

Standing Orders of the USTA Texas Section

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Article I: General Regulations

- A. All clubs and organizations affiliated with the USTA Texas Section ("Texas Section") shall be governed by the laws as laid down by the United States Tennis Association ("USTA") and the Texas Section.
- B. All tournaments or matches conducted by clubs, organizations or associations affiliated with the Texas Section shall be played under the rules adopted by the USTA and the Texas Section.
- C. The Texas Section membership list will not be sent to or sold to anyone and shall only be used for Texas Section activities.
- D. The Texas Section is a section of the USTA, and thereof, incorporates the Rules, Standing Orders, and Standards of Conduct of the USTA except where specifically excluded by the Texas Section. Otherwise, areas not covered by USTA regulations are the domain of the Texas Section. Texas Section regulations, therefore, may be more extensive than those of the USTA and may deviate from them in some cases.

Article II: Conditions Governing Players

Categories of players: The following categories of tennis players are recognized as within the jurisdiction of the USTA and the Texas Section: (1) Amateurs (2) Professionals. (See USTA Yearbook for definitions)

Article III: Sanctioned Events

- A. General information: Standing Orders of the USTA contain the sanction requirements for all tennis events under the jurisdiction of the USTA. Sectional associations have been authorized to approve and issue sanction certificates for all tournaments except USTA National Title events.
- B. Applications for sanction: Member organizations in good standing may apply to hold any event for which the Texas Section may issue sanctions. A properly prepared sanction request with required fees should be submitted to the Texas Section office.
- C. Sanction fees:
 1. Fees for all amateur, open or prize money tournaments with less than \$5,000 prize money are \$50, and fees for Major Zone tournaments are \$100. This includes the cost of the tournament packet sent to each tournament. Payment must accompany the application for sanction.
 2. Fees for prize money events over \$5,000 shall be 1% of the prize money; however, such fee shall not exceed \$2,000, nor shall it be less than \$100.
 3. Publication expenses will apply to all tournaments, whether or not the tournament applies for sanction in time to be included in the Texas Section Tournament Schedule. Publication fees include the information section of the tournament schedule, as well as Internet posting through the Texas Section website and the USTA on-line tournament system. Publication fees will be set by the Texas Section Communications Department, with approval by the Communications Committee.
- D. Special sanction considerations:
 1. It is the policy of the Texas Section not to render financial assistance to any member of the Texas Section sponsoring any event, that such an event should be conducted where possible on a profitable basis, and that any loss incurred will be the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organizations.
 2. Conflicting events will not be sanctioned within a 75 mile radius of each other unless the committees of each tournament agree to waive this rule. For junior sanctioned events within a 75 mile radius of each other the Junior Tennis Council reserves the right to waive this rule.
 3. An applicant for any event, by requesting such sanction from the Texas Section, agrees that it will not discriminate against any participant because of participant's race, color, or creed. A violation of this provision may result in a refusal by the Texas Section to issue any further sanctions to such applicant.
 4. A junior development fee of \$1.00 for each junior singles entry, \$2.00 for each junior doubles entry, \$1.50 for each adult or senior singles entry, and \$3.00 for each adult or senior doubles entry will be paid to the Texas Section at the close of the tournament.
 5. USTA, and where amended, Texas Section tournament rules and regulations must be followed in every sanctioned event. Failure to do so may result in refusal by the Texas Section to issue any further sanctions to the applicant.

Article IV: Amateur Expenses, Prizes, Club Accounting, Enforcement and Reinstatement

- A. Allowable and prohibited amateur expenses (see USTA Yearbook).
- B. Allowable and prohibited amateur prizes (see USTA Yearbook).
- C. Club accounting and miscellaneous (see USTA Yearbook).
- D. Enforcement procedure (see USTA Yearbook).
- E. Reinstatement to amateur status (see USTA Yearbook).

Article V: Ranking Regulations

- A. Ranking divisions and minimum qualifying requirements:
1. Official Texas Section rankings shall be made annually for Adult, Senior and Super Senior divisions as listed in the "Adult Know the Rules" section as published.
 2. Official Texas Section rankings shall be made monthly for junior divisions as listed in the "Junior Know the Rules" section as published.
- B. Player eligibility:
1. Only residents of the Texas Section shall be considered for a ranking.
 2. Only persons enrolled in the USTA from the Texas Section and in good standing at the close of the ranking year shall be considered for a ranking.
 3. All Levels (2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0) divisions shall be open to players who no longer have eligibility for junior divisions and who hold the appropriate National Tennis Rating Program rating. All Adult, Senior and Super Senior ranking divisions shall be open to players who reach the minimum age of the division during the ranking period.
 4. Subject to the qualification and gender specifications of particular events (e.g., only girls may play in girls' events, only boys may play in boys' events, and only players who have satisfied the applicable qualification requirements may play in Championship and Super Championship events), all junior divisions (e.g., 18, 16, 14, 12 and below) shall be open to players who have not reached the maximum age limits described below.
- | AGE GROUP | ELIGIBLE UNTIL |
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| 10 & under | First day of month of 11 th birthday |
| 12 & under | First day of month of 13 th birthday |
| 14 & under | First day of month of 15 th birthday |
| 16 & under | First day of month of 17 th birthday |
| 18 & under | First day of month of 19 th birthday |
- C. All rankings will be published on the USTA Texas Section approved site.
- D. Ranking certificates will be awarded to all players ranked, upon request, who play in divisions which are ranked on an annual basis.

Article VI: Endorsement of Juniors

- A. The President shall appoint an Endorser for boys and girls. The Endorser shall select the best qualified juniors available for participation in the USTA championships from residents of the Texas Section (refer to Friend at Court for definition of domicile).
- B. Entry into USTA Junior Championships:
1. The Texas Section shall be entitled to a quota of entries in USTA championships based on the ratio that the Texas Section's Junior memberships bear to the total USTA Junior membership.
 2. Juniors must be endorsed by the Endorser and appear on the Endorser's list which shall list players in the order in which their records place them and which shall be submitted to each USTA championship.
 3. Juniors must submit entries to USTA Junior Championships via the registration system required by the USTA.
- C. USTA Championships:
1. Players will be endorsed for USTA Championships based on the criteria established by the Junior Tennis Council as listed in the "Junior Know the Rules" section as published.
 2. Selection shall be based on current record.
 3. A waiver of this minimum tournament requirement may be granted by a majority vote of a committee composed of the Junior Tennis Council Chairperson, Vice President of Competitive Tennis, and Endorser only upon written application received in the Texas Section office 15 days prior to the end of the endorsement period for that Super National endorsement and only for injury, illness, extreme emergency or invitation to USTA training camps.
- D. USTA Intersectional and National Team Championships: Players will be selected for these events based upon published procedures established by the Junior Tennis Council published in the "Junior Know the Rules" section.
- E. Financial assistance: Please refer to the "Junior Know the Rules" section for details on endorsement procedure and eligibility for financial assistance for endorsed players competing in Junior National Championships.

