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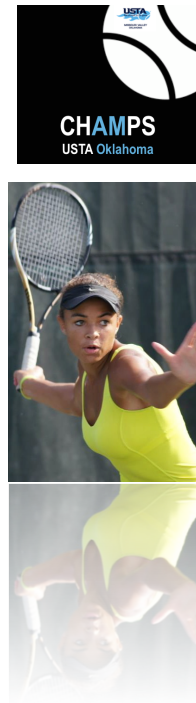
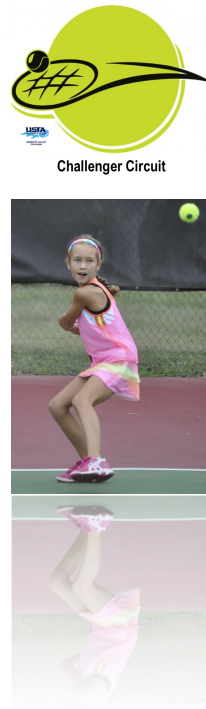


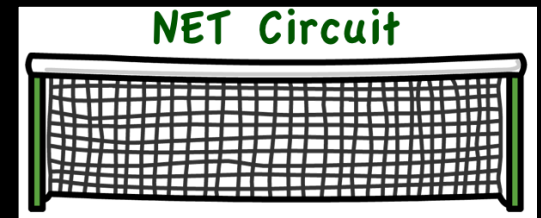
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NET Circuit



I am 7-18 of age, never played a USTA tournament or consider myself a beginner-intermediate player, where do I start?

These tournaments are non-elimination and played in a fun and exciting environment! This circuit is a great way to get educated on the USTA Oklahoma circuit and general information on the do's and don'ts of USTA tournaments.

1. Who can play the NET circuit?

- a. Look for any tournament that reads OK NET (Name of Tournament) BG8-18
- b. Anyone ages 6-18
- c. Beginner-Intermediate players that are new to USTA tournaments
- d. Out of state players may participate in a NET tournament
- e. Champ players are ineligible to play this circuit

2. Results from the NET circuit does not count toward any Challenger or Champs points



10 and Under



1. What is Smashers?

- a. The Player Pathway promotes play in red, orange, and green ball events and is structured in a way that will allow young players to remain at the appropriate level until they are granted advancement by way of age, results, or participation. It is the Missouri Valley's belief that this structure will give players more time to develop both physically and technically. A player who becomes competent in these regards will be able to work through the pathway in a reasonable time period.

2. U10 Orange & Green Ball Play

- a. . Go to http://www.missourivalley.usta.com/Juniors/rogy_player_pathway/ for complete rules and regulations.



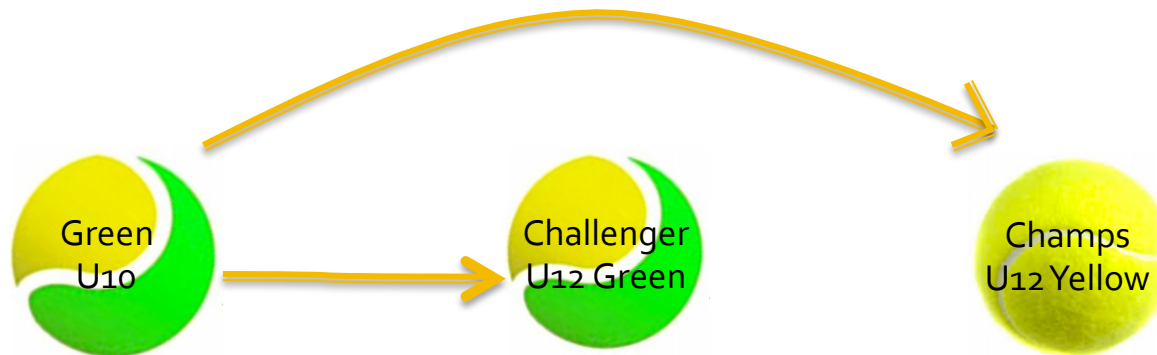
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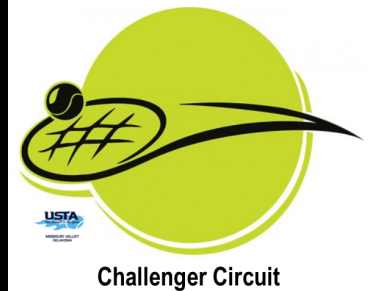
Criteria for BG10 players advancing to Boys and Girls 12 Challengers or Champs

1. BG10 player advancing to BG12 Challengers or Champs must meet the following:
 - a. Player earns 20 stars and/or trophies in U10 Green, OR
 - b. 5 (10 trophies) tournament wins in U10 green

A player is eligible to play BG12 Champs (yellow ball) if either (a.) or (b.) is met. However, they may continue to play BG10 Green or participate in BG12 Challengers (green ball).



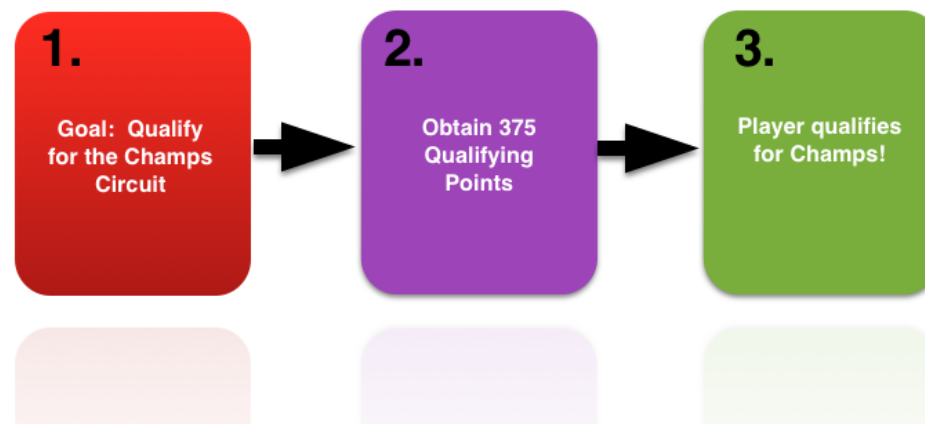
Challenger Circuit



I consider myself an intermediate player

1. Who can play in the Challenger Level?

- a. If you have never played a USTA tournament, we suggest you play a NET tournament first
- b. On the searchable schedule, look for any tournament that reads OK Challenger (Name of Tournament) BG12-16
- c. Players who have completed the U10 requirements (see U10 Smasher Requirements) may play in the BG12s with the green dot ball
- d. Challenger players may compete in any Challenger older division. BG12 playing up in BG14 must be 12 1/2. Points earned in multiple age divisions are not combined. For example: A player has 150 points in B14 and 50 points in B16. The 150 and 50 points are not combined.
- e. Champ level players who are re-qualifying. It is not advised for a Champ player to play up in Challengers until 2-3 months prior to aging up and only if you are on the borderline of not meeting the top 50 aging up rule.
- f. Out of state players may not participate in Challenger level tournaments



Challenger Circuit



I consider myself an intermediate player

1. How are points awarded and how to qualify for the Champs circuit?

- a. Each singles main draw match won earns a player 50 points
- b. Each singles consolation draw match won earns a player 25 points
- c. A total of 375 points in the best five (5) tournaments will earn advancement to the Champs circuit.
 - i. BG12 have the **option** to stay in the Challenger level after 375 points are obtained. BG14-16 must move up to the Champs circuit once 375 points is obtained.
 - ii. A BG12 player that has qualified can play both Challenger and Champ level tournaments. (This rule only applies to BG12s).
- d. Qualifying points are calculated on the best five (5) tournaments in a rolling twelve-month period.
- e. Only Challenger level tournaments will award players advancement points.
- f. Byes do not count as wins, therefore no points will be awarded.
- g. Challenger points do not carry over from one age division to another and challenger points do not carry over to Champ circuit.
- h. While in very rare occurrences, The Junior Competition Committee has the right to award a wild card to a Challenger player to move to the Champ circuit.

Champs Circuit



I am an intermediate-advance player, now what?

1. Who can play in the Champs Circuit?

- a. 10 and under players must complete the BG10's requirements (See Smashers) and then qualify for the Champs circuit through the Challenger level or win 5 U10 Smasher green tournaments.
- b. Oklahoma resident junior players who have qualified through the Challenger level.
- c. New resident players who have been approved by the Oklahoma District JCC.
- d. If you do not meet any of the above criteria, refer to the [Challenger circuit](#).



Champs Circuit



I am an intermediate-advanced player, now what?

1. District Championships – MV Level 4

- a. There will be four (4) tournaments called the District Championships – These are MV Level 4 designated tournaments.
- b. Doubles will be offered (Indoor tournaments will be subject to court availability)
- c. Entries closed to Oklahoma residents that have qualified through the Challenger level with the exception of two tournaments that will be pre determined by the OKJCC. These two will be open to the entire section.

2. OK Future Qualifier –MV Level 5

- a. There will be six (6) OK Future Qualifiers
- b. Each OK Future Qualifier will qualify one spot for MV Futures corresponding to the OK Future Qualifying date. MV will select district endorsed spots first and then the remainder of the entries will be taken off the MV standings list.
- c. OK Future Qualifier are closed to Oklahoma residents who have completed the Challenger process
- d. Players that appear in the top 25 of the most recent standings list will not be eligible to play.
- e. Doubles will be offered (Indoor tournaments will be subject to court availability)

3. Champ Tournaments – MV Level 5

- a. Any tournament that is OK Champs (Name of the Tournament) BG12-18 is a level 5 tournament.
- b. Champ tournaments are closed to Oklahoma residents who have completed the Challenger process

4. Team Events

- a. Team events will be selected on the most current MV Standings list at time of selection.

Champs Circuit



Champs Tournaments, Points and Standings

1. How are points awarded?

- a. District Championships will award Oklahoma Level 1 points and Missouri Valley Level 4 points
 - i. Any tournament that reads on the searchable schedule: OK (Month) District Championship BG (Age divisions).
For example: OK BG12-18 District Championship #1 MV Level 4
- b. OK Future Qualifier will award Oklahoma Level 2 points and Missouri Valley Level 5 points
 - i. Any tournament that reads on the searchable schedule: OK (Month) Future Qualifier BG (Age divisions). For example: OK BG12-18 Future Qualifier #1 MV Level 5
- c. All other Champ Level tournaments will award Oklahoma Level 2 points and Missouri Valley Level 5 points
 - i. Any tournament that reads on the searchable schedule: OK Championship (Name of Tournament) BG (Age divisions). For example: OK Champs Tulsa World BG12-18

2. Champs Standings List

- a. Champ level standings list will be determined by the five (5) best Championship level tournaments that in a rolling 12-month period.

Champs Circuit



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Champs Point Chart

Point Chart for Oklahoma standings

Description	Finish	MV/OK	OK DIST
Champion	1	660	500
2nd Place	2	610	450
3rd Place	3	560	400
4th Place/SF	4	510	350
Quarterfinalist	5-8	310	275
Reached R16	9-16	210	150
Reached R32	17-32	140	70
Reached R64	33-64	0	0
Reached R128	65-128	0	0
Reached R256	129-256	0	0

Champs Circuit



Champs Playing Up and Aging Up

1. Aging Up

- a. Players may stay in the Champs circuit aging up by meeting one of the two below criteria's:
 - i. If a player is in the top 50% (percentage) of the Champs circuit standings list in the younger or older age group at the first of the month of the player's birthday, they will stay at the Champs circuit and placed at the bottom of the older age group.
 - ii. If a player is in the top 50 (ranking) of the MV standings list in the younger or older age group at the first of the month of the player's birthday, they will stay at the Championship level and placed at the bottom of the older age group.
- b. If the player is at the bottom 50% (percentage) of the Champs circuit standings list in the younger age group at the first of the month of the player's birthday or does not appear in the top 50 (ranking) on the MV standings list at the first of the month of the player's birthday, they will need to re-qualify through the Challenger level.

2. Playing up

Players may play up in a higher age group in the Championship level by meeting one of the two below criteria's:

- a. If a player is in the top 50% (percentage) of the most recent Champs circuit standings list in the younger age group at time of tournament.
- b. If a player is in the top 50 (ranking) standing list of the most recent MV standings list in the younger age group at time of tournament.

Changes for 2017



Key Changes for 2017

- Rising Stars changed names to NETs.
- Beginning January 2017, Girls 12 challenger players with 175-350 will be grandfathered into Girls 12 champs.
- BG10 green players that complete their participation mission will automatically be eligible for BG12 champs (yellow ball)
- BG18 challengers have been eliminated. Players ages 17-18 will automatically be eligible for any BG18 champ tournament.
- The Junior NTRP will be used for seeding for champs and challengers.

Find a Tournament



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How do I find a USTA tournament?

1. Go to www.oklahoma.usta.com
2. Click on the Junior Comp picture
3. Click on the Find A Tournament picture
4. Define your Search
5. Click on the tournament you are interested in!

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Search

Advanced Search

Enter Zip Code, Tournament ID#, or Keyword

Select one or more search criteria if you need to focus your search.

Age Group: ☒ All ☐ Junior ☐ Adults

☐ Only show entry level events

Start Date: Month 2016

Location: City State

Search within Unlimited miles

Sanctioning: ☐ All ☒ Sanctioned ☐ Non-Sanctioned

Shortcut: Select a Shortcut

National/Section/District: Missouri Valley - Oklahoma

Division: Junior Divisions

Category: *All Tournaments

Surfaces: *All Surfaces

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Draw Types & Seeding



Seeding

- Champs & Challengers – Seeding will be off the Junior NTRP
- Smashers – No seeds

Draw types for Challengers and Champs

- 3-4 players – Round robin
- 5-8 players – Feed in consolation through the semis. *Note for Future Qualifiers, consolation semi final losers play off for 5th and 6th*
- 9+ player – Feed in consolation through the quarters with a playoff for 3rd and 4th
- Doubles – Single elimination except for draws that have 3 teams. A minimum of two teams needed for a draw to make.

Draw types for Smashers

- 2 players – If there are only two players, those two players will merge with the other gender to create a co-ed draw and will follow the criteria listed below based on total number of players.
- 3-5 players – One round robin bracket (*Refer to p. 74 of Friend at Court if 3 or more are tied*). There will be one 1st place finisher and one finalist.
- 6-7 players – Two round robin brackets with cross play (4th place finisher in 4-draw pool will not participate in cross-play). There will be one 1st place finisher and one finalist.
- 8-9 players – Two round robin brackets with no cross play. There will be two 1st place finishers.
- 10 players – Two round robins with no cross play. There will be two 1st place finishers.
- 11-13 players – Three round robin brackets with no cross play (*Refer to p. 74 of Friend at Court if 3 or more are tied*). There will be three 1st place finishers and three finalists.
- 14-16 players – Compass draw. There will be one 1st place finisher and one finalist.

Please note that draw types and scoring format may change due to court availability and weather.

Spectator Policy



In an effort to promote a more enjoyable and fair experience for all, the following policy is in immediate force and effect, and shall be diligently and stringently enforced. USTA Oklahoma has implemented a "ZERO TOLERANCE" policy for improper behavior.

