

**USTA Northern California
BOARD RESOLUTIONS
3/24/11**

DATE	COMMITTEE	ACTION						
2/9/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	It was approved that the working model for the 2013 calendar be patterned after the 2012 calendar, with no significant changes unless necessitated by rule or policy changes at the national level.						
2/9/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	It was approved to adjust the upper limit of skill level for Combo 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5 to 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 respectively.						
2/9/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	It was approved to drop rule 17b, which had allowed NTRP complaints against computer rated players in Combo and Fifty Mixed leagues.						
2/9/2011	ADULT LEAGUE	<p>It was approved to survey the Adult League captains to determine their attitude regarding Local League rule 38a:</p> <p><i>The decision to play either a full third set or a match tiebreak is made by the home team on each court, exploring the suggestion to return to the original policy of playing a Match Tie break in lieu of a full third set if any player on the court, either home or away, demanded it.</i></p>						
2/2/2011	DIVERSITY	Resolved: To sponsor a Winter Camp in San Francisco in the amount of \$2000.						
1/25/2011	JUNIOR COUNCIL	<p>I. Resolved: That the USTA NorCal points per round ranking system for juniors be amended, effective immediately upon ratification by the Board, to award players who defeat in singles a player ranked in the top 100 the following number of Bonus Points:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>NorCal Ranking of Player Defeated <i>(based on Bonus Point List)</i></th> <th>Bonus Points Earned For Win</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Top 10</td> <td>75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#11 through #20</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NorCal Ranking of Player Defeated <i>(based on Bonus Point List)</i>	Bonus Points Earned For Win	Top 10	75	#11 through #20	50
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Top 10	75							
#11 through #20	50							

#21 through #50	25
#51 through #75	10
#76 through #100	5

Bonus Points are attached to the tournament at which they are earned. If a tournament is not among a player's best 8 tournaments, neither the points per round nor the bonus points are added to a player's singles ranking point total.

The ranking of the defeated player is determined by a Bonus Point List published on the last day of each month and includes results from the previous 12 month period as follows:

Publication Date:	List Includes Match Results From the Following Period:	List used for Earning Points for Tournaments Starting Between:
Dec. 31, 2010	Jan. 1, 2010 & Dec. 31, 2010	Jan. 1 & Jan. 31, 2011
Jan. 31, 2011	Feb. 1, 2010 & Jan. 31, 2011	Feb. 1 & Feb. 28, 2011
Feb. 28, 2011	Mar. 1, 2010 & Feb. 28, 2011	Mar. 1 & Mar. 31, 2011
Mar. 31, 2011	Apr. 1, 2010 & Mar. 31, 2011	Apr. 1 & Apr. 30, 2011
Apr. 30, 2011	May 1, 2010 & Apr. 30, 2011	May 1 & May 31, 2011
May 31, 2011	Jun. 1, 2010 & May 31, 2011	Jun. 1 & Jun. 30, 2011
Jun. 30, 2011	Jul. 1, 2010 & Jun. 30, 2011	Jul. 1 & Jul. 31, 2011
Jul. 31, 2011	Aug. 1, 2010 & Jul. 31, 2011	Aug. 1 & Aug. 31, 2011
Aug. 31, 2011	Sep. 1, 2010 & Aug. 31, 2011	Sep. 1 & Sep. 30, 2011
Sep. 30, 2011	Oct. 1, 2010 & Sep. 30, 2011	Oct. 1 & Oct. 31, 2011
Oct. 31, 2011	Nov. 1, 2010 & Oct. 31, 2011	Nov. 1 & Nov. 30, 2011
Nov. 30, 2011	Dec. 1, 2010 & Nov. 30, 2011	Dec. 1 & Dec. 31, 2011
Dec. 31, 2011	Jan. 1, 2011 & Dec. 31, 2011	Jan. 1 & Jan. 31, 2012

Bonus Points shall be implemented retroactively to January 1, 2011. The first singles Sectional Ranking List published after ratification by the Board shall include Bonus Points for all wins in tournaments starting after January 1, 2011.

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II.

Resolved: That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the sectional ranking points awarded for wins in singles and doubles (excluding mixed doubles) at the USTA Boys' and Girls' 16 Intersectional Team Championships (Intersectionals) and USTA Boys' and Girls' National Team Championships (National Team) shall be immediately increased as follows:

	Player Position on Team	Sectional Points for Wins at Maze Cup, Intersectionals and National Team Championships
	Position #1 <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
	Position #2 <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
	Position #3 <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
	Position #4 <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
	Position #5 <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150
	Position #6 USTA BG 18 National Team Championships Only <i>Points Earned per Win</i>	150

1/25/2011 JUNIOR COUNCIL **III.**
Resolved: That contingent upon ratification by the Board, the Tournament Assistance Grant Program as set forth on Exhibit A shall be immediately implemented.

