

2011 Junior State Closed Tournament

REFEREE NOTES

Congratulations for being selected to play in the USTA Florida's most prestigious junior tournament. Remember to exhibit outstanding sportsmanship at all times both on and off the courts during your participation at this event. Good sportsmanship is well worth the effort it takes to acquire it. A reputation for good sportsmanship is a lifelong goal that is definitely worth striving for.

FORMAT

- Players should report to the tournament desk 10 minutes prior to their scheduled match start time prepared to play. BOTH winner and loser should report back to the tournament desk immediately after the match with the winner returning the match balls.
- Warm-up period is 5 minutes. All practice serves are to be taken during this warm-up period. A player should not practice service returns while another player is practicing their serve.
- **10's:** Best of 3 tiebreak sets with a MATCH tiebreak (1st to 10 points, win by 2 points) in lieu of the 3rd set. Players will have a mandatory 3 minute rest period before the match tiebreak. Players are not to leave the court but coaching is allowed during this time. There are no new balls for the MATCH tiebreak.
- **12's, 14's, 16's, 18's:** Best of 3 tiebreak sets with a mandatory 10 minute rest period between the 2nd and 3rd set. Players can leave the court and coaching is allowed during this time. If the player does leave the court area during this period they must notify an official so they can be advised the current time and when to return. If a player returns to the court late from this rest period, they are subject to a Game penalty.
New balls will be provided for the third set.

DELAYS /SUSPENSION OF PLAY

If there is a rain or lightening delay for more than 15 minutes once you have completed the 1st set, for best of 3 tiebreak matches, there is NO 10 minute rest period if the match goes to the 3rd set. Only the normal 2 minute set break will be taken.

All matches playing a 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set receive the 2 minute set break only.

A re-warm up of 5 minutes is allowed with non match balls. Match balls are to be returned to the tournament desk upon suspension of play for rain or lightening.

DRESS CODE

Proper tennis attire is required.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Players are subject to the rules of the USTA and the Point Penalty System will be in effect. Please be advised that the USTA Florida Suspension Point System is in effect from the time you check into the tournament till you leave to go home. This includes actions both on and off the court by players, parents or coaches.
- Either player may call a let providing they call it immediately for balls rolling onto the court. Service lets may be called by either player and will be called before the receiver strikes the ball.
- A player shall not pass the net to inspect a ball mark on a clay court. Players who cross the net to check a ball mark will be penalized under the Code of Conduct for Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
- Under THE CODE a player is not required to show a ball mark on clay but is courteous to do so.
- If an official is called to the court for a disagreement regarding the ball mark being in or out, they will read that mark if both players agree on the mark. They will also ask what type of shot they are reading **i.e.** down the line or cross court. The opponent also has the right to indicate the mark if they do not agree on the opponents indication.

- Each player is responsible for making all line calls on her side of the net. DO NOT ask spectators, coaches or parents for help in a line call. If you are not sure of a ball landing on your side of the court, you will consider your opponent's ball as GOOD.
- No player, parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player shall abuse an official or player. Unacceptable behavior or language will be penalized under the Code of Conduct according to the USTA rules and regulations.
- There will be no speaking to a player on court in a foreign language not understood by the official. This action could be considered that coaching is being given even if it simply words of encouragement.
- A player has the right to leave the court to obtain the services of the referee or an umpire. Such action must be taken without delay.
- The server shall announce the game score before the first point of the game and the point score before each subsequent point of the game. If the receiver does not hear the score being called, simply ask the server to speak louder. Scoring disputes shall be resolved by using one of the following methods, which are listed in order of preference:
 - Replay only the disputed point(s) or game(s).
 - Play from a score to which both players agree.
 - Spin a racket or toss a coin.

WEATHER

Florida is the “Lightning Capital” of the world. If a storm approaches and you hear the officials announce “Suspend Play” this is for either court conditions caused by rain OR lightning has been spotted. If the courts are cleared due to lightning, we request that all players and parents leave the playing area and find safety indoors. Play will resume when no lightning accompanied with thunder has been spotted in the area for at least 30 minutes.

Dehydration is also something that may occur if not properly hydrated. Do not wait until you are on the courts playing your match to drink liquids. Drink plenty of water the day and night before your matches.

Some of the signs of dehydration may be: Ringing in the ears, blurred vision, clammy skin with extreme perspiration and dizziness. There will be medical personal present during the matches if the need arises. If you are experiencing these symptoms while you are playing your match please consider requesting a medical time-out from the official working your court. Your health and wellbeing is very important to us.

We truly hope that the friends made at this tournament will become friends for life. This wonderful game of *Tennis* is truly a “*Sport of a Lifetime.*”

Have Fun!

