



MIDWEST  
NORTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

# CODE OF CONDUCT REPORT

## USTA/NORTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

PLAYER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER'S DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ USTA# \_\_\_\_\_

TOURNAMENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TOURNAMENT REFEREE \_\_\_\_\_

### POINT PENALTIES

(Description of Point Penalty System Code Violation(s): \*2 Suspension Points Levied for each Code Violation)

Date	Draw	Code Violation(s)	Points Levied	Description of Violation(s)
_____	___ Singles ___ Doubles ___ Consolation	___ Point ___ Game ___ Default	_____	_____
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### SUSPENSION POINTS

(Description of other Suspension Points levied against player: (see reverse for table of Suspension Points))

Date	Description of Misconduct (by player, parent, relative, coach or other person associated with player)	Points Levied
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

REFeree SIGNATURE (or authorized representative) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# POINT PENALTY SYSTEM

## POINT PENALTIES

Point penalties will be imposed against a player for unsportsmanlike conduct during a tournament including, but not limited to:

- Unreasonable delays after the warm-up period, between points and when changing ends, and otherwise unreasonably delaying a match
- Audible obscenity
- Visible obscenity
- Violently, or with anger, hitting, kicking, or throwing a tennis ball or other equipment
- Verbal or physical abuse of any official, opponent, spectator or other person
- Coaching by a captain or any other accompanying person
- Any other unsportsmanlike behavior
- Retaliatory calls (obviously bad calls made in retaliation for the opponent's calls)

Following are the minimum Penalties for the above violations:

- First offense .....Point. ....2 suspension points
- Second offense .....Game .....2 suspension points
- Third offense .....Default .....2 suspension points

The imposition of penalties is primarily a function of the Chair Umpire, but the Referee may impose penalties in any unimpired or non-impired match on the basis of his own observations or those of his designated assistants. If a line umpire observes a conduct violation or is the object of unsportsmanlike conduct by a player, he shall as soon as possible, without disrupting play in progress, inform the Chair Umpire. The Chair Umpire will then make a decision under the Point Penalty System.

While normally the imposition of penalties will be in accordance with the basic table, a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act may result in the imposition of an immediate penalty, even a default, for first offense. Such a default, if declared by a chair umpire or a referee's assistant, is appealable to the Referee; if imposed by the Referee, it is appealable to the Tournament Committee.

A player may not appeal to the Referee a penalty imposed by the Chair Umpire until a third one has been imposed on that player or that team. A penalty on a member of a doubles team is considered to have been imposed on the team.

## SUSPENSION POINTS

Suspension points will NOT be levied against a player for actions of that player's doubles partner.

Suspension points will be recorded against a player for the following:

Defaults: In addition to the suspension points assessed under USTA Regulation III.A.8.b.i., suspension points shall be assessed for the following:

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

## Inappropriate Entry or Withdrawal:

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

Withdrawals from a tournament (singles or doubles) after entries have closed for any reason other than injury, illness or personal emergency .....4

## Unsportsmanlike conduct:

Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel or housing .....5

Not using best efforts to win .....2

## 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

Illegal use of drugs or possession of illegal drugs .....8

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages .....8

Gambling activity.....8

Destruction of property.....8

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.

Any player who receives 10 or more Suspension Points during a 12-month period shall be suspended for twelve (12) consecutive weeks from competing in any USTA sanctioned event within the Northeastern Michigan District. The player may also be suspended from participation in any District Team event (for example, the USTA/Midwest Section District Team Cup, etc.), Competition Training Center (or similar) and endorsement into a Midwest event (for example, Midwest Closed, etc.)

At the conclusion of the suspension period, 10 Suspension Points shall be removed from the player's Suspension Point record. All other suspension points shall remain and count towards a second suspension.

Second Suspension: If a player receives 8 suspension points within a 12-month period immediately following the first suspension, the player shall be suspended for up to six months.

It shall be the responsibility of the player to be aware of the number of suspension points the player has accumulated.

The player shall have the right to a hearing before the USTA/Northeastern Michigan District Grievance Committee. The request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Northeastern Michigan District office within ten days of the receipt of the notice of suspension.

The above violations are applicable to the main and consolation draws of all USTA/Northeastern Michigan District tournaments and competitions.



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