

JUNIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2009

I. APPLICABILITY

These regulations will apply to junior tournaments that are celebrated under the sponsorship of the Puerto Rico Tennis Association's Junior Competition Committee during 2009.

II. PLAYER ELEGIBILITY

A. GENERAL

1. Any player up to age 18 who is a member of the USTA and meets the registration requirements of the particular tournament will be eligible to participate in junior tournaments.
2. To be included in the PRTA/CTA Combined Standing List and/or Combined Final Ranking List, the junior must be a member of the USTA. For the Endorsement List, the player must also meet the eligibility requirements established for the tournament for which the particular list is published.
3. All players must present their original birth certificate at the PRTA offices **before the first junior tournament of the year.** Any player who **DOES NOT** comply with this requirement **WILL NOT** be able to participate in any Junior or Preparatory tournament until this requirement has been met.

B. CATEGORIES

1. A junior will be able to participate in a category in which he/she does not exceed the maximum age for that category as of the last day of the month in which the tournament begins.
2. Juniors will only be able to play in one singles and one doubles category per tournament, except in the Sectional, where players who are 14 or older at the time of the Sectional will also be allowed to play in the 18-year category.
3. Before the first Junior Open tournament of the year, juniors who are ranked in the Combined Standing List as 1 and 2 in the 10, 12, 14 and 16-year categories will be able to play in the category in which they hold that ranking and in another category that their age allows. **Participation in two categories will only be allowed in the Junior Open tournaments and the Sectional Championship. In these tournaments, a player**

who plays singles in two (2) categories will not be able to play doubles.

4. In the Junior Open and Sectional Championship, a player who completes all his/her singles matches in both categories will receive 15% of the rating obtained in the higher category. These points will be applied to the category corresponding to the player's natural age and if the player plays two categories and neither corresponds to the player's natural age, the points will be applied to the category in which the player is ranked. Be it understood that a player who incurs in a "default no-show" will not complete all his/her matches.

C. STANDING AND RANKING

1. The PRTA/CTA's Combined Standing List and/or Combined Final Ranking List will be prepared using the computerized junior ranking system for USTA sections (NJRS) and these regulations. The combined computerized junior ranking system for USTA sections (NJRS) is based on the accumulation of Points Per Rounds ("Points Per Round").

The "Points Per Round" system includes the following:

A player must win a round to receive points in that tournament. The score tables that appear in this document are based on draws having as many as 256 players. In draws with less than 256 players, players do not receive points until they have won a round. "Byes" do not qualify as victories.

- a) The tournament's format and level will determine which score table will apply to each tournament.
- b) "Withdrawals" and "Walkovers" qualify as victories for the winner and Points Per Round are added.
- c) "Retirements" qualify as victories for the winner and Points Per Round are added.
- d) A player who advances as a result of a default that occurs before the start of the first point of the match, or because the opponent is disqualified, or after the start of the first point of the match, will receive Points Per Round.
- e) A player who incurs in default in a tournament because of code violations under the Point Penalty System or because of bad conduct loses the points he/she had accumulated during that tournament. Players who incur in

default only in singles lose only the points they had accumulated in singles.

2. The Combined Final Ranking will include all players who are eligible according to age and who have met all minimum requirements for the final ranking.
3. **A player who obtains points in, both, a Junior Championship and a consecutive Junior Challenger will only accumulate points from one of these for the Combined Standing List. The highest score will be credited.**
4. Points for special situations:

A junior who is not able to participate in a PRTA/CTA, tournament because he/she is participating in a National Junior Tournament Level I, II or III, or is a member of a team that represents the PRTA/CTA, will be awarded points according to the criteria listed below. The junior must make sure he/she is eligible to participate in the local tournament.

- a) Individual tournament: as indicated in the Validation Table. To receive points, the player must win at least one round.
- b) Team tournaments: A player will receive the points that he/she would have received if he/she had played the PRTA/CTA tournament and had reached the position the player was in on the Combined Standing List at the time the team was chosen. The points to be granted will be calculated at the end of the tournament under consideration. If the tournament in which the player does not participate is a Junior Open tournament, the calculation will be based on the total combined points obtained by the players who participated in that tournament.
- c) In the case of individual participation, the player must show evidence of having participated in the event.

The player must request the validation and category selection from the PRTA/CTA, in writing, no later than 15 calendar days after the conclusion of the tournament.

5. Rules to decide a tie: to determine positions on the standing list or final ranking.

When two or more players have the same number of points, the ranking order is determined in the following manner:

- a) If the sectional tournament has been played, the player with the most points in that tournament in the category under controversy.
 - b) If the tie is not decided by the method described in 5a, the points obtained only in the Level 4 tournaments in the category under controversy will be added.
 - c) If the tie is not decided by the methods described in 5.a) or 5.b), the points obtained in only one tournament in the category under controversy will be used. This tournament may be at any level.
 - d) If the tie is not decided by the methods described in 5.a), 5.b) or 5.c), a match will be held between the players with the same ranking.
6. The Combined Final Ranking and the Standing List will be based on a maximum of **six (6) singles and six (6) doubles events in one year, of which a maximum of three (3) events will be a combination of Junior Championships and Junior Challenger and one Level III (3) event.**
7. Minimum requirements for Combined Standing List and Combined Final Ranking:
- a) To appear as an eligible player in the PRTA/CTA Combined Standing List before the Sectional Championship, the player must be of eligible age in that category and must have played a Junior Open Championship and a Junior Championship or a Junior Challenger tournament sponsored by the PRTA/CTA Junior Championship Committee.
 - b) To appear as an eligible player on the PRTA/CTA Combined Final Ranking List after the Sectional Championship, the player must have played a Junior Open, a Junior Championship or Junior Challenger tournament, a Doubles Tournament sponsored by the PRTA/CTA Junior Competition Committee and the Sectional Championship.
 - c) A junior who has been on the Combined Standing List and is over the age limit for the category in which he/she is listed will be eliminated from that category.

8. Appeals

Any player who feels that an error has been committed on the Combined Standing List or Combined Final Ranking List or in any other determination by the Junior Competition Committee will be able to file an appeal in writing, which is to be addressed to:

Junior Classification or Ranking Committee
Puerto Rico Tennis Association (PRTA)
Caribbean Tennis Association
Box 40456
San Juan, P. R. 00940-0456

III. PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENTS:

A. TOURNAMENTS

Junior tournaments sponsored and sanctioned by CTA/PRTA include:

Junior Opens
Junior Challengers
Junior Championships
Junior Doubles
Junior Sectional

B. TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION AND SCORING

The Junior Tournaments are classified into **various levels, from Level 3 to Level 6**. At the beginning of each year, the Junior Competition Committee will determine the **format, duration and level assigned to each tournament**. The score obtained will depend on the player's performance in each tournament as well as the level and format of that tournament. (Refer to the Validation Table and Local Tournaments and to Rule II.C.3 in these regulations).

C. REGISTRATION:

The deadline for registering to play in a junior tournament is **established in the PRTA/CTA tournament calendar. REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER THE ESTABLISHED DATE.**

1. A player who is registered to participate in a Junior Open tournament will have until the last day the tournament director or the PRTA/CTA establishes as the date to register for the doubles event in that tournament. **In Junior Open tournaments, players**

will be allowed to participate in the doubles event without having to play singles as long as they register for that tournament's doubles event before the tournament's registration deadline.

2. The Junior Sectional Level 3 tournament established by the Junior Competition Committee is CLOSED. In tournaments that are CLOSED, only players who are members of USTA, reside within the territorial limits of the USTA Caribbean Section and meet the eligibility requirements established in Friend at Court under the section "Eligibility for USTA National Junior Championships" are allowed to play.
3. Participation in Junior Championship tournaments entails a selection process. **To be considered, the junior must register for the Junior Championship and await the publication of the accepted list.** The Junior Competition Committee will publish the list of selected youths one week before the tournament is held. The process will be carried out by members of the Junior Competition Committee and/or the Seeding Committee, based on criteria such as these: Combined Standing Lists, results between players, important victories, results abroad, and any other criterion that is considered significant for the process. The most important criterion to be considered, after the conclusion of the first Junior Championship of the year, will be the positions obtained by the players in the Junior Challenger held **before** each Junior Championship.
4. **Players who obtain positions within the top 50% in Junior Championships will be invited to participate in the next Junior Championship without having to undergo the selection process. These players will NOT be able to participate in the next Junior Challenger.** Players who do not obtain top positions in Junior Championships will have to participate in the next Junior Challenger to be considered in the selection process in the next Junior Championship. **ALL players interested in participating in a Junior Championship, including those who are assured of being selected, must register to play before the tournament's registration date.**
5. **Players who reach the top positions in the Junior Championship will be invited to participate in the next Championship.** Those who don't will have to undergo the selection process if they are again interested in participating in a Championship, unless they present a valid excuse for illness, injury, or death or serious illness of an immediate family member.

