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USTA-LA Medical Release

Please complete this USTA-La Medical Release, sign it, have your parent or guardian sign it, and take the signed form with you to the USTA-La tournament you are entering. This form, signed by your parent or guardian and you, must be submitted to the tournament director at check-in.

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| NAME: | AGE DIVISION: (circle one) <i>B18 B16 B14 B12 B10 B8 G18 G16 G14 G12 G10 G8</i> | | |
| NAME OF EVENT: | | | |
| ADDRESS: <i>(street)</i> | <i>(city)</i> | <i>(state)</i> | <i>(zip)</i> |
| PHONE (home): | PHONE (parent office): | | |
| | USTA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: | | <i>(exp date)</i> |

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to participate in tournaments closed to Louisiana players, the player must, at the time of entry into the tournament and throughout the dates of the tournament:

1. Hold a current USTA membership card assigned in Louisiana;
2. Be a citizen of the United States or meet the resident alien requirements for a USTA national ranking.
Resident Alien requirements include resident aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and are members of families of persons or a diplomat or consular core; and
3. Be domiciled in Louisiana, which means living in a Louisiana residence with the intent to remain there permanently. Although a player may have another residence in a different state, for purposes of this domiciliary rule, the Louisiana residence must be the player's principal residence. In the case of a junior player, domicile means that the player is living in:
 - a. Louisiana residence with at least one of his or her parents, or court- appointed guardian who has the intent to remain there permanently in that principal residence. Junior players do not lose their Louisiana domicile simply because:
 - i. They attend school or college outside of Louisiana, provided that at least one of the player's parents or guardian maintain domicile in Louisiana; or
 - ii. They spend time with one of his or her parents outside of Louisiana pursuant to a joint custody arrangement, provided that the player spends the remaining time with the other parent in his or her Louisiana domicile; or
 - iii. They move temporarily due to a parent's or guardian's military assignment outside of Louisiana.

USTA-LOUISIANA RELEASE: The USTA Louisiana and A's & Aces require a signed release covering all entrants in USTA-Louisiana events. The release must be signed by the entrant and parent or guardian of any entrant who is a minor. Acceptance of my entry in these events is without assumption or responsibility of any kind by the USTA-Louisiana and A's & Aces, their sectional associates, committees or the management of any event in which I may be entered or may participate. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby for and behalf of myself, and my heirs and my legal representatives release and forever discharge the USTA-Louisiana and A's & Aces, their officers, committees, and representatives and their successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims and damages, losses or injuries which may be suffered or sustained by me in connection with my activities during the period for which such permission is granted and any period traveling to and from the events described, and all claims are hereby waived and released, and I covenant not to sue therefore. I also acknowledge that I have read the Residency Requirements set forth above and hereby affirm that the entrant meets said requirements for closed events."

Signature of Entrant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date Street City State Zip



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MEDICAL RELEASE: I hereby consent to the rendering of emergency first aid and other medical procedures, which at the time of injury or illness seems reasonably advisable. I further understand that I will be responsible for payment of any such medical procedures. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby agree to abide by all applicable rules and regulations and codes of the USTA-Louisiana and/or the same as may be adopted by the USTA-Louisiana for this USTA-Louisiana tournament, and hereby consent to be tested for drugs pursuant to the provisions Thereof.

Signature of Entrant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Street

City

State

Zip

CONSENT TO PUBLICATION: *Needed for posting pictures on LTA /A's & Aces websites, media, etc.*

I hereby give the USTA Louisiana, its member organizations, A's & Aces, and their representatives the irrevocable right to use my name, picture, photograph, or other likeness in all forms and media, social media, and in all manners. This includes but is not limited to print and the web. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished version (s), including any written copy that may accompany it. Signature of parent/guardian (must be over 18)

Date:

****TENNIS PARENT ALERT****

Junior tennis should be a fun and rewarding experience for our children. Please see Rick Meyers articles on sportsmanship on our website under "Quick Links" on the LTA home page(www.louisianatennis.com)

Parents of junior players should enjoy the time spent with their children and watching them develop not just into better tennis players, but into good citizens.

Regrettably, USTA Southern and USTA LA have encountered a disturbing trend over the past few years involving parents of junior players. Verbal abuse by some parents directed at tournament referees, officials, and even other junior players and their parents is becoming more commonplace. These incidents adversely impact the players' and parents' tournament experience and create a negative and distressing atmosphere for all participants, parents and officials. Such abusive and improper conduct by a few is in violation of the governing rules and shall not be tolerated.



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In response to the actions of a few, USTA LA has instituted this alert to remind parents and players that **abuse of players, referees, or officials by a parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player is prohibited by the governing rules, and any such abuse may result in the issuance of directives for that person to leave the tournament area and/or the imposition of point penalties and other sanctions authorized by applicable regulations.** Abusive behavior in any form shall not be tolerated. Tournament officials and referees will report all instances of such misconduct, and the consequences of such misconduct will be fully enforced. Parents and players are governed by, and should become familiar with the *Friend at Court* and particularly, Part 3 USTA Regulations, Section IV.C. which addresses Standards of Conduct. An excerpt of that Section is provided for reference on page 4 & 5 of this release form and a full copy of *Friend at Court* is available online at no charge at <http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/2012%20FRIEND%20AT%20COURT.pdf>

USTA LA is confident that strict enforcement of the applicable regulations will reduce or eliminate these instances of misconduct and enhance everyone's tournament experience.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RULES/SANCTIONS REGARDING ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT BY PARENTS AND/OR PLAYERS AS SET FORTH IN "*FRIEND AT COURT.*" I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO HONOR MY OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE RULES AND THE SANCTIONS SET FORTH THEREIN.

_____ Signature of Entrant _____ Date

_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date



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C. Standards of Conduct

1. *General.* Players, persons who appear to be associated with a player (including, but not limited to, parents and coaches), officials, and organizers of any tournament are under a duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. They are under an obligation to avoid acts that may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis. Detrimental acts include, but are not limited to, the acts set forth in **USTA Regulation IV.C.**

The Chairperson of any tournament may withhold all or part of any prize money or expenses payable to any player charged by the Chairperson or by the Referee of the tournament with conduct inconsistent with the principles set forth in **USTA Regulation IV.C.**, *provided* a written grievance is filed within three days of the conduct in accordance with **USTA Regulation V.B.** Any prize money or expenses so withheld shall be withheld until a final determination of the charges in the grievance has been made. Immediately after the final determination, the funds withheld, less the amount of any fine, shall be promptly paid to the player.

2. *USTA Anti-Doping Program.* The USTA is committed to ensuring fair and drug free competition. Individual athletes bear the ultimate responsibility for choosing for themselves to compete fairly and drug free. Participation in USTA tournaments constitutes consent to be tested for drugs. Use of banned substances and doping methods is cheating and may result in



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11. *No abuse of players or officials.*
 - a. *No person shall abuse official or player.* The Chair Umpire, Referee, and any other official responsible for ensuring that a match is played under conditions that are fair to all players shall make certain that no parent, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player abuses an official or player.
 - b. *Official may request abusive person to desist or leave tournament area.* A player who enters a sanctioned tournament or match consents to being penalized under the Point Penalty System for abusive conduct by a person who appears to be associated with the player. If the official observes the conduct, the official shall suspend play and request that the person desist. If the abuse continues, the official may direct the person to leave the tournament area. In a flagrant case the official may immediately direct the person to leave without requesting the person to desist.
 - c. *Point Penalty System applies to abuse.* If the person refuses to follow the instructions to leave, then the official may penalize the player associated with the person under the Point Penalty System. (**USTA Regulation IV.D.8.** outlines the right to appeal.)