

ITF Wheelchair Tennis

2026 Summary of Rule Changes

January 2026

Tour Structure

- Introduction of new competition tiers that aim to support specific player profiles up and down the Wheelchair Pathway, see the diagram below:



- Introduction of new tournament grading nomenclature (naming system) through the pathway, with the new grades confirmed as follows (for ease, these are mapped below against current grade names):

Current	New [2026]	Tier
Grand Slam	Grand Slam	Premier
Super Series	WC1000	
ITF1	WC500	
	WC250	International
ITF2	WC175	
ITF3	WC100	
Futures	WC50	Development
	WC25	

Rankings

- Introduction of a revised [ranking points table](#) and formula, including an increase in the number of countable events for calculating the ranking, as follows (previous countable events in brackets):
 - Men: 12 (9) | Women: 12 (8) | Quad: 10 (7)

- From Jan 2026, every player's ranking will be determined using the new countable tournaments.
- Additional ranking changes:
 - 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 1st 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.
- For the Wheelchair Masters, ranking points will be awarded per match won, according to the following table (1200 points for undefeated champion [8-draw]):

	Round Robin	Semi-final	Final
Match won	160	320	400

Prize Money

- New tournament grades

Minimum prize money for new tournament grades, as follows:

- WT250: \$32,000
- WT25: \$1,000

- Grand Slams (as part of Grand Slam rule book)

Where a player accepted into a Grand Slam (MD or Q) is forced to withdraw prior to the start of his/her first match due to injury, 50% prize money will be paid (subject to certain conditions, as detailed in the rules).

Formats – Draws, Scoring

- No-Advantage (No-Ad)

No-Ad will be used in doubles for all grades of events and competitions, to align with the format transition across professional tennis.

- Juniors – Round Robin

Lower-level Junior tournaments are permitted to use a round robin format (subject to maximum matches per day), to provide additional guaranteed and desirable playing opportunities. Match tie-break scoring can be used to limit/control the length of matches. Ranking points would be applied for equivalent placing in a knockout draw.

Dress & Equipment

- Dress in ‘*professional manner*’

Players continue to be required to present themselves for matches in a ‘*professional manner*’, including wearing ‘*customarily acceptable tennis attire*’. The wearing of tennis shoes is no longer a firm requirement but would be expected where possible – flexibility exists (with discretion applied by a Supervisor at a tournament) to allow for the varied cases that exist, albeit that a 'professional' presentation is the required benchmark.

- Equipment – player responsibility

Players are reminded of their responsibility for ensuring their wheelchair is in good working order to participate in ITF tournaments and matches.

- *Maintenance* station

Tournaments are required to provide basic maintenance services to support players with minor repairs and maintenance of their wheelchairs, but this service should not be relied upon or expected to fix or repair equipment with significant damage or faults.

General

- Sports Physiotherapist

It is clarified that on-court treatment of players and assessments of players/injuries required under the regulations must be free of charge.

- Commercial Regulations

Commercial provisions have been reorganised and clarified in relation to ITF’s control of commercial/sponsorship rights (where not granted to an NA/Event Organiser), conflicts of local versus title sponsors, and instructions for organisers in relation to commercial regulations contained within the Commercial Pack.

Classification (dedicated Regulations)

- Participation – Sport Class Status ‘New’

Players with SCS ‘New’ will be permitted to participate in an unlimited number of WT25 (Development tier) tournaments, as well as up to the current limit of four (4) tournaments at WT50 or WT100 grade.

Masters

- Draw format – Round Robin ‘dead matches’

For any 'dead matches' (i.e. where the outcome has no influence on the overall result of the RR group), introduce flexibility to allow the Supervisor to adjust the scoring format, subject to consultation with the ITF and other key stakeholders, including the Tournament Director and broadcast/commercial partners. Flexibility will allow the Supervisor to apply discretion based on the circumstances at the Event, and to be able to support players and manage the schedule as required.

- Ranking points

See **Rankings** section above.

World Team Cup

Adult Format

- Key changes introduced for the Adult World Group event:
 - Change from Round Robin to Knockout format, played over 4 days
 - Draw sizes : Men 12, Women 12, Quad 8.
 - Draw composition M/W: 7 Direct Acceptances (top 7 from previous year), 4 regional Qualifiers, 1 WC
 - Draw composition Q: 5 Direct Acceptances (top 5 from previous year), 2 regional Qualifiers, 1 WC
- Regional Qualification events:
 - M/W: 4, Q: 2
 - Tiered competition to be introduced, based on ranking

Junior Competition

- Key changes for the Junior Team Competition:
 - Open entry
 - Separate girls' and boys' draws
 - Draw formats to be determined by the ITF.