

## 2024 ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS REGULATIONS

### Summary of Key Rule Changes

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2023 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Regulations. These are **not** the regulations. The full Tour Regulations can be seen in the 'Governance - Rules & Regulations' section at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

Changes made from the previous year (2023) are shown in underlined text. In some instances, a note is included within the regulation change to provide rationale or further information of the change.

#### 4. Players Eligible

A player is eligible for the 2024 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors if they meet all of the following criteria:

- a) they are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF;
- b) they are born between 1st January 2006 and 31st December 2011. Players are eligible to compete on the Tour in the year they turn 13 years of age, if they have reached their 13th birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of the tournament they are competing in, until the end of the year in which the player turns 18 years of age;
- c) in accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rules set out in Appendix G, they have not exceeded the limit in the number of tournaments in which they are permitted to participate in a calendar year according to their age; and
- d) All players with a registered IPIN wishing to compete on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors must complete mandatory ITF Academy courses, as communicated to players, to gain entry to the IPIN online system, and participate on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors.

Courses must be completed on the ITF Academy educational website (<https://www.itf-academy.com/>). A player may be suspended from accessing the IPIN system until the relevant modules have been completed.

#### 6. IPIN Fee

The 2024 ITF Juniors IPIN fee per player shall increase from \$45.00 to \$55.00 USD

#### 20. Sanction Fees

All tournaments on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors must pay the relevant fee below in order to be included on the Calendar. Fees listed are in US Dollars (USD).

Junior Grand Slam	\$750
J500	\$725
J300	\$600
J200	\$450
J100	<u>\$350</u>
J60	<u>\$350</u>
J30	<u>\$350</u>

#### 40. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists

If, due to an administrative error, too many players arrive on-site and sign-in to play the Tournament, the following procedures will be followed: the last two (2) players accepted into the Tournament based upon the most current updated Acceptance List (excluding Wild Cards and Qualifiers) will play

a preliminary match for one (1) position in the draw. The losing player from any play-off match shall be considered as a final round qualifier loser and shall be eligible for lucky loser sign in.

**45h) Special Exempts:** Players on the Qualifying Acceptance List at the Freeze Deadline who apply for and receive exemption from the Qualifying event because they are still competing in singles or doubles at a “Qualified Tournament” on the day the Qualifying event is scheduled to begin.

For a tournament to count as a “Qualified Tournament”, the next week’s tournament can be the same grade, no more than one grade lower, or no more than one grade higher. The two tournaments must be within the same region (or bordering countries not in the same region for J30, J60, J100, J200 and J300 tournaments). There is no geographical restriction to special exempt positions at J500 and Junior Grand Slams. If there are not sufficient Special Exempt places in the Main Draw for all applicants, the players shall be selected as follows:

- a) players still competing in the singles draw in order of ranking
- b) players still competing in the doubles draw in order of ranking

The ranking used will be that of the Monday seven (7) days before the tournament week.

## **47. Sign-in**

### **a) Qualifying**

The Qualifying Sign-In Deadline is at 18:00 hours local time on the day before the scheduled start of the Qualifying event unless specified otherwise on the published Fact Sheet.

Players accepted into the Singles Qualifying Draw are not required to Sign-In with the ITF Supervisor. Players must be on-site and available to play their first-round match as scheduled. Each Player must provide a contact telephone number so the ITF Supervisor may contact the Player during the Tournament.

Any alternate player may be signed in for the Qualifying Draw by the Supervisor of an ITF or Regional Association sanctioned tournament, or a national competition (if requested by the relevant National Association and approved by the ITF at least two weeks in advance), in the previous week, if such player has completed that tournament in the two days preceding the start of the Qualifying competition. This player must be on site and play his/her first match by the end of the first round of Qualifying. Players travelling as part of a team under one coach may be signed in by the Supervisor of an ITF or Regional Association sanctioned tournament in the previous week, if any other member of that team is still competing in that tournament in the two days preceding the start of the Qualifying competition.

Entered Alternate players (who wish to compete), must Sign-In prior to the singles qualifying sign-in deadline by contacting the on-site ITF Supervisor, either in person or by an alternative method outlined on the Tournament Fact Sheet. Entered Alternates that do not Sign-In either in person or by telephone will not be considered for inclusion in the draw.

Except as otherwise stated herein, alternate players who fail to sign in shall not be considered for inclusion in the Qualifying Draw.

## **b) Main Draw**

### **i) Singles**

Players accepted into the Singles Main Draw are not required to Sign-In with the ITF Supervisor. Players must be on-site and available to play their first-round match as scheduled. Each Player must provide a contact telephone number so the ITF Supervisor may contact the Player during the Tournament.

### **49\*. Making the Draw**

#### **Time of Draw:**

- i) Qualifying (Singles) – As soon as possible after the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline
- ii) Main Draw (Singles) – No later than 19:00 hours local time on the day before the Main Draw starts and the Order of Play must be posted no later than one hour after the draw has been made.
- iii) Doubles – As soon as possible after the Doubles Sign-in.

#### **a) From the Withdrawal Deadline until the Freeze Deadline:**

Direct Acceptance vacancies in the Qualifying and Main Draw shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with the applicable Criteria for Acceptances. A player not accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying will appear on the Tournament's Alternates List.

- i) Vacancies in the Qualifying and Main Draw shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

In J100, J60 and J30 tournaments, where the Regional Reserved project (Appendix K) is applicable, vacancies in the Regional Reserved places will be filled by the next eligible entered player on the Regional Reserved Alternate List. If no players eligible for the Junior Regional Reserved place remain, the place will revert to a Direct Acceptance place and be filled in accordance with the criteria for acceptances. There will be no Regional Reserved Alternate List for J200 tournaments.

If at the Freeze deadline the total number of entered players on the Main Draw and Qualifying acceptance lists is less than or equal to the main draw size (all positions including DA, SE, Q but not WC), there shall be no Qualifying event. All Qualifying acceptances shall be moved to the Main Draw acceptance list as Direct Acceptances. On-Site Alternates for the Main Draw may sign in on or before the time announced for the Qualifying sign-in to take any vacant positions at this time.

#### **b) At the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline:**

- i) Vacancies in the Main Draw Acceptance List (created by Late Withdrawals, unused Special Exempt positions, and Main Draw Wild Card positions not to be used as confirmed by the Tournament Organiser) shall be filled by entered players who appear on the Qualifying Draw Acceptance List or have preserved their eligibility for Main Draw selected in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances.
- ii) Vacancies in the Qualifying Acceptance List (created by Late Withdrawals, players being moved to the Main Draw as above or Qualifying Wild Card positions not to be used as confirmed by the Tournament Organiser) shall be filled by alternate players who have Signed-in for the Qualifying event in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances.

#### **c) From the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline until the commencement of the Qualifying competition:**

Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled by entered alternate players who have signed in for the Qualifying event selected in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances until the Order of Play is released. From this point until the Commencement of the Qualifying Competition any vacancy in the Qualifying will be filled by players who have signed-in for the Alternates list on the following day. The Qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.

**d) After commencement of the Qualifying competition:**

Vacancies in the Qualifying draw shall be filled by players who have signed the Alternate List for each day as applicable, selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

If there is no Qualifying, vacancies in the Main Draw shall be filled by players on the Alternate List, selected according to the criteria for acceptances.

Vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers (see definition in rule 45g). A Lucky Loser shall be inserted as a substitute for any player who withdraws or is withdrawn before the first point is played in his/her first match.

**e) After the Completion of the Qualifying Competition:**

If after the completion of the qualifying competition there are vacancies in the Main Draw, the ITF Supervisor will fill the Main Draw with all of the Qualifiers and, if necessary, Lucky Losers in the order that they were drawn as detailed above. It shall be assumed all players who lost in the last round of Qualifying will want to take a position in the Main Draw. Therefore, it is the player's responsibility to inform the ITF Supervisor at the end of their match if they do not want to be considered for a Lucky Loser position.

**66. International Sponsorship**

The ITF retains the right to secure international sponsors (Title & Ancillary) for the Competition. An international sponsor will have the right to exposure at select events of the Competition, and it will be the responsibility of the ITF to negotiate an agreement with each Host Organiser of these events with regards to this exposure. The ITF grants all Host Organisers of events the right to secure local sponsors provided they are not concerned with the business of the provision of online educational services, or other related services, in order to afford category exclusivity to Dwight Global as an international sponsor.

**Appendix B – Special Regulations for Regional Championships**

**70. Nomination of Competitors**

Unless otherwise decided by the relevant Regional Association and ITF, only players nominated by their National Association may compete. A Regional Association may approve the use of entry through the IPIN system, in which case the Regional Association and/or relevant National Association(s) will review and approve the final Acceptance Lists.

An eligible player may compete in the following Regional Championships:

- one Regional Championships and one inter-Regional Championships in one calendar year within the same region.

Any ranking points earned in the second event will be removed if a player is found to have competed in Regional Championships in more than one region. A player who is a dual passport holder must be listed in the ITF database under the nation he/she represents at the Regional Championships.

### **TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK**

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break (girls' matches). Toilet breaks / change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break.

In girls' singles and boys' singles events, a player is entitled to one (1) break during a match.

In a doubles match, and in any singles matches played with a reduced format of two tiebreak sets and a match tiebreak, a toilet break/change of attire break is permitted before the match tiebreak.

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## 2024 JUNIOR ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME

### Junior Accelerator Programme (Girls)

Junior Accelerator positions (AP) are available in the Singles Main Draw of Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments. These positions are allocated to the Top 20-ranked junior players that receive an ITF year-end junior ranking in 2023. An eligible player shall be entitled to use their AP allocation to gain direct entry to the Main Draw of the applicable tournament where they would not otherwise gain entry on the basis of their WTA / ITF World Tennis / National ranking. The ITF allocates only 1 AP position per tournament.

Junior Accelerator positions will be allocated according to the following criteria:

<b>2023 year-end ITF Junior Ranking</b>	<b>Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments</b>
1	<u>Three (3) Tournament up to and including W100</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u>
2	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W100</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W75</u>
3	<u>One (1) Tournaments up to and including W100</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50</u>
4-5	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W50</u>
6-10	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W35</u>
11-20	<u>One (1) Tournament up to and including W50</u> <u>Four (4) Tournaments up to and including W35</u>