Article VII: Selection Process for Adult and Senior Team Events

USTA Texas will select teams for all divisions offered for the USTA National Men's and Women's Intersectional Team Events. Three months prior to the USTA entry deadline for submitting team members' names the #1

singles player in each respective division (determined by the rolling 12 month period) will be invited. Each of the teams will consist of up to 6 men or women players in each age group that will be selected by the respective team captain and approved by the intersectional coordinator.

Article VIII: Standards of Conduct

- A. All players in, and officials and organizers of, any tennis tournament, match, or exhibition are under a duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship.
- B. By accepting Texas Section membership, a member agrees to follow its Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Orders and Rules and Regulations and to exhaust all administrative remedies provided therein in each controversy and complaint involving participation in Texas Section activities.
- C. Players are under an obligation to avoid acts which may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis. Such detrimental acts include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Entering two or more tournaments, matches, or exhibitions scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or in part, unless each committee (or whoever is in charge) understands the situation and concurs in writing with such arrangements as are made.
 - 2. Entering a tournament with the intention of withdrawing if the player's entry is accepted in another tournament, unless the tournament committee for the tournament in which the player has entered understands the situation and concurs with such contemplated action.
 - 3. Entering a tournament and then failing to appear for a match (whether in the qualifying, main or consolation draw), except for illness, injury or personal emergency with the exception of Super Championship Major Zones which have zero tolerance.
 - 4. Defaulting in a tournament (whether during the course of a match or prior to the commencement of a match), except for illness, injury or personal emergency. The tournament committee may, if it so desires, require that any player who withdraws, fails to appear, or defaults after commencement of play because of illness or injury must obtain and present verification of such illness or injury from a doctor (medicine or osteopathy). If the tournament committee desires to impose such an additional requirement, the tournament committee must, at the tournament's expense, provide the services of a doctor to examine such player (it being understood that the player may elect, at his or her own expense, to obtain the service of another doctor, in which case the player must do so without delay), and notice of such requirement must be included in the materials furnished to players in connection with their entry into the tournament.
 - 5. After entries have closed, withdrawing from a tournament, except for a bona fide reason.
 - 6. After the draw has been made, withdrawing from a tournament, except for illness, injury or personal emergency.
 - 7. During the course of a match swearing at an official, a spectator or an opponent in a voice that can be heard by any other person; using profanity, insulting, abusive or obscene language in any way that may be heard by other persons; using obscene, insulting or abusive gestures; throwing in any manner a racquet or deliberately throwing or hitting a ball in the direction of an official or the spectators; threatening bodily injury to anyone.
 - 8. Causing the tournament director trouble by refusing reasonable requests on his/her part or causing any serious, deliberate interruption of the smooth flow of the tournament. Any parent, coach or other person who, on behalf of a player before, during or after a match, abuses an official or opposing player will be warned and directed by the chair umpire or referee to desist. If the abuse continues, the person may be directed to leave the match area, and if this is not complied with, the player may be defaulted from the match in progress or, thereafter, in his next match. In case of flagrant abuse, the directive to leave may be given without warning. Any such instance should be reported to the Discipline and Grievance Committee.
 - 9. Intentionally falsifying birth date and participating in wrong age division. Birth certificates may be requested by tournament directors if a problem exists and proof cannot be determined otherwise.
 - 10. Associating with professional gamblers.
 - 11. Betting or acting as a bookmaker on matches.
 - 12. Accepting money or other consideration for losing a match or for winning by only a particular margin.
 - 13. Being a party to any payment of money or other consideration to another person to induce such person to lose a match or to win by only a particular margin.
 - 14. Reporting or commenting in the press, radio or television for money or other consideration concerning, and during the time of, any tournament, match or exhibition in which the player is or was entered as a competitor.
- D. If a tournament official, player or spectator observes a violation of these standards; such conduct should be reported in writing to the chairperson of the Discipline and Grievance Committee or the Texas Section office. The Discipline and Grievance Committee is designed not to threaten, but to serve the member organizations, tournaments and individual members. The committee shall investigate all reported complaints.

- E. The chairperson of any tournament, match or exhibition may withhold all or such part of any prize money or expenses payable to any player charged by any chairperson or by the referee of such event with conduct inconsistent with the above standards, provided a written complaint of such conduct is promptly filed with the chairperson of the Discipline and Grievance Committee or the Texas Section office. Any prize money or expenses so withheld shall be withheld until a final determination of the charges in such complaint has been made. Immediately after such final determination, the funds withheld, less amount of any fine, shall be promptly paid to the player, and the funds representing the amount of the fine shall be promptly paid to the Texas Section.

Article IX: Discipline Rules and Procedures

- A. All players in Texas Section sanctioned events are subject to discipline, including suspension from play, due to any of the following:
1. Competing in a sanctioned tournament without being currently registered and in good standing with the USTA or Texas Section.
 2. Defaulting a match without giving sufficient notice to the tournament director.
 3. Intentionally throwing a racquet or hitting balls in anger.
 4. Use of loud, vulgar, offensive or abusive language.
 5. Continuous, constant, prolonged or unreasonable criticism of, or arguing with, referees, umpires, linesmen, spectators, tournament officials or opponents.
 6. Conduct detrimental to or tending to bring discredit upon the game, including intentionally throwing a match.
 7. Breach of any of the provisions of the USTA and Texas Section Standing Orders, most especially Article VIII of the Texas Section Standing Orders - Standards of Conduct.
- B. The procedure for imposing discipline, including suspension of a player from competition in Texas Section sanctioned events, shall be as follows:
1. Any tournament director, referee, official, member of the Management or Executive Committee, player, spectator or any other interested person shall have the right to submit a written complaint to the Texas Section, setting forth in detail the acts and/or conduct of a player which are alleged to be in violation of the above mentioned rules. Said complaint should be received within 14 days after the date of the violation.
 2. Whenever a written complaint is received by the Texas Section, the chairperson of the Discipline and Grievance Committee shall be informed immediately. The chairperson shall have the power to make such rulings and/or impose such conditions upon continued competition, including suspension of the alleged violating player, until the completion of the investigation of the complaint as hereinafter provided. Prior to taking any such action, the chairperson shall not be required to hold any preliminary investigation, and such action may be taken by the chairperson on the basis of such investigation as he/she, in his/her absolute discretion, deems appropriate. If the chairperson of the Discipline and Grievance Committee is not available, the President shall act in his/her place. The chairperson, at the next meeting of the Management Committee, shall report the full details of any action taken under this paragraph.
 3. Upon receiving each written complaint, the chairperson of the Discipline and Grievance Committee shall institute an investigation by the committee of said complaint.
 4. Upon completion of each investigation, the Discipline and Grievance Committee shall make such rulings or impose such conditions upon continued competition as determined appropriate. Any ruling of the committee for suspension up to one year of a player shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of its members. If the committee determines that the complaint is not of sufficient importance to warrant consideration of suspension or imposition of sanctions against the alleged violator, the committee may take other appropriate less severe action. Any suspension, sanction or other action shall become part of the player's file. The chairperson shall notify in writing by certified return receipt mail each subject of complaint of any action taken by the committee and shall include instructions as to the right of appeal.
 5. Any recommendation by the Discipline and Grievance Committee for suspension for a period exceeding one year shall only be effective upon a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee present acting at its next regular meeting.
 6. Members of the Discipline and Grievance, Management or Executive Committees involved in the investigation shall not have a vote at any special hearing.
 7. If a complaint is made against an individual under 18 years of age, all notices shall be given to the individual and his/her parent or guardian. The subject of a complaint, or a parent, guardian or other representatives of the subject of the complaint shall not be permitted to attend the regularly scheduled Discipline and Grievance Committee meetings, which are investigative meetings, but shall be permitted to attend any subsequent hearings or appeals.
- C. All players shall be subject to immediate action imposed by a tournament official under the Point Penalty System and shall be subject to suspension imposed by the Discipline & Grievance Committee for the accumulation of points based on multiple violations over a period of time under the point suspension system.

