

## 2016 Policy for Waivers

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Under the following special circumstances, Tennessee players may be waived from Qualifying Championships and receive endorsement to the Southern Closed. **Written requests must be sent to USTA Tennessee Director of Junior Competition ([tylerstrong@ustatn.com](mailto:tylerstrong@ustatn.com)) by May 15<sup>th</sup> and will be evaluated by the Junior Competition Committee. Waivers are given on a highly selective basis.**

- 1) Written requests for exemption due to injury, illness, or Personal Emergency will be considered. A Doctor's report must accompany any requests due to injury/ illness stating that in the physician's opinion, the player is not able to participate in the Qualifier but will be in adequate physical condition to participate in the Southern Closed. Players who are granted a Medical Waiver will be placed as an alternate on the endorsement list, but are not guaranteed to be endorsed into Southern Closed.
  - a. A player may only apply for a medical waiver (with doctor's note) twice during their junior career
- 2) Requests for waiver due to high caliber of play will be considered if:
  - a. A highly ranked player has the ability to compete in a higher level tournament during the same date as the Qualifier (i.e. National Tournament, Junior Wimbledon, ATP/WTB Event)
  - b. A player is ranked #1-40 or #1-10 in Southern

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## 2016 Endorsement Policy

### Endorsement Selection Process

The quota spots and alternates will be selected and ordered by the USTA TN Junior Competition Committee. The Committee retains the right to adjust if necessary. Juniors must play in the singles event at the Qualifier in the age group they want to be considered for selection.

The top 8 finishers at the 12-18s Qualifying (**semifinals of the Main Draw & Back Draw**) automatically qualify for the Southern Championships. The next spots in quota are determined by the player's result at the Qualifying along with their Southern ranking upon completion of the Qualifier. Head-to-Head results from the qualifier will **ONLY** be used in the event where two players reached the same round of the qualifier with the lower ranked player beating the higher ranked player –this would result in the lower ranked player being placed higher on the endorsement list.

The top 4 finishers at the 10U Qualifying automatically qualify and the next spots are determined by the player's result at the Qualifying along with their Southern ranking.

Players who receive Medical Waivers will be placed on the endorsement list, but will not automatically be endorsed. Players who receive Waivers due to high caliber of play, will be placed at the top of the endorsement list. All players wanting to be considered for selection must have applied to the USTA Southern Closed in their age division.