

NOTE: *All minutes are final after approval by the committee and all approved resolutions are subject to final approval by the USTA NorCal Board.*

Leslie Airola-Murveit, chair of the Adult Tournament Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: *Leslie Airola-Murveit (Chair), Darrin Cohen, Michael Rogers, Andie Mouzes, Wendell Pierce, Marina Wills*

USTA NorCal Staff Present: *Michelle Wilson, Joanna Broda-Schunck*

1. Staff Report

- Item 1: Joanna Broda-Schunck presented to the Committee the current participation numbers in Adult and NTRP tournaments. She explained that the numbers presented take into account the year-to-date tournament and the categories: Adult, Family and NTRP, level 1-7. The number of unique players increased from previous year by 8.4%. The number of tournament registrations increased by 9.9% and the number of tournaments increased by 19.4%.
- Item 2: Joanna Broda-Schunck told the Committee members that she will be hosting a parent- child tournament together with Kim Grant Academy in Seaside. The events will be Green Ball doubles on July 11 and Yellow ball doubles on July 12. The goal is to increase participation and offering in the Monterey Area. Joanna asked the committee members to help with promotion and share the event flyer
- Item 3: Joanna Broda-Schunck informed the Committee members that we are again hosting a tri-level singles event, this time in the divisions 3.0/3.5/4.0. The event has registration open, and already has more teams then the limit. The goal of these events is to bring attention to the popularity of NTRP team events and to have that option be available to tournament directors

2. Topic #1 – Discussion on Tournament Director for Hire program

The Committee discussed the option of creating a program to train tournament directors that could be hired by organizations to run their tournaments, if the organization's staff does not have the time. It has been decided that the program is not yet ready for approval and has been tabled.

3. Topic #2. Discussion on growing tournament participation

The Committee discussed different ideas of how to grow participation in tournaments in the NorCal section. Several points have been mentioned:

- Player eligibility criteria for the Women's Intersectionals and the Donoff Cup, which require the players to play at least one sanctioned tournament in the NorCal section, may lead to overall increase in participation
- The difficulty with navigating the system and finding out about tournaments can be a limiting factor.
- Many players would like to have a reason to compete
- The fact that draws are posted only a few days before the tournament (often due to the acceptance of late entries) discourages players from participating as they do not know how to plan their weekend.

Darrin Cohen joined during the discussion on participation

4. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held April 29th, 2026. The following motion was duly made by Marina Wills, seconded by Leslie Airola-Murveit and **approved** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions or recusals

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Adult Tournament Committee meeting held April 29, 2026, be approved as presented.

5. **Topic #2 – Women's Intersectionals and Donoff Cup Overall team captain selection**

In closed session, the Committee reviewed and discussed applications for the Overall Team Captain for 2026 Women's Intersectionals and the 2026 Donoff Cup. When the Committee came out of closed session, the approved resolution was authorized to be reported as part of the minutes of the meeting.

Following discussion of applications submitted, the following motion was duly made by Darrin Cohen, seconded by Wendell Pierce, and approved by a vote of 5 in favor, none opposed, one recusal (Leslie Airola-Murveit due to being one of the candidates) and no abstentions.

RESOLVED: That, subject to approval by the President of the Board of Directors, the Overall Team Captain for the 2026 Women's Intersectionals team from NorCal will be Leslie, Airola-Murveit.

Following discussion of applications submitted, the following motion was duly made by Leslie Airola-Murveit, seconded by Michael Rogers, and approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions or recusals

RESOLVED: That, subject to approval by the President of the Board of Directors, the Overall Team Captain for the 2026 Donoff Cup team from NorCal will be Richard Krinks.

The next committee meeting date was set to Tuesday July 28 at 7pm

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.