

THE PARALYMPIC WHEELCHAIR TENNIS EVENT
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A. EVENT INFORMATION

1 Date

- 1.1 The Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event will be held in Paris, France, from Friday 30 August – Saturday 7 September 2024.
- 1.2 The Opening Ceremony of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will take place on Wednesday 28 August 2024 and the Closing Ceremony will be held on Sunday 8 September 2024 (those dates (inclusive) forming the **Period** of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games).

2 Venue

- 2.1 The venue for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event is Roland Garros. There are 10 match courts and 6 practice courts. Philippe Chatrier has 14,929 seats, Suzanne Lenglen has 9,829 seats and the remaining courts have an aggregate seating capacity of approximately 6,650 seats. All match courts are floodlit.

3 Events

- 3.1 The following events will be held:

Men's Singles	48 Players
Men's Doubles	Maximum of 24 Teams
Women's Singles	32 Players
Women's Doubles	Maximum of 16 Teams
Quad Singles	16 Players
Quad Doubles	Maximum of 8 Teams

4 Surface

- 4.1 The surface of all courts is clay.

5 Ball

- 5.1 The Dunlop Fort Clay Court (Philippines) ball will be used for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

6 Medal Ceremonies

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

B. COMPETITORS & QUALIFICATION

7 Eligibility

- 7.1 Save as provided in these Regulations, to be eligible to be nominated for and to participate in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event a player must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:
- 7.1.1 The player must satisfy and comply with the provisions of the IPC Handbook in force from time to time, including but not limited to Section 1, Chapter 3 (Paralympic Games), Rule 2 (General rules and principles for participation in the Paralympic Games) or any replacement or successor provision.
- 7.1.2 The player must be in good standing with their national sports association responsible for the sport of tennis (**National Association**) and the ITF in accordance with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games (whether directly or as a result of an exemption being granted).
- 7.1.3 The player must be eligible to represent the country of the National Association and National Paralympic Committee (**NPC**) that nominates the player by satisfying the Eligibility of a Player or Captain to Represent a Nation rule contained in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- 7.1.4 As at 15 July 2024 the player must be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' Sport Class Status or 'Fixed Review Date' Sport Class Status (with a review date of 1 January 2025 or later) in accordance with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations and ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- 7.1.5 The player must have fulfilled the minimum participation requirement by being part of their nation's final nominated team and present on-site for the wheelchair tennis World Team Cup event (including qualifying or Junior World Team Cup) for a minimum of two (2) years in the four-year Paralympic Cycle provided that one of those years is either 2023 or 2024. For the purpose of these Regulations, **Paralympic Cycle** means the period commencing on Sunday 6 September 2020 and ending on Sunday 14 July 2024.
- 7.2 Where the player has not met the good standing or minimum participation requirements set out at Regulation 7.1.2 and/or Regulation 7.1.5 above, the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee may exercise its discretion to rule that the player is considered eligible for nomination for and participation in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis

Event. Any such decision is limited only to a declaration that the player is eligible, and the NPC retains its discretion to nominate such player. The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall take into account all relevant circumstances, which shall include but not be limited to the following:

7.2.1 Exemption from Regulation 7.1.2:

- (a) **Procedural fairness:** the procedure followed was so unfair as to be contrary to natural justice.
- (b) **Error of law:** the decision is based on an error of law.
- (c) **Manifest unreasonableness:** the decision is irrational, arbitrary or capricious.
- (d) **Timing of suspension:** whether a suspension that will be in effect at the time of nomination will be lifted by the time of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. An exemption may only be granted where it will not place the player in breach of terms applicable to the suspension (including for example restrictions on receipt of accreditation during a suspension). The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall consider any outstanding conditions of reinstatement. In any event, if the player is subsequently not reinstated for any reason, the eligibility for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event will be revoked.

An exemption under this Regulation 7.2.1 will not be considered if: (i) the player has not exhausted all remedies available to them through the organisation that is imposing a suspension on them (i.e. their National Association or the ITF); or (ii) the ITF has already rejected an application for exemption pursuant to the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations unless there is new and material evidence available to support the application.

7.2.2 Exemption from Regulation 7.1.5:

- (a) **Injury/illness:** The injury or illness must be evidenced through authorised medical records, clearly identifying the period of absence from all competitive wheelchair tennis.
- (b) **Newcomer to World Team Cup:** A player only reaches a ranking level sufficient for World Team Cup selection by his/her National Association during the latter part of the Paralympic Cycle.
- (c) **Strength of Nation:** A National Association has a large number of highly-ranked players resulting in competition

for selection, which limits a player's opportunities to participate in World Team Cup events during the Paralympic Cycle.

- (d) **Commitment to and Achievement at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and/or World Team Cup:** A player's historical participation and/or achievement in one or both competitions.
- (e) **Non-participation of a Nation:** A National Association is unable to enter a team for the World Team Cup events.

7.3 As a condition of eligibility, players shall:

- 7.3.1 arrange with their NPC, through their National Association, to come under the formal responsibility and disciplinary control of their NPC and to comply with the rules, regulations, terms and conditions, and/or codes of conduct established by their NPC for its Paralympic delegation.
- 7.3.2 be part of the Paralympic delegation of their NPC, which shall be responsible for all aspects of participation, including uniform, travel, accreditation and accommodation.
- 7.3.3 respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times.
- 7.3.4 accept the conditions of entry of the events he or she enters, including the conditions of these Regulations and any applicable Code of Conduct adopted for those events.

This Regulation 7.3 shall apply during the Period of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games and any prior period established by the player's NPC for purposes of preparation for and travel to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, but which shall not be in excess of fourteen days.

7.4 In respect of participation at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, a player:

- 7.4.1 may not accept, either directly or indirectly, any form of financial reward whatsoever in respect of their participation, except for any payment which may have been established in respect of their Paralympic delegation;
- 7.4.2 may not have on his or her clothing or equipment any commercial "identifications" at any time when the player is present at a Paralympic venue (including but not limited to the Paralympic Village, any Paralympic training venue or any Paralympic competition venue) only, and therefore any contractual requirements he or she may have with any person or organisation to have such commercial identification must be suspended for the Period of the Paris 2024 Paralympic

Games. (See also Appendix F – Code of Conduct for detailed rules regarding manufacturer identifications relevant to participation in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.);

7.4.3 agrees:

- (a) to be bound by the applicable anti-doping rules in the IPC Anti-Doping Code (**IPC Code**);
- (b) to comply with any doping control (and/or other medical control) implemented by the IPC (or its designee(s));
- (c) to be subject to the jurisdiction of the IPC (or its designee(s)) to manage, administer and enforce those anti-doping rules; and
- (d) to any additional hearings and/or consequences of hearings and decisions of the IPC, including with regard to the imposition of sanctions over and above those relating to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, which shall be managed by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (**ITIA**) in accordance with the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme;

7.4.4 agrees:

- (a) to be bound by the IPC Code of Ethics (see APPENDIX D); and
- (b) to any additional hearings and/or consequences of hearings and decisions of the IPC, including with regard to the imposition of sanctions over and above those relating to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, which shall be managed by the ITIA in accordance with the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

8 Nomination of Competitors

8.1 An NPC, with the endorsement of the National Association, may nominate a player provided that:

8.1.1 the NPC is recognised by the IPC;

8.1.2 the National Association is: (a) affiliated to that NPC; (b) is a current Class B or Class C member of the ITF; (c) has been a member since at least 31 December 2023; and (d) its membership is not suspended, unless otherwise determined by the ITF Board of Directors (pursuant to procedures published from time to time); and

8.1.3 the player conforms to and agrees to abide by Section B (Competitors & Qualification) of these Regulations.

- 8.2 The ITF and Paris 2024 shall be responsible for enforcing the applicable rules to ensure that all competitors nominated are eligible.
- 8.3 Qualification slots will only be offered to players who have been nominated by their NPC.

9 Number of Nominations per Country

- 9.1 NPCs are limited to the following maximum quota of nominations (**Nation Quota**):
 - 9.1.1 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) players may compete in the quad singles, totalling eleven (11) players.
 - 9.1.2 a maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women already qualified in singles may compete as teams in the men's and women's doubles.
 - 9.1.3 a maximum of two (2) players already qualified in singles may compete as a team in the quad doubles.
- 9.2 For the avoidance of doubt, qualification and selection of players for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games shall in all cases be subject to the Nation Quota and no rule, provision or wording in these Regulations shall be interpreted as overriding such quota.

10 Rankings

- 10.1 The following definitions are used throughout these Regulations in relation to rankings:
 - 10.1.1 **Rankings** means the rankings published by the ITF in relation to men, women and quads. Rank and Ranked will be interpreted accordingly.
 - 10.1.2 **Singles Ranking** and **Doubles Ranking** means the singles or doubles ranking list which is published weekly according to the ITF's rulebook applicable to the 2024 tour year.
 - 10.1.3 **Combined Ranking** means the ranking of a doubles team obtained by adding together each player's best ranking from the Doubles Ranking.
- 10.2 The Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event is an eligible tournament for "Super Series" level ranking points, as defined and detailed in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations.

