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**SECTION I**  
**REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF SENIORS CIRCUIT TOURNAMENTS AND**  
**THE YOUNG SENIORS/SENIORS/SUPER-SENIORS WORLD INDIVIDUAL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The following Regulations apply to all Seniors Tournaments in Grades A, 1 – 5 and, with some exceptions, to those in Grade RC (Regional Championships), National Closed Championships, as well as Grade C (Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and other international team competitions). These exceptions are given in Section II (ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships), together with additional clauses in Appendix I and II for National Closed and Regional Championships.

For all other Seniors Tournaments without an ITF sanction, whether listed in the Seniors Calendar or not these Regulations are to be regarded as guidelines to be followed in order to achieve desirable standards and uniformity for the benefit of Seniors players worldwide.

**I. THE COMPETITION**

**1. Title**

The Competition, an international singles, doubles and mixed doubles competition, shall be called the “ITF Seniors Circuit”.

**2. Mission Statement**

The ITF’s Mission is to make Seniors Tennis the leading sport in terms of player participation.

**3. Ownership**

The Competition shall be owned and managed by ITF Limited, hereinafter referred to as the “ITF”.

Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF; commercial exploitation of the event; television and radio, film and video recordings; plus new media and internet coverage. In the case of the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, which are conducted by and under the direction and control of the International Tennis Federation, the Board of Directors may assign all or any rights to the host nation in accordance with detailed guidelines issued by the ITF consistent with these regulations.

#### 4. Players Eligible

Only players who are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2018 ITF Seniors Circuit. They must be in “good standing” with their national association as defined in Appendix V of the ITF Seniors Regulations.

All tournaments shall be open to all eligible players of the appropriate age group, except National Closed and Regional Championships that may apply alternative criteria for acceptance as stated in Appendix I and II respectively.

#### 5. International Player Identification number (IPIN)

In order to enter ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments, players must have registered for a Seniors IPIN membership (and pay the appropriate annual fee). All players entering ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to accept the related terms and conditions.

Players will not be allowed to enter and/or compete until the IPIN registration is complete and the payment option has been selected.

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 ITF Senior Circuit tournament(s). The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

#### 6. Events and Age Groups

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

Men		Women	
35 years and over	65 years and over	35 years and over	65 years and over
40 years and over	70 years and over	40 years and over	70 years and over
45 years and over	75 years and over	45 years and over	75 years and over
50 years and over	80 years and over	50 years and over	80 years and over
55 years and over	85 years and over	55 years and over	85 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 Seniors Circuit tournaments:

Singles  
Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

## **7. Rules to be Observed**

a) The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations and the approved Code of Conduct (together the “Regulations”), the Constitution of the ITF Limited and the ITF Rules of Tennis.

b) In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations.

c) In submitting an entry to a tournament sanctioned by the ITF as a constituent tournament of the circuit, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by and be bound by the above Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct.

d) Power to amend

These ITF Senior Circuit Rules and Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors.

e) Extraordinary Circumstances

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

f) Variations for a particular tournament

Tournaments may apply for a limited variation to the Regulations, pursuant to Section I, Regulation 22.

g) Governing Law

These Regulations and any dispute arising out of or in connection with them (including any dispute or claim relating to non-contractual obligations) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law, without regard to the conflict of law principles thereof. Each Player, Nation and each of its Team Members, directors, officials, officers, members of staff, employees, contractors, agents, and representatives agrees to submit any disputes or claims or other matters arising in relation to the Regulations (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) to arbitration pursuant to Regulation 8 of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum



## **8. Enforcement of Regulations and resolution of disputes/On-site enforcement**

It is the responsibility of the Referee, ITF Representative and ITF Seniors Committee (if present) to enforce these Regulations on-site.

### **First instance proceedings**

The Referee shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) unless expressly referred elsewhere, an allegation that a player has committed an offence under the Code of Conduct that is not a Major Offence or a breach of the Welfare Policy;
- (b) any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise on court in respect of the Rules of Tennis; and
- (c) any other decisions, disputes or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the Referee.

The ITF Representative shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise on-site regarding these Regulations; and
- (b) any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the ITF Representative.

The Referee, ITF Seniors Committee or other person/entity designated under these Regulations may decide any issues entrusted to them (respectively) under these Regulations. Unless expressly provided otherwise, there will be no right of appeal from their respective decisions.

