

2024 Mandatory Virtual Player Meeting (www.ustaboys.com)

1. Use **Match Tennis App** to check in at the appropriate tournament desk **no later than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled match start time**. We use **Match Tennis App** as our main player communication platform in conjunction with **Serve Tennis**. **Make sure all your mobile contact information is current and accurate** to use this platform efficiently.
2. You **must be registered for the tournament** prior to play.
3. You **must participate in all events you register for**. **Only a referee can authorize a withdrawal**, and only for a bona fide injury, illness, or personal circumstance according to USTA rules. A **“default no show”** may result in you being defaulted from all your remaining matches. **“No show” players are assessed 5 suspension points**. Notification **after the fact** does not satisfy USTA protocol for withdrawing. The referee **must be** notified, with appropriate documentation and appropriate lead time, **prior** to your next round match to avoid no show penalties.
4. The **alternate entry list** will be posted at the Stowe Stadium tower by 7:45am. Friday.
5. All **main draw outdoor matches** will be **chaired** by USTA certified chair umpires. Line umpires will be used at Stowe Stadium in late round main draw matches. **Ball runners** may be used on those same courts. **Feed-in matches** may use roving umpires.
6. A **5 minute warm up** will be used for all matches. Up to **10 minutes** is allowed for change of venue of ongoing matches.
7. All **main draw singles** matches will be **best of 3 tiebreak sets**, regular scoring (18's final is best of 5 sets) with a mandatory 10 minute rest after split sets (after set 3 in 18's final) with a set tiebreak in all final sets. A **10 pt. match deciding tiebreak** will be used in lieu of a full third set in **all feed-in singles matches up to the 3rd. / 4th. place playoff and in all doubles matches up to the semifinals**. **No-ad scoring** will be used in **all doubles matches**. A mandatory 3 minute rest will occur after split sets in all matches that use a 10 pt. match deciding tiebreak.
8. **Code violation sequence is: point, game, default**. All code violations translate into suspension points. Suspension points can be assessed for off court behavior as well.
9. **Wilson extra duty balls** will be used for all matches. **3 new balls** will be used for two sets. A new can will be used for full third sets. Modified ball changes will be used beginning with all quarterfinal matches. New balls are not issued for match tiebreaks.
10. **Appropriate tennis attire** is required on court at all times. Shirts must be worn on court at all times including practice times.
11. **Electronic devices: Prohibited while on court** and considered “coaching”. Smartwatches must be turned off, removed and stored prior to play. PAT devices may be used if they are an integral part of the racket, however no external sensors around the court are allowed. Verified medically necessary electronic devices will be permitted with prior authorization from the head referee.

12. **Video Capture of match play:** Private video capture of match play is permitted only at outdoor sites other than Stowe Stadium . Tennis Analytics will be capturing match action at Stowe Stadium which will be made available to you.
13. If you are **defaulted for behavior** in one event, it may be grounds for defaulting you from all your remaining events.
14. **Coaching** is not permitted at any time during play. Coaching is only permitted off court during rest periods or suspensions of play.
15. The USTA reserves the right to conduct **random drug tests** throughout this event. **Alcohol** is a drug. This event exercises a zero tolerance policy regarding the use of alcohol by players.
16. Listen carefully to all **public address announcements**. Remain on court when play is “stopped”. Leave the court only when play is “suspended”. Consult the tournament website www.ustaboys.com or **Serve Tennis** for specific resumption information. Never leave a playing venue without informing a referee of you doing so.
17. **Clean up** after yourself following matches and practice, especially at off site locations.
18. Fill your **water jugs** before you go out to court. Bottled water (in jugs) is available on court during match play.
19. Trainers and medical staff are always on duty at all sites during play.
20. **You must be evaluated by our medical staff** before seeing the referee for permission to **withdraw** from future matches **or retire** due to injury or illness. See item #3 for details.

Darrell Davies / Head Referee 2024

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