

2010 Junior Regulations

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1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A. USTA Membership - A player must be a USTA member in order to enter sanctioned USTA New England tournaments. Memberships purchased online at www.usta.com are processed immediately.

B. Abide by Rules of Play - All players participating in USTA sanctioned events are expected to know the rules of playing a tennis match including keeping score and how to play a tiebreak, be familiar with the general rules of fair play contained in The Code and agree to abide by USTA Rules and USTA New England Regulations.

C. Age Eligibility - The USTA uses a "month of birth" age eligibility rule for junior players competing in USTA sanctioned tournaments. Juniors may continue to play in the 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 age divisions until the month they turn 11, 13, 15, 17, or 19, respectively. Players should use the starting date of a tournament to determine eligibility when a tournament begins in one month and ends in the next. Players may "play up" in a higher age group but may not "play down." The Section reserves the right to require players to submit a copy of their birth certificate or other proof of age that is acceptable to the Section.

D. Residency Requirement - USTA New England Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 tournaments are open only to "residents of New England" who "legally reside" in the geographical area of any of the six New England States with the exception of that area of Connecticut which is defined in the By-Laws of the USTA as part of the USTA Eastern Section (i.e. Greenwich, Cos Cob and Riverside).

i. "Residents of New England" are those juniors who are: i) citizens of the United States or ii) resident aliens in possession of a valid alien registration receipt card or iii) aliens who have resided in the New England section of the USTA continuously for more than one year and who are members of families in the diplomatic or consular corps.

ii. To "Legally reside" means that the principal residence of a player's parent(s) or legal guardian is in New England. In the case of parents living apart and residing in different USTA sections, the player's principal residence will be determined as the location where he or she resided for the majority of the past ranking year.

2. TOURNAMENT DESCRIPTIONS

A. Level Three (3)

- i. The New England Junior Section Championships offers an elite level of competition where players also receive national ranking points if they win at least one round.
- ii. Singles draw is limited to maximum of 32 players with a full-feed-in consolation.

iii. All matches are best-of-three tiebreak sets and use regular scoring. Only in an emergency, such as a power failure, extreme weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstance, may a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 points by a margin of two) be used in lieu of a third set. Such an occurrence should be rare.

iv. Doubles draw is limited to maximum of 16 teams and is single elimination. All matches are eight game pro sets with regular scoring and a set tiebreak at 8-8.

B. Level Four (4)

i. There are three (3) Level 4 tournaments offering the highest level of competition where players also receive national ranking points if they win at least one round.

ii. Singles draw is limited to maximum of 24 players and is single elimination with semi-final losers playing off for third place (winner third, loser fourth) and quarter final losers playoff for fifth place (winner fifth, finalist sixth, losers tie seventh).

iii. All matches are best-of-three tiebreak sets and use regular scoring. Only in an emergency, such as a power failure, extreme weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstance, may a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 points by a margin of two) be used in lieu of a third set. Such an occurrence should be rare.

iv. Doubles draw is limited to maximum of 16 teams and is single elimination with a first match loser consolation (FMLC). All matches are eight (8) game pro sets with regular scoring and a set tiebreak at 8-8.

C. Level Five (5)

i. There are eight (8) Level 5 tournaments offering an advanced level of competition where players also receive national ranking points if they win at least one round.

ii. Singles draw is limited to maximum of 32 players and are single elimination with semi-final losers playing off for third place (winner third, loser fourth) and quarter final losers playoff for fifth place (winner fifth, finalist sixth, losers tie seventh). All matches are best-of-three tiebreak sets and use regular scoring. Only in an emergency, such as a power failure, extreme weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstance, may a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 points by a margin of two) be used in lieu of a third set. Such an occurrence should be rare.

iii. Doubles draw is limited to maximum of 16 teams and is single elimination with a first match loser consolation (FMLC). All matches are eight (8) game pro sets with regular scoring and a set tiebreak at 8-8.

D. Level Six (6)

i. These tournaments offer an intermediate to advanced level of competition.

ii. Singles draws are single elimination and if, based on court availability, there is a draw size limit; it is posted prior to the entry deadline on the tournament home page. All matches are best-of-three tiebreak sets and use regular scoring. A Match Tiebreak (first to 10 points by a margin of two) may be used in lieu of a third set.

iii. Doubles draw for one (1) day doubles only event is limited to maximum of 16 teams and is single elimination with a first match loser consolation (FMLC) or round-robin if only three (3) teams. Doubles draw for multi day event is limited to maximum of 16 teams and is single elimination with optional consolation. All matches are eight game pro sets with regular scoring and a set tiebreak at 8-8.