1/25/2011 JUNIOR COUNCIL **IV.**
Resolved: That effective immediately upon ratification by the Board, Rule 3 of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended as follows (underlined language is new, stricken-through language is deleted):

3. Player Eligibility.

A. *Age Eligibility.* [not changed]

B. *Residency and Citizenship or Alien Requirements for Excellence Tournaments and Sectional Championships.* Excellence Tournaments and the Sectional Championships are open only to "Residents of Northern California." "Residents of Northern California" refers to permanent residents of USTA NorCal (as geographically defined in the USTA Bylaws) and temporary residents of the Section who do not reside there in USTA NorCal solely for

the purpose of participating in tournaments and who are:

- i. U.S. Citizens. Citizens of the United States.
- ii. Certain Aliens.
 - permanent resident aliens in possession of a valid permanent alien registration receipt card (green card) or
 - aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and who are members of families in the diplomatic or consular corps.

The residency of a USTA NorCal junior is determined by the primary residence of the physical and legal custodian or guardian of said junior player. USTA NorCal reserves the right to ask any player, parent, or legal guardian to furnish proof of residence, citizenship, and/or alien status, even though the junior may be holding a valid USTA card with USTA NorCal designation.

C. Loss of Eligibility. Players who have made a declaration of citizenship to a foreign country or who have accepted endorsement from another federation into an international team competition shall not be eligible to participate in Excellence Tournaments or the Sectional Championships.

D. Reinstatement of Eligibility. A player who has previously qualified to play in Excellence Tournaments and the Sectional Championships and who lost this right by:

- playing for another federation in an international team competition; or
- no longer being classified by the Department of Homeland Security as an alien with a status listed in Rule 3.B.ii.

may apply for reinstatement. The USTA NorCal junior staff, in consultation with the USTA NorCal General Counsel, shall rule on the request. The player may appeal the ruling to the USTA NorCal Board.

V.

Resolved That effective immediately upon ratification by the Board, Rule 9A of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended as follows (underlined language is new, stricken-through language is deleted):

9. Junior Tournament Descriptions.

Tournaments are offered for juniors with competition in the following six levels. Some tournaments may offer events in more than one level. For example, a tournament may offer both Novice and Open level events.

A. *Novice Level.* Events at the Novice level offer introductory and recreational competition.

- Draws will be either Round Robin, First Match Loser Consolation, Feed-In Championship, Modified Feed-In Championship, or a Compass Draw. Round Robins and Compass Draws must provide a minimum of three matches. The format will be determined by each Tournament Committee and posted to the tournament web page.

- The match format will be determined by each Tournament Committee and posted to the tournament web page.

- Singles and doubles matches shall use regular scoring.

- Doubles events are optional for the tournament to hold. If held and weather permitting, it is strongly recommended that at least one round of doubles shall be played in the first two days of the tournament.

- Any age ~~group~~ division that receives three or fewer entries may be combined with the next-higher age ~~group~~ division; provided that the Tournament Director shall. ~~Tournaments combining age groups must~~ notify the players involved by email or telephone message immediately after entries close. Players may shall accept or decline to compete in the next-higher age division. Players declining may withdraw from the event or the tournament without penalty and are entitled to an entry fee refund, if applicable.

- There is no maximum per event entry fee for singles, doubles, and mixed doubles and no maximum base fee in Novice Tournaments.

VI.

Resolved: That effective immediately upon

ratification by the Board, Rule 9E of the Junior Tournament Rules shall be amended as follows (underlined language is new, stricken-through language is deleted):

9. Junior Tournament Descriptions.

Tournaments are offered for juniors with competition in the following six levels. Some tournaments may offer events in more than one level. For example, a tournament may offer both Novice and Open level events.

E. *Excellence Level.* Events at the Excellence level offer advanced competition in a limited-size draw and each is designated as a Level 4 National Ranking Tournament.

2011 Excellence Tournaments shall be held during the following date blocks and scheduled as follows:

January 29, 30 – February 5, 6 (4 days) – all divisions: Singles only tournament

May 7-8 (2 days) – all divisions: Doubles only tournament

May 21-22, 28-30 (5 days) – all divisions: Singles and Doubles tournament

October 15-16, 22-23 (4 days) – all divisions: Singles and Doubles tournament

The singles event shall have a draw of 32 with a Feed-in Championship that feeds in players through the quarterfinals.

If weather permits, the Excellence Tournaments held in January and in May are required to run the Feed-in Championship through the quarterfinals for Singles.

If weather permits, all Excellence Tournaments must finish the Feed-in Championship.

The singles draw shall have a play-off for third and fourth place.

~~The main draw singles match format shall be the best of three tiebreak sets.~~

~~The Feed-in Championship (consolation) match format at the Excellence Tournaments held in January and in May shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of the third set. The Feed-in Championship match format at the Excellence Tournaments in October will be the best of three tiebreak sets.~~

A single-elimination doubles event shall be held at the two May and the October Excellence Tournaments.