1. Point Penalty System:
 - a. Point penalties shall be imposed against a player for unsportsmanlike conduct during a tournament such as:
 - i. Unreasonable delays after the warm-up period, between points and when changing ends, and otherwise unreasonably delaying a match
 - ii. Audible obscenity
 - iii. Visible obscenity
 - iv. Violently or with anger hitting, kicking or throwing a tennis ball or racquet or other equipment
 - v. Verbal or physical abuse of any official, opponent, spectator or other person
 - vi. Coaching by a captain or other accompanying person (see Rule 31 of the Rules of Tennis)
 - b. Following are the penalties for the above violations:
 - i. First offense – point
 - ii. Second offense – game
 - iii. Third offense – default
 - c. 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 shall then make a decision under the Point Penalty System.
 - d. While normally the imposition of penalties shall be in accordance with the basic table, a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act may result in the imposition of an immediate penalty, even a default, for a first offense. Such a default, if declared by a chair umpire or referee's assistant, can be appealed to the referee; if imposed by the referee, it can be appealed to the tournament committee.
 - e. 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.
2. THE SUSPENSION POINT SYSTEM is in effect during all USTA Texas sanctioned tournaments. The Suspension Point System applies to the conduct of a player or persons associated with the player. The Suspension Point System DOES NOT replace the Point Penalty System used on the court. A Suspension Point does not result in any point penalties during a match. Instead, USTA Texas will manage the Suspension System concurrently to improve the overall conduct of players and persons associated with the players.
 - a. PLAYER SUSPENSION: When a player accumulates Suspension Points he or she will be suspended according to the following schedule. Each suspension period will begin from a USTA Texas specified date, which shall take into account the time required to receive information from tournament directors, and to notify all other relevant parties.
 - i) 1st Suspension- 10 points within a rolling 12-month period
 - 3 months suspension shall be imposed resulting in no competition in ANY USTA sanctioned tournaments.
 - The 10 points that caused the suspension will be cleared from the player's record once the applicable suspension period expires. Any additional points will remain on the record, and apply towards the count of subsequent suspensions.
 - ii) 2nd Suspension- 8 points within a rolling 12-month period
 - 6 months suspension shall be imposed resulting in no competition in ANY USTA sanctioned tournaments.
 - The 8 points that caused the suspension will be cleared from the player's record once the applicable suspension period expires. Any additional points will remain on the record, and apply towards the count of subsequent suspensions.
 - iii) Subsequent Suspensions- 6 points within a rolling 12-month period
 - Player will be suspended from competing in USTA sanctioned events for a period of time to be determined by the USTA Texas Discipline and Grievance Committee but no less than one year.
 - b. NOTIFICATION PROCESS: The USTA Texas Competitive Department will mail notice to a player when 5 Suspension Points have been accrued. However, a player may accumulate additional points before being notified when he or she is at 5 Suspension Points. Therefore, it is the player's responsibility to track his or her Suspension Points. However, notification of certain Suspension Points may be sent by USTA Texas to a player as provided in paragraph H below. The USTA Texas Competitive Department manages all Suspension Points. Players and parents can request a copy of that player's Suspension Point record to review at any time. Any disputes must be made in writing to the USTA Texas Discipline and Grievance Committee in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.

c. **SUSPENSION SYSTEM ENFORCEMENT:** It is the obligation of the Tournament Committee to oversee the monitoring of play and to enforce all rules, regulations, and "The Code". Typically, the Point Penalty System used by on-court USTA Certified Officials is the largest contributor of Suspension Points. However, certain individuals other than tournament personnel are authorized to report acts that may result in Suspension Points. Such instances will not interfere with play, and a player will be notified of any increases in his or her assessed Suspension Points, as described in paragraph H below. All of the persons below may only report violations they personally witness. Reports are to be submitted to the Tournament Director or Referee and to the USTA Texas Competitive Department.

i) Persons authorized to file Suspension Point reports with the Tournament Director or Referee and USTA Texas Competitive Department are "Sportsmanship Ambassadors" and include:

- Tournament Committee Members (including officials and site directors)
- USTA Certified Officials Committee Members
- USTA Texas Discipline and Grievance Committee Members
- USTA Texas Junior Tennis Council Committee Members
- USTA Texas Adult and Senior Tennis Council Committee Members
- USTA Texas Director of Competitive Tennis
- USTA Texas Competitive Coordinators
- USTA Texas Executive Director
- USTA Texas Management Committee
- USTA Texas Executive Committee

D. **CONDUCT OF PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH A PLAYER:** If a person who is associated with a player engages in abusive conduct of any kind he or she may be removed from the event by tournament personnel. Additionally, Suspension Points may be assessed to a player's record in accordance with paragraph E below. The USTA Texas Discipline and Grievance Committee has the authority to deny privileges or exclude such person(s) from any USTA Texas sanctioned tournament.

e. **ASSESSMENT OF SUSPENSION POINTS:** Suspension Points will remain on a player's record for 12 months from the date of the tournament when the Suspension Points were assessed.

i) Code Violations under the Point Penalty System. For each violation under the Point Penalty System, one Suspension Point will be assessed:

- Code Violation Point Penalty→ 1 Suspension Point
- Code Violation Game Penalty→ 1 Suspension Point
- Code Violation Default→ 1 Suspension Point

ii) Defaults. All defaults, for any reason, count in a player's Suspension Point record.

- Default (no show) → 4 Suspension Points
- Default (late arrival) →2 Suspension Points
- Default (flagrant act on or off court) → 5 Suspension Points

iii) Super Championship Major Zone Withdrawals

- Withdrawing from a Super Championship Major Zone after the deadline for any reason→ 3 Suspension Points

iv) Concurrent Tournament Rule

- Entering two or more tournaments scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or part, unless each Tournament Committee involved approves, and USTA Texas is notified of the double entry→ 2 Suspension Points

v) Unsportsmanlike Conduct

1) On-court unsportsmanlike act→1 Suspension Point. This includes, but is not limited to, the following acts:

- audible obscenity, insult or provocation;
- visible obscenity (gestures with finger, racquet, body or clothing);
- gamesmanship or stalling;
- excessive display of temper (yelling, continual broadcasting, physical, etc.);
- display of disrespect toward officials;
- arguing about, rather than resolving questions;
- doubting (rather than questioning) opponent's calls

2) Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct by a player on or off court→ 5 Suspension Points. This includes, but is not limited, to the following acts:

- intimidating other players or officials either verbally or physically;
- cheating or failing to follow "The Code";
- harassment of other players or officials;
- lack of courtesy or respect for rights of others;

- gambling or association with others while they are gambling;
- indiscriminate complaints;
- verbal abuse of opponent or official (includes more aggressive and serious insults or threats);
- physical abuse (both threats and actions);
- dishonesty;
- match fixing;
- accepting money for play;
- false complaints, accusations, or character assassination;
- intentional destruction of property

3) Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct by a person associated with a player which includes, but is not limited to, coaching→ 5 Suspension Points

vi) Gross Misconduct which includes, but is not limited, to the following:

-Physical act of violence against another person on or off the court by a player or other person associated with a player→10 Suspension Points

vii) Playing while under Suspension.

-Competing in any USTA sanctioned tournament while under suspension by the USTA or one of its Sectional Associations→10 Suspension Points

f. USTA TEXAS DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE ASSESSMENTS. The USTA Texas Discipline and Grievance Committee has the ultimate authority to assess any player Suspension Points for acts that do not fall under the aforementioned categories. Also, the USTA Texas Discipline and Grievance Committee will, at times, assess Suspension Points for actions described in substantiated complaints received at USTA Texas.

g. NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS. Any penalties levied against any USTA Texas player during any other USTA sanctioned tournament (non-USTA Texas) will be added to the USTA Texas suspension system record for that player. USTA Texas requests reciprocation of all suspensions from the USTA and its Sectional partners.

h. NOTICE OF SUSPENSION POINTS ASSESSED UNDER PARAGRAPHS E (v) or (vi).

The Tournament Referee or Director may inform a player of any Suspension Points assessed at a tournament against a player prior to the player's departure from the tournament site, if then appropriate and available. In certain instances, the USTA Texas Competitive Department will mail notice of Suspension Points assessed under Paragraphs E (v) or (vi) immediately above to a player, if the player was not so informed at the tournament. Failure to receive notice of any assessed Suspension Points shall not affect the Suspension Points assessed. Any Suspension Points not timely appealed are deemed waived and shall not form the basis for any subsequent appeal of any Suspension Points or any suspension.

D. Right of Appeal:

1. Any player dissatisfied with the rulings of the Discipline and Grievance Committee shall have the right of appeal. Such appeal shall be made in writing, addressed to the President at the Texas Section office, and shall be filed within 10 days of the receipt of notice of the ruling of the Discipline and Grievance Committee. Such appeal is to be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested or delivered by hand. If the sanction appealed does not impose constraints on the player's right to play in Texas Section tournaments, the appeal may be reviewed by the whole Discipline and Grievance Committee by mail or sitting as a body at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If the sanction appealed involves suspension or monetary fines, the appeal will be heard by the Management Committee. An appeal of suspension points to the Management Committee may not be made until the total number of suspension points for that player for the year exceeds nine and would result in suspension of the player. Upon notice of such appeal, the president shall give written notice of time and place for the hearing of appeal to all parties concerned, whether at the next regular meeting of the Management Committee or at a called meeting. In any event, said hearing shall not be more than 40 days from receipt of notice of appeal. At said hearing all persons having knowledge of the incident complained of shall have full opportunity to be heard, and upon conclusion thereof, the Management Committee shall make such ruling as seems indicated by all the facts.
2. The Management Committee, at its discretion, may hear evidence additional to that which was presented to the Discipline and Grievance Committee. The Management Committee may affirm, modify, or reject the initial decision of the Discipline and Grievance Committee and may impose any additional penalties that it deems appropriate. A majority vote of the Management Committee shall control, except that if suspension is in excess of one year, a ruling by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee shall be required, acting at its next regular meeting.
3. Any player dissatisfied with a final decision of the Discipline and Grievance Committee, the Management Committee or the Executive Committee, which suspends a player for a period of six months or more as described in D.2 above may appeal to the USTA Grievance Committee, pursuant to USTA By-Law 41.c.

- E. All correspondence shall be sent to the Texas Section office, and the Texas Section shall maintain a copy of all correspondence and actions relating to any discipline and grievance matter.
- F. All communications with and materials submitted to the Committee are confidential and shall not be disclosed except:
 - 1. to the subject of a complaint (or their parent or guardian if the subject of a complaint is under 18 years of age) upon request, if an investigation (including any appeal thereof) is ongoing;
 - 2. to any individual or any committee authorized under Article IX of the Standing Orders to hear an appeal of a ruling or rulings made by the Discipline and Grievance Committee; and
 - 3. to the extent such communications or materials are necessarily disclosed during discussions in any Discipline and Grievance hearing.

