

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

2018 Rule Changes

Section I, 4. d. Amendments

These ITF Men's Circuit Tournaments Rules and Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may only amend, repeal or otherwise modify any Regulation relating to ranking points with the approval of the ATP.

The Board of Directors may grant dispensations from, modify, waive or otherwise alter these Regulations or their application in extraordinary circumstances.

Section II, K. Waiver of Claims

In submitting an entry into an ITF Men's Circuit tournament, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that subject to the limits set out below, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in traveling to or from, or participating in an ITF Women's Circuit tournament and/or any of its related activities and/or while in the location of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament, against the ITF, the Regional Association or National Association sanctioning such tournaments, promoters, sponsors, television or other broadcast licensees, vendors, venues, local organisers and others connected with such tournaments, including its employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and representatives and the WTA.

Nothing in these Regulations excludes or limits the liability of the ITF or any of the other parties listed above:

- i) for death or personal injury caused by their (respective) negligence;
- ii) for fraud; or

to the extent that such exclusion or limitation is not permitted by applicable law.

L. Publicity and Promotion

(a) Each player grants to the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their agents and assignees the right, in perpetuity and for commercial and non-commercial purposes:

(i) to use or authorise the use of his or her name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media, for the purpose of publicising and promoting the sport of tennis, the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their respective affiliates and events including the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programs, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising broadcasting and filming of the same; and

(ii) to make, show and otherwise use, in any and all media, still and moving pictures, whether live or otherwise, and any other visual and/or audio-visual reproductions of his or her performance or appearance as a sportsman on and off the court during the event.

(b) With respect to sub sections (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above:

(i) there will be no compensation payable in relation to the grant of such rights; and

(ii) the rights granted may not be used in such a way as to constitute an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

Section I, D. Amendment of regulation

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The Board of Directors may grant dispensations from, modify, waive or otherwise alter these Regulations or their application in extraordinary circumstances.

Section II, K. Waiver of Claims

In submitting an entry into an ITF Women's Circuit tournament, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that subject to the limits set out below, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in traveling to or from, or participating in an ITF Women's Circuit tournament and/or any of its related activities and/or while in the location of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament, against the ITF, the Regional Association or National Association sanctioning such tournaments, promoters, sponsors, television or other broadcast licensees, vendors, venues, local organisers and others connected with such tournaments, including its employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and representatives and the WTA.

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(ii) to make, show and otherwise use, in any and all media, still and moving pictures, whether live or otherwise, and any other visual and/or audio-visual reproductions of his or her performance or appearance as a sportsman on and off the court during the event.

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APPENDICES

Appendix B - TRANSGENDER PLAYERS

The ITF will deal with any cases involving transgender players in accordance with the principles set out in the ITF Transgender Policy, which can be found on the ITF website: www.itftennis.com.

Appendix F - Extreme Weather Conditions

Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is defined at when the Wet-Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) on court meets or exceeds 30.1 degrees Celsius/86.2 degrees Fahrenheit. If the WBGT cannot be measured, then the Heat Index should be calculated using the chart below, and Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 40.1 degrees Celsius (104.2 degrees Fahrenheit).

Air temperature											
	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.3°C 110°F	46.1°C 115°F	48.9°C 120°F
Relative humidity	Heat Index (combined index of air temperature and relative humidity)										
0%	17.8°C 64°F	20.6°C 69°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.3°C 83°F	30.6°C 87°F	32.8°C 91°F	35°C 95°F	37.2°C 99°F	39.4°C 103°F	41.7°C 107°F
10%	18.3°C 65°F	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.9°C 111°F	46.7°C 116°F
20%	18.9°C 66°F	22.2°C 72°F	25°C 77°F	27.8°C 82°F	30.6°C 87°F	33.9°C 93°F	37.2°C 99°F	40.6°C 105°F	44.4°C 112°F	48.9°C 120°F	54.4°C 130°F
30%	19.4°C 67°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.9°C 84°F	32.2°C 90°F	35.6°C 96°F	40.1°C 104.2°F	45°C 113°F	50.6°C 123°F	57.2°C 135°F	64.4°C 148°F
40%	20°C 68°F	23.3°C 74°F	26.1°C 79°F	30°C 86°F	33.9°C 93°F	38.3°C 101°F	43.3°C 110°F	50.6°C 123°F	58.3°C 137°F	66.1°C 151°F	
50%	20.6°C 69°F	23.9°C 75°F	27.2°C 81°F	31.1°C 88°F	35.6°C 96°F	41.7°C 107°F	48.9°C 120°F	57.2°C 135°F	65.6°C 150°F		
60%	21.1°C 70°F	24.4°C 76°F	27.8°C 82°F	32.2°C 90°F	37.8°C 100°F	45.6°C 114°F	55.6°C 132°F	65°C 149°F			

