



# **ITF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

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# ITF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS COMPETITION REGULATIONS

## PART 1: GENERAL RULE BOOK

### A The Competition

#### 1. The ITF

- 1.1 The ITF is the international governing body for tennis, including wheelchair tennis. It aims to provide, promote and develop opportunities for men, women and children to participate in recreational and competitive wheelchair tennis at all levels. The ITF aims to ensure that a fair and equal opportunity is provided for all those eligible to play, and that the Rules of Tennis and the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis are implemented according to the standards expected of an international sport governing body.
- 1.2 The ITF promulgates these Regulations, including the Appendices for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of international wheelchair tennis tournaments and events sanctioned by the ITF.

#### 2. Title and format

- 2.1 As the international governing body for the sport of tennis, the ITF operates a number of competitions in which international-level wheelchair tennis players may participate, both as individuals and as representatives of their Nation.
- 2.2 The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Competition (the Competition) is constituted by:
  - 2.2.1 The UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour, which is the ITF's official tennis tour for wheelchair tennis players who play as individuals (the **Tour**). The Tour is made up of tournaments organised individually that the ITF sanctions to form part of the Tour. Individual tournaments on the Tour (**Tournaments**) may be owned and managed by National Associations or other tournament organisers.
  - 2.2.2 The BNP Paribas World Team Cup, which is the ITF's official annual team competition for national teams made up of wheelchair tennis players (the Team Competition) and is owned and managed by the ITF.
  - 2.2.3 The ITF's end-of-season event for wheelchair tennis players, that is owned and managed by the ITF (the Masters). The Masters forms part of the Tour for ranking purposes, but is organised pursuant to specific regulations set out in Part Two: Tour Rule Book. The Masters includes the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters for Singles, the UNIQLO Doubles Masters for Doubles, and the Junior Masters for Junior Players.
- 2.3 There are other tennis competitions in which wheelchair tennis players may participate and for which Ranking Points may be given, but which are not part of the Competition. These include:
  - 2.3.1 the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and the Regional Paralympic Games; and
  - 2.3.2 exhibition tournaments, national league tournaments, and Nation tournaments.

### 3. Rules and Regulations

- 3.1 The Competition will take place in accordance with the following (collectively, the **Rules and Regulations**): these Regulations (including the attached Appendices), the ITF Constitution, the Rules of Tennis, the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis, the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules, the ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials, the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Organisational Requirements (the **Organisational Requirements**), the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, the ITF Safeguarding Policies, the Welfare Policy, the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Off-Court Coaching Procedures and any other rules, policies or documents issued by the ITF from time to time that apply according to their terms to the Competition, each as amended from time to time. Unless specified otherwise, the provisions in the Rules and Regulations apply to all elements and all levels of the Competition.
- 3.2 The following persons shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply with the Rules and Regulations and will be liable for the consequences set out in the Rules and Regulations in case of any breach:
- 3.2.1 each Player who registers for an IPIN and/or submits an entry to participate in the Competition, and their Related Persons;
  - 3.2.2 each Nation that submits an entry to participate in the Competition, and their Team Members;
  - 3.2.3 each Applicant that applies for sanction including both the National Association and any other Tournament Organiser (whether or not that sanction is granted), and their Tournament Personnel;
  - 3.2.4 each organisation that applies to host the Team Competition or any part of it, and any appointed Team Competition Organiser;
  - 3.2.5 each organisation that applies to host the Masters, and any appointed Masters Organiser;
  - 3.2.6 each person that applies for accreditation for the Competition (whether or not that accreditation is approved); and
  - 3.2.7 each Covered Person, as defined in these Regulations, which includes a person that participates in, is involved in the delivery of, attends or receives accreditation to the Competition.
- 3.3 The ITF may require persons bound by the Rules and Regulations to sign and return a consent form specifically confirming their agreement to be bound, but the agreement is legally binding whether they do so or not.
- 3.4 Part 6 of these Regulations (*Definitions and Interpretation*) sets out:
- 3.4.1 the meaning of defined terms denoted by initial capital letters used in these Rules and Regulations; and
  - 3.4.2 certain rules of interpretation to be used in interpreting and applying the Rules and Regulations.
- 3.5 The Regulations may be altered as specified in the ITF Constitution and Regulation 23. The expectation is that they will be altered at least annually so that a new and bespoke

version applies for each calendar year's Competition. Consequently, no Player, Nation, Tournament or other person acquires any accrued or vested rights under these Regulations, or any legitimate expectation, in relation to future editions of the Competition.

#### **4. Personal data**

- 4.1 All personal data submitted by Players, Related Persons, Nations, Team Members, Tournaments and/or any other person will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws. Players, Related Persons, Nations, Team Members, Tournaments and Tournament Personnel acknowledge and agree that personal data is processed by the ITF for the purposes of administering the Competition, enforcing the Rules and Regulations, maintaining the integrity of the sport and promoting the Competition 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-notices](http://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notices).
- 4.2 No research involving Players, Related Persons or Tournament Personnel shall be conducted without prior approval of the ITF (separate to any applicable data protection laws).
- 4.3 No Covered Person may obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of Juniors unless they comply with Regulation 30 (*Images and Videos of Juniors*).
- 4.4 Any recording of matches by a Player and/or their Support Team Members must be in accordance with Appendix J.

### **B Management of the Competition**

#### **5. The Board**

- 5.1 The Competition will be managed by the Board and/or its delegate(s).
- 5.2 The duties of the Board shall be:
  - 5.2.1 to approve, adopt and amend the Rules and Regulations, and the Code of Conduct for the Competition;
  - 5.2.2 to appoint every two years a Committee, which shall consist of a chair, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members as deemed necessary;
  - 5.2.3 to register in the name of the ITF or ITFL any trade marks in connection with the Competition and to protect such trademarks;
  - 5.2.4 to exercise any other powers and fulfil any other duties assigned to the Board in the Rules and Regulations;
  - 5.2.5 to determine that the Competition may not be hosted by or in a Nation for a specified period where in the Board's opinion that Nation is unable to conduct an Event within the Competition in the manner required to maintain the integrity of the Competition and/or the safety of the participants, spectators, and/or personnel, or otherwise in accordance with its obligations under the Rules and Regulations; and

- 5.2.6 specifically in relation to the Team Competition, to refuse or revoke the entry of any Nation in the Team Competition as set out in Regulation 130.5 (*Nation Entries*).
- 5.3 Subject to Regulation 130.5 (Nation Entries), all decisions of the Board in respect of the Competition will be made in accordance with the quorum and majority requirements specified in the ITF Constitution.
- 6. The Committee**
  - 6.1 The Board will appoint a Committee, in accordance with the ITF Constitution and the Committee's terms of reference. Each member of the Committee must be from a different Nation (except that one member could be from the Nation that the ITF President comes from), which Nation must have played in the Team Competition in at least 10 separate years.
  - 6.2 The duties of the Committee shall be:
    - 6.2.1 to guide the strategy for and monitor the management of the Competition, development activities and Classification;
    - 6.2.2 to recommend changes to and to ensure the uniform application of the Rules and Regulations;
    - 6.2.3 to administer the approved funds of the Competition, development activities and Classification within the financial framework of the ITF;
    - 6.2.4 report to the Board on all financial matters;
    - 6.2.5 submit regular reports to the Board;
    - 6.2.6 to exercise any other powers and fulfil any other duties assigned to it by the Board or in the Rules and Regulations; and
    - 6.2.7 to approve the venues and dates for all Events, including the granting of sanctions to Tournaments and special events.
- 7. Executive Director**
  - 7.1 The ITF will appoint an Executive Director for the Competition who will:
    - 7.1.1 report to the Committee on matters with their remit, including the strategy and management of the Competition and potential changes to the Rules and Regulations;
    - 7.1.2 implement and enforce the decisions relating to the Competition rendered by the Board, the Committee, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, the Independent Tribunal, and the CAS;
    - 7.1.3 co-ordinate the arrangements for the Competition;
    - 7.1.4 liaise with and advise the Tournament Director regarding the proper organisation of the Team Competition; and
    - 7.1.5 be the representative of the Board for the purposes of any correspondence or notices required under the Rules and Regulations.

## **8. National Association**

8.1 A National Association may participate in the Competition in the following ways:

- 8.1.1 by applying for a tournament in its country to be sanctioned by the ITF for inclusion on the Tour, which may then be owned, organised or managed by it or a third party;
- 8.1.2 by entering the Team Competition; and/or
- 8.1.3 by hosting the Team Competition or the Masters, or other Event.

8.2 National Association roles and responsibilities for the Tour:

8.2.1 A National Association is responsible for making an application for a tournament in its country to be sanctioned by the ITF for inclusion on the Tour as set out in Regulation 37 (*Applications and sanctioning*). No application for sanction will be granted without approval of the National Association in which the tournament will be held.

8.2.2 The National Association may own and manage the Tournament itself, or apply on behalf of a Tournament owned and/or managed by a third-party entity (and in which case both the National Association and the third-party entity shall be referred to as the **Tournament Organiser** in these Regulations). In the case of the latter, the National Association may delegate only some of their responsibilities under these Regulations to that third-party entity.

8.2.3 The responsibilities of the National Association which cannot be delegated shall be:

- 8.2.3.1 to ensure each Tournament they are granted sanction for maintains appropriately high standards of organisation and administration;
- 8.2.3.2 to ensure compliance with the Regulations and the Organisational Requirements;
- 8.2.3.3 to appoint a Tournament Administrator who shall be the point of contact for the ITF and shall be responsible for submitting Applications and Fact Sheets to the ITF;
- 8.2.3.4 to adopt and enforce their own regulations that apply to the Tournament, provided they are consistent with the Rules and Regulations and are approved by the ITF (and which in the event of any inconsistency are superseded by the Rules and Regulations unless ITF explicitly states otherwise);
- 8.2.3.5 to cooperate with the ITF in relation to any Application, and any sanctioned Tournament, including responding to requests for information in a timely manner.

8.3 National Association roles and responsibilities for the Team Competition:

8.3.1 The duties of the National Association shall be:



- 8.3.1.1 to enter their Nation;
- 8.3.1.2 to comply with the Rules and Regulations; and
- 8.3.1.3 to select the Team Members who will represent their Nation, and ensure each Team Member agrees to comply with the Rules and Regulations;
- 8.3.1.4 any other responsibilities as set out in the Rules and Regulations.

## **9. Tournament Organiser**

9.1 The duties of the Tournament Organiser shall be:

- 9.1.1 to organise the Tournament in accordance with the Regulations, the Commercial Pack and the Organisational Requirements;
- 9.1.2 to appoint a Tournament Director and an ITF Supervisor;
- 9.1.3 to cooperate with the ITF in relation to any Application, and any sanctioned Tournament, including responding to requests for information in a timely manner;
- 9.1.4 to promote the Tournament; and
- 9.1.5 to fulfil any other duties assigned to the Tournament Organiser in the Rules and Regulations.

## **10. Tournament Director**

10.1 The Tournament Director shall be responsible for the organisation of the Tournament/Event.

10.2 A Tournament Director must not be Entered into the Tournament/Event for which they are the Tournament Director.

10.3 The duties of the Tournament Director shall be:

- 10.3.1 to manage all aspects of the organisation of the Tournament/Event (with the exception of all matters relating to the Rules and Regulations which are stated to be the exclusive remit of the ITF Supervisor as set out in Regulation 12 (*ITF Supervisor*)), including production of material such as the Fact Sheet;
- 10.3.2 to ensure the Tournament/Event complies with the Rules and Regulations, the Commercial Pack and the Organisational Requirements;
- 10.3.3 to liaise with the ITF and the ITF Supervisor on behalf of the Tournament Organiser;
- 10.3.4 to act as the point of contact for Players for all advance information and arrangements except in relation to entries and withdrawals; and
- 10.3.5 to fulfil any other duties assigned to the Tournament Director in the Rules and Regulations.

## **11. Team Competition Organiser**

- 11.1 The ITF is responsible for organising the Team Competition.
- 11.2 The Committee will grant the right to host the Team Competition (or a part of it) to a Team Competition Organiser as set out in Regulation 121 (*Approval of Applications to host*). The ITF and the Team Competition Organiser will enter into a Hosting Agreement.
- 11.3 The duties of a Team Competition Organiser shall be:
  - 11.3.1 to organise the Team Competition in accordance with the Regulations, Organisational Requirements and the Hosting Agreement;
  - 11.3.2 to cooperate with the ITF in relation to the organisation of the Team Competition, including responding to requests for information in a timely manner;
  - 11.3.3 To appoint a Tournament Director for the Team Competition;
  - 11.3.4 to promote the Team Competition;
  - 11.3.5 liaise with the ITF regarding the organisation of the Team Competition; and
  - 11.3.6 to fulfil any other duties assigned to the Team Competition Organiser in the Rules and Regulations, and the Hosting Agreement.

## **12. ITF Supervisor**

- 12.1 The ITF Supervisor is responsible for:
  - 12.1.1 all aspects of play during an Event;
  - 12.1.2 using ITF Tournament Planner before and during the Event to sign in Players, create the Draws, issue the Order of Play, and record results and misconduct;
  - 12.1.3 ensuring that each Player's passport or photo identification is checked for date of birth and that any discrepancy with the information provided in ITF Tournament Planner is reported to the ITF;
  - 12.1.4 uploading results daily using ITF Tournament Planner;
  - 12.1.5 enforcing the Regulations in accordance with their powers in the Code of Conduct;
  - 12.1.6 submitting results and information at the end of the Event; and
  - 12.1.7 to fulfil any other duties assigned to the ITF Supervisor in the Rules and Regulations.
- 12.2 The ITF Supervisor must be available throughout the Event, specifically:
  - 12.2.1 for a Tournament, from at least 2 hours before the earliest Sign-In Deadline until the completion of the Tournament, unless otherwise approved by the ITF;

- 12.2.2 for the Team Competition, from at least the day when the Draw is taking place and/or the Captains' Meeting is held until the completion of the Event; and
- 12.2.3 for the Masters, from at least the day when the Draw is being held until the completion of the Event.
- 12.3 The ITF Supervisor must hold a current certification as required by the Organisational Requirements.

## **C Player eligibility**

### **13. Eligibility to register for the Competition**

- 13.1 The Competition is open to all wheelchair tennis players based on merit and without discrimination, subject to the eligibility requirements in this 'Section C: Player eligibility' and any eligibility requirements specific to a particular Event as set out in these Regulations (or any other applicable regulations).
- 13.2 A person is eligible to register as a Player to participate in the Competition if they:
  - 13.2.1 agree to be bound by and be subject to the Rules and Regulations;
  - 13.2.2 agree to the IPIN terms and conditions;
  - 13.2.3 meet the requirements of the ITF Gender Eligibility Policy;
  - 13.2.4 pay the annual IPIN registration fee; and
  - 13.2.5 provide parental consent (in the case of a Minor).
- 13.3 To register as a Player, a person must register on an annual basis for and be issued an IPIN.
- 13.4 A person may be asked for proof of identity and/or age through photo identification (passport or driver's licence) at any time prior to or after registration as a Player, including by the ITF Supervisor On-Site at an Event.
- 13.5 Players are responsible for ensuring that they are fit to play, and are encouraged to obtain a yearly physical examination from a certified doctor, that certifies that the Player can compete in the Competition. A Player may be required to provide a medical certificate confirming that they are fit to play, by the ITF at any time or the ITF Supervisor at an Event.

### **14. Gender Requirements**

- 14.1 Unless Regulation 14.2 applies the Categories are open to Players of the following genders, including pursuant to the ITF Gender Eligibility Policy:
  - 14.1.1 Men's and Boys are open to male tennis Players;
  - 14.1.2 Women's and Girls are open to female tennis Players; and
  - 14.1.3 Quad is open to Players of any sex or gender.
- 14.2 In the event that the Minimum Draw Size for Ranking Points under Regulation 94.1 (*Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points*) is not met:

- 14.2.1 for a Girls Draw and that Draw is cancelled, any Girls who were Entered in that Tournament may participate in the Boys Draw if they are awarded a Wild Card or as an On-Site Alternate (in accordance with Regulation 61 (*Sign In for Alternates*)); or
- 14.2.2 for a Boys Draw and that Draw is cancelled, any Boys who were Entered in that Tournament may participate in the Girls Draw if they are awarded a Wild Card or as an On-Site Alternate (in accordance with Regulation 61 (*Sign In for Alternates*)).

## **15. Age Eligibility Requirements**

- 15.1 A Player who is aged fourteen (14) or older on:
  - 15.1.1 the Monday of a Tournament Week is eligible to Enter a Men's, Women's or Quad Draw of a Tournament in that Tournament Week; or
  - 15.1.2 The Monday of the week in which the Masters or Team Competition commences is eligible to Enter the Men's, Women's or Quad Category of that Event.
- 15.2 A Player born on or after 1st January 2008 is eligible to compete in Events designated for Juniors in 2026.

## **16. Wheelchair Classification Requirements**

- 16.1 A Player must comply with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.
- 16.2 A Player designated Sport Class Status – New (N) is limited to participating in WT25 Tournaments plus a maximum of four Tournaments limited to certain Grades (as further set out in Article 16.3 of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules) (and not permitted in any other Event).
- 16.3 A Player designated Sport Class – Open can only participate in the Men's or Women's Category (as applicable).
- 16.4 A Player designated Sport Class – Quad can only participate in the Quad Category, except:
  - 16.4.1 where an Event does not offer a Quad Draw, in which case they may participate in the Men's or Women's Category (as set out in Regulation 14 (*Gender Requirements*)) based on their Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for that Category and not their Quad Wheelchair Tennis Ranking by Entering the Event as an On-Site Alternate (in accordance with Regulation 61 (*Sign In for Alternates*)) or being awarded a Wild Card; or
  - 16.4.2 where they have made a successful application under Regulation 16.5.
- 16.5 A Quad Player may apply for eligibility to participate in the Men's or Women's Category in the Competition as follows:
  - 16.5.1 the request must be in writing;
  - 16.5.2 no change in their Sport Class or medical condition is required;

- 16.5.3 they must not have previously had an application under this Regulation 16.5 or its predecessor approved;
  - 16.5.4 the ITF will make its determination within 28 days of receipt (and pending that determination the Player remains eligible to compete in Quad only);
  - 16.5.5 the ITF's determination will take effect immediately; and
  - 16.5.6 the Classification Master List will be updated accordingly.
- 16.6 A Quad Player who has made a successful application under Regulation 16.5 may apply to reverse that decision at any time as follows:
- 16.6.1 the request must be in writing;
  - 16.6.2 no change in their Sport Class or medical condition is required;
  - 16.6.3 the ITF will make its determination within 28 days of receipt (and pending that determination the Player remains eligible to compete in Men's or Women's only, as applicable);
  - 16.6.4 the ITF's determination may be subject to conditions, including that the Player undertakes Classification and/or Player Evaluation;
  - 16.6.5 the ITF's determination will take effect only once any conditions have been satisfied (or immediately if none); and
  - 16.6.6 the Classification Master List will be updated accordingly.

## **17. Retirement**

- 17.1 A Player may retire from the entire Competition by completing and submitting an official 'player retirement form' to the ITF. That notice shall take effect as set out in the TADP, and at that point the Player will be removed from the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking and shall be ineligible to enter or participate in the Competition.
- 17.2 A Player wishing to return to the Competition following retirement must provide at least six (6) months' advance notice to the ITF, the ITIA and their National Anti-Doping Organisation (as defined in the TADP). From the date the ITIA receives such notice, the Player shall be bound by the TADP and thereafter must comply with the TADP, including making themselves available for Testing (as that term is defined in the TADP) (including, if requested, by providing whereabouts information) for a six-month period prior to their participation.
- 17.3 A Player who retires in accordance with this Regulation will only become eligible to enter and participate in the Competition following the completion of the six-month notice period in Regulation 17.2 (Retirement), unless otherwise provided by the TADP.

## **D Miscellaneous**

### **18. Currency and exchange rate**

- 18.1 The official currency of the Competition in the US Dollar.
- 18.2 Prize Money for all Events shall be paid by cheque or cash On-Site, or by bank transfer immediately following the Event. It must be paid in US Dollars, unless:

- 18.2.1 For bank transfers, the ITF approves otherwise in writing no less than four (4) months prior to the start of the Event; or
- 18.2.2 the Event elects to pay On-Site cash or cheque payments in local currency.
- 18.3 Wherever local currency is used, the Event shall use the Official ITF Exchange Rate to US Dollars for that Event. The Official ITF Exchange Rate must be obtained from the ITF.

## **19. Communications**

- 19.1 Any communications required to be made by the ITF (or any of its representatives) under the Regulations will be sent by email or otherwise at the ITF's discretion in accordance with the following table:

<b>Addressee</b>	<b>Sent to:</b>
Nation	The National Association
Player	The individual, using the contact details in their IPIN registration or as otherwise designated by the individual.  A copy may be sent to the Player's National Association.
A Nation's Team Member or other associated persons (e.g. directors, officials, officers, members of staff, employees, contractors, agents, supporters or other representatives)	The individual's National Association.  A copy may be sent directly to the individual, using the contact details designated by the individual (if known).
Tournament	Tournament, through the Tournament Director.  A copy shall be sent to the Tournament Administrator in the case of communication under the Code of Conduct.  The National Association, where separate.
Tournament Director	The individual and the Tournament.  The National Association, where separate.
Event Organiser	The Event Organiser  The National Association, where separate.

- 19.2 In any case that a National Association is sent a communication as set out in Regulation 19.1 addressed to an individual affiliated to them, the National Association must ensure that the communication is passed to the relevant individual(s).
- 19.3 For the purposes of Regulation 19.1, the recipient will be deemed to have received a communication from the ITF under these Regulations (a) if sent by email, on the business day such email is sent (or, if not sent on a business day, on the first business day after the day on which it is sent); and (b) if sent by post, three business days after the day upon which the notification is posted to the person. For these purposes, a

'business day' means a day on which the banks are open for business in the country/territory of the Nation or (as applicable) in the country in which the individual is residing.

- 19.4 Any communications required to be made to the ITF under the Regulations must, unless otherwise specified by the ITF, be made by email to: [wheelchair@itftennis.com](mailto:wheelchair@itftennis.com)

## **20. Governing law and jurisdiction**

- 20.1 The Rules and 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 English law conflict of law principles.

- 20.2 Strictly subject to the alternate dispute resolution provisions set out in Section E of these Regulations (Disputes and Enforcement of Regulations) or elsewhere in the Rules and Regulations, each:

20.2.1 Player and their Related Persons;

20.2.2 Nation and each of its Team Members, directors, officials, officers, members of staff, employees, contractors, agents, and representatives; and

20.2.3 Tournament, Event Organiser and its Tournament Director, officers, members of staff, employees, contractors, agents and representatives;

agrees to submit any disputes or Claims or other matters arising in relation to the Rules and Regulations (including any non-contractual disputes or Claims) to arbitration before the Independent Tribunal, to the exclusion of any other court or forum. Unless otherwise agreed, such disputes must be lodged within 21 days of the occurrence of the acts or omissions on which the Claim or dispute is based, or (if later) of the claimant's knowledge of such acts or omissions. Any Claim or dispute involving the ITF as a respondent party that constitutes a challenge to a decision made by or on behalf of the ITF under the Rules and Regulations shall be determined by the Independent Tribunal exercising a supervisory jurisdiction only.

## **21. Waiver of Claims and liability**

### **21.1 General waiver of liability by Players**

- 21.1.1 Subject to Regulation 21.3 in submitting an entry and/or participating in the Competition, each Player (and each Nation in the case of the Team Competition) agrees as a condition of entry, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives that all Claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future Claims and injuries, if any:

21.1.1.1 sustained travelling to or from an Event, or

21.1.1.2 participating in an Event,

against the ITF, the Event Organiser, the National Association and/or the Regional Association sanctioning the Event, officials, promoters, sponsors, television or other broadcast licensees, vendors, venues, local organisers and others connected with such Events, including its employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives.

## 21.2 No ITF liability following changes to the scheduling of a Competition

### 21.2.1 The ITF bears no liability to:

21.2.1.1 any Applicant, Event Organiser or National Association that sanctioned the Event;

21.2.1.2 a Player, Related Person or Covered Person; or

21.2.1.3 any other persons or entities;

for any loss incurred as a result of a delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Tournament under Regulation 45 (*Changes to sanctioning or Tournament scheduling*) or part of the Team Competition under Regulation 164 (*ITF Refusal to Approve or Cancellation of Part of the Team Competition*).

21.2.2 Neither the ITF, nor the Applicant/Event Organiser, 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 a Tournament delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled under Regulation 45 (*Changes to sanctioning or Tournament scheduling*) or Regulation 164 (*ITF Refusal to Approve or Cancellation of Part of the Team Competition*), including, without limitation, any travel, transport and/or accommodation costs.

## 21.3 Liability that cannot be excluded

21.3.1 Nothing in the Regulations excludes or limits the liability of any party: (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.

## 21.4 Insurance

21.4.1 Each Player (and their Related Persons accompanying them) should obtain adequate insurance to cover the reasonable risks that arise from participation in the Tour (including the Masters), including:

21.4.1.1 death or personal injury travelling to and from, and participating in, a Tournament; and

21.4.1.2 changes to travel arrangements.

## 22. **Severability**

22.1 A ruling by a competent authority that any provision of the Regulations is invalid or unenforceable shall not affect the legal enforceability of the Regulations as a whole. Instead, such provision shall be replaced by the ITF with a valid and enforceable replacement provision as close as possible in effect to the replaced provision.

## 23. **Amendment of the Regulations**

23.1 The Regulations may be amended, repealed or otherwise modified by the Board.

23.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Regulation **Error! Reference source not found.**, the Board:



- 23.2.1 may grant dispensation from, modify, waive or otherwise alter these Regulations or their application in extraordinary circumstances; and
- 23.2.2 will provide as it sees fit where a matter arises for which provision has not been made in the Regulations.

## **E Disputes and Enforcement of Regulations**

### **24. On-site enforcement**

- 24.1 The ITF Supervisor is responsible for enforcing the Rules and Regulations On-Site.

### **25. First-instance proceedings**

#### **25.1 ITF Supervisor**

- 25.1.1 The ITF Supervisor has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- 25.1.1.1 unless expressly referred elsewhere, an allegation that a Player or Team Member has committed an Offence under the Code of Conduct that is not a Major Offence or a breach of the Welfare Policy (as found at Appendix E);
- 25.1.1.2 any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise On-Site at an Event (to be resolved in accordance with the Rules of Tennis, the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis, the Regulations, and the ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials); and
- 25.1.1.3 any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the ITF Supervisor.

- 25.1.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise, there is no right of appeal from the ITF Supervisor's decisions.

#### **25.2 Board, Wheelchair Tennis Committee, ITF Executive or other designated person/entity**

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

#### **25.3 ITF Internal Adjudication Panel**

- 25.3.1 The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:
  - 25.3.1.1 any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel;

- 25.3.1.2 any dispute or question about the proper interpretation of these Regulations (including reviewing as appropriate any On-Site interpretation by the ITF Supervisor);
  - 25.3.1.3 any dispute or question about Player/Captain eligibility arising under these Regulations;
  - 25.3.1.4 any allegation that a Player, Related Person, Team Member 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
  - 25.3.1.5 any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board (if the matter referred under this Regulation involves a challenge to a decision, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have supervisory jurisdiction in accordance with the IAP Procedural Rules).
- 25.3.2 Any disputes referred under these Regulations to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel must be referred to the ITF within 14 days of the Player, Nation or person concerned becoming aware of the dispute. Any failure to meet that deadline shall constitute a waiver of all rights in respect of the dispute, unless decided otherwise by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel.
- 25.3.3 The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel has appellate jurisdiction over decisions of the ITF Supervisor as to which the Rules and Regulations provide an express right of appeal.
- 25.3.4 The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall conduct all proceedings before it in accordance with the IAP Procedural Rules.
- 25.3.5 Decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel are final and binding on all parties, and may only be challenged by way of appeal as set out in Regulation 28 (*Appeals*).

#### 25.4 Independent Tribunal

- 25.4.1 The Independent Tribunal has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules):
- 25.4.1.1 any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations to the Independent Tribunal;
  - 25.4.1.2 an allegation arising in relation to the Competition of a breach of:
    - (a) the Code of Conduct for a Major Offence;
    - (b) the Code of Conduct for a Tournament Offence; and
  - 25.4.1.3 any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and if the matter referred under this Regulation involves a challenge of a decision, the Independent Tribunal shall have supervisory jurisdiction in accordance with

the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules, unless agreed otherwise by the parties.

- 25.4.2 The Independent Tribunal shall have exclusive appellate jurisdiction over decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under the Regulations (save for decisions of that panel on appeals against decisions of the ITF Supervisor, as to which there shall be no right of appeal). The Independent Tribunal may also hear any other appeals expressly referred to it under the Rules and Regulations. Where there is a right of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, the parties may agree to waive the first instance proceedings and instead have a single (first instance) hearing before the Independent Tribunal, with no further right of appeal from its decision.
- 25.4.3 The Board or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may (where it deems it appropriate) refer any matter under Regulation 25.3 to the Independent Tribunal. The Independent Tribunal will sit as a first instance body, but there shall be no right of appeal against the Independent Tribunal's decision.
- 25.4.4 The Independent Tribunal will conduct all proceedings before it in accordance with the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules.
- 25.4.5 Decisions of the Independent Tribunal sitting as a first instance tribunal may only be challenged by way of appeal to the CAS, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules.
- 25.4.6 Decisions of the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appellate body are final and binding, with no further right of appeal to any further body.

## 25.5 Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer

- 25.5.1 The Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over any allegation in relation to the Competition of a breach of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.
- 25.5.2 Decisions of the Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer may be appealed as set out in the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

## 25.6 ITIA Independent Tribunal

- 25.6.1 The ITIA Independent Tribunal has exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over any allegation in relation to the Competition of a breach of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.
- 25.6.2 Decisions of the ITIA Independent Tribunal may be appealed as set out in the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

## **26. Provisional suspensions**

- 26.1 Provisional suspensions may be imposed in accordance with Article V (Major Offences) and Article VII (Welfare Policy) of the Code of Conduct or where otherwise expressly provided in the Rules and Regulations (such as in the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme and the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program).
- 26.2 Decisions to impose a provisional suspension may be appealed as set out in the Code of Conduct.

## **27. Consequences**

- 27.1 Where the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and/or Independent Tribunal upholds an allegation of breach of these Regulations, it will determine the consequence(s) for such breach in accordance with the provisions in the IAP Procedural Rules or Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules (as applicable), unless these Regulations specify other consequences for such breach, in which case it will apply the specific consequences.

## **28. Appeals**

- 28.1 Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

28.1.1 decisions 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 the IAP Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);

28.1.2 subject to the preceding paragraph 28.1.1 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 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; and

28.1.3 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.

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

28.2.1 the person or entity that is the subject of the decision being appealed;

28.2.2 in relation to the Team Competition:

28.2.2.1 the Nation of the Team Member who is the subject the decision being appealed;

28.2.2.2 a Nation that is directly affected by the decision being appealed; and/or

28.2.3 the ITF.

- 28.3 A Nation will not be 'directly affected' pursuant to Regulation 28.2.2.2 based solely on it or its Player being a competitor of the person or organisation that is the subject of a decision sought to be appealed.

## **F Commercial**

**29.** ITFL shall own and control all Commercial Rights in relation to the Competition. All Commercial Rights not expressly granted to a National Association/Event Organiser are retained by ITFL.

**30.** All Event Organisers must comply with the requirements set out in the Commercial Pack provided to them by the ITF for the Event for which they are the Event Organiser.

### **31. Media Rights**

31.1 ITFL is the exclusive owner of all Media Rights to the Competition.

31.2 Save as set out in Regulation 31.3, ITFL retains all Media Rights, including:

31.2.1 The exclusive right to appoint and enter into contracts with broadcasters to produce and broadcast coverage of the Competition (or any part of it) by means of Traditional Broadcast Television and traditional over-the-air radio outside of the Territory in which the applicable part of the Competition takes place;

31.2.2 The right to Live Stream the Competition;

31.2.3 Archive Rights.

31.3 ITFL grants to an Event Organiser (subject to any Hosting Agreement and the Commercial Pack):

31.3.1 The exclusive right to appoint and enter into any contracts with Host Broadcasters to produce and broadcast coverage of that Event taking place during the term of the Agreement by means of Traditional Broadcast Television and traditional over-the-air radio within the Territory in which the Event takes place, on the condition that:

31.3.1.1 The Event Organiser will make best efforts to negotiate with any Host Broadcaster to which it licenses broadcast rights to provide the ITF with recordings of all matches at the Event in such format as requested by the ITF and free of charge. The ITF will pay charges incurred by the Event Organiser only with prior written approval; and

31.3.1.2 The Event Organiser will procure a full assignment of copyright and other intellectual property rights in any coverage to ITF (including but not limited to Archive Rights).

31.3.2 The right to Live Stream the Event in its domestic Territory, itself or through a third party for non-betting purposes, subject to the following:

31.3.2.1 The prior written approval of the ITF in its sole discretion;

31.3.2.2 Such Live Streaming not being transmitted or made available with a less than 30 second delay between the action taking place at the Event and the Live Streaming being available to viewers;

31.3.2.3 Such Live Streaming being satisfactorily geoblocked to within the Territory of the Event;

- 31.3.2.4 Such Live Streaming not being made available for gambling or betting purposes;
  - 31.3.2.5 The Live Stream being made available to the ITF free of charge and in a timely manner on request for publication on its own digital channels; and
  - 31.3.2.6 The National Association granting, or procuring that the producer of the Live Stream grants, all copyright in the Live Stream to ITFL at the conclusion of the Event.
- 31.4 Any revenues generated by any entity under Regulation 31.3 will be for the sole benefit of that entity.

## **32. Image Rights**

- 32.1 Each Player grants a worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free, transferable and sub-licensable licence to the Image Rights to:
- 32.1.1 The ITF;
  - 32.1.2 The sanctioning National Association and the Event Organiser for any Event in which they enter and/or participate; and
  - 32.1.3 The agents, licensees and assignees of each of the entities above.
- 32.2 The Image Rights are the right (in each case for commercial and non-commercial purposes):
- 32.2.1 To use or authorise the use of:
    - 32.2.1.1 Their name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification;
    - 32.2.1.2 In any and all media including event posters, photos, programmes, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising, broadcasting and filming of the same;
    - 32.2.1.3 For the purpose of publicising and promoting (and commercialising where applicable):
      - (a) The sport of tennis;
      - (b) The ITF, its affiliates and events;
      - (c) The Competition;
      - (d) The sanctioning National Association, the Event Organiser and their respective affiliates and events; and
  - 32.2.2 To make, use and show, in any and all media, audio or audio-visual footage, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, games-based imagery and other reproductions of them.

- 32.3 The Image Rights are granted without compensation.
- 32.4 The Image Rights may not be used in such a way as to constitute an endorsement by the Player of any product or company. The Player acknowledges and agrees that use of the Image Rights will not constitute such an endorsement provided that the following conditions are met:
- 32.4.1 Player imagery may only be used in materials featuring no fewer than four (4) players;
  - 32.4.2 Player imagery may only be used in promotions that reference their association with the Competition; and
  - 32.4.3 No player's image may be used in a manner that is materially more prominent than the images of other player(s) used.
- 32.5 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.

### **33. Images and Videos of Juniors**

- 33.1 Notwithstanding Regulation 32 (*Image Rights*), no Covered Person may obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of Juniors unless:
- 33.1.1 They have express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of the Junior(s) or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and ITF Supervisor; or
  - 33.1.2 They are the parent or legal guardian of the Junior(s).
- 33.2 Images and/or recordings taken with permission under this Regulation 30 must be:
- 33.2.1 Exclusively of tennis matches, practice or presentation of trophies; and
  - 33.2.2 In line with ITF's Process for ITF Tournament Supervisors, Coaches and Parents on Video Recording of Junior Matches for Performance Analysis (available at: <https://www.itftennis.com/media/7267/itf-performance-analysis-video-u18.pdf>).

## **G Access to Competition sites**

### **34. Accreditation**

- 34.1 Tournaments and Events must provide accreditation to all Players, staff, media and all other personnel. Accreditation must be displayed at all times whilst on the tournament site.
- 34.2 The Tournament or Event must enforce any denial of or revocation of accreditation under the Code of Conduct or application of these Regulations.
- 34.3 Tournaments, Events and Covered Persons must comply with the requirements relating to Accreditation as set out in the Organisational Requirements.

### **35. Covered Persons**

- 35.1 Any Covered Person or Tournament Visitor attending an Event must report to the Tournament Director 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 player 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.



## **PART 2: TOUR RULE BOOK**

### **H The Tour**

#### **36. Grades**

- 36.1 The Tour is comprised of individual Tournaments open to wheelchair tennis players, graded on the basis of the Ranking Points. The Masters forms part of the Tour for ranking purposes, but is organised pursuant to specific regulations set out in this Part 2.
- 36.2 The Grades of the Tour are (in order):
- 36.2.1 Premier: Grand Slams; Masters; WT1000; WT500 and WT250 (Premier Grade Tournaments); and
  - 36.2.2 International: WT175; WT100 and WT50 (International Grade Tournaments); and
  - 36.2.3 Development: WT25 (Development Grade Tournaments).
- 36.3 The Grades of the Tour for Juniors are Masters, Grade A and Junior Series.
- 36.4 Tournaments on the Tour are open to all wheelchair tennis players based on merit and without discrimination, provided they meet the eligibility requirements set out in Section C (*Player eligibility*) and Section I (*Player eligibility for the Tour and Masters*).

#### **37. Applications and sanctioning**

- 37.1 Any wheelchair tennis tournament wishing to apply for sanction on the Tour must apply to the ITF. Applications will only be accepted from the National Association in the country that the tournament is taking place (the **Applicant**), including in cases where the National Association has approved or delegated the organisation to a third-party Tournament Organiser (and in such cases the defined term Applicant shall also be used to refer them together).
- 37.2 Applications must be:
- 37.2.1 made using the online application process as prescribed by the ITF from time to time;
  - 37.2.2 received by the deadline specified in the Organisational Requirements, unless an exception is approved by the Committee (or the ITF Executive where delegated to it); and
  - 37.2.3 in compliance with any other relevant provisions in the Organisational Requirements.

- 37.3 Applications shall be accepted from Applicants that are current members of the ITF that are not suspended.
- 37.4 By making and being part of any such application for sanctioning on the Tour, the National Association and the Tournament Organiser (if separate) each agree / agrees to be bound by:
- 37.4.1 these Regulations (including all other Rules and Regulations as specified in Regulation 3.1 (*Rules and Regulations*));
  - 37.4.2 the terms and conditions as set out in the application process;
  - 37.4.3 the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards as applicable to the Grade of the Tournament;
  - 37.4.4 the ITF Security Protocol; and
  - 37.4.5 the Organisational Requirements.
- 37.5 The Committee (or the ITF Executive where delegated to it) shall decide whether to grant a sanction to an Applicant.
- 37.6 A sanction:
- 37.6.1 is granted for one (1) calendar year only, unless explicitly designated otherwise by the ITF;
  - 37.6.2 is specific to the designated Grade, which may be an upgrade or downgrade to the Grade requested and/or granted in a previous year;
  - 37.6.3 may be subject to conditions imposed at the time of granting, or at any point prior to the commencement of the Tournament;
  - 37.6.4 is conditional on receipt of the sanction fee as set out in Regulation 41.1.1 (*Tournament Financial Requirements*) and the Organisational Requirements;
  - 37.6.5 may be granted for one, some or all of a proposed Series or group of Tournaments; and
  - 37.6.6 may be withdrawn pursuant to Regulation 45.2 (*Changes to sanctioning or Tournament scheduling*).
- 37.7 Subject to Regulation 45 (*Changes to sanctioning or Tournament scheduling*), decisions under this Regulation related to the sanctioning of a Tournament (including to grant or reject an application with or without conditions) are final and unappealable.
- 37.8 Other Events:
- 37.8.1 The ITF may also sanction other Events to form part of the Tour, including the Grand Slams, the Paralympic Games or Regional Paralympic Games. The sanctioning process set out in these Regulations shall apply to such other Events unless waived or adapted by the ITF.
  - 37.8.2 The Grand Slams:

- 37.8.2.1 must follow the sanctioning process set out in these Regulations unless waived or adapted by the ITF;
- 37.8.2.2 shall be governed by these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct); and
- 37.8.2.3 shall also be governed by the Grand Slam Rule Book.
- 37.8.3 The Paralympic Games and the Regional Paralympic Games:
  - 37.8.3.1 are sanctioned at the discretion of the Committee, and the sanctioning process set out in these Regulations is not applicable;
  - 37.8.3.2 shall be governed by separate rules and regulations issued by the ITF, or these Regulations as amended in an Appendix; and
  - 37.8.3.3 shall also be governed by regulations issued by the IPC or a Regional Paralympic Committee (as applicable).
- 37.8.4 Other Events:
  - 37.8.4.1 must follow the sanctioning process set out in these Regulations unless waived or adapted by the ITF;
  - 37.8.4.2 shall be governed by these Regulations, unless replaced or amended by separate rules and regulations issued by the ITF, or as amended in an Appendix; and
  - 37.8.4.3 may also be governed by regulations issued by the Event Organiser.

### **38. Tournament structure**

- 38.1 In general and always subject to these Regulations (including relating to entries and withdrawals, Draw sizes, and the Order of Play), Tournaments can be made up of the following Draws:
  - 38.1.1 Main Draw, which is filled first, according to the applicable System of Merit;
  - 38.1.2 Qualifying Draw, which is optional for Tournaments at Premier Grade and may also be held at other Tournaments. A Qualifying Draw can be held if published in the Fact Sheet and there are then sufficient entries after the Main Draw has been filled. Where held, it is filled second and will determine Players or Pairs who will play in the Main Draw;
  - 38.1.3 Second Draw, which is optional for Tournaments at International and Development Grade, and is held where there are sufficient entries after the Main Draw has been filled. A Second Draw cannot be held if a Qualifying Draw is held. Players or Pairs who win the Second Draw do not advance to the Main Draw;
  - 38.1.4 Consolation Draw, which is optional for Tournaments at International and Development Grade, and is held in Singles only and is made up of Players who wish to participate in further matches after losing their first match, or who qualify through the Singles Qualifying Draw (if applicable) but lose their first match in the Singles Main Draw.

- 38.2 Each Tournament at Premier Grade must include competition for Men's, Women's and Quad) Categories, unless otherwise approved by the ITF, and for each Category included:
- 38.2.1 shall include a Singles Main Draw;
  - 38.2.2 shall include a Doubles Main Draw; and
  - 38.2.3 may include Qualifying Draw(s).
- 38.3 Each Tournament at International and Development Grade must include competition for Men's, Women's and Quad Categories, unless otherwise approved by the ITF, and for each Category included:
- 38.3.1 shall include a Singles Main Draw;
  - 38.3.2 shall include a Doubles Main Draw;
  - 38.3.3 may include Qualifying Draw(s) or Second Draw(s), and/or Singles Consolation Draw(s).
- 38.4 Each Tournament may also include the Juniors Category , which:
- 38.4.1 Shall include a Singles Main Draw;
  - 38.4.2 May include a Doubles Main Draw;
  - 38.4.3 May include a Singles Qualifying Draw.
- 38.5 The Draws included in a Tournament are subject to the approval of the ITF.
- 38.6 Save as set out in Regulation 74 (*Draw Type*), each Draw will be an Elimination Draw.
- 38.7 Each Tournament is assigned to a specific week on the calendar, being the calendar week (commencing on a Monday) in which the Tournament is scheduled to begin according to the Fact Sheet (the Tournament Week).
- 38.8 The Draws must be scheduled as follows, which must be approved by the ITF:
- 38.8.1 The entire Tournament must take place over a minimum of three (3) days, except for Junior Tournaments which may take place over a minimum of two (2) days.
  - 38.8.2 The Singles Qualifying Draw can be played over one, two or three days (depending on Draw size) but must finish no later than the start of the Singles Main Draw.
  - 38.8.3 The Singles Main Draw may commence on any day.
  - 38.8.4 The Doubles Draw can commence on the same day as the Doubles Entry Deadline, or later.

## **39. Personnel**

- 39.1 Each Tournament Organiser must appoint the following personnel at its own cost, each as further detailed in this Regulation 39 and the Organisational Requirements:

- 39.1.1 a Tournament Director;
  - 39.1.2 an ITF Supervisor;
  - 39.1.3 the appropriate number of additional Officials;
  - 39.1.4 a Tournament Doctor; and
  - 39.1.5 a Sports Physiotherapist.
- 39.2 Additional Officials: The Organisational Requirements provide details on the appropriate supply of and certification levels for additional Officials (such as Chair Umpires and Line Umpires).
- 39.3 Ball persons: The Organisational Requirements provide details on when ball persons are required, and when they are recommended.
- 39.4 Approval of Officials: The ITF has the right to approve Officials as set out in the Organisational Requirements.
- 39.5 Medical personnel
- 39.5.1 The Tournament Doctor must speak English to a satisfactory level and be available on call at all times during playing hours to provide medical treatment and perform roles designated to the Tournament Doctor in the Rules and Regulations.
  - 39.5.2 The Sports Physiotherapist must speak English to a satisfactory level and be available On-Site sixty minutes before matches commence until completion of all matches. The Sports Physiotherapist must be equipped to provide on-site treatment to Players and on-court treatment must be free of charge.
  - 39.5.3 Further requirements are set out in the Organisational Requirements and the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards.

#### **40. Fact Sheet**

- 40.1 Each Tournament must provide information regarding the Tournament as required in the Organisational Requirements, including the tournament site, start and end date, Entry Fee, Draw sizes, court surface, type of courts, hotel information, transportation, Prize Money, prize money deductions for tax, visa contact, and other relevant information regarding the Tournament (the Fact Sheet).
- 40.2 Once approved by the ITF, the Fact Sheet will be made available to Players in IPIN.

#### **41. Tournament financial requirements**

- 41.1 The Applicant has the following financial obligations:
  - 41.1.1 It must pay a non-refundable sanction fee in accordance with the Organisational Requirements.
  - 41.1.2 It must pay the Prize Money in accordance with Regulations 90 (*Prize Money*), 91 (*Payment of Prize Money*) and 94 (*Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points*).

- 41.1.3 It must pay to the ITF any fines collected during the Tournament as set out in Regulation 90.7 (*Prize Money*).
- 41.1.4 It must pay any fines issued against it under the Code of Conduct.
- 41.2 The Applicant:
  - 41.2.1 must take out (and produce to the ITF upon request) a suitable insurance policy which:
    - 41.2.1.1 is compliant with local laws and regulations;
    - 41.2.1.2 insures against Claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the Tournament for which the Applicant is legally liable; and
    - 41.2.1.3 names “ITF Ltd” and “ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd” in the policy and on the certificate of insurance;
  - 41.2.2 is encouraged to take out 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 the Tournament due to force majeure; and
  - 41.2.3 is encouraged to take out additional insurance policies that covers the Tournament that insures against: (a) employer’s liability; (b) business interruption; (c) personal injury; and (d) any other appropriate insurance policies recognised under local law.
- 41.3 Unless otherwise stated, a Tournament is responsible for all costs associated with complying with the Rules and Regulations.
- 41.4 The Tournament shall set the Entry Fee, as further detailed by the Organisational Requirements.

## **42. Sponsorship**

- 42.1 Save as set out in Regulation 42.2, ITFL retains all Sponsorship Rights for the Tour and its Tournaments, as well as the Masters, including:
  - 42.1.1 To determine the title of the Tour and the Masters;
  - 42.1.2 To appoint entities as International Sponsors, including a Title Sponsor. An International Sponsor will have the right to exposure at all Tournaments;
  - 42.1.3 For net, on-court and court-side branding on the Tour.
- 42.2 Subject to any Hosting Agreement and Commercial Pack, ITFL grants to Tournament Organisers and any Masters Organiser the right to secure Local Sponsors provided that they do not conflict with:
  - 42.2.1 the business of Title Sponsors or International Sponsors; or
  - 42.2.2 the rights of Title Sponsors and International Sponsors appointed by the ITF, including as set out in the Commercial Pack.

- 42.3 Any revenues generated by an organisation or entity under this Regulation 42, will be for the sole benefit of that organisation or entity.
- 42.4 An International Sponsor or Local Sponsor must not promote the following products or services:
  - 42.4.1 Tobacco or e-cigarettes;
  - 42.4.2 Hard-liquor products;
  - 42.4.3 Betting companies or casinos;
  - 42.4.4 Political activity; or
  - 42.4.5 Any other category or product or service deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the Competition, as reasonably determined by the ITF in consultation with the National Association for the relevant country and any applicable Tournament Organiser/Masters Organiser.
- 42.5 Notwithstanding Regulation 42.4, a Tournament Organiser/Masters Organiser may appoint a Local Sponsor that is a casino or a national, regional or state lottery, provided:
  - 42.5.1 The ITF has provided prior written approval; and
  - 42.5.2 The proposed sponsor does not offer tennis betting as part of their business activity.
- 42.6 The Tournament Organiser/Masters Organiser is not allowed to place branding on the net unless agreed otherwise in writing with the ITF.

### **43. Organisational Requirements**

- 43.1 Each Tournament must be held in accordance with the Organisational Requirements, which:
  - 43.1.1 set the minimum standards for a range of operational aspects related to the organisation and delivery of a Tournament on the Tour, including:
    - 43.1.1.1 playing requirements such as court numbers, practice courts, and catering provision;
    - 43.1.1.2 official accommodation requirements;
    - 43.1.1.3 facilities on site such as changing rooms, sun protection, wheelchair storage;
    - 43.1.1.4 player services such as tournament desk, stringers, Wheelchair maintenance station, and transport;
    - 43.1.1.5 accreditation;
    - 43.1.1.6 field of play requirements (as set out in Regulation 44 (*Field of play requirements*)); and

- 43.1.2 are published by the ITF annually and may be updated at any time. Updates shall apply to all Tournaments taking place at least 16 weeks after the publication date unless exceptional circumstances require that period to be shortened or lengthened.
- 43.2 The Tournament must comply with the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards, as specified in the Organisational Requirements for the applicable Grade.
- 43.3 Each Tournament must provide, on request:
  - 43.3.1 a Doping Control Station that, at a minimum, satisfies the requirements of the prevailing version of the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations;
  - 43.3.2 sufficient chaperones to notify Players selected for sample collection, accompany and observe such Players until their arrival at the Doping Control Station, and witness provision of those Players' samples as necessary; and
  - 43.3.3 facilities as required by the ITF to enable it to host a Classification Event.
- 44. Field of play requirements**
  - 44.1 Each Tournament Organiser must comply with the field of play requirements as set out in this Regulation and the Organisational Requirements.
  - 44.2 Match courts: Match courts must conform to Rule 1 of the Rules of Tennis, and all matches for each Category must be played on the same surface.
  - 44.3 Practice courts:
    - 44.3.1 Tournaments shall provide practice courts to Players free-of-charge. The required number of practice courts shall be available from at least one (1) day before the start of the Tournament until the completion of the Tournament.
    - 44.3.2 Practice courts must be of the same surface as the match courts.
- 45. Changes to sanctioning or Tournament scheduling**
  - 45.1 A Tournament Organiser cannot:
    - 45.1.1 cancel after the deadlines set out in Article XX (Late Cancellation) of the Code of Conduct. Any cancellation by the Tournament Organiser after this point shall constitute a Tournament Offence. The sanction fee shall be retained by the ITF, or remains payable by the National Association if not already paid, and will not be offset against any fine that may separately be imposed; or
    - 45.1.2 make changes to a Tournament after the deadlines set out in Article XX (Late Cancellation) of the Code of Conduct, unless approved by the ITF in exceptional circumstances.
  - 45.2 The ITF may downgrade or withdraw sanction from a Tournament up until the Singles Entry Deadline if there are travel restrictions or other difficulties for Players or other participants entering the city, country or Territory.
  - 45.3 Without prejudice to any other rights in the Rules and Regulations, the ITF may refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned Tournament or Series 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). Any such decision will be made by the Committee (or the ITF Executive where delegated to it). The Applicant may appeal the decision to the Independent Tribunal.

- 45.4 If a Tournament is cancelled late (for any reason), the ITF may place Players who were Entered and/or Accepted into that Tournament as the “next in” on the Acceptance List for the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of another Tournament taking place in the same Tournament Week. The ITF may take such steps despite any Regulations to the contrary, including in Section J (*Singles - entries and withdrawals*); Section K (*Doubles - entries and withdrawals*), Section L (*Systems of Merit*), and Section M (*Draws*).
- 45.5 In extraordinary circumstances (including bad weather or other significant impediment to completing the Tournament) the ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the ITF, may cancel or adjust a Tournament’s Week and schedule (in addition to the changes set out in Regulation 83.2 (*Playing Format*)).

## **I Player eligibility for the Tour and Masters**

### **46. Tour Nationality**

- 46.1 Subject to Regulation 46.5, a Player’s nationality for the Tour and the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking (**Tour Nationality**) is determined by the country for which they hold a valid passport.
- 46.2 A Player must designate their Tour Nationality in accordance with Regulation 46.1 when registering for an IPIN. The ITF may request a copy of a Player’s valid passport at any time.
- 46.3 A Player may change their Tour Nationality by:
  - 46.3.1 sending a copy of their valid passport for the Nation they wish to represent to the ITF; or
  - 46.3.2 making an application under Regulation 46.5 to change Tour Nationality.
- 46.4 In the event that a request is made where:
  - 46.4.1 the Player was born in the Nation to which they wish to change their Tour Nationality;
  - 46.4.2 that Nation does not issue its own separate passports, and its citizens are issued a passport from another Nation; and
  - 46.4.3 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 Tour 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 Tour 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 Tour Nationality and update the ITF’s website.

- 46.5 A Player may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to change their Tour Nationality despite not holding a valid passport for the Nation they wish to designate as their Tour Nationality. The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will approve the change request where it is genuine and not intended to circumvent the application of the Regulations (i.e. a “flag of convenience”). The application must be supported by:

- 46.5.1 a copy of the Player’s current passport(s);
- 46.5.2 a written explanation setting out: (a) why they are seeking to change their Tour Nationality; (b) why they do not hold a valid passport for the relevant Nation; (c) any dates they held nationality in the Nation they seek to represent, providing copies of expired passports and/or ID cards where available; (d) the nature of their ties and affiliation(s) with the relevant Nation including familial connections, period(s) of time spent visiting and/or residing in that Nation, and their commitment to life and tennis in that Nation; and (e) details of any second or previous nationalities, including in relation to their tennis participation at an international level.

- 46.6 This Regulation applies to the Tour only and is without prejudice to any other regulations applicable to other Events or tournaments (such as the Team Competition or Paralympic Games), which may impose different criteria.

#### **47. Entering and participating in a Tournament**

- 47.1 A Player is eligible to Enter (including by accepting a Wild Card) and participate in a Tournament if they:

- 47.1.1 have a valid IPIN registration;
- 47.1.2 meet the Gender Requirements;
- 47.1.3 meet the Age Eligibility Requirements;
- 47.1.4 meet the Wheelchair Classification Requirements;
- 47.1.5 meet the Play Down Restrictions;
- 47.1.6 have successfully completed the Tennis Integrity Protection Programme as directed by the ITF at the time of IPIN registration;
- 47.1.7 (for Players under 18) have successfully completed the ITF’s safeguarding education modules in the previous 12 months;
- 47.1.8 are not at any time during the Tournament Week nor throughout the Tournament, subject to a suspension imposed (including on a provisional basis) or reciprocated by the ITF pursuant to these Regulations, including (but not limited to) under the Code of Conduct, Appendix G (*Reciprocity and Information Sharing*) or ITF Safeguarding Policies; and
- 47.1.9 are not retired as set out in Regulation 17 (*Retirement*).

- 47.2 To Enter a Tournament, a Player must:

- 47.2.1 submit their Entry in the manner required under these Regulations; and

- 47.2.2 pay the Entry Fee prior to the start of the Tournament in accordance with the payment instructions notified by the Tournament Organiser, unless the Tournament Organiser agrees to deduct it from any Prize Money that the Player becomes entitled to pursuant to these Regulations. The Entry Fee must be the same for all Players including Wild Cards, and can be collected in US Dollars, Euros or in local currency, as stated on the Fact Sheet.
- 47.3 Players who are not, or do not remain, eligible under this Regulation 47 may:
- 47.3.1 be suspended from accessing the IPIN system to make entries;
  - 47.3.2 have any current entries revoked by the ITF; and
  - 47.3.3 have any Ranking Points invalidated and be ordered to return any Prize Money received if it is later discovered that they participated while not eligible.
- 47.4 Each Player making an Entry in a Tournament is responsible for:
- 47.4.1 being fit to play in that Tournament;
  - 47.4.2 checking the entry requirements for the location of that Tournament, and then obtaining in a timely manner all necessary travel documentation and visas (for themselves and their Related Persons); and
  - 47.4.3 making suitable travel arrangements to ensure that they are present On-Site at the required time;
- and if at any point their ability to meet the above obligations is in doubt, the Player is responsible for withdrawing without delay and despite any potential consequences under the Code of Conduct.
- 47.5 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 Tournament. The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

## **48. Play Down Restrictions**

- 48.1 Higher-ranked Players are restricted from Entering the Men's, Women's and Quad Singles Draw in Tournaments as follows:

<b>Grade of the Tournament being Entered</b>	<b>Restriction</b>
<b><u>WT175</u></b>	The top 8 Players in the Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking at the Singles Entry Deadline of the Tournament being Entered can only play two (2) <u>WT175</u> Tournaments (including the equivalent previous Grade of <u>ITF2</u> ) per 52-week ranking roll-over period. This means that the Player can Enter if they have only played in and/or are currently Entered in <u>zero or one</u> (1) <u>WT175 (or ITF2)</u> Tournament in the 52-week period prior to the start of the Tournament being Entered.
<b><u>WT100</u></b>	The top 14 Players in the Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking at the Singles Entry Deadline of the Tournament being Entered can only play two (2) <u>WT100</u> Tournaments (including the equivalent previous Grade of <u>ITF3</u> ) per 52-week ranking roll-over period. This means that the

	Player can Enter if they have only played in and/or are currently Entered in <u>zero or one</u> (1) <u>WT100</u> (or ITF3) Tournament in the 52-week period prior to the start of the Tournament being Entered.
<b><u>WT50</u> and <u>WT25</u></b>	Top 20 Players at the Singles Entry Deadline are ineligible.

#### **49. ITF UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Ranking**

49.1 The ITF owns, operates and publishes the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking, which ranks all Players based on their performances in the Competition and certain other events. The Wheelchair Tennis Ranking is the system of merit used in the Tour. Ranking Points are awarded as set out in Section O (*Results*).

##### **49.2 Adult Rankings:**

49.2.1 The Wheelchair Tennis Ranking is calculated for Men's, Women's and Quad and is separate for Singles and Doubles. The Wheelchair Tennis Ranking places each Eligible Player in order based on their total points in Ranking Tournaments in the Ranking Period that meet the applicable Ranking Criteria (subject always to the exclusion of any points forfeited by application of the Rules or Regulations).

49.2.2 Ties are broken according to the Tied Ranking Criteria.

49.2.3 In this Regulation 49.2 only, the definitions for each of the underlined terms is set out in the table below:

<b>Eligible Player</b>	A Player is eligible to earn a Wheelchair Tennis Ranking if:  (a) they meet the Age Eligibility Requirements; and (b) they have played in and earned Ranking Points in two Ranking Tournaments.
<b>Ranking Tournaments</b>	(a) Grand Slams; (b) <u>WT1000, WT500, WT250, WT175, WT100, WT50, WT25</u> ; (c) Masters; (d) Team Competition (World Group and Regional Qualifying Event); (e) the Paralympic Games; and (f) Regional Paralympic Games.
<b>Ranking Period</b>	The immediate past 52 weeks.
<b>Ranking Criteria (Singles)</b>	For each Category, the Ranking shall be made up of:  (a) Men's – the Player's <u>twelve (12)</u> best Singles results, including any Mandatory Event(s); (b) Women's – the Player's <u>twelve (12)</u> best Singles results, including any Mandatory Event(s); or (c) Quad – the Player's <u>ten (10)</u> best Singles results, including any Mandatory Event(s).

<b>Ranking Criteria (Doubles)</b>	<p>For each Category, the Ranking shall be made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Men's – the Player's <u>twelve (12)</u> best Doubles results, including any Mandatory Event(s);</li> <li>(b) Women's – the Player's <u>twelve (12)</u> best Doubles results, including any Mandatory Event(s); or</li> <li>(c) Quad – the Player's <u>ten (10)</u> best Doubles results, including any Mandatory Event(s).</li> </ul>
<b>Mandatory Events</b>	<p>The following events are mandatory for inclusion in a Player's Wheelchair Tennis Ranking if that Player meets the applicable qualification criteria set out in Regulation 95.2 (<i>Ranking Points for Mandatory Events</i>) at the applicable Entry Deadline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Grand Slams Singles Main Draw;</li> <li>(b) Grand Slam Doubles Main Draw; and</li> <li>(c) Masters Singles.</li> </ul> <p>Zero (0) points will be included on a Player's Wheelchair Tennis Ranking if they do not participate in a Mandatory Event for any reason, <u>unless the Player satisfies the Exemption Pathway</u>.</p>
<b>Tied Ranking Criteria</b>	<p>If two or more Players are tied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Player with the least number of total Ranking Tournaments played shall be ranked higher; and if still tied</li> <li>(b) the Player with the highest number of points (in Singles or Doubles as relates to the ranking in question) in the highest level of Tournament or Event shall be ranked higher, and thereafter until the tie is broken (with the order being Masters, Grand Slam, <u>WT1000, WT500, WT250 etc</u>).</li> </ul>

#### 49.3 Junior Rankings:

49.3.1 The Junior Wheelchair Tennis Ranking is calculated in each of the Boys and Girls Categories in Singles only, and places each Eligible Player in order based on the sum of:

- 49.3.1.1 their total points in the Junior Singles Main Draw of Ranking Tournaments in the Ranking Period that meet the Ranking Criteria for Junior Tournaments (subject always to the exclusion of any points forfeited by application of the Rules or Regulations); plus
- 49.3.1.2 25% of their points in the Men's, Women's or Quad Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking corresponding to their Sport Class (if any, and as properly awarded according to Regulation 49.2).

49.3.2 Ties in the Junior Wheelchair Tennis Ranking are broken according to the Tied Rankings Criteria.

49.3.3 In this Regulation 49.3 only, definitions for each of these terms is set out in the table below:

<b>Eligible Player</b>	A Player is eligible to earn a Junior Wheelchair Tennis Ranking if:  (a) they meet the Age Eligibility Requirements for participation in Juniors; and (b) they have played in and earned Ranking Points in one Ranking Tournament.
<b>Ranking Tournaments</b>	(a) Junior Grade A Events (b) Junior Series (c) Masters (d) Team Competition (as set out in Regulation 158.2 ( <i>Ranking Points</i> ))
<b>Ranking Period</b>	The immediate past 52 weeks.
<b>Ranking Criteria</b>	Unlimited results from Singles Main Draw only.
<b>Tied Ranking Criteria</b>	If two or more Players are tied:  (a) the Player with the least number of total Ranking Tournaments played shall be ranked higher; and if still tied (b) the Player with the highest number of points in the highest level of Tournament or Event shall be ranked higher, and thereafter until the tie is broken (with the order of Grades being Masters, Grand Slam, <u>WT1000</u> , <u>WT500</u> , <u>WT250</u> etc).

49.4 The ITF computes and publishes the Junior Wheelchair Tennis Ranking weekly on a Monday. Tournament results are processed and published on the Monday after the Tournament concludes. Ranking Points are valid for inclusion in a Player's Junior Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for 52 weeks from the week that they are published and included.

## **50. Protected Rankings**

50.1 In addition to the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking, a Player may be attributed a Protected Ranking solely for the purposes of Entry to Events. A Protected Ranking is based on a Player's historic Wheelchair Tennis Ranking prior to a period of forced non-participation.

50.2 Application:

50.2.1 A Player may apply for a Protected Ranking if they will not compete in any wheelchair tennis event (including special events and exhibitions) for a minimum period of six (6) months due to a medical condition or pregnancy.

50.2.2 An application for Protected Ranking must be:

50.2.2.1 in writing in the form required by the ITF;

50.2.2.2 sent to the Wheelchair Tennis Department; and

50.2.2.3 received by the ITF no later than six (6) months after the Player's last Tournament or Event, and at least one calendar month prior to the Entry Deadline for the first Tournament or Event in which the Player wishes to or does compete.

50.3 Calculation: The Protected Ranking will be the average points from the Player's Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the twelve (12) updates to the Wheelchair Tennis Rankings immediately following the Player's last Tournament or Event.

50.4 Use:

50.4.1 A Player must activate their Protected Ranking by competing in their first Tournament or Event within two (2) years from the date of the last Tournament or Event played, unless the Protected Ranking is as a result of pregnancy in which case the Player must activate her Protected Ranking within 52 weeks of the end of her pregnancy.

50.4.2 Protected Ranking can be used for Entry into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of a Tournament. Protected Ranking is not valid for Seeding purposes.

50.4.3 A Player is limited to using their Protected Ranking:

50.4.3.1 at only one (1) Grand Slam and three (3) WT1000 Tournaments; and

50.4.3.2 at a maximum number of Events based on the period of time they do not compete:

<b>Period of time not competing</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Six (6) to twelve (12) months	Up to five (5) Events
Over twelve (12) months	Up to seven (7) Events

50.4.4 A Player has one (1) year from the date of the first use of the Protected Ranking in which to use their allocation of Protected Ranking entries. The Player must request to use their Protected Ranking by contacting the ITF before the Entry Deadline, but failure to use the Protected Ranking does not enable the Player to carry forward their allocation to any additional and subsequent Event.

50.5 Freezing the Protected Ranking:

50.5.1 Once a Player has activated their Protected Ranking, they may apply to freeze it if they will not compete in any wheelchair tennis event (including special events and exhibitions) for a further minimum period of three (3) months due to a medical condition (whether the same as the original reason or not) or pregnancy. A Player can make this application up to two (2) times in respect of one Protected Ranking, and any further applications shall be treated as a new application.

50.5.2 If an application to freeze is granted:

- 50.5.2.1 the Protected Ranking initially calculated according to Regulation 50.3 will be retained and apply when they return to competition the second time;
- 50.5.2.2 the limitations on use of the Protected Ranking set out at Regulation 50.4.3 are calculated collectively across their first and subsequent period of return to competition; and
- 50.5.2.3 the Protected Ranking will expire three (3) years after the last Tournament played prior to the initial granting of a Protected Ranking, unless the Player becomes pregnant in which case they may submit an application for a further freezing until 52 weeks after the end of their pregnancy.

## **J Singles - entries and withdrawals**

### **51. Singles – general provisions**

51.1 Unless otherwise specified, this Section J applies to the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw and Second Draw in Singles.

51.2 In these Regulations, these defined terms have the following meaning:

Defined term	Deadline	
Singles Entry Deadline	All Grades except Grand Slams:	14:00 (GMT) on the Wednesday twenty-six (26) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week
	Grand Slams (Men's, Women's and Quad):	14:00 (GMT) on the Wednesday forty (40) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week in which the wheelchair tennis Draws start
	Junior, including Junior Grand Slams	14:00 (GMT) on the Wednesday twenty-six (26) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week
Withdrawal Deadline	14:00 (GMT) on the Tuesday twenty (20) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week	
Freeze Deadline	14:00 (GMT) on the Thursday four (4) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week	
Sign-In Deadline	4:00 pm (16:00 hours) local time on the day before the start of play in their Draw.	

51.3 In exceptional circumstances or during UK office holidays, the ITF may modify the deadlines set out at Regulation 51.2, in which case Players will be notified via IPIN.

51.4 The Regulations for entries into a Tournament may be modified if another Tournament taking place in the same week is cancelled late, as set out in Regulation 45.4 (*Changes to sanctioning or Tournament scheduling*).

### **52. Making a Singles Entry**

52.1 A Player:

- 52.1.1 must Enter a Tournament through their IPIN account. In exceptional circumstances, an Entry can be submitted in writing on the Official Entry



Form and sent to the ITF by email to be received before the appropriate deadline;

52.1.2 may Enter into up to three (3) Tournaments in a specific Tournament Week, indicating a priority order. If no priority is stated, the ITF will assign a priority;

52.1.3 may Enter one Singles Draw per Tournament (not including Juniors Draws at a Tournament taking place at the same time and location); and

52.1.4 may not Enter a Tournament if they are a Committed Player to another Overlapping Tournament.

52.2 Each Entry:

52.2.1 must be made by the Singles Entry Deadline;

52.2.2 will be into both the Singles Main Draw and the Singles Qualifying Draw (or Second Draw, if available and there is no Qualifying Draw), with the Player accepted into one of those based on their ranking according to the applicable System of Merit; and

52.2.3 remains unofficial until the Singles Entry Deadline and publication of the Acceptance List on the ITF website and IPIN account.

52.3 If a Player's Sport Class changes after Entry but before the Singles Entry Deadline, their Entry will be changed to the corresponding Category of their new Sport Class.

### **53. At the Singles Entry Deadline**

53.1 At the Singles Entry Deadline:

53.1.1 Players will be placed on the Acceptance List for Singles according to the Singles System of Merit. For each Tournament a Player has Entered, the Player will be listed in the Singles Main Draw or Singles Qualifying Draw (or Second Draw where applicable) or as an Alternate based on the System of Merit;

53.1.2 Players who are not eligible according to the Play Down Restrictions will have their Entry withdrawn; and

53.1.3 Players designated Sport Class Status – New (N) who have met their maximum number of Tournaments as set out in Regulation 16.2 (*Wheelchair Classification Requirements*) (counting Tournaments they have played in as well as any they are currently Entered into) will have their Entry withdrawn.

53.2 After the Singles Entry Deadline and up until the Freeze Deadline, a Player's position on the Acceptance List may continue to change as other Players withdraw. Players are responsible for being aware of their position on the relevant Acceptance List.

53.3 If a Player's Sport Class changes after the Singles Entry Deadline they will be removed from the Acceptance List for the original Category Entered. Such Player is permitted to Sign In for the corresponding Category of their new Sport Class.

## **54. Withdrawal from the Singles Draw**

- 54.1 A Player must withdraw from a Tournament as soon as they no longer intend to, or are unable to, play in that Tournament, whether or not they are Accepted into a Draw or listed as an Alternate.
- 54.2 Withdrawals must be made in a Player's IPIN account. In exceptional circumstances, a Player may ask the ITF for permission to withdraw using an Official Withdrawal Form.
- 54.3 The consequences on a Player for withdrawing are set out in the Code of Conduct and Regulation 56 (*After the Withdrawal Deadline – Commitment*), and apply even if a Player has submitted a withdrawal in the correct manner.

## **55. At the Withdrawal Deadline**

- 55.1 The Withdrawal Deadline is the last point at which a Player can withdraw from the Singles Draw without penalty. As a result, by the Withdrawal Deadline, a Player must withdraw if:
  - 55.1.1 they no longer intend to, or are unable to, play in that Tournament, even if they are only listed as an Alternate; or
  - 55.1.2 they have Entered multiple Tournaments, to avoid being Accepted into a Tournament in which they no longer wish to compete.
- 55.2 At the Withdrawal Deadline, a Player Accepted into either the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw or Second Draw of more than one Overlapping Tournament may only remain on one Acceptance List, except as permitted by the Grand Slam Alternate Rule or Masters Alternate Rule. The Player will be immediately withdrawn from the Acceptance List(s) of all other Overlapping Tournaments (except as permitted by the Grand Slam Alternate Rule or Masters Alternate Rule) according to the priority order below until they are only on one Acceptance List. Subject to Regulation 55.3 as it applies to a Series, the priority order is:
  - 55.2.1 the Main Draw of a Grand Slam;
  - 55.2.2 the Main Draw of a Junior Grade A Event at a Grand Slam;
  - 55.2.3 a Men's, Women's or Quad Draw;
  - 55.2.4 a Junior Draw;
  - 55.2.5 a Main Draw (over Qualifying Draw);
  - 55.2.6 a Qualifying Draw, or Second Draw (if one is being held);
  - 55.2.7 the Player's Tournament Entry Priority. However, if no Tournament Entry Priority was provided:
    - (a) the Tournament with the highest Grade will take priority; or if equal, then
    - (b) the Acceptance List on which the Player is highest placed will take priority; or if equal, then

(c) drawn by lot.

55.3 A Player who is Accepted into the Main Draw for a Tournament in a Series will remain on the Acceptance List for any subsequent Tournament(s) in that Series that they have Entered, despite the priority order in Regulation 53.2.

55.4 At the Withdrawal Deadline, a Player's status on the Acceptance List is confirmed.

## **56. After the Withdrawal Deadline – Commitment**

56.1 A Player on the Acceptance List who is in (or later moves into) the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw or Second Draw at any time after the Withdrawal Deadline is deemed to have been Accepted into and Committed to play the Tournament (a **Committed Player**).

56.2 A Committed Player will be penalised as set out in the Code of Conduct if they:

56.2.1 withdraw after the Withdrawal Deadline (as set out in Article F (Late Withdrawals) of the Code of Conduct);

56.2.2 fail to appear for and participate in the Tournament without submitting a withdrawal (as set out in Article G (No shows) of the Code of Conduct); or

56.2.3 play in an Overlapping Tournament (as set out in Article H (Playing in Another Event) of the Code of Conduct).

56.3 A Committed Player is responsible for any costs that the Tournament Organiser can demonstrate to the Player are unrecoverable if:

56.3.1 they select an Entry Fee option that includes provision of accommodation/food, and/or accept Hospitality/services in addition to their selected Entry Fee option;

56.3.2 they withdraw after the Withdrawal Deadline, or otherwise fail to appear for and participate in the Tournament; and

56.3.3 the Tournament Organiser has notified the Player upon Entry or in the Fact Sheet that they may be liable to such costs.

56.4 Subject always to the ITF's power to enforce the Code of Conduct, the ITF is not responsible for enforcing Regulation 56.3 in individual cases, and it will not assist in the recovery of such costs on behalf of Tournament Organisers, nor intervene in a dispute between a Player and a Tournament Organiser.

56.5 A Player on an Acceptance List as an Alternate is not Committed and:

56.5.1 may remain on more than one Acceptance List until the Freeze Deadline; and

56.5.2 may withdraw without penalty up until the point that they move into the Qualifying Draw, Second Draw or Main Draw, at which time they will be automatically withdrawn from all other Acceptance Lists.

## **57. Freeze Deadline**

57.1 At the Freeze Deadline, the Acceptance List is frozen and as such (except as provided for under Regulation 62 (*Singles – vacancies and substitutions*)).

- 57.1.1 Alternates will be removed from all but one (1) Acceptance List, which shall be based on their Tournament Entry Priority (which can be changed at any time prior to the Freeze Deadline);
- 57.1.2 all Players Accepted into the Singles Qualifying Draw or Second Draw will no longer be moved up into the Singles Main Draw; and
- 57.1.3 Alternates will no longer be moved up into the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw or Second Draw.

## **58. Playing another Event / One Tournament**

58.1 A Player who is Committed to and/or has played in the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw or Second Draw of a Tournament in either Singles or Doubles may not Enter or compete in any Overlapping Tournament as set out in Article H of the Code of Conduct (Playing in Another Event), subject to:

- 58.1.1 the exemptions in that Article H of the Code of Conduct; or
- 58.1.2 the Grand Slam Alternate Rule exemption in Regulation 58.2; or
- 58.1.3 the Masters Alternate Rule exemption in Regulation 58.5.

### **58.2 Grand Slam Alternate Rule:**

58.3 The Grand Slam Alternate Rule applies where a Player Enters but is not Accepted into a Grand Slam at the Singles Entry Deadline for that Grand Slam but has:

- 58.3.1 been Accepted into another Overlapping Tournament; or
- 58.3.2 is Accepted into the Junior Draw at that Grand Slam.

58.4 When the Grand Slam Alternate Rule applies:

- 58.4.1 the Player will remain Entered into both Tournaments or both Draws in that Tournament (as applicable);
- 58.4.2 the Player will be listed as an Alternate on the Acceptance List for the Grand Slam;
- 58.4.3 if the Player is later Accepted for the Grand Slam, they will be automatically withdrawn from the other Tournament in which they were Accepted, and will not suffer any penalty. If the other Tournament is due to commence within the next 48 hours then the Player should also notify the Tournament directly of their withdrawal; and
- 58.4.4 the Player cannot play in both Overlapping Tournaments.

### **58.5 Masters Alternate Rule:**

58.6 The Masters Alternate Rule applies where a Player Enters but is not Accepted into the Masters at the Masters Entry Deadline but:

- 58.6.1 Has been Accepted into another Overlapping Tournament; or

- 58.6.2 Is Accepted into the Junior Masters (if taking place at the same time as the Masters).
- 58.7 When the Masters Alternate Rule applies:
  - 58.7.1 The Player will remain Entered into both Events;
  - 58.7.2 The Player will be listed as a Masters Alternate;
  - 58.7.3 If the Player is later Accepted for the Masters, they will be automatically withdrawn from the other Tournament or from the Junior Masters (if taking place at the same time as the Masters) in which they were Accepted, and will not suffer any penalty; and
  - 58.7.4 The Player cannot play in both Events.
- 58.8 Except as permitted by the Grand Slam Alternate Rule or the Masters Alternate Rule, a Player found after the Withdrawal Deadline to have been Accepted into two Overlapping Tournaments will be withdrawn from one of those Tournaments based on the priority order in Regulation 55.2 (*At the Withdrawal Deadline*).
- 59. Singles Wild Cards**
  - 59.1 The Tournament Director can accept Players into the Singles Main Draw, Qualifying Draw and Second Draw outside of the Singles System of Merit and the Entry procedures set out in Regulations 51 to 57, as Wild Cards.
  - 59.2 A Tournament can offer up to the maximum number of Wild Cards designated by Regulation 76 (*Draw Composition*), based on the Draw size advertised in the Fact Sheet. A Tournament that does not wish to offer one or more Wild Cards should notify the ITF, at which point those places will be reclassified as Direct Acceptances.
  - 59.3 A Player is eligible to receive and accept a Wild Card if:
    - 59.3.1 they meet the eligibility requirements to Enter and participate in a Tournament, as set out in Regulation 47 (*Entering and participating in a Tournament*);
    - 59.3.2 they are not Committed to any other Overlapping Tournament, unless permitted by Article H of the Code of Conduct (*Playing in Another Event*); and
    - 59.3.3 they are not restricted by the application of the Play Down Restrictions at the point of accepting the Wild Card (even if they were restricted at the Singles Entry Deadline).
  - 59.4 A Player who accepts a Wild Card:
    - 59.4.1 is Committed as soon as they have accepted the offer of a Wild Card;
    - 59.4.2 must be named at the time of the Draw in which they are participating is made;
    - 59.4.3 may be Seeded; and

- 59.4.4 may be replaced with a new Wild Card only up until the Draw is conducted, after which that place in the Draw is replaced according to Regulation 62 (*Singles – Vacancies and Substitution*).
- 59.5 Players and Tournaments may not offer and/or receive any compensation for receiving or awarding a Wild Card, as set out in Article I of the Code of Conduct (*Wild Cards*).
- 59.6 Players and Tournaments should retain written confirmation of the offer and acceptance of a Wild Card.
- 60. Sign In for Accepted Players**
- 60.1 All Players Accepted into the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw and Second Draw must Sign In by the Singles Sign-In Deadline using a method permitted in Regulation 60.2. All Players must provide a contact telephone number to the ITF Supervisor on which they may be reached during the Tournament.
- 60.2 A Player may Sign In:
- 60.2.1 by phone, by calling and speaking to the ITF Supervisor;
  - 60.2.2 in person, by speaking to the ITF Supervisor On-Site; or
  - 60.2.3 through the ITF Supervisor of a Tournament or Event taking place directly prior to the Tournament, if the Player has competed in the two days preceding the scheduled start of the upcoming Tournament.
- 60.3 A Player who Signs In by phone and does not appear for the Tournament will be deemed a No Show and penalised in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
- 60.4 Players who do not Sign In by the Singles Sign-In Deadline will be left out of the Draw.
- 61. Sign In for Alternates**
- 61.1 A Player will be eligible to fill a vacancy as set out in Regulation 62 (*Singles – vacancies and substitutions*):
- 61.1.1 if they Sign In for a Tournament in accordance with this Regulation 61 (*Sign In for Alternates*);
  - 61.1.2 if they are eligible in accordance with Regulation 47 (*Entering and participating in a Tournament*);
  - 61.1.3 whether they Entered the Tournament, are listed as an Alternate or not; and
  - 61.1.4 (in Grand Slams only) if their Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking is between 1 and 50 (inclusive).
- 61.2 Sign In must be completed by the Singles Sign-In Deadline, as well as repeated no later than 30 minutes prior to each day's start of play, to be considered eligible to fill a vacancy. Players must provide a contact telephone number to the ITF Supervisor on which they may be reached during the Tournament.
- 61.3 A Player will be deemed to have Signed In if they have:
- 61.3.1 called and spoken to the ITF Supervisor to Sign In; or

- 61.3.2 attended the ITF Supervisor office in person to Sign In and spoken to the ITF Supervisor.
- 61.4 A Player who Signs In and is not already on the Acceptance List (an **On-Site Alternate**) shall be added to the Acceptance List behind any existing Alternates and in accordance with the System of Merit.

## **62. Singles – vacancies and substitution**

- 62.1 Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the System of Merit and the following process. In each case, any changes to the Draw (if already made) are managed as set out in Regulation 80 (*Changes after the Draw*).

62.1.1 From Withdrawal Deadline until Freeze Deadline: vacancies shall be filled from the Acceptance List;

62.1.2 From the Freeze Deadline until the Singles Sign-In Deadline: no vacancies shall be filled until the Singles Sign-In Deadline has passed;

62.1.3 From the Singles Sign-In Deadline until the first Order of Play is released (in any Singles Draw): vacancies shall be filled from the Players on the Acceptance List who have Signed In in accordance with these Regulations;

62.1.4 For Tournaments without a Qualifying Draw:

62.1.4.1 From release of the Order of Play in the Main Draw or Second Draw until the commencement of play in either Draw: vacancies shall be filled from any lower Draw if applicable, or if none, from the Players on the Acceptance List who have Signed In in accordance with these Regulations and are not in a Draw;

62.1.4.2 After the commencement of play in the Main Draw, vacancies shall only be filled in the first round, and shall be from the highest ranked Player on the Acceptance List who is in the Second Draw; or if no Second Draw is held or the Second Draw has commenced, the Players on the Acceptance List who have Signed In in accordance with these Regulations and are not in a Draw; and

62.1.4.3 After the commencement of play in the Second Draw (if applicable), vacancies in the Second Draw shall only be filled in the first round, and shall be from the Players on the Acceptance List who have Signed In in accordance with these Regulations and are not in a Draw; and

62.1.5 For Tournaments with a Qualifying Draw:

62.1.5.1 From release of the Order of Play in the Qualifying Draw until the commencement of play in the Qualifying Draw: vacancies in the Main Draw shall be filled by the highest ranked Player on the Acceptance List who is in the Qualifying Draw; vacancies in the Qualifying Draw shall be filled from the Players on the Acceptance List who have Signed In in accordance with these Regulations and are not in a Draw;

62.1.5.2 After the commencement of play in the Qualifying Draw and before the release of the Order of Play in the Main Draw: vacancies

in the Qualifying Draw shall only be filled in the first round, and shall be filled from the Players on the Acceptance List who have Signed In in accordance with these Regulations and are not in a Draw; and

- 62.1.5.3 After the commencement of play in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies in the Main Draw shall not be filled until the completion of the Qualifying Draw and then shall be filled by the Lucky Losers as set out in Regulation 77 (*Lucky Losers*), or if none, from the Players on the Acceptance List who have Signed In in accordance with these Regulations and are not in a Draw.

- 62.2 Any gap in the Draw that arises after completion of the last match in the first round is not considered a vacancy and shall not be filled.

### **63. Errors in Acceptance Lists**

- 63.1 Where an administrative error results in too many Players being Accepted and Signing In to play the Tournament, the following procedures will be followed:

63.1.1 the last two (2) Players Accepted into the applicable Draw in 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 applicable Draw; and

63.1.2 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 (in accordance with Regulation 77 – *Lucky Losers*).

## **K Doubles entries and withdrawals**

### **64. Doubles – general provisions**

- 64.1 In these Regulations, these defined terms have the following meaning:

<b>Defined term</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Doubles Entry Deadline	All Grades except Grand Slams:	12pm on the date that the Singles Main Draw is scheduled to commence
	Grand Slams:	As determined by each Grand Slam and published in the Fact Sheet

- 64.2 The Regulations for entries into a Tournament may be modified if another Tournament taking place in the same week is cancelled late, as set out in Regulation 45.451.4 (*Changes to Sanctioning or Tournament Scheduling*).

### **65. On-Site entry**

- 65.1 A Pair may Enter the Doubles Draw for a Tournament if at least one Player has Signed In On-Site directly with the ITF Supervisor by the Doubles Entry Deadline. Sign In by phone or email is not permitted.



65.2 A Player may Sign In and Enter the Doubles Draw whether or not they Entered or were Accepted into the Singles Draw.

65.3 Players must provide a contact telephone number to the ITF Supervisor on which they may be reached during the Tournament.

## **66. Entry for Grand Slams**

66.1 A Pair must comply with the Entry and Sign In procedures notified by the Grand Slam in the Grand Slam Rule Book, its Fact Sheet, or other applicable terms and conditions.

## **67. At the Doubles Entry Deadline**

67.1 At the Doubles Entry Deadline:

64.1.1 Entered Pairs will be placed on the Acceptance List for Doubles according to the Doubles System of Merit. Pairs will be listed in the Doubles Main Draw or Doubles Qualifying Draw (or Second Draw where applicable), or as an Alternate based on the System of Merit; and

64.1.2 Players designated Sport Class Status – New (N) who have met their maximum number of Tournaments as set out in Regulation 16 (*Wheelchair Classification Requirements*) (counting Tournaments they have played in as well as any they are currently Entered into) will have their Pair's Entry withdrawn.

## **68. Withdrawal from the Doubles Draw**

68.1 Requirement to withdraw:

65.1.1 A Player must withdraw from the Doubles Draw as soon as they no longer intend to, or are unable to, play, whether or not they are Accepted into the Doubles Draw or listed as an Alternate.

65.1.2 Withdrawals must be made by notifying the ITF Supervisor On-Site, and not through a Player's IPIN account.

68.2 Consequences for withdrawing late:

68.2.1 A Pair on the Acceptance List that is in (or later moves into) the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw or Second Draw at any time after the Doubles Entry Deadline is deemed to have been Accepted into and Committed to play the Tournament (a **Committed Pair**).

68.2.2 A Committed Pair will be penalised as set out in the Code of Conduct (which may be as a Pair or as an individual Player, depending on the circumstances) if they:

68.2.2.1 withdraw after the Doubles Entry Deadline (as set out in Article F (Late withdrawals) of the Code of Conduct);

68.2.2.2 fail to appear for and participate in the Tournament without submitting a withdrawal (as set out in Article G (No shows) of the Code of Conduct); or

68.2.2.3 play in an Overlapping Tournament (as set out in Article H (Playing in Another Event) of the Code of Conduct).

- 68.2.3 Each Player in a Committed Pair is responsible for any costs that the Tournament Organiser can demonstrate to the Player are unrecoverable if:
- 68.2.3.1 they select an Entry Fee option that includes provision of accommodation/food, and/or accept Hospitality/services in addition to their selected Entry Fee option;
  - 68.2.3.2 they withdraw after the Doubles Entry Deadline, or otherwise fail to appear for and participate in the Tournament; and
  - 68.2.3.3 the Tournament Organiser has notified the Player upon Entry or in the Fact Sheet that they may be liable to such costs.
- 68.2.4 Subject always to the ITF's power to enforce the Code of Conduct, the ITF is not responsible for enforcing Regulation 68.2.3 in individual cases, and it will not assist in the recovery of such costs on behalf of Tournament Organisers, nor intervene in a dispute between a Player and a Tournament Organiser.
- 68.2.5 A Pair on an Acceptance List as an Alternate is not Committed and may withdraw without penalty up until the point that they move into the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw or Second Draw.

## **69. Doubles – vacancies and substitution**

- 69.1 A Doubles Entry is constituted by the Pair. Players may not change partners after the Doubles Entry Deadline unless one Player has to withdraw before the Draw, in which case their partner may Enter again with another Player not already Accepted in the Doubles Draw and their Entry will be placed on the Acceptance List in accordance with the Doubles System of Merit.
- 69.2 If a Pair is an Alternate, they must Sign In On-Site with the ITF Supervisor no later than 30 minutes prior to the day's start of play in the Doubles Draw, in order to be considered eligible to fill any vacancy arising in the Doubles Draw that day.
- 69.3 Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the System of Merit and the following:
- 69.3.1 From the Doubles Entry Deadline until the release of Order of Play for the Doubles Draw(s): vacancies shall be filled from the Qualifying Draw or Second Draw (as applicable), and thereafter from Pairs on the Acceptance List that have Signed In on the day the vacancy arises in accordance with these Regulations;
  - 69.3.2 From the release of the Order of Play for the Doubles Draw(s) until the commencement of play in the Doubles Draw(s): vacancies shall be filled from the Qualifying Draw or Second Draw (as applicable), and thereafter from Pairs on the Acceptance List that have Signed In on the day the vacancy arises in accordance with these Regulations; and
  - 69.3.3 After the Commencement of Play: first round vacancies shall be filled as set out in Regulation 77 (*Lucky Losers*), and if none, then from Pairs on the Acceptance List that have Signed In on the day the vacancy arises in accordance with these Regulations.

## **70. Doubles Wild Cards**

- 70.1 The Tournament Director can accept a Pair into the Doubles Draw outside of the Doubles System of Merit and the Entry procedures set out in Regulations 64-68 (*Doubles – Entries and Withdrawals*), as a Wild Card.
- 70.2 A Tournament can offer up to the maximum number of Wild Cards designated by Regulation 76 (*Draw composition*), based on the Draw size advertised in the Fact Sheet.
- 70.3 A Player is eligible to receive and accept a Wild Card as part of a Pair if:
  - 70.3.1 they meet the eligibility requirements to Enter and participate in a Tournament, as set out in Regulation 47 (*Entering and participating in a Tournament*); and
  - 70.3.2 they are not Committed to any other Overlapping Tournament, unless permitted by Article H of the Code of Conduct (*Playing in Another Event*).
- 70.4 A Pair that accepts a Wild Card (and each Player in that Pair):
  - 70.4.1 is Committed as soon as they have accepted the offer of a Wild Card;
  - 70.4.2 must be named at the time the Doubles Draw is made;
  - 70.4.3 may be Seeded; and
  - 70.4.4 may be replaced with a new Wild Card only up until the Draw is conducted, after which time that place in the Draw is replaced according to Regulation 66 (*Doubles – vacancies and substitution*).
- 70.5 Players and Tournaments may not offer and/or receive any compensation for receiving or awarding a Wild Card, as set out in Article I of the Code of Conduct (*Wild Cards*).
- 70.6 Players and Tournaments should retain written confirmation of the offer and acceptance of a Wild Card.

## **L Systems of Merit**

### **71. Future adoption of World Tennis Number**

- 71.1 The World Tennis Number is not currently adopted in the Tour. At such time as the ITF determines that it shall be used, Players will be notified of the date at which it will come into effect and for what purpose (for example, for Entry into Tournaments, and for Seeding).
- 71.2 Until such notification and despite any language to the contrary, any references in these Regulations to the World Tennis Number are not in effect, in particular relating to:
  - 71.2.1 the System of Merit, in this Section L (*Systems of Merit*); and
  - 71.2.2 Seeding, in Regulation 78 (*Seeds*).

## **72. Singles System of Merit**

72.1 The following Singles selection procedure shall be used, subject to Regulation 62 (*Singles - vacancies and substitutions*), as the basis for acceptances as follows:

72.1.1 Methods A to C are followed to create the Acceptance List and thereafter identify Direct Acceptances, up to the Freeze Deadline. At and after the Singles Sign-In Deadline, vacancies will be filled from the Players on the Acceptance List and who have Signed In; and

72.1.2 Method D is followed after the Singles Sign-In Deadline to order any On-Site Alternates, who may then fill any remaining vacancies in the Tournament after the Entered Players from the Acceptance List are exhausted.

72.2 In all cases where a Protected Ranking is being used, if there is a tie, the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking shall take priority over the Protected Ranking.

72.3 Method A: Entered Players with a Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw shall be ordered in accordance with that Ranking on the Monday before the Singles Entry Deadline.

72.4 Method B: Entered Players without a Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw but with a Singles World Tennis Number shall be ordered in accordance with their Singles World Tennis Number on the Monday before the Singles Entry Deadline.

72.5 Method C: Entered Players without a Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw or a Singles World Tennis Number will be drawn by lot to determine their order in the Acceptance List.

72.6 Method D: On-Site Alternates shall be ordered in accordance with:

72.6.1 their Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw, on the Monday of the week before the Tournament Week;

72.6.2 their Singles World Tennis Number; and then

72.6.3 a draw by lot.

72.7 The System of Merit for a Tournament may be modified if another Tournament taking place in the same week is cancelled late, as set out in Regulation 45.4 (*Changes to sanctioning or Tournament scheduling*).

## **73. Doubles System of Merit**

73.1 The following Doubles selection procedure shall be used, subject to Regulation 69 (*Doubles - vacancies and substitutions*), as the basis for acceptances as follows:

73.1.1 Methods A to E are followed in order to fill the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw and Second Draw (as applicable).

73.1.2 Methods A to E continue to be followed after the Doubles Entry Deadline in order to fill any remaining vacancies in the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw and Second Draw (as applicable).

- 73.2 In all cases where a Protected Ranking is being used, if there is a tie, the Pair using the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking shall take priority over the Pair using one or more Protected Ranking.
- 73.3 Method A: Pairs consisting of two Players with a Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw shall be ordered in accordance with their Combined Ranking on the Monday of the week before the Tournament Week. If two Pairs have the same Combined Ranking, the Pair with the highest-ranked individual Player will be accepted first.
- 73.4 Method B: Pairs consisting of one Player with a Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw and one unranked Player shall be ordered in accordance with the ranked Player's applicable Ranking on the Monday of the week before the Tournament Week. Ties will be resolved by lot.
- 73.5 Method C: Pairs consisting of two Players without a Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw but who both have a Doubles World Tennis Number shall be ordered in accordance with the combined Doubles World Tennis Numbers on the Monday of the week before the Tournament Week. If two Pairs have the same combined Doubles World Tennis Number, the Pair with the highest-rated individual Player will be accepted first.
- 73.6 Method D: Pairs consisting of two Players without a Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw but one has a Doubles World Tennis Number shall be ordered in accordance with the rated Player's applicable World Tennis Number on the Monday of the week before the Tournament Week. Ties will be resolved by lot.
- 73.7 Method E: Pairs consisting of two Players without a Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking for the Category of the relevant Draw or a Doubles World Tennis Number shall be ordered by lot.
- 73.8 The System of Merit for a Tournament may be modified if another Tournament taking place in the same week is cancelled late, as set out in Regulation 45.4 (Changes to sanctioning or Tournament scheduling).

## **M Draws**

### **74 Draw type**

- 74.1 Each Draw shall be an Elimination Draw except:
- 74.1.1 if there are five (5) Players or less in the Singles Main Draw for a Tournament at International or Development Grade, the Tournament must play a Round Robin format with no separate final (with the Draw conducted as set out in Regulation 79.4 (*Making the Draw*));
  - 74.1.2 if there are three (3) Pairs or less in the Doubles Main Draw for a Tournament at International or Development Grade, the Tournament must play a Round Robin format with no separate final (with the Draw conducted as set out in Regulation 79.4 (*Making the Draw*)); or
  - 74.1.3 Consolation Draws, which may be played in Round Robin format at the discretion of the Tournament; or

- 74.1.4 In a Junior Series event, the Tournament may choose to use a Round Robin format regardless of the number of entries.

## 75 Draw size

### 75.1 Setting the Draw size:

- 75.1.1 The size of the Singles Draw(s) shall be set according to the Grade as follows:

	Draw	Men's	Women's	Quad
<b>Grand Slam</b>	Main Draw	As determined by each Grand Slam and with a minimum of 8.		
<b><u>WT1000</u></b>	Main Draw	24	24	24
<b><u>WT500</u></b>	Main Draw	24	24	24
<b><u>WT250</u></b>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
<b><u>WT175</u></b>	Main Draw	24	No fixed size	No fixed size
<b><u>WT100</u></b>	Main Draw	16	No fixed size	No fixed size
<b><u>WT50</u></b>	Main Draw	16, 24 or 32	No fixed size	No fixed size
<b><u>WT25</u></b>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>16,24 or 32</u>	<u>No fixed size</u>	<u>No fixed size</u>
	Qualifying Draw or Second Draw (if held)	No fixed size	No fixed size	No fixed size

- 75.1.2 For a Men's WT100 Main Draw, the Draw size may increase to 24 if there are at least 16 Players in the Women's Draw and at least 12 Players in the Quad Draw.
- 75.1.3 Where there is no fixed Draw size in the table in this Regulation 75 (Draw size), the Tournament shall set the size based on the number of match courts, playing hours and days of play, and submit it for ITF approval through the application process.
- 75.1.4 The Doubles Main Draw size shall always be half the Singles Main Draw size offered.
- 75.1.5 The ITF determines the minimum Draw size for a Second Draw. The ITF will allow a larger Draw size, although Ranking Points will only be awarded for the Draw size as identified by the ITF.

- 75.1.6 At WT100, WT50 and WT25 Events the Doubles Main Draw and Doubles Second Draw can be combined by the ITF Supervisor in order to ensure Draws have enough Pairs to constitute a Draw, and shall be considered the Main Draw for the purposes of these Regulations.

75.2 Changes to the Draw size:

- 75.2.1 Prior to publication in the Fact Sheet, the size of the Draw in the table in this Regulation 75 can be altered in the following cases:

75.2.1.1 The Committee (or the ITF Executive where delegated to it) may approve an increase of the Singles Main Draw size for a WT1000, WT500 or WT250 to 32, or a reduction to 16, 12 or 8.

75.2.1.2 A Grand Slam organiser can increase the size of its Main Draw Singles.

75.2.1.3 The size of the Second Draw can be increased by the ITF or Tournament Organiser with ITF approval.

- 75.2.2 Once published in the Fact Sheet, the Draw size can only be adjusted with ITF approval, but not after the Singles Entry Deadline.

**76 Draw Composition**

- 76.1 The Draws shall be composed of a set number of Direct Acceptances and Wild Cards depending on the Grade and Draw size, as set out in Appendix A: Draw Composition.

- 76.2 If there are more Players/Pairs on the Acceptance List than the maximum Direct Acceptances for the Main Draw, a Qualifying Draw may be held to determine which Players/Pairs shall play in the Main Draw. Where a Qualifying Draw is held:

76.2.1 it shall be composed of a set number of Direct Acceptances and Wild Cards depending on the number of qualifier places to fill the Main Draw, as set out in Appendix A: Draw Composition;

76.2.2 the winners of the final round of the Qualifying Draw will then play in the Main Draw; and

76.2.3 the losers of the final round of the Qualifying Draw can choose whether to:

76.2.3.1 be designated a Lucky Loser;

76.2.3.2 play in a Consolation Draw (only if held, and only if no longer playing in the Main Draw as a Lucky Loser); or

76.2.3.3 not participate further in the Tournament.

## **77 Lucky Losers**

77.1 The losers of the Qualifying Draw shall be designated Lucky Losers in the following order:

77.1.1 Players or Pairs who reached the final round of the Qualifying Draw; then

77.1.2 Players with a Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking (for the Singles Draw) or Pairs with a Combined Ranking (for the Doubles Draw) shall be randomly drawn; then

77.1.3 unranked Players or Pairs shall be randomly drawn.

77.2 Lucky Losers are eligible to fill a vacancy in the Draw if they Sign In:

77.2.1 at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of play in that Draw, or 30 minutes after completion of the last match in the Qualifying Draw if that takes place on the same day as the Main Draw; and

77.2.2 with the ITF Supervisor either:

77.2.2.1 in person; or

77.2.2.2 by phone, by calling and speaking to the ITF Supervisor, provided they also send an email to the ITF Supervisor.

77.3 Lucky Losers must be ready to play within five (5) minutes after the announcement of a vacancy. Failure to be ready shall not constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct, but will result in the Player or Pair being moved to the bottom of the Lucky Loser priority list for that day, corresponding to the round of the Qualifying Draw in which they lost.

77.4 Protected Rankings shall not be used to order Players or Pairs for Lucky Loser positions.

77.5 A Player or Pair that is forced to retire from the final round of the Qualifying Draw due to illness or injury will retain their Lucky Loser status if they receive medical clearance from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist.

77.6 A Player or Pair who does not wish to be considered for a Lucky Loser position must inform the ITF Supervisor at the end of their last match in the Qualifying Draw.

## **78 Seeds**

78.1 All Draws will be Seeded, which shall be determined:

78.1.1 at the point of making the Draw;

78.1.2 by the ITF Supervisor; and

78.1.3 using the Seeding Criteria set out in Regulation 78.2 (Seeds).

78.2 The Seeding Criteria shall be:

78.2.1 For Singles:



78.2.1.1 In order of each Player's Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking dated the Monday of the week before the Tournament Week (highest rank to lowest, with ties broken by lot); and subsequently

78.2.1.2 each Player's Singles World Tennis Number (with ties broken by lot).

78.2.2 For Doubles:

78.2.2.1 In order of each Pair's Combined Ranking dated the Monday of the week before the Tournament Week (highest to lowest, with ties being broken by Seeding the Pair with the highest individual Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking first, and ties thereafter being broken by lot); and subsequently

78.2.2.2 each Pair's combined Doubles World Tennis Number (with ties being broken by Seeding the Pair with the highest individual Doubles World Tennis Number first, and ties thereafter being broken by lot).

78.3 The number of Seeds depends on the number of Players within the Draw (not the intended or complete size).

Number of Players or Pairs	Number of Seeds
4-8	2
9-16	4
17-32	8
33-64	16

## 79 Making the Draw

79.1 All Draws shall be made:

79.1.1 by the ITF Supervisor;

79.1.2 immediately after Sign In on the day before the start of play in the applicable Draw (except in the case of the Consolation Draw, which shall be conducted once Sign In for that Draw is complete);

79.1.3 in public (and persons wishing to view the making of the Draw should contact the ITF Supervisor); and

79.1.4 in the presence of at least one Player competing in the Tournament.

79.2 The Draw for any Elimination Draw shall be conducted in the following order:

79.2.1 Seed 1 is placed on line 1, and Seed 2 on line 8 (in an 8 draw), 16 (in a 16 draw), 32 (in a 32 draw);

79.2.2 The remaining Seeds are drawn from groups (of two or four, as applicable) to be placed on lines in the following order:

Seeds	16 draw	32 draw	64 draw
3 and 4	5 and 12	9 and 24	17 and 48

<b>5 to 8</b>	N/A	8, 16, 17, 25	16, 32, 33, 49
<b>9 to 12</b>	N/A	N/A	9, 25, 40, 56
<b>13 to 16</b>	N/A	N/A	8, 24, 41, 57

- 79.2.3 Any required byes are given (a) to the Seeds in descending order, and then (b) drawn to be placed in the Draw so as to be distributed equally across sections of the Draw;
- 79.2.4 When a Main Draw is contingent on a Qualifying Draw being held:
- 79.2.4.1 the Players or Pairs participating in the Qualifying Draw shall not be drawn into the Main Draw initially, with the requisite number of “qualifier” places being drawn and placed instead; and
- 79.2.4.2 at the conclusion of the Qualifying Draw, the successful Players or Pairs shall be drawn by lot and placed on the “Qualifier” lines from top down.
- 79.3 The Draw for the Qualifying Draw shall be conducted in the following order:
- 79.3.1 The Qualifying Draw shall be made in sections, with one section for each place allotted in the Main Draw. Each section shall have no more than two (2) Seeds.
- 79.3.2 The first Seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, and 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.
- 79.3.3 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.
- 79.3.4 If there are not a sufficient number of Seeds 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.
- 79.4 The Draw for any Round Robin will be constituted of one pool only, which shall be ordered by lot. Each Player or Pair will play every other Player or Pair once.

## **80 Changes after the Draw**

- 80.1 Any vacancy created prior to the release of the Order of Play for the first day of the Main Draw shall be filled as set out below:
- 80.1.1 If the Player or Pair is Seeded, their place in the Draw shall be filled by the next Player or Pair in the Main Draw according to the Seeding Criteria. The resulting vacancy in the Draw shall be filled as set out in Regulation 62 (Singles – vacancies and substitution) or Regulation 66 (Doubles – vacancies and substitution).
- 80.1.2 If the Player or Pair is not Seeded, the vacancy shall be filled as set out in Regulation 62 (Singles – vacancies and substitution) or Regulation 69 (Doubles – vacancies and substitution).

- 80.2 A vacancy after the release of the Order of Play for a Draw shall be filled as set out in Regulation 62 (Singles – vacancies and substitution) or Regulation 69 (Doubles – vacancies and substitution), without any changes to the rest of that Draw.
- 80.3 Where a mistake is identified, the ITF Supervisor shall determine if and how that should be resolved according to the following:
- 80.3.1 No changes can be made to a Draw once play has commenced in that Draw.
- 80.3.2 When a Player or Pair has been Seeded incorrectly:
- 80.3.2.1 if the correction of the Seeding only affects the position in the Draw of one (1) other Player or Pair, the two (2) Players or Pairs should be swapped over. The Draw does not need to be remade; or
- 80.3.2.2 if the correction of the Seeding affects the position in the Draw of two (2) or more other Players or Pairs, the Draw must be remade.
- 80.3.3 If a Player or Pair has not been included due to an error of the ITF, Tournament or the ITF Supervisor:
- 80.3.3.1 the Player or Pair should be placed on the last available ‘bye’ line when those are being filled according to Regulation 79.2.3 (Making the Draw) (if any are available); or
- 80.3.3.2 if the Draw is full to a complete draw size (of either 8, 16, 32 or 64), the Draw must be remade.
- 80.3.4 If a Player was included by mistake of the ITF, Tournament or the ITF Supervisor, they must be taken out of the Draw.

## **N Playing Schedule**

### **81 Order of Play**

- 81.1 The ITF Supervisor shall prepare the Order of Play for the following day’s matches in accordance with the Duties and Procedures for Officials, and Regulation 82 (*Players’ rest*).
- 81.2 The ITF Supervisor must release the Order of Play as soon as possible after it is prepared but no later than 20:00 hours local time each evening, by:
- 81.2.1 publishing On-Site and at hotel(s) or otherwise made available for Players and coaches; and
- 81.2.2 uploading into ITF Tournament Planner.

### **82 Players’ rest**

#### **82.1 Rest between matches:**

- 82.1.1.1 Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption that requires more frequent playing:

- 82.1.1.2 Players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) Singles match and one (1) Doubles match per day; and
- 82.1.2 there must be at least twelve (12) hours between a Player's first scheduled match on a day or in a round and the completion of that Player's last match on the preceding day or round.
- 82.1.3 If a Player is involved in the finals in the Singles Draw and Doubles Draw, they shall be allowed a rest period of thirty (30) minutes.
- 82.1.4 Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day (except in the case of a Singles final and Doubles final to be played consecutively where Regulation 82.1.2 applies), the Player shall be given the following minimum rest periods:

<b>Length of play in the first match</b>	<b>Minimum rest period</b>
Less than one (1) hour	Half (1/2) hour
Between one (1) hour and one and a half (1½) hours	One (1) hour
Between one and one half (1½) hours and two (2) hours	One and one half (1½) hours
More than two (2) hours	Two (2) hours
<b>Calculation of length of play</b>	
If play is interrupted for less than thirty (30) minutes, match time is considered continuous from the moment the first ball of the match was put into play.	
If play has been interrupted for thirty (30) minutes or more, the length of match time would be assessed from the moment play resumes following the delay.	

