

2026 WORLD TENNIS BEACH WORLD TOUR REGULATIONS

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

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

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

A. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

ITF Limited trading as the International Tennis Federation promulgates these Regulations for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of international beach tennis tournaments and events sanctioned by the ITF. All references to the International Tennis Federation or ITF in these Regulations shall mean ITF Limited.

Unless otherwise stated, these Regulations shall be applicable to all Tournaments and Events ("Tournament") sanctioned as part of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour ("Tour").

Any Applicant awarded a one (1) year or multi-year sanction on the Tour calendar shall be subject to, and the Applicant shall be bound by and will comply with all of the applicable provisions of these Regulations, the ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements and the Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards, each of which may be amended from time to time. Additional organisational requirements may be agreed with the host organiser for specific Tournaments via a Hosting Agreement/event contract, including (but not limited to) for the Sand Series Tour Finals, the World and Regional Cups and the World and Regional Championships. Applicants must comply with the provision of any Hosting Agreement/event contract that it enters with the ITF for delivery of a Tournament or event.

Approval to sanction a Tournament on the Tour may be subject to conditions imposed by the ITF as it sees fit.

C. THE COMPETITION

4. Players Eligible

Only players who are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF may compete in any of the Tournaments that comprise the Tour. Tournaments are open to male and female doubles teams – men's events are open only to male players; women's events are open only to female players. All players are required to be a minimum of 14 years old as of the tournament start date.

5. Rules to be Observed

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g. All personal data submitted by players will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws. Players acknowledge and agree that personal data is processed by the ITF for the purposes of administering the Tour, enforcing the Rules and Regulations, maintaining the integrity of the sport and as further set out in the applicable ITF privacy notice(s) available on the ITF website at: www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notices.

6. Enforcement of Regulations and Resolution of Disputes

d. Appeals

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- i. decisions made by the ITF Supervisor under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);
- ii. subject to the preceding paragraph (i) above, decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules (in particular, the section applicable to the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appeal panel) notwithstanding that the ITF Executive or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may reduce the twenty-one (21) day appeal timeframe in exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to, where a decision needs to be rendered expeditiously to ensure the successful delivery of the relevant competition;
- iii. decisions of the Independent Tribunal (sitting as a first instance tribunal) may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules.

E. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TOUR

2. Publicity and Promotion

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

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

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

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

b. With respect to the Image Rights:

- (i) there will be no compensation payable in relation to the grant of such rights; and

(ii) the rights granted may not be used in such a way as to constitute an endorsement by the player of any product or company. Use of the Image Rights will not constitute such an endorsement provided that the following conditions are met:

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

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

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

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

d. Notwithstanding Regulation 2.a, 2.b and 2.c above, it is prohibited for any Covered Person to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of junior players (being players under 18 years of age), unless they are the parent or legal guardian of the player, without the express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of i) the parent or legal guardian of the player, and ii) the ITF Supervisor. Images and/or recordings taken with permission under this Regulation must be exclusively of tennis matches, practice or presentation of trophies. Please see the ITF's [Process For ITF Tournament Supervisors, Coaches and Parents on Video Recording of Junior Matches For Performance Analysis](#).

10. Rankings and Allocation of Points

Except in exceptional circumstances, as decided by the ITF, a player's Men's and Women's World Ranking will be based on his/her best ten (10) doubles results calculated on a 52-week rollover system.

A player's Mixed Doubles World Ranking will be based on their best six (6) mixed doubles results calculated on a 52-week rollover system.

Ranking points earned at all BT200's, BT400's, Sand Series and World Championships will remain valid in accordance with the 52-week rollover system, unless:

a) If for any reason a BT200, BT400, Sand Series or the World Championships changes the week

from one year to another, the following will apply to the 52-week rollover principal:

- Tournament is held earlier than the previous edition but within a 4-week period (49 to 52 weeks): the previous points will be replaced by the new points earned, with the ranking rollover principal being applied.

- Tournament is held later than the 52-week rollover period: the original points remain valid for 52-weeks only and will be removed at the appropriate time.

- Tournament is held earlier (twice within a 52-week period and less than 49 weeks since last edition): the players best result across the two tournaments will count for ranking, with the 52-week rollover period being determined based on the best result. The result from the previous edition will be removed after 52-weeks has passed with points only being applied to the tournament played in the previous 52-week period.

Points earned at any non-annual tournament will remain valid in accordance with the standard 52-week rollover system and will be removed accordingly.

Ranking points earned at BT10s/BT50s and BT100s will remain active for the 52-week roll-over period.

To receive ranking points a player must reach a round where points are available. The number of points available in each round varies in accordance with the tournament draw and the category of the Tournament (see Appendix B).

