



PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**2009 JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES**

The USTA Pacific Northwest sanctions junior tournaments at three (3) levels: Rookie (beginners), Challenger (intermediate) and Championship (advanced). A player must be a member of the USTA to compete in USTA sanctioned tournaments. A player must compete according to USTA age group regulations and should participate at a tournament level that offers the best opportunity for development as a person and a player. Please refer to the age eligibility criteria below to assure you are playing in the proper division.

**It is the responsibility of the participant to fully understand all criteria before entering a tournament. Participants should contact the tournament director regarding scheduling, start times, as well as overall tournament commitment before signing up for any event.**

**Age Division Eligibility for 2009**

The USTA adopted a "month-of-birth" age eligibility rule in 1999 for all junior players competing in any USTA sanctioned events. This rule applies to all local, district, sectional and national USTA sanctioned events. This means junior players who are 10, 12, 14, 16, or 18 years old may continue to play in their age divisions until the last day of the preceding month that they turn 11, 13, 15, 17, or 19 respectively. EXAMPLE - a player turns 13 on April 15, 2009. That player would be eligible to play in the 12s age group through March 31, 2009.

Division	Born	End of Eligibility
18-and-under	1990	Last day of the preceding month of 19th birthday
18-and-under	1991	Eligible all year
16-and-under	1992	Last day of the preceding month of 17th birthday
16-and-under	1993	Eligible all year
14-and-under	1994	Last day of the preceding month of 15th birthday
14-and-under	1995	Eligible all year
12-and-under	1996	Last day of the preceding month of 13th birthday
12-and-under	1997	Eligible all year
10-and under	1998	Last day of the preceding month of 11th birthday
10-and under	1999	Eligible all year

**USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Suspension Point System**

In 2008, the USTA Pacific Northwest (USTA/PNW) adopted a "Zero-tolerance" policy for junior withdrawals and defaults. Illness, injury, and/or personal emergency will no longer be accepted for withdrawals and defaults. All withdrawals and defaults will be penalized under the suspension point system.

The USTA Pacific Northwest Suspension Point System is in effect at all sanctioned junior tournaments in the section and will be used in all singles and doubles matches (main draw, consolation and qualifying). It applies to conduct: during matches, during tournament activities, at tournament facilities and at facilities such as hotels, dormitories, and homes where players stay.

Persons authorized to file suspension point reports with the referee and Director of Junior Player Development (DJPD) are: tournament committee members (tournament director, tournament referee), deputy referee, on-court umpires, club or official hotel managers, members of the Youth Competition Committee, members of the USTA/PNW Board of Directors, USTA/PNW Executive Director, DJPD and the Junior Player Development Coordinator. All of the above persons will report only on violations personally witnessed by them.

### **Suspension Point Schedule**

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

**Default. All defaults, for any reason, count in a player’s suspension point record**

- Default for a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act on or off the court.....12
- Default for refusal to play or continue to play for any reason .....3
- Defaults because of an adult decision.....3
- **Default for no-show.....5**
- Default due to late arrival for a match.....3

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.....3
- Withdrawal from a tournament (singles or doubles) after entries have closed.....2
- Withdrawal after the draw has been made.....3

Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

- Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, or other housing.....5
- Not using best effort to win.....5
- Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct by parent, relative or coach (including coaching).....5

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
- Illegal use of drugs or possession of illegal drugs.....10
- Possession or consumption of alcohol beverages.....8

- Destruction of property.....10

Playing While Under Suspension. Competing in any sanctioned tournament while under suspension by the USTA or one of its Sections.....12

National tournaments. Suspension points received at National events count within the USTA Pacific Northwest.

**Notice of Points Accrued** – The JPDM will inform affected players and their parents when six (6), eight (8) and ten (10) suspension points have been accrued. Note: Due to delay in receiving documentation, a player may accumulate additional points before being notified when he or she is at 6, 8 or 10 points. Therefore, all players must rely on their own records of suspension points to avoid actual suspension. Players and parents can request copy of that player’s suspension point record to review for discrepancy at any time. Any disputes must be in writing and addressed to the JPDM and Sportsmanship Committee at the USTA/PNW Office.

