

**USTA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SANCTIONED ADULT
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Contact for Adult Tournaments: . For information regarding sanctions, tournament regulations, or any other matters pertaining to the conduct of USTA/SCTA sanctioned adult events, please contact Madeline Segura (310) 208-3668
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“Friend at Court” (FAC)

This publication contains all the USTA Rules and Regulations. It is very important that you familiarize yourself with this information prior to running your event. FAC may be ordered from the SCTA office, or found on-line at www.usta.com.

Sanctioned Tournament Rules

Tournaments must comply with USTA and SCTA Rules and Regulations as listed below and detailed in FAC. **Any tournament that violates any SCTA/USTA regulations is subject to probation or loss of sanction.**

Please review the following:

1. When completing the on-line sanction application, a tournament director agrees to comply with all the tournament rules and regulations adopted by the SCTA and the United States Tennis Association (USTA).
Tournaments are required to use TDM, and post their draws on the internet.
2. After a sanction is granted, there will be no changes without prior approval of the SCTA. Changes made without prior approval may result in probation or loss of sanction.
3. The Tournament Director and the Referee of a sanctioned tournament may not be the same person. The tournament must designate a Referee. The Referee must be a person who is knowledgeable of the rules of the game and is familiar with the regulations and procedures for the operation of sanctioned tournaments.
4. Each tournament must have a Tournament Appeals Committee to decide player appeals of the Referee’s disqualification or unilateral default of a player. Refer to FAC for details.

5. The USTA Point Penalty System (PPS) must be used for improper conduct. Please refer to the current FAC for details.
6. USTA draw and seeding procedures must be followed. FAC lists all the procedures.
7. The draw must be posted during the hours of play. The first and last name of each player, as well as city of residence, must be on the draw sheet. Scores must be updated throughout the day as promptly as possible.
8. If a tournament is cancelled for any reason, the Tournament Director must notify the SCTA office immediately.
9. A player who withdraws 7 days or more before the scheduled start of the tournament is entitled to a refund.
10. If a tournament is cancelled for any reason, a player who has not played a match is entitled to a refund. If a player has played one match, the tournament is not required to refund the entry fee.
11. **Within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the event, the tournament director must send the surcharges of \$2.00 per player per event. Payments may be made online or via check. Checks must be payable to the SCTA.**

Membership

All entrants in sanctioned events must be current members of the USTA.

Insufficient Entries

If there are insufficient entries in a division, players must be notified and offered the option to play in another division. If they do not wish to do so, they are entitled to receive a full refund.

Junior Players in Adult Tournaments

If a junior enters an adult tournament, he/she may play in the Open division only. **Players eligible for junior tournaments may not participate in NTRP events.**

Lateness Issues

A player is subject to default at 15 minutes after match time (so long as there is a court available). The

player may appeal the default to the tournament appeals committee.

Example 1: This rule is often misinterpreted. If a match is scheduled for 9:00 am and player A has checked in and Player B has not, player B is subject to default at 9:15 am. If the player called the tournament desk with a legitimate reason for lateness, then the referee may allow additional time. (However, the player should be penalized under the lateness penalty rule).

Example 2: If a match is scheduled for 9:00 am (and you put your first 9:00 am match out at 9:00 am or before) and you are currently waiting for a court to open but Player A has checked in and Player B has not, Player B is subject to default at 9:15 am.

Lateness penalties are as follows:

5 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	Subject to Default

Supervision

Tournaments must provide **responsible adults** for supervision at the desk and of all matches being played. This applies to all sites of the tournament.

Warm-up

Match warm-up time should be at least five (5) minutes. Practice serves shall be taken during this time. Tournaments may extend warm-up if they wish and/or the schedule allows.

Rest Periods and Time Between Matches

Refer to the current FAC for appropriate rest periods for the divisions offered at your tournament.

The referee may authorize additional time when he/she concludes that the length of the match, heat, humidity, or other condition justify an extension.

Match Limitation and Scheduling

Check the current FAC for the number of matches allowed per day in the divisions offered in your tournament.

When a player is scheduled to play singles and doubles in the same day, it is preferred that singles matches be scheduled before the doubles.

Officials

Roving officials should be available to monitor play for adherence to warm-up times, unsportsmanlike conduct, scoring disputes, and to enforce the rules of tennis.

One official per every six courts is the recommended coverage.

It is recommended that rovers or court monitors have some kind of visible identification. All final matches should have officials.

Sportsmanship

It is the responsibility of each tournament director to notify the SCTA Sportsmanship/Grievance Committee (in writing) about any serious conduct violations or exemplary behavior. This way we can protect the rights of each player and recognize those who show good sportsmanship.

Insurance

Tournament Directors may request a certificate of insurance for their events. Please contact the section office and have the following information available:

Name, address and FAX of Certificate holder
Location(s)
Dates of Event

Special wording on certificate if required by the site

Example: Los Angeles Tennis Center, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers are listed as additionally insured as respects the activities of the USTA.

Certificates of insurance are not automatically renewed each year. You must request the certificate each time. Please allow 2-3 weeks for your request to be processed. *The earlier you request the better!*