

# ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS 2026 REGULATIONS

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## **I. THE COMPETITION**

### **1. Title**

The Competition, an international junior singles and doubles competition, shall be called the “ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors”.

### **2. Mission Statement**

The ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors is comprised of the best international junior tournaments staged by its member nations worldwide. National Associations are responsible for proposing the best national tournaments for inclusion on the Tour, subject to the final approval of the ITF Juniors Committee who govern the geographical distribution and grading of Tour tournaments.

The ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors provides a platform for the most successful junior players at national level to measure their standard against the best players from other nations and by reference to the ITF Junior World Ranking, which determines the ITF Junior World Champions at the end of each year.

### **3. Ownership**

The Competition shall be owned and managed by ITF Limited, hereinafter referred to as the “ITF”. The ITF promulgates these Tournament Regulations for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of international junior tennis tournaments sanctioned by the ITF. All references to the International Tennis Federation or ITF in these Regulations shall mean ITF Limited. These Regulations shall be applicable to the junior tournaments known as the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors. Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF; commercial exploitation of the Competition; international sponsorship of the Competition; television, radio, film and video recordings, plus new media and internet coverage.

### **4. Players Eligible**

A player is eligible for the 2026 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 2008 and 31st December 2013. 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 F, 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;
- d) All players must obtain a valid IPIN Juniors membership (through [ipin.itftennis.com](http://ipin.itftennis.com)) and pay the annual subscription fee;
- e) All players with a registered IPIN wishing to compete on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors must complete mandatory ITF Academy courses to gain entry to the IPIN online entry system and participate on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, as

communicated to players and outlined in the World Tennis Tour Juniors Pathway page of the ITF Academy website. 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.

- f) A player's nationality for the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors and the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Ranking is determined at registration for IPIN by the Nationality on a player's passport. The ITF may request from the player at any time a copy of their current, valid passport as proof of nationality.

Players, who have earned ATP or WTA points based on events on the Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour, should send a copy of their passport to the ATP or WTA. Changes of nationality for players who have ever earned an ATP or WTA point shall be processed by the ATP or WTA and, upon notice to the ITF, it shall update its records accordingly (notwithstanding this Regulation).

Players wishing to make a request to change their nationality on the ITF website should send a copy of their current passport for the nation to which they wish to change their nationality to the ITF [and if necessary, the ATP or WTA].

In the event that a request is made where:

- the player was born in the nation to which they wish to change their nationality;
- that nation does not issue its own separate passports, and its citizens are issued a passport from another nation; and
- the player holds a valid passport from that other nation which confirms the player's place of birth as in the nation to which they wish to change their nationality;

the player should send a copy of the passport recording their place of birth to the ITF and make a request to the ITF to change their nationality on the ITF's website to the nation where they were born. If the player complies with the requirements in this paragraph, the ITF will process the change of nationality and update the ITF's website.

In the event that a player does not hold a current passport for the nation to which they wish to change their nationality, the player must provide:

- A copy of their current passport (if one is held);
- A written explanation setting out:
  - why they are seeking to change their nationality;
  - why they do not hold a current passport for the nation to which they wish to change their nationality;
  - any dates they held nationality in the nation to which they seek to change their nationality, providing copies of expired passports and/or ID cards where available;
  - the nature of their ties and affiliation(s) with the nation to which they seek to change their nationality\_including, but not limited to:
    - familial connections;



- period(s) of time spent visiting and/or residing in that nation;
- their commitment to life and tennis in that nation; and
- details of any second or previous nationalities, including in relation to their tennis participation at an international level.

On receipt of the information detailed above, the request will be considered by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP) in accordance with the Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings Before an Internal Adjudication Panel Convened Under ITF Rules, to determine, in its discretion, whether the change of nationality is genuine and not intended to circumvent the application of the Regulations (i.e., a “flag of convenience”). The IAP reserves the right to ask the Player to provide and/or supply further information on request.

The IAP’s first-instance decision may be appealed by the Player to the Independent Tribunal in accordance with the applicable Procedural Rules.

This Regulation applies to the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors only and is without prejudice to any other regulations applicable to other tournaments (such as ITF Junior Team Competitions), which may impose different criteria.

#### **5A. Rules to be Observed**

- a) The Competition is open to all tennis players based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth.
- b) The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Code of Conduct, the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Organisational Requirements, the Constitution of ITF Limited 2026 and the 2026 ITF Rules of Tennis, each of which may be amended from time to time.
- c) In submitting an application, a Tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfill all its obligations under the Regulations.
- d) The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned Tournament or series of Tournaments for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the Tournament(s) or to the successful running of the Tournament(s). The ITF bears no liability to any Applicant, Tournament Organiser, Host, National Association, player, Related Person, Covered Person or any other person or entity for any loss incurred as a result of a delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Tournament. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the ITF or the Applicant shall be liable to any player, Related Person, Covered Person or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Tournaments, including, without limitation, any travel, transport and/or accommodation costs. This decision (to refuse approval of or cancel any Tournament) will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Juniors Committee, or by the ITF Executive if the Committee so delegates its decision-making power, and may be appealed by the Applicant only, to the Independent Tribunal.
- e) In submitting an entry to a tournament sanctioned by the ITF as a constituent tournament of the Tour, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by and be

bound by the Regulations. It is the responsibility of the ITF Supervisor on site to enforce these Regulations on behalf of the ITF.

- f) Any player that enters and/or participates in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix E.
- g) All personal data submitted by players and/or Related Persons will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws. Players and Related Persons acknowledge and agree that personal data is processed by the ITF for the purposes of administering the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, enforcing the Rules and Regulations, maintaining the integrity of the sport and as further set out in the applicable ITF privacy notice(s) available on the ITF website at: [www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notice](http://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notice).
- h) 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 the conflict of law principles thereof. Each Player, Covered Person, Nation 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 Regulations (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) to arbitration pursuant to Regulation 5B of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum.

## **5B. Enforcement of Regulations and resolution of disputes**

### **Amendments**

These ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may grant dispensation from, modify, waive or otherwise alter these Regulations or their application in extraordinary circumstances.

### **On-site enforcement**

It is the responsibility of the Supervisor to enforce these Regulations on-site.

### **First instance proceedings**

The Supervisor shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) unless expressly referred elsewhere, an allegation that a player 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 at a tournament (to be resolved in accordance with the Rules of Tennis); and
- (c) any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the Supervisor.

The ITF Juniors Committee or other person/entity designated under these Regulations may decide any issues entrusted to them (respectively) under these Regulations. Unless expressly provided otherwise, there will be no right of appeal from their respective decisions.

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel;
- (b) any dispute or question about the proper interpretation of these Regulations (including reviewing as appropriate any on-site interpretation by Supervisor);
- (c) any dispute or question about player eligibility arising under these Regulations;
- (d) 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
- (e) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Independent Tribunal shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations to the Independent Tribunal;
- (b) an allegation that a player, Related Person or other person participating on the ITF's World Tennis Tour Juniors has breached the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme;
- (c) an allegation that a player or Related Person has committed a Major Offence under the Code of Conduct;
- (d) any allegation that a Tournament Offence has been committed under the Code of Conduct; and
- (e) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Procedural Rules for both the Internal Adjudication Panel and the Independent Tribunal are available online at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com), or a hard-copy can be requested in writing to ITF.

### **Sanctions**

Where the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and/or Independent Tribunal upholds an allegation of breach of these Regulations, it will determine the sanctions for such breach in accordance with the sanctions provisions in its Procedural Rules, unless these Regulations specify other sanctions for such breach, in which case it will apply the specific sanctions.

### **Appeals**

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- (a) decisions by the Supervisor under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, to be determined in accordance

- with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);
- (b) subject to the preceding paragraph (a) above, decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules (in particular, the section applicable to the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appeal panel);
  - (c) decisions of the Independent Tribunal (sitting as a first instance tribunal) may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules;

Such appeals may only be brought by one of the following persons:

- (i) the person or entity that is the subject of the decision being appealed; and/or
- (ii) the ITF.

## **6. International Player Identification Number (IPIN)**

In order to enter ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments all players must first register for Junior IPIN Membership (and pay the appropriate fee) and agree, as a condition of their registration, to accept the related terms and conditions. Failure to register for IPIN Membership and to accept the related terms and conditions will render a player ineligible to enter and/or compete in ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments.

## **7. Final Rankings**

The final rankings, issued at the end of each calendar year, shall be compiled on the basis of points earned for success in major individual and team events played on both a round-robin and knockout basis. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the two competitions.

Junior Accelerator positions (AP) are available in the Singles Main Draw of Men's and 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 2025. Full details are outlined in Appendix L

# **II. MANAGEMENT**

## **8. Board of Directors**

### **a) Management**

The ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the ITF.

### **b) Duties**

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- i) To approve, adopt and amend the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct for the Tour.
- ii) To register in the name of the ITF any trademarks in connection with the Tour and to protect such trademarks.

- iii) To appoint every two years a Juniors Committee, which shall consist of a Chair, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members as deemed necessary.

## **9. Juniors Committee**

The powers and duties of the Juniors Committee shall be:

- a) To guide the strategy for and monitor the management of the Tour and Team Competitions.
- b) To recommend changes to and to ensure the uniform application of these Rules and Regulations and the Code of Conduct.
- c) To administer the approved funds of the Tour and the Team Competitions within the financial framework of the ITF.
- d) To report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters.
- e) To impose penalties laid down in these Regulations.
- f) To submit regular reports to the Board of Directors.
- g) To approve the venue and dates for each of the qualifying competitions and the final stages of the Team Competitions.

### **III. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TOUR**

#### **10. Combined Junior Ranking**

The Combined Junior Ranking shall take into account the following from the preceding 52 weeks:

- (i) the six best singles results obtained in Grand Slam, J500, ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals, International Team Competition and J300, J200, J100, J60 or J30 junior tournaments (together “Ranking Tournaments”).
- (ii) one quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the six best doubles results, obtained in Ranking Tournaments.

A player may count only their ‘best result’ from up to two (2) editions of the same J100 or higher graded tournament, if both are included in the previous 52-week period. Results from the same J60 and J30 tournament may be counted more than once within a player’s best six results during the 52-week period.

**11.** If two or more players receive the same number of points, their ranking will follow the number of points, within their six best singles results, scored in Grand Slam tournaments. If two or more are still equal, the number of points won in singles at each grade of tournament will be used to separate the players, counting backwards through the grades in descending order until the players are no longer tied: for example, J500 then J300, then J200. For the avoidance of doubt, points won at International Team Competitions are excluded from this countback.

If two or more players are still equal their ranking will follow the number of points, within their six best doubles results, scored in Grand Slam tournaments. If two or more are still equal, the number of points won in doubles at each grade of tournament will be used to separate the players, counting backwards through the grades in descending order until the players are no longer tied: for example, J500 then J300, then J200. For the avoidance of doubt, points won at an International Team Competitions are excluded from this countback.

**12.** To be ranked a player must reach a round where points are available (see points tables, regulation 31. The number of ranking points available will vary dependent upon the grading of the tournament and the round reached. Ranking points will not be awarded to any player in breach of the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule or any other breach of these Regulations for which the penalty is forfeiture of ranking points.

**13.** The official published rankings will be calculated on a 52-week rollover system.

**14.** To be eligible for a 2026 year-end ranking a junior must have played in a minimum of six individual junior singles tournaments, including at least four Grand Slam, and/or ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals and/or J500 tournaments and including at least three ranking tournaments outside his/her own country. Each Grand Slam or J500 tournament won will count as two tournaments played. Each Grand Slam or J500 tournament won will further count as one foreign tournament played.

## **15. Tournament Application and Approval**

For the purposes of these Regulations, **Applicant** means any sanctioning National Association and/or the Tournament Organiser awarded a one (1) year sanction on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors calendar.

Completed Tournament applications for inclusion in the Tour are to be submitted to the ITF in accordance with the deadlines communicated to National Associations. ITF has full discretion to grant, refuse or grant with conditions an application, including regarding applications from existing tournaments which may include upgrading or downgrading.

**a)** With the exception of the Youth Olympic Games Tennis event, Regional Championships and any other event sanctioned by the ITF, only tournaments organised by a National Association, or sanctioned by the National Association concerned, will be considered for inclusion.

**b)** Applications for tournaments to be held during the same week and at the same venue as a professional tour event will only be considered for inclusion if the tour event is owned and run by the relevant National Association.

**16.** The fact that a tournament is included in a series or group of tournaments does not automatically entitle the tournament to be part of the Tour, even though other tournaments of the same series have been accepted.

**17.** A tournament which begins in late December and ends in January can either be the first tournament of the Tour, or the last, at the discretion of the Juniors Committee.

**18.** If a tournament is included in the calendar and subsequently withdraws within nine (9) weeks of the scheduled first day of play, that tournament shall be subject to the Tournament Offences provisions as set out in Article VII of the Code of Conduct. This tournament must still pay the full amount of the sanction fee, as outlined in Rule 20 below.

## **19. Insurance**

(a) The Applicant is responsible for taking out a suitable insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations, and which insures against claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the event for which the applicant is legally liable. "ITF Ltd" and "ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd" must be named in the policy and on the certificate of insurance, and a copy should be provided to the ITF on request.

(b) The Applicant is encouraged to take out those insurance policies that safeguard against employer's liability, business interruption and personal injury as well as any other appropriate insurance policies recognised under local law. In addition, it is strongly recommended that the Applicant obtain and maintain event cancellation and abandonment insurance which insures against all reasonably known financial risks arising from the rescheduling, cancellation and/or abandonment in whole or in part of a Tournament due to force majeure.

## 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	\$ <u>1200</u>
J500	\$ <u>1100</u>
J300	\$ <u>800</u>
J200	\$ <u>650</u>
J100	\$ <u>550</u>
J60	\$ <u>550</u>
J30	\$ <u>550</u>

Approval to sanction a tournament may be subject to conditions imposed by the ITF as sees fit.

## 21. Tournament Responsibilities

If required, tournaments shall assign to the ITF, free of charge, one (1) page in the Official Tournament Programme for an ITF editorial or advertisement.

**22.** Tournaments shall display an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors banner on their main court. Tournaments are responsible for creating this banner themselves using the ITF Branding Toolkit. Details of minimum requirements can be found within the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Organisational Requirements.

**23.** Tournaments shall have internet access on site for the use of the ITF Supervisor.

**24.** The Tournament Director shall:

- a) Nine (9) weeks prior to the tournament send to the ITF a copy of the tournament fact sheet for approval. This shall not be changed once published. If the fact sheet has not been received by six (6) weeks prior to the Monday of the tournament week, the tournament may be cancelled.
- b) Following the conclusion of the tournament send to the ITF the tournament report form.
- c) Complete the mandatory Introduction to Safeguarding Children course via ITF Academy, prior to the commencement of the ITF WTT Juniors tournament.
- d) Ensure that required ITF Academy courses have been completed by the Tournament Director and Tournament Physiotherapist (where stated in Organisational Requirements)

The ITF Supervisor is the on-site representative of the ITF, and is responsible for:

- a) Ensuring the uniform administration and interpretation of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Regulations including the Code of Conduct and ITF Welfare Policy, the Rules of Tennis, the Organisational Requirements, and the Duties and Procedures for Officials;
- b) Using Tournament Planner software before and during the tournament.
- c) Ensuring that all players' passports/photo IDs are checked for date of birth and that any discrepancies with the information provided in Tournament Planner are reported to the ITF.
- d) Uploading results daily using the Tournament Planner software.



- e) On conclusion of the tournament sending to the ITF the ITF Supervisor's Report form, including details of any penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct.

A list of any penalties imposed shall be posted during the tournament on the competitors' notice board and shall be updated daily. Unless specified otherwise, all decisions of the ITF Supervisor are final.

## **25. Tournament Offences**

Any tournament not complying with the 2026 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Regulations will subject the Tournament Organiser and/or sanctioning National Association to the determination and penalty procedures as set out in the Code of Conduct Article VII: Tournament Offences.

## **26. Research**

No research involving players, coaches or other persons directly associated with a tournament shall be conducted without prior approval of the ITF.

## **27. ITF Responsibilities**

The ITF is responsible for the overall administration of the Tour and costs involved and shall do its utmost to ensure that the calendar is widely publicised.

**28.** The ITF shall process results from all tournaments on the Tour and shall issue on a weekly basis the latest world ranking points accumulated by competitors. These shall be published on the ITF Juniors website: [www.itftennis.com/juniors](http://www.itftennis.com/juniors).

## **29. National Association Responsibilities**

National Associations shall ensure that the tournaments they sanction for inclusion in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors maintain appropriately high standards of organisation and administration. This includes, but is not limited to, having in place and maintaining appropriate policies and procedures in respect of safeguarding and ensuring that the tournaments they sanction comply with such policies and with the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Organisational Requirements (as may be amended from time to time).

## **30. Grades**

Tournament grading is managed by the ITF Juniors Committee. The current tournament grading criteria, available at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com), shall determine: (i) whether an existing tournament is suitable for an upgrade or downgrade, or (ii) the grade of any new tournament. Tournaments shall be classified into grades, based on a range of criteria (by way of example only, strength of draw, player feedback, standards of delivery and geographical balance).

## **31. Allocation of Points**

Ranking points for each tournament grade are as set out below. Please refer to Appendices A, B and C for special regulations for J500 tournaments, Regional Championships and ITF Junior Team Competitions.

a) i) Elimination Draw Format: No ranking points will be awarded to a player until he/she has played and won a round in the Main Draw. Advancement through a bye in the first match will not be equivalent to winning a round. Advancement by virtue of walkover, or by retirement following the commencement of a match, will be equivalent to winning a round. An abandoned tournament counts as a tournament played where a player has played a match before the decision to abandon was taken.

ii) Round Robin to Elimination Draw format: No ranking points will be awarded to a player until he/she has played and won a match in the Round Robin Main Draw. A bye in the round robin group where there are fewer than four (4) players will not be equivalent to winning a match. A match win by virtue of walkover, or by retirement following the commencement of a match, will be equivalent to winning a match.

b) Any player who leaves a tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events or retires from a tournament for medical reasons without a valid medical certificate (from the tournament doctor), will forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that tournament and be subject to the penalties set forth in the Code of Conduct.

