

2018 TENNIS SOUTH AFRICA
BEACH TENNIS RULES &
REGULATIONS



TSA BEACH TENNIS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS 2018

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 Beach Tennis 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 Beach Tennis Tournament Rules and Regulations, the general 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 Online Entries – Doubles

- On-line entries close 14 days prior to the start of the tournament.
- Both players must enter online. Only when both players have entered doubles with one another will the team be accepted as entered.
- 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.
- **No On-site sign-in's will be permitted, all entries to be done via the on-line system. The only exception will be in the case of On Site Alternates (players who did not enter, but take the risk at arriving on-site to replace any vacancies that may be created by late withdrawals or No Shows)**

1.2.2 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. Entry fees for 2018 will be R300 per team i.e. R150 per player.
- 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

The TSA Beach Tennis 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 Beach Tennis 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 as per the ITF Beach Tennis Rules.
- 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

1.5 Late Entries

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

1.5.1 Prior to the draw, a couple/team 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 couple/team who would not have been seeded may be included in the draw, subject to the team 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 couple/team who has signed in and if more spots become available, will follow in that order. If the couples/teams 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 couple/team receiving a Bye may not be drawn back in order to make place for a late entry

1.6 Consolation:

- Teams wishing to compete in the Consolation event will be required to sign-in separately.
- Consolation will be open to couples/teams who have lost in the first two rounds.
- Ranking points will not be awarded for the Consolation, but organisers may elect to award prizes.

1.7 On-Site Alternate Sign-in

Any couple/team 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 couple/team(s) ranking must be of such a nature that they 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 couple/team **MAY NOT** be accepted into the Main Draw of an event as an On-Site Alternate if there is a Qualifying draw.
- Couples/teams wishing to be considered must sign-in personally on-site at the respective venue by the start of play.
- In the event of more than one couples/teams signing-in at a venue, couples/teams will be prioritised in order of merit based on their **acceptance ranking**. In cases where couples/teams either have the same combined ranking (TSA National Ranking) the couples/teams will be prioritised in order in which the individual player has the highest doubles ranking. In the event of no rankings, the couples/teams 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
- 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 couple/team withdraws, the next eligible couple/team (next on the ranking list) to be seeded (No. 9) 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 couple/team 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 Couples/Teams who withdraw from a match for **medical reasons** may continue participating in the consolation event 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 match, and wants to continue playing another round robin match or consolation matches either the same day or next day of the tournament.

1.9.5 In the event of a player withdrawing after the draw has been published, the partner may find a replacement prior to the commencement of play, provided that the new combination will not affect the seeding in any way. i.e. Replacing of ill / injured partners is permitted.

However,

a) In the event of a player retiring or withdrawing from an event (doubles) and wanting to continue in another event (mixed 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.

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

All Beach Tennis Tournaments will comprise of a Knock Out Draw and a Consolation Draw for couples/teams who lose in the first two rounds.

The maximum size of a Knock Out Draw will be a 32 draw. Qualifying may be played in the event of entries exceeding 32 couples/teams.

In the event of 8 or less entries a round robin competition may be played.

Draw Size Restrictions:

2 and/or 3 Day Tournaments: 16 Draw

3/4 or 5 Day Tournaments: 32 Draw

At the completion of the tournament players will be awarded Beach Tennis Ranking Points based on the round reach in the Main Draw.

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 number of courts being used, the Draw Sizes, the following scoring formats will apply:

2/3 Days: All Main Draw matches will consist of best of three short sets.
Consolation matches will be two short sets, with a 10 point Match Tie-Breaker being played if the match reaches 1 set all

3/4/5 Days: All Main Draw matches will be best of 3 tie-breaker sets.
Consolation matches will be two short sets, with a 10 point Match Tie-Breaker being played if the match reaches 1 set all

Match formats may be amended once the final entry has been received in order to maximise participation and match time. All qualifying matches (where required) will be best of three short sets. Where necessary the tournament format may be altered to a Round Robin (8 or less couples) with a Knock Out, in which case no Consolation event will be required.

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

2.7 Tennis Balls:

- All qualifying and main draw matches must receive two (2) new balls.
- All consolation matches will receive 3 good used balls.
- Only ITF approved tennis balls may be used.
- Orange Dot Tennis balls are to be used.
- Individual tournament organisers to obtain written quotes from the various ball suppliers.

