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DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

While being a part of a team, all team members (coaches and players) are expected to adhere to tournament rules and sportsmanship.

The following infractions may result in a player's dismissal from the team:

1. Inadequate performance level: A player is expected to put forward his/her best effort in practice and matches. The decision as to whether or not a player has competed to his/her optimal level will be by the coach.
2. Failure to complete a match: A player must complete a match in progress unless he/she is unable to do so due to personal injury or illness.
3. Use performance enhancing materials: Players shall not at any time use performance enhancing materials, illegal drugs or alcohol.
4. Aggravated behavior:
 - * Uncooperative behavior with the coach, other team members or tournament officials
 - * Unlawful behavior
 - * Disrespectful behavior towards the coach and/or tournament officials.
 - * Breaking curfew: A player must abide by the curfew guidelines established by the team coach.
 - * Another infraction deemed by the coach to be disruptive to the team.

The procedure that the coach will follow in the case of serious misbehavior is as follows:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Written warning (copied to the respective parent(s) and/or organization)
3. Player is sent home at the players and parents expense.

If the misbehavior is so serious the coach may skip 1 and 2, but before any final decision is made to send a player home, the coach will consult with the sectional coordinator of the team.

The following infraction may result in the player's suspension from team activities for one day:

1. Punctuality: any player who does not comply with the time schedules for training, etc. as set out by the coach.
2. Lack of effort in practice or match.

One warning may be given before the penalty is imposed. Any penalty imposed by the coach during the competition will be reported to the sectional coordinator of the team.



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CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF TEAM RULES

The following are possible consequences for violating team rules:

1. Verbal reprimand by team coaches.
2. Suspending a player from a team match.
3. Confiscating drugs/alcohol/cigarettes, etc.
4. Parental notification.
5. Notifying Tournament Committee and the USTA MS Section.
6. Removal for the remainder of the team event and sent home at player's and parent's expense.
7. Further detail reporting to the USTA MS Junior Competition Committee for possible disciplinary action and suspension points.

By signing below, I fully understand and accept these rules.

Player's signature

Date

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Please bring it with you to the team event for the coach to verify. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Staff Liaison, Michael Kennedy, at 610-935-5000, ext. 226.

Sincerely,

USTA MS Junior Competition Committee