If the singles or doubles event of a tournament is cancelled, e.g. due to poor weather, before the tournament is concluded, loser points for the round achieved will be awarded to players. If a tournament is officially terminated and the final(s) have not been completed, the finalists will each receive runner-up points.

**POINTS TABLE – Singles and Doubles Elimination Draw format**

		W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
<b>Singles</b>							
Grand Slam*, Youth Olympics		1000	700	490	300	180	90
ITF Junior Finals		1000	700	550/490	420/360/320/260	-	-
J500		500	350	250	150	90	45
J300		300	210	140	100	60	30
J200		200	140	100	60	36	18
J100		100	60	36	20	10	5
J60		60	36	18	10	5	-
J30		30	18	9	5	2	-
<b>Doubles</b>							
Grand Slam, Youth Olympics		750	525	367	225	135	-
J500		375	262	187	112	67	-

J300		225	157	105	75	45	-
J200		150	105	75	45	27	-
J100		75	45	27	15	7	-
J60		45	27	14	7	-	-
J30		25	13	6	3	-	-
International Team Competitions							
#1 Player Win**		-	95	75	50	-	-
#2 Player Win**		-	75	50	20	-	-
Doubles Win**		-	75	50	20	-	-

\*Qualifiers losing in the first round of the main draw will receive 30 ranking points.

Players losing in the final round of qualifying will receive 20 ranking points.

\*\*Points are to be given to a player for one result only (their best) in the competition.

Only players from the best 8 teams will be considered for allocation of World Ranking points.

#### POINTS TABLE – J30 and J30 Singles Round Robin to Elimination Draw format

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Finalist</u>	<u>Semi Finals</u>	<u>Quarter Finals</u>	<u>Round Robin 1<sup>st</sup> Place</u>	<u>Round Robin 2nd Place</u>	<u>Round Robin 3rd Place</u>	<u>Round Robin 4th Place</u>
<u>J60</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2*</u>	<u>2*</u>
<u>J30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1*</u>	<u>1*</u>

\*Players must have won a match to earn the points outlined

\*\* The player finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place will progress to the quarterfinals and will receive ranking points according to their final position as per the above table.

## IV. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

This Section IV applies to:

- a) all tournaments J300, J200, J100, J60 and J30;
- b) Grand Slam, ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals and J500 tournaments, subject to the exceptions given in Appendix A, together with additional clauses. (See Regulations marked \*);
- c) Youth Olympic Games, with some exceptions that will be addressed directly with the participating nations;
- d) Unless stated otherwise in Appendix B, Regional Championships;

### 32. Proof of Nationality

A player competing in a tournament must submit his/her passport/photo identification for scrutiny by the ITF Supervisor, who shall return it as soon as possible. The ITF may also request from the player at any time a copy of their current, valid passport as proof of nationality.

### 33. Variations to Regulations

If a tournament organiser wishes to vary any of the following regulations in Section IV and V, written application shall be made to the ITF office, giving full reasons for the request. Such application must be received not later than ten (10) weeks before the first scheduled day of play in the tournament.

### 34. Number of Events

The following events shall be held:

Boys' and Girls' Singles, Boys' and Girls' Doubles.

### 35\*. Match Format

Each Elimination Draw Main Draw singles match shall be the best of three Tie-Break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Each J30/J60 Round Robin stage match shall be the best of two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 point) in place of a third set, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Each Qualifying Draw singles match shall be the best of two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 point) in place of a third set, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. Ad scoring shall be used. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds.

In case of extreme heat play may be modified in accordance with Appendix D, Extreme weather conditions and lightning, d. Modification of Play (Singles and Doubles).

Each doubles match shall be two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 point) in place of a third set. No-Ad scoring shall be used. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds.

For all singles and doubles matches the No Let Rule shall be in effect. When playing doubles using Short Sets in combination with No-Ad scoring and the No-let rule, only the player due to receive is permitted to return a serve that touches the net, strap or band and lands within the correct service box.

In case of severe weather conditions, the tournament organiser may use alternative scoring methods as approved in the 2026 Rules of Tennis (available at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com)).

### 36. Entries

J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 and J30 tournaments shall be open to competitors from all countries, except in exceptional circumstances and with the written approval of the ITF.

The acceptance criteria for Regional Championships is determined by the relevant Regional Association(s) and/or the ITF.

**37 Draws.** Tournaments shall have the following minimum number of competitors in each singles main draw event:

Grade	Boys'	Girls'
J500	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>
J300	32	32
J200	32	32
J100	32	32
J60	32	32
J30	16	16

Tournaments must offer the same draw size for boys' and girls' events. In all cases the minimum number of teams in the doubles main draw shall be half the number in the singles.

Pre-qualifying draws should not be held. However, if held under the sanctioning of the relevant National Association, pre-qualifying draws are permitted for national players only to determine Wild Cards for the Qualifying event.

### 38. Minimum duration and tournament week

The minimum duration of a tournament main draw shall be as follows:

Draw size	
64	6/7 days
48	6 days
32	5 days <u>(6 days for J30/J60 Round Robin to Elimination Draw format)</u>
16	4 days

All Elimination Draw tournaments must be scheduled to start no later than Wednesday and finish no later than Sunday of the same week. All J30/J60 Round Robin to Elimination Draw

tournaments must be scheduled to start no later than Monday and finish no later than Sunday of the same week. In special circumstances, tournaments may apply to the ITF for an exemption from this rule.

Singles Qualifying must be scheduled on the appropriate day(s) immediately prior to the first day of the singles Main Draw, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. The maximum duration of a tournament Qualifying event for an Elimination Draw tournament shall be two days. The maximum duration of a Qualifying event for a Round Robin to Elimination Draw tournament shall be one day, unless otherwise approved by ITF.

### **39. Singles Entry and Withdrawal**

#### **i) Entry and Withdrawal Deadlines**

The Entry Deadline is at 14:00 hrs Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on the Tuesday twenty (20) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

Grand Slam, J500 tournaments and their warm-up events shall have an entry deadline at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday either forty-one (41), thirty-four (34), twenty-seven (27) or twenty (20) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

Under exceptional circumstances other tournaments (J300, J200, J100, J60 or J30) may apply to the ITF for an exemption from the 20-day rule.

It is the player's responsibility before entering a tournament to check the correct entry deadline on the official tournament fact sheet on the IPIN online service. It is also the player's responsibility to check that any online entry made has gone through and that a confirmation email has been received, and subsequently to check his/her position on acceptance lists.

The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. This applies to both Main Draw players and players on the Qualifying Acceptance List.

#### **ii) Submission of Entries and Withdrawals**

All entries must be submitted online through the IPIN online service or, in exceptional circumstances, by email on the Official Entry Form to the ITF.

Irrespective of the penalties that may be imposed under Regulation 39(v) and the Code of Conduct, players must always submit a withdrawal if they are not going to attend a tournament that they have entered.

Withdrawals must be submitted online through the IPIN online service. Note: Sending a Withdrawal Form by email is no longer an acceptable method for players to withdraw themselves from an ITF tournament after the Freeze Deadline. Only in exceptional circumstances, the Official Withdrawal Form may be sent by email to the ITF and/or ITF tournament Supervisor by the applicable deadline. Entry and withdrawal forms submitted by email must be signed by the player and be fully completed.

A player applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying of the tournament.

A player may apply for entry into no more than three (3) ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments in a specific tournament week. If he/she enters more than one tournament in the same week, he/she must indicate a priority.

If a player has entered multiple events, he/she should remove him/herself from all events in which he/she no longer wishes to compete before the Withdrawal Deadline.

### iii) Multiple Entries

At the Withdrawal Deadline the following shall occur:

- If a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of one ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, he/she will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments.
- If a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of more than one ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament occurring during the same period, he/she will remain on one List and will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments according to the following criteria:
  1. Main Draw takes priority over Qualifying, and Qualifying over Alternates
  2. Tournament Entry Priority (except if a player has been accepted into the Main Draw of a Grand Slam tournament, in which case he/she will remain on that List even if not his/her first priority.)

If a player did not state an entry priority, he/she will be immediately withdrawn from all but one Entry List according to the following criteria:

1. Tournaments with the highest grade will take priority;
  2. If equal, the Entry List on which he/she is highest placed will take priority;
  3. If equal again, the tournament which is geographically closest to his/her country of Nationality will take priority.
- If a player is not accepted into any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament occurring during the same week, he/she may remain on more than one Entry List as an Alternate until the Freeze Deadline. At the Freeze Deadline, the player will be removed from all but his/her highest priority tournament. However, once he/she is accepted into any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament before the Freeze Deadline, he/she will be withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments occurring during this period.
  - If a player is accepted into an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and a Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament in the same week, he or she will be withdrawn from the Junior tournament at the Withdrawal Deadline. Exception: If a

player is accepted into the Main Draw of a Junior Grand Slam tournament, that tournament will be prioritised over all other ITF tournament entries that week up to and including a Mens M25 tournament, Womens W100 tournament or any other ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament. If at the ITF World Tennis Tour Men's and Women's Freeze Deadline a player remains entered onto the Alternates list of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and ITF World Tennis Tour Men's or Women's tournament, the player will be withdrawn from the Entry Lists of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

iv) Commitment

Except as outlined in Article II. B.3a Playing Another Event/One Tournament per Week, in the Code of Conduct, a player may not compete:

- In an ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournament if he/she is committed to another ITF World Tennis Tour tournament (Men's, Women's or Juniors) during the same tournament week; or
- In any other ITF World Tennis Tour tournament (Men's, Women's or Juniors) if he/she is committed to an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament in the same tournament week.

Prior to the Withdrawal Deadline a player's status on an Acceptance List is not confirmed. A player who appears on a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List at any time after the Withdrawal Deadline is deemed to have been accepted into and is committed to play the tournament.

A player can appear on more than one Alternate list and is not committed to play in any one tournament unless he/she moves into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List prior to the Freeze Deadline, in which case he/she will be removed from all other lists.

v) Late Withdrawal

Any withdrawal by a player accepted into Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline will be considered a Late Withdrawal, unless that player has been nominated after the Withdrawal Deadline to represent his/her country in an official ITF or Regional Association team competition.

Please see Article III. X of the Code of Conduct for Late Withdrawal penalties.

A player's first three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year will be automatically excused\* provided the online withdrawal is made prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. It will not be necessary to provide a medical certificate in the case of this category of Late Withdrawal.

*(\*an excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above, and notifies the ITF about the second week's late withdrawal by the last day of the tournament).*



A player who appears on one or more Alternate list(s) may withdraw at any time, without penalty, until he/she first moves into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List, at which time he/she will be automatically withdrawn from all other Acceptance Lists by the ITF.

vi) Freeze Deadline

The Freeze Deadline is at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Wednesday preceding the tournament week. After the Freeze Deadline players on the Qualifying Acceptance List will no longer be moved into the Main Draw, and players on one or more Alternate Lists will no longer be moved into the Qualifying Acceptance List.

Such Alternates are not committed to play the tournament and therefore are not subject to Late Withdrawal or No Show penalties.

A player who wishes to withdraw from Main Draw or Qualifying after the Freeze Deadline must withdraw online through the IPIN online service or, in exceptional circumstances, by email using the Official Withdrawal Form to both the ITF and ITF Supervisor otherwise he/she will be subject to the penalties provided for No Show under the Juniors Code of Conduct.

vii) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the ITF has the absolute right to refuse to accept or revoke any player's entry to any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament(s). The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

#### **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.

#### **41. One Tournament per Week (Concurrency)**

A player may apply for entry into up to three (3) ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments for the same week, but he/she must state a priority at the time of entry and he/she will be withdrawn from all except one event in accordance with the entry and withdrawal procedures outlined in Article 39(iii) above.

Except as outlined in Article II. B.3b Playing Another Event/One Tournament per Week, in the Code of Conduct, a player may not compete:

- In an ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournament if he/she has competed in another ITF World Tennis Tour tournament (Men's, Women's or Juniors) during the same tournament week;
- In any other ITF World Tennis Tour tournament (Men's, Women's or Juniors) if he/she has competed in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament in the same tournament week.

A player who competed in the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament is allowed to accept a Wild Card into Main Draw of an ITF World Tennis Tour

Juniors tournament during the same week provided he/she lost in the tournament prior to being offered the Wild Card. In all other circumstances, a player may not compete in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament if he/she has competed in another ITF tournament in the same tournament week.

A player who is a no show or who withdraws or retires from either singles or doubles main draw in any round may not participate in singles or doubles in any other tournament during the same week.

Violation or attempted violation of this Section shall result in a default by the ITF Supervisor and forfeiture of all ITF Junior World Ranking points received in that tournament (where applicable).

#### **42. One Tournament per Week – Grand Slam**

a) A player is permitted to play in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament if they have played in a professional Grand Slam Qualifying event the previous week, provided the player has been eliminated from singles and doubles of the Grand Slam Qualifying prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

Any such player who is still competing in the Grand Slam tournament at this deadline must withdraw from the relevant ITF World Tour Juniors tournament. It is the player's responsibility to withdraw from the tournament.

A player is allowed to play the doubles event at a professional Grand Slam tournament at the same time as he /she is still competing in the singles event only of the same week's ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament subject to the approval of both Supervisors and provided that this does not unfairly affect the scheduling at either event.

b) A player is permitted to play in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament if they have played in a Juniors Grand Slam Qualifying event the previous week, provided the player receives a wild card for the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and has been eliminated from singles and doubles of the Grand Slam Qualifying prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

Any such player who is still competing in the Grand Slam tournament at this deadline must withdraw from the relevant ITF World Tour Juniors tournament. It is the player's responsibility to withdraw from the tournament.

#### **43\*. Criteria for Acceptances**

The criteria for acceptances shall be:

##### **Singles**

In determining acceptances of players for the Main Draw and Qualifying, the following acceptance method will be used in conjunction with Regulation 48 Composition of Draws, to determine number of places per each criterion:

a) Entered players with an approved ITF Junior World Ranking as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance order will be determined by each player's ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. If tied by ITF Junior Ranking and ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

b) Entered players with an approved ATP/WTB ranking as of the Monday before the entry deadline – Players ranked in the professional game ATP 750 or better or WTB 400 or better will always be accepted at the bottom of the Main Draw Acceptance List. Players ranked in the professional game ATP 751-850 or WTB 401-500 will always be accepted and remain at the bottom of the Qualifying Acceptance List on the day of the Entry Deadline. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

c) Entered and unranked players with an ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot. In J30 and J60 tournaments only, entered players with an ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

d) Entered players aged 16&Under\*\* from the region in which the tournament is played and with an ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

e) Entered players with no approved ITF/ATP/WTB ranking and/or ITF World Tennis Number\* the following acceptance method shall be followed firstly for vacancies in the Main Draw, if any, and then for vacancies in the Qualifying Acceptance List and Alternates List:

i) 50% of remaining places within the list will go to players from or resident in the country where the tournament is organised The remaining spots will be filled as follows:

ii) Players from, or resident in, other countries within the **Region** where the tournament is organised. The country and player shall be drawn by lot.

iii) - Players from, or resident in, other countries within the **Zone** where the tournament is organised. The country will be drawn by lot as above.

iv) Players from or resident outside of the Zone where the tournament is organised. The country will be drawn by lot as above.

v) Any remaining players from or resident in the country where the tournament is organised.

**Regions:** (Asia) (Oceania) (Europe) (Africa) (South America) (Central America) (North America)

**Zones:** (Asia/Oceania) (Euro/Africa) (The Americas)

f) On-site Alternates shall be accepted according to the ITF junior ranking as of the Monday seven (7) days before the tournament week.

g) Unranked On-site Alternates shall be accepted according to their ITF World Tennis Number\*. In a situation where two or more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

h) On-Site Alternates without an ITF Junior Ranking or ITF World Tennis Number\* shall be drawn by lot.

\*In order for the ITF World Tennis Number to be applied, a player must achieve a minimum rating confidence level of 50 or higher at the entry deadline (visible at [ipin.itftennis.com](http://ipin.itftennis.com)) to be counted as part of the acceptance process. A player's singles ITF World Tennis Number will be applied to two (2) decimal places; for example, 16.49 is better than 16.50.

\*\* Players are eligible from their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday until the year in which the players turn 16 years of age, i.e. players born 2010 or later for tournaments in 2026.

### **Doubles**

For the purposes of doubles acceptances, Singles Main Draw participants include Main Draw Direct Acceptances, Regional Reserved(s), Special Exempts/16 & Under Exempts or Qualifiers/Lucky Loser(s), but exclude Main Draw Wild Cards (see Note 1.)

Singles Qualifying participants are players who played in the Singles Qualifying draw in any capacity, including Qualifying Wild Cards and Alternates.

Direct Acceptances for Doubles are selected according to the following acceptance methods:  
Teams consisting of:

1. Two players, both of them Singles Main Draw participants (as outlined above):
  - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking
  - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player
  - c) Two unranked players.
2. Two players, one a Singles Main Draw participant, the other player a Singles Qualifying participant or Singles Main Draw wild card;
  - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking
  - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player
  - c) Two unranked players.
3. Two players, where one player only is a Singles Main Draw participant:
  - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking;
  - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the ranked player
  - c) Two unranked players.
4. Two players, where both players in the team were/are Singles Qualifying participants and/or a Singles Main Draw wild card(s);
  - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking
  - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player
  - c) Two unranked players.
5. Two players, where one player was/is a Singles Qualifying participant or a Singles Main Draw wild card;
  - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking
  - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player
  - c) Two unranked players.
6. Two players, neither a Singles Main Draw nor Singles Qualifying participant:
  - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking
  - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player

- c) Two unranked players.