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel;
- (b) any dispute or question about the proper interpretation of these Regulations (including reviewing as appropriate any on-site interpretations);
- (c) any dispute or question about player eligibility arising under these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere);
- (d) any allegation that a player, Related Person or other person or entity bound by these Regulations has failed to comply with any other aspect of these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere);
- (e) any allegation that a Covered Person has committed a breach of the Welfare Policy; and

- (f) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Independent Tribunal shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations to the Independent Tribunal;
- (b) an allegation that a player, Related Person or other person participating on the ITF's Seniors Circuit has breached the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme;
- (c) an allegation that a player or Related Person has committed a Major Offence under the Code of Conduct;
- (d) any allegation that a Tournament Offence has been committed under the Code of Conduct; and
- (e) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Procedural Rules for both the Internal Adjudication Panel and the Independent Tribunal are available online at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com), or a hard-copy can be requested in writing to the ITF.

### **Sanctions**

Where the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and/or Independent Tribunal upholds an allegation of breach of these Regulations, it will determine the sanctions for such breach in accordance with the sanctions provisions in its Procedural Rules, unless these Regulations specify other sanctions for such breach, in which case it will apply the specific sanctions.

### **Appeals**

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- (a) decisions by the Referee and ITF Representative under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);
- (b) subject to the preceding paragraph (a) above, decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules (in particular, the section applicable to the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appeal panel);
- (c) decisions of the Independent Tribunal (sitting as a first instance tribunal) may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules;

Such appeals may only be brought by one of the following persons:

- (i) the person or entity that is the subject of the decision being appealed; and/or
- (ii) the ITF.

'Related Person' is defined as any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament at the request of the player or any other Related Person.

### **9. Final ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking (Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles)**

The final rankings, issued at the end of each calendar year shall be compiled on the basis of points earned for success in singles and doubles play in both individual and team events, as well as points earned for success in mixed doubles play in individual events.

## **II. MANAGEMENT**

### **10. Board of Directors**

#### **a) Management**

The ITF Seniors Circuit shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the ITF.

#### **b) Duties**

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- i) to approve, adopt and amend the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct for the Circuit;
- ii) to register in the name of the ITF any trademarks in connection with the Circuit and to protect such trademarks;
- iii) to appoint every two (2) years a Seniors Committee, which shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members as deemed necessary.

### **11. Seniors Committee**

The duties and powers of the Seniors Committee shall be:

- (a) to manage the Circuit and Team Competitions;
- (b) to recommend changes to and to ensure the uniform application of these Rules and Regulations and the Code of Conduct;
- (c) to administer the funds of the Circuit and the Team Competitions within the financial framework of the ITF;
- (d) to report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters;
- (e) to submit regular reports to the Board of Directors; and

- (f) to approve events for all ITF Senior Competitions and to select the dates and venues for each of those events.

### **III. RULES OF THE CIRCUIT**

#### **12. Tournament Application and Approval**

Applications for inclusion in the Circuit, giving full details of new or existing tournaments, are to be sent to the ITF, or as otherwise directed by the ITF, in accordance to the following:

a) Applications from tournaments taking place from January to May must be received by 30 September of the previous year. Applications from tournaments taking place from June to December must be received by 30 November of the previous year. Applications for upgrades must also be made by these deadlines. Only the official application form shall be accepted.

b) Only tournaments sanctioned by the host National Association concerned will be considered for inclusion.

c) All tournaments awarded ITF status will start at Grade 4 level in their first year on the Circuit.

d) The ITF reserves the right to refuse, approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the tournament(s), without any liability on behalf of the Applicant, National Association, Tournament Organiser or the ITF (for the avoidance of doubt, the ITF, the Applicant, National Association and/or the Tournament/Host Organiser will not be liable to any Players or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such cancelled Competitions, including, without limitation, any transport and/or accommodation costs). This decision will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Seniors Committee and may be appealed to the Independent Tribunal. The ITF may also insist on an alternative date, in particular if a tournament conflicts with the ITF Young Seniors, Seniors or Super-Seniors World Championships, especially when such tournament occurs within the same continent or holds a Regional Championships or Grade A status.

e) If a tournament is included in the calendar and subsequently withdraws within 15 weeks of the scheduled first day of play, that tournament shall be subject to the Tournament Offences provision as set out in Article VI of the Code of Conduct.

These tournaments must still pay the full amount of the sanction fee, as outlined in Section I, Regulation 14 below.

f) Application to host the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships:

Any National Association wishing to stage the above Events shall submit its application in writing on the approved form provided by the ITF.

National Associations may submit a joint bid with other National Associations to stage the Competition.

The ITF will only consider bids offering to host both the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships in the same year, in two consecutive weeks.

### **13. Public Liability Insurance**

The applicant is responsible for taking out a suitable insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which insures against claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the event for which the applicant is legally liable. "ITF Ltd" and "ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd" must be named in the policy and on the certificate of insurance, and a copy should be provided to the ITF on request.