E. Level Seven (7)

i. These tournaments offer an introductory to intermediate level of competition for USTA members.

ii. 12, 14, 16 and 18 and under divisions singles draws are single elimination and if, based on court availability, there is a draw size limit; it is posted prior to the entry deadline on the tournament home page. All matches are best-of-three tiebreak sets and use regular scoring. (12 and under division use No-ad scoring) A Match Tiebreak (first to 10 points by a margin of two) may be used in lieu of a third set.

iii. Doubles draw for one (1) day doubles only event is limited to maximum of 16 teams and is single elimination with a first match loser consolation (FMLC) or round-robin if only three (3)

teams. Doubles draw for multi day event is limited to maximum of 16 teams and is single elimination with optional consolation. All matches are eight game pro sets with regular scoring (12 and under division use No-ad scoring) and a set tiebreak at 8-8.

iv. 10 and under division singles draws are round-robin flights using tiebreak sets and no-ad scoring. Players are selected to flights in descending order of standing. Flights will have 4, 5 or 6 players. (Example; with 10 players-flight A will have the six (6) highest ranked players, flight B will have the next four(4) highest ranked players.) Players play three (3) matches in flights of 4 and 6 players and four (4) matches in flights of 5 players. No playoffs. In a tiebreak set, the first player to win six games, by a margin of at least two games, is the winner. If the score reaches 6-games all, a Set Tiebreak (12-point tie-break, first to 7 points by a margin of two) should be played. So this means a player can win 6-0, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 or 7-6. The player who wins the most matches in the round-robin is the winner. If two players are tied, the winner of the head-to-head match is the winner. If three or more players are tied, the winner is determined by using the first of the following methods that successfully breaks the tie:- The win-loss record (head-to-head) in matches involving just the tied players;- The player with the highest percentage of games won of all games played (games won divided by total games played).- To the extent that the above methods eliminate players from consideration at any step, the win-loss record between the remaining players shall be considered before going on to the next step.- If at any point only two entrants remain tied, then the head-to-head result (if played) between these two entrants determines the winner. - If a tie cannot be broken after all the steps are employed, a random drawing between the remaining tied entrants shall be used to determine the winner.

F. Level Eight (8) - State Association

- i.** These tournaments offer an introductory level of competition for players with recreational skills but limited or no tournament experience.
- ii.** Out-of-state juniors are welcome to participate and will be listed in their respective position in the rankings but will not receive a numerical ranking.
- iii.** Round-robin, single-elimination and QuickStart formats may be used. Some events have consolations and doubles. The format for each individual event is available from the respective tournament director (refer to the tournament schedule).
- iv.** Results count only towards a ranking in each state and will not count towards a New England standing or ranking.

3. TOURNAMENT ENTRY

A. Entry Limitations on Players

- i.** A player may enter any level of tournament for which they are age-eligible but they may only play in one (1) age division at each tournament. At one (1) day doubles events ONLY a player may play in two (2) age divisions provided that they are scheduled on separate different days.
- ii.** A player may enter only one singles event and one doubles event at each tournament. Refer to exception in 3. A. i. above.
- iii.** When entries close, a player shall not be entered in two or more sanctioned tournaments if any parts of the tournament overlap, unless each tournament director understands the situation and concurs in writing.

B. Online Entry, Entry Deadlines and Withdrawal

- i.** Players enter USTA New England tournaments using the online TennisLink Registration System.
- ii.** The entry deadline for weekend tournaments (Friday, Saturday and Sunday start dates) is the previous Sunday at 11:59 p.m. The entry deadline for weekday tournaments is five (5) days prior to the start date at 11:59 p.m.
- iii.** Please check the online tournament schedule for entry deadlines for the following exceptions: the New England Section, Clay Court and Hard Court Championships.
- iv.** Players withdrawing from tournaments prior to the deadline must use the online TennisLink Registration System to do so. Players withdrawing after the registration deadline must contact the tournament director directly.

C. Late Entries and Onsite Alternates

- i. Tournament entries received after the published tournament deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- ii. After the tournament draw or match times are published, a late entry, or a player coming to a tournament as an onsite alternate, may be accepted to replace a withdrawing player, if the replacement does not invalidate the seeding.