- 82.1.5 Play may commence before the end of the rest period if all Players agree.
- 82.1.6 Singles matches should be scheduled before a Doubles match, irrespective of whether it is the Main, Qualifying, Second or Consolation Draw.
- 82.1.7 Whenever it is necessary to play three matches, it is recommended that one Singles and two Doubles matches are played.
- 82.2 Sponsor requests and TV coverage do not justify non-compliance with this Regulation 82 (Players' rest).

### **83 Playing format**

- 83.1 Except as set out in Regulation 83.2 (*Playing format*), each match must be played according to the following match format:

<b>Draw</b>	<b>Number and type of sets</b>	<b>Ad scoring</b>	<b>Let rule</b>
Singles Main Draw	Best of three (3) sets.	Ad	Let
Singles Second Draw	Best of three (3) sets.	Ad	Let
Singles Qualifying Draw	Best of three (3) sets.	Ad	Let

Singles Consolation	Best of three (3) sets, with two (2) tie-break sets and (if tied) one Match Tie-Break (10 points) to decide the match.	Ad	Let
Doubles Draw (all Grades except Grand Slams)	Best of three (3) sets, with two (2) tie-break sets and (if tied) one Match Tie-Break (10 points) to decide the match.	<u>No-Ad</u>	Let
Doubles Draw (Grand Slams)	As specified in the Grand Slam Rule Book		

83.2 The match format may only be altered in the following circumstances:

83.2.1 In advance: if ITF approves one of the following Alternative Scoring methods and that is announced in advance of the Tournament. A Tournament may apply to use Alternative Scoring for one or more Draws, and once that is announced it must be used for all matches in that Draw. The acceptable methods are:

83.2.1.1 short sets;

83.2.1.2 no-ad scoring;

83.2.1.3 a deciding Match Tie-Break (7 points); and

83.2.1.4 a deciding Match Tie-Break (10 points).

83.2.2 During the Tournament: In extraordinary circumstances (including bad weather or other significant impediment to the ability to complete the Tournament), the ITF Supervisor:

83.2.2.1 should prioritise the Main Draw in an effort to complete it without adaptation to the match format; and

83.2.2.2 with explicit approval of the ITF, may use the following Alternative Scoring in any Draw:

(a) no-ad scoring;

(b) Deciding tie-break;

(c) Deciding Match Tie-Break.

83.2.3 Grand Slams: In extraordinary circumstances (including bad weather or other significant impediment to the ability to complete the Tournament), the Grand Slam may in its discretion extend the days for play in order to complete the Tournament. Players still participating in the Tournament will be exempted from any penalties as a result of a late withdrawal if they withdraw from another Tournament as a result of the extended days of play.

## 84 Playing conditions

### 84.1 Chair Umpire:

84.1.1 Matches may take place with a Chair Umpire or without (as set out in the Organisational Requirements).

84.1.2 In matches played without a Chair Umpire:

84.1.2.1 Players must comply with the ITF Supervisor's notice setting out principles for playing matches without a Chair Umpire (and failure to do so may be a breach of the Code of Conduct); and

84.1.2.2 disputes will be resolved by the ITF Supervisor (and/or the Assistant Supervisor(s) or Off-Court Umpire(s) as applicable) in accordance with the provisions of the Duties and Procedures for Officials at Appendix E: Procedures for matches played without a Chair Umpire.

84.1.3 In matches played with a Chair Umpire if the view of a Chair Umpire is impeded the Chair Umpire may request or accept the assistance of a Line Umpire, Off-Court Umpire or ITF Supervisor (where no Line Umpires exist) to help determine whether Players are "lifting", more specifically whether they fail to comply with the requirement to remain in contact with the seat during the playing of a point, in accordance with the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis (sections d)iii) and e)vi)). Chair Umpires must inform Players when such assistance is being used before relying upon this assistance to call "lifting".

84.2 Warm-up: Players may warm up for up to five (5) minutes.

84.3 Toilet / change of attire breaks:

84.3.1 Two (2) toilet/change of attire breaks are permitted during a match.

84.3.1.1 The Player must receive permission from the Chair Umpire (if present), or from their opponent, who cannot reasonably refuse the request.

84.3.1.2 Toilet breaks should be taken preferably at the set break and can be used for no other purpose.

84.3.1.3 Change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break.

84.3.1.4 Each break may be for a reasonable time.

84.3.2 Additional breaks may only be permitted by the Chair Umpire, Off-Court Umpire or ITF Supervisor. A Player or Pair who takes a third break without permission may be penalised for a violation of Article Z (Leaving the court) of the Code of Conduct.

84.4 Equipment-related breaks

84.4.1 Wheelchair repair breaks are permitted during a match as follows:

84.4.1.1 The Player must receive permission from the Chair Umpire (if present), or the Off-Court Umpire or ITF Supervisor.

84.4.1.2 Repair breaks are not limited by number, but shall be timed consecutively and a Player or Pair with breaks adding up to:

(a) fifteen (15) minutes shall be penalised for a violation of Article P (Delay of game) of the Code of Conduct; and

- (b) twenty (20) minutes shall then be Defaulted for a violation of Article P (Delay of game) of the Code of Conduct.
- 84.4.2 Extra time may be permitted at changeover for a Quad Player to reposition or adjust the racket in the hand.
  - 84.4.2.1 The Player must receive permission from the Chair Umpire (if present) or an Off-Court Umpire, or the ITF Supervisor in advance.
  - 84.4.2.2 The Player must keep any extra time to a reasonable minimum, so as not to disrupt or interfere with the normal progression of the match.
- 84.5 Medical Conditions: Appendix B: Medical Conditions sets out provisions for the management of medical conditions during a match.
- 84.6 Extreme Weather Conditions: In the event of extreme heat, play may be modified in accordance with Appendix K: Extreme Weather Conditions.
- 84.7 Electronic Line Calling
  - 84.7.1 The use of Electronic Line-Calling (ELC) systems is permitted at Tournaments and Events, subject to the following conditions and requirements:
    - 84.7.1.1 The Event Organiser must make a request to the ITF to use ELC at least six (6) weeks in advance of the Tournament/Event start date;
    - 84.7.1.2 The request must have been approved by the ITF;
    - 84.7.1.3 The ELC system must have been classified by the ITF and approved by the ITF for use at the Tournament/Event in question;
    - 84.7.1.4 The ITF may at its sole discretion refuse the use of a particular ELC system during a Tournament/Event, including in the event such decision to refuse its use is taken once the Tournament/Event is already underway; and;
    - 84.7.1.5 The processing of any data arising from the use of the ELC system shall always be subject to the provisions in Appendix C.

## **85 Playing equipment**

### **85.1 Balls:**

- 85.1.1 The Balls:
  - 85.1.1.1 must conform to the specifications in the Rules of Tennis;
  - 85.1.1.2 must be an Approved Tennis Ball;
  - 85.1.1.3 must be the same brand and type for the whole Tournament; and

- 85.1.1.4 in the case of ball types 1 or 3 (as set out in the Rules of Tennis), must receive specific approval by the ITF.
- 85.1.2 Balls must be made available for match play and practice in accordance with the Organisational Requirements. Players must return the practice balls after practice.
- 85.2 Wheelchair:
  - 85.2.1 A Player must use a wheelchair that:
    - 85.2.1.1 has non-marking tyres;
    - 85.2.1.2 does not cause damage to the court (including through its footrests, front casters, rear anti-tip tubes and rear tyres), as determined by the ITF Supervisor; and
    - 85.2.1.3 does not have light-up casters.
  - 85.2.2 A Player is responsible for ensuring their Wheelchair is in good working order (including in relation to its structure and mechanics) prior to the start of every tournament/match.
  - 85.2.3 The ITF Supervisor may inspect a Player's wheelchair to ensure compliance with this Regulation 85.2 (Playing equipment). A Player whose wheelchair does not comply will be given a reasonable amount of time to make changes. Failure to be ready to play may constitute a violation of Article N (Punctuality) of the Code of Conduct and result in the Player being penalised including being Defaulted.
- 85.3 Racket: Quad Players are allowed to use an extra-long racket only if extra space is needed to tape the racket to the hand/arm.

## **86 Medical conditions**

- 86.1 Appendix B: Medical Conditions shall apply to all Tournaments and sets out provisions related to:
  - 86.1.1 the evaluation and treatment of medical conditions prior to or during match play (including when play can be suspended); and
  - 86.1.2 the determination that a Player is unable to compete as a result of a medical condition.

## **87 On-Site medicals**

- 87.1 The Tournament Doctor and Sports Physiotherapist each have the power to issue a medical certificate to a Player who is On-Site and has valid medical reasons for withdrawing or retiring from a current Tournament (a **Week 1 Tournament**) and/or a Tournament in the following week (a **Week 2 Tournament**), (an **On-Site Medical Certificate**).
- 87.2 A Player withdrawing or retiring from a Week 1 Tournament for medical reasons:
  - 87.2.1 must obtain an On-Site Medical Certificate;



- 87.2.2 will not be penalised if they obtain the On-Site Medical Certificate and provide it to the ITF Supervisor; and
- 87.2.3 may withdraw from the Week 2 Tournament without penalty if they obtain an On-Site Medical Certificate and comply with Regulation 87.4.
- 87.3 A Player who continues to play and completes their matches in the Week 1 Tournament despite a medical condition may obtain an On-Site Medical Certificate that can be used to withdraw from the Week 2 Tournament without penalty.
- 87.4 Any Player wishing to withdraw from a Week 2 Tournament must send the On-Site Medical Certificate:
  - 87.4.1 to the ITF;
  - 87.4.2 to the ITF Supervisor of the next Tournament if it is after the Freeze Deadline; and
  - 87.4.3 by the earliest of:
    - 87.4.3.1 48 hours after it was issued; or
    - 87.4.3.2 the Sign-In Deadline of the Week 2 Tournament;
 unless they are still playing at the Sign-In Deadline in which case they must report to the ITF Supervisor before leaving the Week 1 Tournament site.
- 87.5 This Regulation 87 (On-Site medicals) does not apply to a Player whose Doubles partner has withdrawn or retired from the Week 1 Tournament.
- 87.6 Should a Player participate in a future Tournament or other Event and have to withdraw through injury, a new medical certificate will be required, even if the injury is a recurrence.

## **O Results**

### **88 Results in a match**

- 88.1 A Player that wins according to Regulation 88.4 (*Results in a match*) or by a Walkover shall be declared the winner, and:
  - 88.1.1 in any round of an Elimination Draw but the final, they shall progress to the next round of the Draw; or
  - 88.1.2 in the final they are declared the winner of the Draw.
- 88.2 In an Elimination Draw:
  - 88.2.1 in a match concluded by a Walkover, the score is recorded as 6-0, 6-0; and
  - 88.2.2 in a match that is started but not completed, the full score is recorded. (For example, if Player A leads over Player B by 6-1, 4-3 when Player B is injured and unable to continue, Player A's victory must be recorded as 6-1, 6-3.)
- 88.3 In a Round Robin Draw, results are recorded as set out in Regulation 97 (*Round Robin*).

- 88.4 For the purpose of this Section O, a match is “played” when it is won:
- 88.4.1 following conclusion according to the Rules of Tennis and Regulation 83 (Playing format); or
  - 88.4.2 as a result of any medical withdrawal, retirement or a Default of an opponent under the Code of Conduct, in each case after at least one point has been played.

## **89 Submission of results**

- 89.1 After the end of play each day, the ITF Supervisor must submit all match results to the ITF by uploading data to ITF Tournament Planner.
- 89.2 By the Sunday immediately following the completion of the Tournament, the ITF Supervisor must submit the following material by email to the ITF:
- 89.2.1 the final draw sheets for all Draws;
  - 89.2.2 the Code of Conduct report;
  - 89.2.3 the report on penalties issued under the Point Penalty Schedule; and
  - 89.2.4 a report on the delivery standards for the Tournament.

## **90 Prize Money**

- 90.1 Players in a Tournament shall receive Prize Money based on their performance only as set out in these Regulations.
- 90.2 For Premier Grade Tournaments, the distribution of Prize Money is set out in the Prize Money tables in Appendix H: Prize Money based on the size of the Singles Main Draw published in the Fact Sheet.
- 90.3 For International and Development Grade Tournaments, the distribution of Prize Money is determined in the following order:
- 90.3.1 the Tournament sets the total pool for the Tournament, which must meet the minimum for that Grade (as set out in the Prize Money tables in Appendix H: Prize Money);
  - 90.3.2 the total pool is split between the Men’s, Women’s and Quad Draws on a pro-rata basis according to the number of Players in the Order of Play in the Singles Main Draw for each Category;
  - 90.3.3 80% of each Category’s pool is allocated to Singles and 20% to Doubles;
  - 90.3.4 where one Draw is not held, the 80% or 20% allocated to that Draw reverts to the total pool for all Categories and is reallocated according to Regulation 90.3.2; and
  - 90.3.5 the percentage per Draw and per round is set out in the Prize Money tables in Appendix H: Prize Money.
- 90.4 The Fact Sheet must set out:

- 90.4.1 the total pool of Prize Money; and
- 90.4.2 any deductions required for tax. The Tournament must deduct the appropriate taxes before stating the total pool, or must state the applicable national tax regulations on the Fact Sheet.
- 90.5 The Tournament Organiser must also make available information about the breakdown and distribution of Prize Money before the start of the Tournament.
- 90.6 The Tournament Organiser must:
  - 90.6.1 pay the total pool as stated in the Fact Sheet, subject only to permitted deductions in this Regulation 90 (*Prize Money*) and the exceptions to payment of Prize Money in Regulation 91 (*Payment of Prize Money*) and Regulation 94 (*Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points*);
  - 90.6.2 not make any changes to the total pool after publication in the Fact Sheet unless the original figures were incorrect and with ITF approval;
  - 90.6.3 make cash payments On-Site during or at the conclusion of the Tournament in US Dollars or local currency;
  - 90.6.4 for any payments not paid in cash On-Site, process electronic payments in US Dollars (unless prior approval to pay in another currency has been obtained in writing from the ITF no less than 4 months prior to the start of the Tournament) by the Tuesday following completion of the Tournament, such that the payment is in the Player's bank account by the Friday following completion of the Tournament (the **Payment Completion Deadline**); and
  - 90.6.5 pay any bank fees associated with a bank transfer separately from the total pool.
- 90.7 The only permitted deductions to a Prize Money payment are:
  - 90.7.1 taxes as stated in the Fact Sheet; and
  - 90.7.2 any fines and/or fees owed by the Player, only if the ITF Supervisor authorised the deduction. Any retained fines and fees must be sent to the ITF by the National Association or Tournament Organiser.
- 90.8 Where Prize Money has not been paid to a Player within 10 working days of the Payment Completion Deadline, the ITF may withhold money otherwise due to the National Association for any reason (including but not limited to Data Rights or other ITF activity or competition payments). Where Prize Money has not been paid to a Player within 20 working days of the Payment Completion Deadline, the ITF may additionally consider further action against the National Association through the Code of Conduct. The ITF will deal with the National Association, irrespective of whether it or a separate Tournament Organiser is the entity at fault.
- 90.9 After the Tournament, the Tournament Organiser must submit to the ITF:
  - 90.9.1 a Prize Money report (showing actual amounts distributed in total and individually to each Player); and
  - 90.9.2 on request, supporting paperwork to show the Players have been paid the correct amount.

## **91 Payment of Prize Money**

### **91.1 Prize Money shall only be paid:**

- 91.1.1 for Players in the Singles Main Draw and Doubles Main Draw;
- 91.1.2 for matches played; and
- 91.1.3 if the Draw meets the Minimum Draw Size for Ranking Points.

### **91.2 Any Prize Money from the published total pool that is not paid due to the application of this Regulation 91 (*Payment of Prize Money*) or Regulation 94 (*Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points*) will be retained by the Tournament Organiser.**

## **92 Other permitted payments**

### **92.1 Separate to Prize Money, Tournaments are permitted to pay expenses to Players, at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser. Such expenses are limited to the actual and reasonable expenses of the Player incurred pursuant to their participation in the Tournament. The payment of expenses cannot be conditioned on the success of the Player in the Tournament.**

### **92.2 Tournaments have discretion to offer Hospitality and services to Players (beyond the services included in the Entry Fee), but where offered it must comply with the Organisational Requirements and must not contravene the prohibition on rewards for Wild Cards at Regulation 59 (*Singles Wild Cards*) and Regulation 70 (*Doubles Wild Cards*).**

### **92.3 Tournaments must not offer, pay or give any other money, benefit or value except as set out in Regulation 90 (*Prize Money*) and this Regulation 92 (*Other permitted payments*).**

## **93 Ranking Points**

### **93.1 Subject to Regulation 94 (*Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points*):**

- 93.1.1 Ranking Points are awarded according to the Draw size published on the Fact Sheet, and as set out in the tables in Appendix I: Ranking Points;
- 93.1.2 Players are awarded Ranking Points for matches played and according to the round achieved.

## **94 Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points**

### **94.1 Minimum Draw Size for Ranking Points:**

- 94.1.1 Prize Money will only be paid, and Ranking Points will only be awarded, when a Draw meets the Minimum Draw Size for Ranking Points at the Withdrawal Deadline (for Singles) and at the Doubles Entry Deadline (for Doubles).
- 94.1.2 Except in cases of late withdrawals as set out in Regulation 94.1.3, the Minimum Draw Size for Ranking Points is:

	Grade	Draw		Minimum number of Players or Pairs
<b>Men's</b>	Grand Slam, <u>WT1000, WT500, WT250, WT175 and WT100.</u>	Singles	Main Draw	Four (4)
		Doubles if Singles is more than 8	Main Draw	Four (4) Pairs
		Doubles if Singles Main Draw is 8	Main Draw	Three (3) Pairs
	<u>WT50 and WT25</u>	Singles	Main Draw	Four (4)
		Doubles	Main Draw	Three (3) Pairs
<b>Women's</b>	Grand Slam, <u>WT1000, WT500, WT250, WT175 and WT100.</u>	Singles	Main Draw	Four (4)
		Doubles if Singles is more than 8	Main Draw	Four (4) Pairs
		Doubles if Singles Main Draw is 8	Main Draw	Three (3) Pairs
	<u>WT50 and WT25</u>	Singles	Main Draw	Four (4)
		Doubles		Three (3) Pairs
<b>Quad</b>	Grand Slam, <u>WT1000, WT500, WT250, WT175 and WT100.</u>	Singles	Main Draw	Four (4)
		Doubles if Singles is more than 8	Main Draw	Four (4) Pairs
		Doubles if Singles Main Draw is 8	Main Draw	Three (3) Pairs
	<u>WT50 and WT25</u>	Singles	Main Draw	Four (4)
		Doubles		Three (3) Pairs
<b>Juniors</b>	All	Singles		Three (3)

94.1.3 A Draw that runs below the Minimum Draw Size for Ranking Points will still be awarded Ranking Points if that reduced Draw size was as a result of a withdrawal after the Withdrawal Deadline (for Singles) or after the Doubles Entry Deadline (for Doubles).

94.2 In the following situations in all Events except the Team Competition (but including the Paralympic Games unless otherwise specified in the regulations applicable to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event), Ranking Points will not be awarded as set out in Regulation 93 (*Ranking Points*) and Prize Money will not be paid as set out in Regulation 90 (*Prize Money*) but instead as described below:

	Scenario	Awarding of Ranking Points	Paying of Prize Money
a)	The Player plays in the Main Draw or Second Draw as a Lucky Loser	Points only awarded for participation in the Main Draw or Second Draw, not the Qualifying Draw	According to the Prize Money tables for the Main Draw and Second Draw

b)	The Player loses in the first round of the Main Draw or Second Draw	<u>One (1) Ranking Point (or for Premier Grade Tournaments, the first round Ranking Points set out in the table at Appendix I)</u>	According to the Prize Money tables
c)	The Player receives a bye (which is not covered by d) below) in the first round of the Main Draw or Second Draw and then loses in the second round	<u>One (1) Ranking Point (or for Premier Grade Tournaments, the first round Ranking Points set out in the table at Appendix I)</u>	According to the Prize Money tables
d)	<u>For Premier Grade Tournaments, the Player receives a bye (which is not expected in relation to the published Draw Size) in the first round of the Main Draw and then loses in the second round</u>	<u>Second round Ranking Points as set out in the table at Appendix I</u>	<u>According to the Prize Money tables</u>
e)	The Player wins by a Walkover in the first round of the Main Draw or Second Draw, and then loses in the second round	<u>One (1) Ranking Point (or for Premier Grade Tournaments, the first round Ranking Points set out in the table at Appendix I)</u>	According to the Prize Money tables
f)	A Player who is deemed a No Show in the first round of a Draw	No Ranking Points for that Draw	No Prize Money for that Draw
g)	The Player receives one or more consecutive byes and then withdraws from their first match	No Ranking Points	No Prize Money
h)	Where a Tournament has started but cannot be completed because of bad weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances	Ranking Points are awarded according to the round achieved (as if that round had been lost).	Prize Money is awarded according to the round achieved (as if that round had been lost).

i)	Where a Tournament has not started and is cancelled because of bad weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances	No Ranking Points shall be awarded.	The Tournament Organiser may choose to award first round Prize Money.
j)	Grand Slam only:  <u>Main Draw:</u> A Wild Card loses in the first round of an Elimination Draw, or fails to win one match within a Round Robin Draw	<u>Sixty (60)</u> Ranking Points	According to the Prize Money tables.

94.3 Withdrawals: Subject to Regulation 94.2, Players withdrawing where permitted in the Code of Conduct will receive:

94.3.1 Singles Ranking Points and Prize Money for the round that they reached as if they had played and lost that match (whether or not play commenced prior to their withdrawal);

94.3.2 Doubles Ranking Points and Prize Money for the previous round, unless one of the following exceptions applies in which case both Players will receive loser's Ranking Points and loser's Prize Money from the round in which they withdrew or retired. The exceptions are:

- (a) neither Player in the retiring/withdrawing Pair was in the Singles Main Draw; or
- (b) the retiring/withdrawing Player receives an On-Site Medical Certificate that declares them unfit to play in any one of the following scenarios:
  - (i) the Singles Draw of the same Tournament;
  - (ii) the Singles or Doubles of a Week 2 Tournament, provided they withdraw by the Sign-In Deadline;
  - (iii) the Singles or Doubles of a Week 2 Tournament (and in the case of Prize Money, provided that they withdraw before leaving the tournament site);
  - (iv) any Draw due to an illness that could cause a danger to the public health; or
  - (v) the Player has withdrawn/retired from a Singles match which was scheduled for the same day as their Doubles match, or has withdrawn/retired from a Singles match on the previous day, and in either case is declared unfit to play their Doubles match.

## **95 Ranking Points for Mandatory Events**

- 95.1 Subject only to the Exemption Pathway, any Player who meets the ranking qualification criteria for Direct Acceptance to a Mandatory Event (as set out in Regulation 95.2) will have zero (0) points included in their best Singles results as set out in Regulation 49.2 (*ITF UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Ranking*), if:
- 95.1.1 they do not Enter;
  - 95.1.2 they Enter but withdraw prior to the start of their first match;
  - 95.1.3 they No Show; or
  - 95.1.4 for any other reason they do not participate in the Mandatory Event.
- 95.2 A Player meets the ranking qualification criteria for a Mandatory Event:
- 95.2.1 if for the Masters Singles and Grand Slam Singles, they are in the group of top ranked Players on the Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking at the applicable Entry Deadline equivalent to the number of Direct Acceptances available; and
  - 95.2.2 for the Grand Slam Doubles, in accordance with the criteria set by each Grand Slam in the Grand Slam Rule Book, its Fact Sheet or other applicable terms and conditions.
- 95.3 The Exemption Pathway is satisfied where:
- 95.3.1 A Player would be due to have zero (0) points included in their best Singles results for the Masters Singles in accordance with Regulation 95.1;
  - 95.3.2 That Player submits an application to the ITF in accordance with the ITF's Procedures for applications to satisfy the Exemption Pathway; and
  - 95.3.3 The ITF Medical Panel or the ITF (whichever is applicable) determines that the Player has legitimately been out of competition for three or more consecutive months (13 consecutive weeks minimum) as a result of:
    - 95.3.3.1 Injury;
    - 95.3.3.2 Illness;
    - 95.3.3.3 Other exceptional circumstances which give good cause for the Player being out of competition for that period.
- 95.4 If the Exemption Pathway is determined to apply, the zero (0) points for the Masters Singles may be replaced with the Player's next best Singles result from a Ranking Tournament that would not otherwise have been included.

## **96 Consolation Draw**

- 96.1 A Player is eligible for the Consolation Draw if:
- 96.1.1 they:
    - 96.1.1.1 lose the first match that they play in any Draw (including a Player who first receives a Walkover in the Main Draw); or



- 96.1.1.2 qualify through the Qualifying Draw but lose their first match in the Main Draw; and
  - 96.1.2 they Sign In for the Consolation Draw in person with the ITF Supervisor by the Consolation Draw Deadline.
- 96.2 The Consolation Draw Deadline is no later than one hour after the last match ends that involves:
  - 96.2.1 a Player who loses their first match of the Main Draw (including Players who receive a Walkover or bye in the first round of the Main Draw); and
  - 96.2.2 a Player who loses a match in the Qualifying Draw.
- 96.3 The Consolation Draw is requested to be an Elimination Draw.
- 96.4 No Player shall be included in the Consolation Draw without having Signed In in accordance with Regulation 96.1.
- 96.5 Regulations 78 (*Seeds*) to 94 (*Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points*) shall apply without variation, except:
  - 96.5.1 if a Player is required to play two or more matches in one day within a Consolation Draw then an approved Alternative Scoring method may be used for that match only;
  - 96.5.2 Prize Money will not be offered; and
  - 96.5.3 Ranking Points will only be offered if there are four Players in the Consolation Draw.

## **97 Round Robin**

- 97.1 In a Round Robin format, Players or Pairs are awarded one point for each match that they win. The final order of Players or Pairs in a Round Robin pool is determined by the number of points awarded to each Player/Pair following the conclusion of the Round Robin, with more points meaning a higher position in the pool.
- 97.2 A Default or retirement shall count as a straight-set win or loss but no games shall be recorded for either Player/Pair. That is, matches and sets won and lost will be counted for the purposes of Regulation 97.6, but games won or lost will not.
- 97.3 A Player or Pair that retires from one match in a Round Robin may continue in that Draw if the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist considers that they are able to compete at a professional level.
- 97.4 A Player or Pair that withdraws prior to the Tournament start date or is a No Show is Defaulted from the Tournament and all their results from matches played are void and shall not be considered.
- 97.5 A Player or Pair that withdraws from any Round Robin match after the first round shall not be eligible for the remainder of the Tournament in any Draw.
- 97.6 The final standings in each Round Robin pool shall be determined by the following count-back calculation (i.e. determined by the first of the following methods that applies, following the order set out below):

- 97.6.1 greatest number of points;
- 97.6.2 if two (2) Players or Pairs are tied, then the head-to-head result applies;
- 97.6.3 if three (3) or more Players or Pairs are tied, then the following metrics shall be used in the following order:
  - 97.6.3.1 a Player or Pair that did not play in all matches in its pool is automatically eliminated;
  - 97.6.3.2 highest percentage of matches won;
  - 97.6.3.3 highest percentage of sets won from all matches played;
  - 97.6.3.4 highest percentage of games won from all matches played;
  - 97.6.3.5 the Players' Rankings or Pairs' Combined Rankings at the point that Seeding is determined; then finally
  - 97.6.3.6 drawn by lot.
- 97.7 The metrics listed in Regulation 97.6.3 shall be applied until one of the following scenarios occurs:
  - 97.7.1 All of the Players or Pairs that were previously tied can be distinguished by the same metric, in which case the Players/Pairs will be ordered in accordance with that metric and there shall be no consideration of the head-to-head record; or
  - 97.7.2 One or more of the Players or Pairs is distinguished from the other Players/Pairs such that only two Players or Pairs remain tied, at which point the tie between those two Players/Pairs will be broken by their head-to-head record.

## **P Masters**

### **98 Masters - general provisions**

- 98.1 The Masters is the year-end championship for the world's top Players in each Category, and Players earn entry via their Wheelchair Tennis Ranking. The Masters shall consist of:
  - 98.1.1 the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters for Men's, Women's and Quad in Singles;
  - 98.1.2 the UNIQLO Doubles Masters for Men's, Women's and Quad in Doubles;
  - 98.1.3 Junior Masters for Boys and Girls in Singles.
- 98.2 Regulations 39 (*Personnel*), 40 (*Fact Sheet*), 42 (*Sponsorship*), 43 (*Organisational Requirements*), 44 (*Field of play requirements*) and 45 (*Changes to Sanctioning and Tournament Scheduling*) apply to the Masters, and shall be interpreted accordingly.
- 98.3 For the Masters, in the event of conflict between the Regulations in this Section P ('Masters') and elsewhere in the Regulations, the Regulations in this Section P ('Masters') shall apply.

## 99 Competition format

- 99.1 There shall be a Main Draw for each Category in the Masters. The Masters shall be played in a Round Robin format, followed by an Elimination Draw. Players or Pairs are grouped in accordance with Regulation 108 (*Making the Draw*), and each Player or Pair will play every other Player or Pair in their pool to determine the top one (1) or two (2) Player(s) or Pair(s) in each pool who will progress to an Elimination Draw. The Elimination Draw will either consist of a semi-final and final, or only a final, and such match(es) will determine the winner.
- 99.2 The number of pools and the number of matches in the Elimination Draw depend on the Category, as follows:

Category	Draw size	Number of pools	Elimination Draw
<b>Men's</b>			
<b>Singles</b>	8	2 pools of 4 Players	Best 2 Players from each pool progress to semi-finals
<b>Doubles</b>	<u>6</u>	2 pools of <u>3</u> Pairs	Best 2 Pairs from each pool progress to semi-finals
<b>Women's</b>			
<b>Singles</b>	8	2 pools of 4 Players	Best 2 Players from each pool progress to semi-finals
<b>Doubles</b>	6	2 pools of 3 Pairs	Best 2 Pairs from each pool progress to semi-finals
<b>Quad</b>			
<b>Singles</b>	8	2 pools of 4 Players	Best 2 Players from each pool progress to semi-finals
<b>Doubles</b>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u> pools of <u>3</u> Pairs	Best 2 Pairs <u>from each pool</u> progress to <u>semi-finals</u>
<b>Juniors</b>			
<b>Boys Singles</b>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u> pools of 4 Players	Best 2 Players <u>from each pool</u> progress to <u>semi-finals</u>
<b>Girls Singles</b>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u> pools of 4 Players	Best 2 Players <u>from each pool</u> progress to <u>semi-finals</u>

- 99.3 In the event that the Draw size for a Category is smaller than set out in Regulation 99.2, the ITF shall determine the Competition format for that Category.

## 100 Players eligible for the Masters

- 100.1 The Masters is only open to Players:
- 100.1.1 who are and who remain eligible to participate in the Tour in accordance with Section I (*Player eligibility for the Tour and Masters*); and
  - 100.1.2 are designated Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) or Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD) (as those statuses are defined in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules) with the relevant date for review being after the Masters.

## **101 Entry to the Masters**

101.1 Section J (*Singles - entries and withdrawals*) applies to the Singles Masters and the Junior Singles Masters, except:

101.1.1 the Singles Entry Deadline shall be replaced with the Masters Entry Deadline, being the Monday of the week beginning six (6) weeks prior to the first day of the Masters (or any earlier or later date determined by the Committee and notified to relevant Players) (the **Masters Entry Deadline**);

101.1.2 Regulation 102.3 (*Masters Wild Cards*) replaces Regulation 59 (*Singles Wild Cards*); and

101.1.3 Regulation 106 (*Masters – vacancies and substitutions*) replaces Regulation 59 (*Singles – vacancies and substitutions*).

101.2 Section K (*Doubles - entries and withdrawals*) applies to the Doubles Masters, except:

101.2.1 a Pair must Enter and Sign In for the Doubles Masters by the deadline and in accordance with the procedures notified by the ITF (including in the Fact Sheet);

101.2.2 Regulation 68 (*Withdrawal from the Doubles Draw*) shall apply, but the deadline for withdrawing shall be as notified by the ITF; and

101.2.3 Regulation 106 (*Masters – vacancies and substitutions*) replaces Regulation 69 (*Doubles – vacancies and substitutions*).

## **102 Composition of the Draw**

102.1 The Draws shall be composed of a set number of Direct Acceptances and Wild Cards as set out below

<b>Category</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Direct Acceptances</b>	<b>Wild Cards</b>
<b>Men's</b>	Singles	8	0
	Doubles	6 Pairs	0
<b>Women's</b>	Singles	8	0
	Doubles	6 Pairs	0
<b>Quad</b>	Singles	8	0
	Doubles	6 Pairs	0
<b>Junior</b>	Boys Singles	7	1
	Girls Singles	7	1

102.2 Direct Acceptances: Direct Acceptances are granted:

102.2.1 for the Singles, to the set number of highest-ranked Entered Players, according to the Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking list at the Masters Entry Deadline; and

102.2.2 for the Doubles, to the set number of highest-ranked Entered Pairs, according to each Entered Pairs' Combined Ranking at the Masters Entry Deadline.

102.3 Masters Wild Cards:

102.3.1 Wild Cards are granted at the discretion of the ITF. A Player is eligible to receive and accept a Wild Card if:

102.3.1.1 they have an IPIN account;

102.3.1.2 they meet the eligibility requirements to Enter and participate in a Tournament, as set out in Regulation 47 (*Entering and participating in a Tournament*);

102.3.1.3 they are not Committed to any other Overlapping Tournament, unless permitted by Article H of the Code of Conduct (*Playing in Another Event*).

102.3.2 A Player who accepts a Wild Card:

102.3.2.1 is Accepted as soon as they have accepted the offer of a Wild Card;

102.3.2.2 must be named at the time the Draw is made; and

102.3.2.3 may be replaced with a new Wild Card only up until the Draw is conducted, after which that place in the Draw is replaced according to Regulation 106 (*Masters – vacancies and substitutions*).

### **103 Masters Alternates**

103.1 The next highest-ranked Player or Pair (who is not a Direct Acceptance at the time of the official draw and media conference) shall be designated as the Masters Alternate(s) and shall replace any Player who subsequently withdraws.

103.2 An Alternate is eligible to play in both the Round Robin and Elimination Draws of the Masters, and to receive Ranking Points and Prize Money as would otherwise apply to Direct Acceptances.

103.3 If an Alternate(s) is inserted for the second or third Round Robin match, then the Ranking Points and Prize Money awarded shall be split between the two Players/Pairs so as to be proportionate to the number of matches played by each Player/Pair in the Round Robin pool.

### **104 Commitment**

104.1 At the Masters Entry Deadline:

104.1.1 Players who have Entered and meet the eligibility and Direct Acceptance criteria will be Accepted; and

104.1.2 any remaining slots in the Draw will be allocated to Alternates, as set out in Regulation 103 (*Masters Alternates*), and they shall be Accepted.

104.2 Once a Player or Pair is Accepted into the Masters, they are committed to:

104.2.1 attend the official draw and media conference(s); and

104.2.2 be available for play through to the Player's/Pair's elimination from the Masters.

## **105 Masters Withdrawal**

- 105.1 All Players Entered into the Masters must withdraw as soon as they no longer intend to, or are unable to, play, whether or not they are Accepted into a Draw or listed as an Alternate.
- 105.2 Withdrawals must be made in a Player's IPIN account. In exceptional circumstances, a Player may ask the ITF for permission to withdraw using an Official Withdrawal Form.
- 105.3 A Player who withdraws shall be subject to the consequences set out in the Code of Conduct (as applicable), even if a Player has submitted a withdrawal in the correct manner.
- 105.4 Withdrawal for any reason does not affect the application of Regulation 95 (*Ranking Points for Mandatory Events*).
- 105.5 In extraordinary circumstances (including bad weather or other significant impediment to the ability to complete the Masters), the ITF Supervisor may in their discretion extend the days for play in order to complete the Event. Players still participating in the Event will be exempted from any penalties as a result of a late withdrawal if they withdraw from another Tournament as a result of the extended days of play.

