

2017 TENNIS SOUTH AFRICA
JUNIOR & OPEN TOURNAMENT
RULES



TSA TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS 2016/2017

TSA reserves the right in awarding sanction to any Tournament that applies to be accepted on the calendar. All tournaments agree to abide by the TSA Rules and Regulations as set out below. In the case of any interpretation or query, the application of the rules as per the International Tennis Federation shall apply.

Furthermore, all Tournament Organisers and or Applicants (Provinces, Regions, Private Organisers) must be in good standing with TSA. E.g. A coach is found to be unregistered with TSA. In cases where it is discovered after the tournament is placed on the calendar, and where sufficient time is available, the said coach will be given seven calendar days to rectify the matter, failing which the Provincial Association will be requested to re-assign the tournament; or, TSA will run the event internally. In cases where there is not sufficient time, the said coach will not be awarded a tournament in the future. Any coach working for the tournament organiser or involved in any academy or coaching programme, must also be in good standing with TSA (registered, qualified and updated)

A TSA Tournament Guide is also available on the TSA website. Various other aspects relating to Dope Testing, Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) and summarised versions of Rule Changes or General Announcements are also available under the Rules and Regs section.

The various sections/categories below all apply to Junior, Open and Senior (Seniors) categories. Where a specific rule only applies to a specific tournament/event category, then this will be indicated separately.

Players, when entering a tournament, agree to abide by the TSA Tournament Rules and Regulations, the TSA Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures, as well as agreeing to any necessary Drug Testing that may be performed by the Tournament, TSA or Drug Free Sport, either onsite or out of competition.

When entering a tournament, players also commit to the tournament for the full duration of the tournament, unless they complete the On-Site Player Release Form, which exempts the player from participating any further in the Singles Play-Off's. Only official Medical Certificates from the appointed Tournament Doctor will be accepted for retirements and withdrawals occurring on-site during a tournament.

All Tennis South Africa Tournament Venues shall have displayed in a visible position a sign that clearly states that the "Right of Admission is reserved and that all unauthorised persons who attempt to enter the Venue may, at the discretion of the organisers, be removed by either the organisers or their authorised representatives".

1 ENTERING A TENNIS TOURNAMENT

1.1 On-Line Entry System

Only on-line entries will be accepted for ALL TSA sanctioned/ranking tournaments.

When entering a tournament, player's or the person handling the entry on behalf of the player, agree to abide by the TSA Tournament Rules and Regulations, the TSA Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. A summary of ALL Code Violations and Suspension Points will appear in the player's profile online. In addition an email will be sent via the system when any infringements are recorded.

1.2 Entry Procedures

1.2.1 TSA Tournament Member

- All players **MUST** be a registered member of a tennis club
- All players **MUST** be a current registered member of TSA in order for their entry to be accepted into any TSA sanctioned / ranking tournament
- All players MUST ensure that they are registered with their Province and District (where applicable)
- In the case of Juniors, their school will count as a club for junior activities only
- The TSA Membership Fee to be paid online **ONLY** during renewal or when registering for the first time. Where a player is a member of a club, the proof of payment is to be presented to the club for accounting purposes.

1.2.2 Age Groups and Age Eligibility (Juniors)

- Age eligibility will be determined based on the age of the player on 1 January annually. Age groups are no longer based on Date of Birth. Tournaments commencing in December 2016 will use the Age Group rule which would apply from 1 January 2017 to facilitate the new season.
- The age groups are as follows:
 - Under 10 Born in 2007 / 2008 / 2009 & 2010
 - Under 12 Born in 2005 / 2006
 - Under 14 Born in 2003 / 2004
 - Under 16 Born in 2001 / 2002
 - Under 18 Born in 1999 / 2000
- Tournaments with an Under 10 section will have on-line entries and Players wishing to compete in the Under 10 event will be required to have a TSA number. No rankings will be generated for Under 10.
- Players must be 13 years old in order to be eligible to compete in the Under 18 age group (as per ITF) on the first day of the tournament.
- Players must be a minimum of 14 years old in order to compete in an Open Tournament (as per ITF) on the first day of the tournament.
- TSA reserves the right to request a certified copy of any players Identity Document or birth certificate

1.2.3 Online Entries - Singles

- Only online entries will be accepted via the TSA website www.tennissa.co.za
- When entering on the website an automatic confirmation of entry is generated along with a unique reference number for the particular entry into the specific tournament. Due to various internet settings etc, it is advisable to regularly check the Junk Mail in your email account as this confirmation may be sent to the Junk Mail Box.
- Regardless of the email confirmation, it remains the responsibility of the player to check that the entry is reflected on the acceptance list of the said tournament within a time period of 24 – 48 hours. If the entry is not reflected, it is the responsibility of the player to immediately contact the TSA administrator on info@tennissa.co.za

1.2.4 Online Entries – Doubles/Mixed Doubles

- On-line entries close at the same time as the singles entries (14 days prior to the tournament)
- Both players must enter online. Only when both players have entered doubles with one another will the team be accepted as entered. In order to be 100% sure, when checking online entries, you will see the event that a player has entered appearing next to BS16 (Boys Singles) or BD16 (Boys Doubles). If the doubles event does not appear next to your partners name, it means that he/she is yet to enter online for doubles.
- Only once both players names appear beside one another on the entry list, is it an accepted and formal entry.
- “Partner Required” does not constitute an online entry and can only be amended if both players that are looking for a partner contact one another and both complete the online entry procedure for doubles.
- In the event of a player withdrawing or wanting to change partners, it is the responsibility of the player concerned to inform his/her original partner of this change, in order to award the “dropped” partner a fair opportunity to find a new partner.
- Junior Doubles & Mixed Doubles: Players can enter as a doubles combination irrespective of which section they have been accepted into for the singles i.e. player in the Platinum section can partner with a player in the Gold section and vice versa.
- IF A PLAYER MISSES THE ENTRY DEADLINE FOR DOUBLES, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN-IN ONSITE. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO LATE CHANGES OF PARTNERS. SEE DOUBLES SIGN-IN DEADLINES FOR THE PROCEDURES AND TIMING THEREOF.
- **In the case of doubles entry being confirmed by the Referee it is not necessary to continuously send emails or messages for confirmation of receipt/entry**

1.2.5 Entry Fees

- Entry fees are set by the end of January for tournaments commencing after 1 April annually due to the financial year of TSA.
- By entering a tournament (irrespective of the payment status), the player is committed to participating in the said tournament, unless the player withdraws from the tournament, either before the withdrawal deadline or in writing if the withdrawal deadline has passed. See Late Withdrawals for further information.
- Entry Fees can only be paid via debit or credit card online. No other method of payment will be accepted.
- Players who withdraw after the Withdrawal Deadline, will not be entitled to a refund.

Note: If a player contacts TSA **after the entry deadline** to point out that his/her entry is not indicated on the website it is **too late**.

1.3 Calendar Details

Tournament calendars contain general tournament information and **are subject to change**. Tournament calendars will serve as the only reference points to the tournaments. Note that the TSA Tournament Season runs from 1 December to 30 November of the following year.

1.4 Entry Deadlines

Entries for ALL TSA Tournaments will be as follows:

- The entry deadline will be 14 days prior to the scheduled start of tournament
- The withdrawal deadline will be 7 days prior to the scheduled start of the tournament
- The only deviation from the above two deadlines will be if it is an ITF Tournament that is being organised by TSA. Under these circumstances TSA is obliged to follow the entry and withdrawal deadlines as per the ITF regulations. These will be indicated on the TSA Printable calendar. Note that when entering an ITF tournament, then entries are done directly on the ITF website and not through TSA.
- Doubles and Mixed Doubles on-line entries will close 14 days prior to the scheduled start of the tournament, with the withdrawal deadline being 7 days (same as the singles entries)

1.5 Late Entries

No late entries may be **accepted** except under the following circumstances:

1.5.1 Prior to the draw, a player who would have been seeded, may be accepted as a late entry if the tournament committee in consultation with TSA decides that the reason for the late entry is reasonable and genuine, this may also not affect the acceptance list, whereby the last Direct Accepted player is now moved out of the Main Draw into the Qualifying Draw.

1.5.2 In all other cases a player who would not have been seeded may be included in the draw, subject to him/her signing in as an on-site alternate before the time stipulated by the tournament referee and may be included as a substitute player in the place of an absentee player.

The first spot will go to the highest ranked player who has signed in and if more spots become available, will follow in that order. If the players who have signed in are all unranked, then the position will be drawn by lot.

1.5.3 Once the draw has been done a player receiving a Bye may not be drawn back in order to make place for a late entry

1.6 Play-Off's

- Play-Off's are mandatory to all final positions in ALL Sections i.e. Platinum, Gold, Silver etc.
- When entering a tournament, players are committing for the full duration.
- The following applies in terms of medical condition/injury:
 - If a player has to **retire** during his/her singles match due to illness or injury, he/she will be permitted to continue playing in the next round of the singles play-offs and may continue playing doubles and/or mixed doubles. In this case no medical certificate will be required, as the intention is to continue.
 - If a player **withdraws** from singles due to illness a valid TSA medical certificate (copy to be obtained onsite from the Referee), completed by the Doctor or Medical Clinic as appointed by the tournament is the **only** document that will be accepted. In this case the player will receive points for position achieved at time of withdrawal. In addition the TSA Withdrawal form also needs to be completed and attached to the Medical Certificate. Only the Tournament Referee can release the player from the tournament by signing the documents prior to the player leaving the venue. Scanning and emailing of these documents will not be accepted. The Withdrawal needs to be done in person and onsite.
 - If a player withdraws from singles and the medical certificate states that the player can continue to participate in the Doubles and/or Mixed doubles competition, he/she will be permitted to continue, provided the TSA Medical Certificate is correctly completed and states such.
 - In the event of a player retiring or withdrawing from a tournament and failing to comply with the above requirements in terms of being onsite and having the correct TSA documentation in place, the player **will not** be awarded ranking points for the tournament.
 - **The withdrawal will count as one of the two free withdrawals or medicals.**

1.7 Doubles Sign in

Players who miss the online entry deadline may choose to sign-in onsite for the tournament. The sign-in deadlines are specified on the Printable calendar and also available on the Organisation section of the tournament itself online.

The following sign-in deadlines will apply:

- Doubles sign-in closes at the appropriate time (depending on duration of event)
 - Players can sign-in at their respective venues or at the Main Venue by the sign-in deadline. This information will be published on the website on the organisation page of the tournament
- Doubles & Mixed Doubles: Irrespective of the section a player is playing the singles in, players can partner across sections i.e. Player A in Platinum Section can partner with a Player B in the Gold Section
- Players must sign-in with a partner. Partners will not be allocated
 - Players may sign-in over the telephone for practical purposes. A doubles notice will be posted on the Organisation page of the particular tournament (online) as to how to contact the relevant persons handling the sign-ins. This will be published no later than when the Order of Play is released for the first day of the tournament
 - Between the Withdrawal deadline and the first day of the tournament, should players be able to agree to play doubles together, they mail the tournament director with the

combination. The tournament director will email the Referee with a copy being sent to TSA. Only once the Referee confirms receipt of the email to the tournament director will this be accepted and deemed to be a valid entry

- In the case of double entry being confirmed by the Referee it is not necessary to continuously send emails or messages for confirmation of receipt/entry
- **Sign In Deadlines:**
- TSA Junior Series Events where Doubles and Mixed Doubles are played:
Mixed Doubles at 10:00 on Day 1 of the tournament as a round of Mixed Doubles needs to be played the same afternoon
Doubles at 13:00 on Day 1 of the tournament as Boys and Girls Doubles will only commence on Day 2.
- 2 and 3 Day tournaments, the doubles sign-in deadline is 10:00 on the first day of the tournament, with doubles commencing later the same afternoon
- 4 and 5 Day tournaments, the doubles sign-in deadline is 13:00 on the first day of the tournament, with the option of doubles being played the same afternoon

Note: Junior Mixed Doubles is only played at TSA Junior Series Events

Sign in yourself.

No player is to be placed into the doubles draw without a partner and **no coupling of players may be done by the tournament committee.**

1.8 On-Site Alternate Sign-in

Any player who has missed the entry deadline and wants to be considered eligible to participate in the event of a withdrawal needs to follow the following principals:

- The player(s) ranking must be of such a nature that he/she would not have been seeded in the qualifying event
- If there is no qualifying event, then an on-site alternate may be accepted into the main draw, with the same proviso as above concerning the seeding
- A player **MAY NOT** be accepted into the Main Draw of an event as an On-Site Alternate if there is a Qualifying draw.
- Player(s) wishing to be considered must sign-in personally on-site at the respective venue by the start of the age group in which they are applying for Alternate Status
- In the event of more than one players signing-in at a venue, players will be prioritised in order of merit based on their **acceptance ranking (Combined)**. In cases where players either have the same ranking (TSA National Ranking) or have no ranking, these players will be drawn by lot to determine the order
- The order of priority will be drawn once and will count for the duration of the tournament. This applies where first round matches may be rained out or played over more than one day
- A Player who is “scratched” due to Punctuality i.e. 15 minutes late, and who confirms he/she will continue to participate in the Play-Off’s will not be considered a vacancy for an On-Site Alternate to be included.
- On-Site Alternates will only be eligible in the event of a vacancy being created due to a player withdrawing, No-Show (player is “scratched” and confirms no further participation).

1.9 Withdrawal

Prior to Withdrawal Deadline:

Entry fees are automatically refunded via the Sporty HQ system for players who withdraw online, prior to the withdrawal deadline.

After the withdrawal deadline:

Withdrawals MUST be completed on the official withdrawal form, which is available on the TSA website under the Rules Regulations section. The withdrawal form must be submitted to the respective Tournament Referee, with a copy being sent to the TSA office 011-4420503 or emailed to info@tennissa.co.za SMS's, emails and telephone calls are NOT valid forms of withdrawal.

After the draw has been made:

1.9.1 Players may withdraw without receiving a penalty no more than on **two (2)** occasions per tournament calendar **for reasons of injury, ill health**. In the case of injury or ill health prior to the start of a tournament, a **medical certificate MUST** be produced within three days of commencement of the tournament. Entry fee is not refundable. Medical Certificates **MUST** be faxed to the TSA fax number. All On-Site medical certificates to be submitted to the on-site Referee by the player in person prior to the calling of his/her match.

Players being a No Show and submitting a withdrawal document or medical certificate dated after the draw was published will remain committed to the tournament and are not eligible for a refund of entry fees.

Further withdrawals from tournaments will be subject to the penalties as discussed under the Suspension Points category. See Code of Conduct.

1.9.2 In all **tournaments with a Main Draw only**, after a **specific draw has been made, but prior to the publication of the order of play**, a seeded player withdraws, the next eligible player (next on the ranking list) to be seeded (No. 9 or No. 17) takes the vacant spot.

1.9.3 **If the order of play has been published**, the seeds will remain as is and an on-site alternate will take the position vacated by the seed in question, provided that the on site's ranking is of such a nature that they would originally have qualified for the particular section.

ALL of the above cases covers the withdrawal/removal of a player from a draw for whatever reason, with the TSA office keeping record of the applicable reasons for withdrawal/removal and imposing the applicable Suspension points where necessary.

1.9.4 Players who withdraw from a match for **medical reasons** may continue participating in the same event (singles or doubles) if the parent, coach or legal guardian completes an indemnity form. This would refer to a case where a player retires from a round robin or back draw match, and wants to continue playing another round robin match or play off matches either the same day or next day of the tournament.

However,

- a) In the event of a player retiring or withdrawing from an event (singles) and wanting to continue in another event (doubles) at the tournament a medical certificate will have to be handed to the Referee, which has been completed by the appointed Tournament Doctor or issued by the appointed clinic.
- b) In the case of a player retiring/withdrawing on two (2) occasions from an event, he/she will automatically be pulled out of the tournament due to medical conditions. The only exception to this rule will be in the case where a parent/player or coach has informed TSA of a specific medical condition.

1.10 Tournament Participation

A player may not enter more than one tournament at the same time. Where more than one (1) tournament is taking place within a region, at the same time or over similar days, the player will have to decide which tournament he/she wants to participate in. If a player enters both tournaments, TSA reserves the right to withdraw the player from the lower graded (strength) tournament without notification, if both tournaments are of equal strength, the player will be notified to make a decision.

2. TOURNAMENT FORMATS

2.1 Junior Tournaments

TSA Junior Series - Monrad Format – Until end of January 2017

The Monrad Format will be used for the TSA Junior Series events until the end of Gauteng North TSA Series in January 2017. Commencing March/April 2017 the TSA Series and Junior Nationals will be played on a Qualifying and Main Draw format, with a Monrad system for Play-Off Matches.

Participants in the various age groups will be divided into Draw sections comprising of 32's. There will no longer be a qualifying and main draw section. The TSA National Ranking will be used to determine the splits i.e. sections of 32's. However, this formula is dependent on the number of entrants.

Acceptance formulas based on total entries received is attached in Annexure A.

In the event of an age group (e.g. boys 12 and Under) receiving more than 32 entries, then a Gold group will be introduced and so on if Gold exceeds 32 players.

Ranking points will remain to be allocated on positions achieved.

All sections (Platinum, Gold and Silver groups) have mandatory Play-off positions to all final positions i.e. 1 to 32.

Playing Days (until end January 2017):

The TSA Junior Series events are allocated 5 days. The Main Draw will be played over 5 days. Play-off matches for players having lost in the 1st two rounds (Round of 32 and Round of 16) will be completed the day prior to the completion of the tournament. Players having

lost in the quarter finals and semi- finals will be scheduled to finish on the last day of the tournament.

Scoring Format of Matches:

Main draw singles matches will be the best of three tie breaker sets.

Play-off matches will consist of two (2) sets and in the event of the match reaching one (1) set all a ten (10) point match tie-breaker will be played.

In exceptional circumstances, and after consultation with TSA, scoring systems may be adapted.

Coaching and On Court Coaching:

- On court coaching will be permitted at TSA Junior Series events for the Under 12/14 and age groups, in Singles, Doubles for Semi-Finals and Finals. Where possible Mixed doubles to be umpired.
- All matches involving on court coaching MUST have Chair Umpires and will be making use of the Live Scoring devices
- On court coaching will only be permitted during the Set Break (end of a set)
- Coaches will enter the court at the start of the set break and leave the court once the chair umpire announces "Time"
- Players with no coaches at the tournament may nominate a person to assist them, except a parent, unless the parent is a registered and qualified tennis coach
- Only registered and qualified coaches or in the case of academies, tennis schools or coaching practices, all coaches must be registered, qualified and in good standing with TSA. The time of determining whether a coach is registered or not is that of the entry deadline of the specific tournament being entered
- Nominations to be made at the desk before matches are called
- Any nominated coach found to be breaking the code of conduct, entering into discussions with the chair umpire or communicating in any way with the opponent will have all on court coaching privileges revoked for the remainder of the tournament, and a replacement will not be permitted
- In the case of the Doubles and Mixed Doubles matches, only one coach per team is permitted. Players/coaches are to agree who will be the Official Coach for the team for the match at the time when nominations are due. Coaches may be changed from one match to another, but nominations stand for the duration of a particular match i.e. Semi Final or Final.

2.2 Grand Prix & All Ranking Tournaments:

Monrad Draws

Singles Draws will be played on a Monrad draw system, which means that players winning respective matches will progress forward, while individual round losers, will progress into small sections and play-off matches for all positions will be played amongst these players.

The maximum size of a compass draw will be determined by the duration i.e. number of days over which the tournament is being played.

Grand Prix Tournaments will have 4/5 days allocated and are restricted to 1 per Province.

2 and/or 3 Day Tournaments: 16 Draw

4/5 Day Tournaments: 32 Draw

In cases where more than 32 entries are received, the TSA Junior Series format shall be used. See above for acceptance procedures and Annexure A.

At the completion of the tournament players will finish in various positions. Ranking points will be awarded according to the table below and positions achieved.

Playing Days:

Tournaments can be 2, 3, 4 or 5 days, depending on the application that has been submitted.

Scoring Format for Matches:

Depending on the number of days and the Draw Sizes, the following scoring formats will apply:

2/3 Days: All matches (singles, doubles and play-off's) will consist of 2 sets, with a 10 point match tie-breaker being played in the event of a match reaching 1 set all.

4/5 Days: Singles Main Draw matches will be best of 3 tie-breaker sets. Play-Off matches and all doubles matches will consist of 2 sets, with a 10 point match tie-breaker being played in the event of a match reaching 1 set all.

In exceptional circumstances, and after consultation with TSA, scoring systems may be adapted.

2.3 Round Robin Tournaments:

2.3.1 Players receive ranking points from the last eight play-offs per the Round Robin Ranking Table.

2.3.2 The entry must be open to all players.

2.3.3 Players must play in Under 10, U12; U14; U16 & U18 age groups.

2.3.4 A minimum of 4 players of the same sex and age group must participate in the Round Robin phase.

2.3.5 Final Positions emanating from Round Robin matches will count towards ranking. However, where players with TSA rankings enter, the TSA ranking list should be used for seeding and distributing the strength of the groups.

2.3.6 See 15.3 for Determining Final Positions in a Round Robin

2.4 Mini Series Masters:

All Mini Series Masters competitions will be played on a standardised format, using the Monrad draw. The top 8 players qualify for the mini masters based on the criteria as set by the Region/Province.

Mini Masters acceptances will also be done based on the actual age group and not have players playing down at the end of the season.

2.5 Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events:

2.5.1 All junior tournaments: The **doubles draw** will be played on a knock out basis, with no play-offs being held. At TSA Series events where Mixed Doubles is played, this will also be on a knock out basis, with no play-offs being held.

Doubles and Mixed Doubles must be played in the same age group in which the player entered for singles. Players may not enter singles in one age group (14 and Under) and play doubles in a higher age group (16 and Under)

Doubles & Mixed Doubles:

Players may partner with players from another section i.e. Player A in Platinum may partner with Player B in the Gold section and vice versa.

All doubles draws will be 16 draws. Where that number is exceeded, the draw will be split into Platinum, Gold and Silver sections as required. Mixed doubles is a 32 draw, where the number is exceeded, the draw will be split on same bases as Doubles.

Note: Doubles and Mixed Doubles will comprise of two sets and in the event of a match reaching one set all, a ten point match tie breaker will be played.

2.5.2 The following procedures will apply in terms of withdraw of a doubles partner from the tournament prior to the team having played a first round match:

- a) If a member of a doubles combination withdraws after the draw has been made, but prior to the teams first match, the remaining player may find a substitute partner, provided this can be done without delaying the order of play
- b) If the new combination now affects the seeding, the team that should now be seeded and the team that no longer is to be seeded will be switched around. The rule applying to incorrect seedings will apply in this instance
- c) If a partner withdraws after the draw has commenced, but prior to the teams first match, the remaining player may still find a partner, provided this is done without delaying the schedule and within the standard 15 minutes of a walk over procedure.
- d) In the instance of a Bye being awarded, this will count as a second round match and the team may not be changed (substitution of a partner).

2.6 Open Tournaments

Various format choices are available for selection by the Tournament Organisers. It is important that the organisers ensure that the playing format is specified on the entry form.

In all of the cases below, as soon as entries exceed 32, then a qualifying and Main draw will have to be implemented as main draw cannot exceed 32.

- **Open Draws:** All participants are included in an Open draw with the respective round losers proceeding into a play-off draw (optional for round losers).

Playing Days:

Tournaments will be advertised as either week-day events or week-end events, based on the application and requests received from the organising committee in conjunction with the respective provincial association.

Scoring Format for Matches:

All Main Draw matches will be the best of three tie break sets. Play-off matches will comprise of two sets and a championship tie breaker if the match reaches one set all.

In exceptional circumstances, and after consultation with TSA, scoring systems may be adapted.

Doubles Events:

All Doubles matches will comprise of two sets and in the event of a match reaching one set all, a ten point match tie breaker will be played.

2.7 Tennis Balls:

- All Singles main draw matches must receive three (3) new balls, with three (3) new balls being available for third sets in the u16 / u18 and Open age groups.
- All play off matches will receive 4 good used balls.
- Only ITF approved tennis balls may be used.
- Tennis balls for all TSA Series, Junior Nationals, Junior Masters, Primary and High School weeks to be allocated by TSA, wither via sponsorship or quotation system.
- Individual tournament organisers to obtain written quotes from the various ball suppliers.

3. ACCEPTANCE AND SEEDING PROCEDURES

3.1 Acceptance - Juniors

3.1.1 Acceptance and seeding for tournaments will be based on the TSA National Combined Ranking (Singles and Doubles only). The ranking list produced on the Monday of the particular week in which the entries close will be considered the latest available ranking and will be used to determine acceptances.

3.1.2 Should a player be **ranked lower** than he/she should be, **due to official overseas commitments**, it is the duty of the player to inform the entry authority/organising committee for consideration. The player's ranking can be adjusted in this instance if the committee and TSA are in agreement.

3.1.3 Where **overseas entries** are received, the acceptance of these players into the various level of Super 7 Series Tournaments shall be determined by the TSA Junior Committee.

3.2 Acceptance – Open

The latest available **National Ranking** will be used for determining acceptances. **The ranking list produced on the Monday of the particular week in which the entries close will be considered the latest available ranking and will be used to determine acceptances.** However, the tournament committee reserves the right to make use of other available information if the need so arises to finalise an acceptance list. In terms of Open Tournaments, where foreign players may enter, international rankings (ATP – Men and WTA – Women) must be considered.

3.3 Seeding Procedures – Singles (Juniors)

Seedings will be based on the Singles ranking list produced on the Monday of the particular week in which the draws are conducted, these rankings will be considered the latest available rankings.

It is important to remember that seedings within a section i.e. Platinum/Gold etc may change due to Singles ranking being used for seeding, and the Combined Ranking being used for Acceptances. It is two separate procedures that will be followed.

Seeding positions may differ from the original acceptance list as different ranking lists are used, due to weekly publications. However, a player will not be dropped down or moved up from one section to another if their ranking positions change from the time of acceptance to the time of doing the draws. The latest available ranking to determine seedings, will only be used for seeding purposes.

Deviations from the Official TSA Ranking Lists are only allowed in the **following circumstances:**

3.3.1 If A does not appear on a higher ranking list, but has played in South Africa over the past twelve months, which is reflected in the official list of head to head clashes, these results may be used to slot in above player B, whom he has beaten a majority of times over the past twelve months, provided that there is no player (C) who has beaten A a majority of times over the past twelve months. In the latter case A is slotted in below C.

3.3.2 If a player has **no ranking or results** in South Africa over the past twelve months, but has **played overseas**, he may **apply to TSA** to use his overseas results as a guideline for main draw acceptance and seeding purposes provided that the results are relevant and known.

3.3.3 When entries from **overseas players** who do not have local rankings are received, the acceptance into main draws and the seeding of such players should be **referred to TSA** for recommendation. ITF and foreign official rankings may be used to determine acceptance and seeding.

3.3.4 **No shadow seeding or placing is allowed.**

3.4 Seeding Procedures – Singles (Open)

3.4.1 **Seedings will be based on the Singles ranking list produced on the Monday of the particular week in which the draws are conducted, these rankings will be considered the latest available rankings.** The tournament committee reserves the right to alter the seeding based on available information if the need so arises.

3.4.2 **No shadow seeding or placing is allowed.**

3.5 Seeding Procedure – Doubles & Mixed Doubles

3.5.1 The Doubles or Mixed Doubles ranking will be used for seeding purposes. The combined Doubles rankings of both players will be used for seeding purposes. Acceptances are based on Combined rankings for Doubles and the respective section for Mixed Doubles.

3.5.2 Players can enter doubles and mixed doubles via the on-line entry system or by signing-in on-site by before the deadline. Only players or their partners may sign-in by printing their names, TSA numbers and signing the sign-in sheet. Parents may not sign in on behalf of players or make alterations to the sign-in sheet.

3.5.3 **No shadow seeding or placing is allowed.**

Note: In cases where the latest 7 Day ranking is not able to be displayed for acceptances or seedings, the most recent ranking list will be used for all cases.

4. MAKING THE DRAW

4.1 Round Robin Ranking Tournaments

4.1.1 Where all players feed back into a knock out draw, placing the seeds should be as follows:

seed 1	line 1
seed 2	line 8
seed 3	line 3 or 6 to be drawn
seed 4	line 3 or 6 to be drawn

The **remaining four players** are to be **drawn in** order if more than 4 sections were played in the Round Robin phase.

Where **4 sections** are used and **no 2 players** qualify for the knock-out, they should be **drawn in the opposite half** to the player who finished no 1 in their group.

4.1.2 Where play-off matches follow the round robin phase, the following options exist:

- Cross Over: No1 – Group A vs. No2 – Group B and vice-versa
- Direct play-off: No1 – Group A vs. No1. Group B
- The variety in Play-Off options is also based on the number of groups being used i.e. 2 or 4.

4.2 Number of Seeds and Placement of Seeds – Main Draw

4.2.1 All Ranking Tournaments:

Place seed 1 on line 1 and seed 2 on line 16 (16 draw), line 32 (32 draw), line 64 (64 draw), line 128 (128 draw). To determine the location of the remaining seeds, draw in groups according to the following chart:

<u>Seeds</u>	<u>16 Draw</u> <u>4 Seeds</u>	<u>32 Draw</u> <u>8 Seeds</u>	<u>64 Draw</u> <u>16 Seeds</u>	<u>128 Draw</u> <u>32 Seeds</u>
3 & 4				
First drawn	5	9	17	33
Second drawn	12	24	48	96
5, 6, 7, 8				
First drawn		8	16	32
Second drawn		16	32	64
Third drawn		17	33	65
Fourth drawn		25	49	97

9, 10, 11, 12		
First drawn	9	17
Second drawn	25	49
Third drawn	40	80
Fourth drawn	56	112
13, 14, 15, 16		
First drawn	8	16
Second drawn	24	48
Third drawn	41	81
Fourth drawn	57	113
17 – 24		
First drawn		9
Second drawn		24
Third drawn		41
Fourth drawn		56
Fifth drawn		73
Sixth drawn		88
Seventh drawn		105
Eighth drawn		120
25 – 32		
First drawn		8
Second drawn		25
Third drawn		40
Fourth drawn		57
Fifth drawn		72
Sixth drawn		89
Seventh drawn		104
Eighth drawn		121

4.3 **Byes**

If a draw contains less players than 32, 64 or 128, then byes should be given to seeded players in order of their seeding. Any further byes needed will be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw. No two byes may be drawn together.

4.4 **Time of Making the Draw**

4.4.1 Acceptance Lists. TSA will publish a Final Acceptance List not later than **5 days** prior to the first day of the tournament. Draws will be conducted by TSA Tournament Department or the TSA Supervisor/Referee, any time from announcing and publishing the Direct Acceptance List (5 days prior) and must be completed and ready for publishing at the same time as the publishing of the Order of Play (no earlier than 48 hours) before the first day's play.

A tournament that has a qualifying and main draw event, will only release the Order of Play for the first day of the main draw after 12:00 on the day of the qualifying event.

4.5 Separation of Players within a Draw

Players from the same Province/State will be separated in such a way that they will not play against a player from the same Province/State in the first round of singles as far as possible.

Players need to realise that in cases where more than half of the draw consists of players from the same Province/State then it will not be possible for all players to be separated in the first round, but the draw will be done in such a way where maximum possible separation occurs.

The draw separator is dependent on the correct profile information being completed.

4.6 Errors in a Draw

If, **prior to the commencement of play on the first day of the tournament**, a player who would have been seeded has erroneously been omitted from the draw by mistake, the following shall apply:

- If the player would have been amongst the top 4 seeds, the player in question replaces the No. 4 seed, the No. 4 seed in turn replaces the No. 8 seed. The No. 8 seed (now un-seeded) replaces the last direct accepted player of the level. The 2 last direct accepted players will play a play-off match to determine who progresses forward
- If the player would have been amongst the No. 5 – 8 seeds, the player in question replaces the No. 8 seed. The No. 8 seed (now unseeded) replaces the last direct accepted player of the level. The 2 last direct accepted players will play a play-off match to determine who progresses forward.

If, prior to the commencement of play on the first day of the tournament, a player who would not have been seeded in a particular level, has erroneously been omitted from the draw by mistake, the following shall apply:

- The player will play a play-off match against the last direct accepted player to determine who will progress in the main draw. The Order of Play will have to be amended to accommodate this match

Note: In all of the above cases, the play-off competition will have to accommodate the additional player(s). The Referee will have to randomly pull back a match to make provision for the additional player.

4.7 Definitions

4.7.1 Wild Cards.

Definition: Players included in the draw at the sole **discretion** of the **tournament director** or **tournament committee**. Provision has been made in the various draw sizes for **two (2)** wild cards to be considered.

4.7.1.1 Wild Cards **may be seeded**.

4.7.1.2 Wild Cards must be **named at the time the draw** is made.

4.7.1.3 Priority in allocating the Wild Cards, will be given to players who have entered the tournament by the entry deadline. However, based on strong motivation from the player, the Tournament Organiser in consultation with TSA may consider to award a Wild Card to a player who did not originally enter. Note, Wild Cards need not to have entered the tournament.

4.7.1.4 Wild Cards will only be named once the Withdrawal Deadline has been reached.

4.7.1.5 Wild Cards who **withdraw** or default may **not be replaced** with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. Such positions shall be filled by the next eligible person on the entry list.

4.7.1.6 **Applications** for Wild Cards must be done **in writing** and sent either to the organiser or in the case of the Junior Nationals, to the TSA offices. Wild Card applications must motivate the reasons to be considered for awarding a Wild Card. In either of the cases, the Organiser must consult with TSA on the Wild Cards being proposed before confirming/announcing the wild card recipients.

4.7.2 On-Site Alternates

Non-entered players who appear at the tournament site at their own risk to fill a possible vacancy in the draw.

See point 1.8 for further information

5. SCHEDULING OF MATCHES

The following **general system** for the scheduling of matches is recommended for tournaments. However, **individual circumstances may vary** forcing tournaments to use an amended version or a totally different system.

5.1 Matches should be scheduled on a "followed by" and "not before" basis. Care should be taken not to schedule all matches on the hour. With the tournament scheduler that is being used, times will be allocated per round using various intervals. The time slot and venue will appear on the draw sheet

5.2 The Order of Play and draws shall be posted at a visible place as designated by the Referee and matches shall follow each other without delay. **The player is responsible to ascertain his time of matches.**

5.3 A visible time piece shall be designated as **"the official clock"** for the event.

5.4 The Order of Play may not be changed without the approval of the Referee. Scenarios can arise that require the Order of Play to be changed, but this must be done by the Referee and with good reason and discretion. Should the referee agree, every effort must be made to ensure that participants are aware of the changes. If a player cannot be reached to inform him/her of the changes the player may not be scratched for late arrival.

5.5 Tournament organisers shall at all times record the time of a match being called. **If a player is not ready to play within 15 minutes of the match being called, after the scheduled time, he shall be scratched without reference whatsoever to the opponent.**

5.6 No player will be given leave from play which will result in his opponent and others in his section possibly being forced to play two singles matches or doubles on the same day.

5.7 Unless weather interfered, or a player has a bye, two opponents should be scheduled in such a way that both play the same number of singles matches in a day. This could mean that the Supervisor/Referee may have to schedule in quarters or sections so that players in the section play the same number of matches.

5.8 The order of scheduling in terms of events and their priority is as follows: Singles Main Draw, Doubles Main Draw and Mixed Main Draw. Thereafter Singles Play-Off Matches may be scheduled.

The Referee may decide to schedule all singles matches before commencing with doubles, but may also consider that Main Draw in any events takes priority ahead of Play-Off matches.

In the case of exceptional circumstances and an unusual ruling being required, this may only be done with prior consultation with the TSA Tournament Division.

5.9 Once matches are scheduled, the organisers must follow the order strictly. Deviations from the advertised order may be permitted **ONLY** if an opponent is still playing, or resting, after a match, or if for the benefit of the sponsors, or spectators, the organisers wish to make a **NON-MATERIAL** change in the order of play. An Order of Play may not be changed merely because a player has not yet turned up, or for any other reason whatsoever, or is unable to play at the scheduled time. **Transportation difficulties or traffic is not an acceptable excuse.**

5.10 It is recommended that a tournament should be planned in such a way that no player is expected to play more than one singles match per day in the last two days of a tournament, or more than four matches on any day - unless exceptional circumstances exist.

5.11 Where matches consisting of the best of three full tie breaker sets are played **the minimum resting time between singles matches is 45 minutes, between singles and doubles - 30 minutes** - and between doubles matches - 30 minutes, unless a shorter period is agreed to by all the players involved. **The Referee may consider awarding a player a longer rest time than the basic recommended minimum. These will be based on individual case by case scenarios**

5.12 In order to apply the above **rule consistently**, tournament organisers should at all times **record the time of completion of a match of a player who has to play another match on the same day.**

5.13 The Order of Play should be released no earlier than 17:00 and no later than 20:00 daily. **No player may be given the time of his/her match the following day prior to the schedule being posted. The Order of Play and updated draw sheets should be available on the TSA website by no later than 20:00 daily**

5.14 When deemed necessary by the referee, the day's schedule will be completed under floodlights.

5.15 Care should be given by the organisers to ensure that players are not scheduled to play all matches within the first two (2) days of the tournament, and should be scheduled in such a way to be part of the tournament until at least the penultimate day of the event. Final round losers in the qualifying events, should not be scheduled for a play-off match later that same

day as this could require a player to play three (3) matches on one (1) day, more importantly, these players can still become Lucky Losers on the morning of commencement of Main Draw. These Play-Off matches should be scheduled after the First Round of Main Draw has commenced

5.16 Tournaments have been advised to try and push the first round of doubles to be played earlier at a tournament in order to prevent the backlog of matches occurring, which also may free up players to be able to focus on the single Play-Off event only

6. BALLS

6.1 Only ITF approved tennis balls will be permitted for use at any TSA sanctioned Junior/Open Tournament. Tournaments will be responsible for the procurement process of tennis balls for their events. TSA will be responsible for the procurement process for TSA Series events, Junior Nationals and Junior Masters. No other tennis balls will be permitted to be used for matches other than the tournament ball.

6.2 **Three new balls** are to be supplied for each match involving a player who has not yet lost a match in the tournament. Under 10 and Under 12 age groups will use the Green Dot Ball for all matches.

6.3 Under 16/18 & Open Age Groups

Players may request **three new balls** for a **third set** in all tournaments.

6.4 Under 12/14 Age Groups

Players may request **better used balls for a third set in all tournaments.**

6.5 **Doubles & Mixed Doubles:** Shall be played with **used balls with three new balls to be supplied from at least the quarter-finals.**

7. RULES FOR NON-UMPIRED MATCHES

7.1 Each player is responsible for all calls on his side of the net.

7.2 All **"out" or "fault" calls** must be made **promptly** after the ball has bounced and **loudly enough for the opponent to hear**, (i.e. made before either an opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play). **"Lets"** may be called by any of the participating players **provided that it is called immediately and the point has not been completed.**

7.3 If you call a ball **"out" during a rally** and then **realise it was good**, the **point** should be **replayed**. If it was a **winner**, **award the point to your opponent.**

7.4 The **server** should **call the score before each 1st serve**, loudly enough for his/her **opponent to hear.**

7.5 In **doubles**, when returning service, the **partner of the receiver** should generally **call the service line** for him. The **receiver** should generally call the **centre and side service lines.**

7.6 If a player is **unhappy with his opponent's actions or decisions**, he should **call the Off Court Umpire (Court Monitor) or Referee**.

7.7 Players are prohibited from checking the mark of the ball on their opponent's side of the court.

8. TENNIS ETIQUETTE

8.1 **All balls on your side** of the net are your responsibility to pick up and, where appropriate, **pass directly to the server**.

8.2 The **receiver** should **not return the first serve**, if it is an **obvious fault** - let it go by or ground it.

8.3 **Do not enlist the aid** of spectators, including parents, coaches, etc. in making line calls, or attempting to determine other on-court matters.

8.4 In any instance that you are not 100% sure that the ball is out, the benefit of the doubt shall be in favour of the opponent. The principle of "when in doubt call out" has no place in tennis and shall be deemed as unsportsmanlike behaviour.

8.5 Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.

8.6 To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed the point.

8.7 **Do not stall, sulk, complain nor practise gamesmanship**. Receivers must be ready to play when the server is ready to serve, provided that the time is reasonable (10 seconds).

8.8 "**CALLS**" should be **verbal** and **clearly audible to the opponent**. Hand signals do not constitute a call.

8.9 Respect your Opponent(s), Spectators, Officials and Tournament Staff

8.10 General intimidation of opponent i.e. fist pumping, shouting "Come On" in close presence or while facing opponent will not be accepted and will result in a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct being issued

8.11. Players must inform their opponent when leaving the court to go to the bathroom, and must inform an official. Players leaving the court without notifying an official will be awarded a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct. Toilet breaks must be taken at the appropriate times as defined under Toilet Breaks.

9. RANKING PROCEDURES

9.1 TSA National Ranking

9.1.1 A player's best six (6) individual singles, individual doubles and individual mixed doubles results will count towards his/her ranking position. Where players compete both at Junior ITF events and TSA events, only the best three (3) Junior ITF results will be used to make up the best six (6) overall.

9.1.2 All tournaments will count towards the TSA National Ranking i.e. Junior/Open Nationals, TSA Series, Local Open and Junior events as well as International tournaments.

9.1.3 Players who fail to comply with the Withdrawal regulation as per point 1.6 (Play-Offs) and Point 1.9.1 (Withdrawals) above will be penalised with the appropriate 5 Suspension Points for No Show (this will not count as one of the two permitted Late Withdrawals) and will also forfeit ALL Ranking Points earned at the said tournament.

9.1.4 A **player** who **defaults** (no show / code of conduct) in a tournament, except for illness or injury substantiated by a medical certificate, **shall lose all ranking points** for that tournament (singles, doubles and mixed doubles). This proviso will not apply where a player is scratched due to late arrival.

9.1.5 Strengths for all TSA Junior / Open Tournaments will be on a Guaranteed strength basis using the tables below. Open Tournament will offer the same ranking points as U18, except where an Open Tournament is specified with a different set of points:

Nationals and Masters (as displayed on TSA Website)

TSA Series (as displayed on TSA Website)

Grand Prix Events and Mini Masters (as displayed on TSA Website)

Mini Series and Other Tournaments (as displayed on TSA Website)

Wilson R100,000 Challenge (as displayed on TSA Website)

International Points Tables (as displayed on TSA Website)

9.1.6 Playing Out of Age Group:

The playing out of age group rule is no longer applicable to any of the TSA tournaments.

9.1.7 Rankings will be produced every Monday, which will result in 52 rankings being produced within a year. Rankings are based on a roll over basis which means that players will keep their ranking points earned during a tournament for 52 weeks once the tournament in question has been processed for rankings.

Tournaments are added to the ranking list on the second Monday after which a tournament has been completed. In the event of ranking changes or a ranking not being able to be produced, the latest available ranking will then be used for acceptance and/or seeding purposes.

9.1.9 The combined rankings will only comprise of 100% of the singles points and 25% of the doubles points. Mixed doubles (TSA Junior Series) will not be included in the Combined

Rankings and will have a separate ranking. Rankings will comprise of the points earned in the best 6 tournaments as referred to in 9.1.1 above.

9.1.10. Separate Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles rankings will also be displayed alongside the Combined Rankings. Combined ranking points will be used to determine acceptances and cut offs (Platinum, Gold etc). The Singles rankings will determine the singles seeding and doubles rankings the double seeding and mixed doubles rankings in the respective events of a tournament.

9.2 Rules for the allocation of ranking points

In addition to the points covered in 9.1 above:

9.2.1 In singles each player shall receive ranking points according to his/her position reached in the draw/level.

9.2.2 In doubles and mixed doubles, each player receives points according to the **round reached** and the **strength of the tournament** on a scale as set out in the Ranking Points Schedule. A **minimum of four (4) entries** will constitute a doubles draw that can count towards ranking

9.2.3 In any tournament using the Monrad draw if a payer is defaulted for not being ready to play within 15 minutes of the match being called or due to a retirement during a match, the **player may play the next match if he/she presents him/herself for that match.**

9.2.4 **If a person defaults because of injury or illness after a round has been played, he receives points as the loser in the round he defaulted.**

9.4.5 **If a tournament is not completed because of rain, all players are awarded round losers points of the round that the tournament was called off.** In cases where prize money is involved, prize money will be paid out in terms of round losers amount, in the round which tournament is cancelled

9.2.6 National rankings will also be calculated on a roll over basis

10. RANKING POINTS TABLES

See Points Tables on the TSA website

11. PRIZE MONEY / AMATEUR STATUS

Juniors: No prize money, in any form, shall be paid at any junior tournament, either to the players, parent or coach of the player concerned or to their local provincial association.

Players considering applying to attend US Colleges need to be aware that very strict rules and regulations are enforced by the NCAA in terms of a player maintaining their Amateur Status. Further information and documentation in this regard is available on the TSA website under the Rules and Regs section.

Opens: Prize money as per the advertised entry form will be payable at the respective tournaments.

In cases where players withdraw from doubles, after having completed their first round, the players will receive points and prize money for the previous round.

In the event of a Default, the player/team will not be entitled to the Prize Money

12. PRIZES/GIFTS

Juniors: The value of a prize/gift to a winner of a tournament may not exceed the value of \$750. Tournaments are encouraged to award trophies, medals, certificates and or prizes. If gift vouchers are used, it must be from a store which is countrywide.

13. TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

13.1 Tournament Director:

The Tournament Director shall be responsible for the following:

Prior To Event:

- a) Appointing a Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee should cover the following portfolios; Tournament Director, Finances/Treasurer, Safety Officer, Tournament Supervisor / Referee (as approved by TSA), desk organisers any other portfolio or position as deemed necessary by Tournament Director.
- b) Securing and negotiating of sponsorships.
- c) Delegate which persons will be responsible for the various age groups.
- d) Ensure that sufficient courts and venues are arranged, and that the facilities meet the various requirements (clocks, first aid boxes, singles sticks, water, chairs for the player's, etc.). This should be done in consultation with the Supervisor / Referee.
- e) 6 rounds per court per day, should give an idea as to the number of courts required.
- f) Order the tournament balls as per what is advertised on the TSA Calendar.
- g) Arrange catering at all venues. Catering should be sports friendly and offer various cool drinks as well as hamburgers, hotdogs, toasted sandwiches and not just chocolates and crisps. Prices should also be affordable and not exorbitant.
- h) Secure affordable accommodation rates at various hotels, guest houses and boarding schools. Any such information can be sent to TSA for promotion purposes on the website and on the tournament information.
- i) Ensure that a photocopy machine, telephone and fax as well as A3 and A4 paper is available, and that copier can make A4 and A3 copies. Internet connection is also required i.e. in the form of a LAN cable, WIFI or 3G.

- j) Order/arrange prizes for the respective winners and runner ups. Cash is not permitted as an option, although gift vouchers are permitted. If using gift vouchers, it is advisable to ensure that the voucher is from a supplier that is available country wide as opposed to being locally based.
- k) Appoint a Tournament Doctor or Medical facility where players requiring assistance can be referred as well as where On-Site Medical Certificates can be completed should the need arise.
- l) Finalise Wild Cards with TSA.
- m) Ensure that any Bulk Entries are finalised and submitted to TSA **before or by the Entry Deadline**.

During Event:

- n) Ensure that sponsors interests are looked after. Banners to be erected at respective venues. Banner positions to be pre-determined and approved by Supervisor / Referee.
- o) Entertain sponsor representatives that may be on-site during play.
- p) Prize giving to be arranged after completion of event. However, this may not always be possible, and should at least be arranged after the completion of singles events.
- q) Ensure that Supervisor/Referee or person managing the Tournament Software to run the event submits the tournament results to the TSA Media Liaison by 15:00 daily, irrespective of whether the days play has been competed or not. Results to be sent to Nceba on nceba@thebldgroup.com and Mini on mni@tennissa.co.za
- r) The Tournament Director may not act as the Supervisor/Referee.
- s) Ensure general running of event.

After Event:

- t) Ensure all tournament documentation has been submitted to TSA along with Tournament Director report.
- u) Liaise with TSA office concerning the final reconciliation of tournament fees etc.
- v) Ensure that sponsor banners are returned, including that the TSA banners are sent back to the TSA office or as otherwise informed.

13.2 Tournament Supervisor/Referee:

The Tournament Supervisor/Referee shall be overall in charge of applying all tournament rules and regulations as prescribed by Tennis South Africa. Where an interpretation is required, the interpretation as per the International Tennis Federation in terms of duties/procedures and the Rules of Tennis will prevail.

The TSA Tournament Department will be responsible for the handling of entries, withdrawals and conducting the respective tournament singles draws. Where required, the Order of play for the first days play can be compiled in consultation with the organiser by TSA, alternatively, the tournament organisers and Referee's will be responsible for the compiling all the days Order of Play.

Tournament Referee's will generally be responsible for compiling of onsite draws (doubles draws).

- a) Meet with the Tournament Director prior to the tournament to discuss various aspects and arrangements to ensure that tournament runs smoothly.
- b) Discuss appointment of officials with TSA and local officials committee as well as with Tournament Director.
- c) Prepare the order of play on a daily basis, and ensure that the person's responsible post the orders of play as well as the various updated draw sheets at all designated areas and venues.
- d) Designate a specific place from which matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play, using all available and reasonable means. Players must be ready to play when their matches are called.
- e) 15 minutes after the match has been called, a player will be scratched if not ready to play. There will be NO deviation from this rule!
- f) Designate in a highly visible place at each venue an Official Bulletin Board and notify the players of its position. All tournament information such as draws, schedules and other information need to be posted on this area. It is the responsibility of all players to obtain their schedules from the notice board.
- g) Decide if a match should be moved to another court, or if final matches on a specific court should be moved due to time. Where possible, a match should not be moved once it has started, although exceptional circumstances may require for this to happen. Whenever possible, a change of courts during a match should be made at the end of a set, or after an even number of games in the set in progress.
- h) Decide when play should be postponed due to bad light or weather conditions. If play is postponed due to darkness, such postponement should be made at the end of a set, or after an even number of games have been completed in the set in progress.
- i) Be responsible for investigating the code of conduct, issuing fines and defaults when necessary. Ensure that a high standard of officiating is maintained, including decisions and cases. Compile a tournament report including all code violations. This report is to be submitted to the TSA Technical Manager on the final day of the tournament. Load the final results of the tournament onto the TSA website, while submitting a copy of the final backup to the TSA office after the completion of the final match.
- j) Assign the Court Monitors to the various venues and courts.
- k) Ensure that Doubles Sign-in deadlines and Times are announced and posted at the respective venues, along with organisers making regular announcements and ensuring that information is also accurate and correct as per what is posted on the TSA website.
- l) Be present on site at all times during the play of matches in the tournament.

The Tournament Supervisor/Referee is the Final On-Site Authority in terms of interpretation of all Tennis Rules/Regulations and Tournament Formats.

13.3 Role of Off Court Umpires (Court Monitors):

An Off Court Umpire is a person who controls play on more than one court. His/Her main tasks are as follows:

- a) Ensuring that the assigned courts are ready for play
- b) Conducting a coin toss prior to the commencement of the warm-up for each match on his/her assigned court
- c) Enforcing compliance with warm up times
- d) Enforcing the Code of Conduct and resolving scoring disputes
- e) Dealing with disputes in such a way that it does not disturb other matches
- f) Avoiding as far as possible staying on court and officiating all matches uniformly
- g) Being visible
- h) Help resolving disputes according the Junior Tournament Rules and regulations of the event
- i) Calling foot faults and overruling line calls when he/she is in direct observation of the court
- j) Exercising best efforts to control parents, coaches and supporters
- k) Completing match reports pertaining to Code Violations/Code of Conduct and ensuring that the players acknowledge receipt of such violations during the match when the match is completed. Such forms must be handed to the Supervisor/Referee on a daily basis.

13.4 Tournament Doctor/Medical Clinic

In the case of rankings tournaments a Tournament Doctor or Medical Clinic needs to be on standby to refer medical situations to. Only medical certificates from the appointed medical Doctor or Medical Clinic will be valid and accepted. These MUST be handed or emailed to the Tournament Director and Referee.

13.5 Health and Safety

All Tournaments are required to follow the appropriate Health and Safety guidelines and requirements as set out in a separate document available on the TSA website. TSA submitted a generic guideline on behalf of all the Ranking Tournaments to SRSA and The National Commissioner South African Police Services for approval. Approval was provided for Low Risk Status across the board. However, each individual tournament is still required to submit their own Health and Safety plan to TSA and their local Police Station. See guidelines for further information

14. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

14.1 Championship Tie Breaker Third Set

When the score in a match is one set all, one championship tie break game shall be played to decide the match. This tie break game replaces the deciding final set. The player who first wins ten (10) points shall win this super tie break and the match, provided he/she leads by a margin of two points.

Players shall change ends after every six points, with the exception being for Seniors Tournaments, where Seniors will follow the change of ends tie-break format (change ends after the 1st point in the tie-break and after every four (4) points thereafter). This provision for Seniors will apply to all tie-break formats (regular tie-break at six (6) games all), or the Championship Tie breaker being used for consolation events when a match reaches one (1) set all.

14.2 The Junior Nationals TBA

14.3 Round Robin Ties

Round Robin Calculation for best of 3 Tie-Break sets or 2 Sets & match Tie-Breaker:

The final positions in each individual round robin section will be based on most matches won.

In order to solve any possible two or three way ties that may occur after the completion of the round robin competition, this will be done as follows:

- a) In the case of a two-way tie occurring, the head to head result between the two players in question (result of the match played between the two players) will determine the winner.
- b) In the case of three or more players being tied on matches won, ALL the results of the matches played in the group will be used for the calculation method in determining final positions within the group:
 - i) Percentage sets won, if a tie still exists;
 - ii) Percentage games won, if a tie still exists;
 - iii) A shoot out, based on a traditional tie-breaker between the tied players
 - iv) Draw by lot to determine the positions in question
 - v) If at any stage the three (3) way tie is broken and a two (2) way tie exists, the steps in breaking the three (3) way tie will continue, the Head to Head result **WILL NOT BE REFERRED TOO.**

Round Robin Calculation for Games (9 Games etc):

The final positions in each individual round robin section will be based on most Games won.

In order to solve any possible two or three way ties that may occur after the completion of the round robin competition, this will be done as follows:

- a) In the case of a two-way tie occurring, the head to head result between the two players in question (result of the match played between the two

players) will determine the winner.

- b) In the case of three or more players being tied on matches won, ALL the results of the matches played in the group will be used for the calculation method in determining final positions within the group:
- i) Games won vs. Games lost
 - ii) If a two way tie exists after Games Won vs. Games lost is unable to determine the final outcome, then the only time that Head to Head will be referred to is in this case

Note: If a player retires during a match, the remaining games/sets are awarded to the opponent for calculation purposes. i.e. Player A retires at 3-1, Player B is the winner with the score being 8-1 if best of 9 Games are being used or 63 60 if sets are being used.

If a player withdraws from the tournament and the Round Robin phase has not been completed, ALL the players points/matches are removed.

15. MEDICAL TIME-OUT PROCEDURES

a) Medical Condition

A medical condition is a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that warrants a medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Physio Therapist/ Athletic Trainer (also know as the Primary Health Care Provider) during the warm-up or the match

- **Treatable Medical Conditions**

- Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
- Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.

- **Non-Treatable Medical Conditions**

- Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- General player fatigue.
- Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

b) Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire for the Physiotherapist/ Athletic Trainer to evaluate him/her during the next change over or set break. Only in the case that a player develops an

acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire for the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer to evaluate him/her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other. At the discretion of the Physio- therapist/Athletic Trainer, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court.

If the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

Note: At local tournaments where a Physiotherapist or Doctor is not on-site the player may be evaluated by his/her parent or coach under the supervision of the Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire.

c) Medical Time-Out

A medical Time-Out is allowed by the Supervisor, Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire when the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer has evaluated the player and has determined that medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out may take place during a change over, set break or immediately, as determined by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor.

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at TSA events, the Supervisor/Referee, Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire may extend the time allowed for treatment to 5 minutes if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

Muscle Cramping: A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

Note:

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor to have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire to resume play immediately.

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor, he/she may forfeit

the point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of ends or set break in order to receive immediate evaluation, and treatment if time allows. There may be a total of two (2) additional change of ends treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor/Referee that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the Supervisor, Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

d) Medical Treatment

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) consecutive changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

e) Penalty

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalised by Code Violations for Delay of Game. Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

f) Bleeding

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer must be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor, the Supervisor or Chair Umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play must not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

g) Vomiting

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomiting has spilled onto the court or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer must determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

h) Physical Incapacity

During a match, if there is an emergency medical condition and the player involved is unable to make a request for a Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call for the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and Tournament Doctor to assist the player.

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered unable physically to compete, the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor should inform the Supervisor and recommend that the player is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress. The Supervisor shall use great discretion before taking this action and should base the decision on the best interests of professional tennis, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

The player may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament if the Tournament Doctor determines that the player's condition has improved to the extent that the player may safely physically perform at an appropriate level of play, whether the same day or on a later day.

Notes & Examples of a Medical Time Out for Practical Purposes:

In all of the above circumstances (Junior/Open/Seniors), reference to the Point Penalty Schedule refers to the Code Violation Section i.e. Warning, Point Penalty, Game Penalty, Default.

References to the Time Delay Schedule refers to the Time Violation Section i.e. Warning, Point Penalty, Point Penalty, Point Penalty, etc.

It is also important to remember that treatment for a specific injury can comprise of the following breaks in play:

- 1 x 3 Minute Medical Time-Out or 5 Minutes for Seniors
- 2 x Change-over treatments (90 seconds)

The above does not have to be in this particular sequence.

Example:

Player A may receive treatment on a 90 second change of ends, later in the match request to take the 3 minute medical time out and later in the match request to have the 2nd 90 second change-over treatment.

In the case of Juniors/Open tournaments, the Referee has the right to extend the 3 minute treatment to 5 minutes if deemed necessary. In the event of bleeding, five (5) minutes to be permitted.

While the procedure refers to a Trainer (Physiotherapist) or Doctor, local tournaments do not have Trainers or Doctors on-site and therefore in the case of a player requiring treatment, the player's coach or parent will be permitted to provide the on-court treatment under the supervision of a Court Monitor, Chair Umpire or Referee (whichever is applicable) to ensure that no coaching is given.

Case 1:

- Player A sustains an injury during the rally. The score is 30 All.
- The Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire discusses the situation with the player.
- Player A requests to see his coach for advice as there is no Physio or Dr on site.
- Coach assesses the injury and decides that the injury can be strapped.
- As soon as the treatment commences (hand on treatment) the 3 minutes start.
- Off Court Umpire, or Chair Umpire advises both players of the time remaining.
- After 3 minutes elapses, the treatment is complete.
- Once the player is ready, Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire announces time and player has 30 seconds to commence play.

Case 2:

- Same as above except player A requests to see the coach on the change over.
- Same procedures apply, with exception that if treatment occurs before the change over time elapses, then this is additional treatment time permitted over and above the 3 minutes.

The diagnosis time is not restricted and that the 3 minutes start once treatment (hand on treatment) commences.

Case 3:

- Player A is suffering from cramp. The score is 30 All, but he can not play further due to the cramping.
- First consult with the Physio/Coach/Parent.
- Once confirmed then player A can forfeit the remaining points and or game (if necessary) to get to the Change-over.
- Player A is entitled to, two change-over 60 second treatments for cramping. No 3 minute time out is permitted for cramping.

16. TOILET BREAKS

16.1 Men & Junior Boys:

A player is entitled to one (1) toilet break during a best of three (3) set match and two (2) toilet breaks during a best of five (5) set match.

