

2017-18 Tour Director Annual Report

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Resources Used

Executive Director

Live Streaming

Umpires

Men's and Women's Ranking

Men's and Women's Players

Mission Statement

Working with the local tournament directors, create a consistent and successful grand prix and national championships tour for all players, sponsors, spectators and volunteers while managing the expectations of all sponsorship agreements, the local tournament committee and the on-site APTA representatives.

Goals and Accomplishments, 2017-18

The Goals:

- ~ Develop a new way to deliver favors to local TD's and players; FUSION.
- ~ At the end of each tournament, the local TD and their committee to see a true merit to the APTA being there with a single point person for both the players and the tournament representatives.
- ~ To continue to foster the concept of players coming to one source for information, reporting of issues, etc.
- ~ Ensure that the players respect that these events have rules to be followed, including timeliness to matches, and continued or blatant disregard or abuse the rules will result in sanctions.

The accomplishments of this year are as follows:

- ~ TD's and players loved using FUSION and we are working to make this even better for next season.
- ~ 4 of the 5 GP events enjoyed having APTA there; Long Island TD did not from start to finish.
- ~ All Players continued to know who to contact pre, during and post the event(s) with any questions, concerns, tardiness, etc. Not all players used this offering and it definitely created some issue but they all **knew** the contact was available.
- ~ Players Committees continued to receive reports with any issues from the weekend for them to discuss, implement and notify players when violations have occurred. Any sanctions handed down are 100% the decisions of the players committees.
- ~ Stayed under budget!

Disappointment for 2017-18

~ The lack of continued support of decisions/sanctions that are handed down from players committee to players regarding behavior and/or timeliness creating a very difficult situation at events that followed through the end of the season.

Goals for 2018-19

~ For local TD's to continue to want to be selected as a GP or National Championship event specifically due to the support that the APTA the offering/sending their way.

~ For the local TD to continue to not feel like the APTA is there to "take over" rather welcomes, not fights, the pre-event assistance.

~ To continue the players respect for the professionalism we are driving into these events, including honoring the timeliness rule.

~ To continue to meet and exceed, or where necessary to manage the expectations, including early communication of site limitations, etc., of sponsorship agreements.

Issues to Resolve for next season:

~ Set and release known way to apply to host GP or Nationals with deadline so all can be considered to host prior to Tournament Committee starting the conversation.

~ Making sure that all asked host sites can meet or exceed the minimal requirements to host.

~ Men's backdraw and withdrawal rules

~ Favors: Add the option of making them optional.

~ Making prize money mandatory to host a GP Event.

Big Picture Issues for 5 Year Plan:

~ National Championships; limit the draw thus making it an invitational/qualification event or remain 128+ draw on each side of the open draw.

~ If remain an open draw, name one/two site(s) for the national championships that can truly host an event this massive.

~ If name one/two site(s), create a method for all regions to contribute to the "other revenue" component to hosting this event.

~ Presidents Cup:

** Qualification: Should there be consistent national requirements for qualification not regional?