

# 2014 USTA Hawaii Pacific Section Junior Rules and Regulations

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### 1. Entering a Tournament

- 1.1. USTA membership is required for all sanctioned tournaments. For verification purposes, it is recommended that players come to each tournament with their USTA card, or apply for membership or for a replacement card at the tournament.
- 1.2. When entering tournaments, players should always use the names under which their USTA memberships are registered so that their playing records will be consistently picked up on the computer.

- 1.3. Use TennisLink or mail tournament entries early. Tournament Directors should receive entries no later than the closing date stated in the Tournament Schedule. Postmark is not a consideration. A standard entry form can be found at the website.
- 1.4. Different tournaments may have dates that overlap. A player may not enter more than one tournament scheduled for any part of the same period unless each Tournament Director involved understands the situation and concurs with the scheduling arrangements that are made.
- 1.5. It is the player's responsibility to check the website to determine the date and time of their first match.
- 1.6. If a player has to withdraw, he/she must notify the Tournament Director as soon as possible. An entry fee is refundable only if the Tournament Director is notified of the withdrawal before the draw is made.
- 1.7. Any discrepancies in the draw (i.e. player name listed twice, player name misspelled, or player in wrong age/class division) must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Referee prior to play.
- 1.8. Players entering a tournament on another island should provide the Tournament Director with the name and phone number of their hotel or other lodging accommodations and cell phone number.
- 1.9. Be familiar with the "Point Penalty System" (section 7.). If a player is late and defaulted (see definition of default) because of lateness, it could affect the player's ranking.
- 1.10. Be prepared for any weather change. Keep a change of clothes, jacket, towel, food, books, cards, games, water jug, and practice balls. Rain delays cause problems for everyone; be patient and understanding.
- 1.11. Remember that it does not rain all over the islands at the same time. In case of rain, players should check with the tournament desk to find out the Tournament Referee's decision regarding scheduling of play.
- 1.12. A player should not leave the grounds before obtaining his/her next playing time or clearance to leave from the tournament desk. For establishing the time of his/her next match in the tournament, it is the player's responsibility to make contact with the tournament desk rather than vice versa. It would be advisable to double check the time written on the posted draw sheet.
- 1.13. Remember that the desk workers are volunteers. Only the Tournament Director and Referee can make any major decisions. Players with complaints should send a written description of the situation to the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section office within 30 days of the occurrence. (section 6. on Grievance)
- 1.14. All players should keep records of sanctioned tournaments in which they play. Only player records for open tournaments are kept by the Hawaii Pacific Section and are available on TennisLink.
- 1.15. The Hawaii Pacific Section is grateful for the hospitality extended by the member clubs and organizations hosting sanctioned tournaments. As a player, please show your consideration and appreciation.
- 1.16. Tournament Directors reserve the right to delete or combine events depending on draw size.

## 2. Tournament Officials

- 2.1. The Officials of any tournament are there to help the players and make the tournament run smoothly and fairly for all of the players.
- 2.2. The Tournament Referee is required to pass a USTA exam for certification. Among the referee's duties are making the draw, scheduling matches, and determining how the rules and regulations apply to any problems that occur in the course of the tournament.
- 2.3. Players may leave the court during a match to request an official. Only a player may make this request. Parents and coaches may not make requests for assistance.
- 2.4. Free clinics for officials are held statewide throughout the year. Anyone interested in becoming an official is encouraged to call the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section office. Officials are always needed to help with the many USTA Hawaii Pacific Section sanctioned tournaments.
- 2.5. In so far as possible, the Section may have an observer on site for each tournament.