11 Entries / Nominations Deadlines and Selection Dates

- 11.1 By no later than 16 July 2024, the ITF shall confirm to National Associations and NPCs the names of players eligible for Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation slots for singles based on the Rankings of 15 July 2024 and Regional Games Direct Allocation slots.
- 11.2 By no later than 23.59 London time (GMT+1) on 22 July 2024, National Associations and their NPCs (through joint endorsement of the applicable entry/nomination form) shall confirm to the ITF the entry of eligible players into the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and all eligible NPCs (as determined and notified by the IPC) must submit their request(s) for Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots.
- 11.3 By no later than 23:59 Paris time (GMT +2) on 5 August 2024, the ITF shall confirm in writing to the National Associations and NPCs the reallocation of unused qualification slots and the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots.
- 11.4 The National Associations and/or NPCs must provide to the ITF in writing all doubles teams nominations (men's, women's and quad) by no later than 23:59 Paris time (GMT +2) on 5 August 2024. Nominations for the respective doubles events may be modified up to 11:00 Paris time (GMT+2) on 26 August. By no later than 16:00 Paris time (GMT+2) on 26 August, the ITF shall confirm to the National Associations and NPCs the names of teams accepted into the doubles events.
- 11.5 The Qualification System, initially published by the ITF on 19 July 2022 and as amended from time to time, can be downloaded in full here: [paris-2024-wheelchair-tennis-qualification-system.pdf](https://www.itftennis.com/paris-2024-wheelchair-tennis-qualification-system.pdf) ([itftennis.com](https://www.itftennis.com)), and forms part of the Regulations. In the event of any conflict between the body of these Regulations and the Qualification System, the Qualification System shall prevail.

C. THE COMPETITION

12 Size and Composition of Draws

12.1 The maximum number of players accepted into the Competition shall be as follows, always subject to the Nation Quota at Regulation B.9.1 above:

12.1.1 Men's Singles

Draw of forty-eight (48) players, with not more than four (4) players from any one (1) country, comprising:

32 Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation slots

12 Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots

4 slots for the winners of the men's singles competition of each Regional Games (**Regional Games Direct Allocation**)

12.1.2 Women's Singles

Draw of thirty-two (32) players, with not more than four (4) players from any one (1) country, comprising:

20 Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation slots

8 Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots

4 slots for the winners of the women's singles competition of each Regional Games (**Regional Games Direct Allocation**)

12.1.3 Quad Singles

Draw of sixteen (16) players, with not more than three (3) players from any one (1) country, comprising:

12 Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation slots

4 Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots

12.1.4 Men's Doubles

Draw of thirty-two (32) teams, both players from the same country and not more than two (2) teams from any one (1) country.

12.1.5 Women's Doubles

Draw of sixteen (16) teams, both players from the same country and not more than two (2) teams from any one (1) country.

12.1.6 Quad Doubles

Draw of eight (8) teams, both players from the same country and not more than one (1) team from any one (1) country.

13 **Criteria for Selection**

13.1 The criteria for selection set out below is, in all cases, subject to the Nation Quota at Regulation B.9.1.

13.2 Qualification slots are allocated to a player by name.

13.3 Men's, Women's and Quad Singles

13.3.1 Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking

(a) A total of thirty-two (32) players will receive qualification slots in the men's singles event, a total of twenty (20) players will receive qualification slots in the women's singles event and a total of twelve (12) players will receive qualification slots in the Quad singles event at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event based on the Singles Rankings of 15 July 2024 (**Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation**).

(b) A National Association/NPC that has more than four (4) players eligible for a Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation slot in the men's singles event and/or the women's singles event must select its four (4) highest Ranked eligible players for that event.

(c) A National Association/NPC that has more than three (3) players eligible for a Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation slot in the quad singles event must select its three (3) highest Ranked eligible players for that event.

13.4 Men's, Women's, and Quad Doubles

13.4.1 Only players nominated and accepted for the singles event are eligible for selection for the doubles event.

13.5 Regional Games Direct Allocation

13.5.1 Four (4) Regional Games Direct Allocation slots will be allocated in the Men’s and Women’s draws according to the below:

Region	Qualification Route	Allocation	Slots per gender
North, Central & South America	2023 Para Pan American Games	Singles winner	1
Asia	2022 Asian Para Games (postponed to 2023)	Singles winner	1
Africa	2023 African Para Games	Singles winner	1
Europe	2023 European Para Championships	Singles winner	1

Note: Players who achieve both a Regional Games Direct Allocation slot and a Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation slot, will qualify using the Regional Games Direct Allocation slot.

13.6 Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation

13.6.1 Twelve (12) slots for men, eight (8) slots for women and four (4) slots for quad players are made available for allocation by the IPC and ITF (**Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation**).

13.6.2 All eligible NPCs (as determined and notified by the IPC) must submit their request(s) for Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots by no later than 22 July 2024. Any player(s) subject to such request must be eligible according to the eligibility requirements in Regulation B.7.

13.6.3 The ITF will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots to the relevant NPCs by no later than 5 August 2024. Once allocated, the slot shall be deemed to be accepted by the NPC and the player shall participate in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and is only permitted subsequently to withdraw in accordance with Regulation 14.

13.6.4 For Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots, the ITF and the IPC may consider players who do not have an official ranking on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking List dated 15 July 2024, provided that they have competed in

at least one ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour tournament between
1 January 2021 and 14 July 2024.

14 Withdrawals and Reallocation Procedures

- 14.1 In all circumstances, the Qualification System will apply to reallocation.
- 14.2 Any qualification slot(s) that are either (i) unused by 23:59 London time (GMT +1) on 22 July 2024; or (ii) returned as a result of a withdrawal up until 23:59 London time (GMT +1) on 5 August 2024, shall be reallocated within the same draw as follows:
- 14.2.1 For **Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation** and **Regional Games Direct Allocation** slot(s), the ITF shall reallocate the slot to the next highest Ranked eligible player on the Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking list dated 15 July 2024 who is not otherwise qualified (subject to the Nation Quota); and
- 14.2.2 For **Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation** slot(s), the ITF (with the assistance of the IPC) shall select player(s) entirely at its own discretion from the reserve list of Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation applicants.
- 14.3 If a player withdraws after the Sports Entries deadline of 23:59 Paris time (GMT +2) on 5 August 2024 but in advance of each NPC's respective delegation registration meeting (**DRM**), the slot(s) shall be reallocated according to the IPC's Late Athlete Replacement (**IPC LAR**) Policy outlined below:
- 14.3.1 For **Wheelchair Tennis Singles World Ranking Allocation** slot(s), an NPC may replace a withdrawing player subject to the review and approval of the IPC in its complete discretion (in consultation with the ITF), providing the following conditions are met:
- a player's withdrawal must be for illness, injury, or other exceptional circumstances;
 - the replacement is in the same sport, medal event(s) and sport class;
 - the National Association must provide to the ITF, in a timely manner, valid supporting documentation to the ITF's and IPC's satisfaction to support the circumstances of the player's withdrawal (failure to do so may separately constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct);
 - the replacement player must be the respective NPC's next eligible player according to the reallocation procedure in the Qualification System that applied until 5 August 2024;

- (e) the replacement player must have met all qualification and eligibility criteria in Section B of these Regulations; and
- (f) the NPC must have submitted an accreditation application for the substitute player by the long list deadline of 3 May 2024;

If it is not possible to reallocate the slot(s) in accordance with this Regulation 14.3.1, the IPC (in consultation with the ITF) may reallocate the slot(s) entirely at its own discretion.

14.3.2 For **Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation** and **Regional Games Direct Allocation** slot(s), the IPC (with the assistance of the ITF) may reallocate the slot(s) entirely at its own discretion.

14.4 If a player withdraws after the NPC's DRM but in advance of 10:00 Paris time (GMT +2) on 27 August 2024:

14.4.1 the IPC (with the assistance of the ITF) may redistribute the slot(s) entirely at its own discretion. Any redistribution in accordance with this Regulation 14.4.1 must be confirmed by no later than 10:00 Paris time (GMT +2) on 27 August 2024. For the avoidance of doubt, the NPC shall not be permitted to replace its withdrawn player(s) in accordance with the IPC LAR Policy after its DRM has been held.

14.5 After 11:00 Paris time (GMT +2) on 27 August 2024:

14.5.1 If a player withdraws from the doubles event and there is another player from that NPC already qualified in singles, that player would be permitted to form a new doubles team with the partner of the withdrawing player, subject to the IPC's approval entirely at its own discretion. The formation of a new doubles team in accordance with this Regulation 14.5.1 will be possible up until the start of the team's first round match.

14.5.2 If a player withdraws from one event and they are entered in a second event, the Referee will decide if the withdrawing player will be allowed to compete in the second event.

