

WORLD TENNIS TOUR MINIMUM OFFICIATING REQUIREMENTS

2026



The following sets out the 2026 minimum standards for World Tennis Tour (WTT) tournaments.

All references to WTT tournaments in this document refer to Women’s and Men’s WTT tournaments only and do not include World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments.

National Associations that wish to supply a higher certification level of official, or more officials, than the minimum requirements are encouraged to do so. Any requests for these officiating requirements to be waived should be made to ITF Officiating at least eight (8) weeks prior to the tournament.

Officials’ Proposal Forms must be submitted to ITF Officiating for approval at least eight (8) weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Any changes to already approved Officials’ Proposals must be communicated to ITF Officiating for another approval. Notwithstanding any other provision of WTT Regulations, the Code of Conduct for Officials or the Tennis Anti-Corruption Programme, ITF Officiating has the absolute right to deny approval of any official's appointment to officiate at any World Tennis Tour Tournament(s), and to revoke any previously given approval. ITF Officiating may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons (but may include for integrity or performance-related reasons).

1. ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor of a WTT tournament must be available from the Qualifying Sign-In until the End of Play on Finals Day and may not leave or arrive late at a WTT tournament in progress without prior approval from ITF Officiating. The Supervisor must arrive on site at the tournament at least 4 hours before the Qualifying Sign-In deadline and inform the WTT Team (see contacts below) immediately if he/she will not be able to do so. The only exception to these requirements is when the Supervisor has to leave the tournament early to be the Supervisor of a WTT tournament the following week (see End of Week Referee below) or if another Supervisor arrives to the same site to conduct the Qualifying Sign in and Qualifying for the following week.

If the End of Week Referee is required, the Supervisor cannot leave the tournament earlier than after the end of play on Friday. No exception will be granted for a Supervisor to arrive after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline (i.e. for the Main Draw) and/or leave before the end of the same tournament.

If a Supervisor is required to leave a tournament early but is NOT travelling to another WTT tournament, he/she must contact ITF Officiating in writing for authorisation at least eight (8) weeks in advance of the tournament. He/she cannot commit to another event unless this is approved by ITF Officiating.

ITF Officiating must be informed if there are any potential conflicts between a Supervisor’s assignment at a WTT tournament and an assignment at an ATP and/or a WTA tournament.

2. ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR CHAIR UMPIRES

Each National Association/Tournament must appoint the minimum number of **Designated Chair Umpires** as per page 3/4 below and minimum number or **ALL** chair umpires as per the number of match courts:

Number of Match Courts

3	4	5	6
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Number of Chair Umpires	5	6	8	9
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If the National Association/Tournament wishes to supply CUs for earlier rounds of Qualifying Draw than required, ALL matches in that round must have a chair umpire (i.e. not matches on Centre Court only).

All Chair Umpires, including National Chair Umpires, must be registered with the ITF Officiating department in order to be eligible to work at any Qualifying or Main Draw match of a WTT tournament.

A Designated Chair Umpire at a WTT tournament must be on-site for the Qualifying days (as per the Minimum Requirements – see below) and a sufficient number of designated officials must be available until the final day of the tournament unless otherwise approved by Officiating.

International Designated Chair Umpire should be on-site for the Qualifying days, must be on-site for the start of Main Draw.

ITF Officiating must be informed if there are any potential conflicts between a Chair Umpire's assignment at a WTT tournament and an assignment at an ATP and/or a WTA tournament. A Chair Umpire may not leave or arrive late at a WTT tournament in progress without prior approval from ITF Officiating.

3. END OF WEEK REFEREE (only applying to ITF WTT tournaments with Prize Money \$15,000 and \$30,000)

If the Supervisor of a WTT tournament is leaving before the end of the tournament to conduct the Qualifying Sign-In and Qualifying Draw of another WTT tournament or provided he/she has received prior approval from ITF Officiating, an End of Week Referee (EWR) must be proposed and approved by the ITF. A Supervisor working at any Women's WTT tournament with Prize Money of \$40,000 or higher must stay until the end.