Article X: Awards

- A. Committee: The president shall appoint the chairperson and one or two knowledgeable representatives from each of the zones of the Texas Section.
- B. Texas Section awards:
 - 1. The following awards shall be authorized for presentation at these events:
 - a. McFarlin Award at the Summer Grand Slam.
 - b. Mary Lowdon Award at the Summer Grand Slam.
 - c. W.T. Caswell Service Award at the Texas Section annual meeting or other appropriate meeting.
 - d. Lloyd Sessions Educational Merit Award at the Texas Section annual meeting or other appropriate meeting.
 - e. Texas Section Community Service Award at Texas Section annual meeting or other appropriate meeting.
 - f. Texas Section Tennis Family of the Year Award at the Texas Section annual meeting or other appropriate meeting.
 - g. Texas Section Umpire of the Year Award at the Texas Section annual meeting or other appropriate meeting.
 - h. Texas Section Senior Spirit of Tennis Award(s) at the Texas Section annual meeting, the Senior Sectional Championships, or other appropriate meeting.
 - i. Julius Zinn Seniors' Service Award at the Texas Section annual meeting or other appropriate meeting.
 - j. Volunteer service awards shall be given to those volunteers who have served on Texas Section committees for 10, 15, 20, or 25 years, at an appropriate Texas Section event.
 - k. USTA Texas Section Chuck McKinley Award: The Chuck McKinley Award honors the USTA Texas Section junior tennis player who achieved the most outstanding results at the National and/or International level during the previous calendar year. The award will be presented at the USTA Texas Section Annual meeting or another appropriate meeting.
 - l. USTA Texas Section Randy Snow Wheelchair Tennis Service Award at the Texas Section annual meeting or another appropriate meeting or event.
 - 2. It shall not be mandatory that each of these awards be given every year.
 - 3. All permanent Texas Section award trophies shall be kept at the Texas Tennis Museum and Hall of Fame.
- C. Additional Awards:
 - 1. These following awards established by the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation shall be authorized for presentation at these events:
 - a. Art Foust Sportsmanship Award to a Super Championship Boys' 18 at the Summer Grand Slam.
 - b. MCB Sportsmanship Award to a Super Championship Girls' 18 at the Summer Grand Slam.
 - c. Clarence Mabry Sportsmanship Award at each of the Championship Major Zones as the boys' sportsmanship awards for the tournaments.
 - d. Nancy Jeffett Sportsmanship Award at each of the Championship Major Zones as the girls' sportsmanship awards for the tournaments.
 - 2. Bob McKinley Sportsmanship Award to a Super Championship Boys' 16 at the Summer Grand Slam.
 - 3. Zina Garrison Sportsmanship Award to a Super Championship Girls' 16 at the Summer Grand Slam.
 - 4. USTA awards presented to Texas Section recipients shall be presented at appropriate meetings or events, whenever possible.
 - 5. These additional awards shall be publicized in the Texas Section Yearbook and other publications, if possible.
- D. Description of awards: The Texas Section Yearbook shall state the purpose of each Texas Section award, year of establishment, person or persons establishing the award, and the names of all previous recipients, as well as a brief sketch of the current recipient.
- E. Nominations:
 - 1. Deadline for nomination shall be specified in the announcement to member organizations.

2. Each member organization shall have the right to nominate one nominee for each award, except for Umpire of the Year Award, for which nominations shall be made by the Officials Committee. However, each member organization making a nomination is not required to submit a nominee for every award.
 3. Nominees not selected shall be held over as a nominee for two years.
 4. Each member organization shall be sent a letter, following the Texas Section annual meeting, describing each award and soliciting nominations for the awards. If a member organization does not respond, a follow-up letter shall be sent.
 5. Each Executive Committee member shall be sent a copy of the member organization letter and encouraged to solicit nominations.
 6. A description of awards and a request for nominations shall be announced in the Texas Section news publications.
 7. Each member organization making a nomination shall be sent a letter of acknowledgment.
- F. Selection:
1. Each Awards Committee member shall be furnished a complete slate of nominees for each award.
 2. Each Awards Committee member shall be entitled to cast one vote for each award, except that:
 - a. If a meeting of the Awards Committee is held, the member must be present to vote.
 - b. If a ballot is used, the member's vote must be received by the specified date.
- G. Each award recipient will be presented a one year USTA membership if a non-member at the time the award is presented.
- H. Presentation of awards: Awards shall be presented by a Texas Section officer, Executive Director, the award's donor, or other appropriate presenter.
- I. Publicity: Following the presentation of an award, announcement of such presentation shall be made in Texas Section and USTA publications and shall be sent to each recipient's local media.

Article XI: Officials

- A. The Texas Section requires that USTA sanctioned tournaments have at least one certified roving official at each site where matches are to be played. The Texas Section requires that officials be used in all Sectional singles finals. The referee of each sanctioned tournament must be a USTA certified referee. Overall, tournament administrators should use certified officials wherever possible. Under extreme circumstances, the Texas Section Director of Competitive Tennis may grant a waiver of the requirement.
- B. The classifications and qualifications of all various umpire categories are as specified in the current USTA Yearbook. In addition, tournaments may use monitors.
- C. The description of a monitor includes:
1. A person provided by the tournament.
 2. A person trained by umpires.
 3. A person who is not a certified official.
 4. A person who knows when the on-site certified umpire is needed.
 5. A person who may make line call decisions if so requested by a player.
 6. A person who can be a scorekeeper.
 7. A person who may observe more than one court at a time.
 8. A person who is an adult; or, if a junior, will work only matches below his/her age group.
- D. Tennis Officials within the Texas Section may organize into associations and request approval as sanctioned officials organizations from the USTA Texas Section Tennis Officials Committee. To be approved a group must meet the following criteria.
1. The group must hold USTA organizational membership.
 2. The group must be designated as a "not for profit" organization under the IRS tax code.
 3. The group must possess a Constitution and Bylaws.
 4. The group must limit membership to USTA certified officials who are currently in good standing and who are members of the USTA. Members of the group must annually meet the requirements of certification.

Article XII: Amendments

- A. These Standing Orders may be amended by a majority vote of all members of the Executive Committee present and voting at any meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that at least ten (10) days prior to any such meeting, written notice of the meeting and a copy of any proposed amendments have been mailed to each member of the Executive Committee. Any proposed amendments to be considered by the Executive Committee must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Texas Section at least thirty (30) days prior to the Executive Committee meeting at which they are to be considered. Proposed amendments to be made by the Executive Committee may only be submitted by a member of the Executive Committee or by the Chairperson of a Texas Section committee (provided that the Texas Section committee has, by a majority vote, specifically authorized the Chairperson to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the Executive

Committee meeting at which they are to be considered). The Executive Committee shall consider no other proposed amendment.

