

### **1. The Lateness & Same Day Cancellation Rule:**

Players who cancel the day of any match will be defaulted from that match with a 6-0, 6-0 score as well as get charged for the match. The Point Penalty System is in place for lateness and is to be enforced at all UTR tournaments. The lateness clock begins when the match is called to go out on court, as oppose to the scheduled match time. The PPS is as follows:

- 5 minutes or less late = 1 Game + loss of toss
- 5:01 - 10 minutes = 2 Games + loss of toss
- 10:01 - 15 minutes = 3 Games + loss of toss
- More than 15 minutes = Default

While the loss of game formula must stay in place for lateness by the tournament director, it is at his/her discretion to hold the default up to 45 minutes for extenuating circumstances. According to UTR and USTA regulations, an extension is never allowed beyond 45 minutes.

### **2. The Overrule Rule:**

Once a player has been overruled twice in the same match they are “in the code.” The 3rd overrule, a point penalty is assessed (a point is awarded to the opponent) in addition to the assessment of a COC/Suspension penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. On the 4th overrule, the player loses a game; after the 5th overrule, the player is defaulted.

### **3. Coaching:**

During individual competition, verbal or signals of any kind are prohibited, except during an authorized intermission (the 90-second odd game changeover is not an authorized intermission). Authorized intermissions include the 10 minute mandatory set break between the 2nd and 3rd set when a best two of three set match format is being used. Violation of this regulation renders the player and coach or advisor liable to disciplinary action, which may include disqualification of the player and/or removal of the coach or advisor from the premises. From the first point to the last point of the UTR match, there is absolutely no coaching / outside instruction permitted under any circumstances.

### **4. Bathroom Breaks**

Players are permitted maximum 2 bathroom breaks of less than 4 mins each. We do not encourage this and ask players to come to the court prepared and ready to be out there for 3 hours if need be.

### **5. Standards of Conduct**

General. Players, persons who appear to be associated with a player (including, but not limited to, parents and coaches), officials and organizers of any tournament are under duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. They are under obligation to avoid acts which may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis and the behavior of good sportsmanship and ethics is required at all times.

- a. No person shall verbally or physically abuse an official, a player or opposing parents and spectators. The Umpire, Referee, and any other official responsible for ensuring that a match is played under conditions which are fair to all players shall make certain that no parent, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player abuses an official or player.
- b. Official may request abusive person to desist or leave tournament area. A player who enters a sanctioned tournament or match consents to be penalized under the Point Penalty System for abusive conduct by a person who appears to be associated with the player. If the official observes the conduct, the official shall suspend play and request that the person leaves the tournament area. In a flagrant case the official may immediately direct the person to leave without requesting the person to desist.
- c. Point Penalty System applies to abuse. If the person refuses to follow the instructions to leave, then the official may penalize the player associated with the person under the Point Penalty System.
- d. No person other than the competing players may call lines, scores or verbally intervene at any point within the match. It is encouraged that spectators positively support the competing players and refrain from any distracting behavior on or around the courts.
- e. All spectators are permitted to silently sit in a designated seating area with seats that are a permanent fixture of the facility.
- f. Video recording of any nature is not permitted at any time within the Match Play situation. Please understand this is out of respect of both players and in place to respect the privacy concerns of both players.
- g. In the case that a player's line calls are questionable - after giving the benefit of the doubt on 2 occasions – the Official can be requested to be court side to observe fair play is taking place. Once they are comfortable they may leave the match to continue with their duties throughout the facility. Please bear in mind that there may be multiple matches in play at any one time.
- h. We ask that all players and parents understand that our objectives are to facilitate the development of players in a Fair and honest manner displaying the characteristics of fair play and good sportsmanship. Maintaining own line calls is a reality of Junior Tennis and we encourage players to learn to deal with any situations that may arise in the competitive environment.