A suitable EWR is one of the following:

1. International Referee (Gold or Silver);
2. Designate International Chair Umpire (Gold, Silver or Bronze);
3. White Badge Referee with sufficient experience;

At a combined WTT Tournament, the EWR must hold a recognised ITF Officiating Referee certification (White Badge Referee or higher).

If one of the Designate Chair Umpires becomes the EWR, he/she can no longer work as a Chair Umpire and therefore must be replaced with the same (or higher) Badge Chair Umpire for the days when he/she is acting as the EWR so that the minimum requirements are met and the required number and level of Designated Chair Umpires are present during the Final Week-end. All End of Week Referees will be subject to approval by ITF Officiating.

4. CHIEF UMPIRE

Minimum of National certification, unless stated as White Badge Chief Umpire. At W15, W35, M15, M25 categories an official with White Badge certification as Chair and Chief Umpire will be permitted to work in dual capacity until the official is required to fulfil the role as Chief Umpire, the official will not be permitted to work as a Chair Umpire

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thereafter as cannot perform dual roles on same day. Matches worked as a Chair Umpire will count towards the annual work record, the role as Chief will count as ½ a week towards the minimum requirements.

5. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR TOURNAMENTS PLAYED ON MORE THAN ONE SITE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ON-SITE ISSUES

Where a tournament is played on more than one site, an Assistant Referee (International Referee/International Chair Umpire/White Badge Referee approved by ITF Officiating) must be provided by the tournament to act as On-site Referee at the secondary site. The On-site Referee must be in constant contact with the Supervisor, who will remain responsible for all issues arising on-site, but where communication with the Supervisor is not possible the On-site Referee shall act on behalf of the Supervisor. It is the tournament's responsibility to ensure the required number of Chair Umpires and Line Umpires are provided across both sites (in addition to the supplementary On-site Referee), in accordance with the Minimum Requirements.

6. WORLD TENNIS TOUR TOURNAMENTS COMBINED WITH ATP TOURNAMENTS

The WTT tournaments should comply with the Minimum Officiating Requirements at individual WTT tournaments, regardless of the ATP designations for Chair Umpires. Designated Chair Umpires, who are working at a WTT tournaments combined with an ATP event, may work as Chair Umpires at the ATP event if requested and at the condition that the Minimum Officiating Requirements for the WTT tournaments are complied with at all times. ATP Supervisor may not work as the Supervisor of a WTT tournament during the same week.

A tournament must comply with the Minimum Requirements for Line Umpires at WTT tournaments, regardless of the Minimum Requirements for Line Umpires at the ATP event. However, where possible, WTT tournaments are encouraged to match the Line Umpire requirements of ATP tournaments.

7. ELECTRONIC LINE CALLING (ELC)

Electronic line calling has been approved for use at WTT events provided the tournament applies for ELC within the appropriate time. Review ELC has been approved for use in non-umpired and umpire matches. All minimum officiating requirements to be maintained across the various categories involving line umpires.

Live ELC when approved will only be used in matches with chair umpires. Backup line umpires will be required to ensure that in the event of system failure the match can continue.

ELC protocols are available on the officiating portal.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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	W15/M15	W35/M25	W50	W75	W100
ITF Supervisor	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee		One [1] Gold Badge Referee
Chair Umpires (CU)	<p>Designated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two [2] White Badge CUs; or one [1] White Badge CU and one [1] Green Badge CU <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] Designate CU must assist the Supervisor before the Final Round of Qualifying. - <u>One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying and all Main Draw matches</u> 	<p>Designated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] International Badge CU* - Two [2] White Badge CUs; or one [1] White Badge CU and one [1] Green Badge CU <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] Designate CU must assist the Supervisor before the Final Round of Qualifying. - One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying and all Main Draw matches 	<p>Designated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] International Badge CU* - <u>Three [3] White Badge CUs; or two [2] White Badge CUs and one [1] Green Badge CU</u> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] CU is required for every Qualifying match and all Main Draw matches. 		<p>Designated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two [2] International Badge CUs* - <u>Four [4] White Badge CUs</u> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] CU is required for every Qualifying match and all Main Draw matches - <u>National certified officials may only be assigned as a CU for Qualifying matches.</u>