D. Refunds

- i. The tournament shall refund a player's entire entry fee if the player is not selected.
- ii. No refund is required after the online registration entry deadline.
- iii. The TennisLink processing fee is non-refundable in both of the above instances.

4. TOURNAMENT DRAWS

A. Selection

- i. Selection into all tournaments is based on current standing lists and not on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ii. Ties will be broken as follows: A player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc through eight events.
- iii. The tournament director has the right to limit the size of a Level 6 or Level 7 draw if he or she deems it necessary and this limit is posted prior to the registration (entries) open date on the tournament home page on the TennisLink schedule.
- iv. If the number of applications for entry exceeds the size limit of the draw, the following procedure will be used. One-eighth of the draw may be selected from eligible players at the discretion of the tournament director. The other seven eighths must be selected according to the most current standing list available. In all Level 7 divisions the other seven eighths must be selected using a bottom up approach whereby the unranked and lowest ranked players on the most current standing list available are selected first until the draw limit is reached.
- v. Players who register for doubles without naming a partner will be paired up by random lot. Players who sign up as a team will be selected first. **Doubles draws for Level 3 New England section championships and Level 5 Clay and Hard court championships are filled as follows; both players in singles and registered as a team will be selected first, one player in singles and registered as a team will be selected next, players in singles and registered for doubles without a partner selected next, players not in singles and registered for doubles selected next.**
- vi. USTA New England expect that all tournaments and events, once scheduled, will be held. An event will be held if there are two or more entries. If there are four or fewer entries, awarding of prizes is at the discretion of the tournament director.
- vii. Players are randomly selected into draws using USTA Tournament Data Manager (TDM) software. Tournament Directors may separate siblings from playing each other in the first round of a singles or doubles draw or from a round robin flight.
- viii. In 10s round-robin flights players are selected to flights in descending order of most current combined standing list available and by filling the largest size flight for that tournament first.

B. Seeding

- i. Seeding for Level 6 and 7 **singles** tournaments is based on the most current **combined** standing list available and is done using the auto seed function of the USTA Tournament Data Manager (TDM) software.
- ii. Seeding for Level 3, 4, and 5 **singles** tournaments is based on the most current **combined** standing list available and all other information relevant to seeding including, but not limited to, head-to-head results and national rankings / standings. Any deviation from the standings list requires approval of either the chair of the Player Development Committee or the National Selection Committee.
- iii. **Seeding for doubles tournaments is based on the most current doubles only standing list available.**

- iv. Ties will be broken as follows: A player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc through eight events.
- v. All levels; 3 - 11 players = 2 seeds, 12 - 23 players = 4 seeds, 24 - 47 players = 8 seeds. Level 3, 4 and 5 tournaments will seed eight (8) players if 17 or more players.

C. Wild Cards

- i. At all Level 5 tournaments and at the Level 3 New England Sectional Championships, four (4) positions are reserved in the draw in each age division for wild cards. At the three Level 4 tournaments, three (3) positions are reserved in the draw in each age division for wild cards.
- ii. Wild cards are reserved for, but not limited to, players who have not played for extended periods of time due to injury, players who are aging up with a high standing in a lower age group and players who have moved into the section with a high national or comparable standing from another section.
- iii. Application forms for wild cards are available on the USTA New England website and must be received via email, fax or U.S. mail by the Player Development Manager prior to the respective tournament entry deadline.
- iv. Players requesting a wild card must also follow the normal online entry process for the tournament by the entry deadline.
- v. Wild cards will be selected by the USTA New England Player Development Manager, with the approval of either the chair of the Player Development Committee or the chair of the National Selection Committee.

5. TOURNAMENT MATCH PLAY

A. Match Start Times:

USTA New England encourages all tournament directors to publish the draw with all match times for each event to the USTA website no later than 72 hours before the start time of the first match of the event. Players are responsible for obtaining their own match time by checking the TennisLink Tournament Home Page.

B. Earliest Start Time

All Divisions: 8:00 am, 4:00 pm on public school days.

C. Latest Start Time

10 and 12 Divisions: 8:30 pm
14 Division: 9:00 pm
16 and 18 Divisions: 10:00 pm

D. Start Day

First date of scheduled event, unless 16 or fewer entries in a division, where play may not start before Saturday or second day of scheduled 3 day event. Summer or school vacation event with a division with 16 or fewer entries may start play on the first date of the scheduled event if this is posted on the tournament home page before the 'Entries Open' date.