~~The doubles match format at Excellence Tournament held May 21, 22, 28-30 will be 8-game pro-sets with a match tiebreak at 8-games~~

all. The doubles match format at all other Excellence Tournaments will be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of the third set.
Singles and doubles matches shall use regular scoring.

The match formats shall be as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Boys' and Girls' 18, 16, and 14 Divisions Except Doubles Only Tournament</u>	<u>Boys' and Girls' 12 Divisions Except Doubles Only Tournament</u>	<u>2011 Doubles-Only Excellence Tournament</u>	<u>2012 Doubles-Only Excellence Tournament</u>
<u>Main Draw Singles</u>	<u>Best of 3 TB Sets</u>	<u>Match TB</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
<u>FIC Singles</u>	<u>Match TB</u>	<u>Match TB</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
<u>Doubles</u>	<u>8-game proset</u>	<u>8-game proset</u>	<u>Match TB</u>	<u>Best of 3 TB Sets</u>

The entry fee for the Excellence Tournaments shall be a base fee for playing singles and/or doubles. The entry fee shall be \$50.00.

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VII.

Resolved: That the resolution adopted by Junior Council on December 1, 2010 to adopt a policy for awarding grants to players who compete in USTA National Championships and USTA Team Championships, which has not yet been submitted to the Board for ratification, is hereby rescinded.

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VIII.

The following program was unanimously approved.

TAG Entry Fee Refunds:

- Approved Applicants are eligible to receive up to receive a refund equivalent to 50% of an entry fee for up to eight (8) USTA NorCal sanctioned tournaments in a calendar year (January 1-December 31).

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- The TAG Program does not apply to participation in nationally-sanctioned USTA junior tournaments that take place in USTA NorCal (e.g. West Coast Championships, USTA Girls' 16 National Open).
 - TAGs may be awarded to up to 10% of the total number of entrants in a tournament.
 - Because there is a limit on the number of TAGs that may be awarded per tournament, should the number of grants requests (see Grant Request below) exceed the maximum allowed grants, recipients will be selected based on the Adjusted Gross Income provided on the Application, with those having the lowest Adjusted Gross Incomes awarded first.

Eligibility to Apply: All USTA NorCal junior members who meet the Residency Requirements set forth in Rule 3B of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules are eligible to apply for a TAG.

Application to Participate in TAG Program:

- USTA NorCal shall publish all information regarding the TAG Program, including the TAG Application, to its website.
 - An eligible player may apply to participate in the TAG Program at any time during a calendar year by completing and submitting the TAG Application. A new TAG Application must be submitted for each calendar year.
 - All information and signatures requested on a TAG Application must be provided for an application to be approved.
 - The parent or legal guardian of applicant (or player if they are 18 years or older) must certify by signature on the TAG Application that the junior player is in need of financial assistance to enter and play tournaments in USTA NorCal.
 - The TAG Application shall include a request for Adjusted Gross Income on the most recently filed federal tax return (line 4 on 2010 Form 1040 EZ and line 37 on 2010 Form 1040) and shall require that a copy of the most-recently filed tax return accompany the TAG Application
 - All Applicants will be notified by USTA NorCal as to whether the Application has been approved.
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Grant Eligibility:

- Sportsmanship: TAG recipients shall maintain a high level of good sportsmanship. Approved Applicants shall not receive a TAG for a tournament if they are assessed three (3) or more suspension points during the tournament. Additionally, a player who requests a TAG for a tournament at which three (3) or more suspension points are assessed shall have the total number of tournaments for which a TAG can be received reduced by one.
- Play to Completion: TAG recipients are expected to play a tournament for which they are requesting a TAG to completion. For the purposes of the TAG Program, this means a player must not have withdrawn for the tournament without playing a match. Matches won by withdrawal, walkover, default and retirement count as playing a match.

Grant Request:

- No later than seven (7) days after the last day of a tournament, an Approved Applicant shall formally request to receive the TAG by emailing the USTA NorCal office. The request shall include the player's name, USTA Membership Number, tournament name, sanction dates, and Tournament ID Number (found at the top of the TennisLink home page). Failure to request a TAG within the 7-day time limit will be denied.
- Approved Applicants shall not request a TAG once they have received TAGs from the eight (8) maximum tournaments, or such lesser number should the player be deemed ineligible for a tournament for under the sportsmanship eligibility criteria.
- Should the number of TAG requests exceed the maximum number allowed, USTA NorCal shall notify any Approved Applicants that are denied a refund based on this limit.
- Approved Applicants that meet the Sportsmanship and Play to Completion grant eligibility requirements shall be sent a refund to the address provided on the Application. Refunds may take up to 45 days to process.

1/22/2011

DIVERSITY

Resolved, to support the participation of the Gilroy Garlic Festival with up to \$1000 worth of collateral and giveaways.

1/22/2011	DIVERSITY	Resolved to sponsor a table at the 2011 ACES in the amount of \$500.
1/22/2011	DIVERSITY	Resolved, to sponsor a table in the amount of \$1250 at the African American Sports Hall of Fame.
