



TERMS OF REFERENCE

ITF Beach Tennis Player Council 2026-27

General

1. The ITF is responsible for five areas of beach tennis:
 - Administration and regulation (including enforcement of rules);
 - Organising international competition;
 - Structuring the game;
 - Developing the game;
 - Promoting the game.
2. The ITF 2024+4 strategic priority is to uphold the highest standards of integrity, governance and transparency. The ITF wishes to engage with the player community and deliver better for the future generation of players.
3. The ITF Beach Tennis Committee has established the ITF Beach Tennis Player Council to represent the interests of beach tennis players competing in ITF Beach Tennis competitions.

Mandate

4. The name of the council shall be the ITF Beach Tennis Player Council (the “**Council**”).
5. The mandate of the Council is derived from Bye-Law E1.1 of the ITF Constitution, the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations and these Terms of Reference set by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee. The Council shall discharge its mandate in a manner that is consistent with the ITF values of good governance, integrity and trust, inclusiveness, innovation, ambition and collaboration.

Organisation/Composition

6. The Council is comprised of nine (9) voting members (each individually a “**Member**” and together the “**Members**”), including a chairperson and a vice-chairperson (the “**Chair**” and “**Vice-Chair**” respectively). Nomination and election (and the target composition requirements) for Members and the appointment of the Chair and the Vice-Chair is governed by paragraphs [7] and [8] and Schedules [1] and [2]. All Members must be a minimum of 18 years old.
7. Individuals from the current professional beach tennis player community and the pool of current World Cup captains shall self-nominate then the Members shall be elected by current professional beach tennis players in accordance with the target composition requirements set out in Schedule [1] and the nomination and election process set out in Schedule [2].

8. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be appointed by a majority vote of those Members present or participating at the first meeting of the Council, with due consideration given to the necessary skills and background to fulfil the roles. If a quorum cannot be met from the present and voting Council members, then the ITF Beach Tennis Team and/or an ITF Beach Tennis Committee member who is present at the first meeting of the Council shall elect the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

9. In the event that the Chair and/or the Vice-Chair requires assistance in the conduct of a Council meeting (**Meeting**), requires the Meeting to appoint a Chair in their place, or is unable to attend or participate in the Meeting, then a replacement will be appointed for the purposes of the meeting by those Members present and voting.

10. A Member will participate at each Meeting where possible. ITF staff members will attend Meetings as agreed with the Chair.

11. Others may be requested to participate in Meetings, subject to the agreement of the Chair, in consultation with the Council and the ITF Beach Tennis Team.

Scope

12. The ITF Beach Tennis Team shall administer the Council on a day-to-day basis, as well as the election of Members.

13. The Council is not a decision-making body. The role of the Council is to provide recommendations and advice to the ITF Beach Tennis Committee (as well as other Committees on occasion) and the ITF Board. The duties of the Council are:

- a. to represent the interests of all beach tennis players competing in ITF Beach Tennis competitions; and
- b. to advise and make recommendations to the ITF Beach Tennis Committee on all questions of concern to players including but not limited to the ITF Rules and Regulations.

14. The Chair shall direct the activities of the Council. The Chair may also be asked by the ITF Board of Directors, the ITF President, the ITF Beach Tennis Team or the ITF Beach Tennis Committee to consider a specific matter.

15. The Council shall have regard to the ITF 2024+4 strategy when carrying out its functions.

Term

16. Unless decided otherwise by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee, the Council is elected for a period of two (2) years, beginning on 1 January 2026 and ending on 31 December 2027, at which time the appointment of all Members (including the Chair and the Vice-Chair) automatically ends.

17. All Members (including the Chair and the Vice-Chair) are limited to serving two (2) two-year terms. Eligible Members who wish to seek re-election must do so in accordance with the nomination and election process set out in Schedule [2].

18. Any Member of the Council may be removed by the ITF President in consultation with the ITF Beach Tennis Committee and the Chair. The removal shall be subject to ratification by the ITF Beach

Tennis Committee with a two-thirds majority of the votes recorded at the next meeting of the ITF Beach Tennis Committee.

19. If the term of a Member is ended for any reason during the term of the Council, the post will ordinarily remain vacant until the end of the term. However, the ITF Beach Tennis Committee may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term if the Council deems it necessary.

Meetings

20. The Council shall normally hold a minimum of two Meetings per year, which will be conducted via tele/videoconferencing unless otherwise advised. Scheduling and arrangements for the Meetings will be made by the ITF Beach Tennis Team, in consultation with the Chair and other Members, to maximise participation and to align with other relevant meetings where possible.

21. Members shall make reasonable efforts to participate in every Meeting during their term of office. The Chair must report the participation of all Members to the ITF Beach Tennis Committee and to the player community on an annual basis.

22. The Meeting agendas shall be set by the Chair, in consultation with other Members, the ITF Beach Tennis Committee and the ITF Beach Tennis Team.

23. The minutes of every Meeting shall be recorded and made available to all key stakeholders, except for any confidential information (which shall be identified as such). The ITF Beach Tennis Team and the ITF Beach Tennis Committee must receive a copy of all Meeting minutes. The player community will receive a summary of the Meeting.

Quorum and Recommendations

24. The quorum for all Meetings shall be a simple majority of the Members (e.g. five (5) out of nine (9) Members). Once there is such a quorum in attendance, the business of the Meeting may begin, and continue to its conclusion even if departures mean that there is no longer such a quorum in attendance.

25. The Council shall make recommendations on the basis of votes, with each Member having one vote. Recommendations shall be deemed as carried if they receive a majority of those Members present and voting.

26. Votes may be conducted remotely outside Meetings by electronic means, and shall be valid as if they had been passed at a Meeting of the Council. For the purposes of determining the quorum and requisite majority, all Council Members are deemed to be present. A vote will require the same majority to pass as would be required had the vote taken place at a Meeting.

27. If a Member is conflicted from voting on a matter, he or she must not be counted for the purpose of establishing the quorum for that matter. In the event that the quorum at a Meeting is not reached, the Chair shall make arrangements for electronic voting from the absent members. In the event that the number of conflicted Members in relation to a particular matter means no quorum can be met even with the inclusion of electronic votes, the majority required shall be a majority of all Members notwithstanding that the conflicted Members shall not vote. The ITF Beach Tennis Committee, in consultation with the Chair, shall determine how to proceed in the event that the

application of this term would prevent the Council from conducting its business on a particular matter.

Resources

28. The ITF Beach Tennis Team will supply the administration and operational resources if requested and required by the Council to carry out its work, and will make its staff available to the Council as reasonably necessary to support that work.

29. The ITF will cover any Meeting costs, including the costs to Members of telephone or video conferencing where necessary, but no other expenses will be provided.

Accountability

30. The Council is responsible to the ITF Beach Tennis Committee. The Chair of the Council shall provide reports to the ITF Beach Tennis Committee as necessary after each Meeting on the activities of the Council.

31. The Beach Tennis Player Council Code of Conduct (the “**Code**”) applies to all Members of the Council. The Code includes the Conflict of Interest Declaration Form, which all Council Members are required to sign before taking up their position as a Member. All members should familiarise themselves with the content of the Code and consider at all times whether they are conflicted on a particular matter of Council business.

Amendments and matters not otherwise provided for

32. These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually. Any amendments must be approved in writing by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee.

33. Any matter arising that is not addressed in these Terms of Reference will be determined by the ITF President, in consultation with the ITF Beach Tennis Committee, the ITF Beach Tennis Team and the Chair.

Schedule 1 – Council Composition and Representation

The Council will be composed of and be represented by the Members (with reference to the Target Member Representation in each of the categories detailed below (together, the “Criteria”):

Members	Target Member Representation
Current Players	8
Current World Cup Captains (playing or non-playing)*	1

Categories for Current Player Members**	Target Member Representation
Gender Division Criteria***	
Mens	4
Womens	4
Ranking Band Criteria (in any division), at start of election period	
1-20	2
21-50	1
51-250	3
251+	2
Regional Criteria****	
Region	
North America	1
Central America and the Caribbean	1
South America	2
Europe	2
Africa	1
Asia/Oceania	1

* If a current World Cup Captain does not self-nominate, the ITF Beach Tennis Committee may appoint a World Cup Captain to the Council, as appropriate.

** In the event the players with the highest number of votes received do not reflect the Target Member Representation across the various Criteria (or align with the Criteria to the extent possible in view of the number and nature of self-nominations received) it is possible that a player with a lower number of votes will be appointed to the Council instead of a player(s) with a higher number of votes. The order of hierarchy from most influential to least influential in respect of the Criteria for Target Member Representation is as follows: (i) Gender Division Criteria; (ii) Ranking Band Criteria; and (iii) Regional Criteria.

*** Where possible on account of the number and nature of self-nominations received, there will be four (4) male players and four (4) female current player Members appointed to the Council. Where not possible on account of the number and nature of self-nominations received, the appointment of current player Members shall align with the Gender Division Criteria to the extent possible in the circumstances.

**** If there is no self-nominee from a particular region, that region will not be represented amongst the Members.

Schedule 2 – Nomination and Election process

Member Criteria

1. Each self-nominee to be a Member must meet these criteria:
 - a. Be a minimum of 18 years old;
 - b. Have a current registered IPIN for the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour (unless they have self-nominated as a non-playing World Cup Captain in which case this will not be a requirement);
 - c. Be in good standing with the ITF, meaning:
 - i. not currently suspended or otherwise ineligible to participate in the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour pursuant to a decision under the Code of Conduct under the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations or any other applicable regulations (including but not limited to the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, ITF Safeguarding Policy or the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme); and
 - ii. has not previously served such a suspension period of three months or longer, unless the ITF approves their eligibility (taking into account all relevant factors);
 - d. Be in good standing with their National Association in accordance with the Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations.
2. Self-nominations must be made using the designated ITF form.
3. Self-nominations must be made within the stated Nomination Period (as defined in Schedule 3).

Election

4. Following the publication of the full list of self-nominees, players will be able to vote via an online tool. Eligible players for voting are those that also meet criteria 1.a. to 1.d. above, with the exception that:
 - a. a player who has previously served a three month or longer suspension is eligible to vote.
5. Players must ensure their contact details (i.e. email address) in their IPIN account are up to date in order to receive details of the Council elections.
6. Each current player eligible to cast a vote shall be able to vote for one nominated current player and one nominated current World Cup Captain for appointment to the Council.
7. The Members will be selected on the following basis:
 - a. The current World Cup Captain with the most votes received will be appointed to the Council;
 - b. The current players with the most votes received will be appointed to the Council subject to the table in Schedule 1 and the accompanying notes.

8. If fewer than eight (8) current players are appointed to the Council under paragraph [7]:
 - a. the Council in consultation with the ITF Beach Tennis Committee may appoint a player(s) to the Council. If one or more Regions is not yet represented on the Council, then reasonable endeavours will be made to appoint a player from a Region not yet represented. The Regional Criteria and Ranking Band Criteria in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 Member Criteria will apply to the extent possible.
 - b. if the Council are unable to fulfil the Regional Criteria and/or Ranking Band Criteria, the Council in consultation with the ITF Beach Tennis Committee may appoint the player with the next highest number of votes (or another player if no more were nominated), despite exceeding the allocated numbers in Schedule 1 Region Criteria and/or Schedule 1 Ranking criteria.
9. If any two or more nominees are tied for the number of votes, and the tie is material to the eventual outcome of the election, then the tie(s) will be broken as follows:
 - a. Best ITF Beach Tennis ranking (whichever is higher and based on the ranking on the Monday before the Nomination Period begins); and if still tied,
 - b. By the toss of a coin (or drawing of lots if more than two nominees are tied) in front of an independent witness. The ITF will notify tied nominees of the identity of the independent witness in advance of the process.

Election Rules for Nominees

10. During the Nomination Period and the Election Period (as defined in Schedule 3), all nominees shall:
 - a. conduct themselves with honesty, dignity, moderation and respect for other nominees;
 - b. not insult or demean other nominees, or do anything else with malicious intent or bad faith that may harm the image of any other nominee;
 - c. respect the democratic process of the Elections and not seek to exert any improper influence over that process (for example, making promises in exchange for votes; soliciting or accepting any benefits of any kind to influence the vote of a player or the outcome of the Election);
 - d. not engage in any act, collaboration or collusion by or between nominees with the intent to manipulate the result of the Election.

(the “**Nominee Rules**”)

11. Non-compliance with the Nominee Rules shall be reported to the ITF Beach Tennis Team. The ITF Beach Tennis Committee, in consultation with the ITF President, shall determine whether a nominee has breached the Nominee Rules. If the ITF Beach Tennis Committee and ITF President determine that a nominee has breached the Nominee Rules, that nominee’s nomination may be immediately revoked and their name removed from the published list of nominees.

Schedule 3 – Timetable

The proposed timeline for selecting Members is set out in the table below. Any changes to the timeline or the process will be notified to the player community.

Process	Provisional Timeline
Nomination period opens (start of “ Nomination Period ”)	Tuesday 11 November 2025
Nomination period closes (end of “ Nomination Period ”)	2pm GMT, Monday 24 November 2025
Nominations published and voting period opens (start of “ Election Period ”)	Friday 28 November 2025
Voting closes (end of “ Election Period ”)	2pm GMT, Monday 15 December 2025
Announcement of Player Council	Monday 22 December 2025