

ITF MASTERS TOUR 2023 REGULATIONS

2023 Changes

The following pages provide a summary of the proposed changes to the 2023 ITF Masters Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full 2023 Tour Regulations can be seen in the 'About Us' section at www.ITFTennis.com Changes made from the previous year (2022) are shown in underlined text.

With reference to the term '100, 200, 400, 700, 1000' throughout previous Regulations, this will be replaced by 'MT100, MT200, MT400, MT700, MT1000 (additional of 'MT').

SECTION I

REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF ITF WORLD TENNIS MASTERS TOUR ("WTMT") TOURNAMENTS AND THE ITF WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. THE COMPETITION

1. Title

The Competition, an international singles, doubles, and mixed doubles competition, shall be called the ITF World Tennis Masters Tour (formally known as the ITF Seniors Tour).

5. International Player Identification number (IPIN)

In order to enter ITF WTMT tournaments, players must have registered for a WTMT IPIN membership. All players entering WTMT tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to accept the related terms and conditions.

Players cannot compete and earn ranking points until IPIN registration is complete. A player will not earn ranking points from any tournament where IPIN and/or entry fees are outstanding.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the ITF has the absolute right to refuse to accept or revoke any player's entry to any WTMT tournament(s). The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

Each tournament entry (whether for Singles or Doubles or both) must be accompanied by a USD \$7 IPIN fee (**Tournament IPIN Fee**). The Tournament IPIN Fee will be fully

refunded to a player that withdraws from the Tournament prior to the Withdrawal Deadline. Please refer to Appendix I for IPIN Fee for National Closed Championships.

National Closed Championships

National Closed Championships may choose to implement their own criteria for entry and withdrawal dates, in accordance with the regulations of the National Association in whose jurisdiction the tournament is held (see Appendix I).

6. Events and Age Groups

Until otherwise determined by the ITF, the age groups to which WTMT Individual ranking points will be awarded shall be:

Men		Women	
30 years and over	65 years and over	30 years and over	65 years and over
35 years and over	70 years and over	35 years and over	70 years and over
40 years and over	75 years and over	40 years and over	75 years and over
45 years and over	80 years and over	45 years and over	80 years and over
50 years and over	85 years and over	50 years and over	85 years and over
55 years and over	90 years and over	55 years and over	90 years and over
60 years and over		60 years and over	

The following events can be organised at any of the age groups listed above at WTMT tournaments:

- Singles (Main Draw, Qualifying and Consolation)
- Doubles (Main Draw)
- Mixed Doubles (Main Draw)

If a tournament offers 35 years and over in singles, doubles and/or mixed doubles events, 30 years and over must be offered in the same tournament.

All tournaments must offer equal number of male and female draws at the factsheet stage.

18. Tournament Grading

There are six (6) tournament grades. The entry level tournament grade is MT100, followed by MT200, MT400, MT700, MT1000 and World Championships. Tournaments

awarded the MT1000 grade must not overlap event dates with the World Team & Individual Championships for the corresponding age group(s).

MT700 grade tournaments must not overlap event dates with MT1000 grade tournaments in the same region, unless approved by the ITF and where in its discretion there is a sufficiently large distance between the two tournament locations.

MT100 and MT200 grade tournaments may only take place in the same nation and same tournament week where, in the ITF's discretion there is a reasonable distance between the two tournament locations, and if approved by the National Association and ITF.

The Masters Committee are responsible for the allocation of grades at all ITF World Tennis Masters Tour.

The ITF department will proactively contact a National Association if an upgrade/downgrade is applicable, in line with the timelines and assessment of the measures outlined below. Therefore, National Associations are no longer requested to submit special upgrade requests for the consideration of the ITF.

