved as presented.

2. **Staff Report**

- **Item 1:** Joanna Broda-Schunck presented to the Committee the current participation numbers in Adult and NTRP tournaments. She explained that the numbers presented take into account the full year and the categories: Adult, Family and NTRP, level 2-7. The number of unique players increased from previous year by 4.4%. The number of tournament registrations increased by 13.7% and the number of tournaments increased by 23%. The total number of tournaments in 2025 was 150. The number of currently sanctioned tournaments for 2026 is 190.
- **Item 2:** Joanna Broda-Schunck presented to the Committee members the current responses to the Player survey. While currently there were only 11 responses to the survey, it will continue to be open and advertised in each monthly newsletter.
- **Item 3:** Joanna Broda-Schunck presented to the Committee the preliminary list of the 2025 Award recipients. It was discussed and agreed that the individual doubles final ranking list will be used and not the team doubles ranking list.

Mark Fairchilds joined the meeting during the Staff's report.

3. **Topic #1 – Donoff Cup - Player selection Criteria**

The Committee discussed the criteria for player selection into the Donoff Cup, the men's intersectional team tournament

After a discussion, the following motion was duly made by Mark Fairchilds, seconded by Leslie Airola-Murveit and **approved** by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the following criteria and procedures for the Donoff Cup - men's intersectional team tournament be approved

Donoff Cup - Men's Intersectionals Player Selection Criteria & Procedures

Donoff Cup Player Selection Criteria Procedures

An application page will be established on the NorCal website so all NorCal players have the opportunity to apply. The application deadline shall be June 15.

Selection of Overall Team Captain: From among those eligible players who submitted a timely application, an Overall Team Captain is selected by the Adult Tournament Committee and approved by the President of USTA NorCal.

Selection of Age Group Team Captains: From among those eligible players who submitted a timely application, the Overall Team Captain shall appoint the Age Group Team Captains for each of the teams that will be formed to compete in the USTA Donoff Cup.

Selection of Players for Teams by Donoff Cup Player Selection Committee.

- **Donoff Cup Player Selection Committee:** The Donoff Cup Player Selection Committee will be comprised of the Chair and Staff Liaison of the Adult Tournament Committee, and the Age Group Team Captains.

- **Selection Procedure:** From among those eligible players who submitted a timely application, players will be selected for teams by the Donoff Cup Player Selection Committee. Once selections have been made, players will be notified by email regarding the status of their selection. The Committee will finalize team selection within one month after the application period ends.

Eligibility for Selection:

- **Play Requirement:** Players must play at least one (1) USTA-sanctioned Tournament held in the USTA NorCal Section (regardless of Level, Division, or whether the tournament was sanctioned by the USTA National or USTA NorCal) within the 12 months immediately preceding the application deadline in order to be eligible for selection. This does not apply to players awarded wild cards (see Wild Cards below).

- **Residency Requirement:** Applicants must be residents of USTA NorCal.

- **USTA Membership Requirement:** Applicants must be current USTA members.

Selection Criteria: Selection Criteria is based on the “all factors method” which includes the following:

- Head-to-head records
 - Indirect wins and losses
 - Rankings
 - Ratings (NTRP, WTN)
 - Any additional information available over a 12-month period (including sportsmanship)
- Notwithstanding this criteria, wild cards may be awarded, subject to the policy below.

Late Entries: Eligible late entries can be selected but will only be selected in the order received after all other eligible timely entries have been selected. Late entries that are not selected will be placed on an alternate list in the order received and will be placed below alternates that registered on time and met the selection criteria.

Wild Cards. The Donoff Cup Player Selection Committee may award one wild card per age division to accommodate a player who has not met the player selection criteria, including a timely application. To receive a wildcard, a player must be a Northern California resident and a member of the USTA. Wildcards will be awarded at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

Not enough eligible players to field a team: If there are not enough eligible players to field a team from the players that applied by the deadline, players that have not met the Play Requirement will have until September 16 to meet this requirement.

Player Code of Conduct:

1. Good sportsmanship is expected.
2. Players must make themselves available for all matches (except due to injury).

Other Policies:

- All players shall be guaranteed to play at least 1 match.

Rationale: The Criteria mirrors the Women’s Intersectionals criteria and procedures, because the event is an equivalent tournament for men. Having specific player selection criteria and application process will give the event more visibility and transparency. It will also clarify for players what they may expect as well as what is expected of them when representing NorCal.

4. Topic #2 – Donoff Cup - request for team apparel funding

The Committee discussed the option to provide the players with team apparel to create a team spirit and a commemorative item for representing NorCal in the Intersectional team event.

After a discussion, the following motion was duly made by Wendell Pierce, seconded by Michael Rogers, and **approved** by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 recusals.

Resolution:

RESOLVED: Provided that, effective immediately, \$900 be added to the Adult Tournament Budget as set forth below to purchase team apparel for players representing USTA NorCal at the Donoff Cup. funds are allocated in the budget the following funds should be spent towards team apparel for players participating in the Donoff Cup.

Description	Expense
Team Apparel: Jackets: \$30 per player for 6 player/5 teams	\$900
Total:	\$900

Rationale: The Donoff Cup is an annual tournament that is similar in nature to the Women’s Intersectionals. It is anticipated that NorCal will field five 6-player teams, depending on the number of entries receives; however, the event has eight total divisions: Men’s 35s, 45s, 55s, 60s, 65s, 70s, 75s, 80s. divisions. Providing team apparel for the teams representing USTA NorCal helps create a team spirit. It can also make the teams stand out and players will be able to recognize other NorCal Players not on their team. If worn outside the competition itself, it can help advertise for USTA NorCal and therefore help grow participation in events.

This proposal was approved by the Committee at a meeting held January 7, 2026, by a vote of 8 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

This proposal has been submitted to the Budget & Finance Committee for review.

Fiscal Impact: Impact is as noted in the resolution.

5. Topic #3 – Growing tournament participation in NorCal

The Committee discussed ideas of how to grow participation in adult tournaments. The main points brought up during the discussion were:

- Marketing Adult Tournaments - creating content to get the information out about adult tournaments, especially about Grand Prix and Nationals. The content could include, for example, video testimonials.
- Reach out to league players that have not qualified for sectionals to consider a tournament instead.
- Geographical marketing - reach out to communities and facilities in areas outside of the Bay Area to create opportunities for play
- Rework the procedure of awarding Level 4s and 5s to be able to have those events more geographically distributed

The discussion is expected to be an ongoing part of future meetings

The Committee has discussed future meeting dates and they have been set to Tuesdays at 7pm (subject to change):

March 17th, April 28th, June 23th, July 21st, August 25th, Sept 15th November 3rd

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, at 8:57 pm the meeting was adjourned.