**Player Suspension**

If a player accumulates 12 or more points within any 12-month period, he or she will be suspended for the first time according to the following schedule:

**1st Suspension** – 1 month including no endorsement to national surface tournaments or team events during this period.

**2nd Suspension** – 3 months, including no endorsement to national surface tournaments or team events during this period.

**Subsequent Suspensions** – Minimum of one year or up to duration of junior’s career and all subsequent National events (upon review of Sportsmanship Committee).

After the first suspension, a player’s record will be cleared. However, a player will be suspended a second time for a duration of 3 months if 6 or more points accumulate during the 12 month period immediately following the first suspension.

Subsequent suspensions – if a player receives 6 points within the 12-month period immediately following the second suspension (and any suspensions subsequent to the second suspension), the player shall be suspended from competing in USTA sanctioned events for a period to be determined by the Sportsmanship committee. The suspension period shall not be less than one year and may be up to the remainder of the player’s junior career.

**Suspension Period**

The suspension period shall begin on the date of the last infraction or last tournament played; whichever is more recent.

**Appeal Following Suspension**

A player may appeal his or her suspension in writing to the Sportsmanship Committee of the USTA/PNW. All such appeals must be received at the USTA/PNW office no later than 14 days after the date of the original suspension notice.

## **Sportsmanship Committee**

The Sportsmanship Committee is the Sub-Committee of the USTA/PNW Youth Competition Committee.

## **Rookie Level Rules**

Rookie level events are for the novice competitor who is just getting introduced to tournament match play. Rookie level competitors should have a basic knowledge of play such as keeping score and some understanding in format of play. Skill sets will vary greatly in the Rookie level. If a player is uncertain whether or not this is the most appropriate level, the player should contact a certified teaching professional or the section's Player Development Director for assistance. **Championship level players may not compete in Rookie tournaments in either singles or doubles.** Once a player participates in a Championship level event they may NO longer participate at the Rookie level, unless they receive a waiver from the USTA Pacific Northwest Youth Competition Committee.

Challenger participants can float between the Rookies and Challenger levels of competition until they achieve a Challenger Level Standing in the top 30 of the Challenger level at the beginning of a month in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups. Upon achieving a top 30 Standing in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups, a player cannot float between ANY of the levels of competition for the remainder of the month in which the top 30 standing was achieved. This means that if you have a top 30 standing in the Challenger 12s you may NOT play in the 12,14, 16 or 18 age division in the Rookie level. If a player's Challenger Level Standing drops below the top 30, he/she can float between the Challenger and Rookie levels during that particular month. 10-and-under age groups may float continuously throughout 2009 regardless of their Standing in the Challenger Level. This rule applies to players in the 10 and under age group ONLY.

### **2009 Junior Rookie Tournament Information**

1. Rookie tournaments are for beginning juniors or those with limited playing experience.
2. Format of play and tournament structure will vary greatly from tournament to tournament.
3. Players and parents should understand that Rookie Level events are about exposure to tournament play and look to these events as learning experiences.
4. Players may use the standard entry form that is available in a PDF file if an official entry blank is unavailable.
5. Players are limited to one singles and/or one doubles event per tournament.
6. Consolation rounds MUST be played when offered, otherwise the tournament will not count as a tournament completed.
7. Standard entry fees for all Rookie tournaments: \$18 for singles and \$20 per team doubles, combined fee of \$35 + Active.com processing fee.

8. Players are encouraged to register for events online whenever possible at [www.pnw.usta.com](http://www.pnw.usta.com).

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The Standing List will be used exclusively for all Junior Tournament Seeding. The Standing list will only count a player's best of six tournaments in the rolling calendar. Please reference page 6 for rolling calendar.

Challenger level events are for the junior with intermediate competitive skills who has some tournament experience at the Rookie level but does not feel ready for the highly competitive Champ level. Challenger level players have a complete understanding of scoring and format of play. This level of player needs to gain experience in strategy of match play as well as a greater knowledge in completing their tennis skill sets during competitive circumstances.

After a tournament draw has been published online, a player cannot withdraw from the event without incurring Suspension points. Players listed in the draw will not be removed from the draw unless an individual can be pulled from the alternate list or there is a death of an immediate family member. Further, once the draw has been published no refunds will be given. If a player withdraws from a tournament prior to the draw having been published, refunds must be processed by the tournament director. Please note that it is important for tournament directors to publish their tournament draws 5 to 10 days before the start of the tournament.

