

THE PARALYMPIC WHEELCHAIR TENNIS EVENT

2004 REGULATIONS

THE WHEELCHAIR TENNIS EVENT
OF
THE 2004 PARALYMPIC GAMES

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SECTION I - THE PARALYMPIC TENNIS EVENT

1. DATE

The Tennis Event for the Paralympic Games will be held in Athens from Sunday 19 September - Sunday 26 September 2004

Note: The Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games will take place on Friday 17 September, the draw on Saturday 18 September and the Closing Ceremony for the Games will be held on Tuesday 28 September 2004.

2. VENUE

The venue for the Paralympic Tennis Event is the Olympic Tennis Centre at Athens Olympic Sports Complex (OAKA), Maroussi, Athens. The Olympic Tennis Centre has a total of 16 courts: 9 match courts and 7 practice courts. The Centre Court has 8,000 seats; Show Court No. 2 has 2,000 seats and the remaining courts have seating for 200 people. All courts are floodlit.

3. EVENTS

The following events will be held:

Men's Singles	64 Competitors
Men's Doubles	Maximum of 32 Teams

Women's Singles	32 Competitors
Women's Doubles	Maximum of 16 Teams

Quad's Singles	16 Competitors
Quad's Doubles	Maximum of 8 Teams

4. RANKING POINTS

Championship Series 1 points will be awarded to the singles and doubles wheelchair tennis event for men, women and quads.

5. SURFACE

The surface of all courts will be Decoturf II, same as used at the US Open in New York.

6. BALLS

The Wilson US Open tennis ball will be used for the Men's, Women's and Quad Event.

7. MEDAL CEREMONIES

Medal ceremonies, at which all medallists are required to be present, will be held at the conclusion of each event.

SECTION II - COMPETITORS

1. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETING

- (a) Any tennis player is eligible for nomination to the Paralympic Tennis Event provided he is in good standing with his National (Wheelchair) Tennis Association or Disabled Sport Association, the International Tennis Federation ("ITF") and the International Wheelchair Tennis Association ("IWTA") as follows:
- i) Is not under a suspension imposed by his National Association, or by the International Tennis Federation, or through the imposition of a suspension under a Code of Conduct accepted and approved by the ITF.
 - ii) Is accepted by his National Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which he has been nominated by his Association.
 - iii) Makes himself available for selection to represent his country in the World Team Cup for two (2) of the following years - 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 - provided however that one of those years is either 2003 or 2004. During the time of such competition, the player must agree to accept the jurisdiction of his National Association.
 - iv) Respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times.
 - v) Accepts the conditions of entry of the events he enters, including the conditions of any Code of Conduct adopted for those events.
 - vi) Agrees to undergo any medical control and anti doping tests which are in operation during the event. Female players must agree to femininity control testing if requested.
- (b) As a condition of eligibility, players shall:
- i) Arrange with their National Paralympic Committee ("NPC"), through their National (Wheelchair) Tennis Association/ Disabled Sport Association, to come under the formal responsibility and disciplinary control of their NPC and to comply with the Regulations established by their NPC for its Paralympic delegation.
 - ii) Be part of the Paralympic delegation of their NPC, who shall be responsible for all aspects of participation, including uniform, travel, accreditation and accommodation.
 - iii) The period during which this Regulation shall apply is the entire duration of the Paralympic Games and such period prior established by the NPC for purposes of preparation for and travel to the 2004 Paralympic Games.
- (c) While participating in the Paralympic Tennis Event a player:
- i) Must accept all the applicable provisions of the Paralympic Charter. In the case of matters not covered by the IPC Charter, the current Rules of the ITF will be enforced.
 - ii) May not accept, either directly or indirectly, any form of financial reward

whatsoever in respect of the same, except for any payment, which may have been established in respect of their Paralympic team.

