

USTA Suspension Point System

1. Application. The Suspension Point System shall apply to tournaments listed on the National Junior Tournament Schedule. It applies to conduct:

- during all matches (main draw, compass draw, consolation, qualifying, and doubles);
- during tournament activities;
- at tournament facilities; and
- at facilities, such as hotels, dormitories, and homes where players stay.

2. Suspension Points. The USTA Junior Competition Department shall record suspension points upon being notified of the following violations:

a. Code Violations under the Point Penalty System. For each violation under the Point Penalty System (USTA Regulation I.P.) (excluding Time Violations for delay between points, after warm-up, after a 90-second changeover, after a Set Break), two points shall be assessed for the following:

- Point 2 points
- Game 2 points
- Default 2 points

b. Defaults.

- Default for a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act on or off the court 8 points
- Default for refusal to play or continue to play for any reason other than illness, injury, or personal emergency 5 points
- Defaults because of an adult decision 5 points
- Default for no-show 5 points
- Default due to late arrival for a match 1 point
- Disqualification for ineligibility 3 points

c. Withdrawals.

- Entering two or more tournaments, matches, or exhibitions scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or in part, unless each Tournament Committee involved approves the multiple entries in writing 5 points
- Withdrawal from a tournament (singles or doubles) after entries have closed for any reason other than injury, illness, or personal emergency 4 points

d. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

- Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, or housing 5 points
- Not using best efforts to win 2 points

e. Gross Misconduct.

- Physical act of violence against another person on or off the court by a player, parent, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player 10 points
- Illegal use of drugs or possession of illegal drugs 8 points
- Possession or consumption of alcohol beverages 8 points
- Gambling activity (as defined in USTA Regulation I.N.18.) 8 points
- Destruction of property 8 points

f. Playing While Under Suspension. Competing in any sanctioned tournament while under suspension by the USTA or one of its Sectional Associations

10 points

g. Suspension Points Received at International Tournaments. Each suspension point assessed a player by the International Tennis Federation at tournaments not on the National Junior Tournament Schedule

1 point

3. Persons Authorized to File Suspension Point Reports with the Referee. The following persons are authorized to file suspension point reports with the Referee for offenses they personally witness:

- Tournament Committee members;
- Chief Umpire;
- Deputy Referees;
- On-court officials (including Roving Officials);
- Court Monitors, if specifically authorized by the Referee;
- Club or facility managers;
- Hotel or dormitory managers;
- Families housing players; and
- Player development staff.