### **2009 Junior Challenger Tournament Information**

1. To be eligible for ranking at the end of the year, a player's primary legal residence must be within the USTA Pacific Northwest boundaries for at least six (6) continuous months.
2. First round matches of a tournament will begin as late as possible if an event is held on a school day during the school year. **Players MUST be prepared to play matches as scheduled.** This may require that players miss school and it is the responsibility of the player to contact the tournament director prior to entering the tournament if this is a concern.
3. Consolation rounds are mandatory for all Challenger level tournaments. Players are required to play consolation rounds otherwise that tournament will not count as a tournament completed for ranking purposes.

### **Jr. Challenger Sectionals**

Jr. Challenger Sectionals is open to all players who meet the following criteria:

- Permanently reside within the boundaries of the section.
- Have fulfilled all residency requirements.
- Have completed one tournament and have one match win.
- Have not participated in any country's national championships within the current ranking year.
- Champ players who do NOT have a top 30 standing in the previous month's Standing list.
- You cannot hold a top 10 Standing in another country ranking/standing system.

### **Points Per Round Ranking System - Challenger**

Challenger players will compete at tournaments using the Points Per Round Ranking System. As tournament participants proceed through a tournament they will receive points depending on the last round they won a match (please see table below). The highest point total from a player's best six (6) tournaments will be utilized to give a player a year-end ranking.

Player Result		Challenger Level Tournaments	Challenger Sectionals
Champion	1	88	132
2nd Place	2	72	108
3rd Place	3	64	96
4th Place/SF*	4	56	84
Quarterfinalist	5-8	40	60
Reached R16	9-16	32	48
Reached R32	17-32	24	36
Reached R64	33-64	16	27
Reached R128	65-128	8	12
Reached R256	129-256	0	0
Points Per Round Earned for Each Consolation Match Won		5	5
Round Robin	Per Win	20	20

\*If no playoff for 3rd and 4th place, the semifinalists will receive points in this row.

### **Rolling/Combined Standings**

**Beginning January 1, 2009, the ranking system will move to a Combined Ranking system still under the 12 Month Rolling Standing heading. The new ranking system will include results from singles matches and doubles matches in all sanctioned tournaments. The points earned in singles competition will be combined with the points earned in doubles competition to form one final point total that will be used to calculate the 12 Month Rolling Standing list. Players will receive credit for 100% of their points from their best six (6) singles events along with 15% of their points from their best six (6) doubles events. Standings will be published on the 1st and 3rd**

**Wednesday of every month. Significant win points for the current month will be calculated using only the 2nd Wednesday's standing of the previous month.**

**For Example:**

**Player X (a player with better singles results)**

**Best six (6) singles tournaments = 1000 points**

**Best six (6) doubles tournaments = 500 points**

**15% of 500 = 75 points**

**1000 + 75 = 1075 total combined standing points**

**Player Y (a player with better doubles results)**

**Best six (6) singles tournaments = 500 points**

**Best six (6) doubles tournaments = 1000 points**

**15% of 1000 = 150 points**

**500 + 150 = 650 total combined standing points**

### **Tiebreak Rules**

Tiebreaks for Standing, Endorsement and End of Year Ranking Lists will be determined as follows:

1. Player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc. through six events.
2. Total Bonus points earned in all events played during the computation period.
3. Highest single opponent bonus earned, second highest, third highest, etc.
4. Head-to-head results from 12 Month Rolling Standing List.
5. Best random draw number.

## **Championship Level Rules**

Champ level events are for the advanced junior competitor. The Champ player should have a good understanding of match play as well as match strategies. Participants should have a solid understanding of groundstrokes, the serve and volley production. **This is a highly competitive level of participation.**

### **2009 Junior Championship Tournament Information**

1. Entries into Champ events must be received two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tournament unless otherwise stated under the tournament listing or on the entry form.
2. Players can be limited to one singles and/or doubles event per tournament at the discretion of the tournament director. **Note: You may only enter 1 singles and 1 doubles in ALL Dual Level 5 events.**
3. Players may elect to play in more than one age division per tournament. Although players may NOT exceed daily match restrictions as specified in the "Friend At Court" as well as the "Standards for Sanctioned Tournament" portion of the USTA Pacific Northwest Player Handbook. It is the responsibility of both the player and tournament director to determine the feasibility of play in additional age divisions within the restricted guidelines of maximum daily play.