## 3. Residency Requirements

- 3.1. To be eligible for ranking, or to participate in any USTA Hawaii Pacific Section national Level 3 or 4 tournament, a player must be a resident of the geographic area comprising the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section. Residency may include a player who is temporarily residing outside the section (e.g., players who may be attending school or serving in the military). The permanent residence of juniors shall be the residence of their parent(s) with legal custody or their legal guardians. The parent(s) or legal guardian who have custody of the player must reside within the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section nine (9) months out of the calendar year. In addition, the parent(s) or legal guardian must have filed State of Hawaii income tax or registered to vote in the State of Hawaii. A Player can also be considered a resident if he or she has been enrolled full time in a school in the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section since the beginning of the school year. The burden shall be upon the player to establish his or her residence.
- 3.2. 90 days wait period. Players who have played in a residency restricted sectional national Level 3 or 4 tournament for a section other than the Hawaii Pacific Section with a tournament end date within 90 days of a Hawaii Pacific Section national Level 3 or 4 tournament are not eligible to participate in the event.

#### 4. Ranking Rules

- 4.1. The USTA uses a Points Per Round Ranking System. The Points Per Round Ranking System is a method of ranking players that is based on earning ranking points for the round that a player reaches.
- 4.2. A rolling ranking system considers a player's record of play for the past twelve months. It is called "rolling" because, as the months move throughout the year, the ranking rolls forward – February 2008 to January 2009, March 2008 to February 2009, and so on.

#### 5. Standards of Conduct

- 5.1. All players, officials and organizers of any tennis tournament are expected to encourage and maintain high standards of conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship. USTA'S "The Code" outlines the unwritten rules of on-court behavior and is followed in all non-officiated matches in sanctioned tournaments.
- 5.2. The following are ten highlights of "The Code":
  - a) The oldest tradition in tennis is to give your opponent the benefit of the doubt. A ball that cannot be called out is good. A player may not claim a let on the basis that he did not see a ball.
  - b) Player calls his own shots out. With the exception of the first serve, a player should call against himself any ball he clearly sees out regardless of whether he is requested to do so by his opponent.
  - c) All points played in good faith stand.
  - d) Any call of "out" or "let" must be made instantaneously; otherwise the ball continues in play.
  - e) Never enlist the aid of a spectator in making a call.
  - f) Foot faulting is cheating.
  - g) Returning a service that is obviously out is a form of rudeness.
  - h) To eliminate arguments about the score, the server should announce the set score prior to his or her first serve of the game and the point (game) score prior to serving each point.
  - i) In a tournament, if the opposing player makes a large number of which a player believes are bad calls, the player should quietly and calmly call for an umpire/referee, and refuse to continue until the umpire or referee arrives. Never make a bad call in retaliation.
  - j) Don't stall, sulk, complain or practice unethical gamesmanship. Act in a way that makes it possible for participants to concentrate and have fun.

## 6. Grievance Committee

- 6.1. The Grievance Committee shall be responsible for enforcing the Constitution, By-Laws, all the rules and regulations of the USTA and the standards of conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.
- 6.2. Whenever a written grievance is filed with the Chairperson of the Grievance committee charging that any player, person who appears to be associated with a player (including but not limited to parents and coaches), official or organizer of any tournament in a USTA sanctioned event has violated the Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of the USTA, or the standards of conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship, the Chairperson shall have the power to fine such a person in such amount, not in excess of \$1,000.00 and/or suspend such person for such period, as he/she, in his/her absolute discretion, deems appropriate. Any such written grievance shall be mailed to the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section, 932 Ward Avenue, Suite 490, Honolulu, HI 96814. Any written grievance shall be filed or received within 30 days following the date on which the alleged violation occurred, except that if the alleged violation is based on a falsification of age, or a falsification of any other information, such written grievance shall be filed within 30 days after the Tournament Chairperson has been advised of such falsification. Before taking any such action, the Chairperson of the Grievance Committee shall not be required to hold any hearing, and such action may be taken by him/her on the basis of such investigation as he/she, in his/her absolute discretion, deems appropriate. In the absence of the Chairperson, (or pursuant to the Chairperson's request), the Vice Chairperson of the Grievance Committee shall have the same power to fine and suspend as granted to the Chairperson. The Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson, as the case may be, shall promptly notify in writing the person so charged of this decision.
- 6.3. Within 30 days after receipt of notice of a decision by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Grievance Committee, the person penalized may appeal the decision by addressing a written request to the Chairperson for a hearing before the Grievance Committee. Upon receipt of such request, the Chairperson of the Grievance Committee shall promptly fix a time and place for a hearing and shall give the person penalized not less than eight days prior written notice. At any such hearing, the person penalized shall have the right to appear personally, with not more than one representative or attorney, to present testimony and other evidence and cross examine witnesses. The Grievance Committee shall have the power to affirm, modify, or reject the prior decision and to impose any additional penalties as it may deem appropriate, including a fine in excess of \$1,000.00. Any appeal from a decision of the Grievance Committee shall be made to the Board of Directors as provided in this section below.
- 6.4. Within 30 days after a receipt of a written notice of a decision of the Grievance Committee, the person penalized may appeal the decision by addressing a written request to the President of the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section for a review by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall promptly review the findings of fact

