

## OVTA Policy for Team Cup and Midwest Closed

This document describes the parameters for players wishing to seek a Wild Card/exemption from participation in the Ohio Valley Junior District Championship tournament which is the basis for endorsement into both events.

**OVTA Philosophy:** The OVTA believes that a district championship tournament loses prestige and value if all players are not required to participate. The OVTA further believes that there are rarely valid reasons for a player to request a Wild Card/exemption from participation in the tournament and still receive the privilege of playing the Team Cup and/or receiving endorsement to the Midwest Closed. The process for requesting such a Wild Card/exemption is described in this document. The final decision will be rendered by the OVTA District President and is not appealable.

**PREREQUISITE:** The only players eligible to request a Wild Card/exemption from playing in the OVTA Midwest Qualifier are the top 8 OVTA ranked players on the Midwest Standing List in the age group for which the request is submitted.

**(A)** Examples of requests that might be considered appropriate include: injury, illness, death in the immediate family and entry into the main or qualifying draw of the ITA Grass Court Championships.

**(B)** Requests for a Wild Card/exemption must be submitted to the Executive Director at the Ohio Valley office before the deadline for entry in the tournament. Wild Card/exemption requests for injury or medical reasons must include an attending physician's documentation of the injury or medical condition and indicate the probability that the player will be recovered in time to participate in the Midwest Closed. The Executive Director will then consult with the Ohio Valley President and the President will decide upon the validity of the request.

**(C)** Any player who is granted an injury Wild Card/exemption from participating in the OVTA Midwest Qualifier will not be eligible to participate on a Midwest Cup team.

**(D)** A player who does not play and complete his/her final match in the OVTA Midwest Qualifier will not be eligible for endorsement to the Midwest Closed. The player will also be ineligible to participate on a Midwest Cup team. Play and complete is defined as playing all points including the final point of the match. A Retirement, Walkover or Default in the player's final match of the OVTA Midwest Qualifier will cause the player to lose eligibility for endorsement to the Midwest Closed. The player will also be ineligible to participate on a Midwest Cup team. There are no appeals to this requirement.