

## Proposed Amendments to USTA Regulations

Note: Words underlined are proposed to be added. ~~Deleted text is shown in strikethrough.~~ References are to the 2021 *Friend at Court*, unless otherwise noted.

### **R1. Proposed by Adult Competition Committee Chrissie Costamagna, Chair**

**PASSED**

Part I. Amend **USTA Regulation II.D.9. and Table 9** as follows (pp. 84-88):

#### **II. DRAW REGULATIONS**

##### **D. Scheduling Matches** [unchanged]

1. *Players' requests for special scheduling.* [unchanged]
2. *Scheduling matches of players with long commutes.* [unchanged]
3. *Players are responsible for obtaining starting times.* [unchanged]
4. *Posting and changing schedule.* [unchanged]
5. *Scheduling matches by sections of draw.* [unchanged]
6. *Singles and doubles.* [unchanged]
7. *Required rest between matches.* [unchanged]
8. *Required rest between sets.* [unchanged]
9. *Scheduling guidelines.* The Referee complies with the scheduling guidelines in **Tables 8 and 9**, when reasonably practical.
  - a. *Junior Divisions.* [unchanged]
  - b. *Sectional and district limitations.* [unchanged]

**TABLE 9**  
**Scheduling Guidelines for Adult, Family, and Wheelchair Divisions:**  
**Maximum Number of Matches per Day**

<b>Divisions</b>	<b>All matches best of 3 Tiebreak sets</b>	<b>All matches best of 3 Tiebreak sets when Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set</b>	<b>All matches short sets</b>	<b>All matches short sets when Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set and pro sets played to 7, 8, 9, or 10 games</b>	<b>All matches pro sets played to 6 or fewer games</b>	<b>Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis; When more than one format is used; All other formats</b>
<b>Adult Open Adult Divisions through <u>60-55</u>; Family Divisions Group A; <u>NTRP 4.5 Division and higher</u> <u>NTRP 18 &amp; Over</u> <u>NTRP 40 &amp; Over</u> <u>NTRP 50 &amp; Over*</u> <u>NTRP 55 &amp; Over</u></b>	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	6 matches, no more than 4 of which should be singles	108 games, no more than 81 of which should be singles
<b>Adult Divisions <u>65-60</u> - <u>through 80</u>; Family Divisions Group B</b>	2 matches	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	3 matches	4 matches	81 games, no more than 54 of which should be singles
<b>Adult Divisions 85 &amp; Older</b>	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches	3 matches	78 games, no more than 39 of which should be singles
<b>Wheelchair Divisions</b>	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	6 matches, no more than 4 of which should be singles	108 games, no more than 81 of which should be singles

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<b><u>NTRP 65 &amp; Older;</u> <u>NTRP 4.0 Division</u> <b>and lower</b> <b>All other divisions</b></b>	No more than 2 singles; no guideline for doubles	No more than 3 singles; no guideline for doubles	No more than 3 singles; no guideline for doubles	No more than 3 singles; no guideline for doubles	6 matches, no more than 4 of which should be singles	85 games, no more than 63 of which should be singles

**\*The NTRP 50 & Over division will be eliminated beginning in 2022.**

Family Divisions Group A: Father-Son, Father (60 & Over)-Son, Father-Daughter, Father (60 & Over) Daughter, Mother-Son, Mother (60 & Over)-Son, Mother-Daughter, Mother (60 & Over)-Daughter, Husband-Wife, Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 90 Years), Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 100 Years), Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 110 Years), Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 120 Years), Grandfather-Grandson, Same Gender Male Couples Doubles, Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 80 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 100 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 120 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles, Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 80 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 100 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 120 Years).

Family Divisions Group B: Father (70 & Over)-Son, Father (80 & Over)-Son, Father (70 & Over) Daughter, Father (80 & Over)-Daughter, Mother (70 & Over)-Son, Mother (70 & Over)-Daughter, Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 130 Years), Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 140 Years), Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 150 Years), Same Gender Males Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 140 Years), Same Gender Female Couples

If a player enters more than one division, these guidelines apply separately to each division.

*Completion of suspended matches.* When a match is carried over from a preceding day, it is counted as a match for these scheduling guidelines if the player so elects and if 16 or more games of singles or 20 or more games of doubles are required to finish the match.

10. *Court surfaces.* [unchanged]

Part II.