and the decision of the Grievance Committee. The Board of Directors shall not be required to hold any hearing, and its decision may be based entirely on the findings of fact of the Grievance Committee. However, the Board of Directors may hear such further testimony and receive such further evidence as it, in its absolute discretion, deems appropriate. Promptly following its review, the Board of Directors shall have the power to affirm, modify or reject the decision of the Grievance Committee, but may not impose any harsher penalties. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final and binding.

- 6.5. Any person who has been suspended or expelled may be reinstated at any time by the Board of Directors on evidence satisfactory to it that reinstatement is merited. Prior to taking such action, the Board of Directors will obtain the recommendation of the Grievance Committee.

## 7. Point Penalty System

7.1. The purposes of the Point Penalty System are to deter unsportsmanlike conduct, ensure compliance with the continuous-play rule, and ensure on-time appearance for matches. The objective of the Point Penalty System is not to punish, but to secure compliance with the Rules of Tennis and USTA Regulations. There are two types of violations, Code Violations (Delay and Conduct) and Time Violations.

### 7.2. Code Violations.

#### 7.2.1. Delay.

- a) Not resuming play within 30 seconds after a medical time-out.
- b) Not resuming play within 30 seconds after treatment on a changeover.
- c) Not playing within 20 seconds of having been directed to resume play.
- d) Passage of 20 seconds after any time violations.
- e) Leaving the court for an unauthorized reason.

#### 7.2.2. Conduct.

- a) Visible or audible profanity or obscenity.
- b) Abuse of racket, balls or equipment.
- c) Verbal or physical abuse of a player or official.
- d) Coaching.
- e) Abusive conduct by a player or a person associated with a player.
- f) Retaliatory calls (obviously bad calls made in retaliation for the opponent's calls).
- g) Unsportsmanlike conduct (any other conduct that is abusive or detrimental to the sport).
- h) Violation of any USTA Tournament Regulation.

### 7.3. Time Violations.

- a) Delay between points or after the warm-up.
- b) Violations of the 90-second changeover rule or 120-second Set Break rule.

### 7.4. Point Penalties.

#### 7.4.1. Code Violations will be penalized as follows:

- a) First Offense                      Point
- b) Second Offense                    Game
- c) Third Offense                      Default (see definition of default)

#### 7.4.2. Time Violations will be penalized as follows:

- a) First Offense                      Warning
- b) Each additional violation      One Point Penalty

#### 7.4.3. Penalties for Lateness.

- a) 5:00 minutes or less            loss of toss plus one game
- b) 5:01 – 10:00 minutes        loss of toss plus two games
- c) 10:01 – 15:00 minutes        loss of toss plus three games
- d) More than 15:00 minutes    default

#### 7.4.4. Lateness after an intermission.

- a) Up to 5 minutes                    one game
- b) More than 5 minutes            default (see definition of default)

- 7.5. Since a lateness penalty does not accrue until both the court and the opponent are available, there is no penalty when both players are equally late (up to 5 minutes). If both players are late but arrive at different times, the penalty accrues upon the arrival of the first player (A), and the opponent (B) loses the serve/end option and the one, two or three games, or is defaulted depending on the time elapsing between A's arrival and B's arrival.