14.6 In order to be recognised as a medal event by the IPC in accordance with the IPC's rules, any event must comprise a minimum of six (6) players or teams (as applicable). In such a case, the IPC may permit additional qualification slot(s) in that event, to be offered on such terms and in such manner as the IPC and ITF determine. However, any such adaptation shall not result in any increase or change to any singles draw.

D. TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

15 Management

- 15.1 The Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event shall be under the direction and control of the ITF and managed by the Board of Directors of the ITF, in co-operation with Paris 2024 and the IPC. The relevant decision makers are described below.
- 15.2 The duties of the ITF Board of Directors shall be:
- 15.2.1 to approve, adopt and amend these Regulations and the Code of Conduct;
 - 15.2.2 to appoint a General Secretary for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event who shall be responsible for its operation;
 - 15.2.3 to appoint the Referee for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event;
 - 15.2.4 to appoint a Jury of Appeal in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 3 (Paralympic Games), Rule 3.5.5 (Games-time responsibilities) of the IPC Handbook;
 - 15.2.5 to enforce penalties laid down in these Regulations; and
 - 15.2.6 to undertake such other duties as may be laid down in these Regulations.
- 15.3 The duties of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee shall be:
- 15.3.1 to manage and delegate such management of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event;
 - 15.3.2 to recommend the Referee, and appoint Officials, for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event;
 - 15.3.3 to consider applications for exemption from Regulation B.7.1, and deal with any disputes over the application of the criteria for selection;
 - 15.3.4 to recommend changes to these Regulations to the ITF Board; and
 - 15.3.5 to undertake such other duties as may be laid down in these Regulations.
- 15.4 The duties of the Technical Delegate shall be to report to the Wheelchair Tennis Committee on all matters relating to the staging and operation of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

- 15.5 The duties of the Referee shall be:
- 15.5.1 to carry out the duties set out in the Duties and Procedures of Officials in relation to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event;
 - 15.5.2 unless expressly referred elsewhere, to determine whether a player has committed an offence under the Code of Conduct that is not a Major Offence or breach of the Welfare Policy;
 - 15.5.3 to determine any question of interpretation that arises on-site (to be resolved in accordance with the Rules of Tennis); and
 - 15.5.4 to determine any other disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the Referee.
- 15.6 The duties of the General Secretary (or other such appointed representative) shall be:
- 15.6.1 to oversee the administration by the ITF of the qualification system for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event;
 - 15.6.2 to liaise with the Technical Delegate;
 - 15.6.3 to assist with the management and presentation of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event;
 - 15.6.4 to oversee those matters for which the ITF is responsible including, but not limited to mediation and resolution of any operational issues and on-site disputes that arise during the course of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, not otherwise designated to the Referee and in accordance with these Regulations;
 - 15.6.5 to perform the role of Senior Safeguarding Lead pursuant to the Welfare Policy, including to impose a provisional suspension for an apparent Welfare Offence under the ITF Welfare Policy pending investigation of the apparent offence by the ITF;
 - 15.6.6 to impose a provisional suspension for an apparent Major Offence under the Code of Conduct pending investigation of the apparent offence by the ITF; and
 - 15.6.7 to refer any matter to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel or the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee as applicable in accordance with these Regulations.

15.7 Jury of Appeal

15.7.1 The ITF shall select five (5) persons to form the Jury of Appeal. No more than two (2) members shall be from the same country. At least four (4) members of the Jury of Appeal shall be available during play of matches. The quorum for a meeting of the Jury shall be three (3) members, and it shall only sit with an odd number of members. Decisions shall be made by simple majority.

15.7.2 The duties of the Jury of Appeal shall be:

- (a) to determine medal reallocation following a default in a gold medal match, pursuant to Regulation 21.2.
- (b) to hear and determine an appeal of a provisional suspension imposed during the course of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event by the General Secretary.

16 **General Rules and Regulations**

16.1 Rules and Regulations

16.1.1 The Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event will be conducted in accordance with the following (collectively, the **Rules and Regulations**): the ITF Constitution, the Rules of Tennis, these Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event Regulations including the attached Appendices (together, the **Regulations**), the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations, the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules, the ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials, the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, and any other rules, policies or documents issued by the ITF from time to time that apply according to their terms to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, each as amended from time to time. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of different language versions of any of these Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. In case of conflict between any of these Rules and Regulations, they shall apply in the order listed in this Regulation 16.1.

16.2 Anti-Doping

16.2.1 The IPC Code will apply to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, with the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (the **TADP**, available for download at www.itia.tennis) applying subsidiarily. In cases where they both apply and their provisions conflict, the IPC Code will prevail. Doping control shall be conducted during and/or prior to the Paralympic

Wheelchair Tennis Event by or on behalf of the IPC, pursuant to the IPC Code and/or the TADP.

16.2.2 Each National Association/NPC and player, and each Player Support Person (as defined in the TADP), supporting such participation, shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply with all of the provisions of the IPC Code and the TADP (as applicable).

16.3 Anti-Corruption

16.3.1 The rules in relation to anti-corruption as seen in the IPC Handbook will apply to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, with the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (the **TACP**, available for download at www.itia.tennis) applying subsidiarily. In cases where they both apply and their provisions conflict, the IPC Handbook will prevail.

16.3.2 Each National Association/NPC and player, and each Covered Person (as defined in the TACP), shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply with all of the provisions of the IPC Handbook and the TACP (as applicable).

17 Officials and Court Personnel

17.1 The following shall be appointed by the ITF:

1 Referee
3 Assistant Referees
20 Chair Umpires
1 Chief Umpire
1 Assistant Chief Umpire

17.2 In addition, the ITF will appoint in conjunction with the Referee, the Line Umpires necessary for the event, of which a maximum of 25 will be from countries other than France.

17.3 The French Tennis Federation (the Host National Association) shall appoint the ballpersons and one official in charge of ballpersons.

17.4 Any selections made by the Host National Association will be done in conjunction with the ITF.

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

18 The Draw

18.1 Each event is played in a knock-out draw, with all players/teams being placed into their first-round match according to the following criteria (**Draw**). The Draw shall be conducted by the Referee in public

and shall be made not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. Once the Draw has been made there will be no change.

18.2 The Referee shall conduct the Draw in accordance with the Duties and Procedures for Officials, as amended or supplemented by the below specific provisions:

18.2.1 Players from the same country: If there are two (2) players/teams from the same country they shall be drawn into different halves of the Draw. If there are three (3) or four (4) players from the same country, they shall be drawn into different quarters of the Draw.

18.2.2 Seeding Procedures

(a) The selection of seeds for the Singles events shall be made by the Referee based on the Singles Rankings as at the Monday before the start of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. The selection of seeds for the Doubles events will be based on the combined Doubles Rankings as at the Monday before the start of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

(b) The number and position of seeds shall be as follows:

Men's Singles (48 Draw/16 Seeds)

Seed 1	Line 1
Seed 2	Line 64
Seeds 3 – 4	Drawn on lines 17, 48
Seeds 5 – 8	Drawn from top to bottom on lines 16, 32, 33, 49
Seeds 9 – 12	Drawn from top to bottom on lines 9, 25, 40, 56
Seeds 13 - 16	Drawn from top to bottom on lines 8, 24, 41, 57

Women's Singles/Men's Doubles (32/24 Draw/8 Seeds)

Seed 1	Line 1
Seed 2	Line 32
Seeds 3 – 4	Drawn on lines 9, 24
Seeds 5 – 8	Drawn from top to bottom on lines 8, 16, 17, 25

Quad Singles/Women's Doubles (16 Draw/4 Seeds)

Seed 1 Line 1
Seed 2 Line 16
Seeds 3 – 4 Drawn on lines 5, 12

Quad Doubles (8 Draw/2 Seeds)

Seed 1 Line 1
Seed 2 Line 8

18.2.3 Replacement of Seeds

- (a) Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed after the draw shall not be filled and shall result in a walkover.
- (b) Any byes required in order to fill the draw shall be given to the seeded players/teams in descending order. If additional byes are required then these will be drawn randomly and evenly distributed through the draw.

18.3 Decisions in relation to the conduct of the Draw are final and not appealable.

18.4 Each day, the Referee shall prepare a schedule detailing the order and designated court for matches taking place on the following day (**Order of Play**). The Order of Play may be amended by the Referee where the circumstances require.

19 Conduct of Matches

19.1 Schedule of Play

19.1.1 The tentative schedule of play is given in APPENDIX E and is subject to confirmation by the Referee.

19.2 Scoring System

19.2.1 Singles Events: All matches shall be the best of three tie-break sets.

19.2.2 Doubles Events: All matches shall be the best of three tie-break sets, and the third set shall be played as a match tie-break (10 points).

19.2.3 Advantage scoring shall be used in all matches.

19.3 Player's Rest/Medical/Toilet Break/Extreme Weather Conditions

19.3.1 The Player's Rest/Medical/Toilet Break/Extreme Weather Conditions rules in Appendix G will apply.

19.4 Persons allowed on Court

19.4.1 The only persons allowed on court during the course of a match are: the contesting players, the Referee, Court Officials, the ITF Sports Physiotherapists, the Tournament Doctor, ballpersons, court maintenance personnel, scoreboard operators, and any other person who the Referee has approved.

20 Medals/Diplomas/Ranking Points

20.1 Ranking Points will be awarded in accordance with Regulation B.10.

20.2 The following medals and diplomas will be awarded:

20.2.1 Singles Events

Gold Medal Match

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 Quarter-Finalists Diploma

20.2.2 Doubles Events

Gold Medal Match

Winners	Paralympic silver-gilt medal and diploma
Losers	Paralympic silver medal and diploma

Bronze Medal Play-Off

Winners	Paralympic bronze medal and diploma
Losers	Diploma

Losing Quarter-Finalists Diploma

21 Consequences of Disqualification and Defaults

21.1 Disqualification

21.1.1 A player or doubles team's results obtained in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event may be disqualified by the application of the Rules and Regulations (**Disqualified**, or a **Disqualification**). If pursuant to such a Disqualification, a player or doubles team is deemed to have forfeited a medal or diploma awarded pursuant to Regulation 20.2, the following shall apply:

- (a) If one medal-winning player/doubles team is Disqualified in an event, each of the players/doubles teams that contested the medal matches will be shifted upwards, and the medals/diplomas will be re-awarded accordingly.
- (b) If two or more medal winning players/doubles teams in an event are Disqualified, each of the remaining players/doubles teams in the medal matches will be shifted upwards, but no bronze medal or diploma will be awarded.
- (c) If one or more quarter-finalists in an event are Disqualified, there shall be no movement and only the remaining losing quarter-finalists will receive diplomas.

21.1.2 Save as provided in the Rules and Regulations applicable to the imposition of the Disqualification, there is no right of appeal to the reallocation of awards and diplomas under Regulation 21.1.

21.2 Default

21.2.1 If a player/doubles team is defaulted under Section III Article S of the Code of Conduct during a gold medal match, the Jury of Appeal shall immediately determine:

- (a) whether that defaulting player/doubles team shall still be entitled to any medal otherwise earned, and
- (b) the consequences of the default on the awarding of the bronze medal and diploma.

21.2.2 The defaulted player/doubles team will have the right to present their case to the Jury of Appeal through their NPC, provided that case is put to the Jury of Appeal, in English, no later than thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of the default.

21.2.3 The ITF shall arrange and convene the Jury of Appeal.

21.2.4 Decisions of the Jury of Appeal regarding medals and diplomas shall not be appealable.

E. ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS

22 Enforcement of the Regulations

- 22.1 By submitting an entry and/or by participating in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, a nation and each player is deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply with these Rules and Regulations and will be liable for the consequences set out in the Rules and Regulations in case of any breach.
- 22.2 These Rules and Regulations shall be interpreted to give effect to their intent and purposes.
- 22.3 The Referee is responsible for enforcing the Rules and Regulations on-site.

23 Proceedings

23.1 Referee:

23.1.1 The Referee has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) unless expressly referred elsewhere in the Code of Conduct, an allegation that a player or Related Person has committed an offence under the Code of Conduct that is not a Major Offence or a breach of the Welfare Policy.
- (b) any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise on-site in relation to these Regulations.
- (c) any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the Referee.

23.1.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise, there is no right of appeal from the Referee's decisions.

23.2 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee:

23.2.1 The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) any dispute or question about player eligibility (but not allocation of entries) arising under these Regulations (except Classification eligibility which is determined in accordance with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules and on-site eligibility which is determined by the General Secretary).
- (b) any other issue entrusted to it under these Regulations.

23.2.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise, there is no right of appeal from the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee's decisions.

23.3 General Secretary:

23.3.1 The General Secretary (or other such appointed representative) has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) to decide any on-site dispute regarding the eligibility (except Classification eligibility) of a player and the allocation of entries to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.
- (b) to provisionally suspend, in exceptional circumstances, any player, official or Related Person (as defined in the Code of Conduct) for an apparent Major Offence under the Code of Conduct pending determination by the Independent Tribunal.
- (c) to exercise the powers of the Senior Safeguarding Lead to provisionally suspend, in exceptional circumstances, any player, official or Covered Person (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy) for an apparent Welfare Offence under the ITF Welfare Policy pending determination by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel.

23.3.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise, there is no right of appeal from the General Secretary's decisions.

23.4 Jury of Appeal:

23.4.1 The Jury of Appeal has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, to determine medal reallocation following a default in a gold medal, pursuant to Regulation D.21.2.

23.4.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise, there is no right of appeal from the Jury of Appeal's first instance decisions.

23.4.3 The Jury of Appeal has exclusive appellate jurisdiction to hear and determine any appeal of a provisional suspension imposed during the course of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event by the General Secretary.

23.4.4 Decisions of the Jury of Appeal sitting as an appellate body as described in Regulations 23.4.3 above are final and binding, with no further right of appeal to any further body.

23.5 ITF Internal Adjudication Panel:

23.5.1 The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (the **IAP**) shall operate in accordance with the Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings before an International Adjudication Panel Convened Under ITF Rules (as published by the ITF from time to time) (the **IAP Procedural Rules**). The IAP has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) to the IAP;
- (b) any dispute or question about the proper interpretation of these Regulations (excluding any on-site interpretation by the Referee);
- (c) request from the ITF to reciprocate a suspension;
- (d) any allegation that a Covered Person has committed a breach of the Welfare Policy;
- (e) any allegation that a player, Related Person or other person or entity bound by these Regulations has failed to comply with any other aspect of these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere); and
- (f) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the ITF Board or General Secretary.

23.5.2 Any disputes referred under these Regulations to the IAP must be referred within 14 days of the person concerned (or their NPC or National Association if either body is notified first) or the Board becoming aware of the decision or matter which is the subject of the dispute. Any failure to meet that deadline shall constitute a waiver of all rights in respect of the dispute, unless decided otherwise by the IAP.

23.5.3 The IAP has appellate jurisdiction over decisions of the Referee as to which the Rules and Regulations provide an express right of appeal. There is no right of appeal against appellate decisions of the IAP.

23.6 Independent Tribunal:

23.6.1 The Independent Tribunal shall operate in accordance with the Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings before an Independent Tribunal Convened Under ITF Rules (as

published by the ITF from time to time) (the **Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules**).

23.6.2 The Independent Tribunal has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under the Rules and Regulations to the Independent Tribunal;
- (b) any allegation arising in relation to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event of a breach of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme or the Code of Conduct for Major Offences; and
- (c) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to the Regulations that is referred to it as a first instance body by the Board or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel.

23.6.3 The Independent Tribunal shall have exclusive appellate jurisdiction over:

- (a) decisions of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee on any dispute or question about player eligibility arising under these Regulations (**Eligibility Decisions**) (subject always to Regulation 23.6.7);
- (b) decisions of the IAP under the Regulations (save for decisions of the IAP on appeals against decisions of the Referee which are not appealable); and
- (c) any other appeals expressly referred to it under the Rules and Regulations.

23.6.4 Where there is a right of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, the parties may agree to waive the first instance proceedings and instead have a single (first instance) hearing before the Independent Tribunal, with no further right of appeal from its decision.

23.6.5 Decisions of the Independent Tribunal sitting as a first-instance tribunal may only be challenged by way of appeal to the CAS, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules.

23.6.6 Decisions of the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appellate body are final and binding, with no further right of appeal to any further body.

23.6.7 Appeals against Eligibility Decisions must be filed within 5 working days of notification of the decision. The Independent Tribunal shall only have appellate jurisdiction over appeals

filed on or before 14 August 2024. Appeals filed following this date are within the exclusive appellate jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, heard pursuant to the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.

23.7 Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer:

23.7.1 The Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over any allegation of a breach of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program in relation to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. Decisions of the Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer may be appealed as set out in the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. This is without prejudice to the exclusive jurisdiction of the IPC over any allegation of a breach of the IPC Handbook.

23.8 The International Paralympic Committee

23.8.1 Decisions of the IPC (including but not limited to reallocation under Regulation 14) are made pursuant to the IPC's Handbook, and other IPC rules, regulations, policies and procedures, even where these Regulations refer to such decisions. Decisions of the IPC are not appealable or challengeable under these Regulations.

24 Provisional suspensions

24.1 Provisional suspensions may be imposed in accordance with APPENDIX F (Code of Conduct) Article IV.C, and/or APPENDIX H (Welfare Policy), or where otherwise expressly provided in the Rules and Regulations (such as in the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme and Tennis Anti-Corruption Program).

25 Sanctions

25.1 Where the IAP and/or the Independent Tribunal (as applicable) upholds an allegation of breach of the Regulations, it may impose one or more of the sanctions below for such breach, unless the Regulations specify other specific sanctions for such breach:

25.1.1 a caution, reprimand and/or warning as to future conduct;

25.1.2 a fine payable by a specified date;

25.1.3 disqualification/expulsion from the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and/or any specific matches in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, with all resulting consequences;

25.1.4 a specified period of ineligibility from participating in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event; and/or

25.1.5 such other sanction(s) as the decision-making body deems appropriate.

26 Appeals

26.1 Any appeal submitted under these Regulations may only be brought by one of the following persons:

26.1.1 the person/doubles team that is the subject of the decision being appealed;

26.1.2 the National Association or NPC of the person who is the subject of the decision being appealed;

26.1.3 any National Association or NPC that is directly affected by the decision being appealed; and/or

26.1.4 the ITF.

26.2 A National Association or NPC will not be 'directly affected' pursuant to Regulation 26.1.3 above based solely on it or its players being a competitor of the person or organisation that is the subject of a decision sought to be appealed.

27 Amendment of the Regulations

27.1 These Regulations (or their applicability) may be amended, waived, dispensed or otherwise altered by the ITF Board of Directors in special circumstances or otherwise where a matter is not provided for (which may be delegated in writing to the Referee on site). In addition, these Regulations may be amended by the IPC but only if provided for in any applicable IPC rules.

28 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

28.1 These Regulations and any dispute arising out of or in connection with them (including any dispute or claim relating to non-contractual obligations) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law, without regard to English law conflict of law principles.

28.2 Strictly subject to the alternate dispute resolution provisions set out in Regulation 23 or elsewhere in these Regulations, pursuant to the IPC Handbook each player, National Association, NPC and each of its Team Members, directors, officials, officers, members of staff, employees, contractors, agents, and representatives agrees to submit any disputes or claims or other matters arising in relation to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) to arbitration before the CAS, to the exclusion of any other court or forum. The CAS Code of Sport-related Arbitration shall apply. Unless otherwise specified in the Rules or Regulations or agreed, such disputes must be lodged within 21 days

of the occurrence of the acts or omissions on which the claim or dispute is based, or (if later) of the claimant's knowledge of such acts or omissions. Any claim or dispute involving the ITF as a respondent party that constitutes a challenge to a decision made by or on behalf of the ITF under the Rules and Regulations shall be determined by the CAS exercising a supervisory jurisdiction only.

29 Personal Data

- 29.1 All personal data submitted by NPCs, National Associations and/or players will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws. Nations and players acknowledge and agree that personal data is processed by the ITF for the purposes of administering the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, enforcing the Rules and Regulations, and maintaining the integrity of the sport. The ITF's privacy notices can be found on the ITF website under the 'Privacy Notices' section.

30 Committees and Personnel

30.1 Board of Directors (2023-2027)

David Haggerty (USA – President), Carlos Bravo (CRC), Roger Davids (NED), Jack Graham (CAN), Brian Hainline (USA), Asa Hedin (SWE), Naohiro Kawatei (JPN), Philip Mok (HKG), Salma Mouelhi Guizani (TUN), Lionel Ollinger (FRA), David Rawlinson (GBR), Jordi Tamayo De Winne (ESP), Bulat Utemuratov (KAZ), Dietloff von Arnim (GER), Rafael Westrupp (BRA), Mary Pierce (FRA), Mark Woodforde (AUS).

30.2 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee (2024-2025)

Jordi Tamayo De Winne (ESP – Chair), Florence Alix Gravelier (FRA), Iqbal Bin Issack (SRI), Jennifer Edmonson (USA), Danielle Gescheit (AUS), Miguel Irigoyen (ESA), James Kenani (KEN), Daisuke Kitahara (JPN), Erik Koers (GBR), Henry Kwaku Nyanteh Larbi (GHA), Esther Vergeer (NED), Jakob Wiener (ISR).

30.3 Personnel

30.3.1 General Secretary: Kelly Fairweather (RSA)

30.3.2 Referee: Nitin Kannamwar (IND)

30.3.3 Technical Delegate: Ellen de Lange (NED)

Jury of Appeal: Martin Corrie (GBR), Jennifer Edmonson (USA), Danielle Gescheit (AUS), Jakob Wiener (ISR), Cain Berry (GBR)

APPENDIX A. Eligibility to Represent a Nation

The Eligibility to Represent a Nation criteria applicable for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will be published as part of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

For the avoidance of doubt, players must comply with all eligibility requirements set out in Regulation B.7.1.

APPENDIX B. Extract from IPC Handbook on Clothing and Uniform

The IPC has published guidance in respect of clothing and uniform, available via the following URL: https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/2023_04%20IPC%20Paris%202024%20Uniform%20Guidelines.pdf

APPENDIX C. IPC Rules on Advertising

[Athlete Sponsorship and Advertising Regulations - Paris 2024 Paralympic Games](#)

APPENDIX D. IPC Code of Ethics

The IPC Code of Ethics is available via the following URL:
https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/2021-08/Sec%20ii%20chapter%201_1_IPC%20Code%20of%20Ethics.pdf

APPENDIX E. Schedule of Play

Note: The Schedule of Play is subject to change

Friday 30 August (12.00)

Men's Singles	1 st Round	3 sets
Women's Doubles	1 st Round	3 sets
Quad Doubles	Quarterfinals	3 sets

Saturday 31 August (12.00)

Women's Singles	1 st Round	3 sets
Quad Singles	1 st Round	3 sets
Men's Doubles	1 st Round	3 sets

Sunday 1 September (12.00)

Men's Singles	2 nd Round	3 sets
Men's Doubles	2 nd Round	3 sets
Women's Doubles	Quarterfinals	3 sets
Quad Doubles	Semifinals	3 sets

Monday 2 September (12.00)

Men's Singles	3 rd Round	3 sets
Women's Singles	2 nd Round	3 sets
Quad Singles	Quarterfinals	3 sets

Tuesday 3 September (12.00)

Women's Singles	Quarterfinals	3 sets
Quad Singles	Semifinals	3 sets
Men's Doubles	Quarterfinals	3 sets
Women's Doubles	Semifinals	3 sets

Wednesday 4 September (12.00)

Men's Singles	Quarterfinals	3 sets
Women's Singles	Semifinals	3 sets
Men's Doubles	Semifinals	3 sets
Quad Doubles	Bronze Medal Match	3 sets
Quad Doubles	Gold Medal Match	3 sets
Quad Doubles	Medal Ceremony	

Thursday 5 September (12:00)

Men's Singles	Semifinals	3 sets
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Quad Singles	Bronze Medal Match	3 sets
Quad Singles	Gold Medal Match	3 sets
Quad Singles	Medal Ceremony	
Women's Doubles	Bronze Medal Match	3 sets
Women's Doubles	Gold Medal Match	3 sets
Women's Doubles	Medal Ceremony	

Friday 6 September (12:00)

Men's Doubles	Bronze Medal Match	3 sets
Men's Doubles	Gold Medal Match	3 sets
Men's Doubles	Medal Ceremony	
Women's Singles	Bronze Medal Match	3 sets
Women's Singles	Gold Medal Match	3 sets
Women's Singles	Medal Ceremony	

Saturday 7 September (13:30)

Men's Singles	Bronze Medal Match	3 sets
Men's Singles	Gold Medal Match	3 sets
Men's Singles	Medal Ceremony	

Each court will have a single day session commencing at the time stated above.

APPENDIX F. Code Of Conduct

INTRODUCTION

The aspiration, vision and values of the Paralympic Movement:

The Paralympic Movement's ultimate vision is: "To make an inclusive world through Para sport."

The Paralympic Games are the world's number one sporting event for transforming society's attitudes towards impairment. By broadening the reach of the Paralympics, growing Para sport events and furthering brand awareness, the Paralympic Movement's transformational legacy will be amplified.

Although all within the Movement have different perspectives and backgrounds, they all share a common vision: "To enable Para athletes to achieve sporting excellence and inspire and excite the world."

In trying to achieve this vision, the Paralympic Movement has adopted and follows four athlete focussed values, which also act as an underlying reference for all those involved in Para sport.

Courage – Para athletes through their performances showcase to the world what can be achieved when testing your body to its absolute limits.

Determination – Para athletes have a unique strength of character that combines mental toughness, physical ability and outstanding agility to produce sporting performances that regularly redefine the boundaries of possibility.

Inspiration – As role models, Para athletes maximise their abilities, thus empowering and exciting others to participate in sport.

Equality – through sport, Para athletes challenge stereotypes and transform attitudes, helping to increase inclusion by breaking down social barriers of discrimination for persons with an impairment.

The ITF and the IPC promulgate this Code of Conduct (**Code**) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by players and Related Persons attending the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the sport of Tennis and the Paralympic Games.

For the purposes of this Code, **Related Person** is defined as any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, guest, NPC accredited personnel, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player, or any other person who receives accreditation at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event at the request of the player or any other Related Person.

I. THE REFEREE

The Referee shall be the final authority for the interpretation of this Code as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution on-site. The Referee shall be responsible for the regulation of player and team member conduct on-site, and shall have discretion in the application of this Code.

In all circumstances, the Referee and/or the General Secretary may refer any matter under this Code to the IPC to consider the removal from, or denial of accreditation of, any player, Related Person or other accredited person from the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and/or the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

II. PLAYER COMMITMENT

At any time after 5 August 2024, 23:59 Paris time (GMT+2), no player may withdraw their entry unless the conditions at Regulation C.14.3.1(a) are met.

If a player does not withdraw their entry in accordance with this Article II, and the circumstances are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event or are singularly egregious, the player and/or its National Association may be subject to a Major Offence of **Aggravated Behaviour** (see below, Article IV.A).

III. ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. GENERAL

Every Team Member shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event site, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner and in accordance with the Paralympic ideals.

All monetary fines set forth in this Code are in US Dollars.

The following provisions shall apply to Team Members while within the precincts of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event site.

For the purposes of this Code, **Team Member** shall include players nominated by an NPC to participate (or otherwise participating in) the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and any training partners, coaches, trainers, medical personnel, physiotherapists (and other physicians) and any other support personnel attending the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event on behalf of a competing nation and/or assisting a player participating in the in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

B. PUNCTUALITY

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the announced order of play. The order of play shall be posted at a highly visible place in a general players' area as designated by the Referee.

The Referee shall designate an official clock for the event. Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

1. Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after his/her match is called may be fined \$50.
2. Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after the match is

called may be fined up to an additional \$100 and shall be defaulted unless the Referee, at his/her sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire must be worn. Any player who violates this Section C may be ordered by the Referee to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Taping is only permitted on racket bags, not attire. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default.

Each violation of this Section C may result in a fine of up to \$250.

Any player who violates this Section and is not defaulted shall be subject to the following fines:

- a. **Unacceptable Attire**
Violation of the provisions with respect to unacceptable attire shall result in a fine of up to \$250.
- b. **Manufacturer's Identification**
Violation of the provisions with respect to manufacturer's identifications shall result in a fine of up to \$250.
- c. **Commercial Identification**
Violation of the provisions with respect to commercial identifications shall result in a fine of up to \$250.
- d. **Another Tennis Event**
Violation of the provisions with respect to the identification of another tennis event shall result in a fine of up to \$250.

Unacceptable Attire

Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts or any other inappropriate -attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warmup).

Dress Code / Doubles Teams

Players shall be required at all times to dress in compliance with the dress code published by the IPC (**Identifications on NPC Team Apparel – Practical Guidelines – Paris 2024**). Members of a doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours.

Identification

No identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing, products or equipment on court (whether before, during or after a match) or at any press conference or event ceremony, except as set out in the table below. A player's country name or flag is not considered to be an identification and is permitted on clothing in any size.

Identification of the Manufacturer or Manufacturer Identifications means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, or logo or any other distinctive sign of the apparel manufacturer. Manufacturer Identifications do not include encrypted or encoded supports, such as barcodes or QR codes, or URLs, social media accounts or hashtags.

Product Technology Identification means the technical identification used on clothing or footwear to identify any fabric technology (which shall not include any Manufacturer Identification or any part thereof).

<u>Item</u>	APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES REGARDING AUTHORISED IDENTIFICATIONS
CLOTHING	
Shirt Shorts Compression shorts Skirt Tracksuit/ Jacket	<p>One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30 cm².</p> <p>One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10 cm².</p>
One-piece body suit	<p>Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> shall be permitted both above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above. They shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.</p>
SPORT EQUIPMENT	
Racket	<p>Rackets may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade at least 6 months or more prior to the Games and permitted in ITF events, Grand Slams and other major tennis events.</p>
Racket string	<p>Racket strings may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade for at least 6 months prior to the Games and permitted in ITF events, Grand Slams and other major tennis events.</p>
ACCESSORIES	

Wristband	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 6 cm ² .
Gloves	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 8 cm ² .
Towel	No <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted.
Hat Headband	Either: One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 10 cm ² ; or Two <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> , to a maximum size of 5cm ² each, placed above each ear.
Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 10 cm ² .
Eyewear	Eyewear may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade for at least 6 months prior to the Games. Identifications are only permitted on the lenses if they are tone-on-tone, engraved into the lens, and are not deemed conspicuous by the IPC.
Racket Bags Bags	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted per item, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm ² .
SHOES / FOOTWEAR	
Shoes	All footwear items may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade for at least 6 months prior to the Games.
MOBILITY EQUIPMENT	
Wheelchair	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of six (6) months or more prior to the Games.

Warm-Up Clothing

Players may wear warmup clothing provided it complies with the foregoing provisions. Further, players may wear warm-up clothing during a match only if they have obtained prior approval of the Referee.

Another Tennis Event

The identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any tennis circuit, series of tennis events, tennis exhibition, tennis tournament, any other sport or entertainment event is prohibited on all dress or equipment.

D. START OF MATCH VIOLATION / TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

Following the expiration of the warm-up period play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds for participants in the Men's and Women's events and one hundred and twenty (120) seconds for participants in the Quad events shall elapse from when the last player has arrived on-court and transferred and strapped into their sports chair, until the start of the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire. This will be followed immediately by the warm-up period. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match. Any player not ready in time for the warm-up or ready to play after the warm-up period is liable for a Start of Match Violation to be fined up to \$250.

A maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the first serve of the next point. If such serve is a fault then the second serve must be struck by the server without delay.

When changing ends a maximum of ninety (90) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game until the time the first serve is struck for the next game. If such first serve is a fault the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie break, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period.

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the set until the time the first serve is struck for the next set.

If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set.

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready. A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first Time Violation of this Section that is issued against a player (as either server or receiver, but excluding a Start of Match Violation) shall be penalised by a Time Violation Warning and each subsequent violation issued against that player (as either server or receiver) shall be penalised as follows:

- Server The Time Violation shall result in a “fault”
- Receiver The Time Violation shall result in a “point penalty”

Each court shall be equipped with a visible serve clock to measure these timings.

In any case where the violation is a result of a player being not present or otherwise unwilling or unable to play (which may include but not be limited to a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time), a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule (not according to the Time Violation penalties set out above).

E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY

Team members shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the site. Violation of this Section shall subject a Team Member to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if a player commits such violation during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the court officials (chair umpire, line umpires and ball persons, etc.) or spectators.

F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY

Team Members shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a Team Member to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if a player commits such violation during a match (including the warm-up) the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth in these Regulations.

For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his/her hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning or impact to reasonable people.

G. VERBAL ABUSE

Team Members shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person within the precincts of the

site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Team Member to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if a player commits such violation during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

H. PHYSICAL ABUSE

Team Members shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the Event site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Team Members to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if a player commits such violation during a match including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator, or other person.

I. ABUSE OF BALLS

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including the warm-up). Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up) the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

J. ABUSE OF RACQUETS OR EQUIPMENT

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs

during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging racquets or equipment, or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

K. COACHING AND COACHES

Players shall not receive coaching during a match. Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a Team Member may be construed as coaching. *[Note: This provision remains under review, and may be changed prior to the commencement of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event via notice to National Associations of participating players.]*

Players shall also prohibit their Team Members (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the site, (2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, the Paralympic Games and/or of the officiating thereof.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or are singularly egregious, the Referee may order the Team Member to be removed from the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event site and upon their failure to comply with such order may declare an immediate default of such player.

L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Team Members shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Violation of this Section shall subject a Team Member to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if a player commits such violation during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a Team Member that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the

Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, the ITF or the sport of tennis generally. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and/or the officiating thereof.

M. BEST EFFORTS

A player shall use his/her best efforts to win a match when competing in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation.

For purposes of this Rule, the Chair Umpire or Referee shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

N. LEAVING THE COURT

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire or Referee. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition the player may be defaulted and subjected to the additional penalties for failure to complete match as below.

O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH

A player must complete a match in progress, and complete the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$300. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

If a doubles team fails to complete a match in progress or the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, the Referee shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this section.

P. CEREMONIES

A player participating in the gold medal match or bronze medal match of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event must attend and participate in the medal ceremonies after the final match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so, as determined by the Referee. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250.

Q. MEDIA CONFERENCE

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the mixed zone immediately after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser. A player must also attend the official press conference (if requested to do so) following a gold medal match or a bronze medal match. Players are not obliged to conduct any interviews in the mixed zone but they are required to pass through it. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250.

R. POINT PENALTY SCHEDULE

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST offence	WARNING
SECOND offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

The imposition of a point penalty and/or game penalty under the Point Penalty Schedule shall be final and unappealable.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Point Penalty Schedule applies in addition to any other sanction (such as fines) that might apply under this Code of Conduct.

S. DEFAULTS

The Referee may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code (**Immediate Default**), or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above.