No points shall be awarded to a team that withdraws or is a 'no show' without playing their first match. Advancement through a bye or walkover will not be equivalent to winning a round unless the team has played and won at least one (1) match in the same Draw. Advancement by virtue of retirement or default following the commencement of a match will be equivalent to winning a round. If a team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and/or walkovers and loses their first match played, the team will only receive ranking points from the round preceding their elimination and the team will receive Prize Money for the round reached.

Ranking points will not be awarded to any player who is not eligible to compete in accordance with these Regulations.

Ranking points will be added to a player's record on the Monday following tournament completion.

12. Categories of Tournament

Tournaments that comply with the criteria laid down in these Regulations are eligible for inclusion of their results on the World Rankings. Such Tournaments fall into the following categories:

Tour Tournaments

World Championships (\$100,000 – Unlimited)
World Cup
Regional Championships
<u>Tour Finals (\$125,000 – Unlimited)</u>
Sand Series (\$75,000 – Unlimited)
<u>BT400 (\$45,000 - \$100,000)</u>
BT200 (\$15,000 - \$24,000)
BT100 (\$10,000 - \$14,000)
BT50 (\$4,000 – \$9,000)
BT10 (No Prize Money)

14. System of Merit

a. Mixed Doubles

Acceptance criteria will be based on the combined Mixed Doubles ranking.

15. Prize Money Distribution

Tour Finals

Prize money distribution as per fact sheet.

17. Prohibited Zone

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

The prohibited service zone for the serving team for men’s and junior boys (U18) competition is six (6.0) metres from the net and extending indefinitely beyond the sidelines. The intersection of the imaginary line and any sideline shall be clearly indicated by a marker placed on or immediately outside the sideline.

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

F. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

3. Entry, Freeze, and Withdrawal Deadline

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

Following the entry deadline, the ITF Beach Tennis Department will review the entry lists.

If there are less than four entries in both men’s doubles and women’s doubles draws, the Tournament Organiser will be provided with the opportunity to cancel the tournament with no liability.

Following the sign-deadline, the ITF Supervisor will review the number of entries with the following outcomes:

If a men’s or women’s draw has less than half the available entries (based on the published draw size), the Supervisor, with prior ITF approval, will update the published draw size as follows:

Less than 16 entries in a 32 draw – draw size reduced to 16

Less than 12 entries in a 24 draw – draw size reduced to 16

Less than 9 entries in any main draw – round robin to be played

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5. One Tournament

Once a player is committed to a Tournament, he/she may not enter or compete in any other Tournament that is being held during the same time period. Exception will be given to a player

competing at the World Championships, where a player has to be eliminated prior to the commencement of the sign-in deadline of the following event starting that same week.

G. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

3. Knock-out Draws

i. Qualifying

ii. Placing of Seeds

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until one (1) seed appears on the top line of each section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until one (1) seed appears on the bottom line of each section.

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

13. Match Format

Each match in the Qualifying and Main Draws for Men's and Women's Doubles will be the best of three sets: two tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set should the score reach one set all, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Qualifying Draw for Mixed Doubles can be best of three sets - two (2) short sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set OR best of three sets – two (2) tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set should the score reach one set all, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. Main Draw for Mixed Doubles will be the best of three sets: two tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set should the score reach one set all, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Qualifying Draw for the World Championships will be the best of three sets: two tie break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set should the score reach one set at all, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. Main Draw for the World Championships will be best of three tie-break sets.

Bonus Draws must follow the Main Draw match format applicable to Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles unless otherwise approved by the ITF, with the exception of the World Championships.

15. Conditions of Play

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, members of a doubles team shall be scheduled for a maximum of two (2) Main Draw matches, and three (3) total matches per day. This may be increased to a maximum of four (4) matches per day at BT10 and BT50 tournaments only. For players competing in Men's/Women's Doubles and Mixed doubles at the same tournament, it is recommended for players not to play more than three (3) Main Draw matches per day.

