

**TSTA RULES**  
**TSTA TENNIS TOURNAMENT RULE BOOK**  
**GOVERNING BODY**

Telangana State Tennis Association will be the Governing and controlling body for organizing Tennis Tournaments, at different centers in Telangana State, for providing fair and reasonable rules for orderly and uniform conduct of tournaments. Any ambiguity or uncertainty in connections with these regulations shall be resolved by TSTA/AITA. Any new or revised policy rule, procedure or regulation will be notified to tournament organizers and officials and players as part of the tournament information.

**AUTHORITY TO FRAME RULES**

The Tournament Committee, in consultation with Director Tournaments TSTA shall frame Rules and regulations for conducting Tennis tournaments at different centers in Telangana State. The tournament committee has the right to add, alter, Modify, delete, cancel and vary the rules and regulations from time to time. Any changes in rules from time to time shall be informed to the affiliates, and will be displayed on TSTA web site.

**COMMITMENT TO RULES**

The academies/organizers shall conduct the allotted tournaments in accordance with the rules and regulations governing as prescribed herein by the TSTA. Any matter which is not covered by these rules shall be governed by the rules of AITA/ ITF/ ATP/ WTA, including the rules of tennis, the code of conduct and ITF duties and procedures for officials of the current year.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

The Organizer or any person nominated by the tournament committee may act as a tournament Director. He shall be responsible for correspondence, statements to press etc. He shall not get involved in any disputes of the matches in the tournament. Tournament Director should not go on court during a match or otherwise become involved in any code of conduct matter.

**TSTA/AITA SUPERVISOR/REFEREE**

TSTA/AITA Supervisor shall supervise the entire conduct of the tournament which includes all technical procedures. He/She shall act as final on-site authority ensuring that the tournament is conducted fairly in accordance with TSTA/AITA/ITF/ATP/WTA rules and regulations, so as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament site including the evaluation of tournament compliance with facilities and site condition requirements. He/She shall remove a Chair Umpire and /or remove, rotate or replace any line umpire, when necessary to improve the officiating of a match. He/She shall make all draws for the Qualifying and Main draw. He/She shall decide if a court is fit for play or decide if a match should be moved to another court, to complete the event. He/She should decide when play should be postponed because of weather condition, inadequate light or other conditions. He/She shall be present on site at all times during the play of matches in the tournament. The TSTA/AITA supervisor shall not be a Chair Umpire in that event. TSTA/AITA supervisor shall not take part in the tournament.

**OFFENSES**

Players, their coaches and parents, accompanying the players to the venue of the tournament, shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner and give due regard to the

authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Players shall not any time verbally and or physically abuse any officials, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purpose of this rule, Physical abuse is the unauthorized touching an official, opponent, spectator or other person, and verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator, or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Players, coaches, parents should not criticize at Face book, what's app, twitter, print and electronic media about the TSTA officials, organization ,tournaments and all other development activate across Telangana state if any register players parent or coach dose it's the TSTA officials will take appropriate action against the particular player

#### Rules for sign-in online (applicable only for Hyderabad players):

1. Online Sign-in for Qualifying: Thursday, 10AM - 4PM
2. Qualifying Sign-in list will be published by Thursday 6PM @TSTA Facebook page, TSTA official WhatsApp group and TSTA website
3. If name of the player is not found in the list even after sign in due to any technical reasons, then player must sign-in at Venue between 12PM – 2PM, Friday.
4. Regular sign-in for Qualifying would take place at Venue between 12PM – 2PM, Friday.
5. Online Sign-in for Main Draw: Saturday, 10AM - 4PM
6. Main Draw Sign-in list will be published by Saturday 6PM @TSTA Facebook page, TSTA official WhatsApp group and TSTA website
7. Regular sign-in for Main Draw would take place at Venue between 12PM – 2PM, Sunday.
8. AITA#/Receipt# is mandatory for online sign-in
9. Players who has done online sign-in, must produce AITA Card/Receipt before the start of his/her first match
10. Make sure appropriate event is selected
11. Only one qualifying event should be played if the player name is under qualifying list of both the events
12. Do not send entry for both the qualifying events, if the player name is under qualifying list of both the events
13. If player think that there is a possibility of moving to main draw in any one of the event, then send entry for both the events
14. If player moved to main draw in any one of the event, then send entry for both the events
15. Any entry sent online is considered as accepted for the tournaments and player must pay the entry fee to the organizer even if not coming for the match/tournament for any reason (even if late for the match)
16. W.E. F1st July, no phone entry/ phone sign-in is accepted under any circumstances