70%	21.1°C	25°C	29.4°C	33.9°C	41.1°C	51.1°C	62.2°C				
	70°F	77°F	85°F	93°F	106°F	124°F	144°F				
80%	21.7°C	25.6°C	30°C	36.1°C	45°C	57.8°C					
	71°F	78°F	86°F	97°F	113°F	136°F					
90%	21.7°C	26.1°C	31.1°C	38.9°C	50°C						
	71°F	79°F	88°F	102°F	122°F						

a. Measurement Procedure

The WBGT or Heat Index should be measured at least three (3) times daily by the ITF Supervisor or his/her designee. Ideally, measurements should be taken every two (2) hours, but a minimum three (3) readings should be taken at the following times:

- i. 30 minutes before match play begins;
- ii. Middle of the scheduled day's play; and
- iii. Just prior to beginning the last match of the day, or just prior to the start of the first evening session match.

The WBGT or Heat Index also should be measured under the following circumstances:

- (a) Following any suspension of play; and
- (b) At the discretion of the ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Physiotherapist.

Details on the measurement of WBGT and Heat Index are provided in the current edition of the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards for Tennis Tournaments*.

b. Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play

When the Extreme Heat Condition – Modification of Play criterion is met before the start or resumption of a match, the procedures set out below in sub-section d should be followed.

If there is a change in weather conditions and the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met while a match is in progress, as determined by the periodic monitoring set out above in sub-section (b), the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) should be followed on all courts, including matches already in progress. Once notified that the Extreme Weather Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met, the Chair Umpire must inform the players at the next change of ends or set break.

If there is a change in weather conditions and the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is no longer met, as determined by the periodic monitoring set out above in sub-section (b), those matches already in progress should continue to follow the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) until they are completed or suspended.

c. Modification of Play Procedures (Singles & Doubles)

A 10-minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets (in a best of 3 sets match) if one or more of the players requests such a break. If neither/none of the players requests such a break, then play will continue.

However, if a match has already resumed following the suspension of play and one set was completed before the suspension of play (in a best of 3 sets match), the 10-minute break will no longer be available, unless otherwise decided by the ITF Supervisor.

The ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist, may choose to delay the starting time for matches until such a time as the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is no longer met.

- i. During the 10-minute break:
 - a. No coaching is allowed.
 - b. A Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment is not allowed, unless approved by the ITF Supervisor. This would normally be restricted to requests for the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist that are made on-court to the Chair Umpire, or were already agreed before the end of the second set (in a best of 3 sets match). However, a player is allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or medical advice from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist during the 10-minute break.
- ii. Immediately following the 10-minute break:
 - a. Any delay in resumption of play will subject a player to Time Violations (Warning, Point Penalties only apply).
 - b. No re-warm up is allowed.
 - c. A player is not allowed to receive a Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment, unless approved by the ITF Supervisor.
- iii. Consecutive Breaks

An Extreme Weather Condition: Modification of Play 10-minute break and a Bathroom/Change of Attire break cannot be taken consecutively.

e. Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play (Singles and Doubles)

When the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met before the start or resumption of a match, the start or resumption of play should be suspended until Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is no longer met. If a game is in progress when the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met, play should be suspended at the end of that game. Once the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is no longer met, the ITF Supervisor should give the players reasonable notice of the time at which play will resume.

d. Lightning

The ITF Supervisor or his/her designee is responsible for monitoring the local weather for lightning. The ITF Supervisor has the authority to suspend play when a thunderstorm appears imminent (for instance if lightning is sighted and thunder occurs in 30 seconds or less). Everyone on-site should be advised to seek appropriate shelter immediately. Play should not resume until the likelihood of a lightning strike has passed (as a guideline, at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike is seen and the last sound of thunder is heard). Additional information on thunderstorms and lightning is provided in the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards for Tennis Tournaments*.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Article 1: General

C.FINES

All monetary fines set forth in the Code are in US Dollars.

A player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code of Conduct shall not be allowed to enter and play in any ITF tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

A player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year shall not be allowed to enter any ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments until such time as all fines have been paid.

Article II: Men's Entry Offence

B. Entry Offences

1. Late Withdrawal/ No Show

Any withdrawal from a player accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal and will be penalised, except in the below circumstances:

- a) a player who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List but who is still playing in another ITF Men's Circuit or ATP tournament at the time of the Qualifying sign-in deadline, provided the player withdraws before the Qualifying sign-in closes;
- b) a player who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List but who is still playing in another "qualified" ITF Men's Circuit or ATP tournament and who applies for a Special Exempt position, but where such Special Exempt position is not available for the player;
- c) a player who qualifies for entry or receives a Wild Card into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Grand Slam tournament, provided the player withdraws before the Qualifying sign-in deadline;
- d) a player who is nominated to represent his country in an ITF Team Competition, provided the player withdraws before the Qualifying sign-in deadline.
- e) The provisions of **Article II, Rule B.3, Playing Another Event / One Tournament per Week** apply.

Players who have been subject to Automatic Withdrawals will not be fined.

A player's first three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year are automatically excused* and the fines cancelled, provided the withdrawal is received by the ITF (and by the ITF Supervisor, if submitted after the Freeze Deadline) prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

(*an excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws as above).

A player will have committed a No Show Offence if:

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

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500.

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

2. On-Site Medical Withdrawal

- a. If a player is forced to retire or withdraw during a tournament for medical reasons, the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed by the medically qualified physician on-site verifying that the player is unfit to continue playing in the current tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$500.
- b. A valid ITF Medical Certification form will excuse a late withdrawal penalty for any subsequent tournament until the player next competes in any tennis event, provided that a withdrawal form for each tournament is submitted prior to the relevant Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.
- c. A player who withdraws from a tournament after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline will be excused a late withdrawal penalty provided:
 - i. the player is still competing in the previous week’s tournament at or after the time of the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline, is thereafter forced to withdraw/retire, is examined by that tournament’s physician and is determined to be unfit to compete at the following week’s tournament; or
 - ii. the player is on-site at the tournament from which the player will withdraw when the withdrawal occurs and is determined to be unfit to compete by the tournament’s physician.

For the purpose of this rule, the player must withdraw before the start of his first match and the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed and submitted to the ITF no later than the last day of the tournament.

G. APPEALS

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, appeal the offence and/or any fine imposed to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the player is

notified of the violation (the “Notice of Appeal”). The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player wishes to submit.

Under extraordinary circumstances, which must be substantiated by documentation and agreed by the ITF, a player may appeal a Late Withdrawal or No Show fine to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel in advance of payment or without payment.

Article III: Women’s entry offences

B. ENTRY OFFENCES

1. Late Withdrawal/ No Show

No player may withdraw her entry from the Main Draw or Qualifying of an ITF Women’s Circuit tournament for any reason after the Withdrawal Deadline. Any such withdrawal will be considered a late withdrawal and will be penalised, except in the following circumstances:

- a) a player who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List but who is still playing in another ITF Women’s Circuit or WTA tournament at the time of the Qualifying Sign-in deadline, provided the player withdraws before the Qualifying Sign-in closes;*
- b) a player who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List but who is still playing in another “qualified” ITF Women’s Circuit or WTA tournament and who applies for a Special Exempt position, but where such Special Exempt position is not available for the player;*
- c) a player who qualifies for entry or receives a Wild Card into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Grand Slam Tournaments, provided the player withdraws before the Qualifying sign-in deadline;*
- d) a player who is nominated to represent her country in an ITF Team Competition, provided the player withdraws before the Qualifying sign-in deadline.*
- e) The provisions of **Article II, Rule B.3 Playing Another Event / One Tournament Per Week** apply.*

Players who have been subject to Automatic Withdrawals will not be fined.

A player’s first three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year are automatically excused and the fines cancelled, provided the withdrawal is received by the ITF (and by the ITF Supervisor, if submitted after the Freeze Deadline) prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.*

*(*an excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above).*

A player will have committed a No Show Offence if:

- a) She is accepted into the Qualifying and fails to sign in by the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline; or*

- b) She is accepted into the Main Draw or has a wild card entry and fails to arrive on-site for her first match in the tournament. The Supervisor may waive the No Show Offence for a player who arrives on-site after the scheduled commencement time for her first match, and penalise her for the On-Site Offence of Punctuality instead.

Violation of this section shall result in a fine up to \$1,000.

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

2. On-site Medical Withdrawal

- a. If a player is forced to retire or withdraw during a tournament for medical reasons, the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed by the medically qualified physician on-site verifying that the player is unfit to continue playing in the current tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$500.
- b. A valid ITF Medical Certification form will excuse a late withdrawal penalty for any subsequent tournament until the player next competes in any tennis event, provided withdrawal form for each tournament is submitted prior to the relevant Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.
- c. A player who withdraws from a tournament after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline will be excused a late withdrawal penalty provided:
- i. the player is still competing in the previous week's tournament at or after the time of the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline, is thereafter forced to withdraw/retire, is examined by that tournament's physician and is determined to be unfit to compete at the following week's tournament; or
 - ii. the player is on-site at the tournament from which the player will withdraw when the withdrawal occurs and is determined to be unfit to compete by the tournament's physician.

For the purpose of this rule, the player must withdraw before the start of her first match and the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed and submitted to the ITF no later than the last day of the tournament.

G. APPEALS

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may, after paying all fines as provided above, appeal the offence and/or any fine imposed to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the player is notified of the violation (the "Notice of Appeal"). The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player wishes to submit.

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Article IV: On-site offences

A. GENERAL

Every player shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply to each player's conduct while within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

B. PUNCTUALITY

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the announced order of play. The order of play shall be posted at a highly visible place in a general players' area as designated by the ITF Supervisor.

Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play using all available and reasonable means. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

1. Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after his match is called may be fined \$50.
2. Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called may be fined up to an additional \$200 and shall be defaulted unless the ITF Supervisor in his sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default. The player may also be subject to the additional penalties set out in Article IV, O.

This section applies only to those players who are or have been on-site during the Tournament Week.

S. DEFAULTS

The ITF Supervisor may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code (Immediate Default) or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above. In all cases of default, the decision of the ITF Supervisor shall be final and unappealable.

Subject to the exceptions specified below, any player who is defaulted shall be subject to the following penalties:

- a) loss of all prize money, hospitality and points earned for that event at that tournament, and
- b) a fine of up to \$250 in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident, and
- c) at the Supervisor's discretion, default from all other events, if any, at that tournament.

The exceptions to the additional penalties set out above are:

the player or team was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article IV. B and C, or

the player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition, or

the player's doubles partner committed the Code Violation which caused the default.

Default of a player from the remainder of the tournament may include at the ITF Supervisor's discretion the removal of accreditation and denial of access to the site.

W. APPEALS

Any player found to have committed an On-Site Offence may, after paying all fines as provided above, appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under section U. above (but not any point penalties or defaults) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the player is notified of the violation. The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player wishes to submit.

Article VI: Major Offences

C. Determination and Penalty

Provisional Suspension

At the time, afterwards, or (exceptionally) before, it issues a Notice of Charge, the ITF may impose a Provisional Suspension on the Player or Related Person in question pending determination of the charge(s), where it considers it necessary to protect the integrity and/or reputation of the Competition, the ITF, and/or the sport of tennis.

Where a Provisional Suspension is imposed, the ITF shall notify the Player or Related Person of his/her right:

(a) _____ at his/her election, to make an application to the Chairman of the Independent Tribunal convened to hear his/her case, either immediately or at any time prior to the full hearing, for an order that the Provisional Suspension should not be imposed (or, if the Provisional Suspension has been imposed, that it should be vacated). The Chairman of the Independent Tribunal, sitting alone, will rule on the application as soon as reasonably practicable; and

(b) _____ to have the proceedings before the Independent Tribunal expedited so that the hearing is held, and the charge against him/her is determined, as soon as possible, consistent with the requirements of due process.

In circumstances where the ITF decides not to impose a Provisional Suspension, the Player or Related Person shall be offered the opportunity to accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension pending the resolution of the matter. If the Player or Related Person wishes to accept the offer (and receive credit against any period of suspension that might be imposed), the Player or Related Person must communicate his/her acceptance in writing to the ITF, in a form acceptable to the ITF.

No admission shall be inferred, or other adverse inference drawn, from the decision of a Player or Related Person (a) not to make an application to avoid (or to vacate) a Provisional Suspension, or (b) to accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension.

A Player or Related Person may not, during the period of any Provisional Suspension, play, coach or otherwise participate in any capacity in any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF.

Any period of Provisional Suspension served by the Player or Related Person (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the ITF) shall be credited against any period of suspension imposed by the Independent Tribunal, provided that the Player or Related Person must have respected the terms of the Provisional Suspension in full. No credit against a period of suspension shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the Provisional Suspension (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the ITF), regardless of the Player's or Related Person's status or lack of participation during such period. If a period of suspension is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the Player or Related Person shall receive a credit for such period of Provisional Suspension served against any period of suspension that may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

E. COMMENCEMENT OF PENALTY

A suspension imposed on a Player for a Major Offence shall take effect from the later of the following, unless specified otherwise by the Independent Tribunal or the ITF when issuing the suspension:

- a) the date of notification by the ITF or Independent Tribunal;
- b) if the Player is participating in a Tournament on the date of notification, the day after he or she finishes competing in that Tournament.

The revocation of accreditation or denial of access to ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments imposed on a Related Person shall take effect immediately upon notification.

Article XIII: Welfare Policy

Provisional Suspension

viii. At the time, afterwards, or (exceptionally) before it issues a Notice of Charge, the ITF may impose a Provisional Suspension on the Covered Person in question pending determination of the charge(s), where it considers it necessary to protect the integrity and/or reputation of the Competition, the ITF, and/or the sport of tennis.

Where a Provisional Suspension is imposed, the ITF shall notify the Covered Person of his/her right:

- a. at his/her election, to make an application to the Chairman of the Independent Tribunal convened to hear his/her case, either immediately or at any time prior to the full hearing, for an order that the Provisional Suspension should not be imposed (or, if the Provisional Suspension has been imposed, that it should be vacated). The Chairman of the Independent Tribunal, sitting alone, will rule on the application as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- b. to have the proceedings before the Independent Tribunal expedited so that the hearing is held, and the charge against

him/her is determined, as soon as possible, consistent with the requirements of due process.

In circumstances where the ITF decides not to impose a Provisional Suspension, the Covered Person shall be offered the opportunity to accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension pending the resolution of the matter. If the Covered Person wishes to accept the offer (and receive credit against any period of suspension that might be imposed), the Covered Person must communicate such acceptance in writing to the ITF, in a form acceptable to the ITF.

No admission shall be inferred, or other adverse inference drawn, from the decision of a Covered Person (a) not to make an application to avoid (or to vacate) a Provisional Suspension, or (b) to accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension.

- ix. A Covered Person may not, during the period of any Provisional Suspension, play, coach or otherwise participate in any capacity in any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF. Any period of Provisional Suspension served by the Covered Person (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the ITF) shall be credited against any period of suspension imposed by the Independent Tribunal, provided that the Covered Person must have respected the terms of the Provisional Suspension in full. No credit against a period of suspension shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the Provisional Suspension (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the ITF), regardless of the Covered Person's status or lack of participation during such period. If a period of suspension is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the Covered Person shall receive a credit for such period of Provisional Suspension served against any period of suspension that may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

Sanction

- x. The Independent Tribunal may impose appropriate sanctions including (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all ITF Tournaments, or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the Independent Tribunal may deem appropriate.
- xi. A suspension imposed on a Player for a Welfare Offence shall take effect from the later of the following, unless specified otherwise by the Independent Tribunal or the ITF when issuing the suspension:
- a) the date of notification by the ITF or Independent Tribunal;
b) if the Player is participating in a Tournament on the date of notification, the day after he or she finishes competing in that Tournament.
- xii. Any penalties imposed on a Player or Related Person other than suspension from play shall take effect immediately upon notification.