In all cases of default, the decision of the Referee shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Any player who is defaulted under this provision may be fined up to \$250 in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident and shall lose all ranking points accrued at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

In addition, any player who is defaulted under this provision may be defaulted from the remainder of their participation in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event if in the opinion of the Referee (in consultation with two assistant referees) such measure is required to protect the integrity and/or reputation of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, the ITF and/or the sport of tennis. No such default from other events is permitted when the default:

- i) is issued following a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions,
- ii) involves a medical condition, or
- iii) is committed by their doubles partner.

Default of a player from the remainder of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event

may include at the Referee's discretion the denial of access to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event site.

T. DOUBLES MATCHES

1. Warnings/Point Penalties/Game Penalties/Defaults:

Warnings, Point Penalties, Game Penalties and/or a Default if assessed for violation of this Code shall be assessed against the team.

2. Fines:

Fines for violations of Article III of this Code shall be assessed only against the individual member of the team who is in violation unless both members of the team are in violation.

U. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The Referee shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the fine and/or other punishment, and give written notice thereof to the Team Member.

V. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied by the Referee shall be paid by the player or Team Member to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

W. APPEALS

Any Team Member found to have committed an On-Site Offence may, after paying all fines as provided above, appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under section U above (but not any warnings, point or game penalties, or defaults) to the IAP, in accordance with Regulation 23.5.3. The notice of appeal must include a statement by the Team Member as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the Team Member wishes to submit.

IV. MAJOR OFFENCES

A. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

From when the Paralympic Village opens, until the end of the Period of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, no player or Related Person shall engage in **Aggravated Behaviour** which is defined as follows:

1. One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting Aggravated Behaviour.
2. One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or is singularly egregious.

3. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code which singularly do not constitute Aggravated Behaviour, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

In addition, any player or Related Person who, directly or indirectly, offers or provides or receives any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other Covered Person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the tournament site shall be deemed to have engaged in Aggravated Behaviour and be in violation of this Section.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$1,000, and a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Events and/or any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

Violation of this Section may subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

B. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

From when the Paralympic Village opens, until the end the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, no player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the sport of wheelchair tennis.

If a player or Related Person is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment of more than one year, the player or Related Person may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the sport of tennis. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, the player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the sport of tennis and be in violation of this Section.

The General Secretary may provisionally suspend such player or Related Person from further participation in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event pending a final determination under Article IV, Section C if the General Secretary determines that the suspension is necessary to protect the integrity and/or reputation of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, the ITF, and/or the sport of wheelchair tennis.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject a player to a fine up to \$1,000 and/or to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Events and/or any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

Violation of this Section may subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

C. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The General Secretary shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence. All players and Related Persons must cooperate fully with such investigations. The General Secretary may make a written demand to a player or Related Person (**Demand**) to furnish to the General Secretary any information that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of a Major Offence, including (without limitation) requiring the player or Related Person to attend an interview and/or to provide a written statement setting forth his/her knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The player or Related Person must furnish such information within seven (7) business days of the making of such demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the General Secretary. Where, as the result of an investigation under this section, the General Secretary forms the view that a player or Related Person has a case to answer for commission of a Major Offence, the ITF, on behalf of the General Secretary, shall refer the matter to the Review Board.

Review Board

The ITF will identify one or more individuals who are independent of the ITF and who have the expertise required by the nature of the particular case to form the Review Board and to review the evidence to determine whether there is a case to answer. The ITF shall send the entire dossier of evidence to the Review Board member(s). Where necessary, the Review Board may request that the ITF provide additional information for the Review Board's consideration. There shall be no obligation for the Review Board to meet in person to deliberate. However, any decision by the Review Board that the player or Related Person has a case to answer must be unanimous.

Where the Review Board concludes that there is no case to answer, then the ITF shall notify the player, or Related Person and any other party with a right of appeal under Regulation 26, and (subject to the rights of appeal set out at Regulation 23) the matter shall not proceed any further.

When the Review Board determines that a player or Related Person has a case to answer, the ITF shall send a written notice to the player or other person (**Notice of Charge**), with a copy to the Chair of the Independent Tribunal, setting out:

- (a) the Major Offence(s) alleged to have been committed, a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;
- (b) the potential consequences applicable if it is determined that the alleged Major Offence has been committed;
- (c) the player or Related Person's entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:
 - (i) To admit the Major Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;

- (ii) To admit the Major Offence(s) charged, but to dispute and/or seek to mitigate the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the consequences at a hearing; or
 - (iii) To deny the Major Offence(s) charged, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the charge and (if the charge is upheld) any consequences, at a hearing; and
- (d) that, if the player or Related Person wishes to exercise his right to a hearing before the Independent Tribunal, he must submit a written request for such a hearing so that it is received by the ITF as soon as possible, but in any event within 10 days of the player or Related Person's receipt of the notice. The request must also state how the player or Related Person responds to the charge in the notice and must explain (in summary form) the basis for such response. In the event no such response is received by that deadline, the player or Related Person will be deemed to have admitted the Major Offence(s) charged, and to have acceded to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge.

In the event that the ITF withdraws the Notice of Charge, or the player or Related Person admits the Major Offence(s) charged and accedes to the consequences specified by the ITF (or is deemed to have done so), a hearing before the Independent Tribunal shall not be required. Instead the ITF shall promptly issue a decision confirming (as applicable) its withdrawal of the Notice of Charge or the commission of the Major Offence(s) and the imposition of the specified consequences, and shall send a copy of the decision to the player or Related Person and to any other party that has a right, further to Section V.1(v), to appeal the decision.

Provisional suspension

At the time, afterwards, or (exceptionally) before it issues a Notice of Charge, the General Secretary may impose a provisional suspension on the player or Related Person in question pending determination of the charge(s), where it considers it necessary to protect the integrity and/or reputation of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, the ITF, and/or the sport of wheelchair tennis.

Where a provisional suspension is imposed, the ITF, on behalf of the General Secretary, shall notify the player or Related Person of his/her right:

- (a) at his/her election, to make an application to the Chair of the Independent Tribunal convened to hear his case, either immediately or at any time prior to the full hearing, for an order that the provisional suspension should not be imposed (or, if the provisional suspension has been imposed, that it should be vacated). The Chair of the

Independent Tribunal, sitting alone, will rule on the application as soon as reasonably practicable; and

- (b) to have the proceedings before the Independent Tribunal expedited so that the hearing is held, and the charge against him/her is determined, as soon as possible, consistent with the requirements of due process.

In circumstances where the General Secretary decides not to impose a provisional suspension, at the point of issuing a Notice of Charge the player or Related Person shall be offered the opportunity to accept a voluntary provisional suspension pending the resolution of the matter. If the player or Related Person wishes to accept the offer (and receive credit against any period of suspension that might be imposed), the player or Related Person must communicate his acceptance in writing to the General Secretary, in a form acceptable to the General Secretary.

No admission shall be inferred, or other adverse inference drawn, from the decision of a player or Related Person (a) not to make an application to avoid (or to vacate) a provisional suspension, or (b) to accept a voluntary provisional suspension.

A player or Related Person may not, during the period of any provisional suspension, play, coach or otherwise participate in any capacity in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event or subsequent editions of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

Any period of provisional suspension served by the player or Related Person (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the General Secretary) shall be credited against any period of suspension imposed by the Independent Tribunal, provided that the player, or Related Person must have respected the terms of the provisional suspension in full. No credit against a period of suspension shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the provisional suspension (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the General Secretary), regardless of the player's or Related Person's status or lack of participation during such period. If a period of suspension is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the player or Related Person shall receive a credit for such period of provisional suspension served against any period of suspension that may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

Hearing

If the player or Related Person charged exercises his right to a hearing, the matter shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal and shall proceed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules. Subject only to the rights of appeal set out in Section V.1(ii)(6), the Independent Tribunal's decision shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the case and will be binding on all parties.

D. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied under this Article IV for Major Offences shall be paid by the player or Related Person to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof or otherwise as specified by the Independent Tribunal (or the ITF where the player does not exercise their right to a hearing).

V. WELFARE POLICY

Each Covered Person shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in APPENDIX H.

For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, **Covered Person** is defined as any person covered by the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix H. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt of accreditation for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games shall constitute receipt of accreditation for a tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF where the person is directly accredited for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, or is otherwise present at the precinct of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

VI. MEDICAL CONTROL – ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Each player, support personnel or other person who enters or participates in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event shall be bound by the IPC Code and the TADP, more fully described at Regulation D.16.2.

VII. RECIPROCATATION

The ITF reserves the right to ask the IAP to extend to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event a suspension issued against a person bound by these Regulations either (i) by or on behalf of the ITF pursuant to any ITF code or policy, or (ii) by any other tennis organisation, including but not limited to National Associations and the Grand Slam Board. The IAP's decision may be appealed by the person concerned and/or the ITF to the Independent Tribunal. There shall be no right of appeal against the Independent Tribunal's decision.

