

Minutes of the USTA NorCal Executive Committee
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Via Video Conference Call

NOTE: The discussion held by the Executive Committee at this meeting was presented to the USTA NorCal Board of Directors at its meeting on May 15, 2024. No modifications were made, and all actions taken by the Executive Committee were effective as of April 3, 2024.

Executive Committee Members Present: Christine Costamagna (Vice President), Nancy Deschane (Treasurer), Andrea Norman (Secretary), Jason Scalese (Delegate), Pam Sloan (President)

Guests Present: Summer Verhoeven, Executive Director; Michael Hughes, USTA Director, Digital & Business Strategy; Laura Hyman, USTA Senior Director for customer Success and Product Delivery

1. Call to Order

President Pam Sloan called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and roll call was conducted.

2. Presentation by Michael Hughes and Laura Hyman

President Sloan welcomed Michael Hughes and Laura Hyman to the meeting to discuss the USTA's program for managing Adult Leagues - TennisLink - and the USTA's future transition to manage leagues on its Serve Tennis Platform. It also provided the opportunity for the Executive Committee members to ask questions about how NorCal's Adult League program interacts with TennisLink and how the functionality between the platforms differ.

3. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

President Sloan announced that the Executive Committee would be going into closed session. Following the conclusion of the closed session, President Sloan announced all discussion held during the session was to remain confidential; however, it was agreed that the following would be reported in the minutes:

Approval of Junior and Tournament Sanctions. The following sanctions were **approved** following a motion duly made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Costamagna. The vote was 5 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

Junior Tournaments								
Date	Level	Divisions	Events	Organizer	Director	Location	Courts	Limit
May 5	Level 7	BG12-14	Singles	Cudny Tennis Academy	Wiltold Cudny	San Jose	8	8
May 11	Level 7	BG12-14	Singles	Bay Club South SF	Steven Gilliam	Daly City	10	8
May 18	Level 7	BG12	Singles	Sierra Sports & Racquet Club	Chris Melsom	Fresno	11	8
May 19	Level 7	BG12-14	Singles	Cudny Tennis Academy	Wiltold Cudny	San Jose	8	8
May 25	Level 7	BG14-16	Singles	Bay Club South SF	Steven Gilliam	Daly City	10	8
June 9	Level 7	BG12-14	Singles	Cudny Tennis Academy	Wiltold Cudny	San Jose	8	8
June 16	Level 7	BG12-14	Singles	Bay Club South SF	Steven Gilliam	Daly City	10	8
June 22-23	Level 6	BG12-16	Singles	Cudny Tennis Academy	Wiltold Cudny	San Jose	8	8
June 29	Level 7	BG14-16	Singles	Bay Club South SF	Steven Gilliam	Daly City	10	8
July 28	Level 7	BG12	Singles	Sierra Sports & Racquet Club	Chris Melsom	Fresno	11	8
September 29	Level 7	BG12	Singles	Sierra Sports & Racquet Club	Chris Melsom	Fresno	11	8
November 16	Level 7	BG12	Singles	Sierra Sports & Racquet Club	Chris Melsom	Fresno	11	8