4. Consolation rounds are mandatory for all Champ level tournaments. Players are required to play consolation rounds otherwise that tournament will not count as a tournament completed for ranking purposes.

5. Tournaments indicating limited entries will follow the below USTA rules regarding selection of entrants:

- When the number of entrants exceeds the number to which the draw is limited, the tournament committee shall determine who is placed in the draw by consulting the most current USTA Pacific Northwest Standing List for the appropriate age and gender.
- DATES OF RECEIPT OF ENTRIES WILL NOT BE USED AS A CRITERIA PROVIDED THE ENTRIES OF ALL THOSE CONSIDERED WERE RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

6. First-round matches of sanctioned tournaments will begin as late as possible if an event is held on a school day during the school year. **Players MUST be prepared to play matches as scheduled.**

#### **Players Required to Play Champ Level Tournaments**

1. Players that competed at the Champs level in the 18, 16, 14 and/or 12 singles division in a previous ranking year and hold a standing in the top 30 of the B/G 18, 16, 14, or 12 divisions of competition.
2. Players that permanently reside outside the USTA Pacific Northwest unless you have prior authorization from the USTA/PNW DJPD

#### **Players That May Play Champ Level Tournaments**

**Championship participants can float between the Rookies and Challenger levels of competition until they achieve a Championship Level Standing in the top 30 of the Challenger level at the beginning of a month in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups. Upon achieving a top 30 Standing in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups, a player cannot float between ANY of the levels of competition for the remainder of the month in which the top 30 standing was achieved. This means that if you have a top 30 standing in the Championship 12s you may NOT play in the 12,14, 16 or 18 age division in the Challenger level. If a player's Championship Level Standing drops below the top 30, he/she can float between the Championship and Challenger levels during that particular month. 10-and-under age groups may float continuously throughout 2009 regardless of their Standing in the Championship Level. This rule applies to players in the 10 and under age group ONLY.**

#### **Championship Year-end Ranking Information and Criteria**

1. The section's ranking year is January 1 to December 31.
2. Only results from tournaments sanctioned by the section are considered for ranking purposes.
3. Ranking age divisions are Boys and Girls 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18.
4. Players must be current USTA members and be registered in the USTA Pacific Northwest.

5. A player's primary legal residence must be within the section's boundaries for at least six (6) continuous months of the ranking year. Any exceptions would be subject to review by the section's Player Development Director and Youth Competition Committee.

**Champs Singles Year-end Ranking Requirements**

1. Complete a minimum of six (6) USTA/PNW sanctioned Champ tournaments. (This rule applies to those who participated and completed Jr. Sectionals)
2. Win a combined minimum of six (6) main draw and/or consolation matches.
3. Complete at least one (1) tournament outside the player's home area. Areas are defined by county boundaries throughout the section. Areas included are:
  - Eastern Washington
  - Northwest Washington
  - Southwest Washington
  - Northern Oregon
  - Southern Oregon
  - British Columbia
  - Alaska
4. The Junior Sectional Championships DOES COUNT as a tournament completed for ranking requirement.
5. A Champs participant not taking part in the Junior Sectional Tournament may still achieve a year-end ranking by completing nine (9) events inside an age division, within the current ranking year, two of which must be outside their home area. They must win a combined minimum of six (6) main draw and/or consolation matches.

**Other Champ Rules**

1. Champ players are not allowed to participate in Rookie tournaments in singles or doubles. Champ players competing at the Rookie level are subject to disciplinary action by the section's Sportsmanship Committee, which may include the assessment of Suspension Points.
2. Players transferring into the USTA Pacific Northwest must contact the Player Development Director for placement into the appropriate level of junior competition.
3. Players uncertain as to which level of competition is the most appropriate for them should contact the Player Development Director.

**2009 Points Per Round Ranking System**

Since 2006, the USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Championship level has utilized the Points Per Round Ranking System. Players receive points as they proceed through an event by winning rounds and recording match wins over ranked participants. Points received in Level 3, Level 4, and Dual Level 5 events (please see Champs Tournament Schedule for a listing of these events) count toward a player's standing/ranking within the Pacific Northwest.

