

2026 ITF BEACH TENNIS JUNIOR TOUR REGULATIONS

Summary of Key Rules Changes (as of 1 January 2026)

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2026 ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full Tour Regulations can be seen in the 'Beach Tennis' section at www.itftennis.com.

Changes made from the previous year (2025) are shown in underlined text.

B. DEFINITIONS

Freeze Deadline

The Freeze Deadline takes place at 14:00 hours (GMT) on the Tuesday of the Tournament Week, except for Tournaments commencing on Monday-Wednesday, for which the Freeze Deadline shall be the same as the Withdrawal Deadline. After the Freeze Deadline has passed and the Acceptance List is processed, no further movement is permitted on the Acceptance List.

C. THE COMPETITION

5. Junior Eligibility

The Junior Tour is open to players aged between thirteen (13) and eighteen (18). A player is eligible to compete on the Junior Tour provided they are thirteen (13) years of age as of the tournament start date. A player can continue competing on the Junior Tour until the end of the year in which they turn eighteen (18) years of age.

6. Rules to be Observed

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i. Variations for a particular Tournament: If a Tournament wishes to vary any of the Regulations in Section G written application shall be made to the ITF Beach Tennis department, giving full reasons for the request. The application shall be considered by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee.

1.1 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 C6 of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum.

1.2 All personal data submitted by players will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws. Players acknowledge and agree that personal data is processed by the ITF for the purposes of administering the Tour, 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: <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notices/>

7. Enforcement of Regulations and Resolution of Disputes

d. Appeals

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- i. decisions made by the ITF 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);
- ii. subject to the preceding paragraph (i) 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) notwithstanding that the ITF Executive or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may reduce the twenty-one (21) day appeal timeframe in exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to, where a decision needs to be rendered expeditiously to ensure the successful delivery of the relevant competition;
- iii. 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.

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E. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF JUNIOR TOUR

2. Publicity and Promotion

a. 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.

b. 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 Beach Tennis Junior Tour, publicising and promoting the sport of beach 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, programs, 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.

c. 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 Beach Tennis Junior Tour; 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.

d. Junior Player Images

Notwithstanding 2(a), (b) and (c) above, it is prohibited for any Covered Person to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of junior players (being players who are under 18 years of age), 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 beach 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](#).

16. Prohibited Zone

The prohibited service return zone ("prohibited zone") is the area between the net and an imaginary line parallel to, and three (3.0) metres from, the net and extending indefinitely beyond the sidelines. The intersection of the imaginary line and each sideline shall be clearly indicated by a marker placed on or immediately outside the sideline. No additional lines or markers shall be placed within the court area.

The prohibited service zone for the serving team for men and junior boys (u18) competition is six (6.0) metres from the net and extending indefinitely beyond the sidelines. The intersection of the imaginary line and any sideline shall be clearly indicated by a marker placed on or immediately outside the sideline.

No player(s) of the serving or receiving team shall touch any part of the court within the prohibited zone until the ball is struck.

F. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

2. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

All Entries and Withdrawals must be submitted using the official entry or withdrawal form and submitted via email as stated on the Fact Sheet to be received before the relevant Entry or Withdrawal Deadline.

Notwithstanding Regulation F4 (Vacancies) below and the Junior Tour Code of Conduct, which may impose penalties, a Withdrawal, which must be submitted via email with the Official Withdrawal Form to the Tournament Director and/or ITF tournament Supervisor by the applicable deadline.

3. Entry, Freeze, and Withdrawal Deadline

The Entry Deadline is at 14.00 GMT on Thursday, eleven (11) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week.

Entries received after the Entry Deadline, and before the Freeze Deadline, may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser. Acceptance priority shall be given to teams that enter before the Entry Deadline.

The Freeze Deadline is at 10.00 GMT on the Tuesday of the Tournament Week, except in the case that the tournament commences on a Monday-Wednesday, when the Freeze Deadline will be the same date as the Withdrawal Deadline.

Entries received after the Freeze Deadline must be submitted to the ITF Supervisor and the team must sign in as On-Site Alternates. On-site Alternates will be accepted after existing Entries, using the System of Merit.

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5. One Tournament

Once a player is committed to a Tournament, he/she may not enter or compete in any other Tournament that is being held during the same time period. Exception will be given to a player competing at the World Championships, where a player has to be eliminated prior to the commencement of the sign-in deadline of the following event starting that same week.

Players found to have been accepted into more than one tournament in the same time period, shall not be permitted to compete in any tournament during that period. Players found to have competed in two tournaments in the same time period shall be immediately defaulted forfeiting all ranking points (where applicable).

G. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

3. Knock-out Draws

I. Qualifying

ii. Placing of Seeds

The first seed 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 one (1) seed appears 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 one (1) seed appears 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 seeds shall not have a second seeded player. If no players are seeded, all players are drawn randomly.

APPENDIX B - TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND RANKING POINTS

Junior Tour Tournaments

The following ranking points will be awarded at U18 Junior Tour tournaments:

a) Knockout Competitions

CATEGORY	MAIN DRAW						QUALIFYING		
	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	FRQ	R2	R1
World Championships	200	120	3rd: 96 4th: 72	36	18	9	4	-	1
Regional Championships	100	60	36	18	9	5	-	-	-
BTJ100	100	60	36	18	9	5	3	-	1

APPENDIX E - JUNIOR AGE ELIGIBILITY

1) Junior Tour (U18s)

Only boys and girls that are between thirteen (13) years of age as of the tournament start date and eighteen (18) years old can receive Ranking points in any of the Tournaments that comprise the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour (U18s). Players who are 18 years old can compete until the end of the year in which they turn eighteen (18) years of age.

Category	Age	Date of Birth (D.O.B)
BTJ100	13 to 18	<u>1st January 2008 – players born in 2013 (must be 13 years as of tournament start date)</u>

2) World & Regional Championships

Age eligibility as per the Junior Tour (U18).

3) Other Non-official Age Categories

U14 and U16 categories are additional promotional junior categories, not sanctioned by ITF Beach Tennis.

Tournaments wishing to hold additional age category events to the U18s are recommended to use the below age category table for these. Please note that such additional age category events are not eligible for ITF Ranking points.

Category	Age	Date of Birth (D.O.B)
U14	11 to 14	<u>1st January 2012 – players born in 2015 (must be 13 years as of tournament start date)</u>
U16	13 to 16	<u>1st January 2010 – players born in 2013 (must be 13 years as of tournament start date)</u>

Players born outside of the dates specified in the tables above are not eligible to play in any given category.

ARTICLE II: ENTRY OFFENCES

4. One Tournament

- a) No player who has entered and been accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Tournament shall play in any other ITF Beach Tennis Tournament during the period of such Tournament except as hereinafter provided. Exception will be given to a player competing at the World Championships, where a player has to be eliminated prior to the commencement of the sign-in deadline of the following event starting that same week.

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ARTICLE III: ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. GENERAL

Every player and Related Person, and in relation to team competitions the team Captain, team members, extra players, coach, trainer, other medical personnel, relative, parent or guardian, or other support personnel of the participating teams ("Team Member") shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of a 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 and/or Team Member 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.

D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds shall elapse from when the last player arrives to his/her 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. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match. Any player not ready in time for the warm-up or ready to play after the warm-up period is subject to a Code Violation for Delay of Game.

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 (20) 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 (20) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of one Time Violation - Point Penalty.

In each case, the Chair Umpire/ITF 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.

ARTICLE XI: NOTICE

A. PLAYER

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served electronically upon them via email to their registered email address. 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.