- B. In between regular meetings of the Executive Committee, these Standing Orders may also be amended by a majority vote of all members of the Management Committee present and voting at any meeting of the Management Committee. A copy of each amendment made by the Management Committee shall be sent to each member of the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days after such action. The Management Committee action in amending these Standing Orders must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at the next-scheduled Executive Committee meeting for such amendment to become permanent.
- C. The Constitution and Rules Committee, in consultation with the President, may make language and stylistic changes considered advisable by them to implement the intent of the Standing Orders, and may make conforming changes to avoid inconsistencies. Such changes shall be reported to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days after such action, and are subject to repeal by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at the next-scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

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Tournament Regulations of the USTA Texas Section

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- A. Tournament compliance: The Rules of Tennis, USTA and Texas Section Standing Orders, USTA Tournament Regulations, USTA and Texas Section Standards of Conduct, and the Tournament Regulations contained herein shall be adhered to by all member organizations throughout the holding of all sanctioned tournaments in the Texas Section. In all matches conducted without officials, the principles and guidelines set forth in the official USTA publication "The Code" shall apply. The above referenced rules, regulations and standards are found in the Texas Section Tournament Schedule (available from the Texas Section, 8105 Exchange Drive, Austin, TX 78754) and in the USTA Yearbook, "A Friend at Court", and "The Code" available from the USTA, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604).
- B. Player compliance: All of the above mentioned rules, regulations, standards, and such additional requirements and instructions as may be contained herein shall be adhered to by all players entering tournaments sanctioned by the Texas Section.
- C. Regulations for all sanctioned events:
 - 1. The proper sanction for the type of tournament shall be secured according to Article III of the Texas Section Standing Orders, and the proper fee paid.
 - 2. The tournament committee shall be composed of the tournament director, a separate referee, and at least one other member, all of whose names shall be published.
 - 3. The tournament director or referee shall have attended a Texas Section Tournament Directors Workshop within the time frame determined by the Adult, Senior and Junior Tennis Councils, and as set forth in the sanction packet for the type of tournament(s) approved or held within the past two years.
 - 4. The tournament director shall secure, review, and comply with all rules, regulations, and standards referenced above and with the instructions included in the Texas Section tournament packet.
 - 5. The referee shall be a USTA certified referee. Under extreme circumstances, the Director of Competitive Tennis may grant a waiver of this requirement.
 - 6. The name of the referee shall be submitted to the Texas Section office at least 30 days prior to the start of the event.
 - 7. The referee shall oversee the making of the draw, and it shall not be made in secret.
 - 8. Seeding considerations shall include national or sectional rankings and current results, and ranked players from outside the Texas Section shall not be excluded from consideration.
 - 9. If the draw size in Senior tournaments requires three days of play, those Senior tournaments shall be scheduled for Friday through Sunday, rather than Saturday through Monday.
 - 10. Adult 25s men and 30s men and women singles and doubles divisions will begin on Saturdays and end on Sundays. In the event that draws exceed 16, draws will be divided into two or more draws of no more than 16 each.
 - 11. Draws shall be available four full days before the start of play via the internet and at tournament headquarters for Juniors, Adults, Seniors, and Super Seniors. Results shall be published to the Internet within three days after the tournament.
 - 12. The referee shall oversee all aspects of play, and in the referee's absence, the referee shall appoint a deputy.
 - 13. Each player shall be made to present a valid USTA membership card or proof of purchase before commencing play.
 - 14. Players shall be allowed a minimum of one hour between singles matches and a minimum of thirty minutes between a singles match and a doubles match or between doubles matches unless the players waive such right. In case of rain or other extraordinary circumstances, these rest periods may be adjusted to fit the condition.
 - 15. All matches shall be at least two out of three sets in length. Shortened match formats shall not be used except in divisions or tournaments that are approved by the Junior Tennis Council or the Adult and Senior Tennis Council.
 - 16. In the event of rain, the referee shall provide rescheduling information with a caution to players to report at the time stipulated.
 - 17. The required Texas Section player development fees shall be submitted to the Texas Section office within ten days after completion of the tournament.
 - 18. Players in levels events shall not play below their official NTRP rating. In doubles events, teams shall not play below the NTRP rating of the highest rated player. A player who enters a tournament in the correct NTRP level, but who is moved up a level after the entry deadline, shall be allowed to compete in the original level of entry.
 - 19. In NTRP levels events, the tournament committee has the authority to move a player up a level based on their knowledge or observation.
- D. Eligibility and regulations for Sectional tournaments:

1. Annually there shall be tournaments designated as the Texas Sectional Championships for each ranking category in Adult, Senior and Super Senior divisions, and they are the most important tournaments played in the Texas Section for ranking purposes. In Super Championship juniors, a Grand Slam tournament shall be designated as "Sectionals". No Sectionals will be held in Championship juniors or regular juniors.
2. All players must be residents of the Texas Section, except for Senior and Super Senior Sectionals, which are open events; residents shall be defined as those living in the Texas Section (refer to Friend At Court for definition of domicile).
3. All Texas Section ranking divisions designated as Sectional Championships must be held if there are a minimum of two entries, except for Adult, Senior and Super Senior Sectional Championship tournament age divisions.
4. The tournament director and the referee shall not be eligible to compete in the Sectionals.
5. USTA certified officials shall be required for all singles finals and are recommended for doubles finals.
6. The USTA Point Penalty System shall be used.
7. Super Championship Grand Slam (Sectionals)
 - a. A Grand Slam tournament will be held in June.
 - b. Divisions to be held are Super Championship Boys' and Girls' 18, 16, 14, and 12 singles and doubles.
 - c. All singles players must be qualified on the Super Championship Players List. No players from outside the Texas Section shall be allowed to participate.
 - d. At least one partner of all doubles teams must be qualified on the Super Championship Players List. No players from outside the Texas Section shall be allowed to participate.
 - e. A feed-in consolation tournament shall be held in singles with main draw losers fed in through the quarterfinal round. Main draw semifinal losers shall play off for third place.
 - f. In doubles, a single elimination tournament shall be held. The Grand Slam Tournament Committee shall have the flexibility to set formats in doubles at the Grand Slam. The format must be announced on entry forms sent to players.
 - g. New balls shall be provided for each match.
 - h. Regular scoring and the Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2) shall be used in all sets.
8. Adult Sectional Championship:
 - a. Divisions to be held are Men's and Women's singles and doubles, Men's 25 singles and doubles, Men's and Women's 30 singles and doubles, Men's and Women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 singles and doubles, Mixed doubles, Mixed 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 doubles, Husband & Wife doubles.
 - b. **Consolation matches shall be held as set in the Adult and Senior Know the Rules section and will be listed on Sectional tournament homepages. (Effective January 1, 2012).**
 - c. Adults 25s men and 30s men and women singles and doubles divisions will begin on Saturdays and end on Sundays. In the event that draws exceed 16, draws will be divided into two or more draws of no more than 16 each.
 - d. Three new balls shall be provided for each match plus three new balls shall be provided for the third set.
9. Senior Sectional Championship:
 - a. Divisions to be held are Men's and Women's 35, 40, 45, and 50 singles and doubles, Mixed 35 and 45 doubles, Mother/Daughter doubles and Father/Son doubles.
 - b. All players shall be permitted to play two events, not necessarily in the same age division, plus one Special Event.
 - c. A round robin format will be held for singles events with four or fewer entries. Doubles draws with four or fewer entries shall be held open until noon of the first day's play, and if five or more teams are not entered, a round robin will be held.
 - d. **Consolation matches shall be held as set in the Adult and Senior Know the Rules section and will be listed on Sectional tournament homepages. (Effective January 1, 2012).**
 - e. Three new balls shall be provided for each match plus three new balls shall be provided for the third set.
 - f. All singles first-match times must be available no later than four days prior to the first scheduled match for each tournament.
10. Super Senior Sectional Championship:
 - a. **Divisions to be held are Men's 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, and 85 singles and doubles, Women's 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, and 80 singles and doubles, and Mixed 55 doubles. (Effective January 1, 2012).**
 - b. All players shall be permitted to play two events, not necessarily in the same age division, plus one Special Event.
 - c. **Consolation matches shall be held as set in the Adult and Senior Know the Rules section and will be listed on Sectional tournament homepages. (Effective January 1, 2012).**
 - d. Three new balls shall be provided for each match plus three new balls shall be provided for the third set.