The ITF World Tennis Masters Tour Grading Criteria is available on the ITF website [HERE](https://www.itftennis.com/media/8097/itf-world-tennis-masters-tour-grading-criteria-for-2023.pdf) (<https://www.itftennis.com/media/8097/itf-world-tennis-masters-tour-grading-criteria-for-2023.pdf>)

21. ITF Points Tables for Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Rankings

a) Round Robin Events

Final Position	Grades					
	WC	<u>MT1000</u>	<u>MT700</u>	<u>MT400</u>	<u>MT200</u>	<u>MT100</u>
1st	1600	1000	700	400	200	100
2nd	1100	700	500	280	140	70
3 rd & 4 th	800	500	330	190	90	45
5 th & 6 th & 7 th	550	330	210	120	60	30

Distribution of Ranking Points will be awarded to a player/team based on their final position in accordance with the Ranking Points table. For the purposes of this rule:

- i. if one (1) round robin group is played, a player's/team's final standing shall be used;

- ii. if two (2) round robin groups are played, the second-place player/team in each group shall be awarded semi-finalist ranking points and the remaining players/teams shall be awarded quarter-finalist ranking points; and
- iii. Points will be scaled for MT700 grade and above as followed based on the number of matches won:
 - a. Full points will be awarded if the player/team has won a minimum of 3 singles, doubles or mixed doubles matches;
 - b. 75% of points will be awarded if the player/team has won 2 singles, doubles or mixed doubles; and

50% of points will be awarded if the player has won 1 singles, doubles or mixed doubles match.

25. Tournament Types

There are three (3) tournament types:

- Singles entries close at the Entry Deadline. Doubles entries are possible online and on-site. Unless otherwise confirmed, Doubles on-site entries close at a 16:00hrs (local time) the day before the event start date.
- Singles and Doubles entries close at the Entry Deadline. There is no doubles entry possible on-site.
- Singles entries close at the Entry Deadline. There is a Singles (reconfirmation) sign-in on site for all entered players. Doubles entries are possible online and on-site. Unless otherwise confirmed, Doubles on-site entries close at a 16:00hrs (local time) the day before the event start date.

26. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

ITF (WTMT) tournaments (Grade MT100, MT200, MT400, MT700, MT1000 and WC) and the ITF World Team Championships events are open for players from all countries affiliated to ITF, provided they fulfil the IPIN and Age Eligibility rules as set out in the regulations. National Closed Championships may apply their own criteria for acceptances, as per Appendix I.

To be eligible to participate in any age group, a player shall have reached the minimum age limit by 31st December of the year in which the competition is held.

All Singles entries and withdrawals are made online at www.itftennis.com/ipin or in exceptional circumstances, to ITF Masters Department using the official Entry Form or Withdrawal Form available on the following links:

- Entry Form: https://itf.formstack.com/forms/wtmt_entry_form
- Withdrawal Form: https://itf.formstack.com/forms/wtmt_withdrawal_form

At the entry deadline a player's entry is confirmed and he/she may not compete in any other age group event unless age groups are amalgamated by the organisers in accordance with Section I, Regulation 42.

A player applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into Main Draw or Qualifying of the tournament.

ii) A player may enter a maximum of three (3) Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles events. However, if a player chooses to enter one (1) Singles event, he/she may compete in a maximum of two (2) Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles events. A player may enter without a partner but this entry will be deemed incomplete until a partnership is confirmed. A player may enter in a Doubles event of a lower age group. Doubles teams may consist of players from different nations. For the World Championships, please refer to the official Fact Sheet for confirmation of number of Doubles/Mixed Doubles events permitted.

iii) The Entry Deadline is at 10.00 GMT on the Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week. The withdrawal deadline for the World Individual Championships shall be 10.00 GMT on the Monday seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week. If approved by the ITF at application stage, an alternative option of thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week will be considered for MT700 grade and above.

A Tournament Organiser may choose to extend the Doubles/ Mixed Doubles Entry Deadline by holding a sign-in on-site, details of which shall be published in the official Fact Sheet. Doubles teams that fully completed their entry online, are not required to reconfirm by signing in. If there are changes to an entered doubles team, the players must inform the Referee before the sign-in deadline of such change.