A player wishing to establish a national ranking may utilize these points as well, from these levels only. In 2009, there will be 12 events in the USTA/PNW that players may utilize for both their national and sectional ranking points. They are:

- One (1) Level 3 event - Junior Sectionals, August 20-23.
- Three (3) Level 4 events - the Segment Ending Endorsement Tournaments.
- Eight (8) Dual Level 5 events that run throughout the section during the ranking year. Please see TennisLink at <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments> for details regarding the dates and locations of these tournaments.

Player Result		Level 1 National Champs	Level 2 National Teams	Level 3 National Open Sectionals	Level 4 Endorsement	Level 5 Sectional Champs
Champion	1	660	330	220	165	88
2nd Place	2	540	270	180	136	72
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Points Per Round Earned for Each Consolation Round Won		30	15	10	5	5
Round Robin	Per win			20	20	20

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2008 Bonus Points Table

Standing of Player Defeated**	Bonus Points Earned for Significant Win
Top 5	75
#6 - #10	50
#11 - #20	25
#21 - #30	10

\*\* Significant win points for the current month will be calculated using only the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday's standing of the previous month.

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3. Highest single opponent bonus earned, second highest, third highest, etc.
4. Head-to-head results from 12 Month Rolling Standing List.
5. Best random draw number.

## **JUNIOR PATHWAY OF COMPETITION – CHAMPS LEVEL**

### **USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Sectional Tournament**

**In 2009, the Junior Sectional tournament will take place August 20-23 at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton, Ore.**

Players within the Pacific Northwest **must compete and complete** all matches at Junior Sectionals to receive a year-end ranking in 2009 as well as receive Endorsement for 2009 and 2010. Players moving into the USTA Pacific Northwest after August 23, 2009, will have had to participate in their previous section's Junior Sectional Tournament to receive a 2009 year-end ranking as well as receive Endorsement for 2009 and 2010. With the new combined ranking, it is MANDATORY to have at least one (1) tournament completed and one (1) win in singles in the age division that you wish to be Endorsed.

### **Segment I**

The 2008 final year-end standing will be used for bonus point calculation for the month of January in 2009.

**The Standing List will be used exclusively for all Junior Tournament Seeding. The Standing List will only count a player's best of six tournaments in the rolling calendar.**

Selection for the Segment I Endorsement tournament will be based on the point total of a player's best Champ level singles tournament and 15% of a player's best Champs level doubles tournament played between January 1, 2009, and the deadline of the endorsement tournament the player applies to compete in.

Participants with the highest point total from one Champs tournament and the Endorsement tournament from Segment I will qualify for USTA Pacific Northwest endorsement into the Spring National Championship event.

(**Note:** Participation in 2008 Jr. Sectionals is mandatory for eligibility consideration in Segment I for 2009)

### **Segment II**

**The Standing List will be used exclusively for all Junior Tournament Seeding. The Standing list will only count a player's best of six tournaments in the rolling calendar.**

Selection for the Segment II Endorsement tournament will be based on the point total of a player's best two Champ level singles tournaments and 15% of a player's best two Champs level doubles tournaments played between March 2, 2009, and the deadline of the endorsement tournament the player applies to compete in.

Participants with the highest point totals from two Champs tournaments in Segment II as well as the point total from the Segment II Endorsement tournament will be endorsed by the USTA Pacific Northwest to the USTA National Clay Court and Hard Court Championships as well as endorsement into the National Team competitions.

(**Note:** Participation in 2008 Jr. Sectionals is mandatory for eligibility consideration in Segment II for 2009)

### **Segment III**

Selection for the Segment III Endorsement tournament will be based on the point total of a player's best two results in Champ level singles tournaments and 15% of a player's best two Champs level doubles tournaments played between the dates of June 15, 2009 and the deadline of the endorsement tournament for which the player applies to compete in, as well as a player's point total at the 2009 USTA/PNW Junior Sectional Tournament being held August 20-23.

Participants with the highest point totals from the player's best two Champs tournaments in Segment III, the point total from the Endorsement tournament from Segment III, as well as a players total for the Junior Sectionals August 20-23, qualify for endorsement from USTA Pacific Northwest into Winter National Championships.