### **14. Sanction Fees**

All tournaments on the ITF Seniors Circuit must pay the relevant fee below in order to be included on the Calendar.

Grade RC1	\$ 915
Grade A	\$ 815
Grade 1	\$ 715
Grade RC2	\$ 680
Grade 2	\$ 480
Grade C2	\$ 410
Grade RC3	\$ 560
Grade 3	\$ 360
Grade C3	\$ 330
Grade 4	\$ 245

### **15. ITF Responsibilities**

The ITF is responsible for the overall administration of the circuit and shall do its utmost to ensure that the calendar is widely publicised.

The ITF shall process results from all the tournaments on the Seniors Circuit and shall issue on a weekly basis latest world individual ranking points for singles, doubles and mixed doubles accumulated by competitors. These shall be published on the ITF Seniors website: [www.itftennis.com/seniors](http://www.itftennis.com/seniors)

#### **16. Tournament Responsibilities**

All tournaments must be played in accordance with these Regulations, the Seniors Circuit Code of Conduct, the Constitution of the ITF Limited and the ITF Rules of Tennis. See also Section I, Chapter V, Organisational Requirements.

#### **17. Insurance**

Each player is responsible for ensuring that he/she (as well as any accompanying person) is fully and adequately covered by medical and travel insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in ITF Seniors Circuit events and ITF Young Seniors, Seniors & Super-Seniors World Individual Championships. The ITF Ltd, the host association and the host site cannot accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

#### **18. Tournament Grading**

Tournaments shall be graded based mainly on a computer evaluation of the standard of participants competing in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles events of the previous year's tournament. A geographical balance should be maintained wherever possible.

Further criteria for determining tournament grading for future editions of tournaments may be introduced by the ITF Seniors Committee and published during the year on the ITF website at [www.ITFTennis.com/Seniors](http://www.ITFTennis.com/Seniors). Such additional criteria shall be communicated to National Associations as soon as practicable in preparation for that grading to take effect the following year.

#### **19. Method of Ranking**

To be ranked on the ITF Seniors World Individual ranking in singles, doubles and/or mixed doubles a player must have registered and paid for a valid IPIN membership.

A player may in the course of a year, but not during one ITF Seniors Circuit tournament play in more than one singles age group and therefore may appear in more than one singles age group ranking.

To be ranked in singles, doubles and mixed doubles a player must reach a round where points are available (see points table in Section I, Regulation 21 below). The number of points available will vary dependent upon the grading of the tournament and the round reached.

The official published ITF Seniors World Individual Rankings in singles, doubles and mixed doubles will be calculated on a 52-week rollover system. At any given time, however, only the latest ITF Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors World Individual and Team Championships (WC, C1) will count for ranking purposes. This may lead to the points from a previous year's grade WC, C1 or RC1 event not being included in a player's ranking for the entire 52 weeks or the points staying in the player's ranking longer than 52 weeks depending on the dates of the respective tournaments in the calendar.

The best four singles results in ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments listed in Grade WC, Grade RC, Grade A, Grade C and Grades 1-5 will be taken into consideration for the Singles World Individual Ranking.

The best four doubles results in ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments in Grade WC, Grade RC, Grade A, Grades 1-5 and Grade C will be taken into consideration for the Doubles World Individual Ranking.

The best four mixed doubles results in ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments in Grade WC, Grade RC, Grade A and Grades 1-5 will be taken into consideration for the Mixed Doubles World Individual Ranking.

If two or more players receive the same number of points, their ranking will follow the number of points they scored in Grade WC tournaments, if these figure among the players' best four results. If two or more players are still equal, their ranking will follow the number of points they scored in Grade RC1 tournaments, if these figure among the players' best four results. If two or more players are still equal, their ranking will follow the number of points they scored in Grade A tournaments and so on down to Grade 5 tournaments, excluding Grade C1, C2 and C3 (Team Competitions).

When players qualify for a new age group, they shall carry over all ranking points to the new age group, so that they are included in their 'Own Age Group' (OAG) ranking points. These players shall be marked as "*bis*" on all ranking lists. "*Bis*" will continue to be displayed until points won in the previous age group no longer count towards the player's ranking.

In the case of a player moving from Young Seniors to Seniors and Seniors to Super-Seniors World Championships, only points won at the latest ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual and Team Championships shall count for ranking purposes for the player's own age group.

## 20. Allocation of Points

World Individual Ranking points for singles, doubles and mixed doubles will be awarded as set out in the points table in Section I, Regulation 21 below.

- i) Points shall be awarded for main draw singles, doubles and mixed doubles events. At the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, points will also be awarded in singles consolation and singles qualifying events. At Grade RC1 and Grade A tournaments, points will be awarded in singles qualifying events.
- ii) No points will be awarded to a player until he/she has won a round. A Walkover will be counted as a match won.
- iii) Should a player win ranking points in more than one (1) doubles or mixed doubles events at the same tournament, he/she will receive ranking points for one event only. Points will be awarded for the event in which the player reached the furthest round.
- iv) In knock-out draws, if a tournament is abandoned, players will receive points for the round reached up to that point. In round robin draws, players will receive a percentage (%) of points available depending on the number of matches won, and the number of ranking points awarded to the winner of the event. E.g. if a player is in a round robin group of 5 players and has played and won 2 out of 4 scheduled matches, she/he will earn 50% of the ranking points that would be awarded to the winner of the event.
- v) Should any age group be amalgamated with a lower age group, and players in the former obliged to play down, then those players shall be awarded points in their own age group.
- vi) Should a tournament not offer a specific age group and a player of that age group participate in a lower age group, this player shall be awarded points in his/her own age group. In Singles, this does not apply to players who deliberately enter a lower age group in a tournament where their own age group is offered.
- vii) Any player who leaves a tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, or retires from a tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the official tournament doctor), will forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that tournament.



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

The following point tables will apply to all ITF Seniors' events from January 2019. Changes to the ranking point allocations may be made during 2019. Should changes be made, updated allocation points will be published on the ITF Seniors website ([www.itftennis.com/seniors](http://www.itftennis.com/seniors))

### a) Knock-out Events

Grade	World Championships (WC)	Regional Championships (RC1)	Grade A	Grade 1	Grade RC2	Grade 2	Grade RC3	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
	<b>Main Draw</b>									
<b>Winner</b>	330	240	210	180	150	120	90	80	60	40
<b>Runner-Up</b>	250	180	150	120	100	80	65	60	30	20
<b>Semi-finalist</b>	165	120	100	80	60	50	35	30	20	10
<b>Quarterfinalis</b>	125	90	70	50	40	30	25	20	10	5
<b>Loser in R16</b>	105	75	50	30	25	20	15	10	5	
<b>Loser in R32</b>	70	50	35	20	15	10	5	5		
<b>Loser in R64</b>	40	30	20	10						

At Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Championships, points will also be awarded in Consolation events as follows:

Winner	40
Runner-Up	20
Semi-finalist	10
Quarterfinalist	5

When applicable, points will be awarded in Qualifying events as follows:

	WC	RC1	A
Qualifier	25	15	4
Loser in final round	20	10	2

## b) Round Robin Events

Final Position	Grade									
	WC	RC1	A	1	RC2	2	RC3	3	4	5
1st	330	240	210	180	150	120	90	80	60	40
2nd	250	180	150	120	100	80	65	60	30	20
3rd & 4th	165	120	100	80	60	50	35	30	20	10
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	125	90	70	50	40	30	25	20	10	5

Full points will only be awarded if the player has won a minimum of 2 singles, doubles or mixed doubles matches. If the player has won 1 singles, doubles or mixed doubles match only, 50% of the points will be awarded.

## c) Team Championships

Singles and doubles ranking points for matches won at ITF Team Championships (which form part of the ITF Seniors Circuit) will be published by the ITF and made available to players in advance of each Competition.

The World Team Championships offer a ranking point value equivalent to the World Individual Championships. Point tables can be seen within the World Team Championships section at [www.itftennis.com/seniors](http://www.itftennis.com/seniors)

Regional Team Championships with restricted participation will offer a ranking point value equivalent to a Grade 4 tournament.

## IV. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### 22. Variations to Regulations

If a tournament wishes to vary any of the Regulations in Sections I and II, written application shall be made to the ITF, giving full reasons for the request. The application must be received prior to the approval of the fact sheet. The application shall be considered by the Seniors Committee.

### 23. One tournament

Once a player is committed to an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament he/she may not enter or compete in any other tournament that is being held during the same time period. Players are not permitted to enter more than one tournament in a given time period. It is the player's responsibility to manage his/her entries.

Violation of this section shall subject the player to penalties under Section III, Article II, B.(3) in the Code of Conduct.

#### **24. Number of events per week**

At all ITF Seniors Circuit tournament and Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, a player may enter a maximum of three (3) events.

A player may compete in one (1) Singles event only.

Tournament Organisers may further limit the number and type of events that a player can enter at their tournament and publish this on the official ITF Seniors Circuit Fact Sheet.

#### **25. Tournament Types**

There are three (3) tournaments types:

- **Type 1A:** Singles entries close at the Entry Deadline. Doubles entries are possible online and on-site. On-site entries close at a Doubles Sign-