It is the player's responsibility to check the correct Entry Deadline on the official tournament Fact Sheet published within the IPIN online service. Please refer to Appendix 1 for information regarding National Closed Championships. It is also a player's responsibility to check that any online entry made has gone through, that payment of the Tournament IPIN Fee has been received by the ITF, and that they have received a confirmation email.

iv) The Withdrawal Deadline for all tournament grades (MT100, MT200, MT400, MT700 and MT1000) is at 10.00 GMT on the Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the

Tournament week – the same as the entry deadline. The withdrawal deadline for the World Individual Championships shall be 10.00 GMT on the Monday seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week. Please refer to Appendix 1 for information regarding National Closed Championships.

Players accepted into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance list at the Withdrawal Deadline are deemed to be committed to play the event and subject to the entry offences and accompanying penalties set out in the Code of Conduct.

Any withdrawal made after the Withdrawal Deadline will be considered a Late Withdrawal. A player's first Late Withdrawal offence within a calendar year will be excused and the player will not be penalised, providing the withdrawal is made using the player's IPIN online account prior to the draw being published.

An excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above, and notifies the ITF about the second week's late withdrawal by the last day of the first tournament withdrawn from

All Withdrawals after the draw has been made will be subject to penalties set out in the Code of Conduct.

It is not necessary to provide a medical certificate in case of a Late Withdrawal.

A player who wishes to withdraw after the Withdrawal Deadline must withdraw online using the player's IPIN online service. Failure to withdraw will be subject to the penalties provided for a No-Show entry offence in the Code of Conduct at Section III. Only in exceptional circumstances may the Official Withdrawal Form be sent by email to the Referee by the applicable deadline. Entry and withdrawal forms submitted by email must be signed by the player and be fully completed.

Late Entries

Late entries may be added to a draw after the entry deadline at the discretion of the Referee. Late entries must not be seeded at MT700, MT1000 or World Championships (in accordance with their ranking as at the tournament entry deadline) and only to fill empty spaces within a draw (draw size as published on the tournament fact sheet on the ITF website). Any late entry requests may be declined by the Referee if received less than 24 hours before the draw is made. MT100 and MT200 grade tournaments may accept late entries from seeded players at the discretion of the organising committee. MT400 grade tournaments consisting of 15 players/pairs or less may accept late entries from seeded players/pairs at the discretion of the organising committee.

If it is determined that a player knowingly enters a tournament as a late entry when she/he otherwise would have been seeded, the ITF Senior Executive Director of Tours

and Player Pathway may remove any ranking points earned by that late entry player if it considers it fair and reasonable to do so. The decision of the ITF Senior Executive Director of Tours and Player Pathway to remove any ranking points earned may be appealed by the late entry player to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel in accordance with its Procedural Rules.

33. Sign-in/Registration

Should a tournament choose to hold a sign-in, players must sign-in as follows:

c) Doubles Sign-In

All references in this section to Doubles will also be valid for Mixed doubles unless explicitly mentioned otherwise.

The Doubles sign-in for Additional On-Site Doubles Entries is conducted by the Referee and closes at a time announced at the tournament venue or confirmed on the official factsheet. Only incomplete doubles entries, changed doubles teams and new doubles team entries must sign-in. Unless otherwise confirmed, Doubles on-site entries close at a 16:00hrs (local time) the day before the event start date.

35. Singles Seeding Criteria

(a) Singles Seeding Process

Singles seeding shall be based on the ITF WTMT Individual Singles Ranking points as of seven (7) days before the Monday of the Tournament Week, and strictly in world ranking order.

The number of seeds in Knock-out draws shall be as follows:

<u>Up to 10 Players:</u>	<u>2</u> seeds
<u>11-20 Players:</u>	<u>4</u> seeds
<u>21-40 Players:</u>	<u>8</u> seeds
<u>41-80 Players:</u>	<u>16</u> seeds
<u>81-128 Players:</u>	<u>32</u> seeds

The number of seeds in Round Robin draws shall be as follows:

<u>3-5</u> players:	0 seeds
<u>6-7</u> players:	2 seeds

Where practically possible the order of play for a round robin of 5 players should schedule the 2 best ranked players on the final day of the event.