If two or more teams are tied within any combinations of 1-6 above, the order shall be drawn by lot.

Note 1: Main Draw Direct Acceptances above do not include Wild Cards

Note 2: Doubles Wild Cards are in addition to this.

Note 3: Lucky Losers are those players who have been accepted into the Singles Main Draw by the doubles sign-in deadline.

Note 4: Rankings used are those of the Monday seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

Note 5: For the purposes of doubles acceptances players ranked in the top 500 on the WTA or the top 850 ATP will be treated as ranked players.

#### **44. Entry Definitions**

A player's status in a tournament shall not be official until the later of:

- a) the Withdrawal Deadline if the player appears on more than one Acceptance List; and
- b) publication of the tournament Acceptance List on the ITF website/IPIN Online Service.

Any arrangement made by a player to participate in a tournament prior thereto is made at his/her own risk.

**a) Direct Acceptances: i)** Entered players accepted directly into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw by virtue of their rankings and/or by virtue of the requirements given under rule 43\* (criteria for acceptances).

*ii) J30 and J60 tournaments only: Entered players with an ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two of more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.*

**b) Qualifiers:** Players who are included in the Main Draw as a result of their success in the Qualifying competition.

**c) Wild Cards:** Players accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser and/or the sanctioning National Association.

Wild Cards may be seeded. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made.

An entered player who is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the tournament will continue to be eligible, up to the start of the Qualifying competition, to compete in the tournament as a Direct Acceptance or to fill any Qualifying or Main Draw vacancies that arise, in accordance with the Criteria for Acceptances and Sign-in procedures set forth herein.

If the Qualifying and/or Main Draw Wild Card(s) move into the draw on merit, such player(s)' status will change to Direct Acceptance and replacement Wild Cards may be nominated up until

the time the draw is made. Any Wild Card places not filled by this time will be filled by the next eligible players on the Acceptance List, or in the case of Main Draw, by Lucky Losers.

Wild Cards who withdraw cannot be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. Any such vacancy shall be filled by the next eligible player on the Acceptance List, or if the Qualifying competition has commenced, it shall be filled by the eligible Lucky Loser drawn at the same time as the Qualifiers.

No player who has signed in for and been accepted into the Qualifying of the tournament may be named as a Wild Card after the Qualifying competition has commenced.

The Qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

A tournament shall not offer a Wild Card or accept the entry from any player who has either accepted a Wild Card or been committed by an entry to another tournament in the same week except as follows:

- i) Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card offering higher event status (i.e. moving from a Qualifying event to a Main Draw).
- ii) Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card into a tournament of a higher grade.

It is the player's responsibility to ascertain whether they are eligible to accept a particular Wild Card. Players and Tournaments should retain written confirmation of the offer and acceptance of a Wild Card. Acceptance of the offer of a Wild Card constitutes a player's commitment to the tournament.

Should the ITF gather evidence that a Wild Card has been sold, the Tournament will be subject to the determination and penalty procedure as set out in the Code of Conduct under Article VII: Tournament Offences, and the player and/or a Related Person (as that term is defined in the Code of Conduct) may also face disciplinary action pursuant to Code of Conduct Article II: Entry Offences and Article IV: Major Offences.

**d) Alternates WTN Regional Reserved:** A junior player who is ranked lower than the one (1) or two (2), as applicable, players selected as 16U WTN Regional Reserved Direct Acceptances into the singles Main Draw. In relevant J300, J200, J100, J60 and J30 tournaments, these players will replace any 16U WTN Regional Reserved Direct Acceptances that withdraw from 16U WTN Regional Reserved list before the Freeze Deadline. If no players eligible for the 16U WTN Regional Reserved place remain, the place will be filled in accordance with the criteria for acceptances.

**e) Alternates:** Players who are ranked lower than the direct acceptances into Main Draw and Qualifying under the applicable criteria for acceptances any time after the Entry Deadline.

If there is no singles Qualifying event, signed-in Alternates shall take any vacant places in the singles Main Draw, in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. For vacancies that occur after the Order of Play has been released for the first day of play, the selection shall be made from the players who have signed-in for each day as applicable.

**f) On-Site Alternates:** Non-entered players who appear at the tournament (prior to the Qualifying sign-in deadline) to sign in for the Qualifying, to fill any available spaces in the draw only.

If a Qualifying event is not held, On-Site Alternates may fill any available spaces in the Main Draw. On-site Alternates will be placed below players on the Alternates List created when entries closed. In order to be eligible to be an On-site Alternate, a player must pay the entry fee and must sign-in with the ITF Supervisor on site. Eligible players shall be accepted according to the ITF Junior World Ranking of the Monday seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. Unranked On-site Alternates should be accepted according to the ITF World Tennis Number (with a rating confidence level of 50 or better) of the Wednesday twelve (12) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week, followed by latest national rankings, if available. If national rankings are not available, they should be drawn by lot.

**g) Lucky Losers:**

Players who have lost in the final round of the Qualifying competition or, if more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, those players who have lost in the previous qualifying round(s), or:

Lucky Loser (LLRR) players who place second in the round robin draw (applicable to Round Robin to Elimination Draw format).

If a player is forced to retire from the final round of Qualifying or from the Round Robin stage (J30/J60 only), due to illness or injury, he/she will retain his/her Lucky Loser status provided he/she has received clearance from the Tournament Doctor or Sports Physiotherapist.

For clarity, players awarded a LLRR spot in the Quarterfinals shall earn ranking points equivalent to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Round Robin stage if they lose their Quarterfinal match. Semi-Final points (or better) shall be earned if the player wins their Quarterfinal match.

The losing player in a play-off match, as outlined in regulation 40.

Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows: The order of players with an ITF junior ranking or professional ranking ATP 850 or better or WTA 500 or better shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked players shall be randomly drawn.

**h) 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.

For the avoidance of doubt, Grand Slams and J500s are considered the same grade for the purpose of determining whether a tournament is a Qualified Tournament.

**i) 16 & Under WTN Regional Reserved:** An eligible player aged 16 & Under (born 2010 or later for 2026 tournaments) from the same region in which the tournament is taking place who, by virtue of his/her WTN\*, gains Direct Acceptance into a designated ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

**j) Junior Grand Slam Regional Reserved Exempt Trial**

Where approved by the ITF Juniors Committee, up to one (1) player from selected qualifying events staged and/or endorsed by the relevant Grand Slam may be accepted into the Singles Main Draw as a ‘Junior Grand Slam Regional Reserved Exempt’ (JGSE).

**45. Seeds**

**a) Number of Seeds**

i) The Number of Seeds for Main Draw shall be as follows:

For a draw of 128:	16 seeds
For a draw of 96:	16 seeds
For a draw of 64 :	16 seeds
For a draw of 48 :	16 seeds
For a draw of 32 :	8 seeds
For a draw of 24 :	8 seeds
For a draw of 16 :	4 seeds
For a draw of 8 :	2 seeds

ii) The Number of Seeds for Qualifying shall be as follows:

For a draw with 2 sections:	no more than 4 seeds
For a draw with 4 sections:	no more than 8 seeds
For a draw with 6 sections:	no more than 12 seeds
For a draw with 8 sections:	no more than 16 seeds



## **b) Selection of Seeds**

### **Singles**

Seedings shall be based on the ITF Junior World Ranking of the Monday seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. Seed order shall be drawn by lot where players are tied based on ITF Junior World Ranking. Seedings of players with ATP or WTA rankings shall be calculated following the Seeding Comparison Chart – Appendix I.

Players without ITF or professional rankings cannot be seeded.

### **Doubles**

Seedings shall be based on the ITF Junior World Ranking of the Monday seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. Doubles seeding of players with ATP or WTA rankings shall be based on the Seeding Comparison Chart (Appendix I. If two teams are considered equal, seeding shall be based on:

- i) Players' combined ITF Junior ranking (if both players have an ITF Junior ranking)
- ii) ITF Junior ranking (if only one player has an ITF Junior ranking) followed by the ATP/WTA Singles ranking of the remaining player
- iii) Players' combined ATP/WTA Singles ranking (if neither player has an ITF Junior ranking)
- iv) ATP/WTA Singles ranking (if neither player has an ITF Junior ranking and only one player has an ATP/WTA Singles ranking)
- v) If teams are still tied, draw by lot.

Note: ATP/WTA Doubles rankings are not considered.

## **46. Sign-in**

### **a) Qualifying**

The Qualifying Sign-In Deadline is at 18:00 hours local 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 an alternative method outlined on the Tournament Fact Sheet 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.

Any unused Special Exempt place(s) or Main Draw vacancies (following withdrawals after the Freeze Deadline and until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Qualifying Order of Play is released) shall be filled by entered players who have either signed in for Qualifying or preserved their eligibility for such place(s) by contacting the ITF Supervisor prior to the Qualifying sign-in deadline\*. If there is no Qualifying event, Main Draw vacancies shall be filled by players on the Alternates List, selected in accordance with the Criteria for Acceptances, until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Main Draw Order of Play is released. Any vacancies in the Qualifying Draw shall be filled by Alternates or On-Site Alternates who have signed in for the qualifying competition, selected in accordance with the applicable Criteria for Acceptances, until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Qualifying Order of Play is released.

\* Players who preserve their eligibility must get written confirmation from the ITF Supervisor. These players are to be selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. If the Special Exempt places are used or there are no Main Draw vacancies, players who preserved their eligibility are not eligible to play the Qualifying and are subject to the Late Withdrawal/No-Show provisions set forth in the Code of Conduct.

## **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.

### **ii) Doubles**

Elimination Draw tournaments: Each player must have entered and signed-in with the ITF Supervisor by 12 noon (1200 hours) on the first day of the singles Main Draw. Round Robin to Elimination Draw tournaments: Each player must have entered and signed-in with the ITF Supervisor by 12 noon (1200hours) on the final day of the Round Robin Draw.

## **47. Composition of Draws**

Pre-qualifying draws should not be held. However, if held under the sanctioning of the relevant National Association, pre-qualifying draws are permitted for national players only.

### **a) Qualifying**

The Qualifying Draw shall not be greater in size than the Main Draw.

Tournament Organisers of new or existing tournaments with 32 Qualifying and 32 Main Draw events are recommended to use a 24 Qualifying draw and a 48 Main Draw.

Draw size	16	24	32	48	64	96	128
Wild Cards	2	4	6	7	8	8	8
Direct Acceptance (ITF Junior Ranking)	12-14	16-20	20-26	34-41	48-56	80-88	112-120
Direct Acceptance (WTN) - <u>J30/J60 only</u> *)	2	4	6	7	8	8	8

**b) i) Main Draw – Elimination Draw format**  
**Singles**

Draw size	16	24	32	48	64	96	128
Wild cards	2	2	4	6	8	8	8
Special Exempts*	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
<u>16U WTN Regional Reserved*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>0-2</u>	<u>0-2</u>	<u>0-2</u>	<u>0-2</u>
Qualifiers	2	2	4	6	8	8	8
Direct Acceptances (ITF Junior ranking)	<u>7-12</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>16-24</u>	<u>26-36</u>	<u>35-48</u>	<u>68-80</u>	<u>102-114</u>
<u>Direct Acceptances (WTN) (J30/J60 only)*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
Junior Grand Slam Regional Reserved Exempt (JGSE) (if applicable)	0	0	0	0	0-1	0	0

*\*If Special Exempt, 16 & Under WTN Regional Reserved, WTN Direct Acceptances and/or Junior Grand Slam Regional Reserved Exempt Positions are not used, the positions revert to Direct Acceptances.*

**ii) Main Draw – Round Robin to Elimination Draw format**

<u>J30, J60 Round Robin to Elimination Draw Format</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>Wild cards</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Special Exempts*</u>	<u>0-2</u>
<u>WTN Regional Reserved*</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Qualifiers</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Direct Acceptances (ITF Junior ranking)</u>	<u>12-14</u>
<u>Direct Acceptances (WTN)</u>	<u>4</u>

<p><i><u>* If Special Exempt, 16 &amp; Under WTN Regional Reserved, WTN Direct Acceptances and/or Junior Grand Slam Regional Reserved Positions are not used, the positions revert to Direct Acceptances.</u></i></p>	
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Should fewer than 24 players (including Main Draw players, Qualifiers, Special Exempts, Alternates) be present to play on day one (1) of the Round Robin Draw or should No Shows occur on day 1 that reduces the total number of Main Draw participants to fewer than 24, the format of the event (Boys and/or Girls Singles) will be amended to a standard elimination draw. The change in draw format can be made at any point between the entry deadline and the competition close of play on day one of the round robin matches. The change shall be determined by the ITF Supervisor and must be reasonably practical.

Where the change is made after the order of play is released for Day 1 of main draw singles, the 8 round robin groups shall be placed within the 8 sections of a standard 32 player elimination draw.

#### **48\*. Making the Draw**

All draws shall be made by the ITF Supervisor in public (i.e., individuals are permitted to attend and witness the making of the Draw). The ITF Supervisor shall appoint one or more players at each ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament to witness the draws, with preferably one of those players being a different nationality to that of the host country. Interested parties wishing to view the making of the draw should contact the ITF Supervisor.

#### **Time of Draw**

- i) Qualifying (Singles) – As soon as possible after the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline
- ii) Main Draw Singles Round Robin (J30/J60) and Elimination Draw (all grades) – 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) Main Draw Elimination Stage (Singles J30/J60 Round Robin to Elimination Draw) – No later than 19:00 hours local time on the final day of round robin matches, with the Order of Play posted no later than one hour after the draw has been made.
- iv) Doubles – As soon as possible after the Doubles Sign-in.

#### **a) Qualifying**

Players from the same nation shall be drawn in different sections as far as possible.

#### **i) Sections and Seeds**

The Qualifying Draw shall be made in sections, and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the Main Draw. If four (4) qualifiers are required, there shall be four (4) sections; six (6) qualifiers, six (6) sections; and so on. The draw shall be seeded and the selection of seeds shall

be consistent with the criteria used for the main draw. Each section shall have two seeded players. The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line of each section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line of each section.

If there are not a sufficient number of seeded players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seed(s) shall not have a second seeded player. If no players are seeded, all players are drawn randomly.

#### **ii) Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw**

Once the Qualifying event has begun, only those players who ultimately win their qualifying section and Lucky Losers may be accepted into the Main Draw. The Qualifying event commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.

#### **iii) Drawing of Qualifiers**

At the conclusion of the Qualifying event, the name of one Qualifier shall be randomly drawn for each qualifying place in the Main Draw. There shall be no prior designation of qualifying sections to qualifying places in the Main Draw. Likewise, when more than one Lucky Loser is to be inserted into the Main Draw, their position in the Main Draw shall be determined by drawing. Vacancies occurring before the Qualifying is completed to be filled by Lucky Losers shall be drawn in conjunction with those players that qualified.

#### **b) Main Draw**

Elimination Draw Format: If there are two players from the same National Association competing, they shall be drawn in different halves of the draw.

If three or four players from the same National Association are competing, they shall be drawn in separate quarters.

This principle of separation of players shall extend to cover all players in the draw, including, as far as possible, qualifiers drawn manually if the draw is made before the qualifying event is completed.

Round Robin Draw (J30/J60, where applicable): Separation of nationalities at the Round Robin stage - If there are two or more players of the same National Association competing, they shall be drawn in different round robin groups. This principle of separation of players shall extend to cover all round robin groups and nationalities in the draw including, as far as possible, qualifiers drawn manually if the draw is made before the qualifying event is completed.

#### **i) Placing of Seeds**

Elimination Draw Format: If there are two seeded players from the same National Association competing, they shall be drawn in different halves of the draw.

If three or four seeded players from the same National Association are competing, the first and second players shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth seeded player shall be drawn into the quarters which do not already contain one of that National Association's players. This principle of separation of seeded players shall extend to cover all seeded players in the draw.

Taking into account the provisions above, seeds shall be placed or drawn as follows:

1. Place Seed 1 on line 1 and Seed 2 on line 16 (16 draw), 32 (24/32 draw), 64 (48/64 draw) or line 128 (96/128 draw).

2. To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (Seeds 3 and 4) and groups of four (Seeds 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16) from top to bottom as follows:

	16 draw (4 seeds)	24/32 draw (8 seeds)	48/64 draw (16 seeds)	96/128 draw (16 seeds)
Seeds 3, 4	5 12	9 24	17 48	33 96
Seeds 5, 6, 7, 8		8 16 17 25	16 32 33 49	32 64 65 97
Seeds 9,10,11,12			9 25 40 56	17 49 80 112
Seeds 13,14,15,16			8 24 41 57	16 48 81 113

#### Round Robin to elimination main draw format - Round Robin Stage

Seed 1 shall be placed into Line 1 of Group A. Seed 2 shall be placed into Line 1 of Group B. The principle of placing of seeds shall extend to cover all round robin groups through to placing Seed 8 on line 1 of Group H.

Progression from Round Robin to Elimination stage: Group A winner shall be placed on Line 1. The Group B winner shall be placed on Line 8. The winners of Groups C and D shall be drawn into lines 3 and 6. The winners of Groups E, F, G and H shall be drawn into the remaining lines.

#### **ii) Byes**

Elimination Draw format: In the event that there are not enough competitors to fill the draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by a lot in a manner

so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

Round Robin Draw format (J30/J60, where applicable): In the event there are not enough competitors to fill the draw, the byes shall be awarded to the groups in seed order, seed 1 through to seed 8.