Whenever possible, the toilet break should be taken on a change-over, or during the set-break at Professional events.

Should a player require more than his allotted toilet breaks, then additional breaks may be awarded on the 90 second change-over. If a player exceeds the 90 seconds or the 120 second (set-break), then he is subject to the Point Penalty Schedule for Delay of Game.

16.2 Ladies & Junior Girls:

Ladies: In singles, each player is entitled to a maximum of two (2) breaks per match and in doubles each TEAM is entitled to a maximum of two (2) breaks. Change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break and toilet breaks should be taken on a set break or when necessary. Any time a player leaves the court for a bathroom or change of attire break, it is considered one of her two (2) breaks, regardless of whether or not her opponent has left the court. In doubles, if partners leave the court together, it counts as one of their two (2) breaks. These breaks may be taken for toilet

visits, change of attire, or both, but for no other reason whatsoever. Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks. Additional breaks will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time. The Referee shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break, if, it is interpreted by the Referee as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules. Reasonable time shall be allowed for toilet and change of attire breaks.

1. **Toilet Break:** May be taken when necessary, but preferably at the end of a game, set, or on a change of ends. A player may not take a Toilet Break and a Medical Time Out consecutively. A player may change her attire during a Toilet Break.

2. **Change of Attire Break:** May only be taken on a set break. A player may not take a Change of Attire Break and a Medical Time Out consecutively.

Junior Girls: A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break. Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break (end of game, change over, end of set – local tennis) and can be used for no other purpose. Change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break (end of set – local tennis) and are only allowed in girl's tennis. In girl's tennis, these breaks may be limited by the Referee to five (5) minutes in addition to the time allowed for a set break (change over, end of set – local tennis).

In doubles matches, the same will apply as stated above for Ladies events.

Example of a Toilet Break Procedure for Practical Purposes:

Case 1:

- Junior Boys match or Men's match, Play A requests to go to the toilet. The score is 3 All in the 2nd set.
- Player A can go to the toilet during the changeover.
- In extreme cases if the Off Court Umpire permits the player to leave during the game or before the changeover, it must be on the player's own serve and not during the opponents service game.

Case 2:

- Junior Girls match or Ladies match, Play A request to go to the toilet. The score is 3 All in the 2nd set.
- Player A should go during the changeover, however, if necessary can go immediately.

Note: Any time the player leaves the court, this counts as one of the permitted toilet breaks. When a player leaves the court to go to the toilet, the opponent needs to be informed and an official needs to approve the toilet break i.e. Off Court Umpire or Chair Umpire.

If a player leaves the court for additional toilet breaks, then they do so on their own time i.e. 90 seconds for change overs etc and will be penalised for Delay of Game if exceeds the time.

17. EXTREME HEAT RULE

In order to ensure player safety and well being the Heat Rule is to be implemented during tournaments/matches as follows:

1. If the onsite temperature reaches 30+C, a ten (10) minute break is implemented between the 2nd and 3rd set. This is for matches in progress and matches that are about to commence. Any match that is in progress or started when the Heat Rule comes into effect is entitled to the ten (10) minute break.
2. The ten (10) minute break is authorised when one (1) of the players requests to take the break.
3. If the outside temperature reaches 38+C all matches are suspended until such time that the temperature decreases below 38C.
4. The outside temperature shall be measured every 30 minutes from the official start time of the first session of matches as per the schedule/order of play.
5. The tournament shall have a thermometer at the main venue, which will be the device referred to when determining the heat rule by the Referee and Tournament Director.
6. The above applies to matches that are the best of three (3) tie break sets only i.e. Singles Main Draw. Monrad play-off matches, doubles and mixed doubles matches where two (2) sets and a match tie break is played will not count towards a ten (10) minute break being implemented.

Note:

- The only mechanism to determine the implementing or lifting of the Heat Rule will be the Tournament Thermometer as mentioned in point 4 above, available at the Main Venue.
- The players will be permitted to receive coaching while off court during the ten (10) minute break or to take a shower.
- The Tournament Referee/Off Court Official will determine the time at which the players are to return to the court and the match is to re-commence. There will be no re-warm up as the break is only ten (10) minutes.
- If a player returns late to the court (following the set and agreed time) he/she will be penalised with a Time Violation for every twenty (20) seconds. IN this case back to back Time Violations will follow and not become a Code Violation.

Suggested Precautions:

- Consider wearing light and loose fitting clothing (light in colour and texture).
- Wear a cap or visor to protect the face from direct sunlight.
- Apply a high UV sun screen.
- Ensure sufficient liquids are consumed. Allow the individual to determine how much to drink and encourage players in the younger age groups to drink lots of fluids.
- Between matches stay in shaded and cool areas to recover. Drink water and sports drinks to remain hydrated.
- Consider ice towels for change overs (where possible).

18. REST PERIODS – (Minimum Recommendations)

Local Men's / Ladies and Junior Tournaments:

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| • Time between singles matches | - | 1 Hour |
| • Time between singles and doubles matches | - | 45 minutes |
| • Time between doubles matches | - | 30 minutes |

General: The rest between matches are minimum, these may be altered by the Referee if it is deemed to be necessary.

Note: The maximum rest between a singles and doubles final shall be 30 minutes. This applies to all tournaments.

Players may play 4 matches on a day, provided no more than 2 of the 4 matches are singles.

These can comprise of:

2 x singles / 1 x doubles / 1 x mixed doubles

1 x singles / 3 x doubles/mixed doubles

In exceptional circumstances a player may be required to play more than 2 singles matches on a day, but this would be due to weather and in consultation with TSA.

SUSPENSIONS DURING MATCHES – RE WARM UP TIMES

Should a match be suspended due to rain, then the following re-warm up periods will be applicable for all local events:

All Local and Professional Tennis Tournaments:

0 – 15 Minutes Delay	-	No Warm up Permitted
15 – 30 Minutes Delay	-	3 Minutes Warm up Permitted
More than 30 Minutes	-	5 Minutes Warm up

19. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

Each player grants and assigns to Tennis South Africa, the local Provincial Association, the tournaments and their agents and assignees the right in perpetuity to use or authorise the use of from time to time and at their discretion, her name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media now known or herein devised, without compensation for her, her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns, for the purpose of publicizing, promoting and advertising the sport of tennis, TSA, the Provincial Association, the tournament and their respective affiliates and events, including, the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programmes, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising, broadcasting and filming of the same, and hereby grants and assigns to the ITF, the Provincial association, the tournament and their agents and assignees the right in perpetuity to make, use, show and reproduce, in any and all media now known or hereafter devised, from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event for commercial and non-commercial purposes without compensation for him/herself, his/her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such activities by TSA, Provincial associations, tournament organisers or their agents and assignees shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

Player Images:

Notwithstanding rule 19, it is prohibited for any tournament visitor to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images, unless they are the parent or legal guardian of the player, without the express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of the parent, legal guardian of the player or TSA Referee. Any authorised images must

be exclusively of tennis matches, practice or tournament activity including the presentation of trophies.

Television, Recording and Radio Rights:

TSA is the exclusive owner of all “audio” and “audio-visual” media rights to the event including but without limitation to all forms of television, internet, mobile, radio and other electronic media.

TSA hereby agrees to assign to the Host Broadcaster the exclusive rights to appoint and enter into any contracts with Host Broadcasters to produce and broadcast coverage of the event taking place during the term of the agreement by means of traditional broadcast television and traditional over the air radio within the host territory, provided that the host organiser will procure a full assignment of copyright and other IP rights in any coverage to TSA (including but not limited to “archive rights”). Any revenues generated by the host organiser from such contracts will be for the sole benefit of the host organiser.

The host organiser will make best efforts to negotiate with the host television broadcaster to provide TSA, free of charge, with recordings of all matches at the event in such format as requested by TSA. In the event a charge is incurred, subject to acceptance of the same by TSA, this will be paid by TSA.

Archive Rights:

Upon expiration of the agreement, TSA shall remain the exclusive owner to all audio and audio-visual media rights (“archive rights”).

20. NATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

Tennis South Africa retains the right to secure National sponsors (Title, Circuit and Ancillary) for the TSA Series, Junior Nationals, Junior Masters, Primary and High School weeks.

A National sponsor will have the right to exposure at select additional events of the calendar, and it will be the responsibility of TSA to negotiate an agreement with each Host Organiser of these events with regards to this exposure. TSA grants host organisers to secure local sponsors, provided these are approved by TSA, do not conflict with any of the TSA sponsors and form part of the brand plan for the event (TSA Series).

TSA retains the exclusive right to net branding at each event on the calendar. The host organiser of the respective events is not permitted to place branding on the net unless otherwise agreed in writing with TSA.