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To: PST Players
Cc: Referees and Interested Parties
From: Joe McManus
Re: Referee/Player Interaction
Date: July 9, 2012

Since we began hosting tournaments in 2009, we have sought to make professional squash an exciting and enjoyable event for our fans. They have been and will remain our priority.

We have done many things well. And yes, there continue to be areas that we want to improve.

One of these areas remains the interaction between players and referees.

In the coming season, we will continue with our well received challenge system. The challenge system we use was originally developed by the now defunct WPSA tour. Our long term goal is to have video replay assistance available to referees. Until this is available for our tour, we will rely on the best efforts of our qualified referees and their challenge officials.

A player may state why he is requesting a referee decision at the time of his appeal. And a referee may ask for clarification as well.

Once a referee has made his ruling, there will be no further discussion. If a player has remaining challenges available, he may say "Challenge please." Otherwise, play will continue without delay.

Please consider this a zero tolerance policy regarding dissent. PST has grown quickly, and continues to grow. Much of this growth is because our fans enjoy watching the world's best squash players compete while behaving like gentlemen and role models during match play.

I will instruct referees to move quickly from conduct warning to penalizing points and games for any player who delays play by dissent in body language or tone.

This year, we will raise the standard for player behavior and interaction with referees. And the long term result will be an increase to the fan base and the growth of the game we all love.

I do recognize that I am asking more of you than is asked of players on other tours or players in other sports. However, the nature of squash is that it is played in a club where fans are so close to the action that they can hear your panting and grunting. The close proximity to athletes makes PST action a very entertaining sport.

However, it demands we act accordingly. PST is about family friendly entertainment. We want grandparents and grandchildren enjoying front row seats, and I am grateful for your cooperation in this effort.