

Policy on the Use of Certified Officials at Sanctioned Junior Tournaments

Purpose: This policy sets forth the requirements for the use of officials at USTA SC sanctioned junior tournaments.

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1. All junior tournaments sanctioned by USTA SC are required to have a USTA certified Referee, except for tournaments using only 10 and under tennis formats.
2. At USTA SC **Levels 1 and 2** Junior Tournaments, including all SC State Closed Championships, the Referee shall be assisted by at least **two** certified roving Umpires per **eight** courts. This ratio may be increased to **two per twelve** courts provided each Roving Umpire is supplemented by one or more Court Monitors. For every four Umpires there must be an additional umpire to provide relief.
3. For **Level 3** tournaments, the Referee shall be assisted by at least **one** certified roving Umpire per **six** courts. This ratio may be increased to **one per eight** courts provided each Roving Umpire is supplemented by one or more Court Monitors. One relief Umpire will be required for every four Umpires unless Court Monitors are used. When fewer than four umpires are used, the Referee should provide relief.
4. For **Level 4** tournaments at least **one** Roving Umpire shall be employed for each **eight** courts, and it is recommended that one or more Court Monitors be used. For **Level 5** tournaments the above usage of Roving Umpires and Court Monitors is recommended.
5. The use of Court Monitors is at the discretion of the Tournament Director. The training and scheduling of Court Monitors shall be the **responsibility of the Referee**. The Referee shall conduct a **short course of standardized training for** all Court Monitors **prior to the start of the tournament**. The Referee will not issue designated identification to Court Monitors until training has been completed. Additionally, the **Referee shall ensure that Umpires and Court Monitors are available to meet the minimum court coverage requirements throughout the tournament**, and that all alternate sites have no less than one official present whenever matches are being played. It is recommended that Court Monitors who are volunteers not be scheduled to work more than half-days.
6. The Referee and all Umpires shall be dressed in the standard USTA official's uniform, unless tournament-specific shirts, that are not worn by players, are provided for officials. Court Monitors shall wear the standard

lanyard/badge provided by USTA SC so they are readily identifiable by players and parents.

7. To allow the Referee to spend more time roving courts, Tournament Directors shall provide competent staff to operate the tournament desk and put matches on court. Such staff will operate under the supervision of the Referee.

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