

USTA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE Adult/Senior Competition II
CHAIRPERSON Kathy Langer
DATE/LOCATION September 5, 2010/Grand Hyatt, New York, NY; 10:33AM-12:10PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy Langer (Chair), Dina Ingersole (Vice Chair), Frank Kelly (Vice Chair), Dan Casey, Carol Clay, Steve Duffel, Susan Habeeb, Steve Hayden, William Kellogg, David Mathews, Carolyn Nichols, Richard Perry, Kline Sack, Sue-Anne Stuntz, Linda Temple, Laurie Covert (Council Chair), and Theresa Bowen (Staff).

Absent: Roz King, Ken Robinson, Lydia de la Rosa (ED Liaison)

Guests: Franklin Johnson (USTA Past President and current ITF Board Member), Francesco Ricci Bitti (ITF President)

Approximate Number of Observers: 10-15

Decisions Made (and primary rationale)

Motion to have Carolyn Nichols present the following list of approved requests on behalf of the Adult/Senior Competition Committee to the ITF Seniors Committee in November, 2010 effective January 1, 2011 where applicable:

- 1: For Grade 1-5, allow two methods of seeding: a) The “all factors seeding” as described in the 2008 ITF Seniors Regulations OR b) the seeding regulations described in the 2010 ITF Seniors Regulations
- 2: No IPIN fee for players who do not play outside their home country
- 3: Introduce doubles rankings and points for consolation and three/four playoffs for singles and doubles
- 4: Allow use of NGB certified referees OR White badges at Grade 1-5 tournaments;
- 5: Allow use of TDM OR TP to input match results
- 6: For Grade 1-5, recommend but do not require trainers and/or massage therapists and emergency medical personnel.
- 7: Allow USTA method of calling lines when there’s a solo chair umpire on a surface other than clay

Motion passed. Rationale for these requests is listed in SharePoint.

- Motion to remove the following requirement from criteria for considering whether a tournament should receive a Category II designation:
 - The tournament must follow all National Ranking Regulations. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to approve 2011 USTA Adult & Senior National Championships Schedule (8/27/2010) – Men. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to approve 2011 USTA Adult & Senior National Championships Schedule (8/27/2010) – Women. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to approve National Adult/Senior Family Doubles Tournaments. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to approve National Adult/Seniors OPEN & Mixed Doubles Tournaments. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to sanction Father (80 & over)- Son Doubles Hardcourt in Newport Beach, CA. **Motion passed.** A Call Item will be presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting.
- Motion to open for pilot Father (80 & over)-Son Doubles Clay, Grass, and Indoor. **Motion passed.**

Items Discussed Requiring Future Action

Detailed reports from each subcommittee can be found in SharePoint: Adult/Senior Competition > Private Documents > 2009-2010 > 2010 > Semi Annual

Welcome – Kathy Langer reviewed the history of the ITF issue for the committee and guests. A final decision for 2011 events will not be made until after the ITF Seniors Committee meeting in November, 2010.

Circuit Chairs – Dan Casey and Carol Clay. Circuit chairs are using wild cards to manage issues with the seeding lists. Results are ‘not as bad as expected’. Tournament directors and players still express concerns with increased cost as a result of white badge and trainer requirements, IPIN fees.

Surveys – Theresa Bowen. The USTA Adult/Senior Competition Committee is involved in an ongoing effort to assess the impact of complying with the new ITF rules. A Tournament Director’s survey is sent by e-mail upon completion of a tournament.

ITF Comment. Francesco Ricci Bitti, ITF President provided insight on the position of the ITF. One goal of the ITF is to provide common rules for international competition. They strive to provide a professional activity while maintaining the spirit of an amateur sport. He views issues with white badge officials, trainers, for example, as practical problems that can be managed. Franklin Johnson, ITF Board Member and USTA past president, commented that USTA is anxious to remain a full partner with the ITF.

ITF – Carolyn Nichols. IPIN fees are to cover expenses related to development of the tournament management program by ITF. Bill Kellogg suggested a function could be developed for TDM that would enable data to be exported and then imported to the ITF system. He will draft a proposal to the USTA Board regarding this enhancement.

Sanctions and Schedule – Theresa Bowen, Dina Ingersole, Frank Kelly. Subcommittee did a great job compiling the schedule prior to this meeting. Open Bid process will be in use for 2012 events. Information on the new bid process will be posted to web, e-mailed to section Adult/Senior Competition Coordinators, and covered during the 2011 Tournament Director’s Workshop in March.

Kathy Langer thanked everyone for a job well done.

Prepared by Sue-Anne Stuntz