## **106 Masters - vacancies and substitutions**

- 106.1 Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the System of Merit and the following:
  - 106.1.1 Before the official draw and media conference starts, vacancies shall be filled from the Alternates in accordance with Regulation 103 (*Masters Alternates*). If no Alternate fills the vacancy under Regulation 103 (*Masters Alternates*), the ITF may include a replacement at its full discretion, in order to ensure a full Draw.
  - 106.1.2 A Player or Pair that does not attend the official draw and media conference may be replaced by the next qualified Player or Pair in accordance with Regulation 103 (*Masters Alternates*). If no Alternate fills the vacancy under Regulation 103 (*Masters Alternates*), the ITF may include a replacement at its full discretion, in order to ensure a full Draw;
  - 106.1.3 Any Player or Pair who withdraws after the official draw and media conference and before the Order of Play is released may be replaced by the next qualified Player or Pair in accordance with Regulation 103 (*Masters Alternates*). If no Alternate fills the vacancy under Regulation 103 (*Masters Alternates*), the ITF may include a replacement at its full discretion, in order to ensure a full Draw.

## **107 Seeds** All Players and Pairs in each Draw at the Masters will be Seeded.

- 107.2 The Seeds shall be determined:
  - 107.2.1 at the point of making the Draw;
  - 107.2.2 by the ITF Supervisor; and
  - 107.2.3 using the Seeding Criteria set out in Regulation 107.3.

107.3 The Seeding Criteria shall be:

107.3.1 Singles will be Seeded in order of each Player's Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking on the latest Wheelchair Tennis Ranking (highest to lowest, with ties broken by lot).

107.3.2 Doubles will be Seeded in order of each Pair's Combined Ranking on the latest Wheelchair Tennis Ranking (highest to lowest, with ties being broken by Seeding the Pair with the highest individual Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking first, and ties thereafter being broken by lot).

## **108 Making the Draw**

108.1 The Draw shall be made:

108.1.1 by the ITF Supervisor;

108.1.2 at a time specified by the ITF that must be before commencement of the Masters;

108.1.3 in public (and persons wishing to view the making of the Draw should contact the ITF Supervisor); and

108.1.4 in the presence of at least one Player competing in the Masters.

108.2 The Draw for each Round Robin stage for which there is more than one pool shall be conducted in the following order:

108.2.1 Seed 1 will go in pool 1 and Seed 2 will go in pool 2;

108.2.2 the remaining Seeds are drawn from pairs of two to be placed into pool 1 or 2 (e.g. Seeds 3 and 4 are drawn into each pool, and then Seeds 5 and 6, and finally Seeds 7 and 8); and

108.2.3 any required byes are given to the Seeds in descending order, with Seed 1 being placed in the smallest pool.

108.3 The Draw for a Round Robin stage with only one pool shall be ordered by Seeding only.

108.4 Each Player or Pair will play every other Player or Pair in their pool.

## **109 Changes after the Round Robin Draw**

109.1 If as a result of administrative error or withdrawal of a Player or Pair, there is a change in Seeding position of a Player or Pair after the Round Robin Draw has been made but before the release of the Order of Play then:

109.1.1 when the change involves one of the bottom two Seeds, the new Player or Pair will fill the vacant spot in the Round Robin Draw; and

109.1.2 otherwise the Round Robin Draw shall be redone only from the Seeding stage that contains the change (i.e. the stages of Seeds 1-2, 3-4 or 5-6) so that all Players/Pairs from the applicable stage and below will be redrawn, with all Seeds above that Seeding round remaining in the same pools.

109.2 If a mistake is made in the Draw, the ITF Supervisor shall determine if and how to address that mistake (subject to Regulation 109.3). The ITF Supervisor's decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

109.3 No changes can be made to the Draw after play has commenced in that Draw.

## **110 Order of Play**

110.1 The ITF Supervisor shall prepare the Order of Play for the following day's matches in accordance with the Duties and Procedures for Officials, and Regulation 111 (*Players' rest*).

110.2 The ITF Supervisor must release the Order of Play as soon as possible after it is prepared but no later than 2000 hours local time each day, by:

110.2.1 publishing On-Site and at hotel(s) or otherwise made available for Players and coaches; and

110.2.2 uploading into ITF Tournament Planner.

110.3 If a Player or Pair withdraws after the Order of Play has been released, the ITF may include a replacement at its full discretion, in order to ensure a full Draw.

## **111 Players' rest**

111.1 Regulation 82 (*Players' rest*) shall apply to Masters.

## **112 Playing format**

112.1 Except as set out in Regulation 83 (*Playing format*), each match must be played according to the following match format unless 112.2 applies:

<b>Draw</b>	<b>Number and type of sets</b>	<b>Ad scoring</b>	<b>Let rule</b>
Singles	Best of three (3) sets.	Ad	Let
Doubles	Best of three (3) sets, with two (2) tie-break sets and (if tied) one Match Tie-Break (10 points) to decide the match.	<u>No-Ad</u>	Let

112.2 If a match in the final round of the Round Robin stage will have no influence on the outcome of the Round Robin pool (in terms of placement, Ranking Points and/or Prize Money), the ITF Supervisor, with the agreement of the ITF and the Tournament Director, may adjust the playing format to allow:

112.1.1 short sets;

112.1.2 no-ad scoring;

112.1.3 a deciding Match Tie-Break (7 points); and/or

112.1.4 a deciding Match Tie-Break (10 points).

## **113 Playing conditions**

113.1 Regulations 84 (*Playing Conditions*) to 88 (*Results in a Match*) shall apply to Masters, save as amended below:



113.1.1 Regulation 114 (Scoring in the Round Robin Stage) shall apply instead of Regulation 97 (Round Robin); and

113.1.2 All matches must take place with a Chair Umpire.

#### **114 Scoring in the Round Robin stage**

114.1 Players or Pairs are awarded one point for each match that they win. The final order of Players or Pairs in a Round Robin pool is determined by the number of points awarded to each Player/Pair following the Round Robin, with more points meaning a higher position in the pool.

114.2 A Default or retirement shall count as a straight-set win or loss but no games shall be recorded for either Player or Pair. That is, matches and sets won and lost will be counted for the purposes of Regulation 114.3, but games won or lost will not.

114.3 The final standings in each pool shall be determined as set out in Regulation 97.6 (*Round Robin*).

114.4 Players or Pairs who do not play in all matches shall be scored and shall be permitted to continue to play in the Draw as follows:

114.4.1 a Player or Pair who retires for medical reasons may still continue in the Masters if the Tournament Doctor determines that such Player or Pair is able to compete at a professional level;

114.4.2 any Player or Pair that withdraws from any Round Robin match after the first round shall not be eligible for the Elimination Draw of competition, irrespective of their standing; and

114.4.3 a Player or Pair who withdraw(s) from or No Shows for the whole Masters event will be Defaulted from each Draw in the Masters and all their results from matches played (if any) are void and not to be considered, either in their own standing within the pool or in the standing of their opponent(s).

114.5 Players or Pairs progress to the Elimination Draw as set out in Regulation 99 (*Competition Format*).

#### **115 Elimination Draw**

115.1 Where semi-finals are being played, the top ranked Player or Pair in each pool will be placed in separate semi-final brackets. The runner-up in each pool will be placed in the semi-final bracket with the top-ranked Player or Pair from the opposite pool. The winner of each semi-final will play in the final.

115.2 If no semi-finals are being played, the top ranked Player or Pair in each pool will play in the final.

115.3 The winner of each final shall be designated the Masters titleholder for that Category and Draw.

#### **116 Prize money and Ranking Points**

116.1 Players shall receive Ranking Points in accordance with the table for the Masters set out in Appendix I (*Ranking Points*).

- 116.2 Paragraph 95 (*Ranking Points for Mandatory Events*) shall apply.
- 116.3 Players in the Masters shall receive Prize Money based on their performance only in accordance with the Prize Money distribution published by the ITF in advance of the Masters.
- 116.4 The ITF or Masters Organiser must:
- 116.4.1 make available to Players information about the breakdown and distribution of Prize Money, and any deductions required for tax or retentions for fines;
  - 116.4.2 pay the Prize Money subject only to permitted deductions in this Regulation 116 and the exceptions to payment of Prize Money in Regulation 91 (*Payment of Prize Money*) and Regulation 94 (*Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points*);
  - 116.4.3 make cash payments On-Site during or at the conclusion of the Masters in US Dollars or local currency;
  - 116.4.4 for any payments not paid in cash On-Site, process electronic payments in US Dollars by the Tuesday following completion of the Masters; and
  - 116.4.5 pay any bank fees associated with a bank transfer separately from the total pool.
- 117 Masters Organiser**
- 117.1 The Committee shall determine where the Masters will be held.
- 117.2 The requirements for the organisation of the Masters will be set out in the Hosting Agreement.
- 117.3 Any Masters Organiser agrees that it will host the Masters in accordance with:
- 117.3.1 The Rules and Regulations;
  - 117.3.2 The Hosting Agreement;
  - 117.3.3 The Organisational Requirements.
- 117.4 The Masters Organiser shall fulfil the duties of the Tournament Organiser for the Masters, as set out in Regulation 9 (*Tournament Organiser*).
- 117.5 The Masters Organiser:
- 117.5.1 must take out (and produce to the ITF upon request) a suitable insurance policy which:
    - 117.5.1.1 is compliant with local laws and regulations;
    - 117.5.1.2 insures against Claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the Masters for which the Masters Organiser is legally liable; and
    - 117.5.1.3 names “ITF Ltd” and “ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd” in the policy and on the certificate of insurance;

- 117.5.2 is encouraged to take out 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 the Masters due to force majeure; and
- 117.5.3 is encouraged to take out additional insurance policies that covers the Masters that insures against: (a) employer's liability; (b) business interruption; (c) personal injury; and (d) any other appropriate insurance policies recognised under local law.
- 117.6 A Masters Organiser must provide on request, and at their own cost:
  - 117.6.1 A Doping Control Station (as defined in the TADP) that, at a minimum, satisfies the requirements of the prevailing version of the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations; and
  - 117.6.2 Sufficient chaperones to notify Players selected for sample collection, accompany and observe such Players until their arrival at the Doping Control Station, and witness provision of those Players' samples as necessary.

## **118 Failure to abide by the Rules and Regulations**

- 118.1 Any competing Player/Pair who fails to conform to the Rules and Regulations may be immediately disqualified, suspended from the Competition, fined, and/or shall be liable to have their entry refused for future Competitions until assurances of compliance with the Regulations are given, and subject to any further penalties set out in these Regulations.

## **PART 3: TEAM COMPETITION RULE BOOK**

### **Q The Team Competition**

#### **119 Team Competition Structure**

119.1 The Team Competition for adults consists of competitions for the Men's, Women's, Quad, Categories which shall be made up of:

119.1.1 a World Group in each Category; and

119.1.2 the Regional Qualification Events which are made up of teams that are entered for Men's, Women's or Quad but do not qualify for the World Group in up to four zones:

119.1.2.1 Asia and Oceania;

119.1.2.2 Africa;

119.1.2.3 Europe;

119.1.2.4 Americas (covering North, South and Central Americas) (each a **Zone** and together the **Zones**).

119.1.3 The Team Competition for Juniors consists of competitions for Boys' and Girls' Categories.

### **R Hosting of the Team Competition**

#### **120 Applications to host**

120.1 The ITF shall communicate the hosting requirements for the World Group or a Regional Qualification Event available to National Associations.

120.2 Any National Association wishing to host the World Group or a Regional Qualification Event shall submit its application in writing in the form requested by the ITF and according to the timeframe notified by the ITF.

120.3 A National Association may not publicly disclose any details set out in its application unless an application has been approved by the ITF or the ITF has given its consent to do so.

#### **121 Approval of Applications to host**

121.1 The decisions as to where the World Group and Regional Qualification Events shall be held shall be made by the Committee.

121.2 In selecting venues, the Committee will consider:

121.2.1 The number of courts, facilities and officials available;

121.2.2 The availability and cost of hotel accommodation;

121.2.3 The National Association's previous experience of organising international tennis events, including wheelchair tennis events;

- 121.2.4 Airport accessibility;
  - 121.2.5 The accessibility of the hotel, courts and facilities;
  - 121.2.6 Any other factors that it considers relevant to the successful organisation of the Team Competition.
- 121.3 Approval of an application to host may be subject to conditions imposed by the ITF in its sole discretion.

## **122 Hosting Requirements**

- 122.1 The requirements for the organisation of the World Group and Regional Qualification Events will be set out in the Hosting Agreement;
- 122.2 Any **Team Competition Organiser** agrees that it will host in accordance with:
- 122.2.1 The Rules and Regulations;
  - 122.2.2 The Hosting Agreement; and
  - 122.2.3 The Organisational Requirements.

## **123 Insurance**

- 123.1 A Team Competition Organiser must take out (and produce to the ITF upon request) suitable insurance which:
- 123.1.1 includes adequate public and products liability insurance which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which, as a minimum, insures against Claims made for a) damage to property and b) death/injury caused to people at the Team Competition;
  - 123.1.2 includes all compulsory insurance required by local legislation, for example employers liability, vehicle etc; and
  - 123.1.3 Names 'ITF Ltd' and 'ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd' in the policy and on the certification of insurance.
- 123.2 A Team Competition Organiser is encouraged to take out 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 the Team Competition due to force majeure.
- 123.3 A Team Competition Organiser must also ensure that all venues and training facilities (and any other venues for the Team Competition) have adequate insurance cover in place, for example including material damage/business interruption and public liability.

## **124 Anti-Doping Services**

- 124.1 A Team Competition Organiser must provide on request, and at their own cost:
- 124.1.1 A Doping Control Station (as defined in the TADP) that, at a minimum, satisfies the requirements of the prevailing version of the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations; and
  - 124.1.2 Sufficient chaperones to notify Players selected for sample collection, accompany and observe such Players until their arrival at the Doping Control Station, and witness provision of those Players' samples as necessary.

## **S Eligibility**

### **125 Eligibility of Nations**

- 125.1 The Team Competition is open to the ITF's National Associations.
- 125.2 If a National Association has defaulted in payment in respect of their team's participation in a previous edition of the Team Competition, that National Association may have its entry refused for any future editions of the Team Competition until such payment has been made in full.

### **126 Eligible Nations that Cease to Exist**

- 126.1 If the country or Territory of a Nation that would otherwise have been eligible to participate in any part of the Team Competition is divided into two or more countries or Territories, or is absorbed in whole or in part by another country or Territory, or otherwise ceases to exist, the Committee will select another Nation to take the original Nation's place from:
  - 126.1.1 The newly created Nation(s) (if any); or
  - 126.1.2 The Nation(s) that would be selected as replacement Nations following the criteria set out under Regulation 131 (*Nation absences and withdrawals*) if the original Nation is treated as a 'withdrawing' Nation (i.e the replacement Nation will be selected based on the level of the Team Competition in which the original Nation would have been eligible to compete in and the time at which the original Nation ceases to exist);
- 126.2 The Committee may make any consequential amendments to the composition of the World Group and/or a Regional Qualification Event.
- 126.3 Any newly created Nation that is eligible and enters the Team Competition but is not selected as the replacement for the original Nation will play in the lowest level of the Team Competition.
- 126.4 When a Nation divides into two or more countries or Territories or is absorbed in whole or in part by another country or Territory, or otherwise ceases to exist, the Committee shall decide which Nation(s) (if any) is entitled to inherit any records relating to the Team Competition for that Nation that ceases to exist.

### **127 Eligibility of Players and Captains**

- 127.1 To be eligible to represent a Nation in the Team Competition, a Player/Captain must:
  - 127.1.1 Be in Good Standing with their National Association in accordance with Appendix F: Good Standing;
  - 127.1.2 Not have previously represented any other Nation in the Team Competition, the Regional Paralympic Games or the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. They shall be deemed to have previously represented another Nation if that other Nation previously nominated them as a Player/Captain at the time of the Draw for any part of any of these Events; and

127.1.3 Either:

- 127.1.3.1 Be a citizen of that Nation and hold a current, valid passport of that Nation; or
- 127.1.3.2 Be a citizen of that Nation, but in circumstances where that Nation does not issue its own passport, holds a qualifying passport issued by or on behalf of that Nation which confirms the Player's or Captain's place of birth as that Nation; or
- 127.1.3.3 After a consecutive period of two (2) years (24 months) residence in that Nation can provide a genuine reason for being unable to hold or make an application to hold a current valid passport where:
  - (a) They were born, or has a parent or grandparent born, in that Nation; or
  - (b) They have obtained or procured the right to remain permanently or have been granted humanitarian protection in that Nation.

127.2 To be eligible to represent a Nation in the Team Competition a Player must also:

- 127.2.1 Be eligible to play in accordance with Section C: Player Eligibility;
- 127.2.2 Have successfully completed the Tennis Integrity Protection Programme as required by the ITF;
- 127.2.3 (For Players under 18) have successfully completed the ITF's safeguarding education modules in the previous 12 months;
- 127.2.4 Not be subject to a suspension imposed (including on a provisional basis) or reciprocated by the ITF pursuant to these Regulations, including (but not limited to) under the Code of Conduct, Appendix G: Reciprocity and Information Sharing or ITF Safeguarding Policies; and
- 127.2.5 Have a Sport Class Status of Confirmed (C) or Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD) to compete in the World Group for Men's, Women's and Quad. A Player is also eligible to compete in a Regional Qualification Event if they have a Sport Class Status of New (N). A Player in the Boys' or Girls' Category may compete in the Team Competition with a Sport Class Status of Confirmed (C), Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD) or New (N).

127.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the ITF has the absolute right to refuse to accept or to revoke a National Association's nomination of any individual to participate in the Team Competition. The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

**128 Applications regarding Eligibility of Player/Captain**

- 128.1 If a Player/Captain is not eligible under Regulation 127.1, a National Association may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to nominate a Player/Captain on the basis that the full circumstances of their case demonstrate that they have a sufficient, genuine connection or commitment to life and tennis in the Nation that they wish to

represent, such that an exemption from Regulation 124.1 is warranted. Such an application must be received by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel at least two months prior to the part of the Team Competition for which the Player/Captain wishes to be nominated.

**128.2 If:**

128.2.1 a Player/Captain is, or may be, eligible under Regulation 124.1 to represent more than one Nation and the National Association of one of those Nations wishes to nominate them to represent it, or

128.2.2 A Nation applies to nominate a Player/Captain under Regulation 125.1 and that Player/Captain is, or may be, eligible to represent another Nation(s);

the National Association wishing to nominate the Player/Captain must submit a nomination/an application to the ITF no later than two months prior to the part of the Team Competition for which they wish to nominate the Player/Captain. The ITF will notify any other National Association concerned and they shall have 15 days from receipt to comment on the application, should they wish to do so.

128.3 If a Player/Captain is nominated without an application being made under Regulation 125.1, the ITF Executive will decide on the eligibility of the Player/Captain having taken into account all relevant matters. The decision of the ITF Executive may be appealed to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which will consider the matter as an appeal, in accordance with the IAP Procedural Rules. The appeal must (i) be made in writing, (ii) detail the basis of the appeal, and (iii) be filed with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel within 14 days of notification of the decision. There is no right of appeal or challenge from the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision.

128.4 If an application to nominate a Player/Captain is made under Regulation 128.1, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will decide on the application having taken into account all relevant matters.

128.5 In exceptional circumstances, the other Nation(s) concerned may not be notified before the Player/Captain's eligibility is considered by the ITF Executive or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel. In such circumstances, the ITF Executive or ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall reach a provisional view under Regulation 125.3 or 125.4 respectively, subject to any subsequent comments received from the other Nation(s). If the provisional view is to approve the eligibility of the Player/Captain to represent the nominating/applying Nation, and the Nation wishes to proceed with the nomination and/or application, then other Nation(s) concerned will then be notified of the nomination/application that has been received by the ITF and will have 15 days from receipt to comment should it wish to do so. The ITF Executive or ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will then reach its decision having considered any comments from the other Nation(s) concerned, in accordance with Regulation 128.3 or 128.4 above.

128.6 The ITF Executive and the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel have the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a Player or Captain is qualified to represent that Nation.

**129 Eligibility of a Player/Captain where Nation is divided or absorbed**

129.1 Where a Player/Captain has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a Nation and such Nation is absorbed in whole or in part by another Nation, the Player/Captain shall immediately be eligible to represent that other Nation.



- 129.2 Where a Player/Captain has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a Nation and such Nation is divided into two or more Nations, the Player/Captain shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those Nations.
- 129.3 Once a Player/Captain has represented a newly formed Nation, any subsequent application to represent a different Nation must be made under Regulation 128 (*Applications regarding Eligibility of a Player/Captain*). A Player/Captain is deemed to have represented a Nation if that Nation previously nominated them as a Player/Captain at the time of the Draw for any part of any of the events referred to in Regulation 127.1.2 (*Eligibility of Players and Captains*).

## **T Entries and Teams**

### **130 Nation Entries**

- 130.1 To participate in the Team Competition, an eligible Nation must submit an entry form.
- 130.2 Entries from a National Association must be sent to the ITF by the date and in accordance with the process set out by the ITF.
- 130.3 In entering the Team Competition, the National Association agrees:
- 130.3.1 that the Nation, its Players and Team Members will comply with the Rules and Regulations;
  - 130.3.2 that if they participate in a Regional Qualification Event and qualify for the World Group, they will also participate in the World Group;
  - 130.3.3 that it will take out and maintain at its own expense full and adequate insurance for its Players, Team Members and any accompanying officials in their delegation (including travel, medical and personal accident (including repatriation)) for the purposes of attending and participating in the Team Competition;
  - 130.3.4 that they will take out and maintain at their own expense an event cancellation and abandonment insurance policy insuring against all reasonably known financial risks arising from the rescheduling, cancellation and/or abandonment in whole or in part of the Team Competition due to force majeure. The ITF, and/or Team Competition Organiser shall not accept any liability for any Player, Team Member or official in this respect; and
  - 130.3.5 To pay the Team Competition Entry Fee for each of its Players and Team Members by the date specified in the ITF's invoice. If a National Association fails to comply with this requirement a fine may be issued by the ITF.
- 130.4 Failure by a Nation, its Players and/or its Team Members to abide by the Rules and Regulations may subject the Nation and/or any Player(s) or Team Member to a penalty in accordance with Regulation 16Q (*Failure to Abide by the Regulations*) and/or under the Code of Conduct.
- 130.5 The Board is entitled to refuse the entry of any Nation or refuse the further participation of any Nation in the Team Competition if it considers that the participation of such Nation may result in the Team Competition being endangered and/or brought into disrepute. No decision of the Board in this respect shall be valid unless the decision is supported by at least two-thirds of the directors present and voting.

## **131 Nation absences and withdrawals**

- 131.1 The Committee will decide how to fill positions that are vacated in circumstances where:
- 131.1.1 An eligible Nation that has qualified for the World Group as a direct entry in accordance with Regulation 136 (*World Group – Composition*) does not enter the Team Competition;
  - 131.1.2 A Nation that has entered the Team Competition withdraws;
  - 131.1.3 A Nation that has qualified for the World Group via a Regional Qualification Event or has accepted a Wild Card withdraws;
  - 131.1.4 A team has withdrawn or vacated their position for any other reason.
- 131.2 When deciding how to fill positions that are vacated, the Committee will take into account the following criteria:
- 131.2.1 A Nation's previous record in the Team Competition;
  - 131.2.2 Player Rankings and availability (if known);
  - 131.2.3 Geographical representation;
  - 131.2.4 Any other factors the Committee considers to be relevant.
- 131.3 Where a Nation withdraws after the Team Competition Entry Deadline for the part of the Team Competition that they entered, they shall be subject to penalty as set out in Regulation 162 (*Team Withdrawals and Team No Shows*).

## **132 Teams**

### *Composition*

- 132.1 Each team must consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) Players, which shall include a playing Captain, or alternatively, a team of a minimum of four (4) and maximum of five (5), which shall include a non-playing Captain, unless approved in advance by the ITF.
- 132.2 The same Captain may be appointed to captain teams from the same Nation in more than one Category.
- 132.3 A Player cannot be nominated for two Categories where the Event is taking place on overlapping dates but may be nominated in two Categories where they will be playing on different dates (subject to compliance with other Rules and Regulations).

### *Nomination of Teams*

- 132.4 Nominations of individual Players and Captains to a Nation's team must be received by the ITF by the **Team Nominations Deadline**. Any Player or Captain nominated must be eligible to represent their Nation in accordance with Regulation 127 (*Eligibility of Players and Captains*).

### *Change of Nominations*

- 132.5 A National Association may replace a maximum of two Players (including any playing Captain) after the Team Nominations Deadline and up until one (1) hour before the Draw.
- 132.6 Subject to Regulation 132.1, a National Association may withdraw a Player (including a playing Captain) from its team nominations after the Team Nominations Deadline and up until one (1) hour before the Order of Play is released.
- 132.7 If the withdrawal is due to reasons of bereavement, illness or injury and a medical certificate is provided to confirm the illness or injury within 14 days of the withdrawal date, no penalty will be imposed for the withdrawal but the partial or full payment of the Team Competition Entry Fee for the withdrawing Player may be required.
- 132.8 Withdrawal for any other reason, or without the provision of a medical certificate to confirm an injury or illness within 14 days of the withdrawal date, will be subject to:
- 132.8.1 a fine of US \$100; and
- 132.8.2 Partial or full payment of the Team Competition Entry Fee for the withdrawing Player, where applicable.
- 132.9 Any Player nominated as a replacement under Regulation 132.5 will be automatically placed at the bottom of the Order of Merit for Singles unless otherwise decided by the ITF.
- 132.10 Any changes to nominations made under this Regulation must be taken into account when Seedings are being determined.
- 132.11 The ITF Supervisor shall provide all competing Nations with a copy of the final team nominations for each Nation placed in Order of Merit at or before the time of the Draw.
- 132.12 The nomination of a non-playing Captain may be changed at any time before the Nation's first match.

### **133 Order of Merit**

- 133.1 Nations shall nominate their teams in Order of Merit for Singles.
- 133.2 The Order of Merit for Men's, Women's and Quad Category will be determined in accordance with (in order of priority) a Player's:
- 133.2.1 Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking at the time of the nominations;
- 133.2.2 national ranking; and thereafter
- 133.2.3 recent results.
- 133.3 The Order of Merit for the Boys' and Girls' Categories will be determined in accordance with (in order of priority) a Player's:
- 133.3.1 Junior Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking at the time of the nominations;
- 133.3.2 National ranking; and thereafter
- 133.3.3 Recent results.

133.4 The Order of Merit can only be changed by the ITF or the ITF Supervisor if, prior to the Draw being made:

133.4.1 A request is made by the Nation in writing to the ITF for the Order of Merit to be changed based on tournament results or special circumstances since the previous Order of Merit was submitted, together with any supporting documentation, and the ITF or ITF Supervisor agrees that the Order of Merit should be changed; or

133.4.2 The ITF or the ITF Supervisor is altering a clear mistake.

## **134 Seeding**

134.1 For Men's, Women's and Quad Categories, the Seeding of Nations shall be decided:

134.1.1 by the ITF Supervisor;

134.1.2 at the point of making the Draw;

134.1.3 based on the Seeding Criteria set out at Regulation 131.2 applied (in order of priority) to the Players nominated at that time for each Nation.

134.2 The Seeding Criteria shall be (in order of priority):

134.2.1 The combination of the two highest ranked Singles Players' Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking on the Monday preceding the week of the Draw (the '**Combined Singles Ranking**'), with the highest Combined Singles Ranking (with 2 being the highest) receiving the highest Seeding;

134.2.2 Where two Nations are equal on Combined Singles Ranking, the Nation with the highest ranked individual Singles Player will be the higher Seeded team;

134.2.3 For Nations with only one Player with a Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking, in order of the Players' Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking on the Monday preceding the week of the Draw;

134.2.4 For Nations without any Players with a Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking, the criteria above will be applied using the Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking;

134.2.5 For Nations without any Players with a Wheelchair Tennis Ranking in Singles or Doubles, Seeding will be drawn by lot.

134.3 For the Boys' and Girls' Categories, Seeding shall be decided by the Committee prior to the Draw, based on the following criteria applied to the Players nominated for each Nation:

134.3.1 Primarily the Junior Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking;

134.3.2 National ranking;

134.3.3 any other factors the Committee considers relevant.

## **135 The Draw**

135.1 The Draw shall be made:

135.1.1 by the ITF Supervisor;

135.1.2 in the presence of at least one Captain of a participating Nation;

135.1.3 at a time specified by the ITF, which shall be before the commencement of the World Group/Regional Qualification Event for which the Draw is being made.

135.2 Once the Draw has been made there can be no change unless:

135.2.1 Before play has commenced, the ITF Supervisor determines that a mistake has been made and that this should be rectified by a change to the Draw (and the ITF Supervisor's decision shall be final and binding);

135.2.2 Prior to the release of the Order of Play, there is a change in the Seeding position of a Nation due to the withdrawal of a Player or an administrative error, in which case the Draw shall be redone from that Seeding position in the Draw. All Seeds above that Seeding (or Seeding round in the case of a Round Robin) will remain the same. If the changes involve only the last round of Seeding in a Round Robin, then the new team will fill the vacant spot in the Draw.

## **U World Group**

### **136 Composition**

136.1 The World Group of the Team Competition shall be comprised as follows:

<u>Category</u>	Maximum number of entries	Top Nations from previous edition of the Team Competition that receive direct entry	Winners of Regional Qualification Events	Wild Cards
Men's	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	4	<u>1</u>
Women's	12	<u>7</u>	4	<u>1</u>
Quad	8	<u>5</u>	2	<u>1</u>
<u>Girls'</u>	<u>Open Entry</u>			
<u>Boys'</u>	<u>Open Entry</u>			

136.2 In the event that there are less Regional Qualification Events than places available to the winners of Regional Qualification Events, those places will be re-allocated at the discretion of the Committee.

136.3 Wild Cards shall be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

### **137 Format**

137.1 For the World Group for the Men's, Women's and Quad Categories, there shall be an Elimination Draw.

137.2 For the Girls' and Boys' Categories the format shall be determined by the ITF and shall be set out in Appendix M (Junior Team Competition).

137.3 The ITF reserves the right to alter the format depending on the number of entries and/or in the event of late withdrawals.

### **138 Men's World Group and Women's World Group**

#### *Format*

138.1 The Men's World Group and Women's World Group will consist of a 16-bracket Elimination Draw and:

138.1.1 Seeds 1-4 shall receive a bye into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round (the quarter finals);

138.1.2 The 8 unseeded Nations will play against each other in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round (round of 16), with each winning Nation from the 1<sup>st</sup> Round progressing to meet one of the Seeds 1-4 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round (quarter-finals);

138.1.3 The winners of the quarter-finals shall play in semi-finals and the winners of the semi-finals shall play a final, the winner of which shall be the winner of the Team Competition for the respective Category;

138.1.4 The losing semi-finalists shall play a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play-off;

138.1.5 The Nations that lose in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round (quarter-finals) shall play-off against each other in order to determine positions 5-8 in the Event.

138.1.6 The Nations that lose in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round (round of 16) shall play-off against each other in order to determine positions 9-12 in the Event.

#### *Seeding*

138.2 There shall be 4 Seeds in the Draw. Seeds shall be selected based on the Seeding Criteria set out at Regulation 134 (Seeding).

138.3 Seeds 1-4 shall be positioned as follows:

135.1.1 Seed 1 shall be placed on line 1;

135.1.2 Seed 2 shall be placed on line 16;

135.1.3 Seeds 3 and 4 shall be drawn by lot to be placed on lines 5 and 12.

138.4 The 8 unseeded Nations will be drawn by lot to lines 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14.

138.5 If there are less than 12 teams in the Elimination Draw, after the Seeds are placed in the Draw and given byes into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round, the required number of byes shall be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the Draw, before the unseeded Nations are drawn by lot.

### **139 Quad World Group**

#### *Format*

139.1 The Quad World Group will consist of an 8-bracket Elimination Draw and:

139.1.1 Nations shall play quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final, the winner of which shall be the winner of the Team Competition in the Quad Category;

139.1.2 The losing semi-finalists shall play a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play-off;

139.1.3 The Nations that lose in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round (quarter-finals) shall play-off against each other in order to determine positions 5-8 in the Event.

#### *Seeding*

139.2 Two Nations will be seeded based on the Seeding Criteria set out at Regulation 134 (*Seeding*).

139.3 Seeds shall be positioned as follows:

139.3.1 Seed 1 shall be placed on line 1;

139.3.2 Seed 2 shall be placed on line 8;

139.3.3 The 6 unseeded Nations shall be drawn by lot into lines 2-7 of the Draw.

139.4 If there are less than 8 teams in the Elimination Draw, after the Seeds are placed in the Draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seed(s) as a priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the Draw, before the unseeded Nations are drawn by lot.

## **V Regional Qualification Events**

**140** With the exception of Section U (*World Group*), this Part 3: Team Competition Rule Book shall apply to the Regional Qualification Events unless a Regulation is specified to apply only to the World Group.

### **141 Composition**

141.1 For the Men's and Women's Categories, there shall be up to four Regional Qualification Events, with one in each of the Zones.

141.2 For the Quad Category, there shall be up to two Regional Qualification Events that cover the four Zones.

141.3 The Committee may decide to alter the number of Regional Qualification Events and/or join the entries for more than one Zone together at its discretion.

### **142 Format**

142.1 The format for a Regional Qualification Event will be Round Robin or Elimination Draw with the exact format to be determined by the ITF prior to the Draw based on the number of teams entered. Different Regional Qualification Events may therefore follow different formats.

142.2 If there are 10 or more teams entered into a Regional Qualification Event, the ITF will separate the teams into two (2) tiers of competition and:

142.2.1 Tier 1 shall consist of:

- 142.2.1.1 the higher ranked teams according to the Seeding Criteria set out at Regulation 134.1 (Seeding); and
- 142.2.1.2 the winner of Tier 2 from that Regional Qualification Event in the previous edition of the Competition if applicable (see Regulation 142.2.4 below);
- 142.2.2 The winner of Tier 1 shall qualify for the World Group;
- 142.2.3 Tier 2 shall consist of the lower ranked teams according to the Seeding Criteria set out at Regulation 134.1 (Seeding); and
- 142.2.4 The winner of Tier 2 shall play in Tier 1 in the following edition of the Competition (if their Regional Qualification Event in that next edition has a Tier 1 and Tier 2).
- 142.3 The ITF reserves the right to alter the format in the event of late withdrawals.
- 142.4 The number of Seeded teams in each Regional Qualification Event and their placing shall be determined by the ITF based on the number of teams entered.
- 142.5 If the Draw is not full and there are byes to be given, they shall be given to teams in Seeding order, beginning with Seed 1.
- 142.6 Placement Ties will be played as determined by the ITF.

## **W Conduct of the Team Competition**

### **143 Composition of the Tie**

- 143.1 Each Tie will consist of two Singles matches and one Doubles match.
- 143.2 The Nation that wins the majority of the matches in the Tie shall be declared the winner.
- 143.3 A match shall be 'won' when it is won:
  - 143.3.1 following conclusion according to the Rules of Tennis and Regulation 151 (*Match Format*); or
  - 143.3.2 as a result of any medical withdrawal, retirement, or a Default under the Code of Conduct of an opponent, in each case after at least one point has been played; or
  - 143.3.3 By a Walkover.

### **144 Order of Play**

- 144.1 The Order of Play will be released after 16.00 local time the day before play commences unless otherwise determined by the ITF.
- 144.2 Each Tie shall have the following matches played in the following order:
- 144.3 Number 2 Singles vs Number 2 Singles;
  - 144.3.1 Number 1 Singles vs Number 1 Singles;



#### 144.3.2 Doubles match.

- 144.4 Each match in a Tie shall be played on the same court, except that the ITF Supervisor has the discretion to transfer the Doubles match to another court at any time.
- 144.5 In exceptional circumstances the ITF Supervisor can amend the Order of Play so that the two Singles matches are played at the same time. In such circumstances, each team can nominate a vice captain to act as Captain for one of the two matches and sit on that court. The person nominated as vice captain must meet the eligibility requirements for a Captain as set out in Regulation 127 (*Eligibility of Players and Captains*).
- 144.6 During any Round Robin stage of the Team Competition, all Doubles matches must be played.
- 144.7 During any Elimination Draw stage of the Team Competition if a final result has been obtained after the Singles matches (i.e it is 2-0), the Doubles match need only be played when one or both of the Captains states that they wish to play.
- 144.8 In exceptional circumstances, the ITF Supervisor may decide that a Doubles match is not required when the score is 2-0 after the Singles matches.

### 145 Captains' Meeting

- 145.1 A Captains' Meeting shall take place on the day prior to the commencement of the World Group or Regional Qualification Event.
- 145.2 All Captains of a Nation are required to attend the Captains' Meeting, unless they obtain an exemption from the ITF Supervisor in advance of the Captains' Meeting.
- 145.3 Failure to comply with Regulation 145.2 shall result in the following:
- 145.3.1 A fine of US \$50;
- 145.3.2 Exclusion of that Nation in that Category from that edition of the Team Competition, unless otherwise determined by the ITF Supervisor in consultation with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Department.

### 146 Eligibility to Play

- 146.1 Players are only eligible to play if they:
- 146.1.1 Are nominated by their Nation in accordance with these Regulations;
- 146.1.2 Are signed in by their Captain at the Captains' Meeting or they are brought into their team after the Captains' Meeting as a replacement in accordance with Regulation 132.5 (*Teams: Change of Nominations*);
- 146.1.3 Are present at the Team Competition in accordance with Regulation 147 (*Player Absence*); and
- 146.1.4 Are medically fit. No medically unfit Player will be allowed to be part of the team. It is the Player's responsibility to ensure that they are physically and mentally fit to participate. If there is any doubt, the ITF Supervisor may require a medical certificate confirming that a Player is medically and physically fit to compete.

## **147 Player absence**

- 147.1 Any Player who was nominated for a Nation at the time that the Order of Play was released must be On-Site for the start of their Nation's first match in each Tie in which their Nation plays, unless otherwise approved by the ITF Supervisor.
- 147.2 For each Tie where a Player does not comply with Regulation 147.1:
- 147.2.1 If they are the number one Singles Player, then the scheduled second Singles match shall be forfeited by the Nation with the absent Player;
- 147.2.2 If they are any other nominated Player in the team, the scheduled first Singles match shall be forfeited by the Nation with the absent Player.
- 147.3 In the event that the schedule of play is extended by 1 or 2 days under Regulation 157 (*Consequences if play called off due to bad weather or other unavoidable hindrance or circumstance*) this Regulation shall continue to apply for those days.

## **148 Player Selections**

- 148.1 The ITF Supervisor shall decide the time by which the Captains shall notify the ITF Supervisor of the names of the two (2) Singles Players for a Tie.
- 148.2 The Captain must notify the ITF Supervisor of the two Players who will be playing the Doubles match at least twenty (20) minutes before the Doubles match is scheduled to start. Any two nominated members of the team may play the Doubles match.

## **149 Player Substitutions**

- 149.1 No changes are allowed to the Players who have been selected in accordance with Regulation 148 (*Player Selections*) unless a Player becomes unable to play the match before it has started due to illness, injury or bereavement. In those circumstances a substitution may be made by the Captain from the nominated members of the team provided that:
- 149.1.1 The reason for the Player being substituted is:
- 149.1.1.1 legitimate and
- 149.1.1.2 (in the case of illness or injury) evidenced upon the request of the ITF Supervisor by provision of a medical form completed by the Tournament Doctor following an examination; and
- 149.1.2 The ITF Supervisor authorises the substitution (and the ITF Supervisor's decision shall be final).
- 149.2 A Player who does not start their Singles match (having been selected), or who starts their Singles match but has to retire due to illness, injury or bereavement, may be allowed to play in the Doubles match of the same Tie at the discretion of the ITF Supervisor and the Tournament Doctor.

## **150 Player Replacements**

- 150.1 If the final team nominated for a Nation is reduced (in the opinion of the ITF Supervisor) to one fit Player during the World Group or Regional Qualification Event, one additional replacement Player may be nominated by the National Association concerned. Any additional costs shall be borne by the National Association. In all cases,

the ITF Supervisor's decision whether to allow a replacement under this Regulation 150.1 shall be final.

## **151 Match Format**

151.1 For Singles matches in all Categories:

151.1.1 During a Live Tie the format will be best of three tie-break sets;

151.1.2 During a Tie which is not a Live Tie, the format will be best of three sets, with the first two sets played as tie-break sets and a Match Tie-Break to decide the match if the score is one set all.

151.2 For all Doubles matches in all Categories the format will be best of three sets, with the first two sets played as tie-break sets and a Match Tie-Break to decide the match if the score is one set all. There shall be no advantage played.

151.3 A Match Tie-Break will count as one set won and 1-0 in games, for the purpose of determining places in a Round Robin.

151.4 For all Junior Doubles matches the ITF Supervisor has discretion to alter the format of Junior Doubles matches as required.

## **152 The Captain**

152.1 The Captain:

152.1.1 Shall be allowed to sit on the court beside the chair of their Player(s) but they may not move away from that area. They may talk only to their team, the Chair Umpire and the ITF Supervisor and not to any Line Umpire;

152.1.2 May be replaced by another Captain officially nominated by their National Association if they become unable to fulfil their duties on court. Any additional costs incurred shall be borne by the National Association;

152.1.3 May coach their Player(s) in accordance with the Code of Conduct regarding Coaching and Coaches; and

152.1.4 of a Juniors team must be a minimum of 24 years of age prior to the end of the calendar year in which the Team Competition is being played (unless approved by the ITF in writing).

## **153 Conditions of Play**

153.1 Regulation 84 (*Playing conditions*), Regulation 85 (*Playing equipment*) and Regulation 86 (*Medical Conditions*) shall apply to the Team Competition, except that:

153.1.1 all matches in the Team Competition must take place with a Chair Umpire.

## **154 Interval between matches**

154.1 Unless decided otherwise by the ITF Supervisor, matches will be scheduled as follows:

154.1.1 There shall be an interval of thirty (30) minutes between the Singles and Doubles matches in Men's, Women's and Juniors;

- 154.1.2 There shall be an interval of forty-five (45) minutes between the Singles and Doubles matches in Quad.
- 154.2 The ITF Supervisor shall decide the interval between Singles matches.
- 154.3 If a Player is selected to play more than one (1) match in a day, the ITF Supervisor shall decide upon their entitlement to rest.
- 155 Scoring if a match is a walk-over or started but not completed**
- 155.1 If any match is started but not completed, the full score shall be recorded. For example, if Player A leads Player B by 6-1 2-0 when Player B is injured and unable to continue, Player A's victory shall be recorded as 6-1 6-0.
- 155.2 If a match is a Walkover the score shall be recorded as 6-0 6-0.
- 156 Determining places in a Round Robin**
- 156.1 For each Tie, the winning Nation shall be awarded one (1) point. The final order of Nations in a Round Robin pool is determined by the number of points awarded to each Nation following the Round Robin, with more points meaning a higher position in the pool.
- 156.2 If two Nations score an equal number of points in one pool, the head-to-head result between those Nations shall decide the winner.
- 156.3 If three or more Nations score an equal number of points, head-to-head result shall not be used to determine position in the pool and the following metrics shall be used instead, in the following order:
- 156.3.1 Any Nation that has not played in all Ties in its Round Robin pool is automatically eliminated;
- 156.3.2 Highest percentage of matches won;
- 156.3.3 Highest percentage of sets won from all matches played;
- 156.3.4 Highest percentage of games won from all matches played;
- 156.3.5 The Nations Seeding ranking;
- 156.3.6 Drawn by lot.
- 156.4 The metrics listed in Regulation 156.3 shall be applied until one of the following scenarios occurs:
- 156.4.1 All of the Nations that were previously tied can be distinguished by the same metric, in which case the Nations will be ordered in accordance with that metric and there shall be no consideration of the head-to-head record; or
- 156.4.2 One or more of the Nations is distinguished from the other Nations such that only two Nations remain tied, at which point the tie between those two Nations will be broken by their head-to-head record.

**157 Consequences if play called off due to bad weather or other unavoidable hindrance or circumstance**

157.1 Where play is called off due to bad weather or any other unavoidable hindrance:

157.1.1 If any remaining matches or Ties are not Live Ties (or part of a Live Tie), the ITF Supervisor may decide that any such matches/Ties are not required to be played;

157.1.2 If there are Live Ties that have not been completed, Nations must stay and play for up to two further days if necessary to conclude any remaining Live Ties.

**158 Ranking Points**

158.1 For Men's, Women's and Quad, Ranking Points will be awarded at the Team Competition (World Group and Regional Qualification Events) and applied to the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking. Points will be awarded to Players based on the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking of the Player(s) they beat, according to the following table:

Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking	Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking (based on the Combined Ranking of the Doubles Pair)	Singles/Doubles points received
1	2-3	75
2-5	4-10	51
6-10	11-20	24
11-20	21-40	12
21-30	41-60	9
31-50	61-100	6
51-100	101-200	3
101-200	201-400	2
201+	401+	1

158.2 For Juniors, the following Ranking Points shall be awarded for Singles at the Team Competition:

Junior Wheelchair Tennis Ranking of Opposition	Points Awarded
1	10
2-5	9
6-10	7
10-20	6
20-40	4
40+	2

## **159 Consequences for teams under the TADP**

159.1 If any Player following completion of the results management and procedures in the TADP is found to have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (as defined in the TADP), the consequences for the team pursuant to Article 11 of the TADP shall be:

159.1.1 in all matches except the final of the World Group, no match result shall be re-assessed for the purposes of the Team Competition; and

159.1.2 any wins by the Player (or by a Pair in which the Player competed) in the final of the World Group will be reversed, which may result in the team which originally lost the final being declared the winner of the Team Competition for that Category.

## **160 Ceremonies**

160.1 Players and Captains must comply with the Code of Conduct relating to attendance at Ceremonies and the attire to be worn at Ceremonies.

160.2 It is the responsibility of the National Association to ensure that their Team Members attend the Ceremonies.

## **161 Prize Money**

161.1 The Team Competition Organiser may choose to offer prize money for the World Group.

161.2 If prize money is awarded, the prize money shall be given to the National Association of the team and not to the individual Players. The National Association shall be responsible for distributing prize money received to its Players at its own discretion.

## **X Penalties**

### **162 Team Withdrawals and Team No Shows**

162.1 If a Nation withdraws after the Team Competition Entry Deadline for the part of the Team Competition into which they were entered, their National Association will be subject to penalty in the following order, depending on the date of the withdrawal and determined by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel:

162.1.1 A withdrawal within 14 days of the start date of the World Group/Regional Qualification Event in which the team was due to compete will be subject to a fine of US\$500 and possible suspension for the following year's Team Competition;

162.1.2 A withdrawal between the Team Nominations Deadline and 14 days prior to the start date of the World Group/Regional Qualification Event in which the team was due to compete will be subject to a fine of US\$250 and possible suspension for the following year's Team Competition;

162.1.3 A withdrawal between the Team Competition Entry Deadline and the Team Nominations Deadline will be subject to a fine of US\$100.

162.2 A Nation that is due to participate in the Team Competition and either fails to send a team to compete in the Team Competition or their team fails to arrive On-Site for a Tie shall:

- 162.2.1 be Defaulted from the Tie and/or Event, unless decided otherwise by the ITF Supervisor;
  - 162.2.2 Be Defaulted from the Team Competition, unless decided otherwise by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel;
  - 162.2.3 forfeit all Team Competition Entry Fees from that Nation;
  - 162.2.4 may be suspended from participation in the next edition of the Team Competition at the discretion of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel.
- 162.3 In the event that a team does not complete its participation in the Team Competition, including if they depart from the World Group or a Regional Qualification Event before they are entitled to under these Regulations, the National Association may be subject to a fine of up to \$1000, as decided by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel.

### **163 Failure to Abide by the Regulations**

- 163.1 Any National Association that fails to comply with the Regulations (or whose Player or Team Member fails to comply with the Regulations) may:
- 163.1.1 be immediately disqualified from the current edition of the Team Competition; and
  - 163.1.2 Have any entry for future editions of the Team Competition refused until:
    - 163.1.2.1 Assurances of compliance with the Regulations have been provided by the National Association; and
    - 163.1.2.2 any other penalties imposed as a result of the failure to comply have been served.

### **164 ITF refusal to approve or cancellation of part of the Team Competition**

- 164.1 Without prejudice to any other rights in the Rules and Regulations, the ITF may refuse approval of, change the selected venue for, or cancel any part of the Team Competition for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the Team Competition or to the successful running of the Team Competition. Any such decision will be made on behalf of the ITF by the Committee or by the ITF Executive if the Committee so delegates. Any such decision may be appealed by the affected Team Competition Organiser to the Independent Tribunal.

## **PART 4: CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **ARTICLE I: GENERAL**

#### **A. Purpose**

1. The ITF promulgates this Code of Conduct in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct in the Competition by Players, Related Persons, Covered Persons, Team Members and the organisers of all Events, and to protect their rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the sport of tennis.

#### **B. Exclusive Applicability**

##### **2. This Code of Conduct applies to:**

- 2.1 all Events within the Competition, including the Tour, Team Competition and Masters; and
  - 2.2 to all Players, Related Persons, Covered Persons (where applicable), Team Members, and Event Organisers.
3. This Code of Conduct shall be the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against those to which it applies, except where applicable under (i) the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program; (ii) the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme; (iii) the ITF Welfare Policy; and/or (iv) the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

#### **C. ITF Supervisor**

4. The approved ITF Supervisor for each Event 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.

#### **D. Determination and penalty**

5. Each Article below designates the decision-maker that has the power to determine whether an Offence has been committed. In each case, that decision-maker shall:
  - 5.1 take reasonable and necessary steps to determine the facts regarding the Offence;
  - 5.2 upon determining that an Offence has occurred, shall determine the penalty in accordance with the prescribed penalty, or a penalty within any prescribed range, having regard to the facts of the Offence and whether there are any aggravating or mitigating circumstances; and
  - 5.3 notify the Player or other person or organisation, unless impractical in the context of an Event in which case notice must be provided to that person or organisation as soon as reasonably possible afterwards.



6. All persons or organisations covered by this Code of Conduct must cooperate fully with any investigation conducted under it.
7. The above procedure for determination of an Offence may be set out in more detail in the relevant Article.
8. Entry Offences, On-Site Offences and Covid-19 Offences may also constitute a Major Offence, where designated as such.

#### **E. Fines**

9. All monetary fines set forth in this Code of Conduct are in US Dollars.
10. Deadline for payment of fines:
  - 10.1 All fines imposed for Entry Offences shall be paid by the Player within ten (10) days after notice.
  - 10.2 The ITF Supervisor shall issue all On-Site fines and deduct the amount owing from Prize Money earned at that Tournament or Event.
  - 10.3 Players who are fined for Major Offences must pay all fines prior to participating in their next Event.
11. Outstanding fines:
  - 11.1 Unpaid fines may be collected by the ITF Supervisor at Tournaments/Events and remitted to the ITF.
  - 11.2 A Player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code of Conduct shall not be allowed to play in any Event in the Competition until such time as all fines have been paid.
  - 11.3 A Player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year shall not be allowed to play any Event in the Competition in the next calendar year until such time as all fines have been paid.

### **ARTICLE II: ENTRY OFFENCES**

#### **F. Late Withdrawal**

12. Withdrawal from a Tournament:
  - 12.1 A Player will have committed the Offence of Late Withdrawal if they are Committed to Play in a Tournament, and later withdraw using the means set out in Regulation 54 (*Withdrawal from the Singles Draw*) or Regulation 68 (*Withdrawal from the Doubles Draw*) unless exempt under this Article.
  - 12.2 A Player is exempt only in the below circumstances:
    - 12.2.1 the provisions of Regulation 58 (*Playing another Event / One Tournament*) apply; or
    - 12.2.2 the Player is still participating in a Grand Slam that has been extended beyond originally scheduled dates as set out in Regulation 83.2.3 (*Playing format*).

- 12.2.3 The Player is still participating in the Masters that has been extended beyond originally scheduled dates as set out in Regulation 105.5 (*Masters Withdrawal*).

**13. Withdrawal Amnesties:**

- 13.1 A Player's first three (3) Late Withdrawal Offences within a calendar year are automatically excused and the fines cancelled (a **Withdrawal Amnesty**), provided the withdrawal is submitted online through the Player's IPIN account prior to the Sign-In Deadline.
- 13.2 The Withdrawal Amnesty is valid for two consecutive Tournament Weeks provided the Player withdraws from both Tournaments in accordance with Regulation 54 (*Withdrawal from the Singles Draw*) and Regulation 68 (*Withdrawal from the Doubles Draw*).
- 13.3 If a Player withdraws from both Singles and Doubles at the same Tournament, the Player may use that Amnesty to withdraw himself from both the Singles and Doubles Draw of that Tournament.

**14. Withdrawals from the Masters:**

- 14.1 A Player will have committed the Offence of Late Withdrawal if they are Committed to Play in the Masters and withdraws using the means set out in Regulation 105 (*Masters Withdrawal*) unless exempt under this Article.
- 14.2 A Player is exempt from being penalised for a Late Withdrawal (but not the application of any Mandatory Event rule in relation to their Wheelchair Tennis Ranking) only in the below circumstances:
- 14.2.1 the Player withdraws before the Withdrawal Deadline for the Masters;
- 14.2.2 the Player withdraws after the Withdrawal Deadline for the Masters and uses a Withdrawal Amnesty.

**15. Penalty: A Player who commits the violation of Late Withdrawal:**

- 15.1 shall be fined up to \$200; and/or
- 15.2 in the case of the Masters, may be suspended from the Masters for the following year.

**G. No Show**

- 16.** A Player will have committed a No Show Offence in respect of any Tournament or the Masters if:
- 16.1.1 they are Committed to the Tournament and fail to Sign In by the Sign-in Deadline; or
- 16.1.2 they are otherwise included in the Draw and fail to arrive On-Site for their first match in the Draw.

17. The ITF Supervisor may waive the No Show Offence for a Player who arrives On-Site after the scheduled commencement time for their first match and penalise them for the On-Site Offence of Punctuality instead.
18. Penalty: A Player who commits a violation of this Article:
- 18.1 shall be fined up to \$200; or
  - 18.2 may be fined up to \$250 if they Signed In by phone and then did not appear for the Tournament or the Masters.
19. A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

## **H. Playing in Another Event**

20. A Player who has Entered and been Accepted into an Event must not play in any Overlapping Tournament, or any other Event which takes place on one or more of the same dates as the Event they are Entered and Accepted into unless:
- 20.1 the Player withdraws from the originally Entered Event using an acceptable method set out in Regulation 54 (*Withdrawal from the Singles Draw*), Regulation 68 (*Withdrawal from the Doubles Draw*) or Regulation 105 (*Masters Withdrawal*) prior to the Sign-In Deadline; and
  - 20.2 one of the following exceptions apply:
    - 20.2.1 the Player is nominated to represent their country in the Team Competition;
    - 20.2.2 the Grand Slam Alternate Rule applies;
    - 20.2.3 the Masters Alternate Rule applies;
    - 20.2.4 the Player is Accepted into the Qualifying Draw or Second Draw of a Tournament, and is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Qualifying Draw or Second Draw of another higher-graded Event;
    - 20.2.5 the Player is Accepted into the Qualifying Draw or Second Draw of a Tournament, and is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw of any Event; and
    - 20.2.6 the Player who is Accepted into the Main Draw at a Tournament is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw of a higher-graded Event.

A Player found to have been Accepted into two Overlapping Tournaments or any two Events scheduled to take place over one or more of the same dates after the Withdrawal Deadline will be removed from all except one Event as set out in Regulation 58 (*Playing another Event / One Tournament*).

- 21.** Penalty: A Player who commits a violation of this Article:
- 21.1 shall receive an Immediate Default from both Tournaments/Events (where applicable);
  - 21.2 shall be fined up to \$200 (in addition to any other fines imposed for other breaches); and
  - 21.3 shall forfeit all Prize Money and Ranking Points earned at the Tournament/Event(s) in question (where applicable).
- 22.** A Player's obligation under Regulation 56.3 (*After the Withdrawal Deadline – Commitment*) and/or Regulation 68.2.3 (*Withdrawal from the Doubles Draw*) to repay unrecoverable costs following a late withdrawal applies whether or not a Player commits a breach of this Article.
- 23.** A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

**I. Wild cards**

- 24.** A Player or Related Person shall not directly or indirectly, offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card, nor shall they agree to do so.
- 25.** Penalty: A Player who commits a violation of this Article may be fined up to \$500.
- 26.** A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

**J. Falsifying official documentation**

- 27.** A Player must not submit to the ITF documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence.
- 28.** Penalty: A Player who commits a violation of this Article shall be fined up to \$200 in addition to any other fines provided in the Code.
- 29.** A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

**K. Decision maker**

- 30.** The ITF or ITF Supervisor has the power to determine Entry Offences.

**L. Appeals**

- 31.** Any Player found to have committed an Entry Offence may, after paying all fines as provided above, appeal the determination of a violation and/or the penalty imposed. The appeal shall be determined by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel in accordance

with the IAP Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision).

**32.** The appeal must be made via a Notice of Appeal which must:

- 32.1 be made by the Player;
- 32.2 be in writing, using the form prescribed by the ITF;
- 32.3 be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the Player is notified of the violation; and
- 32.4 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.

**ARTICLE III: ON-SITE OFFENCES**

**M. General**

- 33.** Every Player, Related Person and Team Member, shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site and while engaged in activities directly related to the Event, conduct themselves in a professional manner
- 34.** The provisions below shall apply to each Player, Related Person and Team Member's conduct while engaging with any persons in connection with the Event and/or the Competition (including but not limited to Officials, the Tournament Director and ITF staff members) and who are preparing for, running and/or otherwise connected to an Event in which the Player and/or Related Person and/or Team Member is or was entered/involved, and/or within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include Event hotels, transport, all Event facilities and locations of Event functions or activities.

**N. Punctuality**

- 35.** Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the published Order of Play. Matches will be called in accordance with the Order of Play using all available and reasonable means.
- 36.** A Player or both Players in a Pair must be ready to play (including with their equipment that meets the requirements in Regulation 85 (*Playing Equipment*)) when their match is called.
- 37.** Penalty: A Player who commits a violation of this Article shall be subject to the following penalties, as applicable:
  - 37.1 if they are not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after their match is called may be fined \$50; and
  - 37.2 if they are not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after their match is called:
    - 37.2.1 they may be fined up to an additional \$100; and
    - 37.2.2 they or their Pair shall be Defaulted unless the ITF Supervisor in their sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a Default; and

37.2.3 they may be subject to additional penalties under Article AA (Failure to Complete Match or Tournament).

**38.** This section applies only to those Players who have been On-Site during the Event.

**O. Dress and Equipment**

**39.** Every Player shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn in all matches and award ceremonies.

**40.** At the Grand Slams, the Grand Slams clothing regulations will apply in place of Articles 42-48.

**41.** Unacceptable Attire:

41.1 Players shall not wear sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts or any other inappropriate attire during a match (including the warm-up).

**42.** Identifications on Clothing and Equipment:

42.1 When on court (before, during and after a match) or at any press conference or Event ceremony, the Player's clothing, products and equipment must comply with the below restrictions on identification (and the ITF reserves the right to interpret these restrictions so as to give effect to their intent and purpose):

Location	Type of identification	Maximum number	Maximum size
<b>Shirts, Sweaters or Jackets</b>			
Sleeves	Manufacturer	One (1) per sleeve	Eight (8) square inches (52 sq.cm), save that written identification within this must not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm)
Sleeveless garment	Commercial (non-manufacturer)	Two (2) on the front of the garment	Three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm)
Sleeves or Front	Commercial (non-manufacturer)	Two (2)	Four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm)
Front, Back and Collar	Manufacturer:  Option 1:	One (1)	Four (4) square

	Option 2:		inches (26 sq.cm)
		Two (2)	Two square inches (13 sq.cm)
Shorts, Skirts, Leggings, Compression shorts or Track Suit bottoms			
Shorts, Skirts, Leggings, Compression shorts (which must reach mid-thigh at minimum) or Track Suit bottoms	Option 1:	One (1)	Four square inches (26 sq.cm)
	Option 2:	Two (2)	Two square inches (13 sq.cm)
Compression shorts (which must reach mid-thigh at minimum) or leggings, worn under a skirt, dress or shorts (in addition to the Manufacturer's identification allowed for the piece of clothing under which the compression shorts or leggings are worn)	Manufacturer:	One (1)	Two square inches (13 sq.cm)
Dress	Treated as a combination of skirt and shirt (dividing dress at waist). Permitted identification is as set out for those garments.		
Other			
Socks/shoes	Manufacturer	One (1) per sock/shoe	For socks, Two square inches (13 sq.cm)
Racket (including strings)	Manufacturer	No maximum	No maximum
Hat, Headband, Wristband or Face Covering	Manufacturer	One (1) per item	Two square inches (13 sq.cm)
Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia	Tennis equipment Manufacturer's identifications	Each item	No maximum
	Commercial (non-manufacturer)	Two (2) on one (1) bag.	Four square inches (4 sq.cm)

			inches (26 sq.cm)
Wheelchair: Sports & Day Chairs	Commercial (non-manufacturer)	Three (3)	Thirty-six (36) square inches (232 sq.cm)
	Manufacturer	Five (5) on a wheelchair	
Other products			
Only products of the Tournament's sponsors or of a non-conflicting nature to these sponsors may be given visible identification on court. In the event that competitive products are required for a Player's use on court, these must either be contained in plain packaging or in the case of a drink product, taken from a plain bottle or the cups provided by the official drinks' supplier.			

**43.** No identification or other marking is permitted if it conflicts with any of the following restrictions (even if otherwise permitted by Article 43):

43.1 No identification shall be permitted on Player's clothing or equipment that promotes/displays betting companies, tobacco or e-cigarette products, hard liquor products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the Tournament/Event (including where, in the opinion of the ITF Supervisor, the identification shares a clear visual likeness with any entity that would fall under this Article such that the identification could reasonably be mistaken as relating to that entity).

43.2 Another Tennis, Sport or Entertainment event: the identification of any tennis circuit, series of tennis events, tennis exhibition, tennis tournament, any other sport or entertainment event other than relating to the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Competition is prohibited on all dress or equipment (whether by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description).

43.3 Any identification that violates any governmental regulation with respect to television, then the same shall be prohibited.

**44.** Any person who assists a Quad Player on-court to drop the ball to serve or assist the Player to cool down must also conform to these Articles 42-47 (*Identifications on Clothing and Equipment*).

**45.** For the purposes of Article 43, the size limitation shall be by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to a Player's clothing:

45.1 without regard to the colour of the same;

45.2 by drawing a circle, triangle or rectangle around the patch or other addition (depending on its shape);

45.3 when a solid colour patch is the same colour as the clothing, then in determining the area, the size of the actual patch will be based on the size of the identification;

45.4 with the size of the patch being the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle (as the case may be).



**46. Team identification**

- 46.1 This Article 47 applies to the Team Competition only.
- 46.2 Players and Captains must at all times dress in compliance with the team identification principles which are set out in the *ITF Wheelchair Team Identification Style Guide*. To comply, a Player and Captain shall:
- 46.2.1 display the Nation's name on the back of their shirts; or
  - 46.2.2 dress in the national colours of their Nation, as approved by the ITF.
- 46.3 The two Players in a Pair shall be dressed in substantially the same colours. This will be satisfied so long as both members of the pairing:
- 46.3.1 display the Nation's name on the back of their shirts and dress in substantially the same colours; or
  - 46.3.2 dress in their Nation's colours, as approved by the ITF.

**47. Warm-up clothing:** Clothing worn during the warm-up must also comply with Articles 42-47. Players may also wear this clothing during a match with the ITF Supervisor's approval.

**48. Player patch rule:** The ITF may require Players to wear an ITF or an ITF sponsor patch at Grand Slams, WT1000 Tournaments and the Masters. In that case:

- 48.1 the patch must be positioned horizontally on the sleeve, chest or front collar of the Player's shirt or dress in every match played, except if:
- 48.1.1 a Player already has the maximum number of patches allowed; or
  - 48.1.2 a Player's apparel contract prohibits Non-Manufacturer Identification.
- 48.2 the Player is responsible for having the patch visible and properly adhered to their clothing for their entire match; and
- 48.3 ITF staff are not responsible for delivering patches to Players on court, but may elect to do so.

**49. Penalty:** A Player or Captain (in the Team Competition) who commits a violation of this Article shall be subject to the following penalties, as applicable:

- 49.1 they may be ordered by the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor to change their attire or equipment immediately. Taping over logos or patches is not permitted;
- 49.2 a Player who fails to comply with an order to change their attire or equipment may receive an Immediate Default; and
- 49.3 a Player who is not Defaulted, or a Captain, may be fined:
- 49.3.1 up to \$250 for the violation of Article 42 (*Unacceptable Attire*);

- 49.3.2 up to \$250 for the violation of Article 43-46 (*Identifications on Clothing and Equipment*) relating to Manufacturer's identification;
- 49.3.3 up to \$250 for the violation of Article 43-46 (*Identifications on Clothing and Equipment*) relating to commercial identification;
- 49.3.4 up to \$250 for the violation of Article 43-46 (*Identifications on Clothing and Equipment*) relating to the name of another event;
- 49.3.5 up to \$250 for the violation of Article 47 (*Identifications on Clothing and Equipment*) relating to team identification.

**P. Time Violation / Delay of Game**

**50.** Following the expiration of the warm-up period, play shall be continuous and a Player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

**51.** Start of the warm-up and the match:

- 51.1 A maximum of sixty (60) seconds for participants in the Men's and Women's Categories and one-hundred-and-twenty (120) seconds for participants in the Quad Category shall elapse from when the last Player has arrived on-court and transferred and strapped into their sports chair, until the start of the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire (where applicable). 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.
- 51.2 Any Player not ready in time for the warm-up or ready to play after the warm-up period is liable for a Start of Match Violation to be fined up to \$250.

**52.** Between points:

- 52.1 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.
- 52.2 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.

**53.** Change of ends:

- 53.1 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.

**54. End of the set:**

- 54.1 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.
- 54.2 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.

**55. Penalty:**

- 55.1 The first violation of this Article P (*Time Violation / Delay of Game*), as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation – Warning.
- 55.2 Each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:
  - 55.2.1 Server: The Time Violation shall result in a “fault”;
  - 55.2.2 Receiver: The Time Violation shall result in a “point penalty”.
- 55.3 However, the Chair Umpire/ITF Supervisor may determine that an extension of time is necessary and/or decide not to impose any penalty.
- 55.4 When a violation is a result of a Wheelchair Repair (under Regulation 81.4 (*Equipment Related Breaks*)) 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 (not according to the penalties set out above).

**Q. Audible Obscenity (AOB)**

Players and Team Members shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. For the purposes of this Article, 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 the Officials or spectators.

- 56 Penalty: A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article may be:
  - 56.1 fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or
  - 56.2 subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up).
- 57 A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

**R. Visible Obscenity (VOB)**

Players and Team Members shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purposes of this Article, 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.

- 58 Penalty: A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article may be:
- 58.1 fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or
  - 58.2 subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up).
- 59 A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

#### **S. Verbal Abuse (VA)**

Players and Team Members shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purposes of this Article, 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.

- 60 Penalty: A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article may be:
- 60.1 fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or
  - 60.2 subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up).
- 61 A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

#### **T. Physical Abuse (PhA)**

Players and Team Members shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

- 62 Penalty: A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article may be:
- 62.1 fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or
  - 62.2 subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up).
- 63 A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

**U. Abuse Of Balls (BA)**

- 64 Players and Team Members 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 the warm-up).
- 65 Penalty: A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article may be:
- 65.1 fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or
  - 65.2 subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up).

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally 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.

**V. Abuse of Racquets or Equipment (RA)**

Players and Team Members shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purposes of this Article, 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.

- 66 Penalty: A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article may be:
- 66.1 fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or
  - 66.2 subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up).

**W. Coaching and Coaches (CC)**

- 67 In a Tournament or the Masters:
- 67.1 Players shall not receive on-court coaching during a match (including the warm-up).
  - 67.2 Off-court coaching (as defined in the Rules of Tennis) is permitted only in accordance with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Off-Court Coaching Procedures.
- 68 In the Team Competition:
- 68.1 No off-court coaching is permitted;
  - 68.2 The Captain is entitled to coach from their seat on the court under the conditions set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Off-Court Coaching Procedures.
- 69 Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a Player and a coach may be construed as coaching.
- 70 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 interest of the Tournament/Event and/or of the officiating thereof.

For the purposes of this Article, a “coach” shall also include any Player support team member (including but not limited to parent, friend and fellow competitor).

71 Penalty: When a Player commits a violation of this Article:

71.1 they may be fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or

71.2 they may be subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up); and

71.3 in addition:

71.3.1 if the ITF Supervisor considers the violation to be flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious, the coach may be ordered to leave the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site; and

71.3.2 if the coach fails to comply with the ITF Supervisor’s order, the Player may be Defaulted.

72 A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

## **X. Unsportsmanlike Conduct (UnC)**

Players and Team Members 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. For the purposes of this Article, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a Player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Tournament/Event, 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/Event and/or the officiating thereof.

73 Penalty: A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article may be:

73.1 fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or

73.2 subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up).

- 74 A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

**Y. Best Efforts (BE)**

- 75 A Player shall use their best efforts to win a match when competing in a Tournament/Event.

- 76 Penalty: A Player who commits a violation of this Article may be:

76.1 fined up to \$250 for each violation; and/or

76.2 subject to a point penalty in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) if the violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up).

- 77 A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

**Z. Leaving the Court (LC)**

- 78 A Player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire.

- 79 Penalty: A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article:

79.1 will be fined \$250 for each violation; and

79.2 may be Defaulted; and/or

79.3 may also be determined to have committed a violation of Article AA (*Failure to Complete Match or Tournament*).

**AA. Failure to Complete Match or Tournament (FCM)**

- 80 A Player must complete a match in progress, and complete the Tournament/Event, unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so.

- 81 Penalty: A Player who commits a violation of this Article may be fined up to \$300. The ITF Supervisor shall have discretion where the violation is committed by a Pair, to determine if one or both of the Players will be penalised.

- 82 A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

**BB. Ceremonies (Cer)**

- 83 A Player participating in the final of any Event must attend and participate in the ceremony after the match unless they are reasonably unable to do so, as determined by the ITF Supervisor.

- 84 All Players in the Masters, and the nominated Players and Captains of all participating Nations in the Team Competition are required to attend all official functions (as set out

in the Fact Sheet provided by the ITF) in appropriate team dress (for the Team Competition) unless reasonably unable to do so, as determined by the ITF Supervisor.

85     **Penalty:** A Player or Team Member who commits a violation of this Article may be fined up to \$250.

86     A single violation of this Article shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or are singularly egregious.

#### **CC. Media Conference (MC)**

87     A Player or Pair 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 Pair was the winner or loser, unless:

87.1     such time is extended or otherwise modified by the ITF Supervisor for good cause; or

87.2     they are injured and physically unable to appear.

88     **Penalty:** A Player who commits a violation of this Article may be fined up to \$250.

#### **DD. Captain Misconduct**

89     Before and during the Team Competition, if the ITF Supervisor considers a Captain to have committed Captain Misconduct, they may remove the Captain from their duties for the match underway and/or for any remaining matches in the Tie, either where:

89.1     The ITF Supervisor has issued two formal warnings to the Captain; or

89.2     The ITF Supervisor considers at their discretion that removal is warranted for a single incident of misconduct.

90     If the Captain is removed for Captain Misconduct they may be replaced as Captain by another nominated member of their team.

91     Where the ITF Supervisor removes a Captain for Captain Misconduct, the ITF Supervisor may also (as long as they have used best efforts to obtain the prior approval of the Executive Director):

91.1     Remove the Captain’s accreditation;

91.2     Order their removal from the site of the Event; and/or

91.3     Order continued denial of access for a specified period of time or for the remainder of the Event.



- 92 In addition, the Captain may be subject to any other applicable provisions and penalties under this Code of Conduct.

**EE. Point Penalty Schedule**

- 93 The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for Code Violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST Code Violation	WARNING
SECOND Code Violation	POINT PENALTY
THIRD and each subsequent Code Violation	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the ITF Supervisor shall determine whether each subsequent Offence shall constitute a Default.

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

**FF. Defaults**

- 95 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 (each a **Default**).

- 96 A Default results in the Player or their Pair's removal from the Draw in which they committed the applicable Code Violation.

- 97 Additional penalties:

- 97.1 Any Player who is Defaulted shall be subject to the following additional penalties, unless one of the exemptions in Article 97.2 applies:

- 97.1.1 loss of all Prize Money, Hospitality and Ranking Points earned (or due to be earned) for that Draw at that Event;
- 97.1.2 a fine of up to \$250 in addition to any other fines imposed for the applicable Code Violation; and/or
- 97.1.3 at the ITF Supervisor's discretion, Default from all other Draws, if any, in that Event. Such Default may also include the removal of accreditation and denial of access to the site.

- 97.2 The exceptions to the additional penalties set out at Article 97.1 are:

- 97.2.1 the Player or Pair was Defaulted for a violation of Article N (*Punctuality*) or Article O (*Dress and Equipment*);
- 97.2.2 the Player or Pair was Defaulted as a result of a medical condition; or
- 97.2.3 the Player's Doubles partner committed the Code Violation which caused the Default.

- 98 Default resulting from actions of a Team Member: If a Player is Defaulted for the conduct of a Team Member, the Team Member may have their accreditation removed, and at the ITF Supervisor's discretion, be denied access to the site.
- 99 Default in the Masters: Any Player or Pair Defaulted pursuant to the Code of Conduct during the Round Robin competition of the Masters shall be Defaulted from all other matches in the Masters unless one of the exemptions in Article 97.2 apply.
- 100 In all cases of Default, the decision of the ITF Supervisor shall be final and unappealable.

## **GG. Doubles Events**

- 101 Point Penalty Schedule and Defaults: Penalties under the Point Penalty Schedule and Defaults are imposed against the team.
- 102 Fines: All fines for On-Site Offences shall be assessed only against the Player who committed the violation, unless both members of the Pair have committed a violation.

## **HH. Determination and Penalty**

- 103 The ITF Supervisor has the power to determine whether an On-Site Offence has occurred and upon determining that a violation has occurred, shall specify the fine and/or other punishment and give written notice thereof to the Player.

## **II. Appeals**

- 104 Any Player, Related Person or Team Member found to have committed an On-Site Offence may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the penalty imposed excluding any point penalties or Defaults. The appeal shall be determined by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel in accordance with the IAP Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision).
- 105 The appeal must be made via a Notice of Appeal which must:
- 105.1 be made by the Player, or in the case of the Team Competition, by the Team Member or their National Association;
  - 105.2 be in writing, using the form prescribed by the ITF;
  - 105.3 be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the Player or Team Member (or National Association in the case of the Team Competition) is notified of the violation; and
  - 105.4 include a statement by the Player or Team Member as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the Player or Team Member wishes to submit.

## **ARTICLE IV: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS)**

- 106 In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF introduced an obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols.
- 107 The ITF reserves the right at any time to reintroduce the obligation for 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.

- 108 In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols, the provisions in this Article IV below shall apply.

## **JJ. Minimum Standards of Behaviour**

- 109 A Covered Person shall comply with the Protocols.

- 110 Penalty: A Covered Person who commits a violation of this Article is subject to the following penalties:

### 110.1 For a Player:

- 110.1.1 A fine of up to \$500, and/or an Immediate Default under Article FF (*Defaults*). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the Player shall be penalised in accordance with the Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*).

- 110.1.2 One violation of this Article IV that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Event, or is singularly egregious, or a series of two (2) or more violations of this Article IV 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/Event may also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

### 110.2 For a Related Person or any other Covered Person:

- 110.2.1 immediate revocation of accreditation and denial of access to the Tournament or Event.

- 110.2.2 One or more violations which are singularly or collectively flagrant or egregious or detrimental or injurious to the Event may also result in permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF Tournaments, competitions and Events as determined by the ITF.

## **KK. Determination and Penalty**

- 111 The ITF Supervisor is the decision-maker regarding an alleged violation of this Article IV.

- 112 The ITF Supervisor shall not revoke a Covered Person’s entry and/or access to an Event without first consulting the ITF Executive Director save where the immediate revocation of entry and/or access to an Event is, in the reasonable opinion of the ITF Supervisor, necessary to preserve the health and safety of other Covered Persons.

## **LL. Appeal**

Any Covered Person found to have committed an Offence under this Article IV may, after paying all fines as provided above, appeal the determination of a violation and/or the penalty imposed (but not any Immediate Default issued to a Player). The appeal shall be determined by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel in accordance with the IAP Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel’s decision).

- 113 The appeal must be made via a Notice of Appeal which must:
- 113.1 be made by the Covered Person;
  - 113.2 be in writing, using the form prescribed by the ITF;
  - 113.3 be filed with the ITF by 5:00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the Covered Person is notified of the violation; and
  - 113.4 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 V: MAJOR OFFENCES**

### **MM. Aggravated Behaviour**

- 114 Players and Related Persons must not engage in Aggravated Behaviour at any Event.
- 115 Aggravated Behaviour is defined as:
- 115.1 one or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting Aggravated Behaviour;
  - 115.2 one incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an Event, or is singularly egregious; or
  - 115.3 a series of two (2) or more Code Violations 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 Competition.
- 116 In addition, 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 site of an Event shall be deemed to have engaged in Aggravated Behavior and be in violation of this Article.
- 117 Penalty for Players: A Player who commits the violation of Aggravated Behaviour, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall be penalised by:
- 117.1 a fine of up to \$1,000 or the amount of Prize Money won at the Tournament or Event, whichever is greater; and/or
  - 117.2 a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF Tournament, Event or circuit.
- 118 Penalty for Related Persons: A Related Person who commits the violation of Aggravated Behaviour shall be subject to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to any ITF Tournament, Event or circuit.

### **NN. Conduct contrary to the Integrity of the Game**

- 119 No Player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. If a Player is convicted of the violation of a criminal or civil law of any country they 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 a Player from further participation in ITF Tournaments/Events pending a final determination in Article V.OO. In addition, if a Player 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 Article.

- 120 Penalty for Players: A Player who commits a violation of this Article, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall be penalised by:

120.1 a fine of up to \$1,000; and/or

120.2 a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF Tournament, Event or circuit.

- 121 Penalty for Related Persons: A Related Person who commits a violation of this Article shall be subject to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to any ITF Tournament, Event or circuit.

## **OO. Determination and Penalty**

- 122 Investigation

122.1 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 Demand to a Player or Related Person 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 their knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The Player or Related Person must furnish such information within seven (7) business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

- 123 Charging

123.1 Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article, 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 Notice of Charge to the Player or Related Person setting out:

123.1.1 the Major Offence(s) alleged to have been committed, a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;

123.1.2 the potential consequences applicable if it is determined that the alleged Major Offence has been committed; and

123.1.3 the Player or Related Person's entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:

123.1.3.1 to admit the Major Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;

123.1.3.2 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

- 123.1.3.3 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;
    - 123.1.4 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 ten (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.
  - 123.2 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.
- 124 Provisional Suspension
- 124.1 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.
  - 124.2 Where a Provisional Suspension is imposed, the ITF shall notify the Player or Related Person of his/her right:
    - 124.2.1 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
    - 124.2.2 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.
  - 124.3 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.

- 124.4 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.
- 124.5 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.
- 124.6 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.

## 125 Hearing

- 125.1 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.

## PP. Payment of fines

- 126 All fines imposed by the Independent Tribunal or the ITF for Major Offences shall be paid by the Player or Related Person to the ITF within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice. If the fine is not paid in thirty (30) days:
  - 126.1 the ITF Executive Director will instruct the next Event to withhold Prize Money due to the Player until settlement is made; and
  - 126.2 the Player's fine will be added to the Player's unpaid fines and may be collected at other Events as set out in Article E (*Fines*).

## QQ. Appeal

- 127 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.

## RR. Commencement of Penalty

- 128 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:
  - 128.1 the date of notification by the ITF or Independent Tribunal; or

- 128.2 if the Player is participating in an Event on the date of notification, the day after he or she finishes competing in that Event.
- 129 The revocation of accreditation for, or denial of access to, ITF Tournaments, Events and circuits imposed on a Related Person shall take effect immediately upon notification.
- 130 Any breach by a Player or Related Person of the terms of their penalty under this Article V shall be referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and dealt with pursuant to the IAP Procedural Rules sitting as a first instance decision-maker.

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

- 131 Any Player, Player Support Personnel or other Person who enters or participates in the Competition shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2025.
- 132 The Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2025 is set out on the ITIA website (<https://www.itia.tennis/tadp/rules/>).

## **ARTICLE VII: WELFARE POLICY**

- 133 All Covered Persons (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy) that enter, attend and/or participate in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Competition shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix E: Welfare Policy.

## **ARTICLE VIII: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES**

### **SS. Applicability**

This Article shall apply to each Tournament and any Applicant for such an Event, as well as the Masters and Team Competition (and any Event Organiser).

### **TT. Guarantees**

- 134 The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of a Tournament/Event shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall the Tournament/Event 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/Event other than Prize Money and permitted amateur expenses, unless authorised to do so by the Committee.
- 135 If the ITF Executive Director believes that a Tournament/Event may be violating this Article, then upon Demand the Tournament/Event must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Executive Director or their 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 Executive Director.
- 136 Penalty: A Tournament/Event that violates this Article shall be subject to:
- 136.1 a fine of up to \$1,000 plus the amount or value of the violating payment;
- 136.2 forfeiture of all sums previously paid to the ITF (if any); and/or
- 136.3 disqualification and withdrawal of sanction.



## **UU. Wild Cards**

137 No Tournament or Event, 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.

138 Penalty: A Tournament/Event that violates this Article shall be subject to:

138.1 a fine of up to \$5,000;

138.2 forfeiture of all sums previously paid to the ITF (if any); and/or

138.3 withdrawal of sanction.

## **VV. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game**

No Tournament or Event, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport.

139 Penalty: A Tournament/Event that violates this Article shall be subject to:

139.1 a fine of up to \$5,000;

139.2 forfeiture of all sums previously paid to the ITF (if any); and/or

139.3 withdrawal of sanction.

## **WW. ITF Wheelchair Tennis Rules**

140 No Tournament or Event shall violate any provisions of these Regulations.

141 Penalty: A Tournament/Event that violates this Article shall be subject to:

141.1 a fine of up to \$5,000;

141.2 forfeiture of all sums previously paid to the ITF (if any); and/or

141.3 withdrawal of sanction.

## **XX. Late cancellation**

No Tournament shall cancel less than fifty-six (56) days prior to the scheduled commencement of the Tournament. Grand-Slam, WT1000, WT500 and WT250 Tournaments shall not cancel less than eighty-four (84) days prior to the scheduled commencement of the Tournament.

142 Penalty: A Tournament that violates this Article shall be subject to:

142.1 a fine of up to \$5,000;

142.2 forfeiture of all sums previously paid or otherwise due to the ITF (if any);

142.3 reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred; and/or

142.4 withdrawal of sanction.

**YY. Failure to Meet Sponsorship Requirements**

143 A Tournament must meet the sponsorship requirements according to these Regulations.

144 Penalty: A Tournament that violates this Article shall be subject to:

144.1 a fine of up to \$5,000;

144.2 forfeiture of all sums previously paid to the ITF (if any); and/or

144.3 withdrawal of sanction.

**ZZ. Covid-19 Protocols**

145 In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF introduced an obligation for Tournaments/Events to comply with the Protocols.

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

147 In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation, Tournaments/Events must comply with the Protocols. Any failure to comply with the Protocols shall amount to a violation of this Article VIII ZZ.

148 Penalty: A Tournament/Event that violates this Article shall be subject to:

148.1 a fine of up to \$5,000;

148.2 forfeiture of all sums previously paid to the ITF (if any);

148.3 an order for reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred by Covered Participants; and/or

148.4 withdrawal of sanction; and/or

148.5 denial of subsequent applications to host.

**AAA. Determination and penalty**

149 Investigation

149.1 The ITF will investigate all facts concerning any alleged Tournament Offence(s). The Tournament/Event must cooperate fully with the ITF's investigations.

149.2 The ITF may make a Demand to a Tournament/Event 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/Event to attend an interview and/or to provide a written statement setting forth its knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The Tournament/Event must furnish such information within seven (7)

business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

## 150 Charging

150.1 Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article VIII, the ITF forms the view that a Tournament/Event has a case to answer for commission of a Tournament Offence, the ITF shall send a Notice of Charge to the Tournament/Event, setting out:

150.1.1 the Tournament Offence(s) alleged to have been committed, a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;

150.1.2 the potential consequences applicable if it is determined that the alleged Tournament Offence has been committed; and

150.1.3 the Tournament's/Event's entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:

150.1.3.1 to admit the Tournament Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;

150.1.3.2 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

150.1.3.3 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;

150.1.4 if the Tournament/Event 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 ten (10) days of the Tournament's/Event's receipt of the Notice. The request must also state how the Tournament/Event 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/Event will be deemed to have admitted the Tournament Offence(s) charged, and to have acceded to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge.

150.2 In the event that the ITF withdraws the Notice of Charge, or the Tournament/Event 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/Event.

151     Hearing

- 151.1     If the Tournament/Event 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 Procedural Rules.

**BBB. Payment of fines**

- 152     All fines imposed by the Independent Tribunal or the ITF for Tournament Offences shall be paid by the Applicant/Event Organiser to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice.

**CCC. Appeals**

- 153     Any Tournament/Event 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.

## **PART 5: APPENDICES**

### **APPENDIX A. DRAW COMPOSITION**

#### **Singles and Doubles Main Draw composition**

1. When no Qualifying Draw is held, the Main Draw shall be composed of the following places:

<b>Advertised size of Draw</b>	<b>Direct Acceptance</b>	<b>Wild Cards</b>
<b>32</b>	28	4
<b>24</b>	21	3
<b>16</b>	14	2
<b>12</b>	11	1
<b>8</b>	7	1
<b>4</b>	3	1

2. When a Qualifying Draw is held, the Main Draw shall be composed of the following places:

<b>Advertised size of Main Draw</b>	<b>Suggested Qualifying Draw size</b>	<b>Direct Acceptance</b>	<b>Wild Cards</b>	<b>Qualifiers</b>
<b>32</b>	8 or 16	24	4	4
<b>24</b>	8 or 16	17	3	4
<b>16</b>	4 or 8	12	2	2
<b>12</b>	4 or 8	9	1	2
<b>8</b>	2 or 4	6	1	1
<b>4</b>	N/A – Main Draw must be increased to 8			

#### **Singles and Doubles Qualifying Draw composition**

3. When a Qualifying Draw is held, that Draw shall be composed of the following places and rounds:

<b>Size of Qualifying Draw</b>	<b>Number that will qualify to the Main Draw</b>	<b>Direct Acceptance</b>	<b>Wild Cards</b>	<b>Number of rounds</b>
<b>32</b>	4	28	4	3
<b>24</b>	3	21	3	3
<b>16</b>	4	14	2	2
<b>16</b>	2	14	2	3
<b>12</b>	3	10	2	2
<b>8</b>	4	7	1	1
<b>8</b>	2	7	1	2

<b>4</b>	2	3	1	1
<b>4</b>	1	3	1	2
<b>2</b>	1	2	0	1

### **Doubles Draw composition**

4. The Doubles Draw shall be composed of the following places and rounds:

<b>Advertised size of Draw</b>	<b>Direct Acceptance</b>	<b>Wild Cards</b>
32	28	4
24	21	3
16	14	2
12	11	1
8	7	1
4	3	1

## **APPENDIX B. MEDICAL CONDITIONS RULE**

### **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 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 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, 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 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 end or set-break in order to receive immediate evaluation, and treatment if time allows. There may be a total of two (2) additional change of ends 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 or Chair Umpire 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 penalized 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 must be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, 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 or Chair Umpire 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 must 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) that might impact on his/her ability to participate safely in a Tournament/Event, the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Physiotherapist should be called to assist the Player as soon as possible.

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 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/Event, 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 Draw at the same Tournament/Event (e.g. doubles), either that day or on a subsequent day.

In cases where there is any doubt, the ITF Supervisor should follow the process in this section '*Incapacity*'.

It is recognized that national laws or governmental or other binding regulations imposed upon the Event by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Tournament Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

## APPENDIX C. DATA RIGHTS

### 1. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following ascribed meanings:

<b>“APPROVED PAT”</b>	means any system of player analysis technology (‘PAT’) that is approved by the ITF (which may include an 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 an 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 or Event.
<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 Event and by means of an Approved PAT in accordance with these Regulations (including this Appendix C). PAT Data can include ELC Data.

### 2. Data rights

ITFL 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 Event Organiser will assist the ITF in its efforts to exercise the Data Rights.

ITFL hereby confirms that each Event 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-betting 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-betting 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-betting purposes;

In addition an Event Organiser 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 betting or for betting purposes; and (iii) the Official Data used relates only to the Event which is being broadcast.

In addition ITFL confirms that where ITF provides a live score centre of any match on the ITF website the Event 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 ITFL and may be exploited by ITF at its sole election, save for as provided at Regulation 31 (*Media Rights*) of these Regulations.

### 3. Data Rights protection

An Event 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 betting shall be prohibited and each Event Organiser 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 Event Organiser and/or ITF credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

The Event 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.

The ITF and the Event Organiser shall at all times co-operate with and comply with the requirements of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

#### 4. Use of Approved PAT

An Event Organiser shall be entitled to use Approved PAT at their Event, 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 Event 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 C).

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 Event Organiser 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 Event Organiser for officiating purposes in respect of a match or Tournament, and the Event Organiser 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 Event Organiser, National Association, Player or coach shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a) 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;
- b) Each Event Organiser, National Association, coach or Player who collects PAT Data (and 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 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 the ITF shall be entitled to rescind its approval and the Event Organiser, National Association, coach and/or Players (as applicable) will immediately cease use of the Approved PAT pending resolution.

## APPENDIX D. TOURNAMENT LEVEL

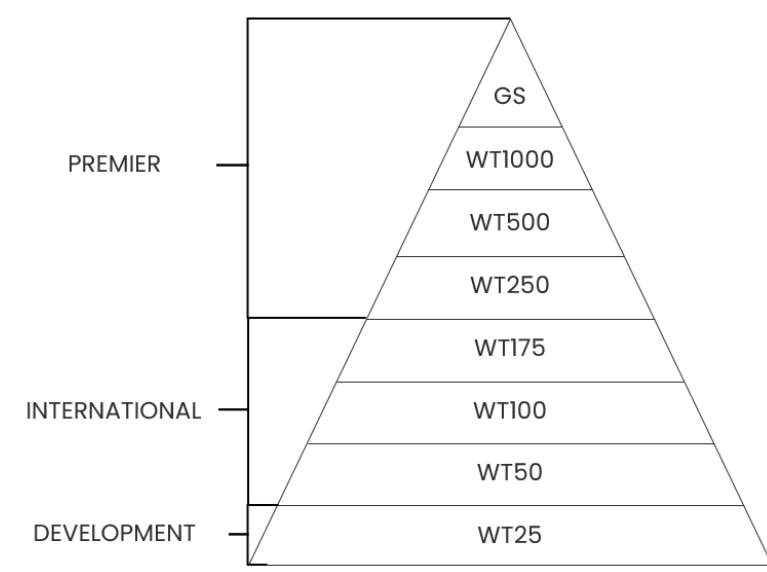
Tournament Grades on the Wheelchair Tennis Tour shall be determined by the Committee. The following principles are used and are reviewed annually.

### PRINCIPLES

#### a. Pyramid System

A pyramid system is used to try and maintain the structure of the Wheelchair Tennis Tour. The following Grades will be used: Premier (Grand Slams, WT1000, WT500 and WT250); International (WT175, WT100 and WT50) and Development (WT25).

There will be a few Grand Slam and WT1000 events, more WT500 and WT250 and the number of Tournaments will increase as you reach the ITF WT25 Grade.



#### b. Balance

The ITF endeavours to create a balance of Premier, International and Development Grade Tournaments between Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

#### c. Criteria

- Organisation
- Venue
- Transport
- Accommodation
- Officiating
- Prize Money
- Promotion

Tournaments will only be up or down graded one (1) Grade per year (except in exceptional circumstances).

**d. Other factors**

Other factors such as (wheelchair) tennis history, different world areas etc. will also be taken into account.

## **APPENDIX E. WELFARE POLICY**

A “**Covered Person**” is bound by all sections of this Welfare Policy, and is 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

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

### **Section C.**

Adult Safeguarding Policy

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

### **Section D.**



## Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures

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## APPENDIX F. GOOD STANDING

Any reference to Players in this Appendix F shall apply to the Captain where appropriate.

### Definition of “Good Standing” of a Player

For the purpose of Regulation 127.1.1 (*Eligibility of Players and Captains*), a National Association shall determine a Player to be in “Good Standing” where he/she:

- (a) is free from a suspension for breach of a code of conduct or other disciplinary regulations, imposed by his/her National Association, the ITF, or by another relevant organisation enforcing a code of conduct that the ITF considers is relevant to a Player’s Good Standing;
- (b) is accepted by his/her National Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which his/her National Association has selected him/her;
- (c) makes himself/herself available for selection for the Team Competition and accepts the jurisdiction of his/her National Association while competing in events for which they have selected him/her;
- (d) respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times;
- (e) accepts the conditions of entry of the events he/she enters, including the conditions of any code of conduct adopted for those events and the terms and conditions contained in the IPIN registration system;
- (f) agrees to undergo any medical control and/or other tests which are in operation at any event which he/she enters;
- (g) has not been convicted by a competent court of a country of an offence:
  - (i) in respect of which an unsuspended sentence of at least 12 months was imposed; or
  - (ii) which involved any act or omission which would reasonably be considered to compromise the integrity of tennis, his/her National Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending a Tournament, the Masters or the Team Competition; and
- (h) has not otherwise engaged in conduct which brings his/her National Association and/or the ITF into disrepute.

(defined collectively as the ‘**Good Standing Criteria**’)

A National Association shall make an initial determination of whether a Player meets the Good Standing Criteria (an ‘NA Determination’).

An NA Determination can only be reviewed where:

- i. it relates only to Good Standing Criteria (a), (g) and/or (h);
- ii. the Player has exhausted any internal National Association appeal mechanisms (if the review is sought by the Player); and
- iii. the request for a review is lodged no later than 21 days after the party requesting the review receives notice of a final NA Determination.

A review by a Player or the ITF of an NA Determination shall be heard by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP).

The IAP may set aside the NA Determination only where it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances to deny or allow (as applicable) the Player eligibility to represent their Nation, including but not limited to:

- i. Where the NA Determination was so unreasonable as to be manifestly excessive or manifestly prejudicial to the Player;
- ii. Whether the proceedings that resulted in the Determination were procedurally unfair or contrary to natural justice, having regard to all the circumstances; or
- iii. Where the reputation of the Competition or the ITF would suffer serious prejudice if the Player were to participate.

Any decision of the IAP made under this Appendix shall be final and binding. For the avoidance of doubt, the IAP shall not act as a further appeal body for, nor have any powers to dismiss or modify any disciplinary suspension or sanction that falls within Good Standing Criteria (a), and appeals against any such decision shall be handled in accordance with the procedural rules applicable to that decision.

A Player with unpaid fines of \$500 or above owing to the ITF, having been afforded sufficient time to pay the fine(s), shall not be considered in 'Good Standing' and shall be ineligible to play in ITF Team Competitions until the fine(s) have been paid.

## **APPENDIX G. RECIPROCITY AND 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 being 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 Events, 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 the Independent Tribunal 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 an 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).

## APPENDIX H. PRIZE MONEY TABLES

### Minimum Total Prize Money Levels for each Grade

Grade	Prize Money (\$)
<b>Grand Slams</b>	As determined by each Grand Slam
<b>WT1000</b>	45000
<b>WT500</b>	32000
<b>WT250</b>	32000
<b>WT175</b>	22000
<b>WT100</b>	14000
<b>WT50</b>	3000
<b>WT25</b>	1000

### Wheelchair Tennis Prize Money

#### WT1000

#### 24 (OR 32) SINGLES DRAWS (PER CATEGORY)

	<b>SINGLES (\$) PER PLAYER*</b>	<b>DOUBLES (\$) PER PAIR*</b>
<b>WR</b>	2700	900
<b>RU</b>	1500	450
<b>SF</b>	900	300
<b>QF</b>	525	150
<b>R16</b>	300	112.5
<b>R24/32</b>	187.5	

#### WT500

#### 24 (OR 32) SINGLES DRAWS (PER CATEGORY)

	<b>SINGLES (\$) PER PLAYER*</b>	<b>DOUBLES (\$) PER PAIR*</b>
<b>WR</b>	1920	640
<b>RU</b>	1067	320
<b>SF</b>	640	214
<b>QF</b>	373	106
<b>R16</b>	214	80
<b>R24/32</b>	133	

\* Individual player/pair Prize Money amounts are based on the minimum Tournament Prize Money level provided in the Minimum Total Prize Money Levels for each Grade table above

When reduced Draw sizes are offered at WT1000, WT500 or WT250 Events, Prize Money will be calculated for all Draws using the formula (percentage tables) listed below. The same formula will apply for all International Grade Events. For Development Grade (WT25) Events, Prize Money shall be awarded only from Quarter Finals (QF), using the percentages for 8-draws (or smaller, as required) in the tables below.

## Percentages for Prize Money breakdown

### Singles

Percentage of total Prize Money given to each round (%)

Set Draw Sizes	WR	RU	SF	QF	1/16	1/32	1/64
4	36	18	13				
6	30	16	11	6			
8	24	12	9	6.5			
12	22	12	8	5	2.5		
16	20	10	7	4	2.5		
24	18	10	6	3.5	2	1.25	
32	16	8	5	3	1.75	1.25	
48	14	8	4	3	1.5	1	0.625

### Doubles

Percentage of total Prize Money given to each Pair (%)

Set Draw Sizes	WR	RU	SF	QF	1/16	1/32	1/64
2	14	6					
3	12	5	3				
4	9	4	3.5				
6	8	4	2.5	1.5			
8	7	3	2.5	1.25			
12	6	3	2	1	0.75		
16	5	2	1.5	1	0.75		
24	4	2	1.5	1	0.5	0.375	

### If only Singles or Doubles is held

For Events where only a Singles Draw or only a Doubles Draw is played, Prize Money shall be distributed according to the below table:

Percentage of total Prize Money given to each round (%)

Set Draw Sizes	WR	RU	SF	QF	1/16	1/32	1/64
4	45	25	15				
6	40	20	13	7			
8	30	14	12	8			
12	28	12	10	6	4		
16	26	12	9	5	3		
24	22	10	6	4	3	2	
32	18	8	5	3	2.5	2	
48	14	6	4	3	2.5	1.5	1

## APPENDIX I. RANKING POINTS TABLES

### Wheelchair Tennis Ranking Points

#### A. MAIN DRAW (Singles and Doubles)

Grades		Main Draw							Qualifying				
		Draw Size	WR	RU	SF	QF	R16	R24	Q Win	Q F Rnd	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	Q2 <sup>2</sup>	Q1
Premier	Grand Slam	16	1200	780	480	240	120			60 <sup>^</sup>	30 <sup>^</sup>	15 <sup>^</sup>	
		8	1200	780	480	120				60 <sup>^</sup>	30 <sup>^</sup>	15 <sup>^</sup>	
	WT1000	24	1000	650	400	200	100	50		25 <sup>^</sup>	12 <sup>^</sup>	6 <sup>^</sup>	1
		16/12	800	520	320	160	50			25 <sup>^</sup>	12 <sup>^</sup>	6 <sup>^</sup>	1
	WT500	24	600	390	240	120	60	30		15 <sup>^</sup>	8 <sup>^</sup>	4 <sup>^</sup>	1
		16/12	525	342	210	105	30			15 <sup>^</sup>	8 <sup>^</sup>	4 <sup>^</sup>	1
		8	450	295	180	30				15 <sup>^</sup>	8 <sup>^</sup>	4 <sup>^</sup>	1
	WT250	24	350	228	140	70	35	18		9 <sup>^</sup>	4 <sup>^</sup>	2 <sup>^</sup>	1
		16/12	300	195	120	60	18			9 <sup>^</sup>	4 <sup>^</sup>	2 <sup>^</sup>	1
		8	250	163	100	18				9 <sup>^</sup>	4 <sup>^</sup>	2 <sup>^</sup>	1
International	WT175	24	200	130	80	40	20	1	10	5 <sup>^</sup>	3 <sup>^</sup>	2 <sup>^</sup>	1
		16/12/8	175	114	70	35	1		10	5 <sup>^</sup>	3 <sup>^</sup>	2 <sup>^</sup>	1
	WT100	24	100	50	25	14	7	1	4	2 <sup>^</sup>	1	1	1
		16/12/8	85	43	22	11	1		4	2 <sup>^</sup>	1	1	1
	WT50	32/24	50	25	14	8	4	1	2	1	1	1	1
		16/12/8	45	23	12	6	1		2	1	1	1	1
Development	WT25	32/24	25	13	7	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	1
		16/12/8	23	12	6	3	1		2	1	1	1	1

Players at WT175 and below who qualify for the Main Draw would receive Qualifying Draw points and any Main Draw points earned.

Wild Cards at Grand Slam events will receive 30 points instead of 60 points for a 1<sup>st</sup> round qualifying loss, where there is only one round of qualifying. Where there are two or more qualifying rounds, Wild Cards will receive the same points as other players in the draw.

#### *Qualifying*

If there is only one round of qualifying, then Qualifying Final Round points will apply.

If there are two rounds of qualifying then Qualifying Final Round points will apply for the second round and Q1 points for the first round.

<sup>1</sup>If there are three rounds of qualifying then Qualifying Final Round points will apply for the third round, Q3 points for the second round and Q1 points for the first round.

<sup>2</sup>If there are four rounds of qualifying then points for Q1, Q2, Q3 and Qualifying Final Round will all apply.

<sup>^</sup> Only awarded if a player wins a qualifying match (by any means as listed in Regulations).

## JUNIORS (Singles ONLY)

Grade	Draw	WR	RU	SF	QF	12/16	24/32
<b>MASTERS</b>							
	<b>8</b>	40	30	23	12	2	
	<b>4</b>	40	30	15	2		
<b>GRADE A EVENTS</b>							
<b>Boys</b>	<b>16</b>	40	30	23	12	1	
	<b>8</b>	35	25	18	2		
<b>Girls</b>	<b>8</b>	40	30	18	2		
	<b>4</b>	35	25	18	2		
<b>OTHER</b>							
<b>Boys/Girls/Mixed</b>	<b>32</b>	30	24	18	13	7	2
	<b>16</b>	25	19	15	12	2	
	<b>8</b>	20	15	12	2		
	<b>4</b>	15	10	2			

## PARALYMPICS

### MEN

Draw	WR	RU	SF	QF	12/16	24/32	56/64
<b>64/56/48</b>	750	525	336	186	103	55	2

### WOMEN

Draw	WR	RU	SF	QF	12/16	24/32
<b>32</b>	650	456	292	162	90*	2

### QUAD

Draw	WR	RU	SF	QF	12/16
<b>16</b>	485	340	218	121*	2

## REGIONAL GAMES

### MEN

Draw	WR	RU	SF	QF	12/16	24/32
<b>24</b>	<u>200</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>20</u> *	<u>1</u>

### WOMEN

Draw	WR	RU	SF	QF	12/16
<b>16</b>	<u>175</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>35</u> *	<u>1</u>



## QUAD

Draw	WR	RU	SF	QF	12/16
<b>12</b>	<u>175</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>35*</u>	<u>1</u>

\* Stated points not applicable for Doubles Draws. Two points will be allocated to that round instead.

## SINGLES AND DOUBLES MASTERS

Points in the table below are awarded for each match won in a given round, i.e. 1200 points for undefeated champion (8-draw):

	<b><u>Round Robin</u></b>	<b><u>Semi-final</u></b>	<b><u>Final</u></b>
<u>Match won</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>400</u>

## B. CONSOLATION MAIN DRAW (Singles only)

Grade	Draw Size	F	RU
<b><u>WT175</u></b>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	5
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	4
<b><u>WT100</u></b>	<u>16</u>	4	<u>2</u>
	<u>8</u>	3	<u>2</u>
<b><u>WT50</u></b>	<u>All draw sizes</u>	3	<u>2</u>
<b><u>WT25</u></b>	<u>All draw sizes</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

### C. SECOND DRAW (SINGLES AND DOUBLES)

Grade	Main Draw	F	RU	SF	QF	R16	R24
<b>WT175</b>	<u>24/32</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	5	3	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>8/12/16</u>	<u>18</u>	9	5	3	<u>1</u>	
<b>WT100</b>	<u>24/32</u>	7	4	3	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>8/12/16</u>	<u>6</u>	3	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<b>WT50</b>	<u>24/32</u>	4	3	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>8/12/16</u>	3	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<b>WT25</b>	<u>All draw sizes (8-32)</u>	3	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

## APPENDIX J. PLAYER RECORDING OF MATCHES

1. Notwithstanding Regulation 32 (*Image Rights*), the recording of matches by a Player/s and their Support Team Members for the sole purposes of performance video analysis and personal use (**Match Recordings**) is permitted subject to the conditions in this Appendix.
2. Match Recording under this Appendix is at the sole discretion of the ITF Supervisor and the ITF Wheelchair Department.
3. This Appendix does not apply for Juniors. All recordings of Juniors must be compliant with Regulation 33 (*Images and Videos of Juniors*).
4. Match Recordings:
  - (a) must be exclusively of tennis matches or tennis practices;
  - (b) must have the express authorisation of the ITF Supervisor, Tournament Director and the opponent(s);
  - (c) must only be made using a digital camera (including video recorders, digital single lens reflex cameras and action cameras such as Go Pros). Recording cannot be made on tablets, mobile phones, laptops or computers;
  - (d) cannot and will not be used to determine or dispute any decision made by an Official in relation to the officiating or outcome of a match;
  - (e) must cease as soon as an opponent(s) or their coach withdraws consent to the recording, or on instruction from the ITF Supervisor, and any recording already made must be deleted;
  - (f) must only be published online or via social media subject to the following conditions:
    - (i) the ITF Supervisor, the ITF Wheelchair Department and the opponent(s) have given their express authorisation;
    - (ii) the Match Recording must not be streamed live or with a delay for any purpose;
    - (iii) unless otherwise agreed by the ITF, no more than 10 minutes in aggregate of any match recording should be included within any content posted online or via social media;
    - (iv) the Match Recording must not bring the ITF or the sport of tennis into disrepute, in ITF's sole discretion; and
    - (v) the Match Recording must be removed upon notification by the opponent(s) that they have withdrawn their consent for publication; and
  - (g) must be stored securely to avoid inappropriate or unauthorised use, and deleted when it is no longer required.

5. All decisions made by the ITF Supervisor are final and not subject to appeal.
6. The ITF shall not be responsible for the use, dissemination, retention or disposal of any recording (whether in whole or in part).
7. Failure to comply with this process shall be considered a breach of these Regulations and the person responsible shall be subject to sanction.

## APPENDIX K. EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

### 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 28.0°C (82.4°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 32.2°C (90.0°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 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: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 34.0°C (93.2°F)

#### Extreme Heat Condition: Immediate Suspension of Play

Extreme Heat Condition: Immediate 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: Immediate 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)										
0%	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
10%	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
20%	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
30%	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
40%	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	
50%	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		
60%	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			
70%	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. Measurement Procedure**

The WBGT or Heat Index should be measured at least three (3) times daily by the ITF Supervisor, Tournament Director and/or his/her designee. All readings should be posted in the ITF Supervisor's office. 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 Tournament Director and/or 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.

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 or Off-Court 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 15-minute break will be allowed, beginning from the time that the Players reach the designated rest area, between the second and third sets (in a best of 3 sets match) 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 only), the 15-minute break will no longer be available, unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Director and/or ITF Supervisor.