Amend **USTA Regulation III.C.1. and Table 11** as follows (pp. 94-95):

**III. CONDUCTING THE TOURNAMENT**

**C. Rest**

1. *Rest between matches.* The Referee shall offer the players at least the minimum rest between matches as set forth in **Table 11**.

<p align="center"><b>TABLE 11</b> <b>Minimum Rest Between Matches</b></p> <p align="center"><b>The Referee, Sectional Association, or District Association should permit additional rest when any of them concludes that the length of a match, heat, humidity, total time on the court during the day, or other condition justifies more rest. *See also Recovery Rule</b></p>		
<b>Divisions</b>	<p><del>All Best of 3 and 5 set matches (including matches with No-Ad scoring, a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the final set, and Short Sets)</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Best of 3 and 5 Tiebreak set matches, including when a Match Tiebreak is played in lieu of 3rd or 5th set</u></li> <li>• <u>Best of 3 Short Set matches, excluding when a Match Tiebreak is played in lieu of a 3rd set</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Pro set formats</u></li> <li>• <u>Best of 3 Short Sets when a Match Tiebreak is played in lieu of 3rd set</u></li> </ul>
<b>Juniors</b>	60 minutes except 30 minutes in doubles only tournaments*	30 minutes
<b><u>Adult Open</u></b> Adult Age Group divisions <u>through 55</u> Parent-Child	60 minutes*	30 minutes
<b>Adult Age Group Divisions <del>50 &amp; Over</del> <u>60 &amp; Over</u></b>	90 minutes*	45 minutes
<b>Parent-Child with minimum parental age</b>		
<b>Grandparent-Grandchild</b>		
<b>Husband &amp; Wife (Combined Ages)</b>		
<b>Wheelchair</b>	60 minutes*	30 minutes
<u>†NTRP 18 &amp; Over</u> <u>†NTRP 40 &amp; Over</u> <u>†NTRP 50 &amp; Over<sup>#</sup></u> <u>†NTRP 55 &amp; Over</u> †NTRP without age restrictions including NTRP Combo <del>†NTRP Age 35 through 45</del>	60 minutes*	30 minutes
<u>†NTRP Age 50 through 90</u> <u>65 &amp; Over</u>	90 minutes*	45 minutes
<b>All other divisions</b>	30 minutes*	30 minutes
<b>Net Generation Program formats:</b> Players shall be offered reasonable rest, which in may cases will be no more than 15 minutes.		

**TABLE 11**  
**Minimum Rest Between Matches**

**The Referee, Sectional Association, or District Association should permit additional rest when any of them concludes that the length of a match, heat, humidity, total time on the court during the day, or other condition justifies more rest. \*See also Recovery Rule**

†When a rating system other than NTRP is used to classify players, the applicable rest period for a NTRP division is used.

If an NTRP division (or other level-based division for adults) has no age restrictions the NTRP Ages 18 & Over rest applies.

#The NTRP 50 & Over division will be eliminated beginning in 2022.

Use of No-Ad Scoring does not affect the minimum rest period.

For any other format, the rest is at least 30 minutes.

A player is governed by the amount of rest allowed for the division in which the player plays.

Players who participate in more than one division are entitled to at least 30 minutes rest between matches in different divisions, unless the Recovery Rule applies in which case the Referee shall offer the player a rest of two hours.

When more than one match format is played, the match format of the preceding match shall govern the minimum rest.

**\*Recovery Rule:** The Recovery Rule requires the Referee to offer a player two hours of rest after a singles match that uses a format consisting of the best of 3 tiebreak sets or more if the player's next match is singles. The regulation does not apply to short set matches, matches that play a tiebreak in lieu of a final third set, nor to any indoor match that lasts less than two hours.

2. *Rest between sets.* [unchanged]

**Effective Date:** Immediately

**Rationale:** The proposed changes make Tables 9 and 11 consistent with the age divisions specified in the Adult and Family Tournament, Ranking, Sanctioning Regulations. Additionally, the amendments to Table 11 add the Short Set formats to the table. For short sets with a tie-break in lieu of a third set, the play time with this format will be shorter than the best of 3 short sets, best of 3 tie-break sets, and best of 5 tie-break sets and the length is similar to the length of 8-game Pro Set. This proposal, as presented, is intended to keep the shorter sets with a tie-break in lieu of a third set to the same rest period as other shorter formats in Table 11. These proposed amendments were shared with the Sport Science Committee for advice and feedback, as well as conferred with the staff of Junior Competition and the staff of Wheelchair Tennis Committee.