E. Lateness Penalty

- i. Players are expected to check and comply with all scheduling done by the tournament. A player is deemed to have arrived when the player checks in at the place designated for checking in and is properly clothed, equipped and ready to play. The lateness penalty clock starts when the match is called, a court is available and a player has not arrived.
- ii. Penalties for late arrival are as follows:
 - 5:00 minutes or less: Loss of toss plus 1 game.
 - 5:01-10:00 minutes: Loss of toss plus 2 games.
 - 10:01-15:00 minutes: Loss of toss plus 3 games.
 - More than 15:00 minutes: Default

F. Number of Matches Per Day

- i. Round-Robin: Maximum of six (6) matches per day, of which only four (4) may be singles sets. Maximum of four (4) doubles pro sets per day.
- ii. Single Elimination: Maximum of five (5) matches per day, of which only two (2) may be singles. Maximum of four (4) matches per day, of which only three (3) may be singles if a match tiebreak is being used in lieu of the third set. Maximum of four (4) doubles matches per day.

G. Rest Periods

- i. Changeovers - There is no rest period on the changeover after the first game of each set and during a tie-break. During all other changeovers players are entitled to a maximum of 90 seconds of rest.
- ii. Between First and Second Sets - Maximum of 120 seconds of rest.
- iii. Between Second and Third Sets - A ten-minute rest period is mandatory in the 12, 14 and 16 divisions. Coaching is allowed during this ten-minute rest period. No rest period in the 18 division. 120 seconds in all divisions if a Match Tie-Break is being played in lieu of a third set.
- iv. Between 10 Division Round-Robin Matches - Five minutes rest between a player's first two tiebreak set matches, and a ten-minute rest between his or her second and third tiebreak set matches. A one-hour rest period between every three tiebreak set matches, and ten-minutes between consecutive doubles pro-set matches.
- v. Between 12, 14, 16, 18 Division Matches – One hour minimum between consecutive singles matches. A half-hour between a singles and a doubles match and ten-minutes between consecutive doubles matches.
- vi. Consecutive Days - A player must be given 12 hours rest between the end of a night match and the beginning of the next day's morning match.

H. Postponed and Interrupted Matches

The postponing and interrupting of matches because of weather, darkness or court conditions shall be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. Interrupted matches shall be resumed from the point of interruption as soon as ordered by the Tournament Director. If matches cannot be completed by the published tournament end date then all matches completed to that point will earn points-per-round and count in the standings. The remaining matches will not be rescheduled at a later date.

I. Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather forecasts, tournaments do not get cancelled, nor do they get rescheduled. In the event of actual inclement weather; each Tournament Director has the sole authority to exercise their discretion to continue their tournament based upon the ability of the facility being open to do so, and each player (parent), has the sole authority to exercise their own discretion as to whether or not it is safe for them to travel to their match (es). Any matches that are played and any player(s) that are on site and advance due to a withdrawal will be awarded points-per-round reached.

J. Continuity of Play

Tournament court time shall be continuous, with a minimum of interruptions by other activities (e.g., clinics, club matches or lessons). Matches should begin as early as possible on each day of a tournament, in compliance with regulation 5. A. – I. above and later with travel time consideration for Friday night matches.

K. Different Court Surfaces

In Level 6 and Level 7 tournaments matches may be scheduled on different surfaces at the same event, in one age division, only if this is stated prior to the entry deadline on the tournament home page in the schedule.

L. Balls

- i. Three new regulation balls are to be supplied to players at the beginning of every main draw match as well as playoffs through sixth place in Level 3, 4 and 5 tournaments. In round-robin

events, a new can of balls should be provided after every three sets of use.

ii. Tournament directors have the option of providing three new balls prior to the start of the third set. This should be conveyed to the players prior to the start of the match and if so then the request of either player for a new can of balls to start the third set will be granted.

