



University Championships Special Regulations

Captain's Behaviour

In the case of the Captain being disrespectful toward an official, other team and/ or tournament/facility staff during a match, the Referee may give a formal warning.

On or after issuing a second formal warning, the Referee may remove the Captain from their duties for the match and/or for any or all of the remaining matches of that Tie or Event (in which case the Captain may be replaced only by one of their Team's nominated Players).

Where warranted, the Referee may remove the Captain without a formal warning for a single incident of misconduct.

Coaching and Team Members

Coaching is allowed under the following conditions:

- a. When the Player is at the same end of the court as the captain, verbal or visual communication is permitted between points;
- b. When the Player is at the opposite end of the court to the captain, only visual communication (subtle hand signals or gestures) is permitted between points;
- c. Verbal coaching must consist of a few words and/or short phrases;
- d. Visual coaching must consist of subtle hand signals or gestures;
- e. The captain must be on court within the designated area by the player bench only;
- f. Coaching must be done in a timely manner to not disrupt play. No extra time will be allowed for a Player to receive coaching. Delays will be penalized under Time Violation and/or Code Violation Delay of Game rule according to Tennis Canada Rules of the Court;
- g. Coaching from members of the team bench will be permitted during change of ends and set breaks only. No coaching between points will be permitted from the team bench.

No other coaching is permitted during a match.

Players shall also prohibit their Team Members from:

1. Using audible obscenity within the precincts of the site.
2. Making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the site.



3. Verbally abusing an official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the site.
4. Physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the site.
5. Giving, making, issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the site which have, or are designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the University Championships competition and/or of the officiating thereof.

Violation of this section shall subject a Player to a penalty in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Tie, or are singularly egregious, the Referee may order the Team Member to be removed from the stands or the precincts of the site and upon their failure to comply with such order, may declare an immediate default of the Player on court.

Partisan Crowd/ Spectator Behaviour

During Competition matches each Team must control its supporting spectators so that play is not interrupted or disturbed. In the event that the spectators or any individual spectators supporting a team behave in such a partisan manner that play is unreasonably interrupted or the Players at any time are unreasonably provoked and/or intimidated, the Referee shall penalize such Team's player in accordance with the following:

FIRST offence	WARNING
SECOND offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third partisan crowd violation, the Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tie, the Referee shall have the authority to declare a default for a single violation of this section.

Powers and Duties of the Referee

1. The Referee is the on-site representative of Tennis Canada.
2. The Referee's duties include:



- arriving onsite no later than one day before start of an event;
 - inspecting the match and practice courts where necessary;
 - convening a Captains' Meeting. Points to be addressed:
 - Scheduling,
 - Match format,
 - Number of balls and ball change,
 - Importance of the role of captain,
 - Role of the officiating team,
 - Crowd Behaviour Rule,
 - Captain Behaviour Rule,
 - Coaching and Team Members' behaviour Rules,
 - Other important matters.
 - ensuring that the times of play comply with the regulations, and if necessary, changing the time for the start of play;
 - ensuring the uniform administration of the Rules and Regulations onsite;
 - deciding any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise onsite in relation to the Rules and Regulations;
 - deciding whether to stop or postpone a match or to transfer it to another surface due to the state of the courts, bad weather, darkness, or other factor, and, if the match is stopped or postponed, deciding if and when play should resume;
 - enforcing (or instructing an official to enforce) the Code of Conduct (for example, ensuring that all Team Members comply with rules on dress and equipment; ensuring that any disturbance or interference with play is addressed appropriately);
 - ensuring that changes to Player selections (including on health grounds) are made in accordance with regulations;
 - ensuring that only the on-court Officials and the nominated Players/Captain of each team are present for any on-court Opening, Team Presentation and Closing Ceremony;
 - after the event, submitting all necessary reporting to Tennis Canada and U-Sports.
3. The Referee's powers include the following:
- The Referee will have the following powers in relation to misconduct by a Team Member onsite before, during, and/or after a Tie:
 - In the case of the Captain, the Referee may give a formal warning.
On or after issuing a second formal warning, the Referee may remove the Captain from their duties for the match and/or for any or all of the remaining matches of that Tie or Event (in which case the Captain may be replaced only by one of their Team's nominated Players).
Where warranted, the Referee may remove the Captain without a formal warning for a single incident of misconduct.



- In the case of any Team Member (including a Captain), the Referee may order that the Team Member (i) have their accreditation revoked, (ii) be removed from the Event venue, and/or (iii) be denied access to the Event venue for a specified period of time (including for the remainder of the Event).
- In addition to the above consequences, the Captain/Team Member is subject to the applicable provisions and penalties in the Rules of the Court Code of Conduct as well as Tennis Canada Sport Safety Code of Conduct & Discipline and Complaints Policy.

For avoidance of doubt, a team member is defined as team captain, player, physiotherapist and other people who represent the team officially and unofficially (e.g. university representative who is not an official team member but is on site of the event).

- The Referee may also make a recommendation to Tennis Canada which will then contact the university that the Captain be disqualified from acting in that capacity, and/or as a Player, in subsequent Ties in the Competition, and/or in subsequent editions of the University Championships competition.