

# Suspension Point Regulation Change

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In order to encourage and maintain appropriate behavior at tournaments, the USTA Friend at Court includes a Suspension Point System that applies to all sanctioned tournaments.\* It is important that all players and tournament attendees understand these rules and expectations.

The USTA Suspension Point System and Point Penalty System have been updated to expand when suspension points and/or Code Violations can be assessed to a player for unsportsmanlike conduct. **The change states that a player can be assessed suspension points and/or Code Violations when they, the player, or anyone associated with the player engages in unsportsmanlike conduct.** These changes apply to USTA Regulation IV. and Table 17; Friend at Court 2022: pages 103 - 117.

The violations have been updated as follows in the “unsportsmanlike conduct” category:

Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Not using <b>best efforts</b> to win	2
	<b>Unsportsmanlike conduct</b> or inappropriate conduct by a player or person associated with a player while the player is still in the playing area but not during a match, if the conduct would have resulted in a code violation had it occurred during the match	2
	<b>Unsportsmanlike conduct</b> or inappropriate conduct off court by a player or person associated with a player, regardless of location or medium. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct at tournament sites, tournament activities, hotels or other housing, and all forms of communication, including online medium or otherwise	5
	<b>Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct</b> or <b>flagrant inappropriate conduct</b> by a player or person associated with a player, regardless of location or medium. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct at tournament sites, tournament activities, hotels or other housing, and all forms of communication, including online medium or otherwise	8-10*

Review the Passed Amendments to the USTA Regulations:



\*The Suspension Point System does not apply to a Net Generation Program that uses red, orange, or green ball tennis unless authorized by the sanctioning body.