

## ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS – 2019 RULE CHANGES

### 16. Tournament Application and Approval

a) Applications from new tournaments to be held from January to June must be received by 30th June of the previous year. Applications from new tournaments to be held from July to December must be received by 31st October of the previous year. Applications for upgrades must also be made by these deadlines.

b) Applications from existing Grade A tournaments must be sent six (6) months prior to the scheduled start date. Applications from all other existing tournaments must be sent five (5) months prior to the scheduled start date.

23. Tournaments shall display an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors banner on their main court. Tournaments are responsible for creating this banner themselves using the ITF Branding Toolkit.

38\*. Tournaments shall have the following minimum number of competitors in each singles event main draw:

Grade	Boys'	Girls'
A	64	64
1	48	48
2	32	32
3	32	32
4	32	<u>32</u>
5	16	16

Tournaments must offer the same draw size for boys' and girls' events in Qualifying and Main Draw.

### 40. Singles Entry and Withdrawal

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#### iii) Multiple Entries

At the Withdrawal Deadline the following shall occur:

- If a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of one ITF Junior Circuit tournament, he/she will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments.
- If a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of more than one ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament occurring during the same period, he/she will remain on one List and will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments according to the following criteria:
  - Main Draw takes priority over Qualifying, and Qualifying over Alternates
  - Tournament Entry Priority (except if a player has been accepted into the Main Draw of a Grand Slam tournament, in which case he/she will remain on that List even if not his/her first priority.)
- If a player enters an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and a Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament in the same week, he or she will be withdrawn from the Junior tournament at the Withdrawal Deadline. Exception: If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of a Junior Grand Slam tournament, that

tournament will be prioritised over all other tournament entries that week (i.e. including Men's \$25,000 tournaments or any other Junior tournament).

## **50\*. Making the Draw**

### **e) Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes**

i) At the end of the Qualifying, the ITF Supervisor will fill the Main Draw with all of the Qualifiers and, if necessary, Lucky Losers in the order that they were drawn.

On the day of the completion of the Qualifying, all players who lost in the last round of Qualifying will be considered for a Lucky Loser position.

Therefore, it is the player's responsibility to inform the ITF Supervisor by the end of the Qualifying if they do not want to be considered to a Lucky Loser position.

ii) On subsequent days, Alternates and Lucky Losers must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of play, to be eligible as Alternates / Lucky Losers.

## **65. Player Images**

Notwithstanding rule 64, it is prohibited for any Tournament Visitor to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of players, unless they are the parent or legal guardian of the player, without the express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of the parent or legal guardian of the player, or ITF Supervisor. Images and/or recordings taken with permission under this Regulation must be exclusively of tennis matches, practice or the presentation of trophies.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **B.2. On-Site Medical Withdrawal**

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- b) A player that has endured a medical condition during the Tournament Week, but who completes their Tournament matches, may obtain a Medical Certificate from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist that can be used to withdraw from the following week's tournament without penalty. The player must obtain the Medical Certificate within 24 hours of completing their final match.  
If the player wishes to use the Medical Certificate to withdraw from the following week's tournament then the player must inform the ITF and the ITF Supervisor (if after the Freeze deadline) no more than 48 hours after obtaining the Medical Certificate or before the Qualifying Sign-in, whichever is sooner.  
Players who complete their final match of the tournament after the Qualifying Sign-in of the following week's Tournament must obtain a Medical Certificate before leaving the site and must inform the ITF Supervisor as soon as possible.

#### **F. APPEALS**

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may appeal 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.

Please note that appeals made more than fourteen (14) days following the notification to a player of an Entry Offence will not be accepted.

The use of an amnesty may not be appealed.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

##### **c. Leggings or Compressions Shorts**

On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) and which shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications on shorts/skirts shall be permitted.

Girls may wear leggings or compression shorts without a skirt, dress, or shorts as long as they reach mid-thigh at minimum and may have up to two (2) standard manufacturer logos of up to two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm) or a single manufacturer logo of up to four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm).

#### **D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME**

Following the expiration of the warm-up period play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

A maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the first serve of the next point. If such serve is a fault then the second serve must be struck by the server without delay.

When changing ends a maximum of ninety (90) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game until the time the first serve is struck for the next game. If such first serve is a fault the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period.

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the set until the time the first serve is struck for the next set.

If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set.

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready. A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:

- Server            The Time Violation shall result in a "fault"
- Receiver        The Time Violation shall result in a "point penalty"

#### **K. COACHING AND COACHES (CC)**

On-court coaching is permitted once per set, on a changeover, at matches played with a chair umpire at Grade A and Grade 1 level. Coaches must have a qualification approved by their National Association or by the ITF, and must register with the Supervisor at the start of the tournament.

#### **O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH (FCM)**

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If a doubles team fails to complete a match in progress, the ITF Supervisor shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this Section.

#### **P. LEAVING THE TOURNAMENT (LT)**

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If a doubles team fails to complete the tournament, the ITF Supervisor shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this Section.

#### **ARTICLE IX: RECIPROCITY**

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 World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments and ITF Junior Team Competitions, a suspension or other sanction issued against a Covered Person (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy, Appendix F) either by or on behalf of the ITF pursuant to a conduct or disciplinary process under any ITF code or policy or by any other 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.

#### **APPENDIX E**

##### **TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK**

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break (girls' matches).

Toilet breaks / change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break.

In girls' singles events, a player is entitled to one (1) break during a match. In boys' singles events, a player is entitled to one (1) toilet break.

In a doubles match, and in any singles matches played with a reduced format of two tiebreak sets and a match tiebreak, a toilet break/change of attire break is not permitted before the match tiebreak.

In a doubles match, each team is entitled to two (2) break. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) break. If only one player leaves the court, it also counts as one (1) break. These breaks may be taken for toilet visits, change of attire (girls' matches), or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

## **APPENDIX F**

a. Elements of the Welfare Policy

iii. Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct

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a) Covered Persons shall not abuse his or her position of authority or control, and shall not attempt to or compromise the psychological, physical or emotional wellbeing of any player, Covered Person, parent, spectator or member of the press/media.

i. Violations/Procedures

Any individual who believes that any Covered Person has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Welfare Policy may file a written complaint with the ITF. That complaint shall identify the complainant and state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct. Upon receipt of such a complaint, or if the ITF itself considers that there has been an apparent violation of this Welfare Policy, the ITF shall promptly investigate the matter. Upon request by the ITF, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have authority to issue a provisional suspension of the accused individual, pending the completion of the investigation and issuance of a final decision on the matter.

ii. Upon review of the matter and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the ITF may determine that the matter does not merit further action. If the ITF determines that the matter does merit further action, after notifying the accused individual of the charge(s) it shall refer the matter to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel. After giving the accused individual the opportunity to present his or her views, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel 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 ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may deem appropriate.

iii. The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel reserves the right to extend to any or all ITF Tournaments a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against a Covered Person by a National or Regional Association or other tennis organisation such as the Women's Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals or a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section a) v. above. The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel reserves the right to share information concerning a complaint with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any tennis organisation as specified above. The ITF Executive Director 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. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by other tennis organisations as specified above and/or relevant authorities.

- iv. Decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may be appealed to the Independent Tribunal in accordance with Regulation 6B of the Regulations.

Any decision of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel pursuant to this Welfare Policy may be communicated to those Member National Associations, other tennis organisations and ITF Tournament organisers deemed necessary by the ITF Executive Director and/or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel.

## **APPENDIX H**

h) There shall be no World Championship, team or individual, for players aged 12 and under.

## **APPENDIX M – DATA RIGHTS**

### 1. Definitions

“PAT DATA” shall mean player performance analysis data and/or other data or information (and any analysis derived from that data or information) that is collected (a) during a match in a tournament, and (b) by means of any system of Player analysis technology that is approved by ITF for use in the Competition, whether or not it is collected by or in co-operation with the ITF, a nation or the Player.

## **APPENDIX N – ENTRY INTO ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR 15s TOURNAMENTS USING JUNIOR RANKING**

Entered players with an approved ITF Combined Junior Ranking of 1-100 shall be selected for a maximum of five (5) Main Draw places at each ITF World Tennis Tour 15s tournament. A Top 100 ITF Combined Junior Ranking can be achieved in two ways:

- i) Current ITF Combined Junior ranking  
In accordance with the player’s position on the approved ITF Combined Junior Ranking list available on the Entry Deadline and dated twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week;
- ii) “Carry-over” ITF Junior ranking  
In addition, players born in 2000 may carry over their 24 December 2018 ITF Combined Junior ranking for the purposes of entering \$15,000 Tournaments until the week in which they turn 19. The Monday of each week determines the player’s age for that week. Thus, a player who is 18 on Monday but turns 19 on Tuesday would be eligible to use their ITF Combined Junior Ranking for that week but would no longer be able to use their ITF Combined Junior Ranking the following week. If two players share the same ranking (one with a current ranking, the other with a carry-over ranking), then the player with the current ITF Ranking will be ordered before the player holding the carry-over ranking on the System of Merit.

Junior Reserved Places are only available for players who cannot otherwise be accepted into the Main Draw on the basis of their ATP Singles Ranking or their ITF World Tennis Ranking in singles. A player must also have turned 14 years of age in order to be accepted into a 15s Tournament.

Junior players ranked outside the ITF Combined Junior Ranking Top 100 on the Entry Deadline are not eligible for a Junior Reserved Main Draw place.

There will be no Qualifying or Alternate places reserved in a 15s Tournament based on ITF Combined Junior ranking.