## 8. Eligibility

8.1. Eligibility Chart for Junior Players. "Friend at Court Guide to Eligibility" can be found by referring to "Age Division-Juniors" in the index of Friend at Court (FAC).

8.2. The USTA age eligibility rule states that if a player has not exceeded a division's maximum age limit by the last day of the month in which the tournament starts, the player may play that division. For example, a 14 year old player who turns 15 on May 25th may not enter the 14 divisions for a tournament starting on May 3 even

though he/she is still 14 years old when the tournament takes place. This rule requires players moving into a new age division to make a choice: a) to play in their "age" division until the last day of the month prior to their birthday; or b) to play "up" from January 1 or earlier. Example: A Player who turns 15 in July may play in the 14-and-under age division until June 30 before being required to move into the 16-and-under age division July 1.

- 8.3. If a player wishes endorsement to National tournaments, his/her age at the end of the month of the National tournament determines the youngest age division he/she may enter. For example, if a player's birthday is on June 1, and if he/she qualifies for an older age division for the summer National tournaments, the player is urged to consider playing up beginning in January or earlier, so that he/she will have a record in that age group. Plan your tournaments and the playing year accordingly.
- 8.4. If the player intends to seek endorsement to USTA National Tournaments, he/she must meet the endorsement requirements for the age divisions that he/she will be playing in National Tournaments.

## 9. Divisions

### 9.1. Challenger.

- 9.1.1. Age division is determined by "FAC Guide to Eligibility."
- 9.1.2. Players ranked 1-5 in the 12s, by the most recent standings list available as of one week before the tournament entry deadline, are not eligible for challenger tournament play in any age group.
- 9.1.3. Players 1-8 in the 14s, 16s or 18s, by the most recent standings list available as of one week before the tournament entry deadline, are not eligible for challenger tournament play in any age group.
- 9.1.4. The preferred match format is best of three (3) tie breaks sets with a 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set. Alternative match formats, however, may be used (pro 8, short sets, round robins, etc.).
- 9.1.5. A player winning two challenger tournaments in the same age division in a calendar year must play in a higher division. However, the same player may be eligible to play in challenger tournaments the following year depending on the most current rankings. For example, if in 2008, a player wins two challenger tournaments in the 12s, that player is not eligible to play in a 12 challenger in 2008, but he/she is eligible to play in a 14 challenger in 2008. However, in 2009, this player could play in a 12 challenger again as long as he/she is still age eligible.
- 9.1.6. Players will not be seeded in the Challenger Division.

9.1.7. Tournament Directors reserve the right to exclude players holding tournament wins over Open Division ranked players (see sections 9.1.2 and 9.1.3 above) or to place them in a higher age group.

9.2. Open.

9.2.1. Age division is determined by "FAC Guide to Eligibility" and is open to all junior players.

9.2.2. A player who plays in any one USTA Level 3 or 4 HPS sanctioned junior open singles event (see Section 10.11) within a current 12 month period will appear on the HPS Junior Standings List. The HPS Junior Standings List is a "rolling rankings" that calculates the previous 12 months of a player's open tournament results.

9.2.3. The final year ending ranking will be published at the end of the calendar year.

10. Open Rankings Requirements

10.1. Players may be ranked in the following divisions: 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, 18 and under.

10.2. Similar to the USTA National Junior Rankings, the HPS open rankings are based upon an accumulation of points for winning rounds at USTA HPS sanctioned events.

10.3. Rankings will be based upon the combined results for singles and doubles.

10.4. Rankings will be based upon the highest five (5) points per round results for singles and 15% of the highest three (3) points per round results for doubles for a single combined ranking.

10.5. Points earned in higher age divisions will count down towards a player's standing in one or more younger age divisions.

10.6. Alternative draw and match formats may be used.

10.7. Challenger Division and National Tournament results do not count in the rankings.

10.8. Points values are awarded based a player's final position in the draw. A player earns points by winning a round. Different tournament types have different point awards as noted in the following table:

### 2014 HPS Point Table

FIC through Quarterfinals	FIC through Semifinals	Single Elimination	(2) HPS Level 3	(4) HPS Level 4	(5) HPS Level 5	HPS Level 6
Champion	Champion	Champion	200	140	100	60
2nd Place	2nd Place	2nd Place	150	105	75	45
3rd Place	FIC Champion	3rd Place	100	70	50	30
4th Place/Semifinalists	FIC Finalist	4th Place/Semifinalists	70	49	35	21
FIC Champion			60	42	30	18
FIC Finalist	FIC Semifinals		50	35	25	15
FIC Semifinals	FIC SF Qualifying		42	29	21	13
FIC Quarterfinals	FIC Quarterfinals	Quarterfinalist	37	26	19	11
FIC QF Qualifying	FIC QF Qualifying		32	22	16	10
FIC Round of 16		Round of 16	28	20	14	8
FIC R16 Qualifying			24	17	12	7
FIC Round of 32		Round of 32	20	14	10	6
FIC R32 Qualifying			16	11	8	5
			<b>Points</b>	<b>70% of Level 3</b>	<b>50% of Level 3</b>	<b>30% of Level 3</b>

**Players who lose First Round are fed into the Feed-In Championship as follows:**

- Draw of 64: FIC R32 Qualifying
- Draw of 32: FIC R16 Qualifying
- Draw of 16: FIC QF Qualifying

**HPS ranking calculation:**

- 100% of five (5) best singles events
- 15% of three (3) best doubles events

**USTA National ranking calculation:**

- 100% of six (6) best singles National Ranking Tournaments
- 15% of six (6) best doubles National Ranking Tournaments
- 100% of singles Bonus Points at Bonus Point events

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FIC through Quarterfinals	FIC through Semifinals	Single Elimination	USTA Level 3	USTA Level 4
Champion	Champion	Champion	200	100
2nd Place	2nd Place	2nd Place	150	75
3rd Place	FIC Champion	3rd Place	100	50
4th Place/Semifinalists	FIC Finalist	4th Place/Semifinalists	70	35
FIC Champion			60	30
FIC Finalist	FIC Semifinals		50	25
FIC Semifinals	FIC SF Qualifying		42	21
FIC Quarterfinals	FIC Quarterfinals	Quarterfinalist	37	19
FIC QF Qualifying	FIC QF Qualifying		32	16
FIC Round of 16		Round of 16	28	14
FIC R16 Qualifying			24	12
FIC Round of 32		Round of 32	20	10
FIC R32 Qualifying			16	8

10.9. Minimum tournament draw size is three (3) players. For 3 players, a round robin format shall be used.

10.10. Draws with Feed In Championships (FIC).

10.10.1. For draw sizes greater than or equal to five and less than eight ( $5 \leq \text{draw size} < 8$ ) FIC Semifinals must be used.

10.10.2. For draw sizes greater than or equal to eight ( $8 \leq \text{draw size}$ ) FIC Semifinals or FIC Quarterfinals may be used.

10.11. Summary of USTA HPS sanctioned junior open tournaments:

<b>2014 USTA Hawaii Pacific Section Sanctioned Tournaments</b>	
<p><b>Two (2) USTA Level 3 or HPS Level 3 Mandatory FIC singles and doubles</b></p> <p>1) Wailuku Winter Level 3 – January (Martin Luther King, Jr. Mon 1/20/14)</p> <p>2) CORP Summer Level 3 – June (Thu 6/12/14 thru Sun 6/15/14 or Thu 6/5/14 thru Sun 6/8/14)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HPS ranking points</li> <li>▪ National ranking points</li> <li>▪ Residency requirement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Four (4) USTA Level 4 or HPS Level 4 Mandatory FIC singles and doubles</b></p> <p>1) February (Presidents' Mon 2/17/14)</p> <p>2) April (Good Friday Fri 4/18/14)</p> <p>3) August (Admission Fri 8/15/14)</p> <p>4) September (Labor Mon 9/1/14)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HPS ranking points</li> <li>▪ National ranking points</li> <li>▪ Residency requirement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Seven (7) HPS Level 5 FIC or single elimination singles; doubles optional</b></p> <p>1) March (Spring break; no 3 day weekend; public schools off 3/17/14; private schools off 3/24/14)</p> <p>2) May (Memorial Mon 5/26/14)</p> <p>3) July (4<sup>th</sup> of July Fri 7/4/14)</p> <p>4) October (no 3 day weekend)</p> <p>5) November (Thanksgiving Thu 11/27/14)</p> <p>6) and 7) in Guam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HPS ranking points</li> </ul>
<p><b>HPS Level 6</b> Many events sanctions throughout the year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HPS ranking points</li> </ul>

## 11. Withdrawals, Walkovers, Retirements, and Defaults

- 11.1. This section is applicable to junior competition only. These definitions are critical to determine ranking and endorsement eligibility. These definitions may have changed, so players and tournament directors must be careful to properly classify matches that fit the criteria below. For example, when tournament officials use the term "default", but they really mean "walkover", this error is critical, and may result in an avoidable grievance later. Players should get the tournament director and referee to provide written confirmation of the proper classification of a match result according to the criteria below.
- 11.2. A WITHDRAWAL occurs when a player removes himself/herself from the tournament before competing in the event because of injury, illness, personal emergency, or other bona fide reason. A WITHDRAWAL does not count as a tournament played and there is no effect on ranking. A refund of the tournament fee is given only if the tournament director is notified of the withdrawal before the draw is made.
- 11.3. A WALKOVER occurs when a player, after completing a match in an event, and before (or during) the warm-up for the next or subsequent match in that event decides not to play because of injury, illness, personal emergency, or other bona fide reason. An illness or injury must be authenticated with a physician's note, if requested by the tournament referee. Failure to provide such certification within seven days could result in the walkover being deemed a default instead. A walkover counts neither as a win or a loss. All wins and losses up to the walkover will count for ranking purposes. A tournament ending in a WALKOVER will count as a tournament played to completion. Only one open tournament (including national tournaments held in Hawaii) in a calendar year in which a walkover is used, will count as a tournament played to completion. All other tournaments in which a walkover is used will NOT count as a tournament played to completion. A player claiming a walkover in the main draw, is eligible to play in the feed in consolation (if one exists), a match for 3rd/4th place (if one exists), or doubles (if applicable). Thus, a player must play this match, claim a walkover, or claim a retirement. Otherwise, if the player fails to show, this will be counted as a default.
- 11.4. A RETIREMENT occurs when a player is unable to continue playing a match or resume a suspended match because of injury, illness, personal emergency, or other bona fide reason. A retirement counts as a loss, with a win for the opponent. All wins and losses up to and including the retirement will count for ranking purposes. A tournament ending in a RETIREMENT will count as a tournament played to completion. A player who retires in the main draw, is eligible to play in the feed in consolation (if one exists), a match for 3rd/4th place (if one exists), or doubles (if applicable). Thus, a player must play this match, claim a walkover, or claim a retirement. Otherwise, if the player fails to show, this will be counted as a default.
- 11.5. A DEFAULT occurs when a player is disqualified for cause or ineligibility is disqualified under the Point Penalty System (which includes penalties for lateness); or refuses to play for other than a bona fide reason. A DEFAULT

is counted as a loss for the defaulting player and a win for the opponent. All wins and losses up and including the default will count for ranking purposes; however, a tournament ending in a DEFAULT will NOT count as a tournament played to completion for the defaulting player. A player defaulting in the main draw, is eligible (if not disqualified by the tournament director) to play in the feed in consolation (if one exists), a match for 3rd/4th place (if one exists), or doubles (if applicable). Thus, a player must play this match, claim a walkover, or claim a retirement. Otherwise, if the player fails to show, this will be counted as a default.

## 12. Sanctions

Refer to "USTA Hawaii Pacific Junior Suspension Point System" on the website.

## 13. Endorsements to National Tournaments

13.1. Endorsement to the USTA national tournaments (player divisions 12-18), which require sectional endorsements, shall be made by the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section Junior Committee.

13.2. The following are the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section requirements for the listed tournaments in the USTA National Junior Tournament Schedule which requires section endorsement:

- a) 2014 Summer team and Clay Court Nationals endorsement list will be generated by taking 100% of the 4 best singles results and 15% of the 3 best doubles results from June 15th of 2013 to April 2014 (following the Spring Level 4 event). This will allow parents and players ample time to plan for the Summer team and Clay Court Nationals events. Thereafter, the Summer team and Clay Court Nationals endorsement list will be generated taking 100% of the 5 best singles results and 15% of the 3 best doubles results from the Spring Level 4 event to the Spring Level 4 event 12 months later.
- b) Winner of CORP Summer Level 3 will be eligible for the USTA National Championships held in August. The remaining sectional quota endorsement will be determined by the HPS standing list following the event.
- c) The HPS standing list effective 8 weeks before the USTA Closed Regional Level 4 event will be used for endorsement.
- d) Winter Nationals endorsement. The HPS standing list effective on October 1 will be used for endorsement.

<b>Endorsement by the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section Required</b>	
<b>USTA National Tournaments</b>	<b>Comments</b>
USTA Regional Level 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two (2) Level 4 Closed events each year held concurrently in four different regions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Region 1 (Hawaii Pacific, Intermountain, Northern California, Pacific Northwest, Southern California and Southwest)</li> <li>▪ One (1) boys and one (1) girl in each age division</li> </ul>
USTA Level 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ USTA 12s, 14s and 16s Zone Team Championships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ July 3-7</li> <li>▪ Six (6) boys and six (6) girls in each age division</li> </ul>
USTA Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ USTA 14s Intersectional Team Championships</li> <li>▪ USTA 16s Intersectional Team Championships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ July 5-9</li> <li>▪ Three or Four (3-4) boys and Three or Four (3-4) girls in the 14s and 16s</li> </ul>
USTA Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ USTA Boys' 18 National Team Championships</li> <li>▪ USTA Girls' 18 National Team Championships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ July 26-29</li> <li>▪ Six (6) boys and six (6) girls in the 18s</li> </ul>
USTA Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ USTA National Clay Court Championships (July 12-18)</li> <li>▪ The USTA National Championships (August 2-8)</li> <li>▪ USTA Winter Nationals (December 27 - January 2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two (2) boys and two (2) girls in 12s, 14s, 16s, and 18s for the USTA National Championships (Sectional Champion + 1 quota)</li> <li>▪ Two (2) boys and two (2) girls in 12s, 14s, 16s, and 18s for the USTA Clay Courts and Winter Nationals Championships (2 quota)</li> </ul>