#### TSTA Tournament Rules:

1. W.E.F 1<sup>st</sup> July'2018, all the draws and order of play for qualifying will be published by 5.30PM @TSTA Facebook page, TSTA official WhatsApp group and TSTA website
2. Draws and order of play for main draw will be published after completion of qualifying matches
3. For any technical issues (like missed entry, missed seeding etc), redraw will be made
4. If draws are being delayed for any technical reason, time to time updates will be published

5. Participants failing to report after announcement of his match within 15 minutes will be given walkover without intimation. The players must also ascertain from the supervisor about his/her/their next match. The Supervisor/referee will be the final authority regarding walkovers.
6. Players/parents/accompanies should not abuse referee/any other officials, once walk over is given and for any other technical issues as per law. In such cases, TSTA tournament committee will take an appropriate action against players/parents/accompanies.
7. Player must wait for his/her match if delayed by any case (such as, if the earlier scheduled match went so long) and must not pressurize officials/authorities
8. Referee will announce the appropriate time of the match if delayed and player must wait with patience and should not land in any argument with referee
9. It is players' responsibility to check the match timings, order of play, venue details and reach the venue on time.
10. Player should not receive coaching from anyone once the match is started
11. Once a decision is made by supervisor regarding any kind of disputes like line calls/scoring, as per the rules of tennis players/parents/accompanies should not argue. In such cases code of conduct will be applied on player.
12. Any kind of hindrances during the play from outside or from players like abusing/demoralizing etc, player will be penalized as per code of conduct rules.
13. Players playing without chair umpire:
  - Players are responsible for line calls
  - Players should respect each other line calls
  - The server should call the score before each 1st serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear
  - No player should leave the court without referee's permission
14. Tournament referee is responsible for final decision in all rules and regulations during the tournament.
15. The Rules and regulations: Except as otherwise provided by the TSTA committee, the rules and regulation of ITF will apply.
16. ITF / AITA approved balls will be used.
17. The code of conduct of AITA will be strictly enforced.
18. The TSTA tournament committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning any reasons thereof.
19. AITA/TSTA supervisor may postpone any match on account of insufficient light or adverse weather or court conditions. In all such cases the score and previous occupancy of court shall hold good
20. No request for postponements, deferments of any match will be entertained and the defaulting players will be disqualified. However, the AITA/TSTA supervisor holds the discretion to postpone or prepone any match if he so requires, without assigning any reasons.
21. For the daily schedule of matches the players in their own interest will have to ascertain the required information from the referee
22. The AITA/TSTA supervisor is the final deciding factor regarding decision on player's injuries, code violation and bad behavior etc.
23. Players playing on Deco Turf, wearing jogging shoes, cross trainer and shoes with black soles will not be allowed to play. ONLY NON-MARKING TENNIS SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED.
24. For any kind of queries/complaints, please reach Director Tournaments TSTA.

**Players/Parents/Accompanies should follow the above rules strictly, else committee would take appropriate action.**

Important Notes for Players:

1. Change over time 90 seconds.
2. Set break 2 minutes.
3. If player fails to resume play within stipulated time, would be given warning for first offense and subsequent offenses results in point penalty for each offense.
4. 15min delay would be given walkover
5. It is player's responsibility to make line calls in case of no official on court
6. Player would be given code/point penalty in case parents coaches them
7. Players should not talk to their parents when in match
8. No player should leave the court without referee's permission
9. call out the score before service