



## 2010 Official GLTA Membership/Tournament Sanctioning Application

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- Toronto
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- Washington DC
- Zurich

### GLTA MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

Any club becoming a GLTA Member Organization or any current GLTA Member Organization renewing its annual membership must complete and sign this application. **This application and check made payable to the GLTA must be returned to: Mike Myers, GLTA Treasurer, 5510 Curdy Road, Howell MI, 48855, USA. A copy of this application MUST also be emailed to the GLTA Secretary at [secretary@gltA.net](mailto:secretary@gltA.net)**

Club Name:	
Club President:	
Mailing/Shipping address for FedEx:	
City / State / Postal or Zip code:	
Country:	
Phone Number (President):	
E-mail Address (President):	
Club Website:	

### GLTA TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING INSTRUCTIONS (PLEASE READ NEXT PAGE FIRST):

All GLTA Member Organizations hosting a GLTA Sanctioned Tournament must complete this part of the application form. **(Please note: Each GLTA Member Organization must renew its GLTA membership in order for the Organization's tournament to be added to the Official GLTA Tour Calendar for 2009.)**

Official Tournament Name:	
City, State, Country	
Tournament Dates:	
Divisions / % goal M/F:	Men: Yes / No    Women: Yes / No    Split Divisions Yes / No
Tournament Surface	Hard Court / Clay / Red Clay / Grass / Carpet /
Tournament Director:	
Phone Number Director:	
E-mail Address:	
Tournament Website:	

### FEES 2009 (IN U.S. DOLLARS)

<u>Membership Fee:</u>	\$ 150 - (Mandatory-All Clubs) (payment by check included with this application) \$ 200- If submitted after August 31, 2008
<u>Tournament Fee:</u>	\$ 4 - per participant (payment by check within 1 month after tournament)
<u>Banking Information:</u>	LaSalle Bank Midwest N.A. Troy, MI 48084 Account #: 5404731449 Routing #: 072000805 Swift Code: MICHUS33

I have read the GLTA Tournament Rulebook and the information at the reverse side and I agree to comply with the Tournament Rules and any other decision made by the GLTA Board. I agree to hold the GLTA and its individual directors harmless from any liability in connection with any such decisions affecting the club's membership or participation in GLTA sanctioned events and further agree to waive any all rights and claims for bodily and emotional injury or any other harm I or my club might suffer as a result of participation in such GLTA sanctioned events.

Club President:	Tournament Director:
Date:	Date:

## GLTA TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING

A member organization requesting GLTA sanctioning for their tournament must apply on an annual basis by August 31<sup>st</sup> using the application form. Once the completed form and the funds required for GLTA sanctioning are submitted and approved by the GLTA Board, the tournament will be included in the GLTA calendar. The GLTA Board will approve date selections on a first come first serve basis. Once the application has been submitted and approved, the member organization must receive GLTA Board approval before changing the published tournament dates.

Failure by a club to submit a completed application including all applicable fees by the deadline will result in the club's tournament being ineligible for sanctioning. Clubs, which miss the final deadline but still wish to pursue sanctioning, may submit an appeal request to the GLTA Secretary at [secretary@glta.net](mailto:secretary@glta.net).

The GLTA Board recommends that new organizations, which are considering developing a GLTA sanctioned event, also submit their applications before the mentioned date. They should also carefully evaluate their regional markets and the overall GLTA schedule before submitting an application. If the region associated with a prospective tournament already has one or more GLTA events, which are near or below the average size for a GLTA tournament (~150 entrants), extra care should be taken in the selection of tournament dates.

In general, the GLTA welcomes new clubs that wish to pursue sanctioning and strives to grow the tour each year. However, the GLTA Board reserves the right to deny sanctioning to a proposed tournament for any valid reason including schedule conflict with an existing sanctioned or affiliated tournament.

Once a tournament application is approved, the tournament will be sanctioned for one year.

The Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA) exclusively support sanctioned tournaments by:

- Promoting tournaments on the GLTA website and GLTA publications
- Harmonizing the various regional tennis standards and divisions and integrating them into one global set of uniform GLTA tournament standards
- Serving as the governing body for GLTA sanctioned events including the promotion of GLTA tournament standards
- Providing high quality software for tournament management
- Providing internet infrastructure for communication of tournament draws and results
- Maintaining and publishing accurate rankings and assisting with the seeding process
- Integrating tournament results with the GLTA rankings database
- Pursuing public relations programs to promote the GLTA tour
- Securing sponsorships and partnerships with related businesses and organizations
- Developing new programs to stimulate growth in the tour
- Developing and maintaining a website for communicating news and information
- Managing funds to finance common infrastructure and programs
- Facilitating the exchange of ideas and knowledge among member clubs
- Providing a GLTA Free Entry Voucher to qualifying clubs for use in fundraising
- Administering an awards program to recognize club and player contributions

Obligations of sanctioned tournaments:

- Use tournament revenue only for tournament program expenses and for contributions to valid non-profit organizations. Tournament revenue may be to cover prior year deficits or to invest in a future tournament, but it may not be used for the personal benefit of any individual or group of individuals. Prize money awards to players are not permitted. For-profit tournaments should not pursue GLTA sanctioning.
- Recognize the GLTA as the governing body for sanctioned GLTA tournaments and comply with all provisions of the GLTA Tournament Rulebook
- Promptly pay all fees associated with GLTA sanctioning
- Maintain a policy of inclusion and non-discrimination
- Designate a GLTA Representative who is responsible for:
  - Representing the interests of their organization within the GLTA
  - Ensuring GLTA communications are circulated to club members
  - Voting on matters put before the GLTA Committee, including elections
  - Participating in periodic conference calls of the GLTA Committee
  - Submitting the club's sanctioning application and tournament assessment form
- Disclose the event's GLTA-sanctioned status in any press release and place the GLTA logo in any print advertisements.
- If a tournament has a website, the site must indicate that the tournament is a GLTA-sanctioned event and must display the GLTA logo on the home page with a link to the GLTA website.
- Allow the GLTA to negotiate and finalize national or global sponsorships on behalf of the tournament regarding products or services such as bottled water, tennis balls, energy bars, airlines, car rentals, liability insurance, etc.
- Comply with GLTA requests regarding official sponsors: i.e.....hanging banners, and taking promotional pictures and submit the pictures to the GLTA Board for review.

Failure to meet obligations or to comply with GLTA Rules and Regulations may result in the loss of GLTA sanctioning for the tournament.

<i>FOR GLTA USE ONLY</i>	
Date Application Received by GLTA:	Date Check Received by GLTA:
Modifications/Conflicts:	Date Approved by GLTA Board:

