

Suspension Point System:

Application: The Suspension Point System shall apply to tournaments listed on the USTA North Carolina Schedule.

It applies to conduct:

- During all matches (main draw, compass draw, consolation, qualifying and doubles)
- During tournament activities
- At tournament facilities and
- At facilities, such as hotels, dormitories and homes where players stay

Suspension Points: The USTA North Carolina Junior Department shall record suspension points upon being notified of the following violations:

Code Violations under the Point Penalty System For each violation under the Point Penalty System (USTA Regulation I.P.)(excluding Time Violations for delay between points, after warm-up, after a 90-second changeover, after a Set Break), two points shall be assessed for the following:

- Point.....2 points
- Game.....2 points
- Default.....2 points

Defaults/Retirements*

- Defaults for a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act on or off the court.....8
- Default for refusal to play or continue to play for any reason other than illness, injury, or personal emergency.....5
- Default for no-show.....5
- Default due to late arrival for a match.....1
- Disqualification for ineligibility.....3

*Suspension points for defaults/retirements are in addition to points previously assessed for code violations

Withdrawals

- Entering two or more tournaments, matches, or exhibitions scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or in part, unless each Tournament Committee involved approves the multiple entries in writing
First Offense.....2 Second Offense.....5
- Withdrawal from a tournament (singles or doubles) after entries have closed for any reason other than injury, illness or personal emergency.....4

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- Conduct immediately following the conclusion of a match, i.e., before the player has left the court, for which a Code Violation would have been assessed during the match (ball abuse, racquet abuse, audible obscenity, etc.)2
- Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, housing, or tournament sponsored event.....5
- Not using best efforts to win.....2

Gross Misconduct

- Physical act of violence against another person on or off the court by a player, parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player.....10
- Commission of any conduct offense that results in an **“immediate default”**, either during a match or at any other time on the tournament site.....10
- Commission of any conduct offense that results in an **“immediate default”**, even if the player has no matches remaining, at any time on the tournament site.....10
- Illegal use of drugs or possession of illegal drugs.....8
- Possession or consumption of alcohol beverages.....8
- Gambling activity (as defined in USTA Regulation IV.C.19.....8
- Destruction of property.....9

Playing While Under Suspension

- Competing in any sanctioned tournament while under suspension by the USTA or one of its Sectional Associations...10

Suspension Points Received at International Tournaments

- Each suspension point assessed a player by the International Tennis Federation at tournaments not on the National Junior Tournament Schedule.....1

Persons Authorized to File Suspension Point Reports with the Referee. The following persons are authorized to file suspension point reports with the Referee for offenses they personally witness:

- Tournament Committee members
- Chief Umpire
- Deputy Referees
- On-court officials (including Roving Officials)
- Court Monitors, if specifically authorized by the Referee
- **“Immediate default”** results from gross misconduct including, but not limited to, profane or obscene verbal abuse of an official or opponent physical abuse of an official or opponent; and use of ethnic, racial ,or gender-repeated slurs.
- Club or facility managers
- Hotel or dormitory managers
- Families housing players
- USTA staff

If a player receives ten or more Suspension Points during a twelve month period, he/she will be suspended from USTA North Carolina sanctioned events for twelve (12) weeks. The suspended player shall not be eligible for endorsement to the Southern closed during the suspension period. 2/2013