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To: PST Players and Referees
From: Joe McManus
Re: Potential Rules Changes
Date: April 11, 2012

Below are rules changes being considered for the coming season. I am very interested in player feedback on these and encourage you to speak with me at upcoming tournaments or via email/phone.

Court attire

PST is considering requiring players to wear the tour's logo on their tournament clothing. Players will be allowed to make their own shirts with PST's logo or buy, at wholesale prices, PST's Official gear.

Rationale: This is a branding opportunity for the tour as well as an opportunity to ensure the professional appearance of all players. Additionally, this is an opportunity to recruit new tour sponsors if players are wearing logos on their shirts.

Scoring

PST is considering having games one through four being played to 11 without a win by two scoring system. If the match goes to five games, the fifth would have a "win by two" scoring requirement.

Rationale: Though games that go beyond 11 points are rare, it is commonplace for games that do to last a long time. A 20-18 game places an unnecessary and disproportionate emphasis on that single game. I am also concerned about player safety in such long games.

Challenges

PST is considering giving each player an additional challenge in game four and another in game five, if a match goes that far.

Rationale: Currently, PST provides three unsuccessful challenges per match in the main draw. If a player challenges the referee's call and the call is overturned, the player keeps his remaining challenges. Though we do not want players to interrupt the flow of a match with excessive challenges, there may be many more appropriate opportunities for disputed calls over the course of five games than over three games.

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Replay

At present, PST allows a referee to order a rally to be replayed for two reasons.

- 1) Equipment failure (i.e. ball breaks, lights go out, etc.)
- 2) To protect the safety of the players.

Question: Should PST make any further clarification/adjustment to this rule?

Rationale: This is an important part of our tour, and I want to ensure players are comfortable with play on court.