

Minutes of the USTA NorCal Adult Tournament Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 23, 2025

NOTE: *These minutes were approved by the committee on June 3rd, 2025.*

Leslie Airola-Murveit, chair of the Adult Tournament Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Leslie Airola-Murveit (Chair), Darrin Cohen, Mark Fairchilds, Andie Mouzes, Craig Pasqua, Wendell Pierce, Michael Rogers,

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Joanna Broda-Schunck

Guests Present: n/a

1. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held March 23, 2025. It was noted that there were 2 typos in the draft:
4. Issue #2 – NTRP National Qualification Criteria
During this year's player selection process to the NTRP National Championships, a situation was raised ~~were~~ where an exception to the requirement of having to have played at least one NorCal sanctioned tournament was warranted.

And

Spot #1: The Champion of the Grand Prix or NorCal Qualifying event will receive NorCal's endorsement to the 2024 NTRP National Championships.

The motion to approve the minutes as amended was duly made by Michael Rogers and seconded by Leslie Airola-Murveit. It was **approved** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Adult Tournament Committee meeting held March 23, 2025 be approved presented

2. Staff Report

- Item 1: Joanna Broda-Schunck reported to the Committee on the NTRP National Championships, and added that the Mixed Championships will take place this coming weekend, and that a story about the champions will appear in the next monthly email.
- Item 2: Joanna Broda-Schunck also reported on the Bay Area Senior Games that were hosted by USTA NorCal. Leslie Airola-Murveit, who helped at the event commented on the atmosphere and players experience

Darrin Cohen joined the meeting at 7:43PM

- Item 3: Joanna Broda-Schunck informed the committee about upcoming events: a Family WTN tournament (green and yellow ball), a tri-level singles event – a pilot for NTRP team tournaments, the Age group day time tournaments and the Grand Prix. Leslie Airola-Murveit also talked about the National level tournaments held in the NorCal section and encouraged committee members to participate or come by and watch.

2. Issue #1 – Electronic Line Calling

The Committee was informed that:

- USTA National and USTA NorCal are reviewing the usage of Electric Line Calling and different Electronic Line Calling systems to potentially be used at USTA sanctioned events.
- A USTA NorCal working group has been established to review the Electronic Line Calling and how it could potentially be used in NorCal.
- USTA National has given USTA NorCal a grant to help with Electric Line Calling - the Work group will decide how that will be used
- The Committee was informed that because there are currently no regulations in place for the usage of ELC, USTA National said that it can be only piloted at this time. In addition, any systems used must be ITF approved. Staff shared with the Committee the 4 systems that USTA NorCal is currently reviewing.

Some committee members had experience with some of the systems and/or have heard about them. During a discussion about the different systems, the following benefits of ELC were noted:

1. More accuracy and elimination of problems on court
2. Improving player experience
3. Lowering cost / number of officials at a tournament (reduce cost). It was also noted that officials would still be needed for potential abuses of the system and gamesmanship acts.

For the selection of the system, the following points were raised:

1. The Committee emphasized the importance of accessibility of the systems selected for usage. They need to be affordable and easy to install / use. The committee pointed out that some systems are more expensive and/or have to be permanently installed, making them nearly impossible to use on public or high school courts.
2. The Committee also stressed the importance of consistency and accuracy of the system. It was noted that not all courts are exactly the same size to a millimeter and that in real life 100% accuracy cannot be achieved.
3. The Committee would like a comparison chart to be created where the following points would be listed:
 - Price
 - Easy of set up (installation time)
 - Weather resistant

- Speed at which the review takes place
- Accuracy
- Need of Power
- Need of wifi
- Support in the US

The Committee would like to see it piloted at an adult tournament, preferably on one that is smaller and not advancing (less critical), for example during the Tri-level singles pilot event. They would like to have two systems used at the same time to compare. The Committee was in favor of the Baseline Vision and the PlayReplay systems.

3. Future meetings. The Committee was reminded that the next Committee meeting will be on May 28th. It was noted that due to conflicts, the meeting will start at 8pm

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM