



Tournament Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 19, 2021

The following members were present: Wendell Dillon, Chair; Mike Babuin; Vikash Sahu; Jimmy Butler, Athlete rep; Tim Wang, Athlete rep and Larry Thoman, NSC. Steve Betts; Vinod Kambrath and Chunyen Liu, members were unable to attend. Guest: Lee Kondo.

The meeting opened on Zoom at 8:15 p.m.

1. Star criteria – Jimmy Butler
Any tournament offering \$2,000 or more prize money should be labeled labeled 2 Star Pro \$2K, 3 Star Pro \$5K, etc. Indicating the total prize money for the tournament in the entry blank and on the USATT and Omnipong web. This will give notice to higher rated players. Approved
2. Maintaining Star criteria – Larry Thoman recommended that we maintain the star criteria for each star level and add the Pro where appropriate. Approved
3. Non-sanctioned events with Stars? – Vinod Kambrath. Check it out with Coaching Committee. Chair will address with chair of the Coaching Committee
4. TAC influence in Nationals and US Open – Mike Babuin. Unfortunately, the TAC has not been consulted on any major decisions related to those two events.
5. State and Regional qualifying for Nationals – Chair
5 star level for these events is ridiculous. That would require a National or International referee, which was not provided. Although they feed into the Nationals, they should be listed at the level where they qualify. TAC plans to review this system after the 21 Nationals.
6. TAC to consider penalties for defaulting in RR events if the player is present. Player defaulting loses regular number of points; winner doesn't get points. Applies to first match defaulted if defaulting several matches in RR group. Approved.
7. Limit on number of matches per player per day – Jimmy Butler. Jimmy recommended that top players not be required to play more than 9 matches in a day. Chair will put this out to tournament directors as guidance in a memo. Players entering more than one event are not protected by this suggestion.
8. Junior qualification dates – ITTF uses Jan date. Recommend USATT use same dates: Jan 1 for juniors and Dec 31 for seniors. Approved
9. Recommend committee be named Tournament Advisory Committee. Every tournament has a tournament committee. We need to be identified as TAC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendell Dillon".

Wendell Dillon, Chairman