6. Junior Championships and Junior Doubles tournaments will not include the 10 or under category.
7. A player **MAY NOT** be registered in two different tournaments simultaneously.

D. REIMBURSEMENT DUE TO RETIREMENT

A player will have the right to a reimbursement after retiring from a tournament if the player makes the request 7 days prior to the start of the event.

E. SEEDING

1. Seeding in a tournament is an evaluation process in which a committee places participants in the order of greatest opportunity to win a particular tournament. Although this decision must be based upon objective data and not on whims and it is based primarily on ranking, other factors can and should be considered in addition to ranking, such as most recent results, court surface for the particular tournament, results of tournaments not sanctioned and, particularly, results of direct encounters between particular players.
2. Tournament seeding will be determined by the members of the Seeding Committee at 5:00pm at the PRTA/CTA offices on the Wednesday following the last day of the tournament registration period. This committee's meetings are open to the public. The president of that committee or of the Junior Competition Committee will be allowed to change the date and time of the committee's meeting for reasons that are deemed justified. Seedings established at this meeting will be published on the internet page corresponding to each tournament immediately after the conclusion of the meeting.
3. Requests for seeding reconsiderations must be submitted in writing or through electronic mail before the Junior Competition Committee by way of the PRTA, no later than 11:59pm on the Monday following the publication of the seeding. It is the petitioner's responsibility to verify whether the letter has been received at the PRTA office.
4. The number of seeded players in a tournament will depend on the number of participants in the event. There will be one seeded player for every four players registered for the event. There may be one additional seeded player when the result of the calculation is

two more than the seeded players' quota. In events with five (5) players or less, two (2) players may be seeded.

F. DRAWS

1. Tournament draws will be published no later than 24 hours before the start of the tournament.
2. Players are responsible for knowing their assigned date and time to play.
3. For reasons that are deemed justified, the president of the Junior Competition Committee will be allowed to authorize that the draws be published less than 24 hours before the start of a tournament.
4. All matters related to tournament draws will be handled as established in "Friend at Court".

G. MATCH ASSIGNMENT:

1. Match assignment will be conducted according to what is established in "Friend at Court", Table 3 ("Scheduling Guidelines for Junior Divisions: Maximum Number of Matches Per Day").
2. The minimum waiting time between matches will be determined by what is established in "Friend at Court", Table 8 ("Minimum Rest Between Matches"). A junior who participates in two divisions will have the same rights as a junior who participates in only one division.

H. SCHEDULING AND/OR CONCESSIONS:

1. If a player is interested in being granted a concession or special arrangement regarding match time or date, the player must submit a written petition before the Puerto Rico Tennis Association before the deadline for the tournament's registration. The only valid reasons for a petition to be granted are: university, college and school exams, study programs, baptisms, first Holy Communion and graduations of immediate family (siblings). Requests for match times for the first weekend of the tournament must be received before the tournament's registration deadline. Requests for match time for the second weekend must be received before 3:00pm on the Monday after the first weekend.
2. No player who participates in singles in two categories will be eligible for a concession or special arrangement.

I. BLOCK SEEDING:

1. If a player who has a high ranking on the USTA/ITF/CTA/PRTA's Combined Standing List is incidentally living outside of Puerto Rico, or is planning to travel to an off-island tournament which is part of the itinerary identified by the USTA as a National Junior Tournament, or appears on the ITF Junior tournaments itinerary, and is interested in playing a PRTA or CTA Junior Open tournament, that player will be allowed to request that a block seeding be set up for his/her category or that he/she be allowed to play during just one weekend. One of the criteria to be taken into consideration will be the player's seeding in that tournament. The decision whether to grant these special requests will be made by a majority vote of the members of the Junior Competition Committee who are present at the tournament seeding meeting of the corresponding tournament. These special requests will not be allowed during the Sectional tournament.
2. Players are not allowed to make scheduling arrangements among themselves. If there is a need for a schedule change, it must be made with the participation and authorization of the tournament director.