The Tournament Director and/or 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. In very hot climates it is advised that matches are scheduled in the morning and late afternoon/evening.

- i. During the 15-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 15-minute break.
- ii. Immediately following the 15-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 15-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 match is in progress when the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met, play should be suspended at the end of the set. 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.

#### **F. Extreme Heat Condition: Immediate Suspension of Play (Singles and Doubles)**

If a game is in progress when the Extreme Heat Condition: Immediate Suspension of Play criterion is met, play should be suspended with immediate effect.

#### **G. General provisions**

Tournaments must provide shade and ice buckets on court for Quad Players. A Quad Player may be assisted to spray water over his/her face.

## **H. 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*. If local laws and/or the safety requirements of the venue impose more stringent requirements in the event of lightning, these should be followed in addition to the requirements under this Appendix and these Regulations.



## **APPENDIX L. RULES OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS**

### **1. Rules of Play**

The game of wheelchair tennis follows the ITF Rules of Tennis with the following exceptions.

#### **a. The Two Bounce Rule**

The wheelchair tennis player is allowed two bounces of the ball. The player must return the ball before it bounces a third time. The second bounce can be either in or out of the court boundaries.

#### **b. The Wheelchair**

The wheelchair is considered part of the body and all applicable rules, which apply to a player's body, shall apply to the wheelchair.

#### **c. The Service**

The service shall be delivered in the following manner:

- i. Immediately before commencing the service, the server shall be in a stationary position. The server shall then be allowed one push before striking the ball.
- ii. The server shall throughout the delivery of the service not touch with any wheel, any area other than that behind the baseline within the imaginary extension of the centre mark and sideline.
- iii. If conventional methods for the service are physically impossible for a Quad player, then the player or another individual may drop the ball for such a player and allow it to bounce before it is struck. If this is the case, the same method of serving must be used for the entire match.

#### **d. Player Loses Point**

A player loses a point if:

- i. The player fails to return the ball before it has bounced three times; or
- ii. Subject to rule e) below the player uses any part of his/her feet or lower extremities against the ground or against any wheel while delivering service, striking a ball, turning or stopping while the ball is in play; or
- iii. The player fails to keep one buttock in contact with his/her wheelchair seat when contacting the ball.

#### **e. Wheelchairs used in all competitions played under the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis must comply with the following specifications:**

- iii. The wheelchair may be constructed of any material provided that such material is non-reflective and does not constitute a hindrance to the opponent.
- iv. Wheels may have a single pushrim only. No changes to the wheelchair that afford the player a mechanical advantage are permitted, such as levers or gears. During normal play, wheels shall not leave permanent marks on, or otherwise damage, the court surface.
- v. Subject to Rule e(v), players shall use only the wheels (including pushrims) to propel the wheelchair. No steering, braking or gearing or other device that may

assist operation of the wheelchair, including energy storage systems, is permitted.

- vi. The height of the seat (including cushion) shall be fixed and players' buttocks shall remain in contact with the seat during the playing of a point. Strapping may be used to secure the player to the wheelchair.
- vii. Players who meet the requirements of Article 10 of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules may use a wheelchair powered by electric motor(s) (a "powered wheelchair"). Powered wheelchairs must not be able to exceed 15 km/h in any direction and shall be controlled by the player only.
- viii. Applications may be made for modifications to the wheelchair for legitimate medical reasons. All such applications shall be submitted to the ITF Sport Science & Medicine Commission for approval a minimum of 60 days prior to intended use in an ITF-sanctioned event. A decision to reject a proposed modification may be appealed under Section E of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Competition Regulations (*Disputes and Enforcement of Regulations*).

f. Propelling the Chair with the Foot

- i. If due to lack of capacity a player is unable to propel the wheelchair via the wheel then he/she may propel the wheelchair using one foot.
- ii. Even if in accordance with rule f) i. above a player is permitted to propel the chair using one foot, no part of the player's foot may be in contact with the ground:
  - a) during the forward motion of the swing, including when the racket strikes the ball;
  - b) from the initiation of the service motion until the racket strikes the ball.
- iii. A player in breach of this rule shall lose the point.

g. Wheelchair/Able-bodied Tennis

Where a wheelchair tennis player is playing with or against an able-bodied person in singles or doubles, the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis shall apply for the wheelchair player while the Rules of Tennis for able-bodied tennis shall apply for the able-bodied player. In this instance, the wheelchair player is allowed two bounces while the able-bodied player is allowed only one bounce.

**Note:** The definition of lower extremities is: the lower limbs, including the buttocks, hips, thighs, legs, ankles and feet.

For the Rules of Play please refer to the ITF Rules of Tennis. Please go to:  
<https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>.

**APPENDIX M. JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITION**

To be determined.

## **PART 6: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

### **A. Definitions**

The following words or terms have the following meanings when used in the Regulations:

#### **1. A-F**

**Acceptance List** means the list of Players who have Entered a Tournament and have been sorted based on the applicable System of Merit.

**Accepted** means being listed on the Acceptance List in the Main Draw, Qualifying or Second Draw.

**Age Eligibility Requirements** means the criteria set out in Regulation 15 (*Age Eligibility Requirements*).

**Alternate(s)** means an Entered Player who is ranked lower than the Direct Acceptances into Main Draw and Qualifying/Second Draw under the applicable System of Merit and is placed on the Acceptance List. Alternates may fill vacancies as set out in Regulation 62 (*Singles-vacancies and substitution*), Regulation 69 (*Doubles – vacancies and substitution*) and Regulation 100 (*Masters Alternates*).

**Alternative Scoring** means the use of an alternative method for scoring a match than set out in the Rules of Tennis. Acceptable alternative scoring systems are set out in Appendix V of the Rules of Tennis.

**Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer** means the position described in Regulation 25.5 (*First-instance proceedings*).

**Applicant** has the meaning set out in Regulation 34 (*Applications and Sanctioning*).

**Approved Tennis Ball** means a tennis ball approved by the ITF for the calendar year of the Tournament pursuant to the ITF Approved Tennis Balls, Classified Surfaces & Recognised Courts – A Guide to Products and Test Methods (as published from time to time).

**Archive Rights** means the right to use audio and audio-visual media following the expiry of any agreement regarding the assignment of Media Rights during a Tournament or Event.

**Board** means the ITF Board of Directors.

**Boys** means the Category for Players who meet the applicable Gender Requirements and Age Requirements.

**Captain** means the individual nominated in accordance with Regulation 132 (*Teams*) to fulfil the role of captain for a Nation in the Team Competition.

**Captains' Meeting** means a meeting of the Captains of Nations competing in the World Group or a Regional Qualification Event that takes place in accordance with Regulation 145 (*Captains' Meeting*).

**Category** means the groupings of the Competition based on Sport Class and age, and which are Men's, Women's, Quad, Boys and Girls (and **Categories** shall mean two or more of a Category). For the Team Competition, Juniors is used as a Category instead of Boys and Girls.

**Chair Umpire** means the Official who is responsible for officiating an individual match in the Competition, who is certified either by the ITF or a National Association, and with any responsibilities as set out in the Rules and Regulations.

**Claim** means a claim of any kind, nature and description, including past, present and future claims.

**Classification** has the meaning set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

**Classification Event** has the meaning set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

**Classification Master List** has the meaning set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

**Code of Conduct** means the Code of Conduct as found at Part 4 of these Regulations.

**Code Violation** means a penalty issued for a breach of the Code of Conduct in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**Combined Ranking** means the ranking of a Pair if both Players have a Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking, and which is obtained by adding together each Player's Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking. A Pair will be considered to have a higher and therefore better Combined Ranking if the total figure is less than another Pair's Combined Ranking.

**Commercial Pack** means the pack of information sent by the ITF to an Event Organiser in advance of an Event, setting out the requirements for the Event in relation to sponsorship, media, data, broadcasting and any other commercial interests in the Event.

**Commercial Rights** means all rights related to the commercial exploitation of the Competition at national and international level, including the Media Rights, Sponsorship Rights, Data Rights, Archive Rights and all registered trade marks of the ITF.

**Committed** means the status of a Player in relation to an Acceptance List, after the Withdrawal Deadline, who has been Accepted into a Tournament and who is only permitted to participate in that Tournament in that given week, subject to the exceptions list in Article H 'Playing in Another Event' in the Code of Conduct.

**Committed Player** has the meaning set out in Regulation 56 (*After the Withdrawal Deadline – Commitment*).

**Committed Pair** has the meaning set out in Regulation 68 (*Withdrawal from the Doubles Draw*).

**Committee** means the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee.

**Court of Arbitration for Sport** or **CAS** means the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which applies the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.

**Covered Person** has the meaning as set out in the ITF Welfare Policy at Appendix E: Welfare Policy.

**Covid-19 Offence** means one of the Offences as set out under Article IV of the Code of Conduct.

**Data Rights** has the meaning as set out in Appendix C: Data Rights.

**Default** means the removal of a Player from at least one Draw of an Event (and up to all Draws in an Event) for either a single Code Violation (an **Immediate Default**) or multiple Code Violations pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule (with **Defaulted** being interpreted accordingly).

**Demand** means a written notice requiring the addressee to furnish information in relation to an investigation under the Code of Conduct.

**Direct Acceptance** means places in a Draw granted without the need for qualification into that Draw and in accordance with the requirements set out in these Regulations.

**Doping Control Station** has the meaning as set out in the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

**Doubles** means the Doubles Draw or match within a Tournament, the Team Competition, the Masters or any other competition to which these Regulations apply, and in which participants play in a Pair (whether representing themselves or their Nation).

**Doubles Draw** means all Doubles Draws in a Tournament or Event, being the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw and/or Second Draw (as applicable).

**Doubles Entry Deadline** has the meaning set out in Regulation 64 (*Doubles – general provisions*).

**Draw** means the competition framework for a Category in an Event that determines the rounds of the competition, the matches within those rounds and the progression of Players or Pairs from round to round.

**Elimination Draw** (also known as a knock-out draw) means a competition format where each Player, Pair or Nation in the Draw is drawn to play against one other Player, Pair or Nation in the Draw and the winners in each round progress to the next round of the Elimination Draw (or if the match or Tie is a final, the winner is declared the winner of that Draw) and the loser of the match or Tie takes no further part in the Elimination Draw.

**Enter** means the application made by a Player to enter and participate in a Tournament as set out in Section J (*Singles – entries and withdrawals*) and Section K (*Doubles - entries and withdrawals*) (with **Entry** and **Entering** being interpreted accordingly).

**Entry Deadline** means the time by which a Player must have Entered a Tournament or the Masters including a Singles Entry Deadline, Doubles Entry Deadline and Masters Entry Deadline.

**Entry Fee** means the fee associated with Entering a Tournament that is detailed in the Fact Sheet.

**Entry Offence** means one of the Offences as set out under Article II of the Code of Conduct.

**Event** means an individual wheelchair tennis competition that forms part of the Competition, including a Tournament, the Masters, the Team Competition (or a part of that), or a special event sanctioned on the Tour.

**Event Organiser** means a Tournament Organiser, Team Competition Organiser or Masters Organiser, or the organiser of a special event sanctioned on the Tour, as applicable (and **Event Organisers** shall mean two or more Event Organisers).

**Exemption Pathway** has the meaning set out in Regulation 95.3.

**Fact Sheet** means the detailed information about an individual Event that is produced by the Tournament Director and published by the ITF, including (but not limited to) all specific competition details, tournament logistics, key Tournament Personnel, Entry Fees and anything else specified in these Regulations or the Organisational Requirements.

**Freeze Deadline** means the deadline set out in Regulation 51.2 (*Singles – general provisions*).

## **2. G-L**

**Gender Requirements** means the criteria set out in Regulation 14 (*Gender Requirements*).

**Girls** means the Category for Players who meet the applicable Gender Requirements and Age Requirements.

**Good Standing** has the meaning set out in Appendix F: Good Standing.

**Grade** means the grading designated to a Tournament, which are used to group Tournaments according to the standard of Players and level of tournament organisation, and which determines the Ranking Points and Prize Money that will be awarded to Players.

**Grand Slam** means the wheelchair tennis Draws at the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon or US Open.

**Grand Slam Alternate Rule** means the exemption at Regulation 58 (*Playing Another Event / One Tournament*) that allows a Player to remain on the Alternate List for an Overlapping Tournament if it is a Grand Slam Tournament, and to later withdraw from that Overlapping Tournament without penalty.

**Grand Slam Rule Book** means the Grand Slam Rule Book published by the four Grand Slams, as amended from time to time.

**Hospitality** means the provision of accommodation and/or subsistence by the Tournament to a Player at no additional cost (beyond the Entry Fee).

**Host Broadcaster** means the broadcaster appointed by the Event Organiser to produce and broadcast coverage of the Event by means of Traditional Broadcast Television or traditional over the air radio within the Host Territory.

**Host Territory (also Territory)** means the nation or country in which the Event is taking place.

**Hosting Agreement** means a contract between the ITF, the National Association and/or any third party with responsibility for the organisation of part of the Team Competition or Masters which will contain the requirements for the organisation in addition to any requirements set out in the Rules and Regulations, including the Organisational Requirements and any commercial terms.

**IAP Procedural Rules** means the Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings Before An Internal Adjudication Panel Convened under ITF Rules, which are available online at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

**Image Rights** has the meaning set out in Regulation 32 (*Image Rights*)

**Immediate Default** means the removal of a Player from at least one Draw of an Event (and up to all Draws in an Event) for a single Code Violation.

**Independent Tribunal** means an independent and impartial tribunal appointed in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules.

**Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules** means the Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings Before An Independent Tribunal Convened Under ITF Rules, which are available online at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

**International Sponsor** means the company or other entity to which the ITF (or its designee) grants a package of rights for part or all of the Competition.

**IPC** means the International Paralympic Committee.

**IPIN** means the ITF's player registration and entry system.

**ITF** means: ITF Limited (t/a the International Tennis Federation) which is responsible for the regulation of the Competition (including the contents of the Regulations); and/or ITFL which owns and controls all the commercial rights in (and the rights to operate and manage) the Competition; and/or their designees; unless stated otherwise.

**ITF Executive** means the professional staff of the ITF.

**ITF Executive Director** means the ITF Employee at Executive Director level who oversees the Competition on behalf of the ITF and fulfils the responsibilities set out at Regulation 7 (*Executive Director*).

**ITF Gender Eligibility Policy** means the policy of that name issued by the ITF, as amended from time to time.

**ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards** means the document of that name issued by the ITF, as amended from time to time.

**ITF Internal Adjudication Panel** or **IAP** means an internal hearing panel appointed in accordance with the IAP Procedural Rules.

**ITF Wheelchair Tennis Off-Court Coaching Procedures** means the document of that name issued by the ITF, as amended from time to time.

**ITF Safeguarding Policies** means the ITF Children Safeguarding Policy, the ITF Adult Safeguarding Policy and the accompanying Safeguarding Case Management Procedures.

**ITF Security Protocol** means the security requirements issued by the ITF to an Event that must be delivered by the Event Organiser.

**ITF Supervisor** means the individual appointed by the ITF or the Event Organiser (as specified in the Regulations) to undertake the responsibilities set out in Regulation 12 (*ITF Supervisor*) for the Event to which they are appointed.

**ITF Tournament Planner** means the ITF's tournament management software used by the ITF Supervisor, to create the Draws and Order of Play for an Event, record Code Violations and fines, and from which the tournament results are transferred to the ITF.

**ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules** means the rules of this name issued by the ITF to regulate the classification of wheelchair tennis players to compete in the Competition.



**ITF Wheelchair Tennis Competition** (and **the Competition**) means the collective wheelchair tennis competitions owned, managed, organised or sanctioned by the ITF as set out in Regulation 2.2.

**ITFL** means ITF Licensing (UK) Limited.

**ITIA** means the International Tennis Integrity Agency.

**ITIA Independent Tribunal** means the position described in Regulation 25.6 (*First-instance proceedings*).

**Juniors** (and **Junior**) means the Category of Competition limited to non-adult Players who meet the Age Eligibility Requirements in Regulation 15 (*Age Eligibility Requirements*), and may refer to the Category or to the Players in that Category (as the situation requires) and may include Boys and/or Girls Draws.

**Junior Masters** means the competition of that name that constitutes the Singles Draw for Juniors at the Masters.

**Late Cancellation** means the violation/breach of Article XX (Late Cancellation) of the Code of Conduct.

**Line Umpire** means an Official who is responsible for calling balls in or out during a match and any other responsibilities as specified in the Rules and Regulations.

**Live Streaming** (and **Live Stream**) means the transmission and/or making available of coverage from an Event in the Competition through a live audio-visual signal by means of the internet, mobile wireless technology or mobile broadcast technology or any similar or derivative technologies.

**Live Tie** means a Tie in the Team Competition where the Tie and/or matches in the Tie remain decisive to the Team Competition as determined by the ITF.

**Local Sponsor** means the company or other entity to which an Event Organiser grants a package of rights for a Tournament or Event (or part of an Event).

**Lucky Loser** means a Player who has lost in the Qualifying Draw, as set out in Regulation 74 (*Lucky Loser*).

### **3. M-R**

**Main Draw** means the Draw in a Tournament/Event (in a given Category) which is filled first in accordance with the applicable System of Merit and from which the winner of the Tournament/Event will come.

**Major Offence** means one of the Offences as set out under Article V of the Code of Conduct.

**Mandatory Event** means any Event that these Regulations designate as mandatory for certain Players, as set out in Regulation 49.2.3 (*ITF UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Ranking*). **Manufacturer** means the manufacturer of the clothing or equipment in question.

**Masters** means the end-of-season event for wheelchair tennis players, as set out in Regulation 2.2.3 (*Title and Format*) and including competitions for Men's, Women's, Quad, and Juniors.

**Masters Alternate** has the meaning set out in Regulation 103 (*Masters Alternates*).

**Masters Alternate Rule** means the exemption at Regulation 58 (*Playing Another Event / One Tournament*) that allows a Player to remain on the Alternate List for an Overlapping Tournament if it is the Masters, and to later withdraw from that Overlapping Tournament without penalty.

**Masters Entry Deadline** has the meaning set out in Regulation 101.1.1 (*Entry to the Masters*).

**Masters Organiser** means the legal entity or entities that is/are granted the right to host the Masters, and which may be a National Association or may be a third party to whom the National Association has approved or delegated the organisation (or part of the organisation) of the Masters (and in such cases the term **Masters Organiser** shall also be used to refer to them together).

**Match Tie-Break** means a tie-break played instead of a full set and where the winner is the first Player to reach either 7 or 10 points, as indicated by the ITF Supervisor.

**Media Rights** means all audio and audio-visual rights including, but without limitation, all forms of television, internet, mobile, radio and other electronic media including any Archive Rights.

**Men's** means the Category of competition for male Players according to the Gender Requirements. Men may be interpreted as the Category itself or to the Players in that Category (as the situation requires).

**Minimum Draw Size for Ranking Points** means the minimum number of Players or Pairs that must be in a Draw to be eligible for Ranking Points and Prize Money, as set out in Regulation 91.1 (*Exceptions to the rules on Prize Money and Ranking Points*).

**Nation** has the same meaning as National Association.

**National Association** means a member association of the ITF, representing one country or territory (including its officers, directors, employees, representatives, consultants, agents and volunteers) as well as the team representing it in the Team Competition.

**NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters** means the competition of that name that constitutes the Singles Draw for Men's, Women's and Quad at the Masters.

**No Show** (and No Show Offence) means the Offence designated by Article G of the Code of Conduct.

**Notice of Appeal** means a written notice to appeal against a determination made regarding a breach of the Code of Conduct and/or the penalty imposed.

**Notice of Charge** means a written notice charging the addressee with a breach of the Code of Conduct.

**Off-Court Umpire** means a roving official, certified either by the ITF or the National Association, who is responsible for monitoring and officiating multiple matches taking place at the same time and who has the same responsibilities as a Chair Umpire and any other responsibilities as specified in the Rules and Regulations.

**Offence** means one of the Offences as set out under the Code of Conduct.

**Official Entry Form** means the form located in IPIN that a Player may only use to Enter a Tournament in exceptional circumstances, as set out in Regulation 52 (*Making a Singles Entry*).

**Official ITF Exchange Rate** means the average of the six (6) month period immediately preceding six (6) months prior to the Event. If, on the Monday, seven (7) days prior to the start of the Event, there is a fluctuation in the Official ITF Exchange Rate of five percent (5%) or more, up or down, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted, up or down as follows:

Exchange rate fluctuation	Exchange rate adjustment
Less than 5%	None
Between 5 and 10%	5%
10% or greater	One half the actual Exchange Rate Fluctuation

*(Illustrative example: if the currency fluctuates 11% from the authorised exchange rate, the exchange rate will be adjusted by 5.5%).*

**Official Withdrawal Form** means the form located in IPIN that a Player may only use to withdraw from a Tournament if they are given permission by the ITF to do so, as set out in Regulation 54 (*Withdrawal from the Singles Draw*) and Regulation 105 (*Masters Withdrawal*).

**Officials** means any Certified Official appointed to a role at an ITF Event and who is required to comply with the ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials.

**On-Site** means within the precinct(s) of the site(s) at which an Event is held, and shall include any official venue or location related to the Event (such as official hotels, transport, all Event facilities and locations of Event functions or activities).

**On-Site Alternate** means a non-entered Player who attends the Tournament site prior to the Sign-In Deadline and Signs-In, as set out in Regulation 61.4 (*Sign In for Alternates*).

**On-Site Medical Certificate** has the meaning set out in Regulation 87 (*On-Site medicals*).

**On-Site Offence** means one of the Offences as set out under Article III of the Code of Conduct.

**Open** means the Category of competition for Players allocated the Sport Class Status of 'open'. Players in the Open Category compete in separate Draws based on gender and the Open Category is made up of the Men's and Women's Category.

**Order of Merit** is the order in which Players must be nominated by a Nation for the Team Competition, as set out in Regulation 133 (*Order of Merit*).

**Order of Play** means the daily schedule of matches to be played, prepared by the ITF Supervisor as set out in Regulation 81 (*Order of Play*) for a Tournament, Regulation 110 (*Order of Play*) for the Masters, or Regulation 144 (*Order of Play*) for the Team Competition.

**Organisational Requirements** has the meaning set out at Regulation 3.1 (*Rules and Regulations*), as amended from time to time.

**Overlapping Tournaments** means two Tournaments or Events which are scheduled to take place on one or more of the same dates, according to the Fact Sheet and taking into account play in any Category and any Draw except Qualifying Draw, but excluding any Junior Draw taking place at the same Event as a Men's, Women's and/or Quad Draw(s). For the avoidance of doubt, a Tournament will be an Overlapping Tournament even if the two comparable Draws are not overlapping. **Overlapping Tournament** shall mean one of those Overlapping Tournaments.

**Pair** means two Players Entered into and/or competing together in the Competition in a Doubles Event.

**Paralympic Games** means the multi-sport games organised by the IPC, usually held every four years.

**Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event** means the wheelchair tennis event at the Paralympic Games.

**Payment Completion Deadline** has the meaning set out in Regulation 90.6.4 (*Prize Money*).

**Placement Tie** means a Tie which is not required to determine the winner of the Team Competition but is played to determine the final position of a Nation in the Team Competition.

**Play Down Restrictions** means the restrictions for highly ranked Players from playing in lower Grade Tournaments, as set out in Regulation 48 (*Play Down Restrictions*).

**Player** means a person who registers for an IPIN, submits an entry and/or participates in the Competition.

**Player Evaluation** has the meaning set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

**Point Penalty Schedule** means the penalties imposed in play for Code Violations in accordance with Article EE (*Point Penalty Schedule*) of the Code of Conduct, which increase in severity as Code Violations are accumulated by a Player or Pair.

**Prize Money** means the winnings distributed to Players in a Tournament or in the Masters, as set out in Section O (*Results*).

**Protected Ranking** means the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking assigned to a Player under Regulation 47 (*Protected Ranking*). A Protected Ranking can only be used for Entry.

**Protocols** mean the ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols published by the ITF from time to time, and including the minimum standards of behaviour set out within.

**Quad** means the Category of competition for Players allocated the Sport Class Status of 'quad'. Players in the Quad Category compete in a single Draw regardless of gender. Quad may be interpreted as the Category itself or to the Players in that Category (as the situation requires).

**Qualifying Draw** means a Draw that may be held if the Main Draw has been filled, in order to determine Players or Pairs who will compete to qualify to play in the Main Draw.

**Ranking** means a Player's Wheelchair Tennis Ranking in the Category and type of Draw (i.e. Singles or Doubles) applicable to the circumstances.

**Ranking Criteria** means the number and type of Tournaments or Events, and any other calculation criteria, that make up a Player's total points for the ITF UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Ranking, as set out in Regulation 49 (*ITF UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Ranking*).

**Ranking Points** means points awarded to a Player or Pair for a round reached in an Event in accordance with the Ranking Points tables at Appendix I: Ranking Points Table.

**Ranking Tournaments** means the type of Tournaments or Events that may count towards the Ranking Criteria for the ITF UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Ranking, as set out in Regulation 49 (*ITF UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Ranking*).

**Regional Association** means an association representing a number of National Associations from a geographical area and affiliated with the ITF in accordance with the ITF Constitution.

**Regional Paralympic Committee** means a regional organisation recognised by the IPC as the sole regional representative of IPC members located within a specific region, and which is a member of the IPC.

**Regional Paralympic Games** means the multi-sport games organised by a Regional Paralympic Committee, to the extent that wheelchair tennis forms part of the sports programme.

**Regional Qualification Event** has the meaning set out in Regulation 119 (*Team Competition Structure*).

**Regulations** means these ITF Wheelchair Tennis Competition Regulations, including the Appendices, published by the ITF and as amended from time to time.

**Related Person** means 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 a Tournament or Event in the Competition at the request of the Player or any other Related Person.

**Round Robin** means a competition format where Players, Pairs or teams are grouped and play all of the others in their pool, following which they are placed in order in their pool according to specified criteria for determining positions in a Round Robin pool.

**Rules and Regulations** has the definition set out in Regulation 3.1 (*Rules and Regulations*).

**Rules of Tennis** means the document of that name issued by the ITF, as amended from time to time.

**Rules of Wheelchair Tennis** means the rules set out at Appendix L: Rules of Wheelchair Tennis.

#### 4. S-Z

**Second Draw** means a Draw that may be held at an International or Development Grade Tournament where the Main Draw is filled but from which no Player or Pair shall advance to the Main Draw.

**Seeding** means the order of the Players, Pairs or teams in the Draw based on the Seeding Criteria which are used to place them in the Draw as set out in Regulation 78 (*Seeds*) for a Tournament, Regulation 107 (*Seeds*) for the Masters and Regulation 134 (*Seeding*) for the Team Competition (with **Seed** and **Seeded** being interpreted accordingly).

**Seeding Criteria** means the criteria that determines the Seedings for the Players, as set out in Regulation 78 (*Seeds*) for a Tournament, Regulation 107 (*Seeds*) for the Masters and Regulation 134 (*Seeding*) for the Team Competition.

**Series** means a series of Tournaments run consecutively in the same or similar location and which are designated this status by the ITF and which must not be Overlapping Tournaments.

**Sign In** means the process by which a Player informs the ITF Supervisor that they are able to play in a Tournament or Event (with **Signed In** being interpreted accordingly).

**Sign-In Deadline** has the meaning set out in Regulation 51 (*Singles – general provisions*) (with **Main Draw Sign-In Deadline**, **Qualifying Draw Sign-In Deadline** and **Second Draw Sign-In Deadline** being interpreted accordingly).

**Singles** means the Singles Draw or match within a Tournament, the Team Competition, the Masters or any other competition to which these Regulations apply, and in which participants play on their own (whether representing themselves or their Nation).

**Singles Draw** means all Singles Draws in a particular Tournament or Event, being the Main Draw, Qualifying Draw, Second Draw and/or Consolation Draw (as applicable).

**Singles Entry Deadline** has the meaning set out in Regulation 51 (*Singles – general provisions*).

**Sponsorship Rights** means the rights to sponsor Events in the Competition, including as set out in Regulation 42 (Sponsorship), the Commercial Pack and any Hosting Agreement for the Masters or Team Competition.

**Sport Class** has the meaning set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

**Sport Class Status** has the meaning set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules. There are four designations: New (N), Confirmed (C), Review (R) and Review with Fixed Date (FRD).

**Sports Physiotherapist** has the meaning set out in the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards.

**System of Merit** means the selection procedure that defines Acceptance into Tournaments and the Masters, as set out in Section L (*Systems of Merit*) (and Singles System of Merit and Doubles System of Merit shall be interpreted as the System of Merit applying to those Draws).

**Team Competition** has the meaning set out in Regulation 2.2.2 (*Title and Format*).

**Team Competition Entry Deadline** means the deadline for a Nation to submit its entry to the World Group or a Regional Qualification Event of the Team Competition, which is set and communicated by the ITF in advance of each edition of the Team Competition.

**Team Competition Entry Fee** (or **TC Entry Fee**) means the fee set by the Team Competition Organiser to be paid by a National Association whose team is participating in the part of the Team Competition being organised by the Team Competition Organiser, for each Player and Team Member in the National Association's team.

**Team Competition Organiser** means the legal entity or entities that is/are granted the right to host the Team Competition (or a part of it), and which may be a National Association or may be a third party to whom the National Association has approved or delegated the organisation (or part of the organisation) of the Team Competition (and in such cases the term **Team Competition Organiser** shall also be used to refer to them together).

**Team Member** means any Player/Captain nominated by a National Association to participate in (or otherwise participating in) the Team Competition and any extra Players, coaches, trainers, medical and para-medical personnel, physiotherapists (and other physicians), officials and any other player support personnel attending the Team Competition on behalf of a National Association and/or assisting a Player and/or Captain participating in the Team Competition.

**Team Nominations Deadline** means the deadline for a Nation to nominate its Players and Captain for the Team Competition, which is six (6) weeks prior to the scheduled first day of play of the World Group/Regional Qualification Event for which the nominations are being made.

**Tennis Anti-Corruption Program** (or **TACP**) means the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program issued by the ITIA, as amended from time to time.

**Tennis Anti-Doping Programme** (or **TADP**) means the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme issued by the ITIA, as amended from time to time.

**Tennis Integrity Protection Programme** means the online education programme of the same name published by the ITIA.

**Testing** has the meaning set out in the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

**Tie** means a series of three matches (with one Doubles match and two Singles) played between two Nations in the Team Competition.

**Tied Ranking Criteria** means the criteria used to break a tie between two or more Players who would otherwise have the same Ranking.

**Title Sponsor** means the company or other entity to which the ITF (or its designee) grants naming rights (and other rights, as agreed) to the Competition, or one or more constituent parts, being the Tour, the Team Competition and/or the Masters.

**Tournament** means a sanctioned tournament on the Tour and where the context requires it, refers to the legal entity that is applying for, administering, operating or otherwise organising the Tournament which may be a National Association or Tournament Organiser.

**Tournament Administrator** means the individual within the National Association appointed by a National Association to be the point of contact for the ITF and who is responsible, amongst other things, for submitting Applications and Fact Sheets.

**Tournament Director** means the natural person appointed in accordance with these Regulations who performs the roles set out in Regulation 10 (*Tournament Director*) in relation to an Event.

**Tournament Doctor** has the meaning set out in the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards and who is appointed by the Event Organiser for an Event.

**Tournament Entry Priority** means the priority order provided by the Player when Entering more than one Overlapping Tournament.

**Tournament Offence** means one of the Offences as set out under Article VIII of the Code of Conduct.

**Tournament Organiser** means the legal entity or entities that is/are sanctioned by the ITF to hold a Tournament and which may be a National Association or may be a third party to whom the National Association has approved or delegated the organisation (or part of the organisation) of the Tournament (and in such cases the term **Tournament Organiser** shall also be used to refer to them together).

**Tournament Personnel** means the Tournament Director, ITF Supervisor, Officials, Ball Persons (and any other individuals employed or contracted by the Tournament Organiser to facilitate the running of the Tournament, or agents, representatives and consultants engaged for the same purpose).

**Tournament Visitor** includes (but is not limited to) anyone in the following groups: any prospective or current agent, suppliers, sports manufacturers, the media, recruitment organisations, or training, development and academic institutions of any description. Tournament Visitors does not include anyone visiting an Event solely as a tennis spectator.

**Tournament Week** has the meaning set out in Regulation 38.7 (*Tournament structure*).

**Tour Nationality** means a Player's nationality for the purposes of playing on the Tour, which shall be attributed to them in the Wheelchair Tennis Ranking and in relation to entry and participation in each Tournament.

**Traditional Broadcast Television** means the production and transmission of audiovisual content to television users by a television broadcaster.

**UNIQLO Doubles Masters** means the competition of that name that constitutes the Doubles Draw for Men's, Women's and Quad at the Masters.

**UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour (and the Tour)** has the meaning set out in Regulation 2.2.1 (*Title and Format*).

**WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations** means the standard of the same name adopted by the World Anti-Doping Agency in support of the World Anti-Doping Code, which is available on WADA's website ([wada-ama.org](http://wada-ama.org)) and in the Appendices to the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.



**Walkover** means where a match is won by a Player (or Pair) because the other Player (or Pair) defaults before the first point of the match is started (and the defaulting Player/Pair is not replaced in the Draw in accordance with these Regulations).

**Week 1 Tournament** has the meaning set out in Regulation 87 (*On-Site medicals*).

**Week 2 Tournament** has the meaning set out in Regulation 87 (*On-Site medicals*).

**Welfare Policy** means the Welfare Policy as set out at Appendix E: Welfare Policy.

**Wheelchair Classification Requirements** means the criteria set out in Regulation 16 (*Wheelchair Classification Requirements*).

**Wheelchair Tennis Department** means the department of the ITF responsible for wheelchair tennis, with contact details as set out in Regulation 19.4 (*Communications*).

**Wheelchair Tennis Ranking** means the UNIQLLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Rankings which is the system that ranks all Players based on their performances in the Competition and certain other events, as set out in Regulation 49 (*ITF UNIQLLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Ranking*).

**Wild Card** means: (a) a Player Accepted into the Singles Draw as set out in Regulation 59 (*Singles Wild Cards*); (b) a Pair Accepted into the Doubles Draw as set out in Regulation 70 (*Doubles Wild Cards*); (c) a Player Accepted into the Masters as set out in Regulation 102.3 (*Composition of the Draw*); or (d) a Nation accepted into the Team Competition as set out in Regulation 136 (*Composition*).

**Withdrawal Amnesty** has the meaning set out in Article F (*Late Withdrawal*) of the Code of Conduct.

**Withdrawal Deadline** has the meaning set out in Regulation 51 (*Singles – general provisions*).

**Women's** means the Category of competition for female Players according to the Gender Requirements. Women may be interpreted as the Category itself or to the Players in that Category (as the situation requires).

**World Group** has the meaning set out in Regulation 119 (*Team Competition Structure*).

**World Tennis Number** means a rating system for tennis players across the world established by the ITF and set out here: <https://worldtennisnumber.com/>.

**Zone(s)** has the meaning set out in Regulation 119 (*Team Competition Structure*).

## **B. Interpretation**

1. The ITF may publish the Regulations in languages other than English. In the event of any discrepancy between the English language version of the Regulations and any other language versions of the Regulations, the English language version will govern.
2. Any words following the terms 'including', 'include', 'in particular', 'such as', 'for example', or any similar expression will be construed as illustrative and will not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.
3. Unless specified otherwise, (i) references to a 'Regulation' refer to a numbered provision in Parts 1-3 of the Regulations, (ii) references to a 'Section' refer to a lettered section in Parts 1-3 of the Regulations (iii) references to an 'Appendix' refer to the Appendices to the Regulations (which form an integral part of the Regulations) (iv) references to an 'Article' refer to a numbered or lettered provision in the Code of Conduct and (v) references to a 'Part' refer to the Parts 1-6 of the Regulations.
4. References to provisions of the ITF Constitution or of the other Rules and Regulations will be deemed to include references to any successor provisions thereto as may be issued after the date these Regulations are issued.
5. Unless the context requires otherwise, references to one gender are to be deemed neutral.
6. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the ITF Constitution on the one hand and these Regulations on the other hand, the ITF Constitution will govern.
7. References to person shall include physical persons or legal entities.

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