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TDM for 2009 – Important

The agreement between the tournament director and USTA Florida is the sanctioned tournaments will be run and results published with the Tennislink's Tournament Data Manager (TDM.)

To get more information regarding TDM, please go to the TDM Information Home Page: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/tdm/> or contact the Tournament Director Hotline: 1-800-603-3138. If you need further information don't hesitate to contact us at the USTA Florida office by e-mail at brown@florida.usta.com, gladstone@florida.usta.com or phone (386) 671-8949.

TDM is a USTA *membership number* driven system. This means that if there is no USTA number or an invalid USTA number for a player that you have entered into your tournament, their results will not be generated in the Tennislink Ranking Program, ***thus not awarding ranking points to that player or their opponent.*** If you have a foreign player that enters your tournament with verification they have a membership with their country's tennis federation, please contact the Section office first to obtain a non-member foreign player number.

It is the tournament director's responsibility to make sure that all players entered into your tournament have valid USTA memberships. With TDM, when entering a player with an invalid membership number, it will give you an error message, which you can manually override. If you then choose to enter that player, you must make sure that their information is updated prior to your tournament's final publish (upload). The player's name will appear as green or blue on the draw page and showing a red exclamation point in the Player Explorer, until the player has been validated. It is our strong recommendation that you contact this player to update their information prior to entering them into your tournament. The Council has voted to fine tournament directors if there are invalid players that are published when uploading the tournament to the website. The fining process will be as follows:

Incorrectly input players in the TDM (Tournament Data Management System.)

- a. 1st tournament incorrectly published a warning letter is sent.
- b. 2nd tournament incorrectly published a \$5.00 fine per invalid player.
- c. 3rd tournament incorrectly published a \$25.00 fine per invalid player.
- d. 4th tournament incorrectly published loss of tournament sanction for the following year.

If you do not comply with this regulation, it will have a serious impact on your 2010 Sanctions!