



World
Tennis

Conference & AGM
Almaty 2026

AGM Agenda



13 October 2026

AGM AGENDA

SECTION A: ITEMS FOR ADOPTION / COUNCIL VOTE

Click on the section header to link directly to that section.

Page

1. OPENING ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT	4
- Establishment of a Quorum - Apologies for Absence - Appointment of a Parliamentarian - Nomination and Election of Scrutineers - Approval of the 2025 AGM Minutes - Obituaries	
2. FINANCE	5
- Report on the Financial Statements for 2025 - Budget and Actual 2025, Budget and Forecast 2026	
3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS	10
4. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE OF DIRECTORS	11
5. MEMBERSHIP	12
- Applications for increases and reductions in Class B shares - Suspension from membership - Resolution to lift the suspension of Belarus Tennis Federation - Resolution to lift the suspension of the Russian Tennis Federation - Applications to waive the 2026 membership fee - Notification of the 2027 subscription fee	
6. GOVERNANCE	18
- Proposal to amend Constitution article 23.1 - Proposal to amend Constitution article 24.3.4 - Proposal to amend Constitution articles 11 & 12	
7. AWARDS FOR SERVICES TO THE GAME	22
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	23

SECTION B: STRATEGIC PROGRESS REPORTS

Page

PRESIDENTIAL

25

- Advantage All
- Communications
- Digital
- Development
- International Relations
- World Tennis Number (WTN)
- Commercial

MAJOR EVENTS

39

- Billie Jean King Cup and Davis Cup
- Multi-Sports Games

TOURS & PLAYER PATHWAY

42

- World Tennis Tour
- World Tennis Tour Juniors & Junior Competitions
- World Tennis Masters Tour
- Beach Tennis
- Wheelchair Tennis

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

53

- Information Technology
- Human Resources

INTEGRITY & LEGAL

58

- Ethics Commission
- Governance
- Safeguarding
- Science & Technical
- ITIA
- Officiating

SECTION A

AGM AGENDA

1. OPENING ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM – ARTICLE 9.17

No business of a General Meeting shall be transacted unless and until there are in attendance at the General Meeting a quorum, which shall constitute delegates representing: (a) one half of all Class B Members; or (b) any number of Class B Members holding, between them, at least half of the allotted Class B shares. Once there is such a quorum in attendance, the business of the General Meeting may begin, and continue to its conclusion even if departures mean that there is no longer such a quorum in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APPOINTMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Board of Directors will appoint a Parliamentarian for the duration of the 2026 Meeting.

ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS – BYE-LAW C3.1

At the commencement of each General Meeting, three scrutineers will be elected by a show of hands. A voting delegate may nominate a maximum of one candidate for scrutineer. Nominations for scrutineers will also be accepted from the Board of Directors. Nominees for scrutineers may be delegates from any Member National Association.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – ARTICLE 9.2.1

To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting:

[Click here to access the 2025 AGM Draft Minutes.](#)

OBITUARIES

2. FINANCE

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO ALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2025

The enclosed financial report documents the 2025 result, as detailed in the ITF Trust Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements which give further details of the performance as well as other information such as Cash Flow and Balance Sheet. These Financial Statements are published on the World Tennis website along with supplementary financial information aimed at providing comprehensive disclosure of the financial activities of World Tennis.

This report is provided in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and provides additional detail and comparison to the 2025 Budget presented to the AGM in 2025, as well as the Budget for 2026 as approved by the Board in January 2026.

Further information, including an update of the performance in 2026 will be given in the Finance Update Session of the AGM.

2025 RESULTS SUMMARY

The consolidated financial statements make a distinction between Operating Activities, Strategic Activities and Investing Activities. Operating Activities represent ongoing activities of World Tennis, Strategic Activities constitute discrete projects aimed specifically at delivering the objectives of the ITF2024+4 strategy and Investing Activities represent the performance of the investment portfolios which underpin World Tennis's reserves.

The total result for the year is a deficit of \$12.3m (2024: deficit of \$9.6m) with Investing Activities net income of \$4.0m (2024: \$2.1m) offsetting \$1.1m of Strategic Activities (2024: \$3.7m) and providing a positive contribution to the Operating Result.

The 2025 Budget estimated an Operating deficit of \$0.3m before investment in Strategic Activities of \$1.2m, losses from the Billie Jean King Cup Joint Venture of \$0.6m and net investment returns of \$1.9m, contributing to a Total Net deficit of \$0.2m and resulting in anticipated year end Net Assets of \$31.7m.

The actual result from Operating Activities excluding Billie Jean King Cup Joint Venture adjustments and Foreign Exchange gains is a deficit of \$7.3m. The Billie Jean King Cup adjustments in expenditure being a \$5.9m negative adjustment to fully impair the value of the asset and \$2.2m being World Tennis's share of annual losses and a \$2.1m Service Fee in income, as well as the FX gains, are reported separately in the financial report for transparency but are included within the Operating Result in the consolidated financial statements.

Investment in Strategic Activities of \$1.1m and net Investing returns of \$4.0m result in a Net Deficit of \$12.3m, the bulk of which can be attributed to one-off or non-recurring items of cost.

The comprehensive result reported in the consolidated financial statements recognises a positive adjustment of \$1.6m arising from the revaluation of cash flow hedges held at the Balance Sheet date leading to Net Assets of \$21.2m as of 31 December 2025.

Operating Income

Operating Income was \$95.2m for the year, a decrease of \$2.4m against budget is largely attributable to shortfalls in sponsorship, TV rights and data revenues from the Davis Cup, the latter being due to fewer matches arising from sporting results.

Operating Expenses

Operating Expenditure of \$102.5m for the year was \$4.6m above budget. Actual expenditure includes an additional provision of \$2.0m for doubtful debts relating to prior years, additional legal

costs of \$2.0m being defence costs of the PTPA actions and final settlement costs for Kosmos and reallocating \$0.8m of Data Rights income originally budgeted as a set-off against costs.

With proactive cost controls in place, other increases in costs were largely compensated for by expenditure being reduced wherever possible.

Strategic Activities

Strategic Activities represents expenditure on discrete projects aimed specifically at delivering the objectives of ITF2024+4 and not considered as ongoing activities. Expenditure on the Balanced Calendar project, previously accounted for as a Strategic Activity, has been transferred to Operating Activities meaning the only project accounted for as a Strategic Activity was the World Tennis Number Project, costing \$1.1m in the year, providing nations the means to identify players and grow participation levels, while also providing meaningful ratings to recreational and professional players alike.

Investing Activities

World Tennis's investments generated net investment gains of \$4.0m arising from an 18.0% return in the year.

Net Assets

The total deficit of \$12.3m and the \$1.6m positive revaluation of FX hedges combined to reduce Net Assets to \$21.2m at the year end.

BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2026

Operating Activities

The result for 2025 and the reduction in Net Assets in recent years has required corrective action to have been taken when preparing the budget for 2026. Accordingly, the 2026 Budget Operating result shows a much-improved result with a targeted surplus of \$5.7m.

Strategic Activities

Strategic Activities includes ongoing investment into the World Tennis Number project, with a budget of \$1.2m for the year and the World Tennis App pilot project with a budget of \$0.7m.

The share of losses in the Billie Jean King Cup joint venture is \$1.0m based on the Joint Venture Business Plan. Because of the losses accumulated in the company, work is ongoing to improve the Business Plan and bring the company into profitability from 2027 onwards.

Investing Activities

The budget does not assume any income from investing activities. This is not because the investments are presumed to not make gains but in order to ensure that any returns increase Net Assets rather than supporting annual expenditure.

Reserves and Future Outlook

The Finance Committee and Board have charged the Executives with the task of replenishing Reserves to \$35m within a five year time period. To this end, the Board, Finance Committee and the Executives have been working on the improving the economic outlook in 2026 and beyond.

The outlook for 2027 and beyond builds on the improvement in 2026 with further surpluses replenishing Reserves as directed by the board.

ACTUAL 2025, BUDGET 2026, FORECAST 2026

Figures in US\$ '000

SUMMARY

	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	VARIANCE TO BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2026
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating Income	97,540	95,154	(2,386)	107,620
Operating Expenses	(97,851)	(102,459)	(4,609)	(101,943)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(311)	(7,305)	(6,995)	5,677
STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES				
Investment in Strategic Projects	(1,151)	(1,055)	96	(1,787)
BJKCL JV share of losses and Impairment	(600)	(7,954)	(7,354)	(990)
REVISED OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(2,062)	(16,314)	(14,253)	2,900
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Net Investment surplus / (deficit)	1,820	3,880	2,060	(190)
Interest income on Olympic Deposits	50	129	79	50
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) BEFORE TAXATION	(192)	(12,305)	(12,114)	2,760
Less: Taxation	0	0	0	0
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(192)	(12,305)	(12,114)	2,760

INCOME

	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	VARIANCE TO BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2026
Davis Cup City Host Fee	10,450	10,964	514	10,830
<u>Sponsorship Income</u>				
Davis Cup	13,550	10,862	(2,688)	12,875
Junior Davis Cup	345	270	(75)	345
Wheelchair	1,017	1,214	197	1,017
Other Sponsorship	1,405	1,970	565	1,540
Sub-total	26,767	25,280	(1,487)	26,607
Receipts from Events	16,805	16,760	(45)	17,255
TV & Licensing	6,509	5,652	(857)	5,802
Data sales	37,500	37,040	(460)	47,000
Subscriptions	3,112	3,107	(5)	3,300
Authorisation Fees	1,226	1,176	(50)	1,138
Foundation	159	168	9	183
Technical	1,442	1,586	144	1,500
Qiddiya	0	0	0	400
Grand Slam Player Development Programme	3,055	3,017	(38)	3,380
Development Generation Funding	50	400	350	0
iCoach	240	240	0	250
Olympic Solidarity	370	251	(119)	365
Sundry	305	477	172	440
TOTAL	97,540	95,154	(2,386)	107,620

ACTUAL 2025, BUDGET 2026, FORECAST 2026

Figures in US\$ '000

EXPENSE

	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	VARIANCE TO BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2026
<u>INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS</u>				
Davis Cup	(30,156)	(29,803)	353	(26,783)
Hopman Cup	(9)	(9)	0	0
Olympics	(18)	(13)	5	(41)
<u>TOURS AND PLAYER PATHWAY</u>				
Men's Tennis	(87)	(112)	(25)	(91)
Women's Tennis	(547)	(493)	54	(616)
Beach Tennis	(194)	(138)	56	(170)
Juniors Tennis	(595)	(564)	31	(609)
Masters	(459)	(403)	56	(429)
Officiating	(656)	(517)	139	(482)
Wheelchair	(1,003)	(1,027)	(24)	(1,252)
Wheelchair Tennis Development Fund	(120)	0	120	0
Data Sales	(23,203)	(24,227)	(1,024)	(22,711)
BJKCL Service Fee to ITF	2,400	2,100	(300)	1,650
ITF Contribution to ITIA	(1,085)	(1,116)	(32)	(1,149)
Staff Costs	(2,696)	(2,763)	(67)	(2,846)
TOTAL ONGOING EXPENDITURE	(58,427)	(59,085)	(658)	(55,529)
<u>TENNIS DEVELOPMENT</u>				
Development	(6,233)	(5,819)	414	(6,019)
GSPDP	(3,055)	(3,017)	38	(3,380)
Development Assistance	(70)	(50)	20	(50)
Subscription Rebate	(284)	(108)	176	0
Regional Grants	(948)	(948)	0	(948)
Staff costs	(1,284)	(1,232)	52	(1,293)
TOTAL ONGOING EXPENDITURE	(11,874)	(11,174)	700	(11,690)
<u>STRATEGIC PROJECTS</u>	(1,151)	(1,055)	96	(1,787)
<u>COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT</u>				
TV	(2,117)	(2,427)	(310)	(2,502)
Commercial	(1,029)	(2,222)	(1,193)	(2,372)
Merchandising/Hospitality	(150)	(1)	149	(50)
Staff Costs	(1,067)	(1,001)	66	(1,015)
TOTAL ONGOING EXPENDITURE	(4,363)	(5,651)	(1,288)	(5,939)
<u>PRESIDENTIAL / COMMUNICATIONS</u>				
Communications	(1,601)	(1,453)	148	(1,627)
Annual General Meeting	(103)	(83)	20	(731)
Board of Directors	(273)	(294)	(21)	(365)
Qiddiya	0	0	0	(140)
Management	(300)	(201)	99	(1,721)
Staff Costs	(2,615)	(2,508)	107	(2,642)
TOTAL ONGOING EXPENDITURE	(4,892)	(4,539)	353	(7,226)

ACTUAL 2025, BUDGET 2026, FORECAST 2026

Figures in US\$ '000

EXPENSE (Continued)

	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	VARIANCE TO BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2026
<u>SCIENCE, TECHNICAL AND INTEGRITY</u>				
Anti Doping	(1,690)	(1,583)	107	(1,732)
Sport Science & Medicine Commission	(205)	(91)	114	(142)
Foundation	(115)	(62)	53	(102)
Constitution	(35)	0	35	(5)
Regulation & Governance	(1,526)	(3,542)	(2,016)	(2,156)
Gender Equality in Tennis / Advantage All	0	(2)	(2)	0
Safeguarding	(145)	(31)	114	(154)
Staff costs	(1,901)	(1,824)	77	(2,009)
TOTAL ONGOING EXPENDITURE	(5,617)	(7,135)	(1,519)	(6,300)
<u>FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION</u>				
Administration	(98)	(118)	(20)	(63)
IT	(2,517)	(2,308)	209	(2,755)
Legal & Professional	(454)	(515)	(61)	(497)
Security	(268)	(263)	5	(288)
Insurance	(640)	(745)	(105)	(816)
Finance	(4)	0	4	(5)
Premises	(1,034)	(1,220)	(186)	(1,861)
Staff Costs	(3,331)	(3,597)	(266)	(3,539)
Provision for Doubtful debts	150	(2,009)	(2,159)	0
TOTAL ONGOING EXPENDITURE	(8,196)	(10,775)	(2,579)	(9,824)
<u>DIGITAL</u>				
Digital	(687)	(650)	37	(738)
Marketing and Promotion	(295)	(261)	34	(204)
Staff Costs	(1,500)	(1,454)	46	(1,588)
	(2,482)	(2,365)	117	(2,530)
DEPRECIATION	(2,000)	(2,776)	(776)	(2,905)
FOREIGN EXCHANGE (GAIN) / LOSS	0	1,041	1,041	0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(97,851)	(102,459)	(4,609)	(101,943)
STRATEGIC PROJECTS	(1,151)	(1,055)	96	(1,787)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(99,002)	(103,514)	(4,513)	(103,730)

BALANCE SHEET

	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	VARIANCE TO BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2026
<u>NET ASSETS</u>				
Opening Net Assets	31,868	31,868	0	25,964
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(192)	(12,305)	(12,114)	2,760
Revaluation of FX Hedges at Y/E	0	1,645	1,645	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS	31,677	21,208	(10,469)	28,724

3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Article 9.2.5 To appoint annually the Auditors to the Company

The Board of Directors will recommend an audit company for appointment during the Annual General Meeting. If approved the company will be appointed from 13 October 2026 up to and including the final day of the 2027 General Meeting.

4. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Article 8.2.10.1 of the 2026 ITF Constitution the following is: *“a record of attendance of Directors at meetings of the Board of Directors held since the previous General Meeting.”*

Of the eleven (11) meetings held between 16 October 2025 and 14 September 2026 the record of attendance is:

BRAVO	Carlos	11
DAVIDS	Roger	10
GRAHAM	Jack	10
HAINLINE	Brian	10
HEDIN	Asa	9
KAWATEI	Nao	10
MOK	Philip	11
MOUELHI-GUIZANI	Salma	11
OLLINGER	Lionel	10
PIERCE (Athlete Representative)	Mary	10
RAWLINSON	David	11
TAMAYO DE WINNE	Jordi	11
UTEMURATOV	Bulat	9
VON ARNIM	Dietloff	11
WESTRUPP	Rafael	11
WOODFORDE (Athlete Representative)	Mark	9

5. MEMBERSHIP

Note: Applications approved at the AGM for Class B or Class C Membership, an increase or decrease in shares take effect from 1 January 2027. Expulsions, suspensions and readmittance take effect immediately.

APPLICATIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN SHARES THAT WOULD REVERSE A DECISION TAKEN AT THE 2025 GENERAL MEETING

In Accordance with Article 9.23.2 of the 2026 Constitution (Voting at General Meetings)

- 9.23.2 A resolution brought forward by a Member or a Regional Association that would, if passed, have the effect of reversing a decision taken at the immediately preceding General Meeting may not be considered unless Council resolves by a **Super Majority (four-fifths)** to permit such consideration.

Bulgaria

To consider whether the repeat application from the Bulgarian Tennis Federation for an increase in shares should be considered.

In the event that the Resolution in accordance with Article 9.23.2 is passed:

To consider an application from the **Bulgarian Tennis Federation** for an **increase** from three (3) to five (5) Class B Shares.

Report of the Board of Directors

As was the case in 2025, the Board **does not recommend acceptance** of this application.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP FOR FAILURE TO PAY SUBSCRIPTIONS:

These suspensions require a **Special Majority (two-thirds)** of votes to pass.

Class B Member

Venezuela (Federación Venezolana de Tennis)

Class C Member

Central African Republic (Fédération Centrafricaine de Tennis)

Chad (Fédération Tchadienne de Tennis)

Kiribati (Kiribati Tennis Federation)

Micronesia (Federated States of Micronesia Lawn Tennis Association)

Report of the Board of Directors

It is with regret that the Board of Directors advises that the above Members should be **suspended** from the Company for having failed for two successive years to pay their annual subscriptions.

RESOLUTIONS TO LIFT OR VARY THE MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION OF THE BELARUS TENNIS FEDERATION

TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE BELARUS TENNIS FEDERATION

Each of the following Resolutions is to be voted on separately, in the order set out below, and each requires a **Special Majority (two-thirds)** to pass.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO LIFT THE MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION OF THE BELARUS TENNIS FEDERATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4.47

1. To lift the membership suspension of the Belarus Tennis Federation (BTF) imposed by Council on 6 May 2022.

The proposed Resolution shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Article 9.24.

The Board of Directors does **not recommend** acceptance of the resolution.

In the event that Council does not vote to lift the membership suspension in full (per Resolution #1) then,

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO VARY THE MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION OF THE BELARUS TENNIS FEDERATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 4.43, 4.44 AND 4.47

2. To restore all entries of the BTF teams in ITF Official Team Competitions, including the Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, Junior Davis Cup, Junior Billie Jean King Cup, and U14 World Junior Tennis Team competitions, in their corresponding tournament positions/stages, and to allow them to compete while retaining all relevant BTF team coefficient points in ITF Official Team Competitions.

The proposed Resolution shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Article 9.24.

The Board of Directors does **not recommend** acceptance of the resolution.

In the event that Council does not vote to restore all entries of the BTF teams into ITF Official Team Competitions (per Resolution #2), then

3. To restore all entries of the BTF **JUNIOR** teams in **JUNIOR** ITF Official Team Competitions, including the Junior Davis Cup, Junior Billie Jean King Cup, and U14 World Junior Tennis Team competitions, in their corresponding tournament positions/stages, and to allow them to compete while retaining all relevant BTF team coefficient points in **JUNIOR** ITF Official Team Competitions.

The proposed Resolution shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Article 9.24.

The Board of Directors does **not recommend** acceptance of the resolution.

Further,

4. To restore access for the BTF and its members to ITF programmes, funding, and day-to-day development support that would ordinarily be available to Class B National Associations.

The proposed Resolution shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Article 9.24.

The Board of Directors does **not recommend** acceptance of the resolution.

Further,

5. To permit the BTF, or third-party organisers recognised by the BTF, to host tournaments of any ITF tours in Belarus.

The proposed Resolution shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Article 9.24.

The Board of Directors does **not recommend** acceptance of the resolution.

Further,

6. To allow ITF officiating schools to be held in Belarus; to allow Belarusian certified officials to attend ITF officiating schools and other ITF officiating programmes; and, in addition, to permit Belarusian officials to officiate in ITF Official Team Competitions.

The proposed Resolution shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Article 9.24.

The Board of Directors does **not recommend** acceptance of the resolution.

Further,

7. To restore the right of Belarusian Grand Slam players to receive grants and to participate in the tour teams of the Grand Slam Player Development Program.

The proposed Resolution shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Article 9.24.

The Board of Directors does **not recommend** acceptance of the resolution.

RESOLUTIONS TO LIFT THE MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION OF THE RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION

World Tennis received a **late** resolution from the Russian Tennis Federation to lift its membership Suspension.

9D. Notice of Resolutions

9.13 A resolution that has not been put forward for an Annual General Meeting in accordance with Article 9.11 or 9.12 may be considered at that Annual General Meeting if Council resolves by a **Super Majority** to permit such consideration.

To consider whether the late application from the Russian Tennis Federation to lift their suspension should be considered.

This Resolution requires a **Super Majority (four-fifths)** to pass.

In the event that the Resolution in accordance with Article 9.13 is passed:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO LIFT THE MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION OF THE RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4.47

This Resolutions requires a **Special Majority (two-thirds)** to pass.

1. To lift the membership suspension of the Russian Tennis Federation imposed by Council on 6 May 2022.

The proposed Resolution shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Article 9.24.

The Board of Directors does **not recommend** acceptance of the resolution.

APPLICATION TO WAIVE MEMBERSHIP FEES

UKRAINIAN TENNIS FEDERATION

World Tennis received a resolution in the form of a letter from the Ukrainian Tennis Federation requesting waiver of their 2026 subscription fees.

Please note in accordance with article 9D:

9D. Notice of Resolutions

- 9.10 Resolutions may only be put to Council at a General Meeting by the Board of Directors, a Member, or a Regional Association; save that a Member whose subscription is in arrears may only bring forward a resolution for a reduction in the number of its Class B shares or for the cancellation of that share and the issue of a Class C share to become a Class C Member.

Ukraine has paid their 2026 subscription fees in order to submit the resolution.

Report of the Board of Directors

The Board **recommends acceptance** of this application.

SUDAN LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

World Tennis received a resolution in the form of a letter from the Sudan Lawn Tennis Association requesting the waiver of their 2026 subscription fees. This is due to the ongoing civil war that started in April 2023 and has had severe ramifications for the SLTA, its staff and players.

Please note in accordance with article 9D:

9D. Notice of Resolutions

- 9.10 Resolutions may only be put to Council at a General Meeting by the Board of Directors, a Member, or a Regional Association; save that a Member whose subscription is in arrears may only bring forward a resolution for a reduction in the number of its Class B shares or for the cancellation of that share and the issue of a Class C share to become a Class C Member.

Sudan has paid their 2026 subscription fees in order to submit the resolution.

Report of the Board of Directors

The Board **recommends acceptance** of this application.

LEBANESE TENNIS FEDERATION

World Tennis received a **late** resolution from the Lebanese Tennis Federation requesting the waiver of their 2026 subscription fees.

9D. Notice of Resolutions

- 9.13 A resolution that has not been put forward for an Annual General Meeting in accordance with Article 9.11 or 9.12 may be considered at that Annual General Meeting if Council resolves by a **Super Majority** to permit such consideration.

To consider whether the late application from the Lebanese Tennis Federation to waive their 2026 Subscription fees should be considered.

This Resolution requires a **Super Majority (four-fifths)** to pass.

In the event that the Resolution in accordance with Article 9.13 is passed:

LEBANESE TENNIS FEDERATION

World Tennis received a resolution in the form of a letter from the Lebanese Tennis Federation requesting the waiver of their 2026 subscription fees due to the impact of the escalation in military conflict in 2025 and 2026 combined with the exceptional economic circumstances in the nation that have had severe ramifications for the federation and its ability to maintain and develop tennis activities within the country.

Please note in accordance with article 9D:

9D. Notice of Resolutions

9.10 Resolutions may only be put to Council at a General Meeting by the Board of Directors, a Member, or a Regional Association; save that a Member whose subscription is in arrears may only bring forward a resolution for a reduction in the number of its Class B shares or for the cancellation of that share and the issue of a Class C share to become a Class C Member.

Lebanon has paid their 2026 subscription fees in order to submit the resolution.

Report of the Board of Directors

The Board **recommends acceptance** of this application.

2027 SUBSCRIPTION

Details of the 2027 subscription will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

6. GOVERNANCE

RESOLUTION OF THE ITF COUNCIL TO AMEND ARTICLE 23.1 OF THE ITF CONSTITUTION

This Resolution requires a **Special Majority (two-thirds)** of votes to pass.

Summary

The Board of Directors **recommends that Council approves** an amendment to Article 23.1 of the 2027 Constitution to give effect to the name changes set out below.

Background

The Constitution lists the '*Men's 30+ Cup*' and '*Women's 30+ Cup*' as the names for the team event for men 30 and over and team event for women 30 and over respectively. Age-category competition names for the other Masters team events are as follows:

Womens 35 - Suzanne Lenglen Cup	Mens 35 - Italia Cup
Womens 40 - Young Cup	Mens 40 - Tony Trabert Cup
Womens 45 - Margaret Court Cup	Mens 45 - Dubler Cup
Womens 50 - Maria Esther Bueno Cup	Mens 50 - Fred Perry Cup
Womens 55 - Maureen Connolly Cup	Mens 55 - Austria Cup
Womens 60 - Alice Marble Cup	Mens 60 - Von Cramm Cup
Womens 65 - Kitty Godfree Cup	Mens 65 - Britannia Cup
Womens 70 - Althea Gibson Cup	Mens 70 - Jack Crawford Cup
Womens 75 - Queens Cup	Mens 75 - Bitsy Grant Cup
Womens 80 - Doris Hart Cup	Mens 80 - Gardnar Mulloy Cup
Womens 85 - Angela Mortimer Cup	Mens 85 - Lorne Maine Cup

The Board of Directors approved a proposal to rename the Women's 30+ Cup 'The Marie Pinterova Cup' and the Men's 30+ Cup 'The Leander Paes Cup'. This followed an open process whereby each National Association was provided opportunity to nominate individuals whose name they felt would be fitting to be used for either event.

The Board approved these changes and also approved the necessary steps being taken to seek approval of updates to the Constitution for 2027 to give effect to the name changes. If approved, the new names will be promoted at the 30 World Team Championships in November 2026.

Therefore, it is proposed that the names of the Cups as set out in the Constitution in Article 23.1 be updated as follows:

ITF Constitution

23. OFFICIAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

23.1 The following are the *Official Team Competitions of the ITF*:

[...]

Masters:

~~Men's 30+ Cup~~ THE LEANDER PAES CUP

The Italia Cup

[...]

~~Women's 30+ Cup~~ THE MARIE PINTEROVA CUP

The Suzanne Lenglen Cup

[...]

Team event for men 30 and over

Team event for men 35 and over

Team event for women 30 and over

Team event for women 35 and over

RESOLUTION OF THE ITF COUNCIL TO ALTER ARTICLE 24.3.4 OF THE ITF CONSTITUTION

This Resolution requires a **Special Majority (two-thirds)** of votes to pass.

Summary

The Board of Directors **recommends that Council approves** an alteration to Article 24.3.4 of the Constitution to rename the season-ending **Wheelchair Tennis Masters** to the **Wheelchair Finals**.

Background

The Board of Directors recommends changing the name of the adult and junior **Wheelchair Tennis Masters** to the **Wheelchair Finals**, with immediate effect.

- The first (adult) Singles Wheelchair Tennis Masters was held in 1994, with a Doubles event added in 2000. The first Junior Wheelchair Tennis Masters was held in 2005 to help establish a pathway for elite junior wheelchair tennis players.
- Both events serve as the season-ending championships for World Tennis' Wheelchair & Juniors' Wheelchair Tours respectively, and they deliver Masters champions in both singles and doubles in five categories: Men's, Women's, Quad, Boys and Girls.
- In 2019, after nineteen years of the Singles and Doubles Masters events being held separately, a combined event was held in Orlando (USA). The combined event has been maintained since 2019.

Rationale

While the event is long-established, certain challenges exist with the '*Masters*' name, which World Tennis is seeking to address by way of the proposed name change:

- Outside the wheelchair tennis community, reference to 'Masters' is often confused with the World Tennis Masters Tour – the Tour for senior, able-bodied adults.
- The equivalent ATP and WTA season-ending championships are known as the ATP Finals and WTA Finals respectively;
- The term 'Masters' does not align with the purpose of the Wheelchair Tour's new Premier Tier, for which enhanced professionalism and integration are key strategies, as evidenced by increased numbers of tournaments integrated with ATP/WTA events.

The World Tennis Board has approved the consequential changes to the Wheelchair Tennis Competition Regulations arising from the proposed name change. The Board also approved a Resolution to be put to Council for a vote on the proposed alteration to the Constitution to give effect to the name change. If approved, the newly proposed name will be used at the 2026 adult and junior events in November and December respectively.

Resolution

Council APPROVES that Article 24.3.4 of the Constitution is altered with immediate effect as follows:

ITF Constitution

24. COMPETITIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS

[...]

24.3 The following events are owned or managed by the ITF Group:

[...]

24.3.4 The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Masters FINALS is owned by and staged under the direction and control of the ITF Group.

[...]

RESOLUTION OF THE ITF COUNCIL TO ALTER ARTICLES 11 AND 12 OF THE ITF CONSTITUTION

This Resolution requires a **Special Majority (two-thirds)** of votes to pass.

Summary

The Board of Directors recommends that Council approves alterations to Article 11 and Article 12 of the Constitution (i) to clarify the conditions under which Members may nominate a candidate for President; and (ii) to align references to the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup with nomenclature used in the rest of the Constitution.

The proposed alterations if approved by Council would take effect on and from 1 January 2027.

Proposal and Rationale

The Board of Directors recommends an alteration to Article 12, to stipulate that a Class B Member National Association must not *inter alia* be in arrears in order to nominate a candidate for President. If approved, this alteration would align the conditions for nominating a candidate for President with those for nominating a candidate for the Board of Directors.

A further alteration is proposed in respect of Article 11 and Article 12 to align the nomenclature used in respect of the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup competitions with the rest of the Constitution.

Resolution

Council APPROVES that Article 11 and Article 12 of the Constitution is altered as follows:

11. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[...]

11.2 To be eligible for nomination, election or appointment as a member of the Board of Directors, a person must:

11.2.1 be a national of a Country (including a newly formed independent Country resulting from the division of a former Country) which has played in the Davis Cup ~~Competition~~ at least ten times and played in the Billie Jean King Cup ~~Competition~~ (or its predecessor) at least:

11.2.1.1 six (6) times for the elections in 2027; and

11.2.1.2 ten (10) times for the elections in 2031 and beyond;

[...]

12. ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

12A. Nomination for election

12.1 Class B Members may nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors if:

12.1.1 they are in Good Standing;

12.1.2 they are not in arrears; and

12.1.3 they represent (a) a Country that has played in, or (b) a newly formed independent Country resulting from the division of a former Country that played in:

12.1.3.1 the Davis Cup ~~Competition~~ at least ten (10) times; and

12.1.3.2 the Billie Jean King Cup ~~Competition~~ (or its predecessor) at least six (6) times for the elections in 2027 and ten (10) times for the elections in 2031 and beyond.

12.2 Only the following persons may nominate a candidate for election as President:

12.2.1 Class B Members WHO ARE in Good Standing AND WHO ARE NOT IN ARREARS AND who represent (a) a Country that has played in, or (b) a newly formed independent Country resulting from the division of a former Country that played in:

12.2.1.1 the Davis Cup at least ten (10) times; and

12.2.1.2 the Billie Jean King Cup (or its predecessor) at least six (6) times for the elections in 2027 and ten (10) times for the elections in 2031 and beyond; or

12.2.2 The Board of Directors.

[...]

7. AWARDS FOR SERVICES TO THE GAME

National Association Nominations

Name	Category	
Mr Khaled Ezankuli (LBA)	Administrators	President of Libyan Tennis Federation for 12 years.
Dr David Farrugia Sacco (MLT)	Administrators	President of Malta Tennis & Padel Federation for 16 years
Mr Shmuel Herzig (ISR)	Administrators	Member of the Board of the Israel Tennis Association for over 30 years.
Mr Vsevolod Kevlych (UKR)	Administrators	Member of the Board of the Ukrainian Tennis Federation since 2006.
Mr Henrik Thorsøe Pedersen (DEN)	Administrators	Attended 10 AGMs – 8 as President of the Danish Tennis Federation, 2 as President of Tennis Europe.
Mr Bulat Utemuratov (KAZ)	Administrators	President of Kazakhstan Tennis Federation for 19 years.
Ms Wang Qiang (CHN)	Players	Played 31 Billie Jean King Cup ties. Singles W/L - 17/7; Doubles W/L - 3/3; Total W/L – 20/10
Mr Michiel Shapers (NED)	Coaches	Coached Daniel Vacek (1991-1995); member of the KNLTB technical coaching staff 1995-2004 and Davis Cup Captain from 1998-2000. Employed by Austrian Tennis Association (2014-2019) as head coach leading the youth education programme training. Worked with the DTB (2019) coaching male youth players to transition to professional tennis. 2020 – 2025 worked with the KNLTB as a travelling coach for the top Dutch players.
Mr Herwig Straka (AUT)	Others	Has organised the ATP 500 Vienna tournament since 2009 as tournament director, sports executive and entrepreneur he has elevated tennis events to world class standards and created lasting value for players, fans, sponsors and the entire tennis community. Through his vision, international network and leadership he has positioned Austria on the global stage.