J. MATCH FORMAT:

1. Singles
 - a) The singles main draw in categories 14, 16 & 18 will play the best 2 sets out of 3. The third set will be a full set with a 7-point tie-breaker wherein the winner must win by 2 points.
 - b) The 12-year category and the 14, 16 and 18 year-old consolations will play the best 2 sets out of 3. The third set will be a 10 - point super tie-breaker wherein the winner must win by 2 points.
 - c) The 10-year category will play a "Pro-Set" up to 8 points in the main draw and consolation, with a 7 point tie-breaker wherein the winner must win by 2 points when the "Pro-Set" reaches a score of 8-8.
 - d) In the Sectional Championship, the 10-year category will play the best 2 sets out of 3. The third set will be a 10 point "super tie-breaker" wherein the winner must win by 2 points.
 - e) The type of draw to be used in Junior Championships, Junior Challenger, Junior Open and Junior Sectional tournaments will be published on each tournament's page 3 days before the start

of each tournament. In all junior tournaments, players who register for a tournament will play a minimum of two matches in each tournament.

2. Rules for Doubles format:

a) Junior Opens and Junior Sectional

- 1) Doubles events will use the single elimination format and there will be no consolation.
- 2) The format will be a pro-set up to 8 points and if the set reaches a score of 8-8, a 7-point tie-breaker will be played wherein the winner must win by 2 points.

b) Junior Doubles

- 1) The event will include a consolation draw.
- 2) Two out of three sets will be played in all categories, except in the 12 year category, wherein the third set will be a 10-point tie-breaker.
- 3) In Junior Championships and Junior Challenger, there will not be a doubles event.

K. BALLS

All players who win their matches are responsible for picking up the balls and returning them to the table. A player who refuses to do so may be penalized.

L. PENALTIES

1. A player will not be able to continue participating in the consolation round if he/she does not show up to play the main draw game, that is, a "default no-show", (applied to all main draw rounds and the consolation draw). The consequences for not showing up for a match will be the penalties established in "Friend at Court", Table 17, "Suspension Points".
2. During CTA/PRTA/ITF/USTA sponsored tournaments or any other tournament where the player represents the PRTA/CTA, no player, trainer, family member, friend or player's representative may, at any time or under any circumstance, behave him or herself in a manner that reflects unacceptable or abusive conduct against another player, tournament official or spectator, or in violation of the Code

of Conduct that rules these tournaments (“Friend at Court, Standards of Conduct”).

3. The violation of these Regulations may result in the limitation of privileges, exclusion from tournaments, any other sanction that the Junior Competition Committee and/or Grievance and Complaints Committee decides to impose, or the imposition of the penalties established in “Friend at Court” that are not incompatible with these Rules.
4. The chair umpire, tournament director or tournament official will fill out a Code of Conduct form as soon as the tournament is over. This form will be kept on file at the PRTA/CTA office and the due restrictions according to the rules of the USTA Code of Conduct (“Friend at Court” Tables 9-10-11-12-13-17) will be applied. For the purpose of information, some of the tables in “Friend at Court” pertaining to penalties are included at the end of this document.

M. DRESS CODE

All players will dress and report to play in appropriate tennis attire, as determined by the tournament director. Boys will not be permitted to wear cut-off sleeves and girls will not be permitted to wear leggings that are too short, exercise tops, or bathing suits. The tournament director has the right to determine what clothing is appropriate.

IV. COMBINED RANKING

For an explanation of the way the Combined Ranking system works, see Attachment IX.

V. TEAM SELECTION

- A. The PRTA/CTA will select teams to participate in the following events:
 1. ITF World Junior Tennis, 14 and 16 year categories – 3 boys and 3 girls. ITF Eligibility Rule (calendar year).
 2. JITIC, 14 and 16 year categories – 4 boys and 4 girls. ITF Eligibility Rule (calendar year).
 3. USTA Intersectionals, 16 year category – 4 boys and 4 girls. USTA Eligibility Rule.
 4. USTA Zone Team Championship, 12, 14 and 16 year categories – 6 girls and 6 boys. USTA Eligibility Rule.
 5. USTA Boys/Girls National Team Championships, 18 year category.

