

Suspension Point Regulation Change

May 2022

What's New

The USTA Suspension Point System and Point Penalty System have been updated to expand when suspension points and/or Code Violations can be assessed to a player for unsportsmanlike conduct. The change states that a player can be assessed suspension points when they, the player, or *anyone associated with the player* engages in unsportsmanlike conduct.

When and Where does it apply?

Effective Date: May 1st, 2022

These changes apply to [USTA Regulation IV](#), and [Table 17](#); Friend at Court 2022: pages 103 - 117.

Changes to Table 17:

Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Not using best efforts to win	2
	Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct on court by a player or person associated with a player while the player is still in the playing area but not during a match, after a match that if the conduct would have resulted in a code violation had it occurred during the match	2
	Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct off court by a player or person associated with a player , regardless of location or medium. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct at tournament sites, tournament activities, hotels or other housing, and all forms of communication, including online medium or otherwise or online	5
	Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant inappropriate conduct by a player or person associated with a player , regardless of location or medium. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct at tournament sites, tournament activities, hotels or other housing, and all forms of communication, including online medium or otherwise or online	8-10*
ct	Physical violence against another person on or off court by a player, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player	10

Example Scenarios

Code Violation Unsportsmanlike Conduct - 2 suspension points example

- During the match, a person associated with the player calls their player's opponent "a cheater".

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - 2 suspension points example

- After the match is complete and while the players are still in the playing area, a person associated with the player calls their player's opponent "a cheater".

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - 5 suspension points example

- *During or after the match is complete and regardless of whether the players are in the playing area or not, a person associated with the player says to the opponent and the people around them that they are all "expletive cheaters" and gives them the middle finger.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - 8-10 suspension points example

- *During or after the match is complete and regardless of whether the players are in the playing area or not, a person associated with the player calls their player's opponent a cheater and also includes threatened or actual physical abuse or a slur regarding race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation etc.

*If these scenarios happen during the match, the match would most likely end in immediate default.