Tied scores for selection into Endorsement tournaments will be broken through the following criteria:

1. Player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc. through the events.
2. Total bonus points earned in all events played during the computation period.
3. Highest single opponent bonus earned, second highest, third highest, etc.
4. Head-to-head results from 12 Month Rolling Standing List.
5. Best Random draw number.

### **Competition Guidelines**

To receive points for a round during a tournament, a player must win a match through direct competition or due to a default. A player will not receive points due to a bye. Players must win a match in a round to receive points.

After a tournament draw has been published online, a player cannot withdraw from the event. Players listed in the draw will not be removed from the draw, unless an individual can be pulled from the alternate list or there is a death of an immediate family member. Further, once the draw has been published no refunds will be given. Prior to the draw having been published, refunds must be processed by the tournament director. It is important for tournament directors to publish their tournament draws 5 to 10 days before the start of the tournament.

For a player to receive endorsement by the USTA Pacific Northwest they must be in good standing with the rules of the section regarding sportsmanship. The player must also meet the standing requirement of one tournament completed with one win for each of the segments they wish to be endorsed for. Further a player must also have met the 2008 and/or 2009 Jr. Sectional Eligibility requirements.

### **2009 Segment Ending Endorsement Tournament Schedule**

Segment I (Jan 1 – March 1)

B/G 18	February 7-8
B/G 12 & 16	February 21-22
B/G 14	February 28-March 1

National Spring Championship Deadline: March 19

Segment II (March 2 – June 14)

B/G 12 & 16	June 6-7
B/G 14 & 18	June 13-14

National Clay Court Championship Deadline: June 19  
National Hard Court Championship Deadline: July 10

B/G 14 Zone Team	July 29-August 2
Intersectional Team	July 12-16
B/G 12 Zone Team	July 29-August 2
B/G 16 Zone Team	July 29-August 2
Boys 18 National Team	August 1-4
Girls 18 National Team	August 4-7

Segment III (June 15 – November 15)

Junior Sectionals      August 20-23  
B/G 12 & 16            November 7-8  
B/G 14 & 18            November 14-15  
National Winter Championship Deadline: November 27

## **Withdrawals, Walkovers, Defaults and Retirements**

### **Withdrawals**

1. A Withdrawal occurs when a player removes him/herself from a tournament prior to actually competing in the tournament.
2. After a tournament draw has been published online, a player cannot withdraw from the event. Players listed in the draw will not be removed from the draw, unless an individual can be pulled from the alternate list or there is a death of an immediate family member. Further, once the draw has been published no refunds will be given. Prior to the draw having been published refunds must be processed by the tournament director.
3. Advancement points are awarded to the player(s) who advance in a tournament due to a withdraw, but they do not receive significant win bonus points.

### **Walkovers**

1. A Walkover occurs when a player, after completing a match in an event, and before or during the warm-up for the next match in that event, decides not to play because of injury, illness, personal emergency, or another bona fide reason.
2. A Walkover counts as a loss for the player who decides not to play and a win for their opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
3. A player receiving a loss by Walkover does not get credit for a completed tournament, unless they play other scheduled matches in the same event (i. e. consolation matches, playoff matches, round-robin matches).

### **Defaults**

1. A Default occurs when a player is not allowed to begin or continue a match by the referee, tournament committee or tournament director. Cause for default includes but is not limited to misconduct, failure to follow officials' instructions, ineligibility (USTA Reg. I. Q. 1-2), disqualification under the point penalty system (which includes penalties for lateness, no shows) and refusal to play for other than a bona fide reason.
2. A Default counts as a loss for the defaulted player and a win for his opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
3. The player receiving a loss by a default does not get credit for a completed tournament, unless he/she plays other scheduled matches in the same event (i. e. consolation matches, playoff matches, round robin matches).

### **Retirements**

1. A Retirement occurs when a player is not able to continue playing a match or resume a suspended match because of injury, illness, personal emergency, or another bona fide reason.

2. A Retirement counts as a loss for the retiring player and a win for his opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
3. The retiring player will not receive credit for a tournament completed, unless they play other scheduled matches in the same event (i. e. consolation matches, playoff matches, round robin matches).

### **USTA National Championships Endorsement**

Entry as a quota player into the USTA National Spring Championships, USTA National Clay Courts Championships, USTA National Hard Courts Championships, and USTA National Winter National Championships requires endorsement from the Player Development Committee through section endorsement. The USTA National Office will make available Wildcards to individuals rated in the top 20 of their age group nationally. USTA National will offer Wildcards to the top 16 for a draw of 128 and to the top 24 in a draw of 192.