M. Officiating

i. It is a USTA New England requirement to have a certified official onsite during match play at Level 3, 4, and 5 singles events. A player must tell their opponent what they are doing when they leave the court to seek an official. The official does not have to stay on one court for the duration of that match.

ii. At Level 6 and 7 events, a player may request an umpire if need has been demonstrated by a pattern of code violations by an opponent. A player must tell their opponent what they are doing when they leave the court to seek an official. The umpire does not have to stay on that court for the duration of that match.

iii. The tournament director must be prepared to provide an umpire over 18 years of age who knows the rules of tennis and conditions of tournament play for a match. An umpire should be unbiased; therefore, a parent or coach of one of the players in the contested match is not an appropriate umpire for the match. When a tournament director assigns someone to adjudicate a match each player continues to call his or her own lines, then if a questionable call has been made a player may appeal to the assigned umpire, this umpire then gives his or her decision based on what he or she has seen. That decision is final.

iv. Parents, coaches and spectators do not have a voice in player disagreements.

v. Referees may assign umpires to a match whether the players request it or not.

N. Tournament feedback

Players, parents and coaches are encouraged to provide the Section office with feedback about any junior tournament by using the online tournament evaluation form which can be found on the USTA New England website.

6. SPORTSMANSHIP / POINT PENALTY SYSTEM

A. Violations

Point penalties will be imposed against a player for their or their associates' (parent, relative, coach or other person) unsportsmanlike conduct during a tournament such as the following:

i. Unreasonable delays after the warm-up period, between points and when changing ends, and otherwise unreasonably delaying a match.

ii. Audible or visible obscenity.

iii. Violently or with anger hitting, kicking or throwing a tennis ball, racket or other equipment.

iv. Verbal or physical abuse of any official, opponent, spectator or other person.

v. Disruptive behavior.

vi. Coaching by an accompanying person (parents, friends, coaches or spectators) during the progress of the match except during the time between the second and third set in the 10, 12, 14 and 16 divisions. Coaching is considered to be communication, advice or instruction of any kind, audible or visible to a player.

B. Penalties for the above violations:

i. First offense – Point

ii. Second offense – Game

iii. Third offense – Default

iv. Each point penalty imposed under the Point Penalty System, excluding time violations for delay between points, after the warm-up, after a changeover or after a set-break, will result in two (2) suspension points being levied against a player. (Refer to Regulation 7.A.)

C. Process

i. The referee, roving official or tournament director may impose point penalties in any umpired or non-umpired match on the basis of his or her own observations or those of his or her designated

assistants.

ii. While normally the imposition of penalties will be in accordance with the above guidelines, 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, may be appealed to the referee or tournament director; if imposed by the referee it may be appealed to the tournament committee.

iii. A player may not appeal to the referee a penalty imposed by an official unless the penalty is a default.

iv. The names of players receiving point penalties should be sent to the USTA New England office immediately following the tournament in which the violations occurred.

7. CONDUCT / SUSPENSION POINT SYSTEM

A. Violations and Penalties - Suspension points will be recorded against a player for the following violations that occur in any draw:

i. Each point penalty imposed under the Point Penalty System (refer to regulation #6) excluding time violations for delay between points, after the warm-up, after a changeover or after a set-break) – 2 points

ii. Default for refusal to play or continue to play for any reason other than an illness, injury or personal emergency – 3 points

iii. Entering two tournaments (with overlapping dates) at the same time without written permission from both tournament directors – 3 points

iv. Entering two singles or two doubles events at one tournament – 3 points

v. Default for a no-show in singles or doubles – 5 points

vi. Default due to late arrival for a match – 1 point

vii. If a player, or one player of a doubles team, is forced to retire during a match (is unable to continue) – 0 points

viii. Leaving the court during a match without the permission of the Umpire, Referee or Tournament Director except to get a linesperson – 2 points

ix. Inappropriate behavior, verbal or physical abuse against an official, player, spectator, or other person at a tournament site by a parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player – up to 4 points and/or player associate may be suspended from attending USTA sanctioned tournaments and events.

x. Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct at a tournament site while on or off the court – 5 points

xi. Default for flagrantly unsportsmanlike conduct at a tournament site while on or off the court – 8 points

xii. USTA New England maintains a zero-tolerance policy on violence; anyone who is involved in verbal or physical acts of violence against an official, player, spectator or other person at a tournament site - may be suspended from attending USTA sanctioned tournaments and events.