Coaches Commission Nomination

Ms Bettina Fulco (ARG)	Former professional tennis player from Argentina, renowned for her achievements on both the junior and professional circuits. Reaching a career-high ranking of World No. 23 and the quarterfinals of Roland Garros, she established herself as one of South America's leading players of her generation. Transitioning to coaching, she has worked with top international players, World Tennis Junior Teams, served as Captain of Argentina's Billie Jean Cup team, and contributed to player development and coach education. Her extensive experience as a player, coach, and mentor has solidified her influence on Argentine tennis and the broader international coaching community.
------------------------	---

Report of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors **recommends acceptance** of all the above nominations.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Future Annual General Meetings

SECTION B
STRATEGIC PROGRESS REPORTS

PRESIDENTIAL

ADVANTAGE ALL REPORT

The World Tennis Advantage All programme is in its eight year and continues to focus on the gender equality strategy. The objective of this strategy is to ensure tennis is an equal sport by improving gender parity both on court and off. Our goal is to level the playing field for women to compete in tennis, and to progress in roles in leadership, officiating and coaching.

The **Advantage All Leadership programme** is available to over 100 women who are currently in positions of leadership, either within their National or Regional Association, or within World Tennis, and have full access to previous Advantage All webinar and Global Forum recordings on the World Tennis Academy.

The Leadership Programme continues to provide networking opportunities. In May a webinar was held to recognise the excellent work being done by the 2025 Advantage All Gold Award winners, Turkish Tennis Federation and insight was shared by Federation President, Şafak Müderrisgil, Professor of Sports Science, Dr. Canan Koca, and Professor of Communications & Media, and UN Women Gender & Media Consultant & Trainer, Dr. Nezih Orhon. Learnings from this webinar has initiated the exploration to pair National Associations with UN Women Trainers from within their nation. World Tennis President David Haggerty continues as a **United Nations HeForShe Champion**, reaffirming World Tennis' commitment to progress gender equality initiatives globally, with 2026 being the final year of the alliance.

On launch day of the new World Tennis brand, Advantage All heard from former women National Association Presidents in a webinar titled "Why step up when leadership calls - lessons and legacies" which explored what happens *after* presidency. Speaker in this webinar were Salma Mouelhi Guizani, World Tennis Vice-President & former President of the Tunisian Tennis Federation, Asa Hedin, World Tennis Board member & former President of the Swedish Tennis Association, Jennifer Bishop, former Chair of Tennis Canada, Terri-Ann Scorer, OTF Board Member & former Tennis Zealand Board Chair and Sandi Procter, Tennis Europe Board Member & former President of the Lawn Tennis Association.

An Advantage All networking breakfast was held for women attending the Wimbledon Championships in July. This year's event, at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton, provided the opportunity for networking between current World Tennis Board members and women leading in their tennis careers, and heard discussions focusing on Leadership, Officiating and Coaching, with speakers David Haggerty (World Tennis President), Severine Townsend (Jon Tibbs Associates Managing Director), Eva Asderaki-Moore and Nico Helwerth (Chair Umpires) and Tapiwa Masunga (World Tennis Development Officer of Southern Africa).

Two more women were given the opportunity to attend the online Women's Leadership Programme run by ASOIF, which supports the advancement of women as leaders on a national and international level and to enhance the development of the necessary skill set required to serve in elective positions. A second in-person course is due to take place in the final quarter of 2026, and World Tennis Advantage All will nominate a further woman to participate.

The **Reward & Recognition programme** continues in its fifth year, with the Gold, Silver and Bronze Advantage All Award winners in Leadership, Coaching or Officiating categories to be decided ahead of the World Tennis AGM in October. Applications currently received have exceeded the number received in 2025, showing continued engagement with the programme.

National and Regional Association engagement with all World Tennis nations and regions is paramount in the lead up to the 2027 World Tennis elections, when a new Board and President will be elected. An increase in the number of women candidates standing for election is important to meet the Advantage All objectives set to see 40% women on Boards. An Advantage All bulletin is

sent to all contacts each quarter, with up-to-date news, calls to action and toolkits available to help raise the profile of gender equality worldwide.

Officiating and Coaching also receive a portion of the Advantage All budget. Coaching are working to finalise a World Tennis Female Coaches' Network Toolkit. Plans to create a similar toolkit for Officiating are underway. Plans are being made to increase the visibility of women leaders at Davis Cup team competitions, whether focusing on aiming to increase the number of women Captains or other on and off-court roles. For women officials, in 2025 and 2026 we provided travel funding so they can build contacts and gain vital experience to take their careers forward.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

In June 2026, the Communications department became the Brand, Communications & Content department. In addition to its existing PR, media relations, sports communications and reputation management remit, the department is responsible for brand identity and management, and developing a creative content strategy that celebrates World Tennis' work across owned channels.

ITF - World Tennis

On 25 June 2026, the ITF became World Tennis. The brand launch communications strategy led with World Tennis' renewed ambition for tennis growth, targeting 140m players by 2035, reinvestment commitments and five strategic priorities for the sport's future growth.

This approach ensured the launch was judged on its substance rather than just the new brand aesthetic. The launch media strategy included an open letter signed by David Haggerty and Ross Hutchins and a virtual media briefing attended by around 30 national and international media.

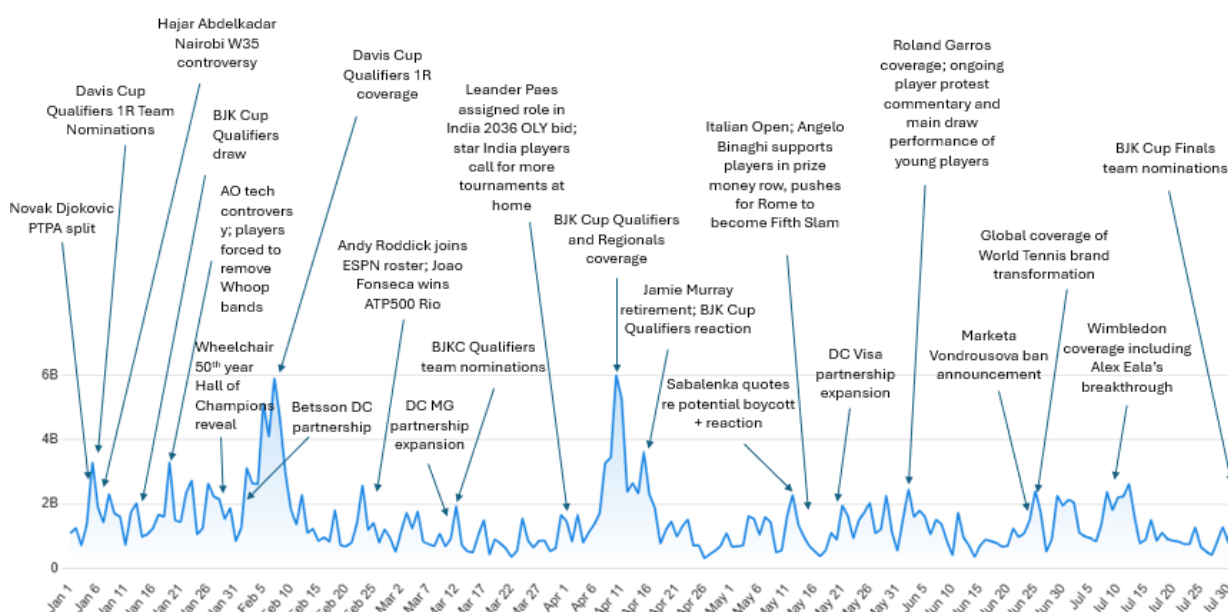
Coverage across major international newswires – Reuters, AP, AFP, EFE, PA, DPA and Yonhap – ensured global reach, and the news was covered across national media and sports business outlets worldwide. In total, there were 1,949 pieces of coverage in more than 200 nations and territories.

2026 – other top-line media statistics to date

Total mentions:

- For the period: 102,279
- Daily average: 482

Top national media locations	Top languages
• USA: 19,553 • UK: 13,599 • India: 6,194 • Australia: 5,899 • Argentina: 5,496 • Italy: 4,440 • Spain: 4,343 • Germany: 4,188 • Canada: 4,021 • Brazil: 4,001	• English: 59,104 • Spanish: 16,509 • German: 4,733 • Italian: 4,497 • Portuguese: 4,174



Summary

The highest-profile media coverage in 2026 to date has centred around a number of themes, including player prize money and the distribution of revenue, calendar structure, social media abuse of players, wearable technology and how it is used in tennis, and anti-doping processes in the context of a high-profile player's ban.

There was controversy at the Australian Open in January when Aryna Sabalenka, Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz were instructed to remove their Whoop fitness tracker devices on court. There was widespread coverage of the application of rules across tours and Grand Slams. World Tennis responded to enquiries on the subject, confirming that Whoop products were approved for use, but that it is at the discretion of each Grand Slam whether to allow approved products at specific events.

The Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers draw and Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round team nominations produced coverage spikes in January, with Jack Draper's return for Great Britain and India's team nominations particularly well reported in national media.

The early rounds of both competitions generated worldwide coverage, along with some key updates to the Davis Cup commercial portfolio – a new multi-year deal with Betsson and expanded deals for MG and Visa. Ross Hutchins was interviewed live on BBC Radio 4's Today programme on the day of the Visa renewal announcement and also appeared on the Tennis Channel at Roland Garros to discuss World Tennis' global impact.

In the week preceding Wimbledon, a four-year ban for Marketa Vondrousova was announced by the International Tennis Integrity Agency after she refused an anti-doping test. The story and the anti-doping process were widely discussed in sports media.

As above, the World Tennis brand transformation took place on 25 June. The announcement was trailed by a media briefing outlining the organisation's long-term vision for the sport, and supported by an open letter from David Haggerty and Ross Hutchins, as well as an engaging and emotive social media campaign. It generated worldwide media coverage and social media engagement and was received positively by media and stakeholders.

This was followed by further media engagement on site at Wimbledon with key World Tennis spokespeople, including Andrew Moss and Cain Berry, who discussed the World Tennis Tour and wheelchair tennis respectively with the BBC World Service and Wimbledon Radio.

In late July, World Tennis issued a joint release with the WTA reporting statistics from player social media abuse monitoring system Threat Matrix, which demonstrated the progress that has been made in the latest year of the partnership, while highlighting the continued need for social media companies and the gambling industry to do more to combat the issue. This generated strong coverage from outlets including Reuters and BBC Sport.

Elsewhere, the department continued to liaise closely with National Associations to provide both remote and on-site media operations and promotional support at Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round and Billie Jean King Cup Qualifier ties. The team also continued to produce the weekly World Tennis Tour media information pack, working with National Associations to promote the notable performances of their players on the Tour. The media information and statistics offering at Grand Slams, Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup and World Team Cup continues to inform media coverage and enhance World Tennis' reputation as a trusted source of reliable and engaging information.

The department also produces the 2025 Annual Review and Annual Report & Accounts, which will be published later in 2026. This document is compiled following cross-departmental liaison throughout the first half of the year and is a wide-ranging overview of World Tennis' work and impact throughout the previous calendar year.

DIGITAL REPORT

Digital strategy

Our digital vision to “create the biggest, most thriving and passionate tennis community in the world” continues to guide our priorities and projects in the digital space. Supporting our vision are two key objectives: “Grow and sustain player participation” and “Grow the fan community” informing our digital transformation journey

Grow the tennis fan community

With the re-brand and transition to World Tennis this year, a key focus has been on bringing to life our new brand and clearly articulate our ambition to fans all around the world across our digital estate. The reskin of our website, our video streaming platforms, our emails and all digital platforms such as Tour Zone and our Social media handles have been received very well. World Tennis gives us an even stronger platform to connect with fans, players and audiences across the world on all our digital channels. Impact, clarity and meaningful connections have increased our fan engagement and we're on track to achieve 200 million website views, with over 500 thousand in our fan data base.

Optimisations and new developments, especially introducing data-capture through SSO (single sign on) implemented across our digital estate has been a key priority this year, starting on the WTT Live App, and our streaming services. We have seen our database increase supporting our objective to grow our global tennis community and importantly better understand our audiences. A dedicated customer engagement strategy is in development and will serve as a foundation for more relevant, personalised value add experiences driving long term value and loyalty across our different audiences. The new Davis Cup website and the WCOT app launched last year helped boost fan engagement and we continue to improve features and the user experience all the time. Next up is launching push notifications so you can more easily follow your favourite team. Developing a best in class connected digital ecosystem, with focus on our owned channels delivering digital services and exploring more commercial opportunities remains a priority for us this year and into the next.

Supporting our Tours through digital experiences has also been an important focus for us, and the fully integrated Live centre on our website now including Juniors and Wheelchair is making it easier and more meaningful for fans, players and their teams to follow our tours, tournaments and players. And with improvements and SSO in the WTT Live App, you have all live scores and streams at your fingertips. The re-branding of the Tours using the World Tennis brand expression will be the final update and help our digital estate become even more powerful, impactful and clear for fans and players to engage with.

Grow & sustain participation

There is a separate report covering the progress and success of the World Tennis Number, it continues to be a core digital asset for World Tennis and a focus for us in our digital transformation. This year focus areas have included driving deeper NA adoption through tailored support for new countries coming onboard. In addition, product enhancements – especially with the successful algorithm update in August - and opening the ecosystem for new players to register directly and access their insights on WTN.com has strengthened WTN even further. The more data and insights we have about participation, and players, around the world the more value we can give back to help grow the game and ultimately drive new commercial opportunities. We continue to focus our efforts on how better digital connectivity can best be achieved and how World Tennis can facilitate a stronger, connected digital ecosystem that benefits all our NAs.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

In June 2025, the Board of Directors approved the 2025-2028 development strategy, introducing new priority initiatives to boost global participation (more players) and support the development of high-performance players (better players). The plan broadens engagement across six key strategic areas: Participation, Performance, Education, Events, Facilities and Administration & Resources. This approach is intended to combine innovation with sustained support for National Associations.

Participation

In 2025, 127 fully active Junior Tennis Initiative (JTI) nations introduced 419,750 children to tennis sessions, a 37% increase on 2024 and the largest annual total ever recorded through the JTI reporting process. There were 747,751 cumulative competition entries, up 30% on 2024, while 2,072 schoolteachers and tennis coaches delivered sessions. Playing opportunities were provided across 2,374 schools, tennis clubs and community venues, a 1% increase on 2024. Since 2021, 1,486,825 players have participated in tennis opportunities through fully active JTI nations.

Tie Break Tens (TB10) was announced in 2025 as the official short-format tennis partner of World Tennis. As part of the agreement, seven pilot nations have been selected to integrate TB10 into their JTI programmes. In addition, as part of the new school tennis activation project being delivered through the JTI, TB10 will be recommended as a tool to support school tennis participation and engagement.

Our collaboration with the Asociación Argentina de Tenis as part of the mass participation project is now through the three-year period. The project supports the Association's target to increase participation by one-million players by 2030. Over the past year, project indicators are showing upward growth – notably the increase of schools activating through the JTI and unique players introduced, community activations being conducted for tennis and beach tennis, growth in player registrations to the AAT and the substantial levels of engagement nationally through the AAT's "El tenis es hermoso" campaign.

In collaboration with the USTA, we are piloting Red Ball Tennis with the Asociación Argentina de Tenis, Tennis Canada and Federazione Italiana Tennis e Padel. An Adult Tennis Working Group was formed with these Associations, along with other key nations who are working collectively to collect participant feedback on the concept. All National Associations are invited to support the global pilot.

Performance

Assisting talented players to reach their full potential, is Development's Performance pillar, in action. During 2026, 227 players from 82 nations have received support for their development, via one of the following projects: (player grants; touring teams; training camps; training centres; or training programmes).

In 2026, the Grand Slam Player Development Programme (GSPDP) awarded USD \$1.56 million in grants to 65 professional and junior players from 42 countries. The programme continues to deliver against one of its core objectives, helping players reach the highest levels of the sport. Eight current and two former grant recipients (five women and five men) have moved into the Top 100 WTA and ATP so far this year the most players to reach this performance milestone, in one 12-month period. Several players also recorded historic achievements. Luis Guto Miguel (Brazil) became the first Brazilian to win a Roland-Garros junior singles title, while Xinran Sun (China) became the first Chinese player to reach two Grand Slam junior singles finals in the same year (Roland-Garros and Wimbledon) at just 15 years of age. Both players went on to achieve the World Tennis No. 1 ranking in their respective categories. In addition, African Training Centre (ARTC) participant Oluwaseun Peter Ogunsakin (Nigeria) became the first Nigerian player to reach the semi-finals of a Grand Slam event, at either junior or professional level. This landmark

achievement demonstrates the impact of the GSPDP along with World Tennis in strengthening player pathways throughout emerging tennis nations.