- e. All singles first match times must be available no later than four days prior to the first scheduled match for each tournament.
- E. Eligibility and regulations for Major Zone tournaments:
1. All Texas Section ranking divisions designated as Major Zone events must be held if there are a minimum of two entries, except for Adult, Senior and Super Senior Major Zone tournament age divisions.
 2. The tournament director and referee shall not be eligible to compete in the Major Zone.
 3. USTA certified officials are recommended for all singles and doubles finals.
 4. The USTA Point Penalty System shall be used.
 5. Super Championship Junior Major Zones:
 - a. A Super Championship Major Zone will be scheduled in each month except the month of June, when the Summer Grand Slam is scheduled. Super Championship Junior Major Zones shall not be scheduled in conflict with USTA National Open Championships. Dates to be avoided will be the dates of the USTA National Open Championships of the previous year, unless the upcoming USTA National Open Championships dates are known prior to the Texas Section Publication Department's deadline for submission of information for the Texas Section Tournament Schedule.
 - b. Divisions to be held are Super Championship Boys' and Girls' 18, 16, 14, and 12 singles and Super Championship Boys' and Girls' 18, 16, 14 and 12 doubles.
 - c. All singles players must be qualified on the Super Championship Players List. Players from outside the Texas Section desiring to participate in Super Championship division tournaments (excluding the Summer Grand Slam and the Super Championship Excellences) must be approved by the Texas Section Office. At least one partner of all doubles teams must be qualified on the Super Championship Players List or qualified by another sectional or national ranking.
 - d. In singles all qualified entries will be accepted, but draws will be limited to 64, utilizing multiple draws if entries exceed 64. Players will be placed in draws in the order of their position on the current Texas Section Standing List for the age division in which they are entered *with exceptions as outlined in this item*. To be listed on the Texas Section Standing List, a player must complete at least one Super Championship Major Zone in the age division of entry. Draws will be filled with 64 players each, as long as the last draw has at least 16 players. If filling all but the last draw with 64 players results in the last draw having less than 16 players, then the last two draws will be filled with an equal, or as nearly equal as possible, number of players. Players who are not listed will be placed in the draws after all players who are listed, except the following:
 - i. Players who appear within the top 100 on the current USTA Standings List or within the top 5 on the current Texas Section Standing List in their younger age division, shall be placed in the top draw in the next older age division.
 - ii. Players who appear between 6 and 30 on the current Texas Section Standing List in their younger age division will be placed in the next draw.
 - iii. Approved out-of-section players will be placed in the draw using the same criteria as Texas players, except that when the out-of-section player is not on the National Standing List, the player will be placed in the appropriate draw by the Director of Competitive Tennis.
 - e. Out-of-section players shall not exceed 1/8 of the players in any draw. These players will be placed in the first and subsequent draws according to the National Standings List. Draws will be reviewed in the Texas Section Office. The review will begin as soon as the entry deadline passes. When the review begins, no additional players may be accepted into the tournament. Selection errors detected during the review must be corrected by the tournament. Seeding will be determined within each draw.
 - f. In singles, a first match loser consolation shall be held.
 - g. In doubles, a single elimination tournament shall be held following an 8-game pro set format with a 7-point Tiebreak at 8-all. Draw size will be determined by the Junior Tennis Council annually, to be published in the "Junior Know the Rules" section.
 - h. In singles, regular scoring and the Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2) shall be used in all sets.
 - i. Only medals may be given as awards.
 - j. A sportsmanship award shall be given to a boy and a girl.
 - k. Tournaments held during school year non-holiday weekends shall schedule play to commence at 8 a.m. Saturday. Only singles semi-finals and finals authorized for scheduling on Monday. However, play may extend to Monday for earlier rounds in the event of inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances.
 - l. New balls shall be provided for each match.
 6. Championship Junior Major Zones:
 - a. Divisions to be held are Championship Boys' and Girls' 18, 16, 14, and 12 singles, and Championship Boys' and Girls' 18, 16, 14 and 12 doubles. Doubles will be held during non-school year or holiday Major Zones only.