3. ACCEPTANCE AND SEEDING PROCEDURES

3.1 Acceptances:

Initially the TSA Men's and Women's doubles rankings will be used for acceptance purposes until the Beach Tennis rankings have taken shape during the course of 2018. Where junior categories are played the age group doubles ranking will be used for acceptance purposes.

TSA in consultation with the tournament organisers reserve the right to determine acceptances in cases where players don't have a doubles ranking, based on any other available information. Where no information is available, couples/teams will be drawn by lot if necessary.

When applicable, the latest available **National Beach Tennis Ranking** will be used for determining acceptances. **The Beach Tennis 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.

Acceptance Formulas:

- 32 Draw: 24 Direct Acceptances, based on ranking
4 Qualifiers (in event of qualifying)
4 Wild Cards
- 16 Draw: 12 Direct Acceptances, based on ranking
2 Qualifiers
2 Wild Cards

3.2 Seeding Procedure – Doubles & Mixed Doubles

3.2.1 Initially, until the formal Beach Tennis rankings are implemented, the Mens's or Women's Doubles or Mixed Doubles ranking will be used for seeding purposes. In the case of Junor events the actual age group doubles or mixed doubles rankings will be used. The combined Doubles rankings of both players will be used for seeding purposes. Acceptances are based on Combined rankings for Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

3.2.2 **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>
3 & 4		
First drawn	5	9
Second drawn	12	24
5, 6, 7, 8		
First drawn		8
Second drawn		16
Third drawn		17
Fourth drawn		25

4.3 Byes

If a draw contains less players than 16 or 32, 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 Errors in a Draw

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

- If the couple/team 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 couple/team of the level. The two (2) last direct accepted couples/teams will play a play-off match to determine who progresses forward
- If the couple/team would have been amongst the No. 5 – 8 seeds, the couple/team in question replaces the No. 8 seed. The No. 8 seed (now unseeded) replaces the last direct accepted couple/team of the level. The two (2) last direct accepted couples/teams 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 couple/team who would not have been seeded in a particular level, has erroneously been omitted from the draw by mistake, the following shall apply:

- The couple/team will play a play-off match against the last direct accepted couple/team 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 couple/team(s). The Referee will have to randomly pull back a match to make provision for the additional couple/team.

4.6 Definitions

4.6.1 Wild Cards.

Teams/couples 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.

4.6.1.1 Wild Cards **may be seeded**.

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

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

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

4.6.1.5 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.

4.6.1.6 **Applications** for Wild Cards must be done **in writing** and sent either to the organiser or 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.

4.6.2 On-Site Alternates

Non-entered couples/teams 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 couple/team is responsible to ascertain the time(s) of their 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:

Doubles Main Draw and Mixed Main Draw. Thereafter Consolation Matches may be scheduled.

In the case of having to postpone or cancel matches, Priority always lies with the Main Draws (Doubles and Mixed Doubles). Consolation matches will be the first to be postponed or cancelled.

In the case of cancelling of events or any 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 couple/team is expected to play more than two (2) doubles matches per day in the last two days of a tournament, or more than four matches (2 doubles and 2 mixed doubles) 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** doubles matches - 45 minutes, unless a shorter period is agreed to by all the players involved. **The Referee may consider awarding a couple/team a longer rest time than the basic recommended minimum. These will be based on individual case by case scenarios**

Where matches consisting of the best of three short sets are played **the minimum resting time between** doubles matches - 30 minutes, unless a shorter period is agreed to by all the players involved. **The Referee may consider awarding a couple/team 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 team/couple 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 couple/team may be given the time of their 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 (if available)

6. BALLS

6.1 Only **ITF approved tennis balls** will be permitted for use at any TSA Beach Tennis sanctioned Junior/Open Tournament. Tournaments will be responsible for the procurement process of tennis balls for their events. Only Orange Dot tennis balls are to be used.

6.2 **Two new balls** are to be supplied for each qualifying or main draw match. Consolation matches to be provided with three used tennis balls.

7. **RULES FOR NON-UMPIRED MATCHES**

7.1 Each couple/team is responsible for all calls on their 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**. **"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 serve**, loudly enough for the **opponents to hear**.

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

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

8.3 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 beach tennis and shall be deemed as unsportsmanlike behaviour.

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

8.5 **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).

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

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

8.8 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

8.9 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 Beach Tennis National Ranking

9.1.1 A player's best six (6) individual doubles and individual mixed doubles results will count towards his/her ranking position.

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

9.1.3 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 (doubles and mixed doubles). This proviso will not apply where a player is scratched due to late arrival.

9.1.4 Strengths for all TSA Beach Tennis Tournaments will be based on the tables as reflecting on the TSA website.

9.1.5 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.

9.1.6. Separate Doubles and Mixed Doubles rankings will be produced.

9.2 Rules for the allocation of ranking points

In addition to the points covered in 9.1 above:

9.2.1 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

9.2.2 **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.**

9.2.3 **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

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

10. BEACH TENNIS RANKING POINTS & PRIZE MONEY

Prize money as per the advertised entry form will be payable at the respective tournaments based on the Prize Money categories below.

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

Prize Money Categories (Total Prize Money):

- Non-Prize Money events
- R2,500
- R6,500
- R10,00
- Regional League
- R15,000 (Nationals and National League)

Points Structure:

Category	Winner	Finalist	Semi-Final	Quarter Final	R16	R32
R15,000 / Nats	125	75	45	25	10	5
Regional League	90	55	30	15	6	
R10,000	80	48	29	15	6	4
R6,500	35	20	10	5	3	
R2,500	27	15	8	4	2	
Non-Prize Money	10	6	3	1		

11. TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

11.1 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 tournament desk.
- d) Ensure that the facilities meet the various requirements (clock, first aid box, water, chairs for the player's, etc.). This should be done in consultation with the Supervisor / Referee.

- e) Order the tournament balls as per what is advertised on the TSA Beach Tennis Calendar.
- f) Arrange catering at the venue. 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.
- g) Secure affordable accommodation rates at various hotels/guest houses. Any such information can be sent to TSA for promotion purposes on the website and on the tournament information.
- h) Order/arrange prizes for the respective winners, runner ups and consolation event (if any).
- i) 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.
- j) Ensure that Topspin net and other Topspin sponsorship rights are adhered too along with any TSA sponsorship rights and partners.
- k) Ensure that any Bulk Entries are finalised and submitted to TSA **before or by the Entry Deadline**.

During Event:

- l) Ensure that sponsors interests are looked after. Banners to be erected at venue. Banner positions to be pre-determined and approved by Supervisor / Referee in conjunction with TSA.
- m) Entertain sponsor representatives that may be on-site during play.
- n) Prize giving to be arranged after completion of event.
- o) 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
- p) The Tournament Director may not act as the Supervisor/Referee.
- q) Ensure general running of event.

After Event:

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

12.1 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 Beach Tennis rules and regulations / Beach Tennis Tour 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 any onsite 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 the designated area.
- 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 couple/team 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 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.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) 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.

12.2 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.

12.3 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

13. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

13.1 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.

13.2 Short Sets

Players, play the first to 4 games, leading by two games i.e. at 3 All, play to 5. If the score reaches 4 games all a regular 7 point tie-breaker is played to complete the set 5-4.

13.3 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.

14. 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 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 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.

15. TOILET BREAKS

Each team is permitted to a total of two (2) toilet breaks. Any toilet break taken during the warm-up will count as one of the authorised toilet breaks.

Toilet breaks should only be taken during a set break or before players own service game.

Any time a player/team leaves the court for a toilet break, this will count as one of the authorised toilet breaks.

Additional toilet breaks may be permitted, but then the player/team are on their own time and subject to the Point Penalty Schedule for Delay of Game.

16. 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).

17. **REST PERIODS – (Minimum Recommendations)**

Local Men's / Ladies and Junior Tournaments:

- Time between doubles matches - 45 minutes

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

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

These can comprise of:

2 x doubles / 2 x mixed doubles (when played)

In exceptional circumstances a player may be required to play more than 2 doubles 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

18. **COURT MAINTENANCE**

Care should be taken that the playing area is kept free of stones, sticks etc that can cause injury to players. The surface should also be swept/dragged between matches.

In the event of the sand getting hot, a hosepipe should be available to lightly sprinkle the court to cool down the sand for the players.

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 18, 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).

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 and net post branding as well as the umpire chair 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.

Currently the rights to net branding, net post branding below to Topspin.