Adult Tournaments								
Date	Level	Divisions	Events	Organizer	Director	Location	Courts	Limit
May 5	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD	Lafayette Tennis Club	Hunter Gallaway	Lafayette	9	8
September 15	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD	Lafayette Tennis Club	Hunter Gallaway	Lafayette	9	8
October 12	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD	Lafayette Tennis Club	Hunter Gallaway	Lafayette	9	8
October 27	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD	Lafayette Tennis Club	Hunter Gallaway	Lafayette	9	8
December 8	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD	Lafayette Tennis Club	Hunter Gallaway	Lafayette	9	8
June 1-2	Level 6	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS	Kim Grant Tennis	Kim Grant	San Jose	6	8
June 15-16	Level 6	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS	Kim Grant Tennis	Kim Grant	San Jose	6	8
June 29-30	Level 6	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS	Kim Grant Tennis	Kim Grant	San Jose	6	8
July 27	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS	Kim Grant Tennis	Kim Grant	San Jose	6	8
August 3-4	Level 6	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS	Kim Grant Tennis	Kim Grant	San Jose	6	8
August 17-18	Level 6	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS	Kim Grant Tennis	Kim Grant	San Jose	6	8
July 20	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD, MX	Ultimate Sport Academy	Dinesh Kumar	Tracy	8	8
August 31	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD, MX	Ultimate Sport Academy	Dinesh Kumar	Tracy	8	8
October 26	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD, MX	Ultimate Sport Academy	Dinesh Kumar	Tracy	8	8
Sept 28-29	Level 6	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD, MX	Ultimate Sport Academy	Dinesh Kumar	Tracy	8	8
Nov 23-24	Level 6	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD, MX	Ultimate Sport Academy	Dinesh Kumar	Tracy	8	8
July 21	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD	Mission Hills Racquet & Swim Club	Max Taylor	Fremont	12	16
August 25	Level 7	NTRP 18+ 2.5 to 5.0	MS, WS, MD, WD	Mission Hills Racquet & Swim Club	Max Taylor	Fremont	12	16
October 9-13	TBD	Adult Open	MS, WS	Lifetime Activities - Goldman Tennis Center	Alison Vidal	Fremont	9	32

4. Action Item: Adjustment to Sanction Application Deadlines

Ms. Norman presented the Sanction & Schedule Committee's proposal to change the bi-monthly application deadlines for the remainder of the year. These adjustments will allow the Committee to meet and review tournament applications and have the tournament recommendations to the USTA NorCal Board for approval in the same month of each deadline. She also noted that the Committee will be reviewing these deadlines in advance of the 2025 sanctioning period to determine whether new dates are appropriate for 2025 and beyond.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Mr. Scalese, seconded by Ms. Costamagna, and approved by a vote of 5 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions:

RESOLVED: That for the remainder of 2024, and with an immediate effective date, the bi-monthly sanction application deadlines set forth in Sanction Regulation 5.B.ii. be changed from May 15, July 15, September 15, November 15 to May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1.

5. Action Item: Adult Awards

Following discussion of the Adult Tournament Committee's proposal to change the criteria for the NTRP 55+ Men's 3.5 Singles Division Player of the Year Award, the Executive Committee determined it should be sent back for clarification. As presented, the proposal changed the criteria to recognize to the player with the #2 ranking (instead of #1) and the Executive Committee felt that perhaps the criteria should instead be amended to clarify eligibility.

6. Action Item: Budget Request for Maze Cup

Ms. Norman presented the Junior Council's proposal increase the Maze Cup per player stipend. The Maze Cup is a prestigious annual team competition featuring the top juniors from Northern California and Southern California. In 2024, Southern California is hosting the Maze Cup at the Jack Kramer Club in Rolling Hills Estates, CA, a different and much further location than what it has been in past years in Bakersfield, CA. Each NorCal player is awarded a stipend to assist with travel and lodging expenses for this event. The 2024 budget includes a \$400 per player stipend. With the new location of the event and the increase in travel costs since the last away event in 2022, staff is asking for an increase by \$300 per player to a total of \$700 per player.

Following discussion, the Executive Committee favored a larger increase in the per player stipend to better cover the expenses. Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Mr. Scalese, seconded by Ms. Costamagna, and approved by a vote of 5 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, an additional \$6,000 is added to the 2024 Maze Cup Budget to increase the per player stipend by \$600 per player to a total of \$1,000 per player, and an overall budget of \$10,000:

Description: Other Grants 6899	Total
Current Maze Cup Player Stipend	\$4,000
Maze Cup Player Stipend Increase	\$6,000
TOTAL BUDGET FOR MAZE CUP PER PLAYER STIPEND	\$10,000

7. Adjournment

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Norman, Secretary