Supported by an investment of USD\$1.59 million, the 2026 GSPDP Touring Team Programme comprises 9 international teams and 24 regional teams. The programme continues to provide valuable high-performance competition opportunities for talented players and to deliver strong outcomes. A notable achievement in 2026 was that of Žiga Šeško (Slovenia), who became the first Slovenian boy to win the Australian Junior Championships singles titles. Successes such as this along with many others, help to highlight the impact of the programme in preparing promising players and their support teams to compete and excel at the highest levels of the sport.

14&U Strategy

The 14&U Strategy entered its second year in 2026. Delivered jointly by the Development and Juniors departments under the guidance of the World Tennis Juniors Committee, the strategy continues to strengthen the 12&U and 14&U player pathways. The Regional Association Working Group has met 3 times. Key priorities for the year include; developing an integrated 12&U regional competition calendar; maintaining the 14&U calendar introduced in 2025; assessing World Tennis Number integration at 12&U level; reviewing 3 Age Eligibility Rules; and drafting the formats and budget recommendations for Junior Committee and World Tennis Board approval in support of the 2028 12&U World Tennis Team finals.

Education

The World Tennis Academy is a key digital asset, currently serving over 615,000 users from more than 233 countries. Data Sharing Agreements have been sent to 141 nations that signed up to the National Association membership package, with 124 Nations actively using the platform for national courses, workshops, and webinars.

Since January 1st, 2026, the Academy has recorded more than 4.1-million-page views. User data reveals that of the users who reported their role, 52% are players, 34% coaches, 5% parents, and the remainder in other roles. Initially designed for coaches, the platform has evolved to support all World Tennis teams. This year in addition to coaching content, new content and courses have been added for Officiating, Safeguarding, Player Care and the World Tennis Tour (Tournament Organisers). The list of National Associations recognised through the Recognition of Coach Education Systems is now live on the Academy homepage, with 87 nations currently recognised.

Seven Olympic Solidarity supported Regional Conferences, and one Regional Course is confirmed for this year, taking place from September to November.

Events

In 2026, more than 50 junior competitions, including over 30 individual and 21 team events, will be staged across six regions for players aged 12&U to 18&U. Backed by an investment of over USD \$2 million and, in alignment with the 14&U Strategy where a large proportion of the events supported here service 12&U and 14&U aged players. These projects expand access to quality competition, strengthen talent identification, provide educational opportunities, and support player progression along the World Tennis Pathway.

Facilities

World Tennis facility grants support National Associations to construct new national training centres and upgrade tennis facilities. At the time of writing, two nations are benefiting from the programme. New resources are also available to help identify funding opportunities and promote projects to potential funders. These can be found on the World Tennis website, with supporting videos on the World Tennis Academy.

The National Training Centre (NTC) Recognition Programme continues to develop, with 31 facilities now recognised, representing a 35% increase since the last AGM report. A further 31 facilities are engaged in the recognition process, reflecting continued progress towards the programme's long-term objective of 100 facilities globally. In addition, 6 recognised NTCs, 1 per region, are receiving targeted financial and technical support through the NTC Support Programme pilot, helping to strengthen national player development systems worldwide.

Administration & Resources

Development Officers continue to play a critical role in the delivery of World Tennis' global development strategy assisting our member nations around the world. To date, Development Officers have visited 57 nations and liaised with over 150 nations, strengthening relationships, assessing development needs, and supporting programme implementation on the ground. In January, Evan Heyliger (Bermuda) joined the team as Development Officer for the COTECC region, further enhancing World Tennis' capacity to support member nations, and advance development objectives across the Region.

Following the departure of Luca Santilli, Erik Poel will start as Executive Director for Tennis Development on September 15th.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

Building Stronger Connections Across the Global Tennis Family

The International Relations department, part of the Presidential Department alongside Development, Communications and Commercial, serves as the primary link between World Tennis, its 214 National Associations (NAs) and six Regional Associations (RAs). The department supports member nations on governance and operational matters while helping them maximise the value of their membership and contribute to the growth of tennis worldwide.

In 2026, the department remained focused on two core objectives:

Engage

Foster meaningful dialogue with member nations and regional partners to ensure their priorities and challenges are understood and reflected in the work of World Tennis.

Empower

Support National and Regional Associations to strengthen governance, access opportunities and contribute to sustainable tennis development.

These objectives are delivered through regular engagement with all 214 National Associations, close collaboration with the six Regional Associations, and strategic in-person and virtual meetings that connect stakeholders with World Tennis leadership.

Stakeholder Engagement and Strategic Alignment

Strengthening collaboration between World Tennis and its Regional Associations remained a key priority in 2026.

The department coordinated the work of the Regional Association Presidents' Taskforce, including quarterly virtual meetings and the annual Governance and Strategic Workshop, bringing together World Tennis and regional leaders to discuss priorities, share perspectives and enhance strategic alignment.

Support was also provided to the Stakeholder Engagement Taskforce, comprising the six Regional Association Directors. Through regular meetings, the taskforce offered feedback on engagement initiatives, regional priorities and opportunities to increase the involvement of nations and regions in strategic planning.

Together, these forums ensured that regional perspectives continued to inform organisational decision-making.

Strategically, 2026 focused on the World Tennis rebrand, and the department supported the implementation of the new identity by coordinating a series of 10 virtual workshops for national and regional associations, raising awareness of the purpose, implementation and timeframe for the change to World Tennis.

Engagement and Relationship Building

Throughout the year, the department delivered a range of engagement opportunities designed to strengthen relationships across the global tennis family.

A series of stakeholder visits to World Tennis headquarters in Roehampton enabled National Association leaders to meet key departments, gain insight into organisational priorities and explore future collaboration opportunities.

The World Tennis office at Wimbledon remained an important engagement hub, hosting numerous meetings with National and Regional Association representatives during The Championships.

The department also delivered the Solidarity Programme, welcoming senior executives from selected National Associations to Roehampton for meetings, briefings and knowledge-sharing sessions with staff. The programme continues to strengthen institutional relationships and improve understanding of the services and opportunities available through membership.

Annual engagement events during Roland Garros and Wimbledon will return in 2027.

Supporting and Empowering Member Nations

As a primary point of contact for member nations, the department provided day-to-day support on governance, operational and strategic matters throughout 2026.

Recognising the diversity of its membership, the department worked closely with National and Regional Associations to provide tailored guidance and connect stakeholders with appropriate expertise across the organisation.

The department continued to assist member nations with leadership and constitutional matters in accordance with World Tennis regulations, recognised governance principles and the Olympic Charter.

Working alongside the Development department and its network of Development Officers, the department also supported Class C member nations pursuing Class B membership. Advisory sessions helped nations understand the membership pathway, application requirements and long-term benefits of full membership.

To support leadership transitions, the department maintained an onboarding programme for newly elected National Association leaders, offering tailored briefings and meetings to introduce governance expectations, strategic priorities and membership opportunities.

Ukraine Relief Programme

The department continued to administer the Ukraine Relief Programme, supporting the Ukrainian Tennis Federation during the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

The programme provided financial assistance for tennis activities, including competitions, events, junior development and high-performance programmes. It also facilitated educational opportunities for coaches and employment opportunities for officials.

Through this programme, World Tennis remained committed to supporting the continuity and long-term resilience of tennis in Ukraine.

WORLD TENNIS NUMBER (WTN) REPORT

The World Tennis Number (WTN) continues to be a leading digital initiative for World Tennis. Providing a global rating system free of charge to all National and regional associations. World Tennis Number is growing fast while being efficiently run and sustainable. Alongside the rating system is an expanding digital product and website that offers tools to nations, players, and tennis fans alike to grow the game through deeper engagement.

Adoption

70 Associations have shared the necessary high-quality player and match data to fully integrate and deliver WTNs to their player populations. The WTN is now powered by the data from 41 million tennis matches worldwide. WTN continues to be the exclusive rating for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association in the USA. In 2026 the national associations of Germany Korea and Portugal successfully began to share data for the WTN.

World Tennis Number Registrations

World Tennis players and players in participating nations have been able to register for a profile. Players can claim their profile on the website, giving them greater access to statistics, history, and watchlists of players. As of August, over 100,000 players have registered to the website.

Digitalisation Grant

From its inception in 2018, the Digitalisation Grant Programme has awarded grants to 110 national and regional associations. The vision is to empower member nations to introduce, upgrade and improve their digital tools, this has been a success factor in the growth and integrity of WTN

Regional Tournament Management Systems

Two regional associations, OTF and COTECC, have implemented regional level tournament management systems to empower their national associations. CAT will implement the same system in late 2026.

Engagement with Recreational Players via WTN

We are opening an ecosystem for players across the world from the worldtennisnumber.com website. Direct access to the WTN data gives players full control over their development and match history, allowing them to get a rating for the first time using the self-assessment and “post your own score”.

Tours and Regional Tour Events

In 2025, the WTN became the 3rd acceptance criteria in The World Tennis Tour. In 2026 World Tennis are supporting all regional tours in introducing the WTN in their Regional Tours. COSAT and ATF regions were the first to implement this in 2025 and in January 2026 Tennis Europe made WTN an acceptance criterion for U14 and U16 tours.

COMMERCIAL REPORT

World Tennis' Commercial team generates sustainable revenue and investment to support the growth of tennis globally.

Our commercial strategy is focused on increasing the value of World Tennis' brand and properties, diversifying revenues and building long-term relationships with leading global organisations. Across partnerships, broadcast and media, data and streaming, and digital assets, Commercial works to maximise both financial return and wider strategic value for the sport.

During the year, we continued to grow the scale and quality of our commercial portfolio, broaden opportunities beyond our major events, and develop partnerships that support World Tennis' strategic priorities across participation, performance, visibility, accessibility and long-term growth.

PARTNERSHIPS

World Tennis provides partners with access to a uniquely global tennis ecosystem, connecting international brands with fans, players, coaches and National Associations across elite competition, participation programmes and digital platforms.

Our partnership portfolio continued to grow in both value and breadth during the year, with an increasing focus on multi-property and purpose-led partnerships rather than event-only sponsorship.

World Tennis currently works with 27 active commercial partners across Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, wheelchair tennis, junior tennis, digital services and wider World Tennis programmes.

Our portfolio includes leading organisations such as Rolex, Betsson, Corpay, FAGE, MG, Visa, Infront, Mastercard, Microsoft, NEC, UNIQLO, BNP Paribas, Tennis-Point and Dwight Global, alongside a number of new partners secured during the year that will be announced in due course.

The continued diversification of the portfolio is an important part of our strategy to create sustainable commercial growth while generating investment that benefits tennis at international, national and local level.

The return of home-and-away Davis Cup ties in September created new commercial opportunities across the competition during 2025 and 2026, while Bologna served as an exceptional host of the Davis Cup Final 8 in 2025.

World Tennis has worked closely with the FITP, National Associations and commercial partners to increase investment across the competition and further strengthen the Davis Cup commercial platform.

BROADCAST

Alongside partnership growth, broadcast and digital distribution remained central to World Tennis' ability to increase the value of its competitions, reach fans in more markets and provide partners with stronger global visibility in a rapidly changing media landscape.

Davis Cup

The 2025 Davis Cup reached more than 63.7 million viewers globally, with coverage distributed across 178 markets.

- The Final 8 attracted more than 32 million viewers, demonstrating the continued strength of the competition's global audience.
- Home-and-away ties remain an important part of that reach, with strong audiences across the Qualifiers and World Group I & II.

- The first round of Qualifiers reached 11.5 million viewers, including 9.1 million watching live, with broadcast hours up 42% year-on-year.
- World Group I & II continued to provide significant international exposure, supported by more than 1,200 hours of broadcast coverage.
- Free-to-air distribution remains critical to accessibility and reach across many markets.
- Digital and OTT audiences continue to grow strongly, with streaming consumption for the first round of Qualifiers increasing year-on-year.

World Tennis remains focused on maximising global accessibility to Davis Cup, working with National Associations and broadcast partners to combine strong traditional distribution with growing digital, streaming and short-form opportunities.

GROWING THE REACH OF WORLD TENNIS

World Tennis continues to invest in production and distribution beyond its major team competitions, increasing the visibility of wheelchair, junior and beach tennis and creating future audience and commercial opportunities.

Wheelchair tennis

World Tennis produced the 2025 BNP Paribas World Team Cup in Antalya, Türkiye, with English-language commentary and made the competition available for international broadcast distribution.

The season-ending NEC Wheelchair Singles Masters and UNIQLO Wheelchair Doubles Masters took place in Huzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, bringing together the world's top-ranked players for elite competition. Coverage was shown on World Tennis fan-facing video and streaming platforms.

World Tennis continues to invest in production and distribution of wheelchair tennis to broaden its reach and showcase the world's leading players to a global audience.

Junior tennis

The season-ending World Tennis Tour Junior Finals brought together eight of the leading boys and girls at the Sichuan International Tennis Center in Chengdu, China, with live coverage showcasing the next generation of international talent.

At national-team level, the 2025 Davis Cup Junior Finals and Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Junior Finals brought together 16 boys' and 16 girls' teams at the Estadio Nacional in Santiago, Chile. The event returned to South America for the first time in 24 years, with live coverage available throughout the week.

World Tennis continues to invest in increasing the visibility of junior tennis, supporting National Associations and showcasing the pathway from junior competition towards the professional game.

Beach tennis

In 2025, 20 Major Beach Tennis events were live streamed on PlayBT, generating more than 340 hours of coverage across all broadcasters. Total viewership grew to 16 million, including 6.8 million for the Sand Series, 5.8 million for BT400 events, 1.2 million for the Tour Finals, 1.1 million for the World Cup and 1.1 million for the World Championship.

These events were produced with English-language commentary for international distribution.

HISTORIC ARCHIVE

World Tennis has continued to digitise and preserve its historic Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup footage archive, creating a valuable asset for broadcasters, commercial partners and National Associations.

Priority content is now available through a dedicated digital platform, improving accessibility while creating new opportunities for content creation, storytelling and archive licensing.

LOOKING AHEAD

World Tennis' commercial priorities are to continue increasing the value and quality of our partnership portfolio, accelerate revenue growth beyond our major events and expand new media, digital and content opportunities.

We will continue to develop more integrated commercial propositions across the World Tennis ecosystem, connecting elite competition with participation, juniors, wheelchair tennis and the wider development of the sport.

Alongside this, we will continue to strengthen relationships with our broadcasters, commercial partners and National Associations, improve the presentation and distribution of our competitions and identify new opportunities to generate sustainable investment that can be reinvested back into tennis globally.

MAJOR EVENTS

Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Finals

2025 saw a transition year for the BJKC competition, culminating in an 8-team knock-out final for the first time, aligning with the Davis Cup. The finals produced some exciting storylines with China making their finals debut and pushing title holders Italy hard in the opening tie before losing 2-0. Ukraine reached the semi-finals for the first time, but ultimately Italy came out on top, defending their title with a win over the United States.

Shenzhen delivered a strong first year as host city, with an enthusiastic home crowd turning out at the Shenzhen Bay Sports Centre Arena. China led global broadcast viewership, supporting the decision to take the competition into a major growth market for women's tennis. The host nation delivered a total audience of 6.7 million, driven by the opening match, which attracted 4.8 million viewers on state broadcaster CCTV and strong worldwide broadcast results.

The BJKC finals return to Shenzhen in September 2026 where Italy will be back to try to make it three titles in a row.

Conchita Martinez continues as Tournament Director. At the time of writing, the team nominations were not yet submitted.

Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers and Play-off ties

Seven Qualifier home-or-away ties took place in April, with Italy, Belgium, Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Spain, Czechia and Ukraine securing places alongside hosts China at the Finals in Shenzhen.

After 2025's transitional three-nation group format, traditional ties returned this year with a notable change to the match order: the doubles match, previously played last, is now played third. This aligns Billie Jean King Cup with Davis Cup and reinforces the importance of doubles in the competition by making it a guaranteed live match in every tie.

Reigning Olympic doubles champions Jasmine Paolini and Sara Errani won their doubles match in Velletri, helping Italy defeat Japan 3-1 in their first home tie since 2022 and their first as reigning World Champions.

Ukraine was the only nation to advance without losing a match, as Marta Kostyuk and Elina Svitolina led a dominant performance in Gliwice. The tie against hosts Poland was the best attended of the round, with more than 11,000 spectators across the two days.

Switzerland and Czechia went the distance in Biel, where the decisive match between Belinda Bencic and Linda Noskova went to a deciding set, with the Czech number two eventually prevailing after more than three hours.