B. Suspension Process

i. Suspension points do not have any impact on a player's standing or ranking and are removed from their record 12 months after the date of the tournament when the suspension points were levied.

ii. Any suspension points received out-of-section will count in New England.

iii. If a player receives ten (10) or more suspension points within a twelve (12) month period, he or she will be suspended from competing in USTA New England sanctioned events for eight (8) weeks.

iv. If a player who has been suspended once receives eight (8) or more suspension points during a twelve (12) month period, he or she will be suspended from competing in USTA New England and USTA sanctioned events for six (6) months.

v. If a player who has been suspended twice receives six (6) or more suspension points during a twelve (12) month period, he or she will be suspended from competing in USTA New England sanctioned events for the remainder of his or her junior career.

vi. USTA New England will notify the national USTA office of any player with regard to

suspensions received in USTA New England sanctioned events.

C. Appeal Process

- i. Upon receipt of a suspension notice, a suspended person or player will have the right to contact the section office to correct any errors in the record, and the right to a hearing before the USTA New England Junior Sportsmanship Committee. To correct the record or to request a hearing, a suspended person or player must make a written request to the USTA New England Junior Sportsmanship Committee within five (5) days following the receipt of the suspension notice.
- ii. If the Committee affirms the suspension, the suspension will commence the day after the committee has made a decision affirming such suspension.
- iii. If a hearing is not requested, the suspension will commence the day after the expiration of the five-day period.

8. POINTS-PER-ROUND RANKING SYSTEM

A. Awarding of Points

- i. All matches played in the main draw or consolation draw of a USTA New England Level 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 tournament or a USTA Level 1 National championship tournament, will award points to the winner.
- ii. Main draw and consolation draw points are a fixed number; the round a player reaches determines the points awarded.
- iii. A player must win a round to receive any points for the tournament.
- iv. A player who advances because of a withdrawal, walkover, default or retirement shall receive points for advancing.
- v. Byes do not qualify as wins and a player who advances when a bye occurs must win the next round to receive points.
- vi. A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System forfeits all points earned during the tournament.
- vii. A player who withdraws after having already started the tournament or is defaulted for not informing the tournament director he or she is not going to play will have all matches completed in the tournament up to the point of withdrawal count toward their standing.
- viii. Non-sanctioned events will not be considered in determining the standing in any division.
- ix. Even if sanctioned, interscholastic and intercollegiate tournaments are not considered in determining standing.
- x. Points earned at Level 2 and 3 national events will be included in national, but not in New England, computations.

B. Standing List

- i. A player must be a USTA Member and must be a New England Section resident to be eligible for a section standing.
- ii. Each age division will have one (1) current combined (singles and doubles) standing list for that age division **and one (1) doubles only standing list (for individual players, not teams) for that age division**, both of which will be posted on the USTA New England web site after tournament results are received in the Section office.
- iii. All eligible players who have won at least one (1) match in a USTA sanctioned tournament as described in Regulation 8.A will have a standing.
- iv. A player needs at least one (1) match win in an age group in the 52 weeks prior to the date of computation to appear on either the combined or **doubles only** standing list of that age division.
- v. All matches played in a particular age division will count towards a player's standing in that age division.
- vi. Players can also use points earned in an older age division in the calculation of their combined standing in their natural age division. To calculate the combined standing the computation will use a player's best eight (8) singles point values to calculate standing in their natural age division, regardless of in which division the points were earned. The calculation will then add 15% of a player's best eight (8) doubles point values **regardless of in which division the points were earned.**

vii. Players can also use points earned in an older age division in the calculation of their doubles only standing in their natural age division.

viii. Combined standing lists are based on a player's best eight (8) tournament points earned in sanctioned singles tournaments, plus 15% of a player's best eight (8) tournament points earned in sanctioned doubles tournaments, as described in Regulation 8.A, in the 52 weeks prior to the date of computation. A player's tournament record can be reviewed by clicking on the player's name in the standing list. The record specifies which tournament "Event Points" do not count toward total points.

ix. Doubles only standing lists are based on a player's best eight (8) tournament points earned in sanctioned doubles tournaments, as described in Regulation 8.A, in the 52 weeks prior to the date of computation

x. Once a player is no longer age eligible for an age division, his/her name will no longer appear on the standing list for that division. However, all tournament results will remain for that division for a 52-week period of time.

xi. Standing lists are generated by computer using a points-per-round ranking program and unless factual data is lacking or incorrect, standing as determined by the computer program is honored.

xii. Ties on the standing list will be broken as follows: A player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc through eight (8) events.