Except for Seed Exempt positions as specified in Regulation 37, players without an WTMT Individual Singles Ranking shall not be seeded.

The number of seeds in knock-out draws shall be as follows:

Up to 10 teams: 2 seeds

11-22 teams: 4 seeds

21-40 teams: 8 seeds

41-64 teams: 16 seeds

The number of seeds in Round Robin draws shall be as follows:

5 teams: 0 seeds

6-7 teams: 2 seeds

For Doubles seeding, other than for a limited number of exempt seeds as described below, Doubles teams must not be seeded unless one of the players has got an WTMT Individual Singles Ranking or an WTMT Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable).

43. Format of Play of Round Robin Events

Rules for Round Robin events

In the Round Robin groups, the following rules apply:

The standings calculation will only include the results of matches played amongst the players/teams who completed all matches in the round robin group. Retired matches count as completed for this purpose. A player/team that concedes 1 or more walkovers shall be included for the purposes of the standings calculation, however they will finish 1 position lower than players(s)/team(s) who have recorded the same number of wins.

Players/doubles teams are awarded one (1) point for winning a match. The final standings in a Round Robin group are determined by the number of points won by each player/team.

52. Entry Fees

a) Grade MT100, MT200, MT400, MT700 and MT1000 WTMT tournaments

The tournament committee shall determine a reasonable entry fee following recommendation by the ITF of what is considered reasonable. The entry fee, payment instructions and a deadline for payment shall be published in the official fact sheet. A tournament committee has the authority to officially withdraw any entered player that has not paid the entry fee according to the payment instructions and deadline published in the fact sheet. Entry fees and IPIN fees must be paid by each player before they play their first match.

Recommended Entry Fees are as follows:

MT1000 from 80 to 110 \$USD Dollars/Euros

MT700 from 70 to 100 \$USD Dollars/Euros

MT400 from 60 to 90 \$USD Dollars/Euros

MT200 from 45 to 80 \$USD Dollars/Euros

MT100 from 35 to 70 \$USD Dollars/Euros

The recommended entry fees assume entry into one singles event and up to two doubles events. Charging an entry fee per event is permitted and should be consistent with the above.

55. Officials

a) **WTMT Individual Championships**

The Referee shall, as a minimum, be a certified Silver Badge Referee. Chair Umpires shall be provided for the main draw finals. In addition, the Organising Committee shall make every effort to provide Chair Umpires in the main draw semi-finals. The Host Nation shall appoint on and off court officials as required by the ITF. As a minimum, any Chair Umpire should be a trained and/or qualified Chair Umpire as recognised by the National Association

b) Tournament Directors

Tournament Directors are not permitted to play in their own tournaments. Subject to ITF approval, Tournament Directors may be able to participate in limited events at MT100, MT200 or MT400 tournaments.

59. Banner

Tournaments should display the WTMT banner on their main court.

Minimum requirements for each grade are:

MT1000's = Minimum of 3 WTMT tournament logo banners on site with dimensions of at least 3m x 1m, with WTMT net signage of approximately 0.8m x 0.6m included on at least 2 show courts.

MT700 = Minimum of 2 WTMT tournament logo banners on site with dimensions of at least 3m x 1m, with WTMT net signage of approximately 0.8m x 0.6m included on at least 2 show courts.

MT100 to MT400 = Minimum of 1 WTMT tournament logo banners on site with dimensions of at least 3m x 1m or similar. Net signage recommended on show courts.