BJK Cup tennis returned to Melbourne for the first time in 15 years as Australia hosted Great Britain at John Cain Arena. After an opening win from debutant and former US Open Junior champion, Mika Stojsavljevic, the British team built an unassailable 3-0 lead and booked their place in the Finals for the third consecutive year.

Seven Play-off ties are due to take place in the week commencing 16 November, as nations bid to secure a place in the 2027 Qualifiers. USA, Brazil, Poland, Japan, France and Slovenia all have hosting rights alongside Thailand, who reached the Play-offs for the first time.

Davis Cup

The second half of the 2025 Davis Cup season reinforced the competition's status as a truly global event in team sports. Across World Group I, World Group II and the Qualifiers 2nd Round, more than 139,000 spectators attended ties, with average venue occupancy reaching 73%, underlining the widespread appeal of national team tennis. The season culminated in a hugely successful first Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna, where a passionate home crowd witnessed Italy defeat Spain in the decider to claim a third consecutive title.

That momentum carried into 2026, with the opening ties showcasing both the strength of traditional powers and the emergence of new contenders. In the Qualifiers 1st Round, established nations such as the USA, Germany, France and Great Britain progressed, while victories for Korea Republic, India and Ecuador demonstrated the current depth in the competition.

Further down the pathway, the World Group II Play-offs further highlighted the growing reach of the Davis Cup, with nations from Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and the Americas all progressing. Nigeria's victory over top-seeded Uzbekistan, Syria's away triumph in Ireland and Bermuda's win over Georgia ranked among the most memorable results, while Pakistan and Cyprus delivered the most dominant performances with 5-0 victories.

These results have set the stage for a compelling September round. In the Qualifiers, Spain begin their campaign against a confident Chilean team, while Great Britain face Ecuador after both nations impressed in February. Germany and Croatia renew one of the competition's traditional rivalries, and the USA travel to Czechia in what promises to be one of the most competitive ties of the round.

Elsewhere, Austria meets Belgium in a finely balanced contest, while Korea Republic and India face off with both nations pursuing a historic first appearance at the Davis Cup Final 8. Canada and France add another chapter to their rich Davis Cup histories in a tie packed with quality and experience. With places at the Final 8 in Bologna at stake, September promises to be one of the most competitive and unpredictable weekends of the 2026 season.

As with Conchita Martinez for BJKC, Feliciano Lopez will continue as Final 8 Tournament Director in Bologna.

Regional Group Events

Regional Group Events continue to drive the global growth of the game, providing opportunities for emerging and established players alike to excel in international team competition. Standout performances in 2026 have included 16-year-old Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva, who went unbeaten for Brazil in Billie Jean King Cup Americas I, and former world No. 39 Radu Albot, who led Moldova to promotion in Davis Cup Europe III.

Participation rates remain high despite challenges posed by the conflict in the Middle East and the Ebola outbreak in Central Africa. Six nations made their Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2025, with a further two making their bow in 2026. A total of 209 teams are expected to participate across both competitions this year.

Interest in hosting at this level of the competition also remains strong, with Burundi stepping forward to host Davis Cup Africa III in August, the first ever World Cup of Tennis event in the nation. The Billie Jean King Cup also continued to broaden its global reach, with events staged in San Marino, Côte d'Ivoire and Bosnia & Herzegovina for the first time.

MAJOR EVENTS

Multisport Games

LA28 Olympic & Paralympic Games

In April 2026, the World Tennis team conducted a second site visit to Los Angeles.

The plans for the venue, and the final allocation of all spaces for the different sports at the Carson Zone (five sports for the Olympics and three for the Paralympics will be hosted there), are still to be finalised. Population modelling exercises will be undertaken shortly to determine the flows between sports and all the different stakeholders. It is a complex venue with many challenges, including accessibility issues, but World Tennis is working with LA28 to find the optimal solutions for Tennis and its athletes.

The team also met with representatives from the USTA who will be supporting LA28 in the delivery of both Games, both in terms of their expertise and potential staffing of key Games-time roles.

The team visited the Athletes' Village at UCLA and, while undoubtedly an impressive venue, saw first-hand the significant challenges regarding accessibility, which will need addressing before the Paralympics.

For the first time, Electronic Line Calling Live will be in operation on all courts across both Games. This is a significant step, elevating these services in line with the top level events taking place across the tennis calendar.

The Qualification System (QS) has been published for the Olympics which includes a Continental Place for the Pacific Games for the first time, joining the PanAmerican, Asian and African Games in all offering a qualification pathway to LA28. The QS for the Paralympics will be published in the summer.

The scoring for the Mixed Doubles at the Olympics will change for LA28. The event will now be played with no-Ad scoring, two tiebreak sets with a third set match tiebreak.

Earlier this year, Wayne McKewen (AUS) was appointed Referee for the Olympic Tennis Event, having been referee for the first time at Paris 2024 and having worked many previous Games as assistant referee. The referee for the Paralympics will be confirmed shortly.

The Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event dates have also now been confirmed as Friday 18 to Saturday 26 August.

Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games

The 2026 Youth Olympic Games will take place in Senegal from 31 October to 13 November. Due to inadequate existing venues and facilities, some sports, including tennis, are not on the main competition programme. An engagement programme has been introduced to promote these sports in the local community, and each International Federation will have a dedicated area to organise activities and workshops. We are working with the Fédération Sénégalaise de Tennis to ensure the tennis activation delivers meaningful community engagement and leaves a positive local legacy.

TOURS & PLAYER PATHWAY

WORLD TENNIS TOUR REPORT

Tournament calendar

The 2026 World Tennis Tour calendar is forecast to remain at record high levels, with approximately 1,250 tournaments expected across the year.

- The 2026 calendar is forecast to remain above the 1,200 tournament mark for the third successive year, reflecting increased and broader opportunities for players.
- The men's calendar is forecast at 639 tournaments, five more than the 2025 total, with M15 remaining the largest category on tour at 406 events.
- The women's calendar is forecast at 622 tournaments, slightly below the 2025 total but still 12% higher than the 2019 baseline.
- Women's W50+ tournaments remain a major focus within the Calendar, with 155 W50-W75-W100 events planned for 2026, two more than 2025.
- Based on the 2026 forecast, total prize money across all levels will be approximately \$31.54m, broadly in line with the 2025 actual total of \$31.64m.

World Tennis Tour tournaments and prize money 2019, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 forecast

Year	M15	M25	Men Total	W15	W35	W50	W75	W100	Women Total	Total
2019	385	157	542	278	201	-	51	25^	555	1,097
2023	316	255	571	211	195	53	76	29^	564	1,135
2024	363	235	598	258	179	69	71	25	602	1,200
2025	396	238	634	304	170	64	64*	25	627	1,261
2026	406*	233*	639*	297*	170*	70*	60*	25*	622*	1,261

^Includes discontinued W80 category.

* Subject to change.

Highlights of 2026 saw the World Tennis Tour return to Pakistan with Men's events in Q2; Egypt hosting Africa's first ever grass court professional event in the run up to Wimbledon this year at the W50 level; and the Women's Irish Open returning at the W50+ level for the first time in over 40 years.

Regional disruption in the Middle East resulted in the cancellation of 12 tournaments in Q1 and has limited the prospect of scheduling (in particular higher level women's tournaments) for the remainder of the year.

Data and Streaming

World Tennis has successfully delivered live streaming at all W100, W75, W50, W35 and M25 tournaments in 2026, with live data (scores) being provided at the remaining tournaments. Across the year, this will equate to over 60,000 live scored matches, with a record 30,000 of those also being streamed, bring higher visibility to the Tour.

Across 2026, World Tennis has worked with our partners to elevate the overall quality of our streaming output. This has gone hand in hand with providing increased access to matches for the player community via the new 'Results and Video' section in the World Tennis TourZone site (formerly IPIN). This resource has been well received by players with a strong level of uptake.

World Tennis is also in the process of developing a comprehensive analytics and streaming portal for players, coaches and National Associations, due to be called "World Tennis Performance" and

scheduled to launch in the second half of 2026. This service, also accessible to players via the World Tennis TourZone site, is envisaged to present users with detailed match analytics and derived performance-based metrics, geared towards player development.

WTT Operations

The WTT continues to focus on improving the services offered to players and the support offered to National Associations.

- The launch of a new Tournament Organiser education programme via World Tennis Academy this year will further safeguard the Tour and drive Tour Standards.
- An expanded Tournament Organiser call programme is forecast to achieve over 80 calls – dedicating more time and support to NAs, Organisers and strengthening relationships to improve Tournament experiences.
- Chair Umpires are now present in the last round of W15 and M15 Singles Qualifying, supporting a fairer and more professional outcome for players.
- Electronic Line Calling (ELC) continues to be requested at WTT Tournaments. Gold and Silver ELC certified vendors are partnering with Tournaments, with new World Tennis materials available to support NAs, Organisers and Officials embrace the new technology.
- A growing healthcare programme has WTT physios making mentoring visits to selected W50 and W75 tournaments, as well as Strength & Conditioning experts delivering sessions at selected W100s. A new module for physios has launched in partnership with WTA to respond to mental health challenges in our sport.
- Onsite treatment administered to players by the Physio is now provided free of charge - a long-time aim of the Tour achieved.
- The World Tennis UNO platform continues to support Organiser efficiency/integrity through the provision of onsite accreditation services, hospitality booking and management services at W100 and W75 levels, and a new transport feature is now available.
- All WTT players have access to World Tennis' new Player Care Programme – dedicated to supporting the personal, professional, and emotional well-being of players.
- A new term for the World Tennis Player Panel 2026-27 has started. The panel is a forum for players to have their voice heard on how the Tour is run.

WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS & JUNIOR COMPETITIONS REPORT

World Tennis is implementing the 2025–2028 Juniors Strategic Plan to create a more accessible, development-focused and connected global pathway. The strategy is making excellent progress, as demonstrated within, to improve the quality of competition, widen opportunity, strengthen the player pathway and raise standards across the junior game.

More Meaningful Competition: Round Robin to Elimination Draw

The most significant enhancement to the 2026 World Tennis Tour Juniors (“WTTJ”) took effect on 1 January 2026 with the introduction of the Round Robin to Elimination Draw (“RRED”) format at J30 and J60 tournaments. This change responds directly to an ambition of the Juniors Strategic Plan to explore innovative draw and scoring formats. The newly introduced RRED format enhances player development, increases competitive experience and creates greater value for players, coaches and families.

Adoption so far has been very good, with 40% of J30 and J60 events using RRED during the first half of 2026, helping deliver 5.6% more singles matches than in the same period of 2025—even though nine fewer tournaments were staged. Adoption is forecast to reach approximately 60% in the second half, assuring many more players of up to three main-draw matches while competing for ranking points and progression to the Quarter Finals. The evidence is that RRED creates more opportunity and value from each tournament week without calendar expansion.

Building on this success, National Associations are strongly encouraged to use RRED at every J30 and J60 tournament in 2027 where venue capacity permits, with a minimum adoption requirement of 75% and flexibility for a limited number of established events facing genuine court-time constraints. We thank National Associations and organisers for embracing a change that is already strengthening player development across the Tour.

Global Reach and Accessible Pathways

Through the support and commitment of member nations, the WTTJ remains one of the largest global platforms in junior sport. We expect approximately 1,070 tournaments in 2026, maintaining the record scale achieved in 2025 while focusing increasingly on quality, accessibility and competitive value.

We are very pleased to welcome the return of Zambia to the Tour for the first time since 2003, and Djibouti is expected to stage its first WTTJ event in October. This reach enables more young players to access an international pathway closer to home, reducing travel demands and cost for families and National Associations.

New acceptance mechanisms are widening opportunity. The 16&U World Tennis Number (“WTN”) Regional Reserved Programme has been extended to every region in 2026, with 1,197 players using it in the first half of 2026. Fifteen boys and girls admitted through the programme went on to win J30 or J60 titles. WTN Direct Acceptance produced a further 25 title winners at those levels. These outcomes demonstrate that data-led access can identify competitive players who might otherwise have missed an opportunity.

A Cohesive 10–14&U Pathway

World Tennis is collaborating with Regional and National Associations to connect national, regional and international competition more effectively for players aged 10–14. Priorities include wider use of WTN, better alignment of leading 12&U and 14&U calendars, and a review of Age Eligibility Rules. The objective is to provide a safe, structured pathway that protects appropriate development while enabling talented players to progress with confidence.

The 2026 World Tennis 14&U Junior Team Competition attracted 202 teams across the boys’ and girls’ events, an increase from 198 in 2025. Qualifying was delivered across seven regions despite

some travel disruptions in Asia, reflecting the commitment of participating nations and hosts. The Finals returned to Prostějov, Czechia, for a 27th consecutive year, with the Czech Tennis Association also committed to host the Finals in 2027 and 2028.

World-Class Junior Team Competitions

The 2026 Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors by Gainbridge Finals will be staged in Cairo, Egypt, from 3–9 November—the first time these Finals will be held in Africa. This landmark award extends the geographic reach of our flagship team competitions and provides an important platform for tennis in the region.

Applications from member associations are being considered for the 2027 Finals until late 2026. To broaden the range of viable hosts, National Associations may propose either a combined 16-court event or separate boys' or girls' Finals using eight courts. This flexibility is designed to unlock new destinations while preserving the quality and prestige of the competitions.

World Tennis Tour Junior Finals and Professional Transition

The World Tennis Tour Junior Finals return to Chengdu, China, from 21–25 October 2026. The event combines elite competition with significant player support: return flights and full hospitality for each player and coach, up to 1,000 ranking points for champions and travel grants of up to USD \$23,000 to support the next stage of their careers. Electronic Line Calling review will operate across all three match courts, further enhancing the professional environment.

The Junior Accelerator Programme continues to connect outstanding junior performance with opportunity on the professional pathway. Early 2026 results include quarter-final appearances by Hannah Klugman (GBR) at W50 Grenoble and Jeline Vandromme (BEL) at W75 Maribor, while on the boys' side, players including Jack Kennedy (USA), Alexander Vasilev (BUL) and Yannick Alexandrescou (FRA) have progressed through multiple rounds of ATP Challenger events – illustrating the value of targeted support through this programme.

Technology, Integrity and the Player Experience

Electronic Line Calling ("ELC") can now be used in both chair-umpired and non-chair-umpired WTTJ matches where a World Tennis Silver or Gold classified system is deployed and the required protocols are met. This creates a clearer route for more tournaments to use proven technology, supports consistent decision-making and gives junior players experience of standards increasingly encountered in the professional game.

Education remains central to a safe and responsible pathway. Mandatory learning through World Tennis Academy supports players, tournament directors and team captains with essential content on regulations, values, integrity and safeguarding. The programme is complemented by a One Sport Education taskforce involving World Tennis, ATP, WTA, the Grand Slams, ITIA and Regional Associations, helping to create an aligned approach for players and support teams.

A Shared Global Ambition

The transition to World Tennis provides a timely opportunity to present the global pathway with greater clarity and consistency. From 2027, the Tour will adopt World Tennis branding. Already in 2026, the Tour is supported by aligned digital services including World Tennis Academy, World Tennis ID, Tour Zone and World Tennis UNO. The objective is not simply a new identity, but a more coherent experience for players, organisers and National Associations.

World Tennis – in partnership with National Associations – continues to create the conditions in which young players can thrive, allowing players to benefit from a more accessible, more development-focused and more globally representative Tour, while maintaining the standards required to prepare the next generation for success.

WORLD TENNIS MASTERS REPORT

World Tennis Masters enters the final stage of its 2023–2026 Strategic Plan with strong momentum. With the continued support of member associations and tournament organisers, the Tour creates more opportunities for adults aged 30 and over to enjoy high-quality, age-appropriate competition and remain connected to tennis throughout their lives.

The strategy has centred on three connected growth priorities; marketing and communications; and high-quality Tour services and standards. Progress across each area has strengthened the Tour's global platform, while confirming that its potential to engage the adult tennis playing population is considerably greater.

Millions of adults already play tennis and want competition that fits their age, ability and commitments. The opportunity is to connect many more of them to an accessible international pathway, from local and regional events through to the World Championships – with the World Tennis Number identified as a valuable competition tool to support this.

A growing global Tour

A record 651 tournaments were staged across 72 host nations in 2025, and the 2026 calendar is forecast to exceed 675 events.

Player membership through the World Tennis ID has surpassed 52,000, reaching 52,908 in July 2026, while 42,280 players were active during the 2025 calendar year, contesting more than 101,000 matches. This growth reflects stronger engagement with Member Nations and organisers, improved Tour structures and a consistent focus on the player experience.