C. Player Records

i. A player's New England and National records are available for viewing and printing on the USTA New England web site.

ii. Players are responsible for regularly reviewing their player records and should promptly submit corrections to Jim Purington, the Ranking Coordinator at the Section office - purington@newengland.usta.com

iii. E mail corrections to your National player record to jrcomp@usta.com

D. Point Tables

9. NEW ENGLAND TEAMS AT NATIONAL TEAM EVENTS

A. Events - results from these events count for national ranking points.

i. USTA 18 NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Matches played each year between teams from the 17 sections of the USTA in early August. USTA New England send seven (7) players and a section provided coach to each event. The section covers expenses for player entry fees, hotel rooms and meals. New England Section Registration Site boys, **ID#450519010** and girls, **ID#450519110**

ii. USTA 16 INTERSECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Intersectional team matches are played between teams from the 17 Sections of the USTA in mid-July each year. USTA New England sends a team of four (4) boys and four (4) girls and provides a coach. The section covers expenses for player entry fees, lodging and most meals. New England Section Registration Site **ID#450518910**

iii. USTA 16 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USTA sanctions four (4) Zonal Championships for 16-and-under boys and girls, held in late July each year. New England is in the North zone. USTA New England sends a team of twelve (12) boys and twelve (12) girls and provides two (2) team coaches. New England Section Registration Site **ID#450518610**

iv. USTA 14 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USTA sanctions four (4) zonal championships for 14-and-under boys and girls, held in late July each year. New England is in the North zone. USTA New England sends a team of twelve (12) boys and twelve (12) girls and provides two (2) team coaches. New England Section Registration Site **ID#450518310**

v. USTA 12 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USTA sanctions four (4) zonal championships for 12-and-under boys and girls, held in late

July each year. New England is in the North Zone. USTA New England sends a team of twelve (12) boys and twelve (12) girls and provides two (2) team coaches. New England Section Registration Site **ID#450517910**

B. Selection Requirements

- i. All players who wish to be considered for any of the teams listed in A. above must register using the New England Registration site on the New England Tennislink online schedule.
- ii. Team entry information and procedures will be mailed from the section office by May 15th to the top 30 players in the standings in each age division. Any player not in the top 30 who feels they have a reasonable chance to be selected for a team may request the team entry information from the section office.
- iii. Selection will be based on the current combined endorsement list. The USTA New England National Selection Committee reserves the right to endorse a maximum of two boy and two girl players each, for the USTA Boys 18 and Girls 18 National Team Championships, and a maximum of two boy and two girl players each for the USTA 16 Intersectional Championships, who may not have met the competitive requirements.
- iv. Players who have exhibited a pattern of poor sportsmanship on or off the court may be refused selection.

10. NATIONAL ENTRY, ENDORSEMENT AND QUOTA

A. On-line Entry System

- i. All players who wish to be considered for any USTA National Championship Level 1 tournament, National Open Level 2 tournament or any Level 3 tournament listed on the USTA National Junior Tournament Schedule must apply to the tournament using the USTA online TennisLink registration system.

B. Endorsement List

- i. Only USTA National Championship Level 1 tournaments require endorsement from USTA New England for entry.
- ii. Section endorsement for entry into these Level 1 tournaments will be based on a player's position on the section combined standing list, in the age division in which the player is seeking endorsement, at the time of endorsement.
- iii. Ties will be broken as follows: A player whose best singles event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc through eight events.
- iv. Updated endorsement lists will be published on the USTA New England web site before the entry deadline date for each of the four (4) National Championship Level 1 tournaments.
- v. The tournaments from which results will be included in computing a particular endorsement list will be posted on the USTA New England web site.
- vi. Players who have exhibited a pattern of poor sportsmanship on or off the court may be refused endorsement.
- vii. Non-residents may participate in Level 6 and 7 tournaments and may appear on the section standing ineligible list. However, they will not receive New England endorsement into USTA National junior tournaments.

C. Automatic Selection Quota

- i. Players from New England can gain acceptance into the Level 1 USTA National Championship tournaments by Section quota.
- ii. For 2010 New England's quota is two (2) players for a 128-player draw and four (4) players for a 192-player draw. (Each USTA section have a quota of automatic selection slots based on the number of juniors enrolled in that section).
- iii. The quota is filled with players who appear on the endorsement list in that age division and who have also registered by the deadline.
- iv. There are no Section quotas for Level 2 and 3 tournaments.