- iii) May not have on his clothing or equipment any commercial logos, and therefore any contractual requirements he may have with any person or organisation to have such commercial identification must be put into suspension for the period of the Paralympic Games. (Detailed rules regarding logos of manufacturers appear in Appendix A and the Code of Conduct of the 2004 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook.

2. NOMINATION OF COMPETITORS

- (a) A National (Wheelchair) Tennis Association or Disabled Sport Association, with the endorsement of its NPC, may nominate a player provided that:
 - i) The National Paralympic Committee is recognised by the International Paralympic Committee; and
 - ii) The National (Wheelchair) Tennis Association or Disabled Sport Association is affiliated to the National Paralympic Committee and IWTA.
 - iii) The player conforms to and agrees to abide by Section II of these Regulations "Eligibility to Compete and Conditions of Competing"; and
 - iv) The player is eligible to represent the country concerned in accordance with the Paralympic Charter and ITF Regulations.
- (b) The International Tennis Federation shall be responsible for ensuring that all competitors nominated are eligible.

3. NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS PER COUNTRY

- (a) A maximum of four (4) men may compete in the men's singles, a maximum of four (4) women may compete in the women's singles and a maximum of three (3) quad players may compete in the quad's singles.
- (b) A maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women may compete as teams in the men's and women's doubles and a maximum of two (2) players may compete as a team in the quad's doubles.

4. ENTRIES

- (a) Only National (Wheelchair) Tennis Associations or Disabled Sport Associations which have been members of the ITF and/or IWTA may nominate players for participation in the 2004 Paralympic Tennis Event.
- (b)
 - i) The ITF confirms to NPC's and National Associations in writing the number of Wild Card slots to be allocated no later than 1 March 2004.
 - ii) The ITF confirms to NPC's and National Associations in writing the number of qualification slots allocated no later than 13 April 2004
 - iii) The completed Entry forms (including doubles nominations), endorsed by each National Paralympic Committee, are to be received by Athens 2004 Organising Committee no later than 14 June 2004.

5. SELECTION DATES

- (a) By no later than 13 April 2004, the ITF shall confirm to National Associations/NPC's the names of players eligible for direct acceptance for singles based on the international computer rankings of 12 April 2004.
- (b) By no later than 30 April 2004 the National Associations/NPC's shall
 - i) Advise the ITF which of their eligible players have been selected to compete in the singles and doubles competitions; and
 - ii) Advise the ITF of the names of eligible players for Wild Cards.
- (c) By no later than 8 June 2004 the ITF shall confirm the Wild Cards and reallocation of unused qualification slots and advise the National Associations/NPC's.
- (d) If applicable, by no later than 14 June 2004, the National Associations/NPC's shall confirm the nominations for the doubles competition (only for nations with 3 or 4 players per gender)

SECTION III - THE COMPETITION

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF DRAWS

The maximum number of players accepted into the Competition shall be as follows:

- (a) **Men's Singles**
Draw of sixty-four (64) players, with not more than four (4) players from any one (1) country, comprising:
 - 48 Direct Acceptances
 - 16 Wild Cards
- (b) **Women's Singles**
Draw of thirty-two (32) players, with not more than four (4) players from any one (1) country, comprising:
 - 24 Direct Acceptances
 - 8 Wild Cards
- (c) **Quad's Singles**
Draw of sixteen (16) players, with not more than three (3) players from any one (1) country, comprising:
 - 12 Direct Acceptances
 - 4 Wild Cards
- (d) **Men's Doubles**
Draw of a maximum of thirty-two (32) teams, both players from the same country and not more than two (2) teams from any one (1) country.

- (e) **Women's Doubles**
Draw of a maximum of sixteen (16) teams, both players from the same country and not more than two (2) teams from any one (1) country.
- (f) **Quad's Doubles**
Draw of a maximum of eight (8) teams, both players from the same country and not more than one (1) team from any one (1) country.

2. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

(a) Direct Acceptances

- i) **Men's Singles**
Forty eight (48) players will receive direct acceptance into the men's singles event at the 2004 Paralympic Tennis Event based on the recognised international singles computer rankings of 12 April 2004. A National Association/National Paralympic Committee who has more than four (4) players eligible for direct acceptance into the men's singles event is allowed to select four (4) players amongst the players eligible for direct acceptance based on the computer ranking. Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the doubles event.
- ii) **Women's Singles**
Twenty four (24) players will receive direct acceptance into the women's singles event at the 2004 Paralympic Tennis Event based on the recognised international singles computer rankings of 12 April 2004. A National Association/National Paralympic Committee who has more than four (4) players eligible for direct acceptance into the women's singles event is allowed to select four (4) players amongst the players eligible for direct acceptance based on the computer ranking. Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the doubles event.
- iii) **Quad's Singles**
Twelve (12) players will receive direct acceptance into the quad's singles event at the 2004 Paralympic Tennis Event based on the recognised international singles computer rankings of 12 April 2004. A National Association/National Paralympic Committee who has more than three (3) players eligible for direct acceptance into the quad's singles event is allowed to select three (3) players amongst the players eligible for direct acceptance based on the computer ranking. Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the doubles event.
- iv) **Men's Doubles**
A maximum of four (4) men, two (2) doubles teams, from any one country may compete in the men's doubles event.

v) **Women's Doubles**
A maximum of four (4) women, two (2) doubles teams, from any one country may compete in the women's doubles event.

vi) **Quad's Doubles**
A maximum of two (2) players, one (1) doubles team, from any one country may compete in the quad's doubles event.

b. Wild Cards

i) **Men's Singles**
Sixteen (16) Wild Card places shall be selected taking into consideration the following:

- Singles Computer Ranking
- Whether the country is represented in the Tennis Event
- Number of players on site
- Geographical location

ii) **Women's Singles**
Eight (8) Wild Card places shall be selected taking into consideration the following:

- Singles Computer Ranking
- Whether the country is represented in the Tennis Event
- Number of players on site
- Geographical location

iii) **Quad's Singles**
Four (4) Wild Card places shall be selected taking into consideration the following:

- Singles Computer Ranking
- Whether the country is represented in the Tennis Event
- Number of players on site
- Geographical location.

3. WITHDRAWALS / SUBSTITUTIONS

(a) Athlete Substitution Rule

After the close of entries on 14 June 2004, athlete substitutions will only be considered for an NPC if the substitution is made for an athlete in the same sport, gender, sport class and event. Additionally, the substitute athlete must have met the conditions of the qualification criteria as outlined for the respective event, have signed the ATHENS 2004 Paralympic Games Eligibility Code form and the respective NPC must have submitted an accreditation application to ATHOC by the deadline of 21 May 2004.

Substitutions may only be made for an athlete who withdraws due to injury, illness or other special circumstances and prior to completion of the formal Accreditation validation process conducted upon arrival in Athens. Absolutely NO substitutions will be permitted after the official NPC sport entries sign-off conducted at the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM). Regardless of the situation, all substitutions are subject to final review and approval by the IPC Registration Committee.

NPCs must complete an *Official Substitution Entry Form* which will be available to all NPCs after 14 June 2004, for any proposed athlete substitution and return the form to ATHOC for processing and consideration.

(b) Doubles

Where a country has three (3) players and one (1) player from the nominated doubles team is forced to withdraw from the doubles, prior to the draw, and where such withdrawal is on account of injury, illness or other special circumstances, then the non-doubles player from that country may replace the withdrawn player in the doubles team. Should the player who withdraws from the doubles event, wish to play in the singles event, then such player will require the consent of the Referee.

Where a country has four (4) players and two (2) doubles teams and one (1) player from a nominated doubles team is forced to withdraw from the doubles, prior to the draw, and where such withdrawal is on account of injury, illness or other special circumstances, then the country may change the composition of its remaining doubles team from within its three (3) remaining doubles players. Should the player who withdraws from the doubles event, wish to play in the singles event, then such player will require the consent of the Referee.

