

## THE BAHAMAS LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION PLAYERS TRAVELING WITH NATIONAL TEAM



## THE ROLE OF A NATIONAL PLAYER REPRESENTING THE BAHAMAS ON A TEAM

- 1. Players must at all times abide by the BLTA's Code of Conduct and understand that the BLTA's Sanctions will apply if they are in violation of these Code.
- 2. Once players are selected to a National Team and have agreed to represent the Bahamas, players should honor their commitment to play and any changes should be made well in advance of the withdrawal deadline to allow another player to be selected. Failure to comply will result in Sanctions being applied.
- 3. Once players are selected to a National Team and a Coach is appointed, the Coach should meet with the Players to confirm practice times a minimum of 1 week prior to travel.

## NATIONAL TEAM TRAVEL

- 4. Players should arrive at the airport on time dressed in their Team Uniform, in particular their Team Jacket. Upon completion of the tournament, they should also leave the hotel back to the Bahamas airport dressed in the same.
- 5. Players should stay with the Team at all times, -a 'buddy'system- will be implemented. It is mandatory for team-mates to be accompanied by another team-mate or team Chaperon or Coach at all times. While waiting in 'Immigration, ticket or food lines, the team will remain as one (1) group and not separate into other lines. The Team will not leave baggage claim areas until all members of the group are accounted for.

## HOTEL AND TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS

- 6. Team members are required not to leave tournament site or hotel unless accompanied by National Coach or chaperone.
- 7. No members of the opposite sex are allowed in rooms not assigned to them.
- 8. Everyone must be in his/her assigned room at the designated curfew time and no one except assigned roommates are allowed in the room after that curfew time.
- 9. Lights will be out no later than 1/2 hour after the curfew time. Appropriate curfews will be established for each trip by the coaching staff.
- 10. Use of any drugs other than those prescribed by a physician or approved by a parent or coach, is not permitted.
- 11. Indiscreet, destructive, disrespectful or any other behavior considered to be detrimental to the Team will not be tolerated.
- 12. Players should understand that all medical, financial, and legal liability issues, activities, and consequences are the exclusive responsibility and domain of the player and/or his respective family, parent(s), and/or guardian(s) and not those of the BLTA.
- 13. Players at all times should:
  - o Show full respect and pride for the presentation of our flag, pledge of allegiance, and national anthem (...and those of other countries).
  - o Practice and compete with quality and intensity.
  - Practice good eating habits and ensure they consume sufficient liquids to remain hydrated during and after their matches.
  - o Remain in control of their emotions on and off the court.
  - O Show Equal respect and value of every teammate regardless of size, experience, talent, or performance...no criticism or "looking down on" anyone in any manner at any time for any reason whatsoever.
  - o Place emphasis on team spirit, team unity, team effort, and team success.
  - O Show respect for the Coach, engaging only when necessary in tactful, quiet, one-on-one discussions of any concerns, questions, or ideas with the Coach.
  - Show respect for team uniforms keeping them clean and only wear them as appropriate at designated national team events.

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