

USTA/SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION POLICY STATEMENT

The chief responsibility of the Southern California Tennis Association is to promote and develop the growth of tennis within the section. This is accomplished by the encouragement of play at all levels, the organization of tournaments and leagues for players of all abilities, and numerous other activities.

As representatives of the Southern California Tennis Association, each and every player who participates automatically becomes our ambassador of goodwill and sportsmanship, and by representation both on and off the court, re-directs favorable attention and interest to our Southern California Tennis Programs.

"The important thing is not winning, but taking part; the essential thing is not conquering but fighting well." (Baron Pierre de Coubertin)

USTA STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Players, persons who appear to be associated with players (including but not limited to parents and coaches), officials, and organizers of any tennis tournament, match or exhibition have a duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship and are under an obligation to avoid acts which may be considered detrimental to tennis. Such detrimental acts include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (i) Entering two or more tournaments, matches or exhibitions scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or in part, unless each committee (or whoever is in charge) involved understands the situation and concurs in writing with such arrangements as are made;
- (ii) Entering a tournament with the intention of withdrawing if the player's entry is accepted in another tournament, unless the tournament committee for the tournament in which the player has entered understands the situation and concurs with such contemplated action;
- (iii) Entering a tournament and then failing to appear for a match (whether in the qualifying, main or consolation draw), except for illness, injury or personal emergency;
- (iv) Defaulting in a tournament (whether during the course of a match or prior to the commencement of a match), except for illness, injury or personal emergency;
- (v) After entries have closed, withdrawing from a tournament, except for bona fide reason;
- (vi) After the draw has been made, withdrawing from a tournament, except for illness, injury or personal emergency;
- (vii) During the course of a match, swearing at an official, a spectator or an opponent in a voice that can be heard by any person; using profanity, or obscene or abusive language in any way that may be heard by any person; using obscene, insulting or abusive gestures; throwing a racquet or deliberately throwing or hitting a ball in the direction of an official or the spectators; or threatening bodily injury to anyone.

SPORTSMANSHIP & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

It is the objective of the SCTA to further the orderly and fair conduct of tennis through the establishment of and adherence to the highest standards of conduct in all tournaments sanctioned by the Association, or where participated in by Association members, including out-of-section play. The Sportsmanship & Grievance Committee is charged with the responsibility of insuring that this objective is achieved by seeing that a firm but reasonable code of conduct is applied to all tournaments and players in a fair and consistent manner.

The Committee has the right to take disciplinary action, after complete investigation and with due process, in instances in which the Standards of Conduct have been violated.

Any interested party - tournament official, coach, player, parent or spectator - may file a report, in writing, with the Association office. Reports should be filed within fifteen days from the time of the incident. Reports of instances of exemplary conduct are most welcome, and will be considered in determining the winners of the annual sportsmanship awards.

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

The Southern California Tennis Association recommends that Tournament Directors of all tournaments sanctioned by the USTA/ SCTA make arrangements for officials through the coordinators in the various geographical areas. Contact information for the coordinators is available from the SCTA office at (310) 208-3838, or the San Diego District office at (619) 299-8647.

TOURNAMENT PLAYER INFORMATION

The USTA/SCTA uses the TennisLink system. All tournament results are in the system, and are used to calculate seeding lists and final rankings. It is extremely important that each player uses the correct USTA membership number when entering tournaments, since results will be tracked by membership number. A standard entry form is available under the "Tournaments" heading. Ranking and seeding lists may be found at under the "Rankings" heading.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The TennisLink schedule lists all of the tournaments sanctioned by the SCTA. Information is subject to change for a cogent reason. Every effort is made to keep the schedule and information up-to-date. **(Tournament Directors please note: Notify the SCTA office immediately of any changes in your tournament listing so that the new information may be published on the website.)** Every effort will be made to avoid scheduling conflicts. However, because of the number of member clubs requesting tournament dates, some conflicts may occur. If dates are available, member clubs in good standing (and ONLY member clubs) may request tournament dates, and must assure that officials sponsoring the events will do so in compliance with the rules of the United States Tennis Association.

TOURNAMENT SANCTION INFORMATION

During the designated sanction renewal period, all tournaments in good standing will have an opportunity to renew the sanctions for their events. Tournaments failing to meet the set deadlines may lose their sanctions. Tournament dates are set by the SCTA office, or by the San Diego District for San Diego County tournaments. Sanction forms are not mailed, but are completed and submitted through the internet. When applying for a sanction, Tournament Directors must sign a letter of agreement stating some of their responsibilities. They must agree to accept entries only from current USTA members. Expired memberships must be renewed before play. It is required that all Tournament Directors use the TDM program and publish their draws on the internet. It is no longer required that paper draw sheets be mailed to the office. However, within TEN days of the conclusion of the tournament, the Director must send in the surcharge of \$1.00 per singles player and \$2.00 per doubles team. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in loss of tournament sanction.