1. Any attempt by a spectator to speak to an official/tournament director regarding a line call or other ruling during match play shall be cause for immediate removal from the playing area and, if warranted, from the premises.
2. Any spectator behavior deemed unacceptable towards a player, other spectator or staff member shall be cause for immediate removal from the playing area or the entire premises. If said behavior is directed towards a player, either before, during or after a tournament, it shall result in an automatic and immediate suspension of that spectator's right to attend USTA Oklahoma tournaments, for a period of time to be determined by the USTA Oklahoma Grievance Committee.
3. Refusal to adhere to a removal request shall trigger immediate enforcement of the point penalty system against the player with whom the spectator is involved (per point penalty system regulations), including possible immediate default.
4. The On-Site Official/Tournament Director is the SOLE judge regarding unacceptable behavior.

Umpire/Spectator communication, whether it be about a ruling or any other facet of a tennis event is prohibited while a match is in progress. Being a parent, coach, etc. does not endow special privileges. With the only exception of the right to remove their own child from competition at any time, a parent or coach is merely a spectator. REMOVAL IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL."

10 and Under Parent Rules



Junior tennis should be a fun and rewarding experience for our children. Character building lessons such as hard work, discipline, sportsmanship, and handling adversity are regularly on display. Parents of junior players should enjoy the time spent with their children and watching them develop not just into better tennis players, but into good citizens.

Parent Rules:

1. Parents may not speak to your child once they walk on the court unless you only have a positive comment such as "Good point!"
2. You are NOT allowed to speak to your child's opponent during the match unless you only have a positive comment such as "Good point!"
3. Coaching is not permitted! Some examples are "Keep the ball in play!" or "Take your time."
4. If your child has an issue with scoring, your child needs to ask the court monitor for help. *You need to inform your child of this prior to their match.*
5. If there is a scoring dispute, this is between your child, the opponent and the court monitor
6. If a parent feels there is a scoring error, you may not interject. This is up to the players and the court monitor.
7. Please understand, per USTA Friend at Court Rules, No person shall abuse a tournament official or player. The Tournament Official has right to request an abusive person to desist or leave the tournament area. 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.
8. Parents may not sit on the bench next to their child or opponent. Viewing may take place outside the court area or may be permitted to sit inside the fences in the corner of the court for orange ball only. Green ball, parents may not be inside the fences.

Please Remember:

These are kids
This is a game
Court monitors are volunteers
Umpires and Tournament Directors are human
This tournament is not the US Open

Champs & Challenger Doubles



How to register to play doubles:

1. Player must register for doubles (Player is not eligible for doubles if they only signed up for singles) by the deadline, Tuesday at NOON.
2. Once the deadline and selections have been made, the Applicant and Competitor list will be published.
3. Players (who registered for doubles) can then email the TD who their doubles partner is by Wednesday by NOON.
4. All other players without a partner would be placed in a blind draw.



District Tournament Policies



Policies:

- No late entries allowed. If you have problems registering for an event, contact David Minihan at ustaoklahoma@gmail.com prior to the deadline. Do not wait till the last minute to register.
- Sign up for the correct tournament. If you are not selected because you did not sign up for the correct level tournament (challenger vs. champs), it is considered a late entry and will not be accepted.
- No refunds after the deadline if a player withdraws from the tournament
- No refund will be given once the deadline has passed for reasons of inclement weather. The decision to cancel a tournament due to weather or unplayable conditions will be jointly made by USTA Oklahoma and the Tournament Director. Draw type and scoring adjustments along with cancellation of singles consolation and/or doubles might occur due to inclement weather.
- Draw type and scoring adjustments along with doubles cancellation might occur in indoors tournaments to ensure the tournament will be completed.
- Applicant list will be hidden prior to deadline. The Competitors list will be published shortly after the deadline. Players, coaches and parents may not request who or how many players are entered in the event prior to the deadline from tournament administration staff