### **2009 Endorsement Quotas**

1. The USTA Pacific Northwest receives two (2) guaranteed or “quota” entrants for B/G 18, 16, 14, 12 in each National Championship tournament.
2. The section will endorse several players over its quota. Non-quota players are encouraged to enter USTA National Championships. Non-quota players will be accepted into USTA National Championship tournaments according to current selection rules and policies set by the USTA and published in current editions of “Friend At Court” and the National Junior Tournament Schedule. Both of these publications are available from the section office.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for endorsement from the USTA Pacific Northwest:

1. A player must be a current USTA member in the Pacific Northwest Section.
2. A player must be a United States citizen, a British Columbia resident or resident alien (hold a green card).
3. A player’s primary legal residence must have been within the USTA Pacific Northwest boundaries for at least six (6) continuous months.
4. Any USTA member, resident alien, or resident of British Columbia residing within the boundaries of the USTA Pacific Northwest, who has played, or intends to play in any non-USTA National Championship event within the ranking year in which endorsement is sought, is ineligible for endorsement as a sectional quota player to any USTA National Championship.
5. Any USTA member, resident alien, or resident of British Columbia who participates as an endorsed quota player from the USTA Pacific Northwest, and also participates in a non-USTA national championship event within the same ranking year will be subject to disciplinary sanctions as outlined in Section 12 of the Sportsmanship Rules, Regulations and Guidelines.
6. Any person wishing to be endorsed by the USTA Pacific Northwest must compete and complete all matches at the 2008 Junior Sectional Tournament.

**Exceptions to any eligibility issues are subject to review by the section Player Development Director and Youth Competition Committee.**

**2009 Requirements To Be Endorsed**

1. The USTA Pacific Northwest Player Development Committee has adopted a point-based system to select the section's endorsed players for individual and team play. The section will make endorsement selections three times during the ranking year: in early March, early June and late November.
2. To be endorsed for Segment I, a player must have completed one (1) tournament with at least one (1) win in singles within the USTA Pacific Northwest Section between January 1 and March 1, 2009 in each age division they wished to be endorsed for, as well as having competed and completed all of their matches in the 2008 Junior Sectional Tournament.
3. To be endorsed for Segment II, a player must have completed one (1) tournament with at least one (1) win in singles within the USTA Pacific Northwest between March 2 and June 14, 2009 in each age division they wished to be endorsed for, as well as having competed and completed all of their matches in the 2008 Junior Sectional Tournament.
4. To be endorsed for Segment III, a player must have completed one (1) tournament with at least one (1) win in singles within the USTA Pacific Northwest between June 15 and November 15, 2008 in each age division they wished to be endorsed for, and must compete and complete all of their matches in the 2009 Junior Sectional Tournament.

**Selection Process**

Selection for endorsement as a quota player is based on, but not limited to the following:

1. Overall point total for each specific Segment.
2. Demonstration of appropriate behavior from players, parents, and coach on and off the court.
3. Suspension point totals.

Endorsement lists will be published on the web within 14 days of the conclusion of the final tournament in each endorsement segment.

**2009 Junior Sectional Tournament information**

Within the USTA Pacific Northwest, there is only one mandatory Junior Sectional Tournament for the Championship level. This event will offer both singles and doubles play in boys and girls 18-and-under, 16-and-under, 14-and-under, 12-and-under, and 10-and-under. The requirement for this event is that participants must have a Championship Standing within the USTA Pacific Northwest (meaning participants must have played in at least one tournament and have at least one match win by the tournament deadline). The 2009 Junior Sectional Tournament will take place at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton Ore., August 20-23.

### **Criteria for participation**

1. The Junior Sectional tournament is open to all Champ level participants that meet the following criteria:

- Participants must have a Championship standing within the USTA Pacific Northwest. This means having played at least one Champ tournament and have one win in the age group they wish to compete in at the Junior Sectional Tournament before the tournament deadline.
- Permanently reside within the boundaries of the section.
- Have fulfilled all residency requirements.
- Have not participated in any other country's national championships within the current ranking year.