Our focus within Asia during this strategic cycle demonstrates what focused regional collaboration can achieve. The number of tournaments increased from 58 in 2023 to 89 in 2024 and 130 across 11 nations in 2025. Active Asian players rose to 8,255, representing 37 unique nations. The Philippines joined the calendar in 2025, Vietnam will host for the first time in 2026, and Tokyo will stage the 30+ and 35+ World Team and Individual Championships in November 2026 – which combine to create a healthy and active Masters Tour structure for players in Asia.

The progress made with the Asian Tennis Federation and respective Member Nations provides a strong model for development in some other nations and regions where player demand is not yet matched by tournament access.

Women's participation is another important measure of progress and future potential. More than 10,000 unique women competed on the Tour in 2025 for the very first time. A new Women's Participation Advisory Group has been established which will complement the Player Panel and the Tournament Director and Referee Panel, bringing informed perspectives to initiatives designed to attract and retain more women.

Quality that supports retention

Growth must continue to be matched by quality. Through the post-event feedback surveys issued to players after every tournament, players rated their overall tournament experience at an average of 4.2 out of 5 during 2025, from over 57,000 unique responses, which is testament to the quality of delivery, passion and hard work of Tournament Organisers. Feedback is shared with Nations and Organisers to support continuous improvement.

Between January and June 2026, 101 events received Tournament Recognition Standards awards, including 12 tournaments in the United States who have been included in the programme for the first time.

The Tournament Recognition Longevity Award has also recognised 22 tournaments that delivered events for at least 25 consecutive years up to and including 2025, to help celebrate an exceptional contribution to the Tour and to generations of adult players.

A world stage for players and nations

The World Team and Individual Championships remain the pinnacle of the Tour, providing players with the opportunity to represent their nations, pursue world titles and share an experience that reinforces their commitment to tennis throughout the year.

The 2026 events demonstrate both the appeal and reach of these events. Rome, Italy hosted the 50+ and 55+ age groups for the first time, attracting 90 teams and 435 individual entries. Portugal welcomed 87 teams from 32 nations to the cities of Lisbon and Oeiras for the 40+ and 45+ competitions, including a first appearance by the Faroe Islands.

In October 2026, Greece will host a Masters World Championship for the first time in Crete; Tokyo will welcome the 30+ and 35+ categories in November; and the rescheduled 60+, 65+ and 70+ Championships will take place in November at Ali Bey Club, Manavgat, Türkiye.

Strong interest from member nations has enabled early confirmation of the 2027 hosts. Perth will stage the 55+ to 70+ Championships, returning the World Championships to Australia for the first time since 2009. Lisbon and Oeiras in Portugal will host the 45+ and 50+ categories, while Ali Bey Club, Türkiye will welcome the 30+, 35+, 40+ and 75+ to 90+ events.

The 2027 Hosts combine experienced partners from recent years, with distinctive destinations and a broader range of opportunities for players and nations.

Renewing the strategy for 2027 onwards

World Tennis is now developing the Masters Strategic Plan for 2027 onwards. It will largely renew the successful foundations of the 2023–2026 plan while bringing fresh energy, increased ambition and practical initiatives to accelerate progress.

The timing aligns well with the transition to World Tennis and the refreshed World Tennis Masters identity, creating an opportunity to present the Tour more consistently, improve its relevance to adult players and equip Member Nations and organisers with clearer tools for promotion and delivery.

The focus and direction are to expand tournament supply and geographical balance; engage younger Masters age groups; increase women's participation; strengthen marketing and digital communications; and continue raising Tour services and standards.

Shorter formats and weekend events can make international age-group competition easier to host and easier to play, reducing time and travel barriers, while further use of the World Tennis Number supports appropriate competition, including entries and seeding.

The Tour has a strong platform from which to grow considerably. With continued collaboration across the World Tennis family, more tournaments can be delivered closer to home and to consistently high standards—turning the interest of many more adult players into lasting participation and an enduring connection with our sport.

BEACH TENNIS REPORT

Beach Tennis continues to experience growth across many areas including calendar growth, active player participation, prize money, media exposure and more.

Throughout 2025, 554 tournaments were staged in 35 nations, featuring 509 professional events and 45 junior events – an 11% year-on-year increase. South America remained the leading region, hosting 267 tournaments, including three Sand Series events, the Tour Finals, the inaugural New Wave competition and the Beach Tennis World Cup.

Record investment: Tour prize money exceeded USD \$2 million for the first time, reaching USD \$2.3 million. Sand Series events in Réunion, Aruba, Portugal and Brasília each offered USD \$100,000, while the Tour Finals rose to a record USD \$125,000. Portugal's debut also brought a six-figure Sand Series event to Europe for the first time.

Expanding reach: Beach Tennis social channels ended the year with 29,103 followers, up 55% from the previous year. Streaming across 58 Tour events generated 20.4 million views, compared with 17.5 million in 2024. Sand Series audiences rose to 6.8 million; the World Championships and World Cup each reached 1.1 million views; and BT400 events generated 5.8 million views.

Together, these results demonstrate growing demand, stronger professional opportunities and an increasingly valuable global platform for players, member nations, hosts and partners.

The year also marked a transition from growth measured principally by tournament volume towards a more mature model: widening access while raising event quality, strengthening the pathway and converting audience growth into long-term value.

World Tennis Owned Events and Pathway

Beach Tennis World Cup: São Paulo, Brazil welcomed 16 nations in the professional competition and 11 in the 18&U Junior event. Spain defeated Brazil to secure the Men's and Women's title, while Brazil overcame Italy to reclaim the junior crown. The event remains the flagship national-team event, combining elite competition with national pride and global visibility. São Paulo will host again from 8–13 December 2026, the final year of their current agreement with World Tennis.

World Championships: Cesenatico, Italy, welcomed 475 players—up from 450 in 2024—across men's, women's and mixed doubles at professional and Under-18 level. Delivered with the Italian Tennis and Padel Federation, the Championships showcased the depth of established and emerging talent and reinforced the importance of an integrated junior-to-professional pathway. The 2026 event will be played at a new location, with Matosinhos, Portugal hosting the event in September 2026.

Sand Series Tour Finals and New Wave: The Top 8 pairs in the Men's and Women's Tour gathered in Sao Paulo, Brazil to compete for a record USD \$125,000 prize fund. The event was delivered to an excellent standard, with strong player commitment – helping to strengthen the elite pathway.

In addition to the Men's and Women's events, 2025 saw the inaugural invitation-based New Wave event which provides leading 17–20-year-olds structured competition, mentoring and exposure alongside the world's best teams—an important bridge between junior success and the Professional Beach Tennis Tour.

Collectively, these events create a compelling performance landscape consisting of national team - based competition, individual world championships, a premium Tour finale and a targeted transition opportunity for emerging players. The strategic task moving forwards is to make that pathway increasingly visible, credible and accessible across every region.

Development and Strategic Direction

Coach education: Play Beach Tennis Level 1 courses were delivered in Ecuador, Chile, Iran and Turkmenistan, with Level 2 delivered in Italy. Building local delivery capacity remains central to sustainable participation, stronger coaching structures and improved player development. It also gives member nations practical tools to embed Beach Tennis within broader participation and performance programmes.

Released in 2025, the World Tennis Beach Tennis 2025-2028 Strategic Plan provides a shared framework for global growth. It balances expansion with quality, links participation more clearly to performance and places greater emphasis on the services, standards, promotion and revenues required for a resilient international sport. Some key progress in each of the pillars of the plan include:

1. **Growth and Development** — broadening participation, extending geographic reach and strengthening the base of coaches, officials and organisers needed for sustainable growth
2. **High-Performance Events** — enhancing flagship competitions, talent progression and ensuring that increased prize money is matched by strong fields, and delivery quality.
3. **Tour Services and Standards** — raising consistency across the calendar through enhancing event operations and a better end-to-end experience for players and hosts.
4. **Revenue Generation and Promotion** — translating digital growth and premium events into greater visibility, stronger propositions for partners and reinvestment in the sport's global development.

Ongoing priorities include supporting more nations to establish sustainable domestic activity; protecting quality as the calendar expands; strengthening the transition from junior to professional competition; improving the consistency of player and organiser services; and developing clearer commercial and promotional packages around the sport's strongest events.

The growth of the Tour is providing a stronger platform for the next phase of Beach Tennis. World Tennis wish to work with all member nations, players, hosts and partners to translate this momentum into wider participation, world-class events, better services and sustainable commercial growth. The ambition is clear: a globally accessible sport with credible pathways, consistently high standards and an increasingly influential place within the worldwide tennis family.

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS REPORT

Strategy

An updated Wheelchair Tennis strategy has been created to deliver a self-sustaining development model for the sport, to ultimately facilitate more players to pick up a racket from more nations across the World, aligned to the vision to enhance lives through the sport. The updated pillars of the strategy are as follows:

- **Pro** - Greater professional opportunities & visibility of the sport to drive pathway growth & investment
- **International Competition** - Meaningful & sustainable competition opportunities for all
- **Participation & Development** - “More players, better experiences” led by World Tennis, driven by NAs
- **Brand** - Showcase tennis inclusivity & the power of thriving over adversity through inspirational storytelling & reciprocity
- **System Leadership** - A thriving sport eco-system through collaboration, integrity & innovation

Pro & International Competition

The UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour saw the introduction of a new structure and ranking system, with a grading system that better aligns with other World Tennis and professional tennis tours. The enhanced calendar will bring more integrated, professional opportunities for players, and higher standards and elevated prize money at wheelchair tennis events.

The updated Tour competition pathway is comprised of three tiers: Premier, International and Development, with each serving a specific purpose that is aligned/targeted to specific player profiles.

In 2026, the Premier tier, which provides playing opportunities for professional players, has seen an increase in the number of integrated men's, women's and quad wheelchair draws at professional Tour events. Across the 26 Premier tier events, ever-improving standards and prize money are being offered for players providing an elevated profile for the game. In the International tier, regionally focused opportunities are provided for pro-aspiring players to support career progression goals. Chile hosted a WC175 (formerly ITF2) event in the South American region, which was the first for several years at this level – going forward it is expected further similar regional opportunities will be introduced. 169 events are scheduled across the full Tour calendar in 2026.

Our major events continue to play a critical role in showcasing wheelchair tennis and providing world-class competition opportunities for athletes. A key priority is to secure hosts for the BNP Paribas World Team Cup and the NEC/UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Finals (note: name change from *Masters* to *Finals*) further in advance, across full Paralympic Cycles, to help support continued growth, enhanced event promotion and legacy development. Moving forward, we are seeking to establish a more sustainable hosting model that provides greater certainty for players, partners and organisers.

The 2026 NEC/UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Finals will be hosted in Barcelona (9-15 Nov), while the BNP Paribas World Team Cup will take place in Orlando, USA, following the US Open.

This year has marked an important evolution of the junior pathway with the Junior World Team Cup being staged separately from the adult event (and with separate girls' and boys' draws for the first time) as part of a standalone **Junior Festival**, which also included a three-day junior tournament. The separate boys' and girls' draws marked an important step forward in the growth of the female pathway and the event overall served as a valuable development opportunity for

athletes, coaches and participating nations and a demonstration of our ambition to continue strengthening development opportunities for the next generation of wheelchair tennis players.

In December, the Junior Wheelchair Masters was integrated for the first time at the Orange Bowl, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA – a move that aligned the event with other year end competitions. Growth of the girls draw from 4 to 8 supported the provision of equal opportunities with boys.

The LA28 Paralympic Games remain the pinnacle of wheelchair tennis and a key driver of the sport's visibility and development. Preparations for LA28 are underway, with the Wheelchair Tennis Multi-Sport Events teams working closely with the LA28 Organising Committee on preparations to ensure the successful delivery of the wheelchair tennis competition. LA28 presents a significant opportunity to raise the profile of wheelchair tennis globally, strengthen athlete pathways and inspire greater participation in the sport. Our focus over the coming years will be to maximise these opportunities and build on the strong legacy of wheelchair tennis within the Paralympic Movement.

Participation & Development

The Wheelchair Development Grant programme continued to support the worldwide development of wheelchair tennis. 31 nations received financial support across at least one of four different grant streams; NA Development, Junior Camps, Player Development, and Tournament Hosting. Continued evolution of reporting processes is beginning to provide enhanced understanding of the realities of developing wheelchair tennis. Development was again supported by the Cruyff Foundation, who supported national and regional development camps for junior players, while the Australian Open saw the first Grand Slam Player Development Grant beneficiary win a Grand Slam singles title when Xiaohui Li defeated Diede de Groot 6-1 6-2. 13 players from 10 nations benefited from the programme in 2026.

Brand

Central to the updated strategy is the brand identity which runs throughout the wheelchair tennis eco-system and reflects how we enhance lives through the sport. Exciting brand developments are underway for 2027. The 50th anniversary of the sport in 2026 has provided the platform to celebrate the progress journey to-date, and to refresh our vision and plans for the sport's future.

Throughout the anniversary year, we have focused on recognising the people and moments that shaped the sport's remarkable journey. The Hall of Champions has become the flagship celebration, honouring individuals whose contributions have left a lasting impact on our sport and establishing a permanent programme that will continue to preserve the sport's history. Commemorative videos, the "50 Moments" digital campaign, player and pioneer interviews, and global recognition from Grand Slams, National Associations and tennis stakeholders have helped tell the story of wheelchair tennis like never before. Through these celebrations and storytelling initiatives, we have not only celebrated where the sport has come from but also highlighted the enduring impact wheelchair tennis has on individuals, communities and society, reinforcing the importance of continuing to grow and invest in the sport's future.

System Leadership

To meet our ambition of more players having better experiences, extensive stakeholder collaboration has helped create the Junior Wheelchair Tennis Strategic Plan 2027+. The plan has surfaced five key work areas of awareness, access, competition and development, funding, and coaching. The main focus going forward will be on enhancing competition and development opportunities, starting with a revamp of the grades of tournaments and ranking points, which will then be used as tools to reshape the junior calendar, seeking regional equity and a proliferation of development opportunities.

Classification remains the bedrock of the sport to help deliver fair and meaningful competition. Investment in this area continues across evaluation events (15 events held and nearly 200 players

classified in 2026), ongoing research into the physical demands of wheelchair tennis to inform future rules and criteria, and engagement with the IPC to ensure continued compliance with the IPC Classification Code, to deliver enhanced measures and processes for the Classification system.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The Information Technology Department continues to enable the organisation's strategic objectives through modern, secure and scalable technology platforms, better use of data, and digital services that help World Tennis engage more effectively with players, fans, National Associations and partners.

The role of IT is increasingly to provide the foundations for organisational transformation: connecting systems and data, supporting digital engagement, improving the quality and accessibility of information, reducing reliance on legacy technology, and helping World Tennis take advantage of new opportunities in areas such as artificial intelligence and data-driven services.

This work supports the wider ambition to make World Tennis more connected, more efficient, more customer-centred and better equipped to serve the global tennis community.

Supporting National Associations through shared digital services

Supporting National Associations remains central to our technology strategy. The IT Department is helping to create shared capabilities that can provide nations with practical access to trusted information, data and digital tools, and support their own journeys towards greater digital maturity.

This is not only about providing central World Tennis systems. It is about developing reusable services and technology components that can benefit the wider tennis ecosystem and reduce the costs of acquisition. These include identity services, data feeds, reporting tools, APIs, dashboards, and centralised digital administration capabilities. By making these services easier to access and use, World Tennis can help National Associations streamline activity, improve decision-making and make better use of information in their own planning and development work.

During the past 12 months, we have enhanced the National Association web-services API, making World Tennis data services more secure, scalable and easier for nations and approved partners to use. We have expanded the features of our Baseline tournament management system, providing access to more information and adding data analytics features with interactive dashboards for the Global Tennis Report and WTN. These improvements not only help NAs access and manage WTN and World Tennis Tours data more easily, but also to apply the data insights that we can provide within their own strategic planning.

AI adoption and responsible innovation

Artificial intelligence has become one of the most important new areas of focus for the IT Department. The priority is to help the organisation understand how and where AI can deliver genuine value, while ensuring that adoption is safe, practical and appropriately governed.

This work involves identifying where AI can make a practical difference, prioritise suitable use cases and support early projects within a clear framework for data access, information security and responsible use. Potential applications include improving access to organisational knowledge, automating repetitive tasks, enhancing customer and player services, and strengthening analysis across the organisation.

AI is being developed as an organisational capability rather than a stand-alone technology initiative. Successful adoption depends on trusted, well-governed data, so this work is closely linked to the data strategy and platform modernisation already under way. Our approach is designed to encourage coordinated, sustainable adoption aligned with clear organisational priorities.

To date, we have introduced controlled staff access to tools such as Copilot and embedded AI-assisted tools extensively within software development, content production and video production. AI also increasingly underpins the player and fan services we deliver through the platforms provided by our partners.

Maximising the value of data

Data remains one of World Tennis's most important and valuable strategic assets. The IT Department is strengthening the platforms, governance and internal capabilities needed to turn existing information into practical value and create new opportunities for the future.