- i. Tournament Directors seeking sanctions must, in their application, certify that adequate courts are available to conduct the tournament, and indicate the number of courts to be used.
 - ii. If the total number of entries in an event exceeds 32, equal or nearly equal draws of 32 or less shall be utilized. Seeding will be based on the number of entries per event. Seeds shall be distributed equitably throughout the draws utilizing the "wave" technique.
 - iii. Tournament Directors shall schedule non-holiday weekend tournaments held during the school year for completion in two days (Saturday and Sunday). The tournaments must be scheduled so that each month's Major Zones are held within the first 15 days of the month. A subcommittee of the Junior Tennis Council will review appeals from Tournament Directors for waiver of these scheduling regulations. Waivers will be granted on a per-year basis, and only for unavoidable conflicts. The Chairman of the Junior Tennis Council shall appoint the subcommittee.
 - iv. Singles matches shall be limited to three per player per day.
 - b. All singles players must be qualified on the Championship Players List. No players from outside the Texas Section may compete in these divisions.
 - c. Championship juniors will qualify to the Super Championship Players List according to the published "Junior Know the Rules" section. Championship juniors may compete in any Championship Major Zone, but they may compete in only one Major Zone per month. Points earned in all Major Zones played, will be calculated according to the Championship Qualifiers Point Chart displayed in the "Junior Know the Rules" section as published.
 - d. At least one partner of all doubles teams must be qualified on the Championship Players List, except that if a Super Championship doubles division is held in the same tournament, players on the Super Championship Players List must play in Super Championship doubles divisions.
 - e. In singles, a first match loser consolation shall be held.
 - f. In doubles, where offered, a single elimination tournament shall be held. No doubles shall be offered at non-holiday (school year) weekend tournaments.
 - g. Regular scoring and the Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2) shall be used in all sets. Pro sets shall not be used except in junior divisions that are approved by the Junior Tennis Council.
 - h. Only medals may be given as awards.
 - i. A sportsmanship award shall be given to a boy and a girl.
 - j. Major Zones held during the school year on non-holiday weekends will be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday only.
 - k. New balls shall be provided for each match.
7. Adult Major Zones:
- a. Divisions to be held are Men's and Women's singles and doubles, Men's 25 singles and doubles, Men's and Women's 30 singles and doubles, Men's and Women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 singles and doubles, Mixed doubles, Mixed 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 doubles, and Husband & Wife doubles.
 - b. **Consolation matches shall be held as set in the Adult and Senior Know the Rules section and will be listed on Sectional tournament homepages. (Effective January 1, 2012).**
 - c. Adults 25s men and 30s men and women singles and doubles divisions will begin on Saturdays and end on Sundays. In the event that draws exceed 16, draws will be divided into two or more draws of no more than 16 each.
 - d. Three new balls shall be provided for each match plus three new balls shall be provided for the third set.
8. Senior Major Zones:
- a. Divisions to be held are Men's and Women's 35, 40, 45, and 50 singles and doubles, Mixed 35 and 45 doubles, Father & Son doubles, and Mother & Daughter doubles.
 - b. All players shall be permitted to play two events, not necessarily in the same age division, plus one Special Event.
 - c. **Consolation matches shall be held as set in the Adult and Senior Know the Rules section and will be listed on Sectional tournament homepages. (Effective January 1, 2012).**
 - d. A round robin format will be held for singles events with four or fewer entries. Doubles draws with four or fewer entries shall be held open until noon of the first day's play, and if five or more teams are not entered, a round robin will be held.
 - e. Three new balls shall be provided for each match plus three new balls shall be provided for the third set.
 - f. All singles first match times must be available no later than four days prior to the first scheduled match for each tournament.
9. Super Senior Major Zones:
- a. **Divisions to be held are Men's 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, and 85 singles and doubles, Women's 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, and 80 singles and doubles, and Mixed 55 doubles. (Effective January 1, 2012).**

- b. All players shall be permitted to play two events, not necessarily in the same age division, plus one Special Event.
 - c. **Consolation matches shall be held as set in the Adult and Senior Know the Rules section and will be listed on Sectional tournament homepages. (Effective January 1, 2012).**
 - d. Three new balls shall be provided for each match plus three new balls shall be provided for the third set.
 - e. All singles first match times must be available no later than four days prior to the first scheduled match for each tournament.
- F. Eligibility and regulations for other tournaments:
- 1. There shall be other tournaments which may hold any combination of divisions.
 - 2. All players must meet the age and qualification standards for divisions entered.
 - 3. When Super Championship junior doubles divisions are offered, all players on the Super Championship Players List who choose to enter doubles must enter Super Championship junior doubles.
 - 4. New balls shall be provided for each match.
- G. Eligibility and regulations for Zone Advancement Tournaments (ZATs). The zones of the Texas Section are differentiated as follows:
- Northeast: All zip codes beginning with 75, 765, 766 or 767.
Northwest: All zip codes beginning with 76 or 79, except 765, 766 or 767.
Southeast: All zip codes beginning with 77.
Southwest: All zip codes beginning with 78.
- 1. There shall be ZATs held monthly in each of the zones of the Texas Section to qualify junior players for the Championship Players List according to the "Junior Know the Rules" section as published. The ZATs must be scheduled so that each month's ZATs are held during the first 15 days of the month. A subcommittee of the Junior Tennis Council will review appeals from Tournament Directors for waiver of these scheduling regulations. Waivers will be granted on a per-year basis, and only for unavoidable conflicts. The Chairman of the Junior Tennis Council shall appoint the subcommittee.
 - 2. Singles matches shall be limited to three per player per day.
 - 3. Divisions to be held are Boys' and Girls' 18, 16, 14, and 12 singles. **Boys' and Girls' 10 will follow the regulations outlined in Junior Know the Rules. (Effective January 1, 2012).**
 - 4. Players may compete in any ZAT, but they may play in only one ZAT per month. Points earned in all ZATs played, regardless of the zone, will be calculated according to the Zone Level Competition Chart displayed in the "Junior Know the Rules" section as published.
 - 5. A first-match loser consolation shall be conducted. Any player advancing beyond the second round will be fed into the consolation if he or she loses the match played.
 - 6. Matches shall be two out of three sets with a 10-point Tiebreak for the third set. No-ad scoring and the Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2) shall be used in all sets.
 - 7. If the total entries in an event exceed 32, equal or near equal draws of 32 or less will be utilized. Seeding will be based on the number of entries per event. Seeds will be distributed equitably throughout the draws utilizing the "wave" technique. In the case of an event with two draws, #1 seed would be placed in draw 1, #2 in draw 2, #3 in draw 2, #4 in draw 1, etc.
 - 8. The basic sanction fee of \$200.00 must be paid by each ZAT, but ZATs are not required to pay junior development fees.
 - 9. ZATs held during the school year on non-holiday weekends will be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday only.
 - 10. New balls shall be provided for each match.
- H. Amendments to Texas Section Tournament Regulations:
- 1. These Tournament Regulations may be amended by a majority vote of all members of the Executive Committee present and voting at any meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that at least ten (10) days prior to any such meeting, written notice of the meeting and a copy of any proposed amendments have been mailed to each member of the Executive Committee. Any proposed amendments to be considered by the Executive Committee must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Texas Section at least thirty (30) days prior to the Executive Committee meeting at which they are to be considered. Proposed amendments to be made by the Executive Committee may only be submitted by a member of the Executive Committee or by the Chairperson of a Texas Section committee (provided that the Texas Section committee has, by a majority vote, specifically authorized the Chairperson to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the Executive Committee meeting at which they are to be considered). The Executive Committee shall consider no other proposed amendment.
 - 2. In between regular meetings of the Executive Committee, these Tournament Regulations may also be amended by a majority vote of all members of the Management Committee present and voting at any meeting of the Management Committee. A copy of each amendment made by the Management Committee shall be sent to each member of the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days after such action. The Management Committee action in amending these Tournament Regulations must be

approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at the next-scheduled Executive Committee meeting for such amendment to become permanent.

3. The Constitution and Rules Committee, in consultation with the President, may make language and stylistic changes considered advisable by them to implement the intent of the Tournament Regulations, and may make conforming changes to avoid inconsistencies. Such changes shall be reported to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days after such action, and are subject to repeal by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at the next-scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

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