### **iii) Vacancies and Substitutions**

Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the following:

#### **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 J300, J200, J100, J60 and J30 tournaments, where the WTN Regional Reserved project (Appendix H) is applicable, vacancies in the WTN Regional Reserved places will be filled by the next eligible entered player on the WTN Regional Reserved Alternate List. If no players eligible for the 16U WTN Regional Reserved place remain, the place will revert to a Direct Acceptance place and be filled in accordance with the criteria for acceptances.

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 in order 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. From the time the Order of Play is released 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 Qualifying 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 event, 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 who have signed in, 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.

**f) Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes**

i) At the end of the Qualifying, 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.

On the day of the completion of the Qualifying, all players who lost in the last round of Qualifying will be considered for a Lucky Loser position.

Therefore, it is the player's responsibility to inform the ITF Supervisor by the end of the Qualifying if they do not want to be considered for a Lucky Loser position.

ii) On subsequent days, Alternates and Lucky Losers must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of play in their event, E.g. Girls Singles, to be eligible as Alternates / Lucky Losers. If no electronic communication is issued by the ITF Supervisor and/or no communication is displayed



on site, this shall be 30 minutes before the start of play for all matches that day.

Elimination stage of Round Robin to Elimination Draw format: Round Robin Lucky Loser (LLRR) must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of play in the Quarter-Finals of their event, i.e. Girls or Boys Singles, to be eligible as Lucky Losers. If no electronic communication is issued by the ITF Supervisor and/or no communication is displayed on site, this shall be 30 minutes before the start of play for all matches that day.

iii) Alternates and Lucky Losers must be ready to play in proper tennis attire within a total time of (5) minutes after the announcement of a vacancy. Matches must commence without delay after the selection of the Alternate or Lucky Loser.

iv) If the eligible Lucky Loser is not available to play according to paragraph iii) above, he/she shall be placed at the bottom of the Lucky Loser Priority List for the day corresponding to the qualifying round in which he/she lost. Such player is not subject to penalties for late withdrawal/no show. If the eligible player is playing in the doubles event at the time he/she is called as a Lucky Loser in singles, the singles match may be rescheduled so he/she can fill the Lucky Loser position, provided the ITF Supervisor determines that such rescheduling of the singles match does not cause an unreasonable disruption in the schedule; otherwise the next available Lucky Loser shall be selected to fill such vacancy.

#### **iv) Special Exempts**

Prior to the time of the Qualifying sign-in deadline, an ITF Supervisor may accept a written request for Special Exempt status on behalf of a player qualified to make such a request (please see definition in rule 45h) but only from the Supervisor of the tournament at which the player is still participating.

If there is no Qualifying competition, or if Special Exempts are not needed prior to the time that the Qualifying draw is made, then the places in the Main Draw reserved for Special Exempts shall become places for Direct Acceptances who have signed in for Qualifying or preserved their eligibility, to be selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

A player still competing at a Qualified Tournament at the time of the Qualifying Sign-in deadline can request a Special Exempt place (as above). However, he/she must notify the ITF Supervisor of the result of his/her match no later than one (1) hour following the completion of the match. If, after the completion of the match, the player is not eligible for the Special Exempt, the Special Exempt place will be filled either by another player who requested a Special Exempt or as per section b.iii. "Vacancies/Substitutions" above.

The maximum number of Special Exempts is as follows:

16 Draw	1
32 Draw	2
48 Draw	2
64 Draw	2

96 Draw	2
128 Draw	2

### **c) Doubles**

#### **i) Making the Draw**

The placing of seeds and byes and the drawing of the remaining teams shall be in accordance with the same principles used in the singles Main Draw.

#### **ii) Vacancies**

A team shall constitute a doubles entry. Therefore, if either of the players of a team cannot play, that doubles entry is subject to immediate substitution. However, if a player has to withdraw through injury or other unavoidable circumstances after the sign-in deadline, but before the draw, his/her partner may enter again with another player who had not already been accepted in the doubles event. With this exception players may not change partners after the doubles entry deadline.

### **49. Withdrawal after the Draw and Replacement of Seeds**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled immediately by the next highest ranked player in the Main Draw eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled immediately by the next player on the original Acceptance List if prior to the commencement of Qualifying or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after commencement of Qualifying. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play on the day preceding commencement of play in the main draw shall be filled by an eligible Lucky Loser/Alternate.

Any replacement of seeds should be made without consideration to the placement of players from the same nation (as explained in Regulation 49 b).

### **50. Suspension and Postponement**

The ITF Supervisor, chair umpire or off-court umpire may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any such suspension by the chair umpire or off-court umpire must be reported immediately to the ITF Supervisor. The ITF Supervisor must, however, make all decisions on the postponement of a match until a later day. Unless and until a match is postponed by the ITF Supervisor, the players, chair umpire and all on-court officials must remain ready to resume the match.

Upon suspension of a match, the chair umpire or off-court umpire shall record the time, point, game and set score, and the name of the server, the sides on which each player was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match. If suspension is due to darkness it should be after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress or at the end of a set. There shall be five (5) minutes of warm-up before a match. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

0 - 15 minutes delay	- no warm-up
15 – 30 minutes delay	- three (3) minutes of warm-up
30 or more minutes of delay	- five (5) minutes of warm-up

### **51. Related Regulations**

To the extent not covered herein The Constitution of ITF Limited 2026 and the 2026 Rules of Tennis shall be applicable to all ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournaments to promulgate and enforce their own special regulations insofar as they are consistent with the applicable provisions of these Rules and Regulations and have been approved by the ITF.

## **V. ON-SITE REQUIREMENTS**

This Section V applies to:

- a) all tournaments J300, J200, J100, J60 and J30;
- b) Grand Slam, ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals and J500 tournaments, subject to the exceptions given in Appendix A, together with additional clauses. (See Regulations marked \*);
- c) Youth Olympic Games, with some exceptions that will be addressed directly with the participating nations;
- d) Unless stated otherwise, in Appendix B, Regional Championships;

### **52. Hospitality**

All tournaments must comply with the hospitality requirements set out in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Organisational Requirements (as may be amended from time to time).

Official coaches must be nominated by a National Association by the Freeze Deadline in order to be given hospitality. No other coaches shall be guaranteed hospitality.

Any official coach nominated by his/her National Association to receive hospitality must have registered for an annual Player Support Team ID at this website:

<http://playersupport.itftennis.com>

The Player Support Team ID must be communicated to the tournament by the National Association when nominating the official coach. Any coach without a valid Player Support Team ID will not be entitled to hospitality.

### **53. Tournament Visitor Accreditation**

Any Covered Person, as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy (Appendix E) or Tournament Visitor, as defined below, attending an ITF Junior event must report to the Tournament Organiser upon arrival and request accreditation for the full duration of his/her stay. For the purposes of the accreditation the full name of the attendee and the organisation he/she represents must be provided. Tournament Visitor Accreditation does not entitle the visitor to access private players' areas, such as the locker rooms or player lounge. Where possible, tournament visitors should be provided with photo identification guest passes that are clearly distinguishable (e.g. by colour) from player identification passes.

Note: Tournament Visitor includes, but is not limited to, the following groups:

Any prospective or current agent, suppliers, sports manufacturers, the media, recruitment organisations, or training, development and academic institutions of any description. For the avoidance of doubt, it does not include anyone visiting an event solely as a tennis spectator.

#### **54. Travel Assistance**

Any travel assistance shall be arranged only in advance and offered only to National Associations. It shall not be conditional upon a named player taking part. Travel assistance shall not be offered to individual players neither shall it be linked to a player's success in the tournament, nor shall it be conditional on a player's participation in any other tournament. Regional Associations may co-ordinate the travel assistance offered to players taking part in a group of tournaments under their control.

#### **55. Schedule**

The ITF Supervisor shall, whenever possible, allow a player who has competed on the final day of the preceding tournament, a full day for travelling and rest before that player is obliged to play the first round of the succeeding tournament.

#### J30, J60 Round Robin Group Stage Scheduling:

##### Groups of 4 Players

Day 1 of the round-robin shall be scheduled with Line 1 vs. Line 2, and Line 3 vs. Line 4.

The next scheduled match will consist of Winner vs. Loser, followed by the final outstanding match on the last day of the Round Robin group stage.

##### Groups of 3 Players

Day 1 of the round-robin should consist of line 2 vs. line 3 (non-seeded players).

The next scheduled match should consist of the losing player from Day 1 vs. the seeded player, followed by the final outstanding match on the last day of the Round Robin group stage.

#### **56. Order of Play**

##### **a) Release of the order of play**

Once the ITF Supervisor has determined the following day's order of play, it should be released by the ITF Supervisor, both on-site and via ITF Tournament Planner program, as soon as possible but no later than 10pm (2200 hours) local time.

##### **b) Amendments to the order of play**

Once officially released, the order of play shall not be amended unless the ITF Supervisor deems it necessary and/or appropriate.

#### **57. Round Robin Standings Calculations**

The round robin standings calculation will only include the results of matches played amongst the players who completed all matches in the round robin group. Retired matches count as completed for this purpose. All matches for a player that concede one (1) or more walkovers shall not be included for the purpose of the standings' calculation.

Groups shall be ordered as follows with 1st place progressing to Quarter Finals:

1. The player with the most wins
  2. If two players have the same wins, their Head-to-Head result
  3. If three or more players have an equal number of wins:
    - a. Sets Percentage
    - b. Games Percentage
- A match tie-break won shall count as 1 set and 1 game won, while a match tie-break lost shall count as 1 set and 1 game lost for the purpose of the standings' calculation
  - Head-to-Head does not apply where 3 players are tied on wins.
  - Results from players who withdraw prior to commencing their final match in the group stage will not be counted in the Standings Calculation.

### **58. Prize Money**

No prize money in any form shall be paid at any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, either to the players or to their National Associations. Wild Cards into professional level events are not considered as Prize Money.

### **59. Gifts**

The value of a gift to the winner of a tournament may not exceed the value of US \$750.00. Tournament Directors are responsible for ensuring that gifts and services provided to players are suitable for minors and comply with any legal requirements of the jurisdiction where the players resides and of the country where the event is held.

### **60. Entry Fees**

One entry fee (covering singles and doubles) shall be reasonable and shall not exceed:

<b>Grade &amp; Hospitality Tier</b>	<b>Maximum Entry Fee per participant</b>
Outdoor J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 & J30 with Tier 1 full hospitality	\$150 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$100 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant
Outdoor J200, J100, J60, J30 with Tier 2 or Tier 3 reduced hospitality)	\$110 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$80 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant
Outdoor J60 and J30 (without hospitality)	\$70 (USD) or equivalent per <u>Main Draw participant</u> and \$55 (USD) per <u>Qualifying Draw participant</u>
Indoor J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 & J30 with Tier 1 full hospitality	\$160 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$110 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant
Indoor J200, J100, J60, J30 with Tier 2 or Tier 3 reduced hospitality	\$120 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$90 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant

Indoor J60 and J30 without hospitality	\$80 (USD) or equivalent per <u>Main Draw</u> participant and \$65 (USD) per <u>Qualifying Draw</u> participant
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Tournament Organisers are to refer to the 2026 ITF World tennis Tour Juniors Organisational Requirements for details on the entry fee administration process.

## **61. Conditions of Play**

### **a) Latest Start Time**

It is mandatory that the latest start time for any match is not later than 9pm (2100hrs). Any match that is not completed by midnight (0000hrs) should be interrupted and postponed until the following day. (The ITF Supervisor can extend the time of play if, in his/her opinion, the match can be concluded in a reasonable time.)

A tournament can apply to the ITF for an exemption to the mandatory latest start time no later than three months before the entry deadline. If play is seriously delayed during the week due to adverse weather, the tournament can apply to the ITF to extend the latest start time to 9.30pm (2130hrs).

### **b) Between Qualifying and Main Draw**

Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his/her first round match in the singles Main Draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his/her final Qualifying match.

Additionally, qualifying players competing in two (2) qualifying matches in the same day should be scheduled to play their first main draw match at least 18 hours after completion of his/her final qualifying match.

### **c) Between Matches**

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) main draw singles match and one (1) main draw doubles match per day, which shall not be scheduled less than twelve (12) hours after the completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day or round. In Round Robin to Elimination Draw format tournaments, a player shall be scheduled for a maximum of two (2) doubles matches.

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

- a) Played less than one (1) hour - half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour rest
- b) Played between one (1) hour and one and one half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) hours - one (1) hour rest
- c) Played between one and one half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) hours and two (2) hours - one and one half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) hours rest
- d) Played more than two (2) hours – two (2) hours rest

If a player is involved in the singles and doubles finals, he/she shall be allowed a rest period of one half hour.

A player may play before the end of the rest period if all participants are in agreement.

If play has been interrupted for thirty (30) minutes or more due to rain or other warranted delay, the length of match time would be assessed from the moment play resumes following the delay.

If play is interrupted for less than thirty (30) minutes, match time would be considered continuous from the moment the first ball of the match was put into play.

No rest is allowed after the second set in a three-set singles match unless the extreme weather conditions rule is in effect.

The use of Electronic Line-Calling (ELC) systems is permitted at an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- The National Association must make a request to the ITF to use ELC at least nine (9) weeks in advance of the tournament start date;
- The request must have been approved by the ITF;
- The ELC system must have been classified by the ITF and approved by the ITF for use at the tournament in question;
- The ITF may at its sole discretion refuse the use of a particular ELC system during an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament, including in the event such decision to refuse its use is taken once the tournament is already underway; and
- The processing of any data arising from the use of the ELC system shall always be subject to the provisions in Appendix M (Data Rights).
- Gold or Silver Approved ELC systems may be used for ELC Review at WTTJ tournaments, subject to obtaining advanced approval from the ITF.

## **62. Waiver of Claims**

In submitting an entry into an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors event, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that subject to the limits set out below, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in travelling to or from, or participating in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors event, and/or any of its related activities and/or while in the location of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors event, against the ITF, the National Association or Regional Association sanctioning such events, officials, promoters, sponsors, television or other broadcast licensees, vendors, venues, local organizers and others connected with such ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments, including its employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and representatives.

Nothing in these Regulations excludes or limits the liability of the ITF or any of the other parties listed above

- i) for death or personal injury caused by their (respective) negligence;
- ii) for fraud; or
- iii) to the extent that such exclusion or limitation is not permitted by applicable law.

### **63. Publicity and Promotion**

(a) Each player grants a worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free, transferable and sub-licensable licence to the rights set out at (A) - (B) below (the “Image Rights”) to:

- (i) the ITF;
- (ii) the sanctioning National Association and the Tournament Organiser of a tournament in which they are entered and/or involved; and
- (iii) the agents and assignees of each of the entities above.

(A) The right, for commercial and non-commercial purposes, to use or authorise the use of their name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media, for the purpose of commercialising the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, publicising and promoting the sport of tennis, the ITF, the tournament’s sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their respective affiliates and events including the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programmes, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising, broadcasting and filming of the same.

(B) The right, for commercial and non-commercial purposes, to make, show and otherwise use, in any and all media, still and moving pictures, whether live or otherwise, and any other visual and/or audio-visual reproductions of their performance or appearance as a sports person on and off the court during the event.

(b) With respect to the Image Rights:

- (i) there will be no compensation payable in relation to the grant of such rights; and
- (ii) the rights granted may not be used in such a way as to constitute an endorsement by the player of any product or company. Use of the Image Rights will not constitute such an endorsement provided that the following conditions are met:

(A) player imagery may only be used in materials featuring no fewer than four (4) players;

(B) player imagery may only be used in promotions that reference their association with the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors; and

(C) no player’s image may be used in a manner that is materially more prominent than the images of other player(s) used.

(c) Players acknowledge that their tennis biography and complete tournament history shall be published on the ITF’s website for the purposes of transparency and promotion of the sport.



#### **64. Player Images**

Notwithstanding rule 63, it is prohibited for any Covered Person to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of players, unless they are the parent or legal guardian of the player, without the express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of i) the parent or legal guardian of the player, and ii) the ITF Supervisor. Images and/or recordings taken with permission under this Regulation must be exclusively of tennis matches, practice or the presentation of trophies. Please see the ITF's *Process For ITF Tournament Supervisors, Coaches and Parents on Video Recording of Junior Matches For Performance Analysis*.

#### **65. Television, Recording and Radio Rights**

ITF is the exclusive owner of all "audio" and "audio-visual" media rights to the Event including but without limitation to all forms of television, internet, mobile, radio and other electronic media.

##### **(a) Traditional Television Broadcast**

ITF hereby agrees to assign to the Host Organiser the exclusive right to appoint and enter into any contracts with Host Broadcasters to produce and broadcast coverage of the Event taking place during the term of the Agreement by means of Traditional Broadcast Television and Traditional over the air radio within the Host Territory, provided that the Host Organiser will procure a full assignment of copyright and other IP rights in any coverage to ITF (including but not limited to "archive rights").

Any revenues generated by the Host Organiser from such contracts will be for the sole benefit of the Host Organiser.

The Host Organiser will make best efforts to negotiate with the Host Television Broadcaster to provide the ITF, free of charge, with recordings of all matches at the Event in such format as requested by ITF. In the event a charge is incurred, subject to acceptance of the same by the ITF, this will be paid by the ITF.

##### **(b) Live Streaming**

Except for the rights granted directly below, the National Association does not have any rights to carry out or authorise Live Streaming of a tournament.

The National Association may conduct and/or authorise third parties to conduct Live Streaming of the tournament in its domestic territory subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the prior written approval of the ITF in its sole discretion;

- (b) such Live Streaming not being transmitted or made available with a less than 30 second delay between the action taking place at the Tournament and the Live Streaming being available to viewers;
- (c) such Live Streaming being satisfactorily geoblocked to within the domestic territory of the Tournament;
- (d) such Live Streaming not being made available for gambling or betting purposes, or in any way associated with gambling or betting;
- (e) the Live Stream being available to the ITF free of charge and in a timely manner on request for publication on its own digital channels; and
- (f) the National Association granting, or procuring that the producer of the Live Stream grants, all copyright in the Live Stream to the ITF at the conclusion of the tournament.

For the purposes of this provision, “Live Streaming” means the transmission and/or making available of coverage from a tournament through a live audio-visual signal by means of the internet, mobile wireless technology or mobile broadcast technology or any similar or derivative technologies.

#### **Archive Rights**

Upon expiration of the Agreement ITF shall remain the exclusive owner of all audio and audio-visual media rights (“archive rights”).

#### **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.

The ITF retains the exclusive right for net branding at each event of the Competition. The Host Organiser of each event of the Competition is not allowed to place branding on the net unless agreed otherwise in writing with the ITF.

The ITF insists that there should be no tobacco or e-cigarette organisations or betting companies secured as sponsors for any events of the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, Host Organisers and National Associations are permitted to accept financial grants from national, regional or state lottery providers, provided that the respective Host Organiser or National Association: (i) has obtained the ITF’s prior written approval to the proposed arrangements; (ii) uses all proceeds from any such financial grants solely for the purposes of supporting its sporting activities; (iii) does not grant any sponsorship or other promotional rights to the lottery provider; and (iv) complies with the terms of any other applicable guidelines as the ITF may issue from time to time.

The ITF insists that alcohol brands cannot be secured as a sponsor to events of the Competition in any circumstances.

The ITF will have the right to instruct individual tournaments on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors to use the balls of the Official Ball manufacturer providing that the balls are given to the tournament free of charge.

The ITF accepts that certain tournaments may have existing agreements in place with ball manufacturers and in such circumstances, the ITF will waive the right to require the use of the Official Ball at these tournaments for the duration of the existing agreement.

Should the ITF inform a tournament of the intention to use an Official Ball, that tournament agrees that once their current agreement has expired, no new agreement with a ball manufacturer will be entered into.

#### **67. Anti-Doping services**

To facilitate testing under the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, all ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Tournaments must provide on request, and at their own cost:

- (a) A Doping Control Station that, at a minimum, satisfies the requirements of the prevailing version of the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations; and
- (b) Sufficient chaperones to notify players selected for anti-doping sample collection, accompany and observe such players until their arrival at the Doping Control Station, and witness provision of those players' samples as necessary.

**APPENDIX A**  
**SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR J500 TOURNAMENTS,**  
**WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIOR FINALS AND JUNIOR GRAND SLAMS**

J500 tournaments shall follow the Regulations for J300-J30 tournaments, except for what is outlined within this Appendix

Exceptions, additions and special regulations, other than those stated below may be allowed for the Grand Slam tournaments, the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals and the Youth Olympic Games where these are approved in advance of the event by the ITF Juniors Committee.

Special Regulations for the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals will be available on the ITF website (itftennis.com) at least four (4) months prior to the event and will be communicated to all participating players.

The following wording replaces the applicable wording in the main Regulations:

**37•. Entries and Draws – Junior Grand Slams and J500 tournaments**

Junior Grand Slam tournaments shall have the following minimum number of competitors in each event:

Boys' Singles: 64      Boys' Doubles: 32      Girls' Singles: 64      Girls' Doubles: 32

J500 tournaments shall have the following minimum number of competitors in each event:

Boys' Singles: 48      Boys' Doubles: 24      Girls' Singles: 48      Girls' Doubles: 24

If a J500 event fails to have the above entry, or fails to accept players in accordance with Regulation 43•, the following year the number of points awarded to the tournament will be decreased. If the entry falls below 48 for either of the singles events, J500 status may no longer be given.

Tournament organisers should bear in mind that no points are awarded to a player until he/she has won a round and should therefore do their utmost to ensure that the number of competitors in the draw allows the maximum number of points to be awarded.

The following wording is in ADDITION to the applicable wording in the main Regulations:

**43•. Criteria for Acceptances – Junior Grand Slams and J500 tournaments**

In addition, if any region – South America; North America; Central America and Caribbean; Europe; Asia; Africa; and Oceania - does not have any players accepted under a) or b) above, the highest ranked entrant from that region shall be accepted for main draw if their ranking is 80 or higher or qualifying if their ranking is 150 or higher.

**49•. Making the Draw**

An official representative, if nominated by the ITF, may be present for the draw.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The following regulations apply IN ADDITION to the main Regulations, and where there is any conflict, these regulations shall take precedence over the wording in the main Regulations:

#### **68. Tournaments Included**

Tournaments in this group shall be staged either by a Regional Association or by another group of National Associations, and shall be open only to competitors fulfilling the qualification requirements as set out by the relevant Association(s).

Applications for tournaments to be held during the same week and at the same venue as a professional tour event will only be considered for inclusion if the tour event is owned and run by the relevant National Association.

#### **69. Criteria for Acceptances**

Regional Associations and/or relevant National Association(s) are responsible for the Criteria for Acceptances of each of their Regional Championships. These Criteria must be agreed by the ITF.

#### **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 up to two inter-regional championships' in one calendar year, which must be within the same regional zone.

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.

**APPENDIX C**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR 2026 ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS TOURNAMENTS**

**ARTICLE I: GENERAL**

**A. PURPOSE**

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) promulgates this ITF Code of Conduct (Code) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by junior players, Related Persons, Covered Persons and the organisers of all tournaments, regional championships and international team competitions included in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the Sport of Tennis. All references to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall mean the ITF Limited.

**B. EXCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY**

This 2026 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Code of Conduct shall be the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any player, Related Person, Covered Person (for the purposes of Article V) or tournament on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, except to the extent that disciplinary jurisdiction is established in relation to such tournaments under (i) the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme; and/or (ii) the ITF Welfare Policy.

For the purposes of this Code, 'Related Person' is defined as any coach, trainer, therapist, physiotherapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament at the request of the player or any other Related Person.

For the purposes of Article V, 'Covered Person' means any player, Related Person (as defined herein this Code), medical personnel (including, without limitation, tournament doctor, physiotherapist, or health care provider), tournament personnel (including, without limitation, official, tournament director, staff member, volunteer, ITF staff member, members of the media) and any other individual who receives an ITF accreditation to attend an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

**C. ITF SUPERVISOR**

The approved ITF Supervisor for each tournament shall be the final authority for the interpretation of these Regulations, Code of Conduct and the Rules of Tennis as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament site.

## ARTICLE II: ENTRY OFFENCES

### A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall only apply to ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments.

### B. ENTRY OFFENCES

#### 1. Late Withdrawal/No-Show

A player who has entered and been accepted as a Direct Acceptance into the Main Draw or Qualifying and not timely withdrawn therefrom, shall appear for play. Any withdrawal from a player accepted into Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal. A player's first three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year are automatically excused\* ("late withdrawal amnesty"), provided the withdrawal is submitted online through the player's IPIN account prior to the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline.

(\*an excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above, and notifies the ITF about the second week's late withdrawal by the last day of the tournament).

A player who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List but who is still playing in another ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament at the time of the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline and who is not eligible to apply, or has been unsuccessful in applying, for a Special Exempt place will not be penalised for Late Withdrawal.

A player will have committed a No Show Offence if

- a) he/she is accepted into the Qualifying and fails to arrive on-site for his/her first match in the tournament without withdrawing from the Tournament in advance of the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline.
- b) He/she is accepted into the Main Draw or has been granted a Wild Card (Main Draw or Qualifying) and fails to arrive on-site for his/her first match in the Tournament without withdrawing from the Tournament in advance of his/her first round match

The ITF Supervisor may waive the No Show offence for a player who arrives on-site after the scheduled commencement time for his/her first match, and penalise him/her for the On-Site Offence of Punctuality instead.

A player that commits a No Show violation may not use an on-site medical certificate to appeal a penalty.



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”.

## **2. On-Site Medical Withdrawal**

a) If a player is forced to withdraw on-site at a tournament for medical reasons, the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed (in English, French or Spanish) by the medically qualified physician on-site indicating the nature of the medical condition and verifying that the player is unfit to continue playing in the current tournament. For the purpose of this sub-paragraph (a), the player must withdraw before the start of his first match and the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed and submitted to the ITF no later than the last day of the tournament.

b) A player that has sustained a medical condition during the Tournament Week may obtain a Medical Certificate from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist that can be used to withdraw from the following week’s tournament without penalty. The player must obtain the Medical Certificate within 24 hours of completing their final match or of retiring from a match.

If the player wishes to use the Medical Certificate to withdraw from the following week’s tournament then the player must inform the ITF and the following week’s ITF Supervisor (if after the Freeze Deadline), no more than 48 hours after obtaining the Medical Certificate or before the Qualifying Sign-in, whichever is earliest.

Players who complete their final match of the tournament after the Qualifying Sign-in of the following week’s Tournament must obtain a Medical Certificate before leaving the site and must inform the following week’s ITF Supervisor as soon as possible.

- c) An ITF Medical Certification form obtained and submitted in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) above will excuse a late withdrawal penalty for any subsequent tournament until the player next competes in any tennis event, provided a withdrawal for each tournament is submitted online through the player’s IPIN account prior to the relevant sign-in deadline.

## **3. Playing Another Event/One Tournament per Week**

- a) No player who has entered and been committed to the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Men’s, Women’s or Juniors ITF World Tennis Tour tournament shall play in any other ITF World Tennis Tour tournament during the period of such tournament, except as below.

Participation by a player in an alternative tournament is permitted in the following specific circumstances, provided the player first submits an official withdrawal for the tournament he/she was originally committed to, prior to its Qualifying Sign-in Deadline:

- i. Player is nominated after the Withdrawal Deadline to represent his/her country in an official ITF or Regional Association team competition;

- ii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card offering higher event status (i.e. moving from a Qualifying event to a Main Draw);
  - iii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card into a tournament of a higher grade;
  - iv. Player is forced to withdraw from a Qualifying event because he/she is still committed in a previous week's tournament but is not eligible to apply, or has been unsuccessful in applying, for a special exempt place.
  - v. A player accepted into Qualifying or Main Draw of a Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw or Qualifying of a Juniors ITF World Tennis Tour (Junior Grand Slam, J500, J300) tournament.  
A player accepted into Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw or Qualifying of a Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament, or of a Professional (ATP or WTA) Tournament.
  - vi) Where a player is committed to a WTT Juniors J30 or J60 tournament, he/she is permitted to sign in as an on-site alternate at an alternative J30 or J60 tournament in the same tournament week, once an online withdrawal has been made from the tournament for which the player is committed.
- b) No player who has played in the Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament shall play in any other tennis event, including national and regional tournaments, during the period of such tournament, except in the following circumstances:
- ii) A player may represent his/her country in an ITF Team Competition in the same week as he/she has competed in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, provided the player has already lost in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.
  - iii) A player eliminated from all events (Singles and Doubles) at the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament is permitted to play in another national or regional tournament in the same tournament week provided written approval, via the player release form, is obtained by the ITF Supervisor.
  - iv) A player eliminated from all events (Singles and Doubles) at the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament is permitted to receive a wild card and play in an ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament in the same tournament week.
  - v) A player eliminated from all events (Singles and Doubles) at an ITF World Tennis Tour Men's or Women's Tournament is permitted to receive a wild card and play in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament in the same tournament week.

- vi) A player may play in the doubles event at a professional Grand Slam tournament and the singles event only of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament provided they are in compliance with Regulation 42a).
- c) Any player who is found to have breached the requirements of these Regulations regarding playing another event (see Regulations 39iv), 41 and 42, and Appendix C, Article II, B.3.) will not receive ranking points for the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, unless as outlined in Article II. B. 3a and 3b.

### **C. WILD CARDS**

No player or Related Person, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section by a player or Related Person shall be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure at Article E below and may result in a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit, ITF Junior Team Competitions and Regional Junior Tour tournaments organized by any Regional Association.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

### **D. FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION**

Should a player submit documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence, including but not limited to documents pertaining to tournament entry and withdrawal and Code of Conduct appeals, the player shall be subject to disciplinary procedures in accordance with Section E below.

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”.

### **E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF or ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all entry offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the Suspension Points to be imposed in line with Article III ‘X - Suspension Points’ and/or other punishment therefore and where possible notify the player.

### **F. APPEALS**

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the player is notified of the violation (the “Notice of

Appeal"). The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player wishes to submit.

Please note that appeals made more than fourteen (14) days following the notification to a player of an Entry Offence will not be accepted.

The use of an amnesty may not be appealed.

## **ARTICLE III: ON-SITE OFFENCES**

### **A. GENERAL**

Every player and Related Person, shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and while engaged in activities directly related to the tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply while engaging with any persons in connection with the tournament and/or the Tour (including but not limited to Officials (including the Tournament Supervisor), the Tournament Director and ITF staff members) and who are preparing for, running and/or otherwise connected to a tournament in which the player and/or Related Person is or was entered/involved, and/or while within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

### **B. PUNCTUALITY**

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

Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play using all available and reasonable means. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his/her match is called shall be defaulted unless the ITF Supervisor in his sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

The player may also be subject to the additional penalties set out in Article III V P.

This section applies only to those players who are or have been on-site during the Tournament Week.

### **C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn.

Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default.

#### **1. Unacceptable Attire**

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

##### **a. Shoes**

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted as proper tennis attire. Shoes shall not cause damage to the court other than what is expected during the normal course of a match or practice. Damage to a court may be considered as physical or visible, which may include a shoe that leaves mark beyond what is considered acceptable. The ITF Supervisor has

the authority to determine that a shoe does not meet these criteria and may order the player to change.

**i. Grass Court Shoes**

At tournaments played on grass court, no shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players. Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

The ITF Supervisor has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors events played on grass courts.

**ii. Clay Court Shoes**

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The ITF Supervisor has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors events played on clay courts. Grass court shoes shall not be worn during a match on clay courts.

**2. Identification**

No identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing, products or equipment on court before, during or after a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony, except as follows:

**a. Boys ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors**

**1. Shirt, Sweater or Jacket**

- i. Sleeves.** Two (2) positions for commercial (i.e. non-manufacturer's) or manufacturer's identification for each sleeve shall be permitted, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm). Maximum of two (2) identifications may be placed within each six (6) square inch position. Identifications may contain writing.
- ii. Sleeveless.** Two (2) positions for the manufacturer's or commercial (i.e. non-manufacturer's) identification for the front or collar of the shirt shall be permitted, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm). If no more than one (1) identification is placed on the front or collar of the shirt, then one (1) manufacturer identification may be placed on the back of the shirt, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm). Identifications may contain writing.
- iii. Front, Back and Collar.** Two (2) manufacturers or commercial identifications, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) may be placed in any location on the front or on the collar. Alternatively, one (1) manufacturers or commercial identification which may not exceed six (6) square inches (39

sq.cm) may be placed on the front or collar and then an additional manufacturer's identification, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), may be placed on the back. Identifications may contain writing.

- iv. **Other.** Identification of the clothing manufacturer, without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing, may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed twelve (12) square inches (77.5 sq.cm) in one of the following positions:
  - a. On each of the shirt sleeves (if a manufacturer's identification is not on the sleeves pursuant to the section i. above); or
  - b. On the outer seams (sides of torso) of the shirt.

## **2. Shorts**

Two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm), may be placed on the front or back of the shorts; or two (2) manufacturer's identifications neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), may be placed as follows: one (1) identification on the front and one (1) identification on the back of the shorts. Identifications may contain writing.

On compression shorts and/or compression sleeves, two (2) manufacturer's identifications not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) or one (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) are permitted in any location. These shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications permitted on shorts.

## **3. Socks/Shoes**

Manufacturer's identifications on each sock and on each shoe shall be permitted.

## **4. Racquet**

Manufacturer's identifications on racquet and strings shall be permitted.

## **5. Hat, Headband, Wristband and Face Covering**

One (1) manufacturer's identification and/or one (1) commercial identification, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), shall be permitted on hats and headbands. The commercial identification must be located on the side of the garment and worn so that it is positioned on the side of the head.

One (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) will be permitted on wristbands or face covering.

## **6. Bags, Towels, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia**

Tennis Equipment Manufacturer's identifications shall be permitted on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39sq.cm).