SECTION II REGULATIONS FOR THE ITF WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. THE COMPETITION

1. Title

The Competition shall be called "ITF World Team Championships". The ITF World Team Championships Cups are as follows:

a) Official Team Competitions of the ITF:

<u>Men's 30 Cup</u>	<u>For men who have reached or will reach the age of 30 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.</u>
Italia Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 35 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Tony Trabert Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 40 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Dubler Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 45 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held

Fred Perry Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 50 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Austria Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 55 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Von Cramm Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 60 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Britannia Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 65 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Jack Crawford Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 70 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Bitsy Grant Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 75 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Gardnar Mulloy Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 80 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Lorne Main Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 85 years on or before the 31 st December in the year in which the competition is held
<u>Women's 30 Cup</u>	<u>For women who have reached or will reach the age of 30 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.</u>
Suzanne Lenglen Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 35 years on or before the 31 st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Young Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 40 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Margaret Court Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 45 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Maria Esther Bueno Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 50 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.

Maureen Connolly Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 55 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Alice Marble Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 60 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Kitty Godfree Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 65 years on or before the 31 December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Althea Gibson Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 70 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Queens' Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 75 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Doris Hart Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 80 years on or before the 31 st December in the year in which the Competition is held
Angela Mortimer Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 85 years on or before 31 December in the year in which the competition is held

4. Nations Eligible

The Competition shall be open to Class B and Class C members of the ITF and only players who are eligible to represent a nation in accordance with Section II, Regulation 25 (Eligibility of a Player to Represent a Nation) may be nominated members of the team of that country.

Entry fees to be paid in US Dollars (USD). The Entry Fee for each Team Cup is US\$600.00 for a maximum of 4 players, plus an IPIN fee of US \$7.00 per player. An additional fee for a non-playing captain (5th person) is US\$125.00.

39. Format of Play

All possible formats of play for the ITF WorldTeam Championships for entry sizes from 3 to 32 teams will be communicated to the Team Captain in advance of the event and published online and in a prominent place at each tournament venue on Day 1.

The Competition will be played on a Round Robin basis, followed by Knock-out and/or Round Robin in the later stages, depending on number of entries, to give complete final standings of all teams.

In the first Round Robin stage of the competition, any byes will be given to the seeded nation(s) in descending order.

For draw sizes consisting of 17-23 teams, , 'byes' in the knockout stage shall be filled by teams that finish in 2nd position in the first Round Robin stage and shall be drawn by lot. As far as is practicable, teams from the same Round Robin group shall be placed in different halves of the draw in the first round of the Knock-out stage. This will be applied to all draws in the second stage.

SECTION III

CODE OF CONDUCT

ITF WORLD TENNIS MASTERS TOUR, ITF WORLD TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (WTMT)

II. ENTRY OFFENCES

A. Entry Offences

1. Late Withdrawal/No Show

Any late withdrawal from a player accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal. A player's first (1) late withdrawal offence within a calendar year is excused, provided the withdrawal is made using the player's IPIN online account prior to the draw being published.

Any unauthorised late withdrawal or any subsequent late withdrawal shall subject a player to sanction points in accordance with the Suspension Point Schedule below.

A player will have committed a No-Show Offence if:

- the player is accepted into the Qualifying Draw and fails to sign in by the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline; or
- the player is accepted into the Main Draw or has a wild card entry and fails to arrive on-site for his first match in the tournament. The Referee may waive the No Show Offence for a player who arrives on-site after the scheduled commencement time for his/her match, and penalise him/her for the On-Site Offence of Punctuality instead

A player with one (1) no show at WTMT tournaments will be prevented from entering and/or playing any further WTMT tournaments until all outstanding entry fees and IPIN fees are paid. The player will be prevented access to the IPIN system until payment has been made.

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

VI. TOURNAMENT OFFENCES

VIII. RECIPROCITY & INFORMATION SHARING

The ITF reserves the right to ask the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to affirm, modify, extend or reject with respect to any or all ITF WTMT tournaments a suspension or other sanction issued against a Covered Person (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy, Appendix IV) either by or on behalf of the ITF pursuant to a conduct or disciplinary process under any ITF code or policy or by a tennis organisation (including but not limited to the Women's Tennis Association, Association of Tennis Professionals, the Grand Slam Board, and each member national association) or other relevant authority.

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have the right in its absolute discretion to share information concerning any complaint against a Covered Person with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any other tennis organisation or any other relevant authorities. The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate in its absolute discretion. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by any other tennis organisations and/or any relevant authorities.

A decision by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to affirm, modify or reject a suspension or other sanction issued against a Covered Person may be appealed by the Covered Person to the Independent Tribunal, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the Independent Tribunal's decision).

A Player with unpaid fines of \$500 or above owing to the ITF, having been afforded sufficient time to pay the fine(s), shall not be considered in 'Good Standing' and shall be ineligible to play in ITF Team Competitions until the fine(s) have been paid.

APPENDIX I

NATIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. National Closed Championships shall be hosted by a National Association and shall be open only to competitors who are eligible according to the rules of each National Association.
2. Each tournament entry (whether for Singles or Doubles or both) must be accompanied by a USD \$3 IPIN fee ("Tournament IPIN Fee"). The Tournament IPIN Fee will only be fully refunded to a player that withdraws from the Tournament prior to the Withdrawal Deadline.
3. National Closed Championships may choose to run the tournament in accordance with the regulations of the National Association where the tournament is held, including criteria for acceptances, entry and withdrawal deadline dates, seeding and appointment of referee.
4. A National Closed Championships may not be graded higher than Grade MT700 level. National Closed Championships shall be subject to the ITF WTMT grading criteria and may be upgraded or downgraded accordingly. Ranking points will be awarded according to the points tables in Section I, Regulation 21.
5. Tournament Organisers hosting a MT700 level must use the official ITF tournament software (TP) for collecting and submitting results to the ITF. Tournament organisers are strongly encouraged to use the online entry facility provided by the ITF.
6. If a Tournament Organiser hosting a MT100, MT200 or MT400 level tournament chooses not to use the ITF Tournament Planner (TP), an additional sanction fee of \$100 will be charged to contribute to the costs of manually inputting of results. Tournaments that do not use Tournament Planner will be added within 21 days of the tournament end date.
7. All players must obtain an WTMT IPIN membership to receive ITF ranking points from National Closed Championships.
8. Each National Association is permitted to have one National Closed Championships tournament on the WTMT Calendar per year. Nations that hosted more than one National Closed Championships tournament per year when this Appendix was introduced may continue to host those pre-existing

tournaments. In exceptional circumstances approved by the ITF, additional closed tournaments may be approved.

9. It is the player's responsibility to check the correct Entry/Withdrawal Deadline displayed on the official tournament Fact Sheet published within the IPIN online service. It is also a player's responsibility to check that any online entry (if applicable) made has gone through and that they have received a confirmation email.

APPENDIX IV: WELFARE POLICY

A “Covered Person” is bound by all sections of this Welfare Policy, and is defined as any person who:

- Receives accreditation and/or otherwise competes, coaches, officiates, works at, or otherwise participates in any tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Holds a valid player registration to enter or compete in any ITF tennis tournament (Player);
- Is a parent, legal guardian or chaperone of a Player;
- Is a coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, therapist or any other Person supporting, working with, treating or assisting any Player participating in or preparing to participate in a tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Attends, or is a resident or is employed at, an ITF Regional Training Centre;
- Is a member of an ITF Touring Team in any capacity;
- Is an ITF employee or ITF-appointed consultant;
- Holds an ITF or ITF-recognised Officiating or Coaching qualification or certification;
- Attends, whether by payment or otherwise, any ITF tournament, event or activity; or
- Acts as an ITF contractor or volunteer or is involved in the administration of or preparation for any of the above.

Each Covered Person is deemed, as a condition of their participation in the activities described above, to have agreed to be bound by this Policy, and to have submitted to the authority of the ITF to enforce this Policy, including any consequences for breach thereof, and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels identified in these Regulations and in the ITF Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under this Policy.