The emerging data strategy is focused on creating operational, strategic and financial value. It will improve decision-making, give departments better access to insights, strengthen data governance, enable new digital and data products, support commercial opportunities, and reduce manual processing through automation.

A key part of this work is the continued development of more connected and accessible data platforms with major enhancements made during the past year to our customer data platform, Baseline, Tennis ID, and Trajectory – our central analytics and dashboards data hub. Current priorities include further improving business intelligence capabilities, developing new reporting and insight tools, expanding customer data collection, supporting audience and stakeholder analysis, and creating a more unified data architecture. These initiatives are designed to provide a clearer and more reliable view of activity across the organisation, allowing data to be used more effectively for planning, reporting, performance measurement and future service development.

Higher quality data, consistent standards, and trusted information also reinforce World Tennis's role as an authoritative source of global tennis data, and benefits National Associations, our partners and internal teams.

Digital ecosystem and customer engagement

A major strategic objective for IT is to support the continued development of World Tennis's digital ecosystem. This includes providing the technology foundations that allow World Tennis to engage more directly with players, fans and other users, while also improving the consistency and quality of the digital experience across services.

World Tennis ID is central to this objective, and adoption has increased significantly during the past year with its incorporation into more digital platforms and with the launch of a new dedicated account management portal. As a shared identity and single sign-on service, it provides users a simpler and more consistent route into World Tennis services. It also helps the organisation understand interactions across platforms and unlocks our ability to deliver more relevant, personalised engagement. For National Associations, it improves data quality and provides a stronger basis for linking player activity across systems.

The value of this work extends beyond individual systems. Shared identity, customer data, APIs and reusable platform components all help create a more connected digital environment. They reduce duplication, improve data quality, and make it easier to build services that work across multiple areas of the sport. This is particularly important as World Tennis continues to develop services for different audiences, including players, fans, officials, coaches, National Associations and commercial partners.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

People Overview

2025 + Q1 & Q2 2026

The headcount reported at the end of July 2026 is 148.

Headcount is reported on an FTE basis, with part-time employees pro-rated to their contracted hours. Fixed-term contractors are not included in the headcount. This figure does not include Development Officers, the Grand Slam/ITF Officiating Team or any other short term freelance staff.

For information:

At mid-year	2023	2024	2025	2026
Headcount	140	148	149	148

Key recruitment activity and senior appointments

- Our previous CEO retired in 2025 after 9 years in the role. He was replaced with our new CEO, Ross Hutchins, who we welcomed in October 2025.
- We have successfully recruited several key leadership and specialist roles, supporting the delivery of the organisation's strategic priorities:
 - In February we recruited our Executive Director, Strategy and Business Planning
 - In March we promoted our Head of Partnerships and Insights to Executive Director, Commercial
 - In April we promoted our Head of Wheelchair Tennis to Executive Director level
 - In June our Executive Director, Brand, Content and Creative joined us
 - In September our Executive Director, Development and International Relations will join us
- Our team based in the UK and our Development Officers reflect the requirement for global diversification with 29 different nationalities supporting the needs of our 214 member nations.



Employee turnover rates

Employee turnover remained broadly stable, with turnover at 14% at the end of 2025. While turnover figures can fluctuate in relatively small populations, the underlying trend suggests a healthy level of workforce stability.

The average tenure of employees who voluntarily resigned during 2025 was just under three years. This indicates that most voluntary departures continue to occur relatively early in an employee's career with the organisation, reinforcing the importance of effective onboarding, career development and retention initiatives during the first few years of employment.

Our 2026 turnover figure (based on voluntary resignations and retirements) to date is 13% and includes the retirement of two longstanding members of the Senior Leadership Team with tenures of 41 and 23 years respectively. These retirements represent significant milestones for the organisation and reflect a strong history of long-term employee commitment. Excluding these retirements, turnover levels and average tenure of voluntary leavers remain broadly consistent with previous years.

Overall, the data suggests that we continue to maintain a stable workforce, with strong long-service retention balanced against a degree of natural employee movement that brings opportunities for organisational renewal, fresh perspectives and the development of internal talent.

Employee Feedback

Employee wellbeing continues to be a key focus for us. Feedback from our employee surveys highlights that colleagues value both our benefits package and the wider wellbeing programmes available to them, reflecting a strong belief that World Tennis invests in and cares about its people.

In response to employee feedback, we also enhanced our Time Off in Lieu (TOIL) policy, providing additional rest days for employees who travel extensively in support of our global events, meetings and tournaments.

Working relationships across the organisation remain a significant strength, with employees reporting high levels of support and collaboration within their teams. World Tennis continues to foster a friendly and inclusive culture, and our hybrid working model remains well received. Employees particularly value our office anchor days, which ensure opportunities for greater connection, collaboration and team cohesion.

Opportunities

Employees identified opportunities to further strengthen internal communication, enhance cross-department collaboration and create greater options for career development.

These areas will remain a focus as we continue to support the organisation's growth and ensure employees are equipped to develop and progress within their careers.

We are confident that our planned move to new office premises in late 2026/early 2027 will help foster greater collaboration across teams. The design and space planning that is underway focuses on connectivity, teamwork and knowledge sharing in mind, creating more opportunities for employees to work together and build stronger collaboration across departments.

During 2025, promotion and development opportunities were limited due to budget constraints, which may have influenced some of the feedback relating to career progression. Despite this, we continued to invest in our people through leadership development programmes, professional qualifications and targeted learning opportunities designed to build capability across the organisation.

Encouragingly, career development remains a priority, and in the first half of 2026 alone, eight employees have been promoted. This reflects our ongoing commitment to recognising talent, supporting internal progression and providing opportunities for employees to build long-term careers with World Tennis.

Salary review approach

Following continuous benchmarking and market review activity, our end of year salary review in December 2025 ensured our salaries remain competitive and in line with UK cost of living while supporting our financial sustainability.

Looking Ahead

Looking forward, the HR team's focus will be on assisting the CEO and the Senior Leadership Team to support the strengthening of leadership capability within teams, supporting organisational effectiveness, enhancing employee engagement and ensuring we continue to attract and retain high-quality talent. Our people remain central to our success.

30/7/2026

INTEGRITY & LEGAL

INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION REPORT

1. ETHICS COMMISSION MANDATE

- 1.1 The Ethics Commission (**Commission**) administers and enforces the ITF Code of Ethics (**Code**), while the Election and Eligibility Panel, a sub-set of the Commission, oversees World Tennis elections under the Code. This Report covers the non-confidential aspects of the Commission's work for the period 1 September 2025 to 7 August 2026.

2. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 There are seven Members of the Commission representing the following regions:
- Mr David Howman, Chair (New Zealand) – *Oceania*.
 - Ms Urvasi Naidoo, Deputy Chair (United Kingdom) – *Europe*
 - Professor Dr Jack Anderson (Ireland/Australia) – *Oceania/Europe*.
 - Dr Donald Rukare (Uganda) – *Africa*.
 - Dr Jean Nicolau (Brazil) – *South America*.
 - Ms Ana Tuiketeti (Fiji) – *Oceania*.
 - Mr Benoit Girardin (Canada) – *North America*.
- 2.2 The following changes in Commission membership occurred in the past year:
- 2.2.1 Sandra Osborne SC's term as Chair ended in December 2025. We would like to record the Commission's sincere appreciation and thanks to Sandra for her leadership and work as Chair and for the significant contribution she made over her seven-year term.
- 2.2.2 David Howman was appointed as Chair effective 1 January 2026, with a term running to 31 December 2028. At that point he will have reached the term limit set out in the Commission's Terms of Reference (**Terms of Reference**).
- 2.2.3 Effective 1 September 2025, Ana Tuiketeti was appointed as a Member by the Board, to fill the vacancy left by Dr Tanja Haug who retired on 31 December 2024. Ana's term runs to 31 December 2028, at which point she will be eligible for re-appointment for one further four-year term.
- 2.2.4 Effective 1 January 2026, Benoit Girardin was appointed as a Member by the Board, to fill the vacancy left by Sandra Osborne SC. Benoit's term runs to 31 December 2026.
- 2.3 Urvasi Naidoo's term as a Member ends on 31 December 2026. As Urvasi is not eligible for re-appointment, the Commission is initiating a recruitment process to identify a shortlist of candidates for the Board to consider in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of the Terms of Reference. Her replacement must be female in order to meet the composition requirement in paragraph 7.2 of the Terms of Reference. When identifying candidates, the Commission is also mindful (for reasons of efficiency and continuity) of identifying individuals who might be suitable for future appointments.
- 2.4 Bird & Bird LLP continues to act as Legal Secretary to the Commission, assisting in a number of elements of the Commission's work. In accordance with paragraph 10 of the Terms of Reference, we will appoint a Legal Secretary for a new four-year term commencing 1 January 2027.

3. WORK OF THE COMMISSION

Complaints and investigations

- 3.1 The Commission has had no active investigations or cases in the past year, although the Commission continues to monitor a prior case, in which it was found that there was

insufficient evidence to assert a breach of the Code, for relevant developments that might require the Commission to revisit its analysis.

- 3.2 There were no complaints or circumstances reaching the Commission in the past year which were considered to be within its jurisdiction and/or which required investigation as possible breaches of the Code.
- 3.3 Twenty-six complaints were received during the course of the year relating to, among other things, alleged manipulation of competition, misconduct, poor governance, unfair treatment, and a potential safeguarding allegation. Where relevant, the Commission has referred the complainant(s) or has forwarded the complaint to the appropriate agency or contact, such as the International Tennis Integrity Agency (in particular regarding alleged corruption offences), the relevant national governing body, World Tennis, or another relevant body for further action if/as they see fit.
- 3.4 The number of complaints received in the past year (26) is slightly higher than the prior year (19). The Commission remains committed to providing a readily available forum to report possible breaches of the Code but has also taken steps to minimise the number of complaints erroneously directed to it, including introducing clarifying wording on the Commission's jurisdiction (and possibly relevant directions for other complaints) the relevant World Tennis website page.¹ The Commission will continue to consider further steps to ensure complaints are directed towards the appropriate recipients.

Declarations relating to Conflicts of Interest and Gifts and Hospitality

- 3.5 The Commission is charged with maintaining registers of declarations filed by Officials and Candidates regarding conflicts of interest and gifts and hospitality. With assistance from the Legal Secretary, the Commission compiled and reviewed disclosures from all Officials elected or appointed to World Tennis committees, commissions and taskforces in the 2026–2028 cycle. Registers of declared interests have been provided to each commission, committee and taskforce Chair for review and consideration of potential issues on an ongoing basis, and any further disclosed conflicts will be communicated to the relevant Chair(s) as applicable.
- 3.6 No issues requiring further action arose from these declarations during the year. However, four individuals elected or appointed as Officials failed to submit Conflict of Interest declarations despite several reminders from both the ITF and the Commission warning that they would be unable to serve if they failed to file a declaration. Those individuals have now been notified that they cannot serve as Officials and their names have been removed from World Tennis' list of committee, commission and taskforce members.

Amendments to Code and Terms of Reference

- 3.7 The Commission has collaborated with World Tennis to propose amendments to the Code and Terms of Reference to: (a) align the Election and Eligibility Rules in the Code with the expected timelines for the 2027 World Tennis elections; (b) introduce minor amendments to the campaigning rules for those elections; and (c) clarify that Officials' appointments are contingent on filing a Conflict of Interest declaration as set out in Article 2 of the Code, and introduce an efficient and unambiguous procedure for terminating such appointments if a declaration is not filed. At the time of this report, those amendments are pending approval.

¹ Stating (see [here](#)): "If your complaint does not relate to a World Tennis Official, click here for the World Tennis Rules and Regulations that might apply to your complaint. If your complaint relates to alleged corruption (other than in relation to World Tennis Officials), please refer to the ITIA website [here](#) [with link]."

Please note there is a separate Code of Conduct for on-court officials and other officials working at tennis tournaments and competitions, which can be found [here](#) [with link].

Election and Eligibility Panel

- 3.8 The Election and Eligibility Panel was not required to carry out any duties during the year, as there were no elections and no requests were received from Regional Associations to oversee or assist with their elections. The Election and Eligibility Panel is preparing to oversee the 2027 elections, with the candidate nomination and vetting process scheduled to begin in late 2026.

Commission meetings

- 3.9 The Commission met in April 2026, its first meeting following the new appointments set out above. At that meeting, the Commission discussed, among other things: updates to the election campaign rules; the conflict of interest review process and the approach towards possible non-compliance; a recap on relevant past investigations and important principles arising from them; and the approach towards complaints received on an ongoing basis. We intend to organise a further Commission meeting in due course.

David Howman
Chair, ITF Ethics Commission
7 August 2026

GOVERNANCE REPORT

Upholding the highest levels of integrity, governance and transparency is a strategic priority of ITF2024+4. To contribute to this aim, the Integrity & Legal Division guides and supports the governance of the ITF across a range of areas.

Governance and Constitutional Review

Following Council's approval and introduction of the new ITF Constitution in January 2025, World Tennis has been working with the Nations and Regions to support their implementation of the new Constitutional provisions by the end of the transitional period in December 2027. In 2025, Nations were invited to complete a self-assessment questionnaire (with 73% response) to assist in identifying those areas where they might most benefit from support – these were principally integrity-related, i.e., anti-doping, anti-corruption, ethics and safeguarding. The Integrity & Legal Division is now working with Nations to address these self-reported gaps in governance.

Good Governance – 2027 Elections

Following the successful implementation of electronic voting at the 2023 AGM, electronic voting will continue to be used, and the use of other technology to simplify and enhance the voting procedures will be reviewed. We are working with LUMI (the World Tennis election delivery partner) to enhance the voting procedures in anticipation of the 2027 elections, including automated counting and consideration of regional, share category and gender requirements. World Tennis is also supporting the Election and Eligibility Panel to ensure that the Candidacy Rules permit campaigning for the 2027 elections in a full, fair, open and transparent manner.

ASOIF Governance Survey

In 2026, World Tennis retained its place in the top tier of international federations in the sixth edition of ASOIF's summer international federations governance survey. World Tennis has been ranked in the top tier in all six editions of the survey. Currently, 14 federations make up the top tier, with 36 federations participating in total. This performance (a score of 223/240) reflects World Tennis' commitment to, and status in, good governance.

Governance – Olympic and Paralympic Tennis Events

During 2026, World Tennis has been reviewing the Regulations and Qualification Systems for both the Olympic and Paralympic Tennis Events for Los Angeles 2028. The circumstances affecting Belarusian and Russian athletes, who were permitted to participate in the Paris 2024 Games as Individual Neutral Athletes (AINs) in accordance with the IOC and IPC rules then in place, remain under review.

Data Protection

World Tennis has established a comprehensive data protection compliance programme that covers all personal data processing, and which is reviewed and updated each year with the support of an external Data Protection Officer. The Accountability Tracker, a tool established by the Information Commissioner's Office (the UK independent authority established to uphold information rights in the public interest) to self-assess compliance and best practice remains in use.

The key inputs by World Tennis Legal in 2025 were:

- Data protection advice to support the WT Digital & Development Strategy.
- Updates to a range of WT's Data Protection Policies and support for the business to update personal data practices to align with best practice.

- Support for specific aspects of the World Tennis Number (“WTN”) development and roll-out, including working with nations to explain aspects of the system to help them assess legal compliance in their regions, and advising on an “opt-out” model for publication of WTN profiles in certain nations.
- Continued roll-out of the World Tennis Data Sharing Agreement with Nations. As at 1 July 2026, 127 nations have signed this (4 more than as at 1 July 2025), and the roll-out continues as Nations sign up to the World Tennis Academy and to the sharing of data in relation to the implementation of the new Constitutional provisions.
- Streamlining of the process for players to request removal of, or amendment to, their playing profile on World.Tennis, resulting in reduced staff time to consider applications and quicker resolution of data subject requests.

Dispute Resolution

Statistics of cases determined in 2025 under WT’s dispute resolution process are shown in the table below:

	Davis Cup/BJK Cup	ITF Tournaments / Events / Activities
Internal Adjudication Panel		
Tour change of nationality applications	N/A	73 (64 granted; 6 rejected; 3 stayed pending further information)
Eligibility applications	36 (30 granted; 6 rejected)	17 (13 granted; 4 rejected)
Appeals of Entry Offences	N/A	17 (6 upheld; 4 partially upheld; 7 rejected) *
Appeals of On-Site Offences	N/A	15 (2 upheld; 1 partially upheld; 12 rejected)
Welfare Offences**	3 (2 provisional suspensions – ratified or maintained; 1 reciprocation request – approved)	12 (12 provisional suspensions – all imposed, ratified or maintained).
Other	1	1 (reciprocation – approved)
Officiating (White/Green badge)	N/A	0
	Davis Cup/BJK Cup	WT Tournaments/Events/Activities
Independent Tribunal		
Major Offences	0	5*
Welfare Offences**	N/A	0
Tournament Offences	N/A	0
Appeals of IAP decisions	0	
Appeals of On-Site Offences	2 (2 partially upheld)	N/A
Other	1 (IT declined jurisdiction)	0

[* Includes cases charged and resolved prior to involvement of the Independent Tribunal (i.e., the Player/Related Person accepted the charge(s) and the World Tennis’ proposed sanction(s) (‘outcome reached’))]

[** Safeguarding matters reported in the Safeguarding Update]

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Upholding the highest levels of integrity, governance and transparency is a strategic priority of ITF2024+4. To contribute to this aim, the World Tennis Safeguarding Team aims to prevent harm and promote safe and inclusive tennis environments for all participants across World Tennis events and activities.

The landscape of safeguarding in sport continues to change in response to reporting of historic and current allegations of abuse. Governing bodies must invest in the development of effective systems that afford participants protection from harassment and abuse. The World Tennis safeguarding strategy consists of four pillars:

- Leadership
- Regulation
- Education, Training and Monitoring
- Case Management

Leadership

The World Tennis Board and Senior Leadership Team continue to champion and promote safeguarding as a core part of creating safe and inclusive environments across tennis, aligned to the safeguarding-related amendments to the ITF Constitution, which took effect in January 2025.

Ongoing engagement with key tennis stakeholders remains a key priority, offering support to build capacity to assist National and Regional Associations to meet their safeguarding obligations. The World Tennis Safeguarding Team continues to strengthen relationships with the IOC Safe Sport Department to support the delivery of robust safeguarding measures at both the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Team are developing opportunities for greater alignment in partnership with safeguarding representatives from the ATP and WTA.

Regulation

The World Tennis Safeguarding Team launched a single safeguarding policy for children and adults in January 2026, which provides a clearer regulatory framework for all participants, by establishing standards of behaviour and setting out prohibited conduct. Serious cases continue to be referred out to law enforcement and protective services where required, while those that fall below a criminal threshold can be managed locally (where the competence exists) or by the World Tennis Safeguarding Team. The process by which referrals are managed are described in the World Tennis Safeguarding Case Management Procedures. All regulatory documents are available on the World Tennis Safeguarding web pages.

Work to strengthen systems of information sharing and reciprocation of sanctions between all tennis stakeholders are being explored, with a shared approach to information sharing arrangements and data protocols to make it easier to exchange sensitive case information

Education, Training and Monitoring

Aligned to the World Tennis Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy, the associated training has been refreshed to include awareness of both children and adults' risks. The *World Tennis Safeguarding Essentials* training has replaced the *Introduction to Safeguarding Children* training and is now available via the World Tennis Academy. The Team are working on rolling out bespoke relevant training to priority groups across the Tennis ecosystem e.g., parents, coaches, event personnel.

The Team have also launched assets around Safe Sport Day and World Mental Health Day campaigns, with engagement from the WTA, ATP and Grand Slams.

The World Tennis Player Care and Performance Lifestyle Programme launched a player mentoring programme in partnership with *Give Learn* and the *International Club*. There were 76 player applications from over 23 different countries, with shortlisting for the successful cohort currently taking place.

Case Management

The World Tennis Safeguarding Team continues to deal with a wide spectrum of safeguarding issues being reported. Seventy-five concerns were received over the twelve-month period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. Player Care case management continues to see online abuse and player mental health being areas of concerns.

SCIENCE & TECHNICAL REPORT

Science & Technical supports World Tennis' role in protecting the nature of tennis and encouraging innovation. The department's work is focused on making the sport healthy, fair and entertaining through certification, regulation, technology oversight, and sport science and medicine activity.

Current Certification Programmes

The department runs certification programmes that set global standards for equipment, courts and on-court technology, while generating more than \$1m per year for reinvestment in World Tennis. Current programme figures are:

- 336 tennis ball brands approved for use according to the Rules of Tennis, including 111 Stage 1, 2 and 3 brands.
- 359 court surface products classified for court pace.
- 138 Two-Star and 134 One-Star courts recognised for quality of construction.
- 4 Gold-level electronic line-calling (ELC) systems classified for use at elite-level tournaments (e.g. Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup).
- 2 Silver-level ELC systems classified for use at World Tennis Tour events.
- 40 player analysis technology (PAT) products approved for use in tournaments.

New Certification Programmes

- Premium ball approval is being developed as a higher-specification certification programme for elite-level tennis. The work includes assessing ball properties against player expectations and introducing new measurement methods, such as the quantification of ball fluffiness.
- Ball sustainability work is focused on a practical longevity metric, helping players, clubs and tournaments maximise ball use and reduce waste and environmental impact.
- PAT approval is being reviewed to reflect growing use of player data and off-court coaching. A new programme will consider data quality, user value and an annual approval model.

Key Standards and Policies

- ELC classification continues to be embedded as a core technology governance programme. Systems are classified by level of use (Gold, Silver, Bronze), with ongoing monitoring intended to maintain service standards as ELC expands across international and national competitions.
- International tennis court base guidelines have been produced to improve understanding of stable and durable court construction on different ground conditions, with the aim of raising quality and reducing costs for National Associations and court owners.
- Mental health first aid resources are now available via the World Tennis Academy to improve awareness among coaches, administrators and other non-clinicians of how to identify and respond to a mental health emergency. The 2nd Mental Health Summit in Tennis is also planned for December in Orlando to support cross-organisation priority setting and alignment on standards.

Emerging Opportunities and Innovations

- A World Tennis weather platform is being introduced to support event planning and player welfare by monitoring historic and forecasted conditions – including heat, air quality – and by helping organisers identify and mitigate environmental risks.
- The Billie Jean King Cup Match Insights app, provided to nations in the Finals, has been enhanced with Copilot chat integration, enabling teams to access answers and insights in real time.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS INTEGRITY AGENCY (ITIA) REPORT

About the International Tennis Integrity Agency

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) is an independent body established in 2021 by the ITF (now World Tennis), alongside the ATP, WTA and the Grand Slams, to promote, encourage, enhance and safeguard the integrity of their professional tennis events worldwide.

Sanctions are just one element of our work, though, and do not capture the depth and breadth of work we conduct in our commitment to tennis integrity. We extend our thanks to everyone at World Tennis for supporting our work, and valuable partnerships at every level of both of our organisations.

Our operational strategy for 2024-2027 has continued to guide our activity, with five strategic priorities at its core: *Education, Support and Engagement, Risk and Evolving Landscape, Process and Case Management*. Across each of those areas, our focus remains on prevention, transparency, fair process and practical support for the people covered by tennis' integrity rules.

In the last year, that has meant continuing to strengthen education and engagement across the tennis pathway, expanding routes for players and support teams to ask questions or raise concerns, and responding to a more complex public and regulatory environment around anti-doping and anti-corruption.

Alongside our case management, we have placed particular emphasis on making rules easier to understand, improving access to support, and helping players, coaches, officials and support personnel make informed decisions before issues arise.

A central development has been the continued evolution of our prevention model. Mandatory online education through the Tennis Integrity Protection Programme remains the baseline for players and officials, but it is now reinforced by more targeted, practical engagement at key points in a player's development. By the time a leading junior player turns professional, they will typically have had multiple interactions with the ITIA through a blend of online and in-person education, including at junior team competitions, professional events, officiating schools and other pathway environments.

We have also continued to broaden our support offer. The launch and promotion of The Line, our secure WhatsApp messaging service, has given members of the tennis family a direct and confidential way to ask for advice, report concerns, or seek help when something does not feel right. This sits alongside wider player support activity, including access to independent counselling, anti-doping legal assistance, and financial support in appropriate cases to help investigate possible sources of unintentional anti-doping rule violations.

These initiatives reflect our belief that integrity programmes are most effective when individuals feel able to engage early, ask questions, and make informed decisions. Whether the issue is medication, supplements, betting approaches, suspicious contact, or uncertainty about the rules, our priority is to ensure that practical advice is accessible before an avoidable problem escalates.

At the same time, we have continued to invest in clear public communication. During a period of significant interest in tennis' anti-doping processes, we have sought to explain the framework within which cases are managed, the importance of confidentiality and due process, and the specific facts and rules that shape individual outcomes. This transparency is essential to building trust, while protecting the fairness of independent processes.

Tennis Anti-Corruption Program

A prevention-first approach is essential, but it must be matched by a strong, intelligence-led response to those who seek to corrupt the sport. Our Intelligence and Investigations function continues to adapt to changing risks, including the evolution of betting markets, the use of technology by corruptors, and the targeting of vulnerable individuals at different levels of the game.

Knowledge sharing remains central to this work. We continue to collaborate with partners inside and outside tennis, including tours, governing bodies, event organisers, betting operators, other integrity bodies and, where appropriate, law enforcement agencies. These relationships help us identify risks earlier, support investigations, and strengthen the collective response to corruption threats.

One important source of intelligence remains our confidential memoranda of understanding with the regulated betting industry. Match alerts, combined with in-house analysis and investigative expertise, provide real-time insight into unusual betting patterns and help us determine where further assessment or investigation may be required.

Match alerts (Q1 and Q2 2026)

Tournament Type	Q1	Q2
ATP Challenger 125	1	
ATP Challenger 100		
ATP Challenger 75	3	2
ATP Challenger 50	1	
WTA 250	1	
WTA 125		
World Tennis Tour M25	2	2
World Tennis Tour M15	2	5
World Tennis Tour W75	4	
World Tennis Tour W50	4	
World Tennis Tour W35	1	
World Tennis Tour W15	2	1
Total	21	10

Tennis Anti-Doping Programme statistics (Q1 and Q2 2026)

The Tennis Anti-Doping Programme has remained a focus of public discussion over the past 12 months.

Our position remains straightforward: a strong anti-doping programme is essential to protect players, events and the credibility of the sport, but it must also be delivered fairly, sensitively and with appropriate support for those subject to the rules. Players are reminded that they may be tested at any time, including outside competition, and that refusing or failing to comply with testing requirements can carry serious consequences.

At the same time, many recent cases have underlined the importance of prevention. Inadvertent anti-doping rule violations can arise through contaminated products, medication errors, supplement risks, or misunderstanding of prohibited substances and methods. For that reason, the ITIA has continued to update resources, briefings and education sessions, including guidance linked to the WADA Prohibited List and the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

We have also placed greater emphasis on practical, player-friendly advice: checking medications, being cautious with supplements, using batch-tested products where possible, understanding therapeutic use exemptions, and contacting the ITIA before taking unnecessary risks. Detailed below are the TADP testing figures from the year-to-date.

Type	Total samples	Men	Women
In-Competition (urine)	2,585	1,598	987
In-Competition (blood)	150	78	72
In-Competition (ABP)	0	0	0
In-Competition (DBS)	44	15	29
Out-of-Competition (urine)	775	424	351
Out-of-Competition (blood)	339	174	165
Out-of-Competition (ABP)	490	264	226
Out-of-Competition (DBS)	15	7	8
Totals	4,398	2,560	1,838

ABP = Athlete Biological Passport; DBS = Dry Blood Spot

Sanctions and provisional suspensions (Q1 and Q2 2026)

Programme	Q1 provisional suspensions	Q1 sanctions	Q2 provisional suspensions	Q2 sanctions
TACP	8	8	0	9
TADP	2	2	2	2

An up-to-date list of sanctioned individuals is available [here](#) and data from our last full calendar year in our 2025 [Annual Review](#).

Governance

The ITIA is governed by a majority-independent Board, with representation from the founding members of the ITIA: World Tennis, ATP, WTA and the Grand Slams. The Board meets regularly throughout the year, and the 2026 ITIA AGM will take place on 29 September 2026.

During the period in review, the ITIA confirmed the appointment of Emma Johnson OLY as an independent non-executive director, succeeding Avril Martindale in April 2026. The Board continues to provide independent oversight of the organisation's strategy, governance, risk management and delivery against the five strategic priorities set out in the 2024-2027 strategy.

Board membership

Jennie Price CBE (independent, chair)
 Sal Perna AM (independent)
 Bob Harayda (independent)
 Ebru Köksal, CFA (independent)
 Emma Johnson OLY (independent, replacing the outgoing Avril Martindale)
 David Haggerty (World Tennis representative)
 Courtney McBride (WTA representative)
 Mark Young (ATP representative)
 Brian Vahaly (Grand Slam representative)

As detailed in this report, much of our work in protecting the integrity of the sport could not take place without the support of World Tennis, and we thank colleagues from across departments for your proactive partnership.

OFFICIATING REPORT

Upholding the highest levels of integrity, governance and transparency is a strategic priority of ITF2024+4. To contribute to this aim, the World Tennis Officiating Team aims to develop and support officials from grassroots to high performance through quality education, effective assessment, strong governance, and clear professional pathways, ensuring continuous growth and excellence at all levels.

Working in partnership with regional associations, national associations, tournaments and other key stakeholders, the Department focuses on the education, assessment, development and governance of officials, the Department aims to ensure an adequate supply of suitably qualified officials.

The strategic framework established in 2025 continues to serve as the foundation of the department's activities. The Department remains focused on the delivery of its objectives through three core strategic pillars:

- Education
- Officials' Pathway
- Stakeholder Engagement

These pillars underpin the Department's efforts to develop and support officials at all levels, strengthen officiating standards globally, and foster effective collaboration with key stakeholders.

Education

The Officiating Department delivered 13 officiating schools comprising 2 Green Badge Schools, 9 White Badge Schools and 2 International Schools. A total of 298 officials attended these programmes, of whom 233 successfully completed the required modules, resulting in an overall pass rate of 78%.

Regional officiating education activity delivered through World Tennis National School materials and webinar programmes continued to support the development of officials across all regions. Activities undertaken during the year included:

- The delivery of 19 nationally recognised officiating courses, comprising 2 in Africa, 4 in Asia, 1 in Europe and 7 in South America. These courses complemented the various training programmes conducted by National Associations.
- The delivery of 18 educational webinars, comprising 5 in Africa, 5 in Asia, 5 in Europe and 3 in South America. These webinars focused primarily on the Rules of Tennis, Code of Conduct matters and general officiating discussions, providing ongoing learning opportunities for officials at all levels.

During 2026, the Department plan to deliver 10 officiating schools across the regions, consisting of 2 International Schools, 1 Green Badge School and 7 White Badge Schools. These programmes will continue to strengthen the global officiating pathway and support the development of emerging officials.

Pathway

Mandatory online White Badge Referee Refresher Seminars will be introduced from August 2026. Delivered across regional time zones, these seminars will provide regular professional development opportunities and promote greater consistency in officiating practices worldwide.

The development of online learning resources, continuous education initiatives and structured refresher programmes remains a key priority for the Department. These initiatives are designed to

support continuous lifelong learning, maintain officiating standards and ensure officials remain current with evolving rules, procedures and best practices.

A total of 596 officiating assignments were delivered across Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup competitions, covering Referee, Chief Umpire, Chair Umpire and Review Official appointments. Assignments are determined by the requirements of individual competitions, including the number of Assistant Referees required for Regional Competitions and the deployment of Review Officials, which is determined by the playing surface and the type of Electronic Line Calling (ELC) system in use, whether ELC Review or ELC Live.

Stakeholder engagement

The World Tennis Officiating Team continues to provide comprehensive support and guidance to National Associations across a broad range of officiating matters, including:

- Development and enhancement of national officiating structures, including committee composition and key areas of responsibility;
- Advice relating to the roles and responsibilities of Officiating Committees and National Associations;
- Review and development of national officiating education curricula;
- Implementation and utilisation of the WT National Officiating Package;
- Planning and delivery of officiating schools and educational programmes;
- Development and coordination of webinar-based learning opportunities;
- Guidance on Code of Conduct matters and disciplinary processes;
- Design and implementation of tailored national officiating pathways;
- Official evaluation and assessment processes;
- Facilitation of international exchange opportunities to support official development and pathway progression'
- Assignment support to assist National Associations in meeting minimum officiating requirements;
- Operational support and guidance for Referees and Supervisors, particularly during key events.

These activities play an important role in strengthening national officiating programmes, supporting the development and retention of officials, and promoting greater consistency and professionalism across the global officiating pathway.

Certified Officials by Region

Region/Badge	Green	White	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Int. Chief	TOTAL
TE	0	766	146	124	74	66	1,176
ATF	0	359	38	26	12	13	448
POC	0	70	10	9	9	7	105
CAT	43	171	27	17	4	3	265
USA+CAN	0	85	24	16	14	15	154
COTECC	13	49	3	1	2	0	68
COSAT	53	132	31	19	11	5	251
TOTAL (2026)	109	1,632	279	212	126	109	2,467
TOTAL (2025)	95	1,558	247	215	122	110	2,347