APPENDIX B - TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND RANKING POINTS

ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR RANKING POINTS

Tournaments shall be classified into Prize Money categories, with ranking points as set out below.

a. Knock-out events

CATEGORY	MD	QD	QUALIFIERS	ROUNDS	MAIN DRAW								QUALIFYING			BONUS				
					W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32/24	R48		FRQ	R2	R1	W	F	SF	QF	R16
World Championships	32	64	8	3	1000	720	576	216	108	54	-		34	19	13	53	37	29	19	13
	32	48	8	3	1000	720	576	216	108	54	-		34	19	13	53	37	29	19	13
	32	32	8	2	1000	720	576	216	108	54	-		34	-	19	53	37	29	19	13
	32	16	8	1	1000	720	576	216	108	54	-		34	-	-	53	37	29	19	13
Tour Finals	8	0	0	-	*	*	*	*	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sand Series 100+	32	48	8	3	800	504	300	150	75	37	-		24	19	13	37	27	19	11	7
	32	32	8	2	800	504	300	150	75	37	-		24	-	13	37	27	19	11	7
Sand Series 75	32	16	8	1	800	504	300	150	75	37	-		24	-	-	37	27	19	11	7
	32	48	8	3	700	432	260	130	65	32	-		19	13	10	32	23	15	9	6
	32	32	8	2	700	432	260	130	65	32	-		19	-	10	32	23	15	9	6
	32	16	8	1	700	432	260	130	65	32	-		19	-	-	32	23	15	9	6
BT400	32	32	8	2	400	240	144	72	36	18	-		9	-	4	17	12	8	6	4
	32	16	8	1	400	240	144	72	36	18	-		9	-	-	17	12	8	6	4
	24	24	8	2	400	240	144	72	36	18	-		9	-	4	17	12	8	6	-
	24	16	8	1	400	240	144	72	36	18	-		9	-	-	17	12	8	6	-
	16	16	4	2	400	240	144	72	18	-	-		9	-	4	17	12	8	6	-
	16	8	4	1	400	240	144	72	18	-	-		9	-	-	17	12	8	6	-
BT200 / Regional Championships 1*	48*	-	-	-	200	120	72	36	18	9	5		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	32	32	8	2	200	120	72	36	18	9	-		5	-	2	8	6	4	3	2
	32	16	8	1	200	120	72	36	18	9	-		5	-	-	8	6	4	3	2
	24	24	8	2	200	120	72	36	18	9	-		5	-	2	8	6	4	3	-
	24	16	8	1	200	120	72	36	18	9	-		5	-	-	8	6	4	3	-
	16	16	4	2	200	120	72	36	9	-	-		5	-	2	8	6	4	3	-
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	32	32	8	2	100	60	36	18	9	5	-		2	-	1	3	2	1	0	0
	32	16	8	1	100	60	36	18	9	5	-		2	-	-	3	2	1	0	0
	24	24	8	2	100	60	36	18	9	5	-		2	-	1	3	2	1	0	-
	24	16	8	1	100	60	36	18	9	5	-		2	-	-	3	2	1	0	-
	16	16	4	2	100	60	36	18	5	-	-		2	-	1	3	2	1	0	-
	16	8	4	1	100	60	36	18	5	-	-		2	-	-	3	2	1	0	-
BT50	32	32	8	2	50	30	18	9	5	2	-		1	-	0	3	2	1	0	0
	32	16	8	1	50	30	18	9	5	2	-		1	-	-	3	2	1	0	0
	24	24	8	2	50	30	18	9	5	2	-		1	-	0	3	2	1	0	-
	24	16	8	1	50	30	18	9	5	2	-		1	-	-	3	2	1	0	-
	16	16	4	2	50	30	18	9	2	-	-		1	-	0	3	2	1	0	-
	16	8	4	1	50	30	18	9	2	-	-		1	-	-	3	2	1	0	-
BT10	8	0	0	-	50	30	18	9	2	-	-		-	-	-	3	2	1	-	-
	32	32	8	2	10	7	5	3	1	-	-		0	-	0	1	0	0	0	0
	32	16	8	1	10	7	5	3	1	-	-		0	-	-	1	0	0	0	0
	24	24	8	2	10	7	5	3	1	-	-		0	-	0	1	0	0	0	-
	24	16	8	1	10	7	5	3	1	-	-		0	-	-	1	0	0	0	-
	16	16	4	2	10	7	5	3	1	-	-		0	-	0	1	0	0	0	-
	16	8	4	1	10	7	5	3	1	-	-		0	-	-	1	0	0	0	-
	8	0	0	-	10	7	5	3	-	-	-		-	-	-	1	0	0	-	-

QUALIFYING DRAW RANKING POINTS

Where held, Qualifying Draw Events will offer ranking points for teams who play the Qualifying Draw and do not qualify for the Main Draw.