- B. Teams that represent PRTA/CTA will be selected by the Junior Competition Committee, in accordance with the actual Combined Standing List at the time of selection and taking into consideration the endorsement criteria established in these regulations.
- C. Any substitution of team players will be based on the position that was occupied by the player on the Combined Standing List at the moment the selection took place.
- D. Players will be invited to form part of teams via a telephone call. Players will be allowed 48 hours from the time they were informed to notify their decision. This procedure is established as a courtesy to the next eligible player. If after having called a reasonable number of players on the Combined Standing List a team has still not been completed, the Junior Competitions Committee may invite another eligible player to participate in said tournament, following with the endorsement criteria established in these regulations.
- E. PRTA/CTA will assign one or more “coaches” for team events. “Coaches” will be held responsible for their players during the tournament, and for matters such as schedules, matches, practice and additional activities. Players’ parents who cannot accompany their children on trips will be responsible for making the necessary arrangements so that their children may travel under the supervision of a responsible adult. **The PRTA/CTA will make the hotel/trip/transportation arrangements for the “coaches”. Players must make their own arrangements for hotel/trip/transportation in accordance with arrival, housing, and departure guidelines that the PRTA/CTA specifies.**

VI. ENDORSEMENT

A. General Endorsement Rules

1. To be endorsed by PRTA or CTA, the junior player must have a Combined Standing List in the category in which he/she is interested in being endorsed by PRTA or CTA under the normal rules of the Combined Standing List and must be eligible to play the tournament for which he/she requests the endorsement.
2. The Endorsement Committee will have the discretion to endorse a player who, in deserving cases and under special circumstances (as determined by the Endorsement Committee), has not met the requirements of the ranking process.
3. A player who has not participated in junior PRTA/CTA tournaments and does not have a valid excuse will not qualify for endorsement.

4. The Endorsement Committee shall be able to impose mandatory conditions to grant the endorsement.
5. A player who agrees to represent the PRTA/CTA in international or national tournaments and retires without a reason that the Endorsement Committee considers valid could be penalized in future representations.

B. ENDORSEMENT RULES FOR ITF (INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION) TOURNAMENTS

1. To be able to participate in ITF sanctioned tournaments, the junior must have PRTA approval.
2. The necessary registration documentation for endorsement in ITF tournaments must be received at the PRTA/CTA office properly filled out 10 days prior to the registration deadline specified in the registration forms.
3. There is no guarantee that a player's registration will be processed if the documentation arrives at the PRTA/CTA office 10 days, or less, prior to the registration deadline.

C. RULES FOR ENDORSEMENT FOR USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The USTA Caribbean Tennis Association (CTA) has been assigned 2 spots in the four Level 1 tournaments considered USTA National Championships that are celebrated each year.
2. Each tournament's director will select the players who are to participate in these tournaments according to the Endorsement List published by the CTA before the deadline for the registration period specified in each tournament's registration forms.
3. To be included in the Endorsement List, the junior must meet the eligibility requirements of these tournaments.
4. It is the junior's responsibility to register to participate in these tournaments through Tennis Link. The method of selection for these tournaments is explained in detail in each tournament's internet page.

D. RULES FOR ENDORSEMENT FOR TEAM TOURNAMENTS

The Junior Competition Committee may take into consideration the endorsement criteria established in these regulations when selecting a team.

VII. PARENT & CHILD TOURNAMENT

A parent and child tournament is held annually. The categories to be played are the following:

- 10 years and under
- 13 years and under
- 16 years and under
- 17 years and older – Open Category
- Grandson/Granddaughter and Grandfather/Grandmother

This tournament is not taken into consideration for ranking. Thus, the Junior Competition Committee may establish registration norms or guidelines and other matters that are different from those established for PRTA/CTA Junior Open Tournaments.

VIII. OTHER EVENTS

Tournaments that are not official Junior Competition Tournaments but that are, nonetheless, managed by the Committee may be included in the Puerto Rico Tennis Association Junior Calendar.

X. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these regulations, the following terms will have the meanings stated here:

CTA – Caribbean Tennis Association

“Friend at Court” – An annual USTA publication in which the USTA Rules and Regulations appear. The version applicable to 2009 will be published in 2009.

ITF- International Tennis Federation

National Junior Tournament – A tournament that appears in USTA’s National Junior Schedule.

NJRS- National Junior Ranking System

PRTA- Puerto Rico Tennis Association

Standing List – A list that the Junior Competition Committee prepares periodically to rank junior players.

USTA – United States Tennis Association

Attachments:

- I. Table 6, "Friend at Court" (TABLE 6 – "Scheduling Guidelines for Junior Divisions: Maximum Number of Matches Per Day")
- II. Table 20, "Friend at Court" (TABLE 20 – "Suspension Points")
- III. Table 12, "Friend at Court" (TABLE 12 – "Point Penalty System Table of Code Violations and Penalties")
- IV. Table 13, "Friend at Court" (TABLE 13 – "Time Violations and Penalties")
- V. Table 14, "Friend at Court" (TABLE 14 – "Penalties for Lateness")
- VI. Table 15, "Friend at Court" (TABLE 15 – "Lateness after a Rest Period")
- VII. Table 16, "Friend at Court" (TABLE 16 – "Guidelines for Assessing Penalties")
- VIII. Points Table: local tournaments – validations
- IX. "USTA Combined Ranking Explanation:

The United States Tennis Association has approved a change in the ranking system for juniors that will take effect on January 1, 2008. In 2008, the USTA will no longer publish individual singles and doubles standings and rankings. Instead, the USTA will publish a combined ranking, which includes results from singles and doubles.

