

[League Coordinators]-

I am writing to follow up on the message I sent earlier regarding the recently announced change to the Fort Worth league advancement structure.

I did not receive a direct response to that original inquiry. Instead, information was relayed to me through my captains. While I appreciate the effort to communicate, I was disappointed that the response was not sent directly to me as the player who raised the original question. One of the things that these recent events have clearly demonstrated is that information sent to captains is not always conveyed expediently or verbatim. As a best practice, I would strongly encourage always providing a direct response to the originating player, even if that is simply a copy of the email sent to captains or other third parties reflecting the final disposition. Doing so would reduce confusion and help ensure that all parties are working from the same understanding.

I recognize that follow-up questions are not always fun, but I still have several remaining questions regarding the decision to conduct playoffs for the women's 40+ 4.5 and women's 55+ 9.0 leagues. Since the GFWTC regulations explicitly state that rules-related questions should be directed to the league coordinators, I am routing these through you for either immediate response or for distribution to the appropriate GFWTC committee.

My first question concerns Regulation 15I. As currently written, it states that players who compete in the Fort Worth Championship tournament who advance, but do not represent Fort Worth at Sectionals are subject to grievance and ineligibility from play for eleven months. That rule does not appear to have been updated in the 2026 regulations, which surprises me given the adoption of the new Sectional-level suspension framework. Historically, violations of 15I resulted in ineligibility from Fort Worth league play. Starting in late 2025, CTAs have levied suspension points against playoff/sectional participation rule violations that resulted in full USTA suspensions. Additionally, I would note that there is no eleven-month duration under the National suspension point schedule. Specifically, I am seeking clarity on Fort Worth's intent on penalties associated with the

grievance process. Will playoff/sectional eligibility violations continue to be enforced as a local-only suspension, or is it expected to map into the USTA National suspension point framework. If the latter, how many suspension points are contemplated for a single infraction?

I also have a few administrative questions. Unlike other large CTAs, GFWTC does not publish much organizational information on its website. I would like to request a copy of the current bylaws, as required under the USTA CTA program. Additionally, I am requesting a list of standing committees and rosters of current membership on those bodies. Most of the other CTAs routinely post this information, and its absence can unintentionally create a perception of limited transparency. Related to this, for purposes of understanding how league rules and regulations are evaluated and revised, I am seeking confirmation of the existence of an adult league rules committee or where that responsibility currently falls within the organization. If there are operating procedures or standing rules for that committee, I would appreciate a copy of those policies.

Finally, I note that TennisLink still reflects a six match schedule with no playoffs for both of these leagues. When will TennisLink be updated to reflect the decision that has been made to move to a five week season plus a one match playoff? It seems like the official match record of the USTA should be updated to capture the matches as they were conducted. Additionally, I believe that playoff matches are weighted higher than regular season matches for the purpose of NTRP ratings calculations. In any case, the single end of season match could advance a team that did not finish first in the standings. TennisLink should be structured to reflect how the league is actually being conducted.

I want to reiterate that I appreciate the work that goes into administering league play and understand that governance decisions are not made lightly. My intent in raising these concerns is not to criticize individuals, but to highlight structural issues that affect fairness, participation, and trust in the system. We all want the same outcome: a vibrant, fair, and successful Fort Worth league program. Please take my engagement in that spirit. It reflects a genuine and long-standing desire to help Fort Worth tennis be the best that it can be.

Thank you for your time, passing this message on to the appropriate people, and I look forward to receiving a response.

Sincerely,
Teresa