

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OLYMPIC TENNIS EVENT, PARIS 2024

(Extract from the Olympic Tennis Event Regulations)

7 Eligibility

- 7.1 Save as provided in these rules, to be eligible to be nominated for and to participate in the Olympic Tennis Event a player must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:
- 7.1.1 The player must satisfy and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter in force from time to time, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) or any replacement or successor provision.
- 7.1.2 The player must be in good standing with their national sports association responsible for the sport of tennis (**National Association**) and the ITF in accordance with the ITF Davis Cup Regulations or the ITF Billie Jean King Cup Regulations in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (whether directly or as a result of an exemption being granted). *(See Appendix A for an extract as at the time of publication of these Regulations.)*
- 7.1.3 The player must be eligible to represent the country of the National Association and National Olympic Committee (**NOC**) that nominates the player by satisfying the Eligibility to Represent a Nation rule contained in the ITF Davis Cup Regulations and the ITF Billie Jean King Cup Regulations in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. *(See Appendix A for an extract as at the time of publication of these Regulations.)*
- 7.1.4 The player must have reached the age of fourteen (14) years for the men's events and fifteen (15) years for the women's events by the opening day of the Olympic Tennis Event.
- 7.1.5 The player must have fulfilled the minimum participation requirement in the ITF Davis Cup or ITF Billie Jean King Cup Competitions during the Olympic Cycle, by being:
- (a) part of the final nominated Davis Cup or Billie Jean King Cup team, and present at the tie/event (**National Representation**) on a minimum of two (2) occasions during the Olympic Cycle, provided that one of those occasions is in either 2023 or 2024.
- (i) Representation at the Davis Cup Finals (whether the group stage, knock-out stage, or both), Billie Jean King Cup Finals, or any Regional Group Event (as those terms are defined in the regulations applicable to those competitions), shall count as one occasion of National Representation, irrespective of how many ties a player may play in such event.

- (ii) For the purpose of these Regulations, **Olympic Cycle** means the period commencing on Monday 10 August 2020 and ending on 24 June 2024.

7.2 Where the player has not met the good standing or minimum participation requirements set out at Regulation 7.1.2 and/or Regulation 7.1.5 above, the ITF Olympic Committee may exercise its discretion to rule that the player is considered eligible for nomination for and participation in the Olympic Tennis Event. Any such decision is limited only to a declaration that the player is eligible, and the NOC retains its discretion to nominate such player. The ITF Olympic Committee shall take into account all relevant circumstances, which shall include but not be limited to the following:

7.2.1 Exemption from Regulation 7.1.2:

- (a) **Procedural fairness:** the procedure followed was so unfair as to be contrary to natural justice.
- (b) **Error of law:** the decision is based on an error of law.
- (c) **Manifest unreasonableness:** the decision is irrational, arbitrary or capricious.
- (d) **Timing of suspension:** whether a suspension that will be in effect at the time of nomination will be lifted by the time of the Olympic Tennis Event. An exemption may only be granted where it will not place the player in breach of terms applicable to the suspension (including for example restrictions on receipt of accreditation during a suspension). The ITF Olympic Committee shall consider any outstanding conditions of reinstatement. In any event, if the player is subsequently not reinstated for any reason, the eligibility for the Olympic Tennis Event will be revoked.
- (e) An exemption will not be considered if: (i) the player has not exhausted all remedies available to them through the organisation that is imposing a suspension on them (i.e. their National Association or the ITF); or (ii) the ITF has already rejected an application for exemption pursuant to the ITF Davis Cup Regulations or ITF Billie Jean King Cup Regulations, unless there is new and material evidence available to support the application.

7.2.2 Exemption from Regulation 7.1.5:

- (a) **Injury/illness:** The injury or illness must be evidenced through authorised medical records, clearly identifying the period of absence from all competitive tennis.
- (b) **Newcomer to Davis Cup or Billie Jean King Cup Competition:** A player only reaches a ranking level sufficient for Davis Cup or Billie Jean King

Cup selection by his/her National Association during the latter part of the Olympic Cycle.

- (c) **Strength of Nation:** A National Association has a large number of highly-ranked players resulting in competition for selection, which limits a player's opportunities to participate in Davis Cup or Billie Jean King Cup.
- (d) **Commitment to and Achievement at the Olympic Tennis Event and/or Davis Cup or Billie Jean King Cup:** A player's historical participation and/or achievement in one or both competitions.

This Eligibility Rule is extracted from the Regulations for the Olympic Tennis Event (the **Regulations**), published on the ITF's website, and must always be read in conjunction with those Regulations. In particular, the Regulations set out, among other things:

- conditions of entry to the Olympic Tennis Event, binding upon the National Olympic Committees, National Associations and players;
- the requirements for the filing of any application to the Olympic Committee for an exemption;
- the rules, procedures and criteria for qualification to participate in the Olympic Tennis Event, also detailed in the Qualification System published on the ITF's website.

These eligibility rules are subject to such further supplementary, additional or amending rules as are issued by the International Olympic Committee and/or the ITF in the Regulations, the Qualification System or otherwise prior to the commencement of the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event.