CATEGORY	MD	QD	QUALIFIERS	ROUNDS	QUALIFYING		
					FRQ	R2	R1
World Championships	32	64	8	3	34	19	13
	32	48	8	3	34	19	13
	32	32	8	2	34	-	19
	32	16	8	1	34	-	-
Tour Finals	8	0	0	-	-	-	-
Sand Series 100+	32	48	8	3	24	19	13
	32	32	8	2	24	-	13
	32	16	8	1	24	-	-
Sand Series 75	32	48	8	3	19	13	10
	32	32	8	2	19	-	10
	32	16	8	1	19	-	-
BT400	32	32	8	2	9	-	4
	32	16	8	1	9	-	-
	24	24	8	2	9	-	4
	24	16	8	1	9	-	-
	16	16	4	2	9	-	4
	16	8	4	1	9	-	-
BT200 / Regional Championships 1	32	32	8	2	5	-	2
	32	16	8	1	5	-	-
	24	24	8	2	5	-	2
	24	16	8	1	5	-	-
	16	16	4	2	5	-	2
	16	8	4	1	5	-	-
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	32	32	8	2	2	-	1
	32	16	8	1	2	-	-
	24	24	8	2	2	-	1
	24	16	8	1	2	-	-
	16	16	4	2	2	-	1
	16	8	4	1	2	-	-
BT50	32	32	8	2	1	-	0
	32	16	8	1	1	-	-
	24	24	8	2	1	-	0
	24	16	8	1	1	-	-
	16	16	4	2	1	-	0
	16	8	4	1	1	-	-
	8	0	0	-	-	-	-
BT10	32	32	8	2	0	-	0
	32	16	8	1	0	-	-
	24	24	8	2	0	-	0
	24	16	8	1	0	-	-
	16	16	4	2	0	-	0
	16	8	4	1	0	-	-
	8	0	0	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX E - ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE I: GENERAL

C. FINES

All monetary fines set forth in the Code are in US Dollars.

A player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code shall not be allowed to enter any Tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

A player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year will not be allowed to enter any Tournament in the following calendar year until such time as all fines have been paid.

ARTICLE II: ENTRY OFFENCES

B. ENTRY OFFENCES

1. Late Withdrawal

Any withdrawal from a doubles team accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs:

- a) Before Freeze Deadline (after withdrawal deadline); or
- b) After Freeze Deadline

shall be considered a late withdrawal and will be penalised.

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Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$400 as further set out in the Fines Guidelines.

2. No Show

A doubles team will have committed a No Show Offence if:

- a) the team is accepted into the Qualifying and fails to sign in by the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline; or
- b) the team is accepted into the Main Draw and fails to arrive on-site for their first match in the tournament. The Supervisor may waive the No Show Offence for a doubles team which arrives on-site after the scheduled commencement time for the team's first match, and penalise the team for the On-Site Offence of Punctuality instead.

For the purpose of this rule, both players in a team shall be penalised under the Code.

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

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$1000 as further set out in the Fines Guidelines.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

3. One Tournament

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

C. WILD CARDS

No player, or Related Person directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section by a player or Related Person shall result in a fine of up to \$5,000.

A single violation of this Section shall constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

E. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied for entry offences shall be paid by the player within ten (10) days after the notice thereof is provided. Unpaid fines shall also be collected at other ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournaments for remission to the ITF.

F. FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION

Should a player submit documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence, including, but not limited to, documents pertaining to Tournament Entry and Withdrawal and Code of Conduct appeals, the player shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1000 in addition to any other fines provided in the Code.

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

ARTICLE III: ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. GENERAL

Every player and Related Person, and in relation to team competitions the team Captain, team members, extra players, coach, trainer or officials of the participating teams (“Team Member”), shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of a Tournament and while engaged in activities directly related to a Tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply while engaging with any persons in connection with the Tournament and/or the Tour (including but not limited to Officials (including the Tournament Supervisor), the Tournament Director and ITF staff members) and who are preparing for, running and/or otherwise connected to a Tournament in which the player and/or Related Person and/or Team

Member is or was entered/involved, and/or while within the precincts of each such site, and reference to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

B. PUNCTUALITY

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

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

A player will have committed a Punctuality Offence if he/she is not ready to play ten (10) minutes after his/her match is called. Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after his match is called may be fined \$50.

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his/her match is called may be fined up to an additional \$150 and shall be defaulted unless the ITF Supervisor in his/her sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default. The player may also be subject to the additional penalties set out in Article III P.

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

D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds shall elapse from when the last player arrives to his seat on court until the players are ready for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire. This will be followed immediately by the warm-up period of five (5) minutes. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match. These timings may be altered where a tournament is using a pre-match protocol approved by the ITF and shared with players in advance.

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

A maximum of twenty (20) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the serve of the next point.

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 serve is struck for the next game. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period.

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the set until the time the serve is struck for the next set.

If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set.

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready. A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty (20) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

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

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

When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY (AOB)

Players and Team members shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the Tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Court Officials or spectators.

F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY (VOB)

Players and Team Members shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the Tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

G. 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.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in

accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

H. PHYSICAL ABUSE (PhA)

Players and Team Members shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the Tournament site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

I. ABUSE OF BALLS (BA)

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a beach tennis ball within the precincts of the Tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including the warm-up). Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

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.

J. ABUSE OF RACKETS OR EQUIPMENT (RA)

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racket or other equipment within the precincts of the Tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging rackets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire’s chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

K. COACHING AND COACHES (CC)

[...]

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore and the ITF Supervisor may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and may declare an immediate default of such player.

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

L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (UnC)

Players 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. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Competition, the ITF or the sport of tennis. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the sport, its administrators, the Tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

M. BEST EFFORTS (BE)

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a Tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation.

For purposes of this Rule, the ITF Supervisor and/or the Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

N. LEAVING THE COURT (LC)

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the ITF Supervisor and/or the Chair Umpire. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. A player who violates this section may be defaulted by the ITF Supervisor and subjected to the additional penalties for “Failure to Complete Match or Tournament” as below.

O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH (FCM)

A player/team must complete a match in progress unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. A player who violates this section may be defaulted forthwith by the ITF Supervisor. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500.

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

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

P. LEAVING THE TOURNAMENT (LT)

Any player that leaves a Tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, or retires from a tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the tournament doctor), will forfeit all ranking points and any prize money won in all events at that tournament. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$1000.

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

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

Q. CEREMONIES (Cer)

A player participating in the finals of a Tournament must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500.

R. MEDIA CONFERENCE (MC)

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the post-match media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended or otherwise modified by the ITF Supervisor for good cause. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500.

T. DEFAULTS

The ITF Supervisor may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code (Immediate Default) or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above.

In all cases of default, the decision of the ITF Supervisor shall be final and unappealable.

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

- a. loss of all prize money, hospitality and points earned for that event at that Tournament;

b. a fine of \$300 in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident, and

c. at the ITF Supervisor's discretion, default from all other events, if any, in that Tournament.

[...]

V. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY:

The ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the fine and/or other punishment therefore and give written notice thereof to the player.

W. PAYMENT OF FINES

Each ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournament shall deduct fines levied by the ITF Supervisor for on-site offences from the player's winnings, if any, and promptly pay the same to the ITF. Any unpaid fines shall also be collected at other ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournaments for remission to the ITF.

A player who has outstanding fines in the amount of \$500 or greater or has any fines at the end of the calendar year shall not be allowed to enter any further ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournaments in the current year or any tournaments in the following calendar year until such time as all fines have been paid.

ARTICLE XII: FINES GUIDELINES

ENTRY OFFENSES				
Prize Money Category and Draw		Late Withdrawal Before Freeze (LWBFD)	Late Withdrawal After Freeze (LWAFD)	No Show (NS)
Tour Finals		\$250	N/A	\$1000
World Championships / World Cup	Main Draw	\$250	\$400	\$1000
	Qualifying Draw	\$100	\$150	\$250
Sand Series / BT400 (\$45,000)	Main Draw	\$250	\$400	\$500
	Qualifying Draw	\$100	\$150	\$250
BT200 (\$15,000)/ Regional Champs	Main Draw	\$250	\$300	\$500
	Qualifying Draw	\$100	\$100	\$150
BT100 (\$10,000)	Main Draw	\$100	\$150	\$300
	Qualifying Draw	\$50	\$75	\$250
BT10 (\$0) / BT50 (\$4,000)	Main Draw	\$50	\$75	\$200
	Qualifying Draw	\$25	\$25	\$100

On-site offences fines can be to a maximum amount of \$500, with the exception of “Leaving the Tournament” and “Aggravated Behaviour”. To be reported by ITF Supervisor.

On-Site Offences Fines Guidelines – Maximum Amount \$500		
Offence (*may constitute Aggravated Behaviour)	Offence Code	Recommended
Punctuality	Pun (10 or 15)	\$50 & \$150
Audible Obscenity *, Visible Obscenity *	AOb, Vob	\$150
Verbal Abuse *	VA	\$100 - \$250
Physical Abuse *	PhA	\$250
Ball Abuse	BA	\$50-\$150
Racket Abuse	RA	\$50-\$150
Coaching and Coaches *	CC	\$100-\$250
Unsportsmanlike Conduct *	UnC	\$150-\$250
Best Efforts *, Leaving the Court *, Failure to Complete Match *	BE, LC, FCM	\$100-\$250
Leaving the Tournament	LT	Up to \$1000
Ceremonies, Media Conference	Cer, MC	\$100-\$250
Aggravated Behaviour		Up to \$5000
Default - In addition to any fine(s) for the on-court offences	Def, D	\$300