APPENDIX G. Additional Rules Regarding Conduct of Matches

I. 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 they are in a singles and doubles finals to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

- If they have played less than 1 hour - ½ hour rest
- If they have played between 1 hour and 1½ hours - 1 hour rest
- If they have played more than 1½ hours - 1½ hours rest

II. MEDICAL

a. Medical Conditions

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist (also known as the primary health care provider) during the warm-up or the match.

- Treatable Medical Conditions
 - Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
 - Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.
- Non-Treatable Medical Conditions
 - Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
 - Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
 - General player fatigue.
 - Any medical condition requiring injections or intravenous infusions, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered. The use of supplemental oxygen is not permitted at any time.

b. Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist to evaluate him/her during the next change over or set break. Only in the case that a player develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist to evaluate him/her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other. At the discretion of the Sports Physiotherapist, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court. *

If the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

c. Medical Time-Out

A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the Referee or Chair Umpire when the Sports Physiotherapist has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a change over or set break, unless the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Physiotherapist is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Physiotherapist, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor. *

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness (including heat-related cramping) shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

Muscle Cramping: A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping (as opposed to heat-related cramping) only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

In cases where there is doubt about whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non-acute medical condition inclusive of muscle cramping, or non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. If the Sports

Physiotherapist believes that the player has heat illness, and if muscle cramping is one of the manifestations of heat illness, then the muscle cramping may only be treated as part of the recommended treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist for the heat illness condition.

Note:

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor to have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Chair Umpire to resume play immediately.

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor, he/she may forfeit the point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of ends or set-break in order to receive treatment. There may be a total of two (2) full change of ends treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or Referee that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the Referee or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Sports Physiotherapist will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

d. Medical Treatment

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

e. Penalty

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalized by Code Violations for Delay of Game. Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

f. Bleeding

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Physiotherapist must be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the

source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor, the Referee or Chair Umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play must not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

g. Vomiting

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomit has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Sports Physiotherapist must determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomit has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

h. Incapacity

If any concern arises about a player's medical condition (whether physical or psychological) that they are unable to compete, or they pose a serious health risk to players, officials or Tournament Organisers or staff, the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor should be called to assist the player.

If the issue arises during a match, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call for the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Physiotherapist to assist the player. The Tournament Doctor is responsible for ensuring that the player is afforded the best medical attention, that his/her well-being is not put at risk, and that his/her medical condition is not a risk to other players or the public at large. All discussions between the Tournament Doctor and the player take place within the context of a doctor-patient relationship and are therefore confidential and may not be divulged to a third party without the informed consent of the player.

However, if the Tournament Doctor determines that the player's medical condition makes the player unable to participate safely in the tournament, the player must permit the Tournament Doctor to advise the Referee of their determination (only disclosing medical information to which the player has consented). Upon receipt of such a report from the Tournament Doctor, the Referee will decide whether to retire the player from the match in progress or withdraw the player from the match to be played (as applicable).

The Referee shall use great discretion before taking this action, and should base the decision on the best interests of professional tennis, as well as taking all medical opinion and advice, and any other relevant information into consideration.

If the player's medical condition improves sufficiently to return to match play, the Tournament Doctor may inform the Referee accordingly.

At the discretion of the Referee, the player may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament (e.g. doubles), either that day or on a subsequent day.

- * It is recognized that national laws or governmental or other binding regulations imposed upon the event by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Tournament Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

III. TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK

A player may request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break, a change of attire break, or both, but for no other reason. Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break and change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break.

In singles events, a player is entitled to two (2) breaks during a best of three (3) set match.

In all doubles matches, each team is entitled to a total of two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's authorised breaks.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court.

Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks.

In all cases, the nearest assigned bathroom should be used. The player is expected to have needed attire available on court.

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

Any player's abuse of this rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

IV. TIME LIMIT REPAIRS, BROKEN EQUIPMENT, TAPING OF RACKET (QUAD PLAYERS)

The Chair Umpire, Off-Court Umpire or Referee has the authority to determine suspension of play. Wheelchair repairs must not exceed twenty (20) minutes in total during one (1) match. This is regardless of the number of breakdowns. Doubles repairs must not exceed twenty (20) minutes per team. Delays

beyond fifteen (15) minutes shall subject a player to a Code violation under 'Delay of Game', delays beyond twenty (20) minutes will result in a default.

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 the Umpire or Referee in the absence of an 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.

V. EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event will implement a policy and processes by which modifications to how matches and the schedule will otherwise be conducted in the event of extreme weather conditions, as detailed below (**Extreme Weather Policy**).

Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) measurements will be taken daily, every half hour, beginning at approximately 10:00am.

The Referee shall make the final determination regarding any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise on-site in relation to the Extreme Weather Policy.

a. Modification of Play

The WBGT threshold for when play will be modified under the Extreme Weather Policy (**Modification of Play**) is 28.0°C.

The Modification of Play will be a 20-minute break applied as follows:

- When the WBGT is 28.0°C or greater at the beginning of the match (which is defined as the time when warm-up begins), a 20-minute break will be allowed between the 2nd and 3rd sets if either player requests such a break.
- The 20-minute break includes the time taken to reach and return from the place of rest on-site. If both players decline a 20-minute break, then play shall be continuous.
- In the event of a 20-minute or greater suspension of play, the WBGT reading following the suspension will override any previous readings before the same match, and the rule implementation regarding a 20-minute break will be based on the reading after the suspension of play. However, if one set has been completed before the suspension of play, the 20-minute break will no longer be available.

Additional Information:

If during the day there is a change in weather conditions as determined by the periodic measurements, the Extreme Weather Policy will be put into effect, including matches already in progress. Once notified that the Extreme

Weather Policy is in effect, the Chair Umpire must inform the players at the next change of ends or set break.

If there is a further change in weather condition and the Policy is lifted, those matches already in progress will continue under the Extreme Weather Policy. In the case of rain or other interruption of play, the Extreme Weather Policy condition will be re-assessed and may be lifted.

Play should resume after 20 minutes with the Chair Umpire calling time at 19 minutes, 30 seconds. Any delay in resumption of play will be penalised by back-to-back Time Violations. Chair Umpires will disregard whether the delaying player is server or receiver, and account for any previous time violations in the match.

What is allowed during the 20-minute break?

- Adjustment of medical support (including re-taping), medical equipment and/or medical advice from the Sports Physiotherapist.
- Bathroom break (not counting against a player's allotment).
- Change of attire (not counting against a player's allotment).
- Taking a shower.
- Drinking or eating.

What is NOT allowed during the 20-minute break?

- Medical evaluations, MTOs or medical treatments will not be allowed, unless approved by the Referee/Supervisor.
- Coaching.
- Use of electronic devices.
- The 20-minute break and a bathroom or change of attire break may not be taken consecutively.

b. Suspension of Play

The WBGT threshold for when play will be suspended under the Extreme Weather Policy (**Suspension of Play**) is 30.1°C.

- When the WBGT is 30.1°C or greater at the beginning of a match (which is defined as the time when warm-up begins), the Referee will suspend the match due to the Extreme Heat Condition. Once the Extreme Heat Condition is no longer met, the Referee will give the players reasonable notice of the time at which play will resume.
- If a match is in progress, play should be suspended at the end of the set.

The WBGT threshold for Immediate Suspension of Play is 32.2°C.

- If the WBGT reaches 32.2°C or greater during a match, any matches in progress on the outdoor courts will continue until the end of an even number of games in that set (or a completion of a tie-break), when play will be suspended. Once the Extreme Heat Condition is no longer met,

the Referee will give the players reasonable notice of the time at which play will resume.

Philippe Chatrier and Suzanne Lenglen courts both have a retractable roof and climate control. When play is suspended on outside courts due to extreme heat, it will continue on these courts with the roof closed. Any match in progress will continue until the end of an even number of games in that set (or a completion of a tie-break), when the roof will be closed for the remainder of the match.

c. Lightning

The Referee has the authority to suspend play when lightning is in the area. Play shall resume when the likelihood of a lightning strike has passed.

APPENDIX H. Welfare Policy

Upon first entering the Paralympic Village and then for the Period of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, all Covered Persons shall conduct themselves in a professional manner and shall be bound by and shall comply with this ITF Welfare Policy.

Each Covered Person is deemed, as a condition of their participation in the activities described above, to have agreed to be bound by this Policy, and to have submitted to the authority of the ITF to enforce this Policy, including any consequences for breach thereof, and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels identified in these Regulations and in the ITF Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under this Policy.

Section A.

Criminal Conduct – illegal drugs and substances

Any Covered Person convicted of or having entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment relating to the use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances will be deemed to be in violation of this Section A of the ITF Welfare Policy and shall be subject to sanction in accordance with the Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings before an Internal Adjudication Panel Convened Under ITF Rules.

Section B.

Children Safeguarding Policy

Published separately and available in full on the ITF website at <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/?type=tour-regulations>

Section C.

Adult Safeguarding Policy

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Section D.

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