SECTION IV - TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

1. MANAGEMENT

The Competition shall be under the direction and control of the International Tennis Federation and managed by the Wheelchair Tennis Committee of the ITF, in co-operation with ATHOC and the IPC.

- (a)** The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee is responsible for the general management including the approval of the Regulations and the interpretation thereof.

The duties of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall include:

- i) To appoint a Technical Delegate - Paralympic Tennis who shall be responsible for the operation of the Paralympic Tennis Event.
- ii) To appoint the Referee for the Paralympic Tennis Event.
- iii) To decide any disputes arising among National (Wheelchair) Tennis Associations participating in the Paralympic Tennis Event.
- iv) To appoint a Jury of Appeal in accordance with the requirements of the

Paralympic Charter, to settle any on-site disputes during the Paralympic Tennis Event, other than those to be determined by the Referee.

- v) To suspend from the Paralympic Tennis Event for such period of time as it may determine, any tennis player, Umpire or Official who it is considered does not maintain at all times the high ideals of the Sport and/or the Competition.
 - vi) To impose penalties laid down in these Regulations.
 - vii) To be responsible for overseeing the management and presentation of the Paralympic Tennis Event.
 - viii) To ensure that all competitors nominated to compete in the Paralympic Tennis Event are eligible to participate.
 - ix) To recommend Referees and Officials for the Paralympic Tennis Event.
 - x) To confirm the list of Direct Acceptances and Wildcards.
 - xi) To undertake such other duties as may be laid down in these Regulations.
- (b) The duties of the Technical Delegates shall include:
- i) To act on behalf of the ITF and maintain control of the technical direction of tennis in the Paralympic Games.
 - ii) To report to the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee on all matters relating to the staging and operation of the Paralympic Tennis Event.
- (c) The Referee shall be responsible for all on-court matters during the event.

2. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

(a) **Rules and Regulations**

The Paralympic Tennis Event will be conducted in accordance with these Regulations, the Rules of the International Tennis Federation including the Rules of Tennis, the Wheelchair Tennis Handbook and the Code of Conduct and ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials of the current year. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of any of these Rules, the English text shall prevail.

Any unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules shall be dealt with as follows:

- i) Cases of a general nature shall be resolved in accordance with the Paralympic Charter.
 - ii) Technical questions shall be resolved according to the Rules of the ITF.
 - iii) On-site appeals shall be submitted to the Jury of Appeal.
- (b) **Medical Control**
- i) Doping control tests shall be conducted at the 2004 Paralympic Tennis Event by the IPC.
- (c) **Officials and Court Personnel**
- i) The following shall be appointed by the Federation:

1 Referee

1 Assistant Referee
16 Chair Umpires
1 Chief Umpire

In addition, the Federation will appoint in conjunction with the Referee and ATHOC, the Line Umpires necessary for the event.

ATHOC will appoint the ball persons and one official in charge of ball persons.

Any selections made by ATHOC will be done in conjunction with the ITF.

ii) The duties of all court officials shall be those described in the ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials.

(d) Jury of Appeal.

i) The Federation shall select five (5) persons to form the Jury of Appeal. The persons will be chosen for their knowledge of the game, their independence, impartiality and competence. No more than two (2) members of the Jury shall be from the same country.

ii) Any player, representative of a National (Wheelchair) Tennis Association, NPC, official or other person directly involved in the organisation of the Paralympic Tennis Event, may submit an appeal to the Jury in respect of a ruling given by the ITF, the Referee (where such ruling is appealable), or other person, in respect of an incident which has taken place during the Games.

iii) At least four (4) members of the Jury must be on site during the playing of matches, and no decision shall be valid unless at least 75% of those present and voting so agree.

iv) The decision of the ITF Board of Directors shall be final in the event of any appeals.

(e) The Draw

The Draw shall be conducted in public and shall be made not later than one (1) day prior to the commencement of the Competition.