The USTA is making this change to encourage players to play more doubles and to reward players for their success in doubles. Moreover, the USTA feels playing doubles will help players with their overall development.

How it works

The new ranking system will include results from singles matches and doubles matches in all tournaments that are now included in the calculations for the National Standing List and the year-end National Ranking. The points earned in singles competition will be combined with the points earned in doubles competition to form one final point total that will be used for the National Standing List and the National Ranking. Players will receive credit for 100% of their singles points from their best eight (8) events along with 15% of their doubles points from their best eight (8) doubles events. The chart below describes how the system will work:

Player X (a player with better singles results)
Best eight (8) singles tournaments = 1500 points
Best eight (8) doubles tournaments = 1200 points
15% of 1200 = 180 points
1500 + 180 = 1680 total combined ranking points

Player Y (a player with better doubles results)
Best eight (8) singles tournaments = 1200 points
Best eight (8) doubles tournaments = 1500 points
15% of 1500 = 225 points
1200 + 225 = 1425 total combined ranking points

Preliminary Lists

Throughout 2007, the National Standing List and year-end National Rankings will be published as normal. Tracking of results for the calculation of the combined ranking will begin on January 1, 2007. The USTA will publish a preliminary unofficial National Standing List in June 2007 so that players can see where they would stand under the Combined Ranking. Thereafter a new preliminary unofficial National Standing List will be published monthly.

The first official list with the Combined Rankings will be published on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. This list will include all events that would be normally included in the calculation of the National Standing List from January 2, 2007. Monthly bonus point lists will be published as scheduled using the Combined Rankings. Tournament acceptance lists and alternate lists will be created using the National Standing List of combined rankings.

Doubles Promotion

Throughout 2007 there will be more information on the efforts to promote and encourage doubles play. It is anticipated that Sections may implement doubles-only tournaments to encourage play and give players valuable point earning opportunities.

Any questions about the Combined Rankings can be directed to your USTA Section Office or the USTA Junior Competition Department at 305-365-8782 or jrcomp@usta.com.”

Table 6 - Scheduling Guidelines for Junior Divisions
Maximum Number of Matches Per
Day

Match Format	12s Divisions	14s, 16s, & 18s Divisions	
All Matches: Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets	2 singles	2 singles + 1 doubles	
	1 singles + 2 doubles	1 singles + 2 doubles	
	3 doubles	3 doubles	
All Matches: Tiebreak in lieu of 3 rd set or Short Sets	3 singles	3 singles + 1 doubles	
	2 singles + 1 doubles	2 singles + 2 doubles	
	3 doubles	1 singles + 3 doubles	
		4 doubles	
Main Draw Singles: Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets	2 main draw singles	2 main draw singles + 2 doubles and/or Consolation singles	
	Doubles and/or Consolation Singles: 8-game Pro Sets	1 main draw singles + 3 doubles and/or consolation singles	1 main draw singles + 3 doubles and/or Consolation singles
		4 doubles and/or consolation singles	4 doubles and/or Consolation singles
Main Draw Singles: tiebreak in lieu of 3 rd set or Short Sets	3 main draw singles	3 main draw singles + 2 doubles and/or Consolation singles	
	Doubles and/or Consolation Singles: 8-game Pro Sets	2 main draw singles + 2 doubles and/or consolation singles	2 main draw singles + 3 doubles and/or Consolation singles
		1 main draw singles + 3 doubles and/or consolation singles	1 main draw singles + 4 doubles and/or Consolation singles
		4 doubles and/or consolation singles	5 doubles and/or Consolation singles
Combinations of singles, doubles, and consolation singles not shown above.	117 games, no more than 88 of which should be singles	117 games, no more than 115 of which should be singles	
If a player plays in more than one division, these guidelines apply separately to each division			