**b. Girls ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors**

**1. Shirt, Sweater or Jacket**

- ii. Sleeves.** Two (2) positions, each not exceeding six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), are available on each sleeve for commercial or manufacturer identifications. A maximum of two (2) identifications may be placed in each position.
- iii. Front, Back and Collar.** Manufacturer or commercial identifications may be placed on the front, collar, and back as follows:

  - (i) Two (2) manufacturer or commercial identifications, each not exceeding six (6) square inches (or 39 sq. cm), may be placed on the front or collar; or
  - (ii) One (1) manufacturer or commercial identification, which may not exceed six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), may be placed on the front or collar and one (1) manufacturer identification, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed on the back.
- iv. Other.** A clothing manufacturer identification without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed 12 square inches (78 sq. cm) in one (1) of the following positions:

  - (i) On each of the shirt sleeves (which replaces one (1) of the positions available for commercial or manufacturer identifications on each shirt sleeve as described above); or
  - (ii) Down the outer seams (side of torso) of the shirt.
- v. Without Sleeves - Front, Back and Collar.** Manufacturer or commercial identifications may be placed on the front, collar, and back as follows:

  - (i) Four (4) manufacturer or commercial identifications, each not exceeding six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), may be placed on the front or collar of the shirt, provided that no more than three (3) identifications may be placed on the front and no more than two (2) of the identifications on the front may be commercial identifications; or
  - (ii) Three (3) manufacturer or commercial identifications, not exceeding six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), may be placed on the



*front or collar and one (1) manufacturer identification, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed on the back of the shirt, provided that no more than two (2) of the identifications on the front may be commercial identifications.*

- vi. Without Sleeves - Other.** *A clothing manufacturer identification without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed 12 square inches (78 sq. cm) down the outer seams (side of torso) of the shirt.*

**2. Shorts / Skirts/ Compression Shorts / Leggings**

- I.** *Two (2) manufacturer identifications only, neither of which exceeding two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm) may be placed on the front or back; or*
- II.** *One (1) manufacturer identification, which may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed on the front and one (1) manufacturer identification, which may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed on the back. Leggings or compression shorts may be worn without a skirt, dress, or shorts as long as they reach mid-thigh at minimum and comply with the manufacturer identification restrictions above.*
- III.** *For tennis undergarments, for compression sleeves, and for leggings or compression shorts worn under a skirt, dress, or shorts, two (2) manufacturer identifications of up to two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm) or one (1) manufacturer identification of up to four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm) may be visible in addition to the manufacturer identifications allowed on the applicable piece of clothing under which the undergarment is worn.*

*Note: A dress for the purposes of permissible identification shall be treated as a combination of a skirt and a shirt (dividing dress at waist).*

**3. Socks / Shoes**

*Standard manufacturer identifications may be placed on each sock and shoe.*

**4. Racquet**

*Manufacturer's identifications on racquet and strings shall be permitted.*

**5. Hat, Headband, Wristband and Face Covering**

- i. *One (1) commercial identification, which may contain writing but may not exceed four (4) square inches (or 26 sq. cm), may be placed over the ear on the side of the headwear.*
- ii. *One (1) manufacturer identification, which may contain writing but may not exceed four (4) square inches (or 26 sq. cm), may be placed on headwear and wristbands.*

**6. *Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia***

*Tennis equipment manufacturer's identifications, on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds four (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) shall be permitted.*

**c. *Another Tennis, Sport or Entertainment Event***

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Regulations, 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 other than the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors is prohibited on all dress or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

**d. *General***

All identifications should be firmly attached at all points on the clothing or equipment.

No identification shall be permitted on player's clothing or equipment that promotes/displays betting companies, tobacco or e-cigarette products, alcohol products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors or that, in the opinion of the ITF Supervisor, shares a clear visual likeness with any such entity so that the identification could reasonably be mistaken for such entity.

No identification shall be permitted that violates any applicable governmental regulation with respect to television even if it would otherwise be permitted by the above.

For the purposes of this rule, the manufacturer means the manufacturer of the item of clothing or equipment.

Tennis Equipment Manufacturer. The tennis equipment manufacturer is the entity that distributes, or offers for sale, tennis racquets, clothing, strings, or shoes.

Clothing Manufacturer- Clothing manufacturer is the corporate or product identification, trademarks (regardless of registration status) or other recognizable names presented in the form of a logo or mark on the clothing product in question.

Commercial Identification. Corporate or product identification other than the manufacturer of the item, including social media usernames, hashtags, and URLs.

In addition, the size limitation shall be ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to a player's clothing without regard to the colour of the same. In determining area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle shall be drawn around the same and the size of the patch for the purpose of this Rule shall be the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be.

### **3. Warm-up Clothing**

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the ITF Supervisor prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

### **4. Taping**

No taping over of logos/patches shall be allowed.

### **D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME**

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds shall elapse from when the last player arrives to his seat on court until the players are ready for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire. This will be followed immediately by the warm-up period of five (5) minutes. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match.

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 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 violation of this Section, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation, 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"

In each case, the Chair Umpire/Supervisor may determine that an extension of time is necessary and/or decide not to impose any penalty.

When a violation is 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.

#### **E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY (AOB)**

Players shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. If such violation occurs 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 a 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.

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 Court Officials or spectators.

#### **F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY (VOB)**

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs 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 a 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.

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.

#### **G. VERBAL ABUSE (VA)**

Players shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs 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 a 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.

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 (PhA)**

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs 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 a 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.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of a Court Official, opponent, spectator or other person.

#### **I. ABUSE OF BALLS (BA)**

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). If such violation occurs 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 a 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.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally or recklessly 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 (RA)**

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs 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 a 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.

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 (CC)**

Players shall not receive on-court coaching during a match (including the warm-up).

Off court coaching (“OCC”) (as defined in the Rules of Tennis) is permitted at Qualifying and Main Draw events within ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J100, J200, J300, J500 and Junior Grand Slams. This applies to matches with and without a Chair Umpire.

Off-Court coaching is permitted for matches with a Chair Umpire at J30 and J60 tournaments. For avoidance of doubt, off-court coaching is not permitted at qualifying or main draw matches within J30 and J60 tournaments that do not have a Chair Umpire. Any violation will be subject to the Code of Conduct. Off-Court coaching is subject to the other conditions outlined in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Off Court Coaching Procedures [linked HERE](#).

In all other matches, players shall not receive on-court or off-court coaching during a match (including the warm-up). Players shall also prohibit their coaches (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site, (2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or of the officiating thereof.

If such violation occurs 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 a 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 and the ITF Supervisor may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and may declare an immediate default of such player.

For the purposes of this Rule, a “coach” shall also include any representative and/or relative of a player.

## **L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (UnC)**

Players 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. If such violation occurs 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 a 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.

For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Competition, the ITF or the sport of tennis. 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 tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

#### **M. BEST EFFORTS (BE)**

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

For purposes of this Rule, the ITF Supervisor and/or Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. 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.

#### **N. LEAVING THE COURT (LC)**

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor. A player who violates this section may be defaulted by the ITF Supervisor and subjected to the additional penalties for “Failure to complete a match” as hereafter set forth.

#### **O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH (FCM)**

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so. A player who violates this section may be defaulted forthwith by the ITF Supervisor.

If a doubles team fails to complete a match in progress, the ITF Supervisor shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this Section.

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”.

#### **P. LEAVING THE TOURNAMENT (LT)**

Any player that leaves a tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, or retires from a tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the tournament doctor), will forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that tournament and be subject to the penalties set forth in Section X. Suspension Points.

If a doubles team fails to complete the tournament, the ITF Supervisor shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this Section.

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”.

#### **Q. CEREMONIES (CER)**

A player participating in the finals of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament event must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he is reasonably unable to do so.

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”.

#### **R. MEDIA CONFERENCE (MC)**

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the post-match media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended or otherwise modified by the ITF Supervisor for good cause.

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”.

#### **S. 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 ITF Supervisor shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

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

#### **T. DEFAULTS**

The ITF Supervisor 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 ITF Supervisor shall be final and unappealable.

Subject to the exceptions specified below, any player who is defaulted shall be subject to the following additional penalties:

- a. Loss of all points earned for that event at that tournament, and
- b. At the ITF Supervisor’s discretion, default from all other events, if any, in that tournament

The exceptions to the additional penalties set out above are:

- a. The Player or team was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article III. B and C, or



- b. The Player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition, or
- c. The Player's doubles partner committed the Code Violation which caused the default.

Default of a player from the remainder of the tournament or competition may include at the ITF Supervisor's discretion the removal of accreditation and denial of access to the site. A default as a result of a violation by a Team Member / person other than a player may subject that person to removal of accreditation, and at the ITF Supervisor's discretion, denial of access to the site.

## **U. DOUBLES EVENTS**

### **Warnings/Point Penalties/Game Penalties/Defaults**

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

## **V. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Supervisor 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 punishment, other than under the Point Penalty Schedule, and give written notice thereof to the player.

## **W. APPEALS**

Any player found to have committed an On-Site Offence may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under Article III. V. Determination and Penalty (but not any point penalties or defaults) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing using the form prescribed by the ITF and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the player is notified of the violation (the "Notice of Appeal"). The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player wishes to submit.

## **X. SUSPENSION POINTS**

Suspension points shall be recorded against a player for the following:

	<b>Suspension Points</b>
a) Late withdrawal	
13-7 days (14:00 GMT) before Monday of Main Draw week	1
7 days before the Monday of Main Draw week to Freeze Deadline	2
After Freeze Deadline before Qualifying Sign-In Deadline	3
After Qualifying Sign-in Deadline and before 1 <sup>st</sup> match	4
b) No Show / Failure to withdraw	6
c) For first warning given	1
d) For warning + point penalty	2
e) For warning + point penalty + first game penalty	3
f) For warning + point penalty + second game penalty	4
g) For any subsequent game penalty	+1

h) Default after any of the above	+1
i) Any Default for a single violation of the Code (Immediate Default)	6
j) Any Default for punctuality	4
k) Leaving the Tournament	5

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may reduce or waive the suspension points on appeal.

Any player receiving a total of ten (10) suspension points within one 52-week period shall be suspended from competing in ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournaments for a period of four (4) weeks. At the Notice of Appeal Deadline, the suspended player will be removed from the entry list of any tournament entered that is due to take place during the period of suspension, and prevented from entering any tournament due to take place during the period of suspension. Once the period of suspension has been served, the ten (10) points will be deducted from the player's suspension points total. Should a player have more than ten (10) suspension points when he/she commences his/her period of suspension, the balance of the points will be carried over.

The suspension shall commence from a date to be specified by the ITF, which shall take into account the time required to notify the player's National Association and all other relevant parties.

The ITF is responsible for notifying the National Associations and entry authorities of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments of any suspension incurred by a player.

Supervisors of ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments shall be in breach of the regulations governing these tournaments if they allow any player appearing on the suspension list sent to them by the ITF to play. Such players will be red flagged in the Tournament Planner system.

## **ARTICLE IV: MAJOR OFFENCES**

### **A. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR**

No player or Related Person at any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors event 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 an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors event, or is singularly egregious.
3. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period 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 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors.

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.

Any player who, directly or indirectly, receives money in exchange for his/her participation in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament shall be in violation of this section.

Violation of this section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament, event or circuit, ITF Junior Team Competitions and Regional Junior Tour tournaments organized by any Regional Association.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit, ITF Junior Team Competitions and Regional Junior Tour tournaments organized by any Regional Association.

### **B. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME**

No player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. If a player or Related Person is convicted of a violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and the ITF may provisionally suspend such player from further participation in ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments and ITF Junior Team Competitions pending a final determination in Section E. In addition, if a player or Related Person has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis 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 the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

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

#### **C. WAGERS**

No Player or Related Person may wager anything of value in connection with any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a Player to a suspension from play in ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments (and any other ITF sanctioned events) for a period of up to three (3) years. Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments (and any other ITF sanctioned events).

#### **D. BRIBES OR OTHER PAYMENTS**

No Player or Related Person may offer, give, solicit, or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any Player's efforts or participation in any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a Player to a suspension from play in ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments (and any other ITF sanctioned events) for a period of up to three (3) years. Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments (and any other ITF sanctioned events).

#### **E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF will investigate all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence. All Players and Related Persons must cooperate fully with such investigations. The ITF may make a written demand to a Player or Related Person (a "Demand") to furnish to the ITF any information that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of a Major Offence, including (without limitation) requiring the Player or other 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 business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article IV.E, the ITF forms the view that a Player or Related Person has a case to answer for commission of a Major Offence, the ITF shall send a written notice to the Player or Related Person (the "Notice of Charge") 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; and
- (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;
- (d) if the Player or Related Person wishes to exercise his/her right to a hearing before the Independent Tribunal, he/she 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.

### **Provisional Suspension**

At the time, afterwards, or before, it issues a Notice of Charge, the ITF 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 Competition, the ITF, and/or the sport of tennis.

Where a Provisional Suspension is imposed, the ITF 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/her 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 ITF decides not to impose a Provisional Suspension, 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/her acceptance in writing to the ITF, in a form acceptable to the ITF.

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 any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF.

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 ITF) 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 ITF), 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/her right to a hearing, the matter shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal and shall be resolved in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules.

### **F. APPEAL**

The ITF, the Player and/or the Related Person may appeal the Independent Tribunal's decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The appeal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration, in the English language, and shall be governed by English Law.

#### **G. COMMENCEMENT OF PENALTY**

A suspension imposed on a Player for a Major Offence shall take effect from the later of the following, unless specified otherwise by the Independent Tribunal or the ITF when issuing the suspension:

- a) the date of notification by the ITF or Independent Tribunal;
- b) if the player is participating in a Tournament on the date of the notification, the day after he/she finishes competing in that Tournament.

The revocation of accreditation or denial of access to all ITF tournaments, events or circuits imposed on a Related Person shall take effect immediately upon notification.

Any breach by a player or Related Person of the terms of their sanction under this Article IV.G shall be referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and dealt with pursuant to clause 5 of the *Procedural Rules governing an Internal Adjudication Panel convened under ITF Rules*.

### **ARTICLE V: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (COVERED PERSONS)**

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF introduced an obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols including without limitation the Minimum Standards of Behaviour (the “Protocols”).

The ITF reserves the right at any time to reintroduce the obligation on Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols. The ITF’s decision to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols shall be made entirely at the ITF’s discretion and shall be made without any obligation to notify Covered Persons, National Associations, Regional Associations or other governing bodies.

In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols, the provisions in Article V. A, B and C below shall apply.

#### **A. MINIMUM STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR**

All Covered Persons shall comply with the Protocols. Any failure to comply with the Protocols shall amount to a violation of this Article V. Violation of this Article V may result in the following sanctions:

- (i) For a player: one or more point penalties in accordance with the Suspension Points Schedule pursuant to Article III.X (Suspension Points) or an Immediate Default and six (6) suspension points in accordance with Article III.T (Defaults). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule at Article III.S.

One violation of this Article V.A that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or is singularly egregious, or a series of two (2) or more violations of this Article V.A within a twelve (12) month period which when viewed together establish

a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the tournament may also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”;

- (ii) For a Related Person or any other Covered Person: immediate revocation of accreditation and denial of access to the tournament. One or more violations which are singularly or collectively flagrant or egregious or detrimental or injurious to the tournament may also result in permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF tournaments, competitions and events as determined by the ITF.

## **B. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding an alleged violation of Article V.A. Upon determining that a violation has occurred, the ITF Supervisor shall specify the sanction(s) to be imposed and give written notice thereof to the Covered Person. The ITF Supervisor shall not revoke a Covered Person’s entry and/or access to an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament without first consulting the ITF Senior Executive Director save where the immediate revocation of entry and/or access to a tournament is, in the reasonable opinion of the ITF Supervisor, necessary to preserve the health and safety of other Covered Persons.

## **C. APPEAL**

Any Covered Person found to have committed an offence under Article V.A may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under section A. above (but not any Immediate Default issued to a player) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing, using the form prescribed by the ITF and must be filed with the ITF by 17:00 (5.00pm) GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the Covered Person is notified of the violation. The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the Covered Person as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the Covered Person wishes to submit.

## **ARTICLE VI: MEDICAL CONTROL - ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

Any Player, Player Support Personnel or other Person who enters or participates in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2026.

The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2026 is set out in full on the ITF website (<https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/anti-doping/>) and in a separate rulebook that is published and distributed by the ITF to all National Associations. The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2026 is also available upon application.



## **ARTICLE VII: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES**

### **A. APPLICABILITY**

This Article shall apply to each ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament and Applicant. References in this Article to a “Tournament” shall hereafter mean an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament or applicant for such a tournament, and where applicable refers to the legal entity (personal or corporate) that is administering, operating or otherwise organising the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament.

### **B. GUARANTEES**

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of a Tournament shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall such a Tournament permit any other person or entity to offer, give or pay money or anything of value to a player, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player’s appearance at a Tournament. Violation of this Section shall subject the Tournament to disqualification and loss of sanction. In the event the ITF Senior Executive Director believes that a Tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the Tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Senior Executive Director or his agent access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating in any way to such alleged guarantee, or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the ITF Senior Executive Director.

### **C. WILD CARDS**

No Tournament, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a maximum fine of US\$5,000, downgrade and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### **D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME**

No Tournament, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport. Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a maximum fine of US\$5,000, downgrade and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### **E. ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS RULES**

No Tournament shall violate any provisions of these ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Rules. Violation of this Section shall subject the Tournament to a maximum fine of US\$5,000, downgrade, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF, and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### **F. LATE CANCELLATION**

No Tournament shall cancel less than nine (9) weeks prior to the scheduled commencement of the event.

Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$5,000, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred, downgrade and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

#### **G. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF introduced an obligation for Tournaments to comply with the *ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols* including without limitation the *Minimum Standards of Behaviour* (the “Protocols”).

The ITF reserves the right at any time to reintroduce the obligation for Tournaments to comply with the Protocols, which shall be a decision made entirely at the ITF’s discretion and shall be made without any obligation to notify Tournaments, National Associations, Regional Associations or other governing bodies.

In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation, Tournaments shall comply with the Protocols. Any failure to comply with the Protocols shall amount to a violation of this Article VII.G. Violation of this Article VII.G shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$5,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid or due to the ITF, an order for reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred by Covered Persons, withdrawal of its sanction and/or denial of subsequent applications to host.

#### **H. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Tournament Offence by a Tournament and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the Tournament involved. The Tournament must cooperate fully with such investigations.

The ITF may make a written demand to a Tournament (a "Demand") to furnish to the ITF any information that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of a Tournament Offence, including (without limitation) requiring the Tournament to attend an interview and/or to provide a written statement setting forth its knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The Tournament must furnish such information within seven business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article VII.H, the ITF forms the view that a Tournament has a case to answer for commission of a Tournament Offence, the ITF shall send a written notice to the Tournament (the “Notice of Charge”) setting out:

- (a) the Tournament 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 Tournament Offence has been committed; and
- (c) the Tournament’s entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:
  - (i) to admit the Tournament Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;
  - (ii) to admit the Tournament 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 Tournament Offence(s) charged, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the charge and (if the charge is upheld) any consequences, at a hearing;

(d) if the Tournament wishes to exercise its right to a hearing before the Independent Tribunal, it 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 Tournament's receipt of the Notice. The request must also state how the Tournament 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 Tournament will be deemed to have admitted the Tournament 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 Tournament admits the Tournament 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 Tournament Offence(s) and the imposition of the specified consequences, and shall send a copy of the decision to the tournament.

### **Hearing**

If the tournament charged exercises its right to a hearing, the matter shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal and shall be resolved in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules.

### **I. PAYMENT OF FINES**

All fines levied for Tournament Offences shall be paid by the Tournament to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice of the fine.

### **J. APPEALS**

Any Tournament found to have committed a Tournament Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, appeal the decision of the Independent Tribunal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The appeal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration, in the English language, and shall be governed by English Law.

## **ARTICLE VIII: WELFARE POLICY**

Covered Persons (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy) that attend and/or participate on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix E.

## ARTICLE IX: RECIPROCITY & INFORMATION SHARING

Defined terms used in this Appendix are:

- (a) Tennis Organisation means any organisation involved in the governance, regulation, sanctioning, organization, or administration of tennis, including but not limited to the Women's Tennis Association, Association of Tennis Professionals, Grand Slam Tennis (Grand Slam Tennis is the body responsible for co-ordination between the four Grand Slam tournaments), and each member national association;
- (b) Disciplinary Sanction means a suspension, ineligibility or other sanction issued against a Covered Person (as defined in Appendix E - ITF Welfare Policy) pursuant to a conduct or disciplinary process, under a code of conduct or disciplinary policy (including where some or all of the sanction is suspended, but strictly excluding monetary fines);
- (c) Reciprocate means the affirmation, modification or extension of a Disciplinary Sanction;

The ITF reserves the right to ask the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to Reciprocate with respect to any or all Tournaments and/or Competitions referred to under these Regulations, a Disciplinary Sanction issued by or on behalf of the ITF, any other Tennis Organisation or other relevant authority.

When considering whether to Reciprocate a Disciplinary Sanction, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will have regard to the following matters:

- i. Whether the Disciplinary Sanction was so unreasonable as to be manifestly excessive or unduly lenient;
- ii. Whether the disciplinary proceedings that resulted in the Disciplinary Sanction were procedurally unfair or contrary to natural justice, having regard to all the circumstances.

A decision by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to Reciprocate a Disciplinary Sanction may be appealed by the Covered Person to the Independent Tribunal, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the Independent Tribunal's decision).

The ITF shall have the right in its absolute discretion to share information concerning any complaint against a Covered Person with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any Tennis Organisation or any other relevant authorities. The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities they consider appropriate in their absolute discretion. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of any investigation being conducted by any Tennis Organisation and/or any relevant authority.

Without prejudice to the ability of the ITF to exercise the powers set out above, the ITF requires a National Association and requests other Tennis Organisations to inform the ITF in the event that it imposes a Disciplinary Sanction of 6 months or longer (or of equivalent or greater seriousness).

## **ARTICLE X: INTERPRETATIONS**

Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction.

## **ARTICLE XI: NOTICE**

All written communications to the ITF Senior Executive Director or Executive Director, ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

ITF Senior Executive Director (ITF Tours & Player Pathway)  
and/or Executive Director, ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors (as applicable)  
Email address: Juniors@itftennis.com

Tel: (44) 20 8878 6464

Fax: (44) 20 8392 4737

### **A. PLAYER**

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served electronically upon them. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if sent to the subject player at their registered email address or other email address designated by the player.

### **B. TOURNAMENT**

Service of any document on an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament as required by this Code shall be deemed complete if sent via email to the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament Director along with a copy to the relevant National Association.

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

This ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Code of Conduct may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may grant dispensation from, modify, waive or otherwise alter this ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Code of Conduct or its application in extraordinary circumstances.

## **APPENDIX D**

### **MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS**

#### **MEDICAL**

##### **A. Medical Condition**

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist (as defined in the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards*) 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.
  - Any medical condition requiring oxygen, unless prior medical approval has been given by the ITF. Except as permitted by this provision, the use of supplemental oxygen is not permitted at any time, for any reason.

##### **B. Medical Evaluation**

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, 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 ITF Supervisor 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 Physiotherapist/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. However, at non-professional events, the ITF Supervisor may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness 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 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 Physiotherapist/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 or set-break treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor 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 ITF Supervisor 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 penalised 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 should be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Physiotherapist/Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, 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 ITF Supervisor 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 vomiting has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Sports Physiotherapist should determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting 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) 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 should 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 ITF Supervisor of their determination (only disclosing medical information to which the player has consented). Upon receipt of such report from the Tournament Doctor, the ITF Supervisor 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 ITF Supervisor 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 ITF Supervisor accordingly. At the discretion of the ITF Supervisor, 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 tournament by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Tournament Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

## EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND LIGHTNING

### a. Definitions

#### Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play

Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is defined as when the Web-Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) on court meets or exceeds 30.1°C (86.2°F). If the WBGT cannot be measured, then the Heat Index should be calculated using the chart below, and Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 34.0°C (93.2°F).

#### Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play

Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the WBGT on court meets or exceeds 32.2°C (90.0°F). If the WBGT cannot be measured, then the Heat Index should be calculated using the chart below, and Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 40.1°C (104.2°F).

Air temperature											
	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.3°C 110°F	46.1°C 115°F	48.9°C 120°F
Relative humidity	Heat Index (combined index of air temperature and relative humidity)										
<b>0%</b>	17.8°C 64°F	20.6°C 69°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.3°C 83°F	30.6°C 87°F	32.8°C 91°F	35°C 95°F	37.2°C 99°F	39.4°C 103°F	41.7°C 107°F
<b>10%</b>	18.3°C 65°F	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.9°C 111°F	46.7°C 116°F
<b>20%</b>	18.9°C 66°F	22.2°C 72°F	25°C 77°F	27.8°C 82°F	30.6°C 87°F	33.9°C 93°F	37.2°C 99°F	40.6°C 105°F	44.4°C 112°F	48.9°C 120°F	54.4°C 130°F
<b>30%</b>	19.4°C 67°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.9°C 84°F	32.2°C 90°F	35.6°C 96°F	40.1°C 104.2°F	45°C 113°F	50.6°C 123°F	57.2°C 135°F	64.4°C 148°F

<b>40%</b>	20°C 68°F	23.3° C 74°F	26.1° C 79°F	30°C 86°F	33.9° C 93°F	38.3° C 101°F	43.3° C 110°F	50.6° C 123°F	58.3° C 137°F	66.1° C 151°F	
<b>50%</b>	20.6° C 69°F	23.9° C 75°F	27.2° C 81°F	31.1° C 88°F	35.6° C 96°F	41.7° C 107°F	48.9° C 120°F	57.2° C 135°F	65.6° C 150°F		
<b>60%</b>	21.1° C 70°F	24.4° C 76°F	27.8° C 82°F	32.2° C 90°F	37.8° C 100°F	45.6° C 114°F	55.6° C 132°F	65°C 149°F			
<b>70%</b>	21.1° C 70°F	25°C 77°F	29.4° C 85°F	33.9° C 93°F	41.1° C 106°F	51.1° C 124°F	62.2° C 144°F				
<b>80%</b>	21.7° C 71°F	25.6° C 78°F	30°C 86°F	36.1° C 97°F	45°C 113°F	57.8° C 136°F					
<b>90%</b>	21.7° C 71°F	26.1° C 79°F	31.1° C 88°F	38.9° C 102°F	50°C 122°F						

b. Measurement Procedure

The WBGT or Heat Index should be measured at least three (3) times daily by the ITF Supervisor or his/her designee. Ideally, measurements should be taken every 2 hours, but a minimum three (3) readings should be taken at the following times:

1. 30 minutes before match play begins;
2. Middle of the scheduled day's play; and
3. Just prior to beginning the last match of the day, or just prior to the start of the first evening session match.

The WBGT or Heat Index should also be measured under the following circumstances:

1. Following any suspension of play; and
2. At the discretion of the ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Physiotherapist.

Details on the measurement of WBGT and Heat Index are provided in the current edition of the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards for Tennis Tournaments*.

c. Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play

When the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met before the start or resumption of a match, the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) should be followed. For the avoidance of doubt, the ITF Supervisor has the discretion to apply the procedures set out in sub-section (d) at a WBGT or Heat Index below the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of

Play criterion, if in his or her opinion it is required in the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, spectators or others.

If there is a change in weather conditions and the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met while a match is in progress, as determined by the periodic monitoring set out above in sub-section (b), the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) should be followed on all courts, including matches already in progress. Once notified that the Extreme Weather Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met, the Chair Umpire must inform the players at the next change of ends or set break.

If there is a change in weather conditions and the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is no longer met, as determined by the periodic monitoring set out above in sub-section (b), those matches already in progress should continue to follow the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) until they are completed or suspended.

d. Modification of Play Procedures (Singles and Doubles)

A 10-minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets (in a best of 3 tie-break sets match only) if one or more of the players requests such a break. If neither/none of the players requests such a break, then play will continue.

However, if a match has already resumed following the suspension of play and one set was completed before the suspension of play (in a best of 3 tie-break sets match), the 10-minute break will no longer be available, unless otherwise decided by the ITF Supervisor.

The ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist, may choose to delay the starting time for matches until such a time as the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is no longer met.

i. During the 10-minute break:

a. No coaching is allowed.

b. A Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment is not allowed, unless approved by the ITF Supervisor. This would normally be restricted to requests for the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist that are made on-court to the Chair Umpire, or were already agreed before the end of the second set (in a best of 3 sets match). However, a player is allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or medical advice from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist during the 10-minute break.

- ii. Immediately following the 10-minute break:
  - a. Any delay in resumption of play will subject a player to Time Violations (Warning, Point Penalties only apply).
  - b. No re-warm up is allowed.
  - c. A player is not allowed to receive a Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment, unless approved by the ITF Supervisor.
- iii. Consecutive Breaks

An Extreme Weather Condition: Modification of Play 10-minute break and a Bathroom/Change of Attire break cannot be taken consecutively.

- e. Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play (Singles and Doubles)

When the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met before the start or resumption of a match, the start or resumption of play should be suspended until Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is no longer met. If a game is in progress when the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met, play should be suspended at the end of that game. Once the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is no longer met, the ITF Supervisor should give the players reasonable notice of the time at which play will resume. For the avoidance of doubt, the ITF Supervisor has the discretion to suspend play at a WBGT or Heat Index below the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion, if in his or her opinion it is required in the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, spectators or others.

- f. Lightning

The ITF Supervisor or his/her designee is responsible for monitoring the local weather for lightning. The ITF Supervisor has the authority to suspend play when a thunderstorm appears imminent (for instance if lightning is sighted and thunder occurs in 30 seconds or less). Everyone on-site should be advised to seek appropriate shelter immediately. Play should not resume until the likelihood of a lightning strike has passed (as a guideline, at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike is seen and the last sound of thunder is heard). Additional information on thunderstorms and lightning is provided in the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards for Tennis Tournaments*.

#### **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.

In a doubles match, each team is entitled to two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) break. If only one player leaves the court, it also counts as one (1) break. These breaks may be taken for toilet visits, change of attire (girls' matches), or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet/change of attire break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether the opponent has left the court. Any toilet/change of attire break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks. Toilet breaks taken not on a set break will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the point penalty schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time.

The ITF Supervisor shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break if it is interpreted by the ITF Supervisor as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules.

A player should not take a toilet/change of attire break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the ITF Supervisor. A player may change her attire during a toilet break.

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

## **APPENDIX E**

### **WELFARE POLICY**

A “**Covered Person**” is bound by all sections of this Welfare Policy, and is defined as any person who:

- Receives accreditation and/or otherwise competes, coaches, officiates, works at, or otherwise participates in any tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Holds a valid player registration to enter or compete in any ITF tennis tournament (**Player**);
- Is a parent, legal guardian or chaperone of a Player;
- Is a coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, therapist or any other Person supporting, working with, treating or assisting any Player participating in or preparing to participate in a tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Attends, or is a resident or is employed at, an ITF Regional Training Centre;
- Is a member of an ITF Touring Team in any capacity;
- Is an ITF employee or ITF-appointed consultant;
- Holds an ITF or ITF-recognised Officiating or Coaching qualification or certification;
- Attends, whether by payment or otherwise, any ITF tournament, event or activity; or
- Acts as an ITF contractor or volunteer or is involved in the administration of or preparation for any of the above.

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/>*

**Section C.****Adult Safeguarding Policy**

*Published separately and available in full on the ITF website at*

*<https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>*

**Section D.****Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures**

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## **APPENDIX F**

### **ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE**

#### **1. ITF Junior Age Eligibility Chart**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of tournaments permitted</b>
<b>18</b>	Unrestricted
<b>17</b>	Unrestricted
<b>16</b>	25
<b>15</b>	<u>18</u> (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
<b>14</b>	14 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
<b>13</b>	10 (unless player achieves a top 50 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
<b>11/12</b>	0

#### **NOTES**

1. The number of tournaments permitted is counted between the date of a player's birthday and the day before their next birthday, not between 1 January and 31 December.
2. Participation in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament includes singles and/or doubles and/or qualifying.
3. Minors under the age of thirteen (13) shall not be eligible for entry.
4. The number of tournaments permitted by the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule is in addition to the number of professional tournaments permitted by the Age Eligibility Rule (please refer to ITF World Tennis Tour Regulations, and WTA Regulations for details on the Age Eligibility Rule.)

For the purposes of this Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used.

**APPENDIX G**  
**AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES**

**COMPETITION FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 12 AND UNDER:-**

The following rules set forth eligibility rules and restrictions for competitions and other events (including Games) for players who are 12 and under:

- a) There shall be no 11 and under, no 10 and under and no 9 and under (or younger) age category international or regional individual or team competitions. Only regional festival type activities sanctioned by a Regional Association may be held for players who have reached their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the event start date.
- b) In any calendar year players may only compete in a maximum of ten tournaments for 12 and under events sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the \*USTA and Tennis Canada.
- c) Players under the age of 10 shall not be eligible for entry into any international individual tournament, team competition, or games sanctioned by a Regional Association, a National Association and/or any other national or international organisation. In accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used. Players are allowed to play in a 12 and under event from the year they turn 10 years of age, and have reached their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw, until the year the player turns 12 years of age.
- d) Players are eligible to compete in tournaments for players aged 14 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the \*USTA and Tennis Canada in the year they turn 11 years of age, and have reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw, until the year the player turns 14 years of age, but participation in such tournaments will count towards the maximum of ten events permitted;
- e) Competition for players 12 and under organised by a Regional Association must be a team competition.
- f) Players aged 12 and under shall not compete in 16 and under international or regional individual or team competitions.
- g) There shall be no international or regional rankings for players aged 12 and under.
- h) The ITF World Tennis Number, as a global rating measure, is permitted to be used as part of the criteria of acceptances at 12&U, 14&U, 16&U regional tournaments at the discretion of the sanctioning body and to support a tournament committee with seedings.

- i) There shall be no World Championship, team or individual, for players aged 12 and under. The title 'World Champion' (or any similar title) shall not be awarded to a player winning an event restricted to players who are 12 and under.

\*Note: For the purpose of this Rule only National Championships in the USA and in Canada count as tournaments covered.

#### **TEAM COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 14 AND UNDER**

The following Rules are applicable to all international team competitions worldwide for players in 14 and under age group events.

Competitors for these competitions in 2026, 2027 and 2028, including the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition, must have been born between the following eligible birth years and must have reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the first day of Competition:

##### **Competition    Eligible Birth Years**

<u>2026</u>	<u>2012-2015</u>
<u>2027</u>	<u>2013-2016</u>
<u>2028</u>	<u>2014-2017</u>

#### **TEAM COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 16 AND UNDER**

The following Rules are applicable to all international team competitions worldwide for players in 16 and under age group events. No competitor may participate who is still eligible for 12 and under age group events.

Competitors for these competitions in 2026, 2027 and 2028, including the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors, must have been born between the following eligible birth years and have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the first day of Competition:

##### **Competition                      Eligible Birth Years**

<u>2026</u>	<u>2010-2013</u>
<u>2027</u>	<u>2011-2014</u>
<u>2028</u>	<u>2012-2015</u>

**APPENDIX H**  
**16 & UNDER WTN REGIONAL RESERVED PROJECT**

Players that meet the following criteria will be eligible for 16U WTN Regional Reserved place, to the extent set out in the table below:

- i) Aged 16 & Under (born 2010 or later for 2026 WTTJ Tournaments)
- ii) from the same region in which the tournament is taking place
- iii) with a WTN\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Number of WTN Feed-Up places</u>	<u>Minimum WTN required at Entry Deadline</u>
<u>J500</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>J300</u>	<u>One (1) place</u>	<u>15.99 (Boys) / 17.99 (Girls)</u>
<u>J200</u>	<u>Two (2) places</u>	<u>17.99 (Boys) / 19.99 (Girls)</u>
<u>J100</u>	<u>Two (2) places</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>J60</u>	<u>Two (2) places</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>J30</u>	<u>Two (2) places</u>	<u>N/A</u>

\*Players must have a WTN confidence level of 50% or better for the WTN to be counted as part of the acceptance process for ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments.

Players must enter the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament through IPIN as is standard process. Unless otherwise stated in the table above players are permitted to use their WTN for entry into an unlimited number of tournaments, in accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rules set out in Appendix F.

16&U WTN Regional Reserved Alternates will replace any 16&U WTN Regional Reserved Direct Acceptances that withdraw from the WTN Regional Reserved list before the Freeze Deadline. Any vacancies in the WTN Regional Reserved places that become available after the Freeze Deadline will be filled by the next eligible entered player, according to Regulation 43, Criteria for Acceptances.

**APPENDIX I**  
**SEEDING COMPARISON CHART**

The following chart should be used to compare players with professional ranking against players with ITF Junior rankings for seeding purposes in both singles and doubles. If two players are on the same line of the chart ITF Junior Ranking has priority. If two players are both seeded based on a professional ranking on the same line of the chart, the player with the higher ITF Junior Ranking has priority.