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- USTA Oklahoma is committed in making all district junior tournaments a positive experience for both players and spectators. Before the start of each tournament, the district sends out a sportsmanship email to all participants that also includes the [Spectator policy](#) a two-minute Sportsmanship [video](#). In addition, the Oklahoma Junior Competition Committee has implemented a No Tolerance Suspension System for unsportsmanlike conduct that will be overseen by the Oklahoma Junior Sportsmanship Committee.
- Please refer to USTA Oklahoma Sportsmanship & Conduct for Suspension System. Appendix 1

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Appendix 1

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A. USTA Oklahoma “No Tolerance” Suspension System

i. Excessive Unsportsmanlike Conduct, but not limited to the following:

- a) Excessive – more than is necessary, normal or desirable
- b) Verbal abuse. Swear at an official, spectator, or an opponent in a voice that can be heard by any person;
- c) Visible or audible profanity or obscenity. Use profanity or insulting, abusive, or obscene language in any way that may be heard by any person or use obscene, insulting, or abusive gestures;
- d) Racket abuse. Throw or break a racket other than in the normal course of play;
- e) Ball abuse. Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play if the ball:
 - Leaves the playing area;
 - Hits or comes close to hitting any person; or
 - Could cause damage or harm.
- f) Physical abuse. Threaten or inflict bodily injury to anyone; or
- g) Other unsportsmanlike conduct

ii. USTA Oklahoma “No Tolerance” Suspension Penalties for the above violations (A.i.) – *The “No Tolerance” Suspension is defined under the rules and regulations of USTA Oklahoma. Additional USTA Friend at Court suspension points (B. i.) also apply.*

- a) If a player exhibits any type of excessive unsportsmanlike behavior (see A. i.) on or off the court and the acting Tournament Director or Official notifies USTA Oklahoma, this accused unsportsmanlike behavior will be reviewed by the sportsmanship committee. The player will be notified that this grievance is under review and will have 5 days to respond to the accusations. If player is found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, player will be suspended one month. If no tournament falls within the one month period (four weeks), suspension will be extended until one tournament (Circuit the suspended player is a member of) has been completed.
 - Refer to Appeal Process (A. iv.)
- b) If a player exhibits any type of excessive unsportsmanlike behavior (see A. i.) on or off the court and a grievance is filed by a spectator or player to USTA Oklahoma, this accused unsportsmanlike behavior will be reviewed by the sportsmanship committee. The player will be notified that this grievance is under review and will have 5 days to respond to the accusations. If player is found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, player will be suspended one month. If no tournament falls within the one month period (four weeks), suspension will be extended until one tournament (Circuit the suspended player is a member of) has been completed.
 - Refer to Appeal Process (A. iv.)

- c) If same player has two violations of unsportsmanlike behavior and has been reviewed by the USTA Oklahoma Sportsmanship Committee and they found the player warrants suspension: The player will be suspended six months from Oklahoma district tournaments.
- d) If same player has three violations of unsportsmanlike behavior and has been reviewed by the USTA Oklahoma Sportsmanship Committee and they found the player warrants suspension: The player will be suspended one year from Oklahoma district tournaments.

iii. "No Tolerance" Suspension Process

- a) The referee, roving official or tournament director may impose suspension points in any umpired or non-umpired match on the basis of his or her own observations or those of his or her designated assistants. If referee, roving official or tournament director find player is exhibiting excessive unsportsmanlike behavior, they may turn in player to USTA Oklahoma Sportsmanship Committee to review if suspension is warranted.
 - 1. Committee will determine if unsportsmanlike conduct was excessive based on the initial grievance. If committee determines that conduct does not warrant suspension, a letter will be sent to the parent of player informing them a grievance was filed but no suspension will be issued.
 - 2. If committee finds the player exhibited excessive unsportsmanlike conduct based on initial grievance filed, the following actions will take place:
 - Committee will notify player that a grievance has been filed and is under review.
 - Committee will interview tournament official(s)
 - Committee will interview other witnesses, if any
 - Committee will review any video taken during the match
 - Committee will entertain any other material relevant to the grievance
 - Committee will vote on suspension
 - If suspension is warranted, player will be notified by email and mail
 - If suspension is warranted, player will be notified by email and mail
 - Player has five (5) days following the receipt of the suspension notice to appeal. See Appeal Process (A.iv)
- b) A player, parent or spectator has the right to file a grievance to USTA Oklahoma of his or her own observations of a player exhibiting excessive unsportsmanlike behavior. If a player, parent or spectator find player is exhibiting excessive unsportsmanlike behavior, they may turn in player to USTA Oklahoma Sportsmanship Committee to review if suspension is warranted.
 - 1. Committee will determine if unsportsmanlike conduct was excessive based on the initial grievance. If committee determines that conduct does not warrant suspension, a letter will be sent to the parent of player informing them a grievance was filed but no suspension will be issued
 - 2. If committee finds the player exhibited excessive unsportsmanlike conduct based on initial grievance filed, the following actions will take place:
 - Committee will notify player that a grievance has been filed and is under review. The player will have 10 days to respond to the grievance.
 - Committee will notify player, parent or spectator that the committee plans to review and that a copy of the grievance will be sent to the accused player.
 - Committee will interview tournament official(s)
 - Committee will interview other witnesses, if any
 - Committee will review any video taken during the match
 - Committee will entertain any other material relevant to the grievance
 - Committee will vote on suspension
 - If suspension is warranted, player will be notified by email and mail
 - Player has five (5) days following the receipt of the suspension notice to appeal. See Appeal Process (A.iv)

iv. "No Tolerance" Suspension Appeal Process

- a) Upon receipt of a suspension notice, a suspended person or player will have the right to contact the district office to correct any errors in the record, and the right to appeal before the USTA Oklahoma Junior Sportsmanship Committee. To correct the record or to request a hearing, a suspended person or player must make a written request to the USTA Oklahoma Junior Sportsmanship Committee within five (5) days following the receipt of the suspension notice and mailed or emailed to the USTA Oklahoma Executive Director.
- b) If the Committee affirms the suspension, the suspension will commence the day after the committee has made a decision affirming such suspension.
- c) If an appeal is not requested, the suspension will commence the day after the expiration of the five-day period.

B. USTA Friend at Court Suspension Points

i. USTA Friend at Court Suspension Points for the F.1. violations

- a) Refer to Player Responsibilities and conduct of the Friend at Court (USTA Friend at Court Regulation IV.D, Table 17)
- b) A single flagrant unsportsmanlike act may be penalized by defaulting the player (USTA Friend at Court Regulation IV.D.7)

Frequently Asked Questions

If my child hits his racket on the ground one time in a tournament, will he be suspended? *No, hitting his racket one time on the ground or ball abuse one time is not considered "excessive," therefore he would not be suspended.*

Is the Sportsmanship Committee concerned that parents will abuse this "No Tolerance" policy and turn in players that they dislike or don't like to play against? *Parents' filing a grievance is not a new policy. It has been a USTA Friend at Court options for spectators and players for some time now. We understand there might be a concern with parents and players abusing the system, this is why there is a Sportsmanship Committee that will review the grievance and the accused player has the right to respond.*

What if the tournament director does not like my child and files a grievance out of spite? *This is why we have a Sportsmanship Committee. Just because a TD files a grievance, does not mean the player will be suspended. The committee has the final say.*

Can a child be suspended if they are being coached from the sidelines in between points? *Yes, if it is excessive. If umpire, official and tournament director has warned the spectator to stop coaching and they continue to do so, the player could warrant suspension and be coded (per Friend at Court rules and regulations. See B.i.). This is a form of unsportsmanlike conduct.*

Would you mind giving me examples of possible suspensions?

Sure, here are a few:

1. *Player has multiple ball or racket abuses*
2. *Player repeatedly uses profanity*
3. *Player showing disrespect to a tournament official by raising their voice in an abusive way*

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