2. Players are limited to competing in only one singles and one doubles event.

3. The Junior Sectional tournament will count as a tournament completed toward eligibility for a year-end ranking.

4. Players must enter the tournament on the web using the TennisLink registration system at [www.pnw.usta.com](http://www.pnw.usta.com).

5. All Champ participants wishing to achieve a year-end ranking and/or be endorsed by the USTA Pacific Northwest must compete and complete the Junior Sectional Tournament.

6. All Champ participants wishing to be endorsed by the USTA Pacific Northwest must compete and complete the Junior Sectional Tournament.

7. A Champ participant not taking part in the Junior Sectional Tournament may still achieve a year-end ranking by completing nine (9) events inside an age division, within the current ranking year, two of which must be outside their home district. They must win a combined minimum six (6) main draw and/or consolation matches. Although players not competing in the Jr. Sectional Tournament cannot be endorsed.

### **Waivers**

The USTA Pacific Northwest qualifying requirement to compete in national events that require sectional endorsement may be waived for reasons of illness, injury or extraordinary circumstances.

Waiving sectional requirements will be considered for a player who due to extensive injury and/or illness did not compete in the Junior Sectional Tournament. Consideration will also be given to a player who withdraws prior to the start of the Junior Sectional Tournament due to illness or injury. In such cases, request for a waiver must be accompanied by a signed medical document stating that the player will be in adequate physical condition to participate in any national events.

Waiving sectional requirements will be considered for a player who has qualified for the Junior Sectional Tournament but was unable to complete the tournament for personal emergency reasons. In such cases, a letter stating the reason why the

player was unable to compete in the sectional tournament must accompany a request for a waiver. The USTA Pacific Northwest Youth Competition Committee will render decisions on a case-by-case basis.

### **Other Information**

Players wishing to enter other tournaments listed on the national schedule should apply directly to those tournaments. The section will send letters of recommendation when applicable.

The USTA Pacific Northwest Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any junior the privilege of representing the USTA Pacific Northwest at USTA National tournaments.

### **USTA National Junior Team Tournaments**

The Youth Competition Committee has adopted a point-based system to select the section's endorsed players for individual and team play. Information is available on the web at [www.pnw.usta.com](http://www.pnw.usta.com).

### **Qualification Criteria**

Selection criteria for the USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Teams:

1. The USTA Pacific Northwest Director of Player Development has received a completed and signed team application from the player before June 16, 2009.
2. The player has met all eligibility criteria to participate in the Junior Sectional.
3. The player has a computer standing at the time of the selection meeting (requires a minimum of one tournament completed and minimum of one match won in singles) at the Championship level.
4. The player should not have an accumulation of Suspension Points that would require the player to be suspended by the USTA/PNW Sportsmanship Committee at the time of selection.
5. The player has competed and completed all matches at the qualifying Junior Sectional Tournament from the previous year.

### **Selection Information**

1. Players are strongly encouraged to apply for the youngest age group team in which they are eligible to compete.
2. **Individuals will only be allowed to participate as a member of two (2) teams.**
3. The USTA Pacific Northwest Player Development Office will select the teams after the conclusion of the Segment II Endorsement Tournaments. Selected players will be notified as soon as possible.

### **Team Coaches**

1. The USTA Pacific Northwest Player Development Office will select coaches in May.
2. USTA Pacific Northwest coaches will act as chaperones for the B/G 18 National teams.

3. USTA Pacific Northwest coaches for all 16, 14, and 12 team events will not be responsible for chaperoning team players other than during matches and event functions. Parents must make appropriate chaperone arrangements.
4. Those desirous of being a team coach may obtain an application by contacting the USTA Pacific Northwest Player Development Director at the section office. The Player Development office must receive applications by May 15, 2009.

**Other Information**

1. The USTA Pacific Player Development Office must receive National Team applications from junior players by June 16, 2009. All registration must take place online at [www.pnw.usta.com](http://www.pnw.usta.com).
2. Participants in team events are financially obligated to pay for their own travel, lodging, food, and any other personal expenses incurred.
3. USTA Pacific Northwest will pay entry fees for the following teams: B/G 18 National Teams and B/G 16 Intersectionals.
4. Information regarding team events (entry form, waivers, arrival and departure times, lodging, coaches, etc. ) will be sent to each applicant as soon as it becomes available.