Example:

Seed 1 – ITF Junior Ranking No.2

Seed 2 – ATP Ranking 275

Seed 3 – ITF Junior Ranking No.3

For doubles seeding, a player with a professional ranking is considered the equal of the lowest ITF Junior Ranking in the same group. For example, a player with an ATP ranking of 501-550 is considered the equal of a player with an ITF Junior Ranking of 12.

<b>ITF JUNIOR RANKING</b>	<b>ATP</b>	<b>ITF JUNIOR RANKING</b>	<b>WTA</b>
1	-250	1	-150
2	251-350	2	151-175
3-4	351-450	3-4	176-200
5-6	451-500	5-6	201-225
7-12	501-550	7-8	226-250
13-18	551-600	9-11	251-275
19-24	601-650	12-14	276-300
25-30	651-700	15-19	301-325
31-35	701-750	20-24	326-350
36-		25-29	351-375
		30-35	376-400
		36-	

**APPENDIX J**  
**TRANSGENDER PLAYERS**

The ITF will deal with any cases involving transgender and non-binary players in accordance with the principles set out in the ITF Gender Eligibility Policy, which can be found on the ITF website: <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>

**APPENDIX K**  
**DATA RIGHTS**

1. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following ascribed meanings:

<b>“APPROVED PAT”</b>	means any system of player analysis technology that is approved by ITF (which may include a Eligible ELC System).
<b>“DATA RIGHTS”</b>	shall mean the right to in any way use or create or assemble official data including without limitation the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all official data including but not limited to the live scoring rights.
<b>“ELC DATA”</b>	means any data collected, generated or derived from a Eligible ELC System.
<b>“ELIGIBLE ELC SYSTEM”</b>	means an electronic line calling system that: (i) is an Approved PAT; (ii) is classified by the ITF or Joint ELC Committee (as applicable to the level of classification); and (iii) has been approved by ITF for use at the relevant Tournament.
<b>“MATCH PERIOD”</b>	shall mean in respect of each match the period commencing at the start of that match and expiring 30 seconds after conclusion of the last game in said match.
<b>“LIVE SCORING RIGHTS”</b>	shall mean the right to exercise data rights during the applicable match period.
<b>“OFFICIAL DATA”</b>	shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring (including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incident such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc.) And/or other statistical information relating to the competition, any match and/or the participants therein, howsoever generated and including without limitation PAT data;
<b>“PAT DATA”</b>	shall mean player performance analysis data and/or other data or information (and any analysis derived from that data or information) that is collected during an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament (“Tournament”) and by means of an Approved PAT in accordance with these

Regulations (including this Appendix M). PAT Data can include ELC Data.

## 2. Data rights

The ITF will have the exclusive right to exercise the data rights including without limitation the live scoring rights in respect of any and all matches and/or any and all elements of the competition. Each host organiser will assist the ITF in its efforts to exercise the data rights.

ITF hereby confirms that each host organiser may on a royalty free basis use official data by the following means:

- (a) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data in official publications and on official websites, mobile applications and/or other media outlets **provided that** any such use takes place after the applicable match period and is for non-gambling purposes;
- (b) the right to supply the official data excluding PAT data to official sponsors **provided that** any such supply takes place after the match period and is for non-gambling purposes; and
- (c) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data for in-venue purposes (including by way of example and not limitation on in-venue scoreboards) before the expiry of the match period for non-gambling purposes;

In addition the host organiser of an event and (if applicable) the licensees of traditional broadcast television in the host country may use official data in their live and/or delayed transmissions of that event provided that (i) such use is an integral part of the transmission of the television signal of the event; (ii) the official data is not used in connection with gambling or for gambling purposes; and (iii) the official data used relates only to the event which is being broadcast.

In addition ITF confirms that where ITF provides a live score centre of any match on the ITF website the host organiser may request ITF's permission to incorporate a link on their respective official websites that enables viewers to access and view such live score centre. ITF will not unreasonably refuse any request to incorporate such a link provided that the link is incorporated in accordance with ITF directions.

All other rights to use or create or assemble official data or in any way to exercise the data rights are reserved exclusively to ITF and may be exploited by ITF at its sole election, save for as provided at Regulation 65 (Television, Recording and Radio Rights) of the Regulations.

## 3. Data rights protection

Host organiser shall not allow or authorise the dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data from the venue.



The use of laptop computers, mobile phones or other handheld electronic devices within the venues to collate, collect, use, store, reproduce, onward supply or make available any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data or for purposes relating to gambling shall be prohibited and each host organiser national association shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition (including without limitation by means of venue regulations, ticket conditions and accreditation terms), **save for incidental use within editorial reporting**. The exception to this provision is host organiser and/or ITF credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

The host organiser shall co-operate with the ITF in relation to:

- Any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the exercise, collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> party) of live scoring rights;
- Any measures that the ITF takes to protect the exclusivity of live scoring rights and the prevention of any unauthorised collation, collection, use, storage, reproduction, onward supply or making available of official data.

#### 4. Use of Approved PAT

National Associations shall be entitled to use Approved PAT at their Tournaments, and Players and coaches shall be entitled to use their own Approved PAT in matches which they participate in, in each case provided that: (i) they notify and obtain prior written approval of the ITF in advance of each Tournament where they are seeking to use an Approved PAT; and (ii) their use of the Approved PAT and PAT Data generated therefrom complies at all times with the terms of these Regulations (including this Appendix M).

Players and coaches are not allowed to operate their own Eligible ELC Systems but they shall be entitled to use Eligible ELC Systems operated by the ITF or any National Association in accordance with these Regulations.

#### 5. PAT data exploitation

If ITF authorises use of an Approved PAT which generates ELC Data it may also agree that such ELC Data can be used by the relevant National Association for officiating purposes in respect of a match or Tournament, and the National Association shall comply with any directions or additional terms and conditions ITF may require in relation to such use.

Otherwise, use of PAT Data by any National Association, Player or coach shall be subject to the following conditions:

- i. PAT data shall only be used for internal analysis and coaching purposes of the respective player (or in the case of a National Association, players under their jurisdiction) and such use shall be strictly subject to Rule 31 of the Rules of Tennis.

- ii. Each National Association, coach or player who collects PAT Data shall (and shall procure that any technology provider or service operator involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT data on their behalf shall:
  - a) Not publish, use or otherwise exploit any PAT data or supply any PAT data to third parties for any purposes other than as described in above or that have otherwise been pre-approved in writing by ITF and shall take such steps as ITF may reasonably require to prevent any unauthorised access to and/or use of such PAT Data, in particular but without limitation no PAT data or product derived therefrom shall be used or supplied to any third party for any purpose related to betting;
  - b) Ensure that ITF shall be able to access free of charge any and all such PAT data live and/or delayed at the venue of the match and/or such other point as may be agreed and ITF shall be free to use such PAT data and authorise third parties to use such PAT data for any purposes;

In the event that such PAT data is accessed by unauthorised third parties and/or ITF reasonably believes that PAT data and/or the Approved PAT are being used for any purposes in breach of these regulations ITF shall be entitled to rescind its approval the National Association, coach or players (as applicable) will immediately cease use of the Approved PAT pending resolution.

## **APPENDIX L**

### **ENTRY INTO ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR 15s TOURNAMENTS USING JUNIOR RANKING**

Entered players with an approved ITF Combined Junior Ranking of 1-100 shall be selected for a maximum of three (3) Main Draw places at each ITF World Tennis Tour 15s tournament. A Top 100 ITF Combined Junior Ranking can be achieved in two ways:

- i) Current ITF Combined Junior ranking  
In accordance with the player's position on the approved ITF Combined Junior Ranking list available on the Entry Deadline and dated twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week;
- ii) "Carry-over" ITF Junior ranking  
In addition, players born in 2007 may carry over their 15 December 2025 ITF Combined Junior ranking for the purposes of entering \$15,000 Tournaments until they turn 19 years of age. The Monday of each week determines the player's age for that week. Thus, a player who is 18 on Monday but turns 19 on Tuesday would be eligible to use their ITF Combined Junior Ranking for that week but would no longer be able to use their ITF Combined Junior Ranking the following week. If two players share the same ranking (one with a current ranking, the other with a carry-over ranking), then the player with the current ITF Ranking will be ordered before the player holding the carry-over ranking on the System of Merit.

Junior Reserved Places are only available for players who cannot otherwise be accepted into the Main Draw on the basis of their ATP or WTA Singles Ranking or their ITF World Tennis Ranking in singles. A player must also have turned 14 years of age in order to be accepted into a 15s Tournament.

Junior players ranked outside the ITF Combined Junior Ranking Top 100 on the Entry Deadline are not eligible for a Junior Reserved Main Draw place.

There will be no Qualifying or Alternate places reserved in a 15s Tournament based on ITF Combined Junior ranking.

## **APPENDIX M**

### **2026 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 2024 and Junior Grand Slam Winner (JGSW) and Runner-Up (JGSR) not within the Top 20. 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 one (1) Junior AP position per tournament.

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

<b><u>2024 year-end ITF Junior Ranking</u></b>	<b>Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments</b>
1	Three (3) Tournament up to and including W100 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75
2	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W100 Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W75
3/JGSW	One (1) Tournaments up to and including W100 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50
4-5/JGSR	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75 Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W50
6-10	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50 Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W35
11-20	One (1) Tournament up to and including W50 Four (4) Tournaments up to and including W35

#### **Junior Accelerator Programme (Boys)**

Accelerator Programme (Boys) Accelerator Spots (AP) are available in the Singles Main Draw of Men's ITF World Tennis Tour and ATP Challenger Tournaments. These positions are allocated to the Top 30 ranked junior players on the 2025 ITF Year-End Junior Ranking, along

with Junior Grand Slam Champions/Finalists who did not finish in the Top 30. An eligible player shall be entitled to use their AP allocation to gain direct entry to the Main/Qualifying Draw of an applicable tournament where they would not otherwise gain entry on the basis of their ATP / ITF World Tennis / National ranking. The ITF allocates only one (1) Junior AP position per tournament.

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

**Men's ITF World Tennis Tour**

<b><u>2024 ITF year-end Junior Ranking</u></b>	<b><u>ATP Challenger Tour</u></b>	<b><u>Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments</u></b>
1-10 (and JGS Champions)	Up to eight (8) Singles Main Draw of Challenger 50 and Challenger 75	Up to two (2) Singles Main Draw M25 and/or M15
11-20 (and JGS Runner-Up)	Up to eight (8) Singles Qualifying Draw of Challenger 50 and Challenger 75	Up to two (2) Singles Main Draw M25 and/or M15
21-30	N/A	Up to eight (8) Singles Main Draw 25 and/or M15

A Junior Accelerator Application Form must be completed by each player and sent to the ITF. Applications received by or on 1 January 2026 for published tournaments in the calendar, will be processed by the ITF and tournaments allocated based on a player's position in the ITF Top 20 Girls and ITF Top 30 Boys year-end junior ranking list in 2025. If two or more players apply for the same tournament, the Junior Accelerator position will be allocated to the player with the highest year-end junior ranking. All applications received after 1 January 2026 will be treated in the order that they are received. A player may change/add tournaments at any point during the year as more tournaments are added to the ITF World Tennis Tour calendar. However, the player is required to request to the ITF the use of their Junior Accelerator position at least one (1) week before the relevant entry deadline. The ITF will not enter a player into a tournament allocated. It is the responsibility of the player to enter into an allocated tournament by using the player's IPIN account.

## **APPENDIX N**

### **JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONS**

#### **BOYS' SINGLES**

1978	Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia)
1979	Raul Viver (Ecuador)
1980	Thierry Tulasne (France)
1981	Patrick Cash (Australia)
1982	Guy Forget (France)
1983	Stefan Edberg (Sweden)
1984	Mark Kratzmann (Australia)
1985	Claudio Pistolesi (Italy)
1986	Javier Sanchez (Spain)
1987	Jason Stoltenberg (Australia)
1988	Nicolas Pereira (Venezuela)
1989	Nicklas Kulti (Sweden)
1990	Andrea Gaudenzi (Italy)
1991	Thomas Enqvist (Sweden)
1992	Brian Dunn (USA)
1993	Marcelo Rios (Chile)
1994	Federico Browne (Argentina)
1995	Mariano Zabaleta (Argentina)
1996	Sebastien Grosjean (France)
1997	Arnaud Di Pasquale (France)
1998	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
1999	Kristian Pless (Denmark)
2000	Andrew Roddick (USA)
2001	Gilles Muller (Luxembourg)
2002	Richard Gasquet (France)
2003	Marcos Baghdatis (Cyprus)
2004	Gaël Monfils (France)
2005	Donald Young (USA)
2006	Thiemo De Bakker (Netherlands)
2007	Ricardas Berankis (Lithuania)
2008	Tsung-Hua Yang (Chinese Taipei)
2009	Daniel Berta (Sweden)
2010	Juan Sebastian Gomez (Colombia)
2011	Jiri Vesely (Czech Republic)
2012	Filip Peliwo (Canada)
2013	Alexander Zverev (Germany)
2014	Andrey Rublev (Russia)
2015	Taylor Fritz (USA)
2016	Miomir Kecmanovic (Serbia)
2017	Axel Geller (Argentina)

#### **GIRLS' SINGLES**

Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia)
Mary-Lou Piatek (USA)
Susan Mascarin (USA)
Zina Garrison (USA)
Gretchen Rush (USA)
Pascale Paradis (France)
Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)
Laura Garrone (Italy)
Patricia Tarabini (Argentina)
Natalia Zvereva (USSR)
Cristina Tessi (Argentina)
Florencia Labat (Argentina)
Karina Habsudova (Czechoslovakia)
Zdenka Malkova (Czechoslovakia)
Rossana De Los Rios (Paraguay)
Nino Louarssabichvili (Georgia)
Martina Hingis (Switzerland)
Anna Kournikova (Russia)
Amelie Mauresmo (France)
Cara Black (Zimbabwe)
Jelena Dokic (Australia)
Lina Krasnoroutskaia (Russia)
Maria Emilia Salerni (Argentina)
Svetlana Kuznetsova (Russia)
Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)
Kirsten Flipkens (Belgium)
Michaela Krajicek (Netherlands)
Viktoria Azarenka (Belarus)
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)
Urszula Radwanska (Poland)
Noppawan Lertcheewakarn (Thailand)
Kristina Mladenovic (France)
Daria Gavrilova (Russia)
Irina Khromacheva (Russia)
Taylor Townsend (USA)
Belinda Bencic (Switzerland)
Catherine Bellis (USA)
Dalma Galfi (Hungary)
Anastasia Potapova (Russia)
Whitney Osuigwe (USA)

2018	Chun Hsin Tseng (Chinese Taipei)	Clara Burel (France)
2019	Thiago Agustin Tirante (Argentina)	Diane Parry (France)
2020	<i>Not awarded in 2020 as a result of Covid-19 pandemic</i>	
2021	Juncheng Shang (China)	Petra Marcinko (Croatia)
2022	Gilles Bailly (Belgium)	Lucie Havlickova (Czech Republic)
2023	Joao Fonseca (Brazil)	Alina Korneeva (Russia)
2024	Nicolai Budkov Kjaer (Norway)	Emerson Jones (Australia)
2025	<i>To be confirmed</i>	

#### **BOYS' DOUBLES**

1982	Fernando Perez (Mexico)
1983	Mark Kratzmann (Australia)
1984	Augustin Moreno (Mexico)
1985	Petr Korda (Czechoslovakia) & Cyril Suk (Czechoslovakia)
1986	Tomas Carbonell (Spain)
1987	Jason Stoltenberg (Australia)
1988	David Rikl (Czechoslovakia) & Tomas Zdravila (Czechoslovakia)
1989	Wayne Ferreira (South Africa)
1990	Marten Renstroem (Sweden)
1991	Karim Alami (Morocco)
1992	Enrique Abaroa (Mexico)
1993	Steven Downs (New Zealand)
1994	Benjamin Ellwood (Australia)
1995	Kepler Orellana (Venezuela)
1996	Sebastien Grosjean (France)
1997	Nicolas Massu (Chile)
1998	Jose De Armas (Venezuela)
1999	Julien Benneteau (France) & Nicolas Mahut (France)
2000	Lee Childs (Great Britain) & James Nelson (Great Britain)
2001	Bruno Echagaray (Mexico) & Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico)
2002	Florin Mergea (Romania) & Horia Tecau (Romania)
2003	Scott Oudsema (USA)

#### **GIRLS' DOUBLES**

Beth Herr (USA)
Larissa Savchenko (USSR)
Mercedes Paz (Argentina)
Mariana Perez-Roldan (Argentina) & Patricia Tarabini (Argentina)
Leila Meskhi (USSR)
Natalia Medvedeva (USSR)
Jo-Anne Faull (Australia)
Andrea Strnadova (Czechoslovakia)
Karina Habsudova (Czechoslovakia)
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Laurence Courtois (Belgium) & Nancy Feber (Belgium)
Cristina Moros (USA)
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Michaela Pastikova (Czech Republic) & Jitka Schonfeldova (Czech Republic)
Cara Black (Zimbabwe) & Irina Selyutina (Kazakhstan)
Eva Dyrberg (Denmark)
Daniela Bedanova (Czech Republic)
Maria Emilia Salerni (Argentina)
Petra Cetkovska (Czech Republic)
Elke Clijsters (Belgium)
Andrea Hlavackova (Czech Republic)

Following the introduction of the Combined Junior Ranking in 2004 only two World Champions are recognized in junior tennis.

#### **JUNIOR GRAND SLAM (winner of four singles titles in same calendar year)**

##### **BOYS' SINGLES**

1983 Stefan Edberg (Sweden)



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