Main Draw with Feed In Consolation through Quarterfinals

		Validations			Local tournaments			
PLAYER RESULTS		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Champion	1	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	220	165	88	88
2 nd place	2	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	180	135	72	72
3 rd place	3	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	160	120	64	64
4 th place/SF**	4	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	140	105	56	56
FIC Champion	5	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	130	98	52	52
FIC Finalist	6	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	120	90	48	48
FIC SF	7-8	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	110	83	44	44
FIC QF	9-12	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	100	75	40	40
FIC QF Qualifying	13-16	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	90	68	36	36
FIC R16	17-24	165(4) 88(5)	165(4) 88(5)	88	80	60	32	32
FIC R16 Qualifying	25-32	165(4) 88(5)	135(4) 72(5)	72	70	53	28	28
FIC R32	33-48	165(4) 88(5)	120(4) 64(5)	64	60	45	24	24
FIC R32 Qualifying	49-64	165(4) 88(5)	105(4)56(5)	56	50	38	20	20
FIC R64	65-96	135(4) 72(5)	90(4) 48(5)	48	40	30	16	16
FIC R64 Qualifying	97-128	105(4) 56(5)	83(4) 44(5)	44	30	23	12	12
FIC R128	129-192	90(4) 48(5)	75(4) 40(5)	40	20	15	8	8
FIC R128 Qualifying	193-256	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIC R256		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**If there is no tiebreak for 3rd and 4th place, the semifinalist will receive points in this line. Players in each position receive points for wins as appears in this table.

(4) Amount of points in the validation of a Level 4 tournament

(5) Amount of points in the validation of a Level 5 tournament

TABLE 16
Guidelines for Assessing Penalties

	Action	Always Penalize	Generally Penalize	Sometimes Penalize
Racket Abuse	• Throwing a racket that, even inadvertently, strikes a person	X		
	• Throwing a racket into the fence or net		X	
	• Throwing a racket in anger or in any manner that could or does endanger any person or that damages any part of the court surface or equipment		X	
	• Breaking a racket		X	
	• Tossing a racket into the air			X
	• Tossing a racket at the player's bag			X
	• Bouncing a racket on the court			X
Ball Abuse	• Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play that hits a person	X		
	• Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play that leaves the playing area		X	
	• Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play in a manner that could cause damage or harm		X	
	Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play that comes close to Hitting a person		X	
A player who hits the opponent while legitimately trying to return a ball to the opponent should not be penalized.				
Audible or Visible Obscenity or Profanity	• Words and gestures that are considered patently offensive to court personnel, players, or spectators	X		
	• Reference to sexual functioning	X		
	• References to deities when associated with curses	X		
Verbal or Physical Abuse	• Physical attacks, even if no one is hurt	X		
	• Traditional fighting words	X		
	• Ethnic or racial slurs	X		
	• Reference to sexual orientation	X		
	• Attacks on the competence of an official		X	
	• Taunting		X	
	• Insulting or abusive words and gestures that are directed at a person		X	
	• Words and gestures that are disrespectful, disruptive, or intimidating such as a loud "Come on" or "Okay" after the opponent double faults or makes an error on an easy shot		X	
• Words and gestures that are in the face of a person such as a strong pumped fist directed at close range to an opponent		X		
Coaching	• Receipt of coaching	X		
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	• Retaliatory Calls	X		
	• Other unsportsmanlike conduct	X		

An official may immediately default a player for a single flagrant unsportsmanlike act. Examples of acts that may justify a penalty of immediate default include: physical attacks; injury to an official or player through an act of racket or ball abuse; and racial, religious, and sexual orientation slurs.

TABLE 20 Suspension Points		
	Violation	Suspension Points
Code Violations	Each code violation (point, game, or default)	2
Defaults*	Default for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct on or off court	8
	Default for refusal to play or continue to play (for reasons other than illness, injury, or personal emergency)	5
	Default because of an Adult Discipline	5
	Default for no-show	5
	Default for late arrival	1
	Disqualification for ineligibility	3
	*Suspension points for defaults are in addition to points previously assessed for code violations.	
Improper Entry or Withdrawal	Being entered when entries close in two or more sanctioned tournaments scheduled to overlap unless each Tournament Committee approves the multiple entries in writing	5
	Withdrawal from tournament after entries closed for reason other than injury, illness, personal emergency, or previously authorized entry into another tournament	4
Unsportsmanlike conduct	Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct on court after a match or off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, housing, or tournament sponsored event	5
	Not using best efforts to win	2
Gross Misconduct	Physical violence against another person on or off court by a player, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player	10
	Illegal use or possession of drugs	8
	Possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages	8
	Gambling activity (See USTA Regulation IV.C..18.)	8
	Destruction of property	9
Playing under suspension	Playing in any sanctioned tournament while suspended by USTA or one of its Sectional Associations	10
ITF Suspension Points	Each suspension point assessed at ITF tournaments becomes one suspension point under the Suspension Point System	1

