

TOURNAMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Presentation to the USATT Board

19 December 2012

RECAP OF LAST PRESENTATION

- Multiple recommendations made, no actions taken
- Revisiting issues requiring Board action or approval

GRANTING 5-STAR SANCTIONS

- Per Board Meeting discussion, NSC can grant 5-Star Sanctions

SANCTIONING CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS

- If an RSC receives a sanction request on the same date as a previously sanctioned 3,4, or 5-star event anywhere in the country, sanction shall not be granted without the concurrence of the NSC
- NSC should inform both the RSC and director of a 0-2 star event if a 3-4 star sanction is received for the same weekend
- If an RSC feels he cannot resolve a conflict within his region for any reason, including conflict of interest, the conflict shall be resolved by the NSC
- If the NSC feels he cannot resolve a conflict for any reason, including conflict of interest, the conflict shall be resolved by the TAC
- If the TAC feels they cannot resolve a conflict for any reason, including conflict of interest, the conflict shall be resolved by the USATT Board of Directors
- Request approval by Board to include in Tournament Guide

OVERTURNING A SANCTION REQUEST APPROVAL

- The NSC shall have the right to overturn a sanction request approved by an RSC
- The TAC shall have the right to overturn a sanction request approved by NSC
- Per our bylaws, USATT Board can overturn any decision by a committee
- Request approval by Board to include in Tournament Guide

SANCTIONING DOUBLES-ONLY EVENTS

- There shall be no requirement for players in any event to pay ratings fees if they participate in only doubles
- There shall be no requirement for directors to pay processing fees for those players
- Doubles-only events can be sanctioned in order for clubs to have insurance and promote their events via USATT schedule on website
- Request approval by Board to include in Tournament Guide

SANDPAPER-ONLY SANCTION

- TAC does not recommend “Sanctioning” Sandpaper-only events
- TAC recommends allowing unsanctioned events be added to USATT event calendar for a fee, clearly marked as unsanctioned events.
- Request approval by Board to include in Tournament Guide, cost structure needed.

HARDBAT RULE CHANGE

- TAC/ORAC Recommend deleting the requirement that USATT sanctioned events accept hardbat rackets without complying with the rules for other rackets. (Color rule, racket coverage, ITTF logo)
- Above is only applicable during standard events, not specialty hardbat only events
- Suggest change is effective 1/1/2013
- Request Board take this for action

RATING RECOMMENDATIONS

- TAC Recommends that all matches at the US Nationals/US Open capable of being rated shall be submitted for ratings
 - League Competition
 - Not Hardbat, LIHA, or any other novelty event
- Request Board action

NSC APPOINTMENT

- No clear responsibility within bylaws
- Suggest that this is a Board responsibility, and should be same schedule as TAC membership appointments
- Request Board action

PLAYER PASS FOR FOREIGN PLAYERS

- Currently no fee for players who are members of foreign associations to participate in USATT events
- Certain associations have restrictive membership (e.g., JTTA)
- Allow unlimited purchase of tournament passes with proof of Foreign residence
- Request approval by Board to include in Tournament Guide

STAR LEVELS

- Provides a roadmap to lead tournament directors toward improved event quality
- Prize money is an insufficient measure

STAR LEVELS

- Consider changing the sanction fee structure. Flat is ideal, but USATT revenue would change.
- Some TAC members recommend a trial period
- Request approval by Board to include in Tournament Guide

THANKSGIVING 2013

- NATTC had reduced participation
- Butterfly Teams had less participation than hoped
- Both tournaments are considering changing locations next year
- NSC has a conflict of interest
- TAC members are split on recommendation
 - Some recommend protecting NA Teams, and not allowing other team events that weekend in future years.
 - Others recommend an open market philosophy
- Estimated star levels for both tournaments with no changes
 - NATTC 4-star
 - Butterfly Teams 3-star
- TAC requests that Board step in and determine action