- 13.3. Personal behavior and good sportsmanship shall be important factors for endorsement. Players who have exhibited a pattern of poor sportsmanship on or off the court may be refused endorsement to participate in any National tournament.
- 13.4. A player can be eligible for endorsement in more than one age group. However, for a given endorsement period, a player can only be endorsed in a single age group (this include multiple events which must be in the same age group). The goal of the USTA HPS is to maximize overall participation by Hawaii juniors in National events.
- 13.5. Players accepting a USTA/HPS endorsement, must pay to USTA/HPS, a nonrefundable endorsement processing fee of \$10 per endorsed event.
- 13.6. Hawaii Pacific Section National endorsers will be endorsing by an eligibility list only. This list will be based on the player's most recent 12-month rolling points per round ranking prior to the endorsement period with the additional requirements of endorsement above and below. It is the responsibility of players and parents to ensure that players meet the necessary endorsement requirements. Any exception to these rules must be obtained in writing from the Coordinator of the Endorsement Subcommittee.
- 13.7. Endorsement form/letter. To facilitate the endorsement process, the Endorsement Committee highly recommends that an endorsement form or letter be submitted to the endorsement committee. The purpose of this form is to survey preliminary interest for each endorsed event, but most importantly, it provides the Endorsement Subcommittee with contact information for each player/parent who is interested in endorsement. Failure to submit the endorsement form prior to the deadline places the player at risk of missing an endorsement opportunity, because the Endorsement Subcommittee will not have the player's/parent's contact information. USTA does not necessarily have current contact information for all USTA members. Thus, if the Endorsement Subcommittee is unable to contact a player/parent in a reasonable period of time (left to the discretion of the endorsement subcommittee), that player will be passed over in the endorsement process. Endorsement forms will be available from the USTA/HPS office and website. It should be noted that although only a few players are selected for endorsement, it is very common for players to decline endorsement. Thus, even if your ranking is low, it is very possible that you may be eligible for a national tournament or national team event endorsement.
- 13.8. The endorsement process requires a lot of phone calls (done by volunteers) and it is difficult to contact players and/or parents during the week, weekend and evenings. Summer endorsements must be completed within a short period of time following summer sectionals to give players sufficient time to book travel arrangements. Because players must be contacted in sequence, another player cannot be called until each player above has

been contacted first. Thus, it is very important that each player be contacted as soon as possible as a courtesy to the players below. Players/parents must accept or decline the endorsement as soon as possible as a courtesy to others. The following actions or behaviors are considered unacceptable by the endorsement committee and will be grounds for the termination of an endorsement and removal from future section endorsement considerations:

- a) Failing to reply in a timely fashion to accept or decline an endorsement.
- b) Failing to pay the registration fee and/or endorsement fee in a timely fashion prior to the endorsement event.
- c) Accepting an endorsement and later canceling it when it is too late for it to be offered to anyone else.
- d) Accepting an endorsement and failing to attend any part of the endorsed event.
- e) Accepting an endorsement and failing to register for the event without notifying the endorsement committee in time for another player to be endorsed.
- f) Failing to exhibit good sportsmanship on or off the court.

13.9. Endorsement tournament registration forms and payment of fees. For endorsement to summer tournaments, players and parents should ideally submit registration materials for summer national tournaments at Summer Sectionals. It is not the responsibility of the Endorsement Subcommittee to contact players to remind them of deadline dates for endorsement forms and for tournament entry applications. Failure to turn in the necessary materials by summer sectionals could result in defaulting your child from participating in endorsed national summer tournaments. If a player does not receive an endorsement, the checks will be destroyed. The endorsement process is a labor intensive process done by a few dedicated USTA/HPS volunteers. Your cooperation will help to streamline this process, making things better for everyone. The Endorsement Subcommittee thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

13.10. Endorsement notification. Upon completion of the Sectionals tournament, players will be called for final acceptance. A player has 48 hours to respond with an answer to his/her endorser. If an endorsed player DECIDES NOT to go to any national endorsed tournament for which he/she has registered via internet registration system, they must immediately notify their respective endorser and the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section office (minimum 14 days prior to entry deadline) or the player will not be eligible for future national endorsed tournaments for a period of 6 months. This is common courtesy toward endorsing the next player. Endorser will call as low as number 10 on the pertinent standings list plus those who have submitted an endorsement form. This will effectively be the endorsement list. If the endorsement list is exhausted and national tournament endorsement slots are still available, the Endorsement Committee will continue to use the current process to fill

endorsement slots. If after this process, no players have accepted the endorsement, then the endorsement committee may endorse any other age eligible player.

- 13.11. Internet registration and other entry routes for national tournaments. Many endorsed events have converted to internet registration, which requires separate internet registration done by the player or parent (not the Endorsement Subcommittee) once a section endorsement is received.
- 13.12. USTA National Junior team members may apply for an endorsement requirement exemption if USTA National Junior team requirements conflict with Hawaii Pacific Section endorsement requirement events.