TABLE 12
POINT PENALTY SYSTEM
Table of Violations and Penalties

Code Violations	Penalties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not resuming play within 30 seconds after a Medical Time-out. • Receipt of evaluation or treatment for one condition on more than two Changeovers or Set Breaks. • Taking more than two Medical Time-Outs during one stoppage of play. • Not resuming play within 30 seconds after treatment on a changeover or Set Break. • Not playing within 20 seconds of having been directed to resume play. • Passage of 20 seconds after any Time Violation. • Leaving the playing area for an unauthorized reason. <p style="text-align: center;">Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible or audible profanity or obscenity. • Abuse of racket, balls, or equipment. • Verbal or physical abuse of a player or official. • Coaching. • Abusive conduct by a player or a person associated with a player. (USTA Regulation IV.C.10. refers to this situation.) • Retaliatory calls (obviously bad calls made in retaliation for the opponent's calls). • Unsportsmanlike conduct (any other conduct that is abusive or detrimental to the sport). • Failure to follow the instructions of an official <p>Violation of any USTA Tournament Regulation (USTA Regulation IV.C.21).</p>	<p>Violations shall be penalized as follows:</p> <p>First offensePoint</p> <p>Second offense.....</p> <p>Game</p> <p>Third Offense.....Def ault</p> <p>A single flagrant unsportsmanlike act may be penalized by defaulting the player. See USTA Regulation IV.D.7</p> <p>A game penalty assessed during a Set Tiebreak results in loss of the set. If assessed during a 10-Point Match Tiebreak, this results in the loss of the match</p>

Time Violations	Penalties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay between points or after warm-up. • Violation of the 90-second changeover or 120-second Set Break rules. 	<p>Violations shall be penalized as follows:</p> <p>First offenseWarning</p> <p>Each additional violationOne Point Penalty</p>

**TABLE 14
Penalties for Lateness**

- **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.**

Lateness

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| • Both players equally late up to 15 minutes | No penalty. |
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| • Both players late but arrive at different times. | The penalty accrues on the arrival of the first player (A). The Opponent (B) loses the toss and one, two, or three games depending on the time elapsed between A's arrival and B's arrival. |
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| • Both players are more than 15 minutes late | |
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A player is deemed to have arrived until the player checks in at the place designated for checking in and is properly clothed, equipped, and ready to play.

The Referee shall start lateness penalty clock when scheduled match time has arrived, any court is available, and a player has not arrived. The Referee is no required to keep a court open while awaiting a player

**TABLE 15
Lateness After a Rest Period**

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| • Lateness of one player up to 5 minutes. | Game Penalty. |
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| • Lateness of one player for more than 5 minutes. | Default. |
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| • Both players equally late up to 5 minutes. | No Penalty. |
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| • Both players late but arrive at different times. | The penalty accrues on the arrival of the first player (A). The opponent (B) loses 1 game unless B arrives more than 5 minutes later than A, in which case B is defaulted. |
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| • Both players exceed 5 minutes. | The Referee may default both players. The referee may reinstate the match without penalties when both players are equally late. The Referee may reinstate the match and impose the penalties described above when both players are late but arrive at different times. |
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Main draw with First Match Losers Consolation

Player Result	Level 6
Champion	88
2 nd Place	72
3 rd Place	64
4 th Place/SF*	56
Quarterfinalist	40
Reached 16	32
Reached R32	24
Reached R64	16
Reached R128	8
Reached R256	0
Points Earned for Each Consolation Round Won	6

*If there is no playoff for 3rd and 4th place, the semifinalists will receive points in this row.

Main Draw with a Feed-in Championship through Semifinals

Player Result	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	165	88
2 nd Place	135	72
FIC Champion	120	64
FIC Finalist	105	56
FIC SF	90	48
FIC SF Qualifying	83	44
FIC QF	75	40
FIC QF Qualifying	68	36
FIC R32	45	24
FIC R32 Qualifying	38	20
FIC R64	30	16
FIC R64 Qualifying	23	12
FIC 128	15	8
FIC 128 Qualifying	0	0