No players from the same country shall be placed in the same quarter of the Draw.

(f) Seeding and Draw Procedures

i) The selection of seeds for the Singles events shall be made by the Referee based on the latest available recognised international singles computer rankings. The selection of seeds for the Doubles events shall be made by the Referee based on the latest available recognised international doubles computer rankings.

ii) The number and position of Seeds shall be as follows:

Men's Singles - 64 Draw/16 Seeds

Seed 1	On line 1
Seed 2	On line 64

Seeds 3 & 4	Drawn on lines 17 and 48
Seeds 5 - 8	Drawn from top to bottom on lines 16, 32, 33 and 49
Seeds 9 -12	Drawn from top to bottom on lines 9, 25, 40 and 56
Seeds 13 -16	Drawn from top to bottom on lines 8, 24, 41 and 57

Women's Singles / Men's Doubles - 32 Draw/8 Seeds

Seed 1	On line 1
Seed 2	On line 32
Seeds 3 & 4	Drawn on lines 9 and 24
Seeds 5 - 8	Drawn from top to bottom on lines 8, 16, 17 and 25

Quad's Singles / Women's Doubles – 16 Draw / 4 Seeds

Seed 1	On line 1
Seed 2	On line 16
Seeds 3 & 4	Drawn on lines 5 and 12

Quad's Doubles – 8 Draw / 2 Seeds

Seed 1	On line 1
Seed 2	On line 8

- iii) Replacement of Seeds
Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player/team eligible to be seeded. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play for the first day of play shall become a Bye.

- (g) **Byes**
Any byes shall be given to the seeded players in descending order.

3. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- (a) **Schedule of Play**
The schedule of play is given in Appendix B and is subject to confirmation by the Referee.
- (b) **Scoring System**
Matches for men and women shall be the best of three sets. The Tie-Break shall operate in every set.
- (c) **Rest/Medical Rule**
The Rest/Medical Rules in Appendix E will apply.
- (d) **Extreme Weather Condition**
The Extreme Weather Condition Rule in Appendix C will apply.

(e) Persons allowed on Court

No persons other than the contesting players, the Referee, Court Officials, the Sports Medicine Trainers, also known as the Primary Health Care Providers, ballpersons, court maintenance personnel and scoreboard operators shall be allowed on court during the course of a match except with the approval of the Referee.

4. MEDALS/DIPLOMAS

The following Medals and Diplomas will be awarded:

(a) Singles Events

Winner:	Paralympic silver-gilt medal and diploma
Runner-up:	Paralympic silver medal and diploma

Bronze Medal Play-Off

Winner:	Paralympic bronze medal and diploma
Loser:	Diploma
Losing ¼ finalists	Diploma

(b) Doubles Events

Winner:	Paralympic silver-gilt medal and diploma
Runner-up:	Paralympic silver medal and diploma

Bronze Medal Play-Off

Winner:	Paralympic bronze medal and diploma
Loser:	Diploma
Losing ¼ finalists	Diploma

SECTION V - ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS

1. ENFORCEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS

The above Regulations shall be binding on all concerned. The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee may supersede these Regulations in extraordinary conditions and may delegate this responsibility to the Referee and Technical Delegate on site.

2. AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS

These Regulations and the Appendices thereto, may only be amended by the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee who shall only effect amendments in exceptional circumstances, or by the International Paralympic Committee, as appropriate.

APPENDIX A

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Clothing and Equipment

All athletes shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable Tennis attire shall be worn.

Clothing and equipment worn or used by athletes and other participants in the Paralympic Games must comply with the 2004 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook and with Section III, Chapter 10, Rule 3.2 of the 2003 IPC Handbook.

Section III outlines that no form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear or equipment worn or used by athletes, or other participants, in the Paralympic Games.

Manufacturer's identification on clothing or equipment must not appear:

More than once per item of clothing or equipment

Greater than 6cm² on headgear or gloves

Greater than 12cm² on clothing

Greater than 6cm² on shoes

Greater than 10 per cent of the surface area on equipment exposed during competition.

(There shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60cm².)

Any violation of the provisions of the present clause shall result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned. The decisions of the IPC Executive Committee regarding this matter shall be final.

APPENDIX B

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Day 1	Sun (19/09)			
	Session 1	Start: 10:00	End: 14:00	Olympic Tennis Centre
	Session 2	Start: 17:30	End: 22:30	Olympic Tennis Centre
Day 2	Mon (20/09)			
	Session 1	Start: 10:00	End: 14:00	Olympic Tennis Centre
	Session 2	Start: 17:30	End: 22:30	Olympic Tennis Centre
Day 3	Tue (21/09)			
	Session 1	Start: 10:00	End: 14:00	Olympic Tennis Centre
	Session 2	Start: 17:30	End: 22:30	Olympic Tennis Centre
Day 4	Wed (22/09)			
	Session 1	Start: 10:00	End: 14:00	Olympic Tennis Centre
	Session 2	Start: 17:30	End: 22:30	Olympic Tennis Centre
Day 5	Thur (23/09)			
	Session 2	Start: 17:30	End: 22:30	Olympic Tennis Centre
Day 6	Fri (24/09)			
	Session 2	Start: 17:30	End: 22:30	Olympic Tennis Centre
Day 7	Sat (25/09)			
	Session 2	Start: 16:00	End: 22:00	Olympic Tennis Centre
Day 8	Sun (26/09)			
	Session 2	Start: 16:00	End: 22:00	Olympic Tennis Centre

APPENDIX C

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

a) Extreme Weather Conditions

Extreme weather conditions shall be defined at such time that heat, as measured by a Heat Stress Monitor, meets or exceeds a heat stress index of 28 degrees Celsius/82 degrees Fahrenheit. If a Heat Stress Monitor is not available, extreme weather conditions are then defined by the danger zone which is equal to or above the apparent temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit, illustrated on the chart below. Heat stress is measured by Wet Bulb Global Temperature (WBGT) which is calculated as (0.7 Wet Bulb + 0.2 Global Temperature + 0.1 Dry Bulb = WBGT).

Apparent Temperature (what it is like)

Air Temperature (°F) °C =5/9 (°F - 32)

Fahrenheit F 70 78 80 88 90 98 100 105 110 115 120

Centigrade

Humidity

0%	64	69	73	78	83	87	91	95	99	103	107
10%	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	111	126
20%	66	72	77	82	87	93	99	105	112	120	130
30%	67	73	78	84	90	96	104	113	123	135	148
40%	68	74	81	86	93	101	110	123	137	151	
50%	69	75	82	88	96	107	120	133	150		
60%	70	76	83	90	100	114	132	149			
70%	70	77	85	93	106	124	144				
80%	71	78	86	97	113	136					
90%	71	79	88	102	122						
100%	72	80	91	106							

The Referee has the authority to determine if the Extreme Weather Condition rule will go into effect during a Tournament. If it is so determined, a ten (10) minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets. There may also be a delay in the starting time of the matches scheduled for play that day. When possible, this decision to delay the start of matches due to Extreme Weather Conditions should be made prior to the scheduled start of play.

b) Measurement and Monitoring of Weather Conditions

The Referee, Tournament Director and/or designee will monitor weather conditions by taking measurements a minimum of three (3) times and a maximum of five (5) times during the day. The readings will be determined prior to the start of play and will be posted in the Supervisor's office.

The minimum of three readings will be taken:

- (1) ½ hour before match play begins for the day;
- (2) middle of the scheduled day;
- (3) prior to beginning of the last match of the day or prior to the start of the first night session match.

c) Implementation of the Rule

In the event that during the day there is a change in weather conditions as determined by this periodic monitoring, the Extreme Weather Condition Rule can be put into effect at any time on all courts, including matches already in progress. If there is a sudden change in weather conditions and the Rule is lifted, those matches already in progress will continue under the Extreme Weather Condition Rule. In the case of rain or interruption to play, the Referee, Tournament Director and/or designee can reassess the Extreme Weather Condition Rule.

d) Conditions of the 10-Minute Break

If it is a mutual agreement between the players not to take a ten (10) minute break, then play will continue. However, if requested by one player, the official ten minute break will be taken. During the ten minute break, no coaching or treatment will be allowed. However, a player will be allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or advice from the Referee. Following the ten (10) minute break, no re-warm-up will be allowed. This rule applies in addition to the two (2) bathroom and/or change of attire breaks allowed during the match. A player may not take a 10-minute break and a medical time out consecutively.

e) Penalties:

After completion of the Extreme Weather Conditions ten (10) minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets, any delay in returning to the court shall subject a player to Time Violations.

f) Quad Heat Rule

Tournaments must provide shade and ice buckets on court for quad players. A player can be assisted by their coach to spray water over their face. In very hot climates it is advised that matches are scheduled in the morning and late afternoon/evening

APPENDIX D

REST / MEDICAL RULE / TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE / TIME LIMIT EQUIPMENT

A. PLAYERS' REST:

Between Matches

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) singles match and one (1) doubles match per day, which shall not be scheduled less than twelve hours after the completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day or round.

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless he is in a singles and doubles finals to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

- If he has played less than 1 hour - ½ hour rest
- If he has played between 1 hour and 1½ hours - 1 hour rest
- If he has played more than 1½ hours - 1½ hours rest

B. MEDICAL RULE

1. Medical Time-Out

(a) In the event that a player sustains a medical condition during the match or warm-up or believes that medical diagnosis and treatment are required for a medical condition, the player may request through the Chair Umpire to see the Sports Medicine Trainer, also known as the Primary Health Care Provider. The Sports Medicine Trainer may authorise a one-time three (3) minute medical time-out for that condition. The player may make this request at any time during a match or warm-up. Medical evaluation and treatment of a player's condition will be made only by the Sports Medicine Trainer. At the request of the Sports Medicine Trainer, the Tournament Doctor may assist in the evaluation and treatment. The time-out begins after the completion of the evaluation and diagnosis of the medical condition by the Sports Medicine Trainer and, if required, the Tournament Doctor. At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Trainer and, if required, the Tournament Doctor, the evaluation and/or treatment can take place off-court. Sports Medicine Trainers can treat heat related physical conditions if determined to be appropriate. However, a player will be allowed only one medical time-out per match for any and all cramping conditions.

(b) Medical Treatment

A player may, within any ninety (90) second changeover or one hundred and twenty (120) second set break, receive on-court medical evaluation, treatment and supplies from the ITF Sports Medicine Trainer who can request assistance from the Tournament Doctor. The player must make this request to the Chair Umpire. As a guideline, this medical treatment should not exceed two changeovers.

- (c) **Non-Treatable Medical Conditions**
Players may not receive treatment at any time during a match (including the warm-up) for the following conditions:
- (i) Any illness or medical condition, as determined by the ITF Sports Medicine Trainer, that cannot be appropriately treated or will not be improved by medical treatment available;
 - (ii) Pre-existing conditions not aggravated during play;
 - (iii) General player fatigue; or
 - (iv) Any conditions requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetics with prior medical certification who may be allowed to use devices off-court to check blood sugar and administer subcutaneous injections of insulin if needed.
- (d) **Time-out Procedures**
- (i) **During the Warm-up**
If a player sustains a medical condition during the warm-up that prevents the player from starting the match as scheduled, the player can receive either a medical time-out or a ninety (90) second treatment period at the end of the warm-up prior to the start of the match. If it is clear that a player is not physically able to compete after receiving a time-out or treatment then the match should not begin. Any medical condition incurred during the warm-up shall be deemed to be a pre-existing condition once the match begins.
 - (ii) **During the Match**
A player can make the request and receive a medical time-out either: immediately, on the next changeover or set break (in such case, the time-out is in addition to the time allowed for that changeover or set break) or when the ITF Sports Medicine Trainer arrives, evaluates and is prepared to give treatment. If play is stopped until the ITF Sports Medicine Trainer arrives, then when treatment or consultation is completed (prior to the completion of the time-out), play will resume immediately except in the case of a re-warm-up. In addition, the Chair Umpire can stop play and call for the ITF Sports Medicine Trainer, who may advise that continued play is detrimental to the player's health. In that case, the Referee may retire the player from the match.
- (e) **Penalty**
After completion of a medical treatment, any delay shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.
- (f) **Physical Incapacity**
Where because of player injury or illness the quality of a scheduled match is jeopardised to the extent that the Referee believes it would not be in the best interest of professional tennis for the match to be played, the Referee has the authority to rule a player ineligible to compete. The Referee shall use this power with great discretion and shall seek medical advice and any other appropriate information in all such cases. Also, the player may continue to play another event (singles or doubles) at the Paralympic Tennis Event if the tournament

doctor certifies the player's condition has improved to the extent that he may physically perform at a professional level, whether the same day or a later day.

C. TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK

Two (2) toilet breaks or change of attire are permitted during a singles or doubles match, to be taken preferably at the set break (change of attire must be at the set break). Each break may be for a reasonable time. The players must receive permission from the Chair Umpire, who cannot reasonably refuse the request.

Additional toilet breaks may only be permitted by the Chair Umpire. If a player takes a third break without permission, they may be charged with "leaving the court without permission" under the Code of Conduct.

D. TIME LIMIT REPAIRS, BROKEN EQUIPMENT, STRAPPING OF RACKET

The Referee has the authority to determine suspension of play. Wheelchair adjustments may not exceed twenty (20) minutes in total during one (1) match. This is regardless of any number of breakdowns. Delay beyond the allotted time limits is at the discretion of the Referee.

Each player is ultimately responsible for ensuring their wheelchair and all other equipment is ready on time for their match. The Referee has the right to default any player who is not ready to go onto court for whatever reason, within fifteen (15) minutes of their match being called.

Any quad player may be allotted extra time during a changeover in order to reposition or adjust the racket in the hand, without being penalised, but only if prior agreement has been made with their opponents as well as the Umpire prior to the match. The quad player must make every effort to keep any extra time to a reasonable minimum, so as not to disrupt or interfere with the normal progression of the match.

APPENDIX E

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE 2004 PARALYMPIC TENNIS EVENT

I. INTRODUCTION

The aims of the Paralympic Movement are:

- to promote the development of those physical and moral qualities which are the basis of sport;
- to educate young people through sport in a spirit of better understanding between each other and of friendship, thereby building a better and more peaceful world;
- to spread the Paralympic principles throughout the world, thereby creating international goodwill;
- to bring together the athletes of the world in the great four-yearly sports festival, the Paralympic Games.

The aim of this Code is to provide fair and reasonable standards of conduct for all players competing in the Tennis Event at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

The Referee shall be the final authority for the interpretation of this Code as to all matters arising that requires immediate resolution at the tournament site.

II. PLAYER COMMITMENT

No player may withdraw his entry except for reasons of illness, injury or bereavement. For players withdrawing for reasons of illness or injury a medical certificate must be received by the ITF at the time of withdrawal. If a medical certificate is not received at the time of withdrawal, the player will be replaced in accordance with **Section III, Regulation 3 Withdrawals**.

Any player violating this section shall be reported to his National Tennis Association who will take action in accordance with the appropriate Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Tennis Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

III. PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES

Every player shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the tournament site, conduct himself in an orderly and sportsmanlike manner and in accordance with the Paralympic ideals. The provisions of the Code of Conduct of the 2004 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook shall apply to each player's conduct while within the precincts of the site