Line Umpires (LU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] LU is required for every Main Draw match. - No LUs are required at Clay Court Tournaments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] LU is required for every Main Draw match. - No LUs are required at Clay Court Tournaments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] LU is required for every Qualifying match. - Two [2] LUs are required for every Main Draw match. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] LU is required for every Qualifying match - Two [2] LUs are required for every Main Draw match. - Three [3] LUs are required for Main Draw Semi Final and Final matches.
Chief Umpire	One [1] National Chief Umpire (if Line Umpires)	One [1] National Chief Umpire	One [1] National Chief Umpire	One [1] National Chief Umpire	One [1] Chief Umpire. National or White Badge

ITF WORLD TENNIS TOURS MINIMUM OFFICIATING REQUIREMENTS AT COMBINED TOURNAMENTS

		W15	W35	W50 – W75	W100
M15	ITF Supervisor	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold Badge Referee



Chair Umpires (CUs)	<p>Designated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four [4] White Badge CUs; or Three [3] White Badge CUs and One [1] Green Badge CU; or Two [2] White Badge CUs and [2] Green Badge CUs. <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two [2] Designated CUs must assist the Supervisor during Qualifying of both Tournaments. - <u>One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at both Tournaments.</u> - One [1] CU is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments. 	<p>Designated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] International Badge CU* - Four [4] White Badge CUs; or three [3] White Badge CUs and one [1] Green Badge CU; or two [2] White Badges and [2] two Green Badge CUs. <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two [2] Designated CUs must assist Supervisor during Qualifying of both Tournaments. - <u>One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at both Tournaments.</u> - One [1] CU is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments. 	<p>Designated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] International Badge CU* - Four [4] White Badge CUs; or three [3] White Badge CUs and one [1] Green Badge CU. <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] Designated CU must assist Supervisor during the duration of the Qualifying of M15. - <u>One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at M15.</u> - One [1] CU is required for every Qualifying match at W50 and W75. - One [1] CU is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments. 	<p>Designated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two [2] International Badge CUs*; - <u>Six [6] White Badge CUs.</u> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] Designated CU must assist Supervisor during the duration of the Qualifying of M15. - <u>One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at M15.</u> - One [1] CU is required for every Qualifying match at W100. - One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments. - <u>National certified officials may only be assigned as a CU for Qualifying matches.</u>
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		W15	W35	W50 – W75	W100
M25	ITF Supervisor	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold Badge Referee
	Chair Umpires (CUs)	Designated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] International Badge CU* - <u>Four [4] White Badge CUs or; three [3] White Badge CUs and one [1] Green Badge CU or; two [2] White Badge CUs and two [2] Green CUs</u> Qualifying and Main Draw: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two [2] Designated CUs must assist Supervisor during Qualifying of both Tournaments. - <u>One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at both Tournaments.</u> - One [1] CU is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments. 	Designated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two [2] International Badge CUs* - <u>Four [4] White Badge CUs or; three [3] White Badge CUs and one [1] Green Badge CU or; Two [2] White Badge CUs and two [2] Green CUs</u> Qualifying and Main Draw: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Two [2] Designated CUs must assist Supervisor during Qualifying of both Tournaments.</u> - One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at both Tournaments. - One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments. 	Designated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two [2] International Badge CU* - <u>Five [5] White Badge CUs or; Four [4] White Badge CUs and one [1] Green Badge CU or; Three White Badge CUs and two [2] Green Badge CUs.</u> Qualifying and Main Draw: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] Designated CU must assist Supervisor during Qualifying of M25. - One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at M25 and for every Qualifying match at W50 and W75. - One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments. 	Designated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three [3] International Badge CUs* - <u>Six [6] White Badge CUs</u> Qualifying and Main Draw: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One [1] Designated CU must assist Supervisor during Qualifying of M25. - One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at M25 and for every Qualifying match at W100. - One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments. - <u>National certified officials may only be assigned as a CU for Qualifying matches.</u>
	Line Umpires	A Tournament must treat the WTT Combined Tournament as two (2) separate WTT Tournaments and comply with the Minimum Officiating Requirements for each individual Tournament.			

*International Chair Umpire – Gold, Silver or Bronze Chair Umpire

**ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments combined with ATP Tournaments – see page 1 for further information