D. Other Selection Options

- i. National Open Level 2 qualifiers
- ii. National standing list

11. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A. USTA New England Player Grants

A limited amount of financial assistance is available for New England players who are in need and who are competing at the Level 1 National Championships and Level 2 National team events described in Regulations 9. & 10. above. Please contact the Player Development Manager at the USTA New England section office if financial assistance is needed. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential. **A limited amount of financial assistance is available for New England players who are in need and who are competing at the Level 1 National Championships and Level 2 National team events described in Regulations 9. & 10. above. Sportsmanship and conduct records of players applying are also taken into consideration. Please contact the Player Development Manager at the USTA New England section office if financial assistance is needed. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.**

B. USTA Multicultural Individual Player Grants

Please contact the Player Development Manager at the USTA New England section office for an application for these grants awarded to players for National Competition & Training.

12. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A. Written Complaints of Violations

Written complaints charging that any person has violated the Constitution, any of the By-laws, the rules and regulations of USTA New England or the USTA, or the accepted standards of conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship, shall be submitted to the chairperson of the appropriate players' or tournament review committee. Each of these committees shall have the power to suspend temporarily and/or reprimand such a person or organization. Suspension may be for such a period of time as the committee, in its absolute discretion, deems appropriate. Prior to taking such actions, the committee shall not be required to hold any hearing. Upon reaching a decision, the chairperson of the committee shall promptly notify in writing the person so charged and the USTA New England office of the actions to be taken. If the committee decides that a hearing is appropriate, it shall call one, following the procedure in paragraph B. USTA New England will honor all sanctions imposed by the USTA Grievance Committee and any other Sectional Grievance Committee.

B. Appeal to Specific Committee

Within 15 days after receipt of a written notice of decision from the chair-person of the players' or tournament committee, the person penalized may appeal the decision by addressing a written request to the chairperson for a hearing before the committee. Upon receipt of such a request, the chair-person shall promptly fix a time and place for a hearing and shall give the person under review not fewer than seven days prior written notice. The presence of three committee members shall constitute a quorum at any such hearing. The person under review shall have the right to appear personally, with not more than one representative or attorney, to present testimony and other evidence and to cross-examine

witnesses. The committee shall have the power to suspend or reprimand the person or organization; to affirm, modify or reject any prior decision; and to impose any additional penalties, including the assessment of fines not in excess of \$1,000, it may deem appropriate. The committee shall promptly notify in writing the person penalized and the USTA New England office of its decision.

C. Grievance Committee

There shall be a grievance committee comprised of a minimum of a chair person, the chairperson of the Adult Players' Committee, the chairperson of the Player Development Committee and two (2) additional members appointed by the president. The president may appoint other members if he considers it appropriate. All members shall serve for a term of one year subject to reappointment at the end of that period or until their respective successors are appointed. The presence of three committee members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the committee and such a quorum must be present for the transaction of business of the committee. The primary role of the grievance committee shall be the enforcement of the rules and regulations of USTA New England and the USTA pertaining to the conduct of players and tournament officials.

D. Appeal to Grievance Committee

Within 15 days after receipt of a written notice of a decision of a players' or tournament committee from a hearing, the person penalized may appeal the decision by addressing a written request to the chairperson of the grievance committee. The grievance committee will then promptly review the finding of facts, the procedures followed during the hearing, and the decision of the players' or tournament committee. The grievance committee shall not be required to hold a hearing, and its decision may be based entirely on the findings of the players' or tournament committee. However, the grievance committee may hear further evidence as it, in its absolute discretion, deems appropriate. In any such review the chairperson of the players' or tournament committee, from which the decision was appealed, shall not participate in the decision, except to give evidence. Promptly following its review, the grievance committee shall notify in writing the parties and the USTA New England office of its decision. The grievance committee shall have the power to affirm, modify or reject the decision of the players' or tournament committee, and the decision of the grievance committee shall be final and binding.

E. Suspension

The grievance committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any player or organization from participation in tournaments or other activities of USTA New England. In addition, the committee shall have the power to reprimand such player and/or assess fines not exceeding \$1,000 and to suspend a player from participation in USTA New England tournament activities or events until such fine is paid. USTA New England allows an aggrieved player who has been suspended for more than six (6) months to appeal to the USTA Grievance Committee.

