

## **PLAYER COUNCIL ELECTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. HOW LONG IS THE NOMINATION PERIOD?**

The Nomination Period lasts from Tuesday 11 November, until 14:00 GMT on Monday 24 November. Any Player Nomination forms received after the deadline will not be accepted.

### **2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PLAYER COUNCIL?**

Members of the Player Council must be in 'good standing', a minimum of 18 years of age, and have a valid IPIN for the ITF Beach Tennis Tour or hold or have held the position of Team Captain at a Beach Tennis World Cup.

Be in good standing with the ITF, meaning:

1. 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
2. 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);

Be in good standing with their National Association in accordance with the Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations.

### **3. WHO NOMINATES PLAYERS?**

Players may self-nominate for the Player Council by submitting their own nomination.

All nominations must be made using the designated ITF Beach Tennis Player Council Nomination Form. The Nomination Form will be sent in further email communications.

Players must be nominated during the Nomination Period, which means that nomination forms must be submitted between Tuesday 11 November 2025 and 14:00 GMT on Monday 24 November 2025. Any nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted.

### **4. HOW DO I MAKE A NOMINATION?**

All nominations must be made by submitting the Player Council Nomination Form found in the email sent on 11 November 2025.

It is important that the ranking and nationality information you provide is as accurate as possible. In the event of errors in spelling a player's name, or if there are players with similar or the same names,

the rankings information and nationality data will help us to identify the player you wish to nominate. Provided we can identify the player(s) nominated we will proceed, but where it is not possible to identify the player(s) nominated and all reasonable effort has been made, we do reserve the right to disregard the nomination(s) received.

## **5. HOW DO PLAYERS BECOME MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL?**

Players must be nominated and then elected to be a member of the Council.

## **6. WHEN DOES VOTING FOR NOMINEES BEGIN?**

At the end of the Player Nomination Period, the full list of nominees will be published and there will be an online vote by players. Players eligible to vote will receive a link to an online voting form and can cast a vote for one nominated player only. Nominees can vote for themselves. After a player has voted, they cannot change their vote to another nominee.

Votes must be received during the Election Period, which is scheduled to run from Friday 28 November 2025 until 14:00 GMT on Monday 15 December 2025. Any votes received after the election period has closed will not be accepted.

## **7. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?**

Those eligible to vote must meet the same eligibility criteria as those players eligible to make a nomination, with the exception that:

- a. a player who has previously served a three month or longer suspension is eligible to vote.

## **8. WHO ELECTS PLAYERS?**

At the end of the Player Nomination Period, the full list of nominees will be published and there will be an online vote by players. Players eligible to vote will receive a link to an online voting form and can cast a vote for nine nominated players only. All players with a Beach Tennis IPIN membership will be eligible to vote.

Votes must be received during the Election Period, which will run from Friday 28 November 2025 until 14:00 GMT on Monday 15 December 2025. Any votes received after the election period has closed will not be accepted.

## **9. WILL THERE BE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON HOW MANY NOMINATED PLAYERS CAN BE CANDIDATES?**

No, the full list of nominees will be published.

However, if the number of nominations is significant, it may be necessary to hold more than one round of voting, but in this case the ITF will develop and publish a process to reduce the number of candidates for any final round of voting.

## **10. WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR WHO WILL BE ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL?**

The nine (9) nominated players with the highest number of votes shall be selected as Player Council members subject to various criteria as outlined in the Terms of Reference, which are designed to ensure broad participation geographically as well as among higher and lower ranked players.

### **Captain criteria**

The Council will consist of eight (8) players and one (1) World Cup captain.

### **Gender criteria**

The Council will consist of a minimum of three (4) females and three (4) males.

### **Regional criteria**

The Council will consist of the following regional representation: North America one (1), Central America and the Caribbean one (1), South America two (2), Europe two (2), Africa one (1), and Asia/Oceania one (1).

### **Ranking criteria**

The Council will consist of a minimum of two (2) players ranked 1-20, one (1) player ranked 21-50, three (3) players ranked 51-250, and two (2) players ranked 251+ in the ITF rankings, as at the closing of nominations.

Candidates may be elected to satisfy more than one (1) criteria. In the case that a required representation is not met through the election, the Council, and if necessary, the ITF Beach Tennis Department may appoint a player(s) to the Council to fulfil the required criteria.

## **11. WHEN WILL THE MEMBERS OF THE PLAYER PANELS BE ANNOUNCED?**

Assuming only one round of voting is necessary, the elected current player members of the panel will be announced in the week of 22 December 2025. The votes cast will be published at the same time.

All members of the panel, including current player members, will be required to complete a Code of Conduct form and Declaration of Interests form.

## **12. WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE FOR THE NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PLAYER COUNCIL MEMBERS?**

The expected timeline is as below. Players will be notified of any changes to the timetable.

Nomination Period: 11 November 2025 to 14:00 GMT on 24 November 2025

Election Period: 28 November 2025 to 14:00 GMT on 15 December 2025

The elected Player Members of the Council will be announced in the week of 22 December 2025. The votes cast will be published at the same time.

All members of the Council, including Current Player Members, will be required to complete a Code of Conduct form and Declaration of Interests form.

### **13. HOW WILL THE COUNCIL MEET?**

The Council will meet a minimum of two times per year, which will be conducted via tele/videoconferencing unless otherwise advised.