

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

## Summary of Key Rule Changes

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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) made for the start of 2023 are shown in underlined text, changes made Mid-Year are shown in [blue in underlined text](#).

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### *(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].*

### *(Women's and Men's)*

#### Section III. WOMEN'S and MEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR TOURNAMENTS

##### 1. Nationality

A player's nationality for the ITF World Tennis Tour and the ITF World Tennis Ranking is determined at registration for IPIN by the Nationality on a player's passport. The ITF may request from the player at any time a copy of their current, valid passport as proof of nationality.

Players who have earned ATP points based on events on the Men's ITF World Tennis Tour should send a copy of their passport to the ATP. Changes of nationality for players who have ever earned an ATP point shall be processed by the ATP, and upon notice to the ITF, it shall update its records accordingly (notwithstanding this Regulation).

Players wishing to make a request to add/change or update their nationality on the website should send a copy of their current passport for the nation they wish to represent to the ITF [and if necessary, the ATP].

In the event that a player does not hold a current passport for the nation they wish to represent, the player must provide:

- A copy of their current passport;
- A written explanation setting out:
  - why they are seeking to add/change or update their nationality;
  - why they do not hold a current passport for the nation they wish to represent;
  - any dates they held nationality in the nation they seek to represent, providing copies of expired passports and/or ID cards where

- available;
- the nature of their ties and affiliation(s) with the nation they seek to represent including, but not limited to:
  - familial connections;
  - period(s) of time spent visiting and/or residing in that nation;
  - their commitment to life and tennis in that nation; and
- details of any second or previous nationalities, including in relation to their tennis participation at an international level.

On receipt of the information detailed above, the request will be considered by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP) to determine, in its discretion, whether the change of nationality is genuine and not intended to circumvent the application of the Regulations (i.e. a “flag of convenience”).

The IAP reserves the right to ask the Player to provide and/or supply further information on request  
The IAP’s first-instance decision is capable of being appealed by the Player to the Independent Tribunal.

This Regulation applies to the Men’s ITF World Tennis Tour only and is without prejudice to any other regulations applicable to other tournaments (such as ITF Team Competitions), which may impose different criteria.

### **(Women’s)**

## **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.

*(Women’s and Men’s)*

### **Section III. WOMEN’S and MENS’S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR TOURNAMENTS**

## **L. Player Recording of Matches**

Notwithstanding Regulation I above, the recording of matches by a Player/s and their Support Team Members for the sole purposes of performance video analysis and personal use is permitted subject to the conditions set out below. Recordings under this Regulation must be exclusively of tennis matches or tennis practices. Recording under this Regulation is at the sole discretion of the ITF Tournament Supervisor On-Site and the ITF World Tennis Tour Department.

- i. Recording may only take place once the ITF Tournament Supervisor, Tournament Director and the Opponent/s has given their express authorisation.
- ii. Recording may only be made using a Digital Camera – this may include Video Recorders, DSLRs and Go Pros. Currently Tablets, Mobile Phone and Laptop/Computers may not be used for recording.
- iii. For the avoidance of doubt, this Regulation does not apply for Junior players. All recordings of Junior players must be compliant with Regulation J.
- iv. The recording shall not be used to determine or dispute any decision made by an Official in relation to the officiating or outcome of a match.
- v. During the match, if the Opponent/s or Coach withdraws their consent to the recording, on instruction from the ITF Tournament Supervisor, the Player/s or their Support Team Member must immediately cease recording and delete the recording.
- vi. All decisions made by the ITF Tournament Supervisor are final and not subject to appeal.
- vii. Publishing the recording online or via social media is permitted subject to the following conditions:
  - a. publishing of the recording may only take place once [ITF Tournament Supervisor On-Site, the ITF World Tennis Tour Department] and the Opponent/s has given their express authorisation;
  - b. the recording must not be streamed live or with a delay for any purpose;
  - c. unless otherwise agreed by the ITF, no more than 10 minutes in

- aggregate of any match recording should be included within any content posted online or via social media;
- d. the recording must not bring the ITF or the sport of Tennis into disrepute, in ITF's sole discretion;
- e. if the Opponent/s withdraws their consent for the recording to be published online or via social media, on instruction from the Opponent/s, the Player must remove the specified recording published by the Player.
- viii. The ITF shall not be responsible for the use, dissemination, retention or disposal of any recording, in whole or part, recorded permitted in accordance with the Regulations.
- ix. Any recording should be stored securely to avoid inappropriate or unauthorised use and deleted when it is no longer required.
- x. Failure to comply with this process shall be considered a breach of ITF World Tennis Tour Regulations Section III L. (Player Recording of matches) and the person responsible shall be subject to sanction.

### ***(Women's)***

## **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				
(Q draw size)	(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			
(Q draw size)	(24Q)	(32Q)	(48Q)	(64Q)	(24Q)	(32Q)	(48Q)	(64Q)
MD Draw Size	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
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*
Qualifiers	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	8

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

**(Women's)**  
**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.

### ***(Men's)***

## **XII. PRIZE MONEY AND ATP/ITF POINTS**

### **4. Withdrawals and Retirements**

a) A Singles player withdrawing after the first round or who retires in any round, will receive loser's points and loser's prize money for the round he reached or retired from.

b) A Doubles team withdrawing or retiring after the first round, or that retires in any round, will receive loser's points and loser's prize money from the previous round unless one of the following exceptions below is applicable in which case both players will receive loser's point and loser's prize money from the round in which they withdraw or retire. The exceptions are:

- i. neither player was in the Singles main draw;
- ii. the retiring/withdrawing player is still in the Singles competition and at the time of the medical examination is declared unfit to play in the Singles of that event or, if no longer involved in the Singles competition of that event, is forced to withdraw from the Singles or Doubles of a tournament in the following week;
- iii. if the retiring/withdrawing player was not in the Singles draw of that event and is forced to withdraw from the following week's singles or doubles event (before leaving the tournament site in the case of Prize Money);
- iv. if the retiring/withdrawing player had withdrawn/retired from his Singles match, which was scheduled the same day, or if the Doubles match is scheduled for a following day the player is examined by the tournament Doctor and is declared unfit for competition in the Doubles event; or
- v. 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, he shall receive the ranking points per the round he withdrew;
- vi. both players used, or could have used, their ATP ranking for entry into the Doubles draw (does not apply to Wild Card teams or for the provision of prize money).

c) The player causing the withdrawal or retirement will not be allowed to play in any other tennis Tournament until Monday of the next Tournament Week (unless he is still playing in Singles).

(Appendices)

(Women's)

APPENDIX D

Women's ITF World Tennis Tour

<b>2022 year-end ITF Junior Ranking</b>	<b>Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments</b>
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	<u>One (1) Tournament up to and including \$40,000 (excluding \$40,000+H)</u> <u>Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)</u>
11-20	<u>One (1) Tournament up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)</u> <u>Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$15,000 (excluding \$15,000+H)</u>

(Men's)

APPENDIX D

**Accelerator Programme (Boys)**

Accelerator Spots (JAS) are available in the Singles Main Draw of Men's ITF World Tennis Tour and ATP Challenger Tournaments. These positions are allocated to the Top 30 ranked junior players on the 2022 ITF Year-End Junior Ranking, along with Junior Grand Slam Champions/Finalists who did not finish in the Top 30. An eligible player shall be entitled to use their JAS allocation to gain direct entry to the Main/Qualifying Draw of an applicable tournament where they would not otherwise gain entry on the basis of their ATP / ITF World Tennis / National ranking. The ITF allocates only 1 JAS spot per tournament.

Accelerator Spots will be allocated according to the following criteria:

**Men's ITF World Tennis Tour**

<b>2022 ITF year-end Junior Ranking</b>		<b>Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments</b>
<u>1-20 (and JSG Champions)</u>	<u>Up to eight (8) Singles Main Draw spots at Challenger 50 and Challenger 75</u>	<u>Up to two (2) Singles Main Draw spots at M25 and/or M15</u>
<u>22-20 (and JSG Finalists)</u>	<u>Up to eight (8) Singles Qualifying Draw spots at Challenger 50 and Challenger 75</u>	<u>Up to two (2) Singles Main Draw spots at M25 and/or M15</u>
<u>21-30</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Up to eight (8) Singles Main Draw spots at M25 and/or M15</u>

*(Women's and Men's)*  
**APPENDIX F**  
**MEDIA, COMMERCIAL AND DATA RIGHTS**

**2. MEDIA RIGHTS**

Each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of its Own Tournaments and retain all revenues thereby generated provided that National Associations must not exploit (or authorise the exploitation of) any such Media Rights for use in connection with the provision of betting and gaming services unless approved in advance in writing by the IT.

*(Women's)*  
**APPENDIX J**  
**WOMEN'S PRIZE MONEY TABLES**

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

*(Women's)*  
**APPENDIX K**  
**WTA / ITF WORLD TENNIS RANKING POINT TABLES**

**A. WTA Ranking points**

WTA Ranking points will be awarded for tournaments played in 2023 at all Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments in Singles and Doubles as follows:

Category (Draw Size)	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	QFR	FQR	Q2	Q1
ITF \$100,000 (48S, 32Q)	140	85	50	25	13	7	1	-	6	4	-	-
ITF \$100,000 (32S,32/24Q)	140	85	50	25	13	1	-	-	6	4	-	-
ITF \$100,000 (16D)	140	85	50	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$80,000 (48S, 32Q)	115	70	42	21	10	6	1	-	5	3	-	-
ITF \$80,000 (32S,32/24Q)	115	70	42	21	10	1	-	-	5	3	-	-
ITF \$80,000 (16D)	115	70	42	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$60,000 + H (48S, 32Q)	100	60	36	18	9	5	1	-	5	3	-	-
ITF \$60,000 + H (32S,32/24Q)	100	60	36	18	9	1	-	-	5	3	-	-
ITF \$60,000 + H (32S, 48/64Q)	100	60	36	18	9	1	-	-	5	3	-	-
ITF \$60,000 + H (16D)	100	60	36	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$60,000 (48S, 32Q)	80	48	29	15	8	5	1	-	5	3	-	-
ITF \$60,000 (32S,32/24Q)	80	48	29	15	8	1	-	-	5	3	-	-
ITF \$60,000 (16D)	80	48	29	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b><u>ITF \$40,000 (48S, 32Q)</u></b>	<b><u>70</u></b>	<b><u>42</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<b><u>ITF \$40,000 (32S,32/24Q)</u></b>	<b><u>70</u></b>	<b><u>42</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<b><u>ITF \$40,000 (16D)</u></b>	<b><u>70</u></b>	<b><u>42</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
ITF \$25,000 + H (48S, 32Q)	60	36	22	11	6	3	1	-	2	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 + H (32S,32/24Q)	60	36	22	11	6	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 + H (32S, 48/64Q)	60	36	22	11	6	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 + H (16D)	60	36	22	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 (48S, 32Q)	50	30	18	9	5	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 (32S,32/24Q)	50	30	18	9	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 (32S, 48/64Q)	50	30	18	9	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 (16D)	50	30	18	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$15,000 (32S,32/24Q)	10	6	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$15,000 (32S, 48/64Q)	10	6	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$15,000 (16D)	10	6	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

QFR= Qualifier, FQR=Qualifying Finalist, Q2=Second Round of Qualifying, Q1=First Round of Qualifying. +H indicates that Hospitality is provided. Hospitality may be provided at \$15,000 and \$40,000 tournaments, but no additional WTA Ranking Points are offered.



**(Code of Conduct)**  
**(Women's)**  
**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.*

**(Code of Conduct)**  
**(Men's)**  
**ARTICLE IV: ON-SITE OFFENCES**

iii. Front and Collar. Two (2) logos of the manufacturer's or commercial identifications, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) may be placed in any location on the front or on the collar. OR, one (1) manufacturer's or commercial identification which may not exceed six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) may be placed on the front or collar. Identifications may contain writing.

Back – If only one (1) manufacturer's or commercial identification which may not exceed six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) is placed on the front or collar and then an additional manufacturer's identification, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), may be placed on the back. Identifications may contain writing