

# POINT PENALTY SYSTEM

## POINT PENALTIES

Point penalties will be imposed against a player for unsportsmanlike conduct during a tournament as:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Unreasonable delays after the warm-up period, between points and when changing ends, and otherwise unreasonably delaying a match
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visible or audible obscenity or profanity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Violently, or with anger, hitting, kicking or throwing a tennis ball or other equipment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal or physical abuse of any official, opponent, spectator or other person by the player or anyone associated with the player
- \_\_\_\_\_ Retaliatory calls (obviously bad calls made in retaliation for the opponent's calls)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coaching by a parent, coach, captain or any other accompanying person
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any other unsportsmanlike behavior

Following are the minimum Penalties for the above violations:

_____ First offense	POINT	2 suspension points
_____ Second offense	GAME	2 suspension points
_____ Third offense	DEFAULT	2 suspension points

The imposition of penalties is primarily a function of the Chair Umpire, but the Referee may impose penalties in any umpired or non-umpired match on the basis of his own observations or those of his designated assistants. If a line umpire observes a conduct violation or is the object of unsportsmanlike conduct by a player, he shall as soon as possible, without disrupting play in progress, inform the Chair Umpire. The Chair Umpire will then make a decision under the Point Penalty System.

While normally the imposition of penalties will be in accordance with the basic table, a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act may result in the imposition of an immediate penalty, even a default, for the first offense. Such a default, if declared by a chair umpire or a referee's assistant, is appealable to the referee; if imposed by the referee, it is appealable to the tournament committee.

A player may not appeal to the referee a penalty imposed by the Chair Umpire until a third one has been imposed on that player or that team. A penalty on a member of a doubles team is considered to have been imposed on the team.

## SUSPENSION POINTS

Suspension points will NOT be levied against a player for actions of that player's doubles partner.

Suspension points will be recorded against a player for the following:

**Defaults:** In addition to the suspension points assessed under USTA Regulation III.A.8.b.i., suspension points shall be assessed for the following:

Default for a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act on or off the court _____	8
Default for refusal to play or continue to play for any reason other than illness, injury, or personal emergency _____	5
Default because of an adult decision _____	5
Default for no-show _____	5
Default due to late arrival for a match _____	1
Disqualification for ineligibility _____	3

### Inappropriate Entry or Withdrawals:

Being entered when entries close in two or more sanctioned tournaments, matches or competitions scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or part, unless each Tournament Committee approves the multiple entries in writing prior to deadline _____	5
Withdrawal from a tournament (singles or doubles) after entries have closed for any reason other than injury, illness or personal emergency _____	4

### Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct on court after a match or off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, housing or tournament sponsored event _____	5
Not using best efforts to win _____	2

### Gross Misconduct:

Physical act of violence against another person on or off the court by a player, parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player _____	10
Possession or use of illegal drugs _____	8
Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages _____	8
Gambling activity _____	8
Destruction of property _____	8

### Playing under Suspension:

Playing in any sanctioned tournament while suspended by the USTA Or one of its Sectional or District Associations _____	10
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### ITF Suspension Points:

Each suspension point assessed by the ITF at tournaments not on the National Junior Schedule _____	1
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Persons authorized to file suspension point reports with the Referee.

The following persons are authorized to file suspension point reports with the referee for the offenses they personally witness:

Tournament Committee members, Chief Umpire, Deputy Referees, on-court officials (including roving umpires), Court Monitors, if specifically authorized by the referee; club or facility managers, hotel or dormitory managers; families housing players; and player development staff.

Any player who receives 10 or more Suspension Points during a 12-month period shall be suspended for twelve (12) consecutive weeks from competing in any USTA sanctioned event within the Southeast Michigan District. The player shall also be suspended from participation in any District Team event (ex. Jr. Davis Cup, Jr. Wightman Cup, USA Team Tennis, etc.), Competition Training Center (or similar) and endorsement into a Midwest event (ex. Midwest Closed, etc.)

At the conclusion of the suspension period, 10 Suspension Points shall be removed from the player's suspension point record. All other suspension points shall remain and count towards a second suspension.

Second Suspension: If a player receives 8 suspension points within the 12 months immediately following the first suspension, the player shall be suspended for up to six months.

It shall be the responsibility of the player to be aware of the number of suspension points the player has accumulated.

The player shall have the right to a hearing before the USTA-Southeast Michigan District Grievance Committee. The request for a hearing must be made in writing and received at the Southeast Michigan District Office within ten days of the receipt of the notice of suspension.

The above violations are applicable to the main and consolation draws of all USTA Southeast Michigan District tournaments and competitions.