

2023 WOMEN'S AND MEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR REGULATIONS

Summary of Key Rule Changes

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2023 Women's and Men's Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full Regulations are on the ITF website in the Tour Regulations section [here](#).

Changes made from the previous year (2022) are shown in underlined text.

(Women's)

Section I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

Women's ITF World Tennis Tour comprises all Women's Tournaments offering \$15,000, \$25,000, \$40,000, \$60,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000 in prize money including events providing complimentary hospitality ("H"). These tournaments are referred to as "15s", "25s", "40s", "60s", "80s" and "100s" in terms of naming and branding but will be referred to in full by their prize money in these Regulations.

Women's rule items have been adjusted to include the addition of the new W40 category. In the majority of rule items, the W40 category has been aligned with the W60 category. This is reflected in key rule items, including but not limited to, I.C.5 [Tournament Doctor and Sports Physiotherapist], III.F. [Balls], IV.B [Financial Guarantee], V.I [Wild Cards], V.N [Administrative Error on Acceptance lists], VI.A [Advance Entry Doubles], VII.B&D [Singles & Doubles System of Merit], XIII.B [Processing of Rankings], XIII.D [Hospitality].

As an exception, the W40 category will align with W15/25 categories in the Code of Conduct [Fines Guidelines], and W25 for Line Umpire requirements with reference to I.C.4 [Officials, and Officiating Requirements].

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Section III. WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR TOURNAMENTS

B. Category of Tournaments

1. ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments offering \$15,000, \$25,000, \$40,000, \$60,000, \$80,000 or \$100,000 in prize money will award WTA ranking points

Any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments, listed below, that comply with the criteria laid down in these Regulations are eligible for inclusion of their results on the WTA Rankings as specified in Section XIII, WTA Rankings. Such Tournaments fall into the following groups:

- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$15,000/€13,500
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$15,000/€13,500 +H
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$25,000 / €22,500
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$25,000 / €22,500 +H
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$40,000 / €36,000
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$40,000 / €36,000 +H
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$60,000/ €54,500

- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$60,000 / / €54,500 +H
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$80,000 / / €72,500
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR \$100,000 / / €91,000

Women's ITF World Tennis Tour \$80,000 / / €72,500 +H and \$100,000 / / €91,000 +H have been removed from the above list as hospitality at these categories is now mandatory.

C. Tournament Events

Each National Association must commit to organising the same number of tournaments in the W60/W80/W100 category in 2023, as in 2022, before the ITF agrees to sanction a W40 tournament.

The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of any applications for standalone tournaments. A standalone tournament is a tournament in a country with no other tournaments in the preceding or following week in the same country.

E. Match Format

Singles Qualifying at \$40,000, \$60,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000 Tournaments

The best of three (3) tie-break sets, unless a "Modified Format" is otherwise approved by the ITF. Ad scoring must be used.

F. Balls

\$80,000 and \$100,000 Tournaments

In the Qualifying and the Main Draw, four (4) new balls of the same brand and type must be provided and the ball change shall be after the first seven (7) games and thereafter every nine (9) games in each match.

(Men's)

Section III. MEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR TOURNAMENTS

C. Tournament Events

The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of any applications for standalone tournaments. A standalone tournament is a tournament in a country with no other tournaments in the preceding or following week in the same country.

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Section V. SINGLES ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

J. Special Exempt (SE)

2. Qualified Tournament for Special Exempt

a) For \$15,000-\$25,000 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week;

b) For \$40,000 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament with prize money of \$25,000 or higher or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week;

c) For \$60,000 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament with prize money of \$25,000 or higher or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week;

d) For \$80,000 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament with prize money of \$40,000 or higher or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week.

e) For \$100,000 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament with prize money of \$60,000 or higher or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week.

3. Selection Process for Special Exempt

c) Special Exempt into \$40,000-\$60,000 Tournaments

A player requesting a Special Exempt as a result of performance in a \$40,000-\$100,000 or WTA Tournament will have first priority. [...]

d) Special Exempt into \$80,000-\$100,000 Tournaments

A player requesting a Special Exempt as a result of performance in a \$60,000-\$100,000 or WTA Tournament will have first priority. [...]

In \$80,000 tournaments only, if spaces remain, players requesting a Special Exempt as a result of performance in \$40,000 Tournaments will have second priority. [...]

(Women’s) Section VIII. DRAWS

A. Composition of Draws

b) Main Draw

MAIN DRAW	\$15,000				\$25,000-\$100,000				
	(24Q)	(32Q)	(48Q)	(64Q)	(24Q)	(32Q)	(48Q)	(64Q)	(32Q)
MD Draw Size	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	48
Direct Acceptances	<u>14-17*</u>	14-17*	<u>14-17*</u>	14-17*	<u>17-20*</u>	17-20*	<u>17-20*</u>	17-20*	32-35*
Qualifiers	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	8	8

The number of players qualifying for the main draw will be standardized at eight (8) irrespective of the Qualifying Draw Size.

(Men’s) Section VIII. DRAWS

A. Composition of Draws

b) Main Draw

MAIN DRAW	\$15,000				\$25,000			
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MD Draw Size	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
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XII. PRIZE MONEY AND WTA/ITF POINTS

C. Defaults, Byes, Withdrawals and Retirements

5. Withdrawals

e) If a Doubles team withdraws in any round, their prize money will be calculated as follows:

1. the non-withdrawing partner shall receive prize money per the round they withdrew;
and

2. the partner causing the withdrawal shall receive the prize money from the previous round, unless one (1) of the following apply, in which case the withdrawing partner shall receive prize money and ranking points per the round she withdrew:

i) the player withdraws/retires from a Singles match which was scheduled during the same Tournament; or

ii) in the event the partner causing the withdrawal is declared medically unfit to play Singles or Doubles at the same Tournament due to illness that could cause a danger to the public health, she shall receive prize money per the round she withdrew.

3. A team accepted directly into the Main Draw who withdraws in the 1st round will receive no prize money, and the Tournament shall not count on their record.

f) If a Doubles team withdraws in any round, their ranking points will be calculated as follows:

1. the non-withdrawing partner shall receive ranking points per the round they withdrew;
and

2. the partner causing the withdrawal shall receive ranking points from the previous round, unless one (1) of the following apply, in which case the withdrawing partner shall receive prize money and ranking points per the round she withdrew:

i) the player also withdraws from playing Singles in a Tournament to be held the following week at the time she withdraws from Doubles;

ii) the player withdraws/retires from a Singles match which was scheduled during the same Tournament; or

iii) the player does not play Singles in a tennis event the following week.

iv) in the event the partner causing the withdrawal is declared medically unfit to play Singles or Doubles at the same Tournament due to an illness that could cause a danger to the public health, she shall receive the ranking points per the round she withdrew.

(Appendices)

**(Women's)
Appendix D**

Women's ITF World Tennis Tour

2022 year-end ITF Junior Ranking	Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments
1	One (1) Tournament up to and including \$100,000 Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$80,000
2	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including \$80,000 Three (3) Tournaments up to and including \$60,000 (excluding \$60,000+H)
3-5	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including \$60,000 (excluding \$60,000+H) Three (3) Tournaments up to and including \$40,000 (excluding \$40,000+H)
6-10	One (1) Tournament up to and including \$40,000 (excluding \$40,000+H) Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)
11-20	One (1) Tournament up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H) Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$15,000 (excluding \$15,000+H)

(Women's)

APPENDIX J

WOMEN'S PRIZE MONEY TABLES

\$40,000 / €36,000 Prize money amounts have been added to this section.

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APPENDIX K

DRAFT WTA / ITF WORLD TENNIS RANKING POINT TABLES

Points for ITF \$40,000 tournaments will be added once confirmed.

(Code of Conduct)

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ARTICLE IV: ON-SITE OFFENCES

C. Dress and Equipment

3. Identification

The reference to "WTA" patch has been removed from: item b.1. [Shirt, Sweater or Jacket]; item b.5. Hat, Headband, Wristband and Face Covering; item b.6 Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia.