

Minutes of the JTT/Local Play Meeting

August 25, 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Andrea Barnes, chair of the JTT/Local Play Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm and a roll call was conducted. The meeting was held with a Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: **Andrea Barnes (Chair)**, Pablo Alvarado, Todd Dissly, Mark Fairchilds, Ogidi Obi, Craig Pasqua, and Carrie Zarraonandia. Ogidi joined at 12:59 pm.

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Summer Verhoeven, Beth Workeneh, Macy Barajas, Trey Astbury, and Chris Samuel.

Guests Present: None

1. Approval of Minutes from July 8th Meeting - The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held July 8, 2022.

The following motion was duly made by Craig Pasqua, seconded Pablo Alvarado

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the JTT/Local Play Committee meeting held July 8, 2022 be approved as presented.

2. Chair Report

- The subcommittees were discussed: Junior Team Tennis (JTT), Early Development Camp (EDC) and Junior Circuit (JC) which includes Team Tournaments. Committee members expressed interest in the different categories; Todd - EDC, Mark - JTT, Carrie - EDC then JTT, Andrea - EDC/Local Play (it was suggested to have the Junior Circuit subcommittee changed to Local Play), and Craig - Sportsmanship (there was a discussion about where it fits, only in JTT or for all products? Carrie added that EDC already had Sportsmanship built in).
- Junior Tennis Competitive Pathway discussion held. Todd mentioned he would like more clarity on the products. Mark mentioned that his programs almost follow the national guide. The only exception is there are no Junior Circuits and their players participate in the Sacramento Area Tennis Association (SATA) league. Andrea asked if the chart was simple enough to share with local pros and parents. Pablo said most players are looking for something local and only want to commit to half-day. Craig mentioned that players are "rushing" through JCs to the L7/L6 tournaments which has resulted in a decrease of player quality. Ogidi would like to see higher level Orange and Green events to keep players at the appropriate level.

3. Staff Report

- Suggested dates for EDC were Oct 22 and Sectionals in November depending on court availability. Ogidi provided a recap of the Team JC pilot.
- 10U Yellow Junior Circuits. Chris led a discussion about adding this level to the JC. It would require a change to our regulations and only those players that are at Yellow level may participate.
- JTT Review from staff: Fall JTT updates, use of WTN in 2023, and end of season plans may evolve into Team Tournaments, a formal team Sectionals, or a Jamboree (end of season event). Trey reported on his research and the WTN benchmark. Since no Sectionals for Fall, there are options to make events more level-based.

4. Next Steps - Andrea will follow-up with members on their subcommittee assignments.

5. Adjournment - Craig made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Pablo. There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.