

# USTA/EASTERN SECTION WESTERN REGION BYLAWS

## Article I. DISTRICTS

The Western Region consists of the following three districts:

- District 13 – Onondaga
- District 14 – Genesee Valley
- District 15 – Western

(See included counties under Article III of the USTA/Eastern Tennis Assn. Bylaws.)

## Article II. PURPOSE

Following the lead of the Section, the Region will focus its activities on the following:

- the development of tennis for recreation, fitness and athletic competition
- promoting interest and activity in the game of tennis
- assisting and maintaining local tennis organizations
- working in conjunction with all recognized tennis programs in schools and local municipalities
- communicating with all local tennis organizations and carrying out Sectional policies and objectives at the Regional and District levels

## Article III. MANAGEMENT

1. The Regional President must reside within the Region and shall represent the Section within the Region. In addition, The Regional President shall perform other duties and tasks as the President of the Sectional Association shall assign, shall coordinate the efforts of the District organizations within the Region in the work and programs of the Section, shall be involved with the selection and supervision of Regional staff, and shall report periodically on the foregoing to the Association.
2. The Regional Board shall be organized on a model similar to the Section's, and as defined in the Sectional Constitution and Bylaws. There shall be a Board of Officers composed of the Regional President, Vice President, and Secretary. (Treasury role is assumed by the Sectional office's accounting staff), all of whom are elected by the Region's member organizations. In addition, there shall be one District Delegate appointed from each of the 3 Districts. The Regional President shall act as Chief Financial Officer. He/she is responsible for preparation of a yearly budget which the Board of Officers shall vote upon for presentation to the Section. Once passed, the yearly budget shall be executed by the Regional President by applying to the Section for funding. The Regional President shall not deviate from any part of the Regional budget by over \$1000 without majority vote of the Regional Board.

3. There shall also be Committee Representatives to Sectional Committees as have been mandated by Sectional Bylaws, who are appointed by the Regional President. These shall be for Jr. Competition, Adult Competition, Diversity and Inclusion, USTA Leagues, Junior Team Tennis and Community Development with others as may be determined by the Board or Section mandate. . Regional staff serve as liaisons between the Region and the Sectional office but are not Board Members.
4. The Regional Board will meet at a Regional Annual Meeting and at least 3 additional meetings which may be conducted by email or phone. Meetings will serve to inform members of Sectional directives and communications, and to report and make recommendations on activities and operations within the Region.
5. A Regional Nominating Committee of three members, one from each District, with one member acting as Chairperson, shall submit by October 1<sup>st</sup> its nominee for the office of Regional President in the year of election, to the Sectional Nominating Committee. If no name is submitted by the Region, the Sectional Nominating Committee may make its own selection. In the event of a vacancy on the Regional Nominating Committee, the Chairperson shall appoint a replacement, even for his/her own vacancy and from the vacated District. The Regional Nominating Committee shall submit a full slate of elective Executive Board Officers and new nominating committee to the Region at that same time. Any slate opposing this nominated Board must be in accordance with Sectional Bylaws. No member of the Regional Nominating Committee may seek election as an Officer and only one may serve 2 consecutive terms.
6. All persons serving in a Regional or District position shall be members of the USTA and reside in the Region or that District.

#### Article IV. JURISDICTION

These Regional Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regional Board as long as all members of the Board have notice of the proposed amendment and are afforded the opportunity to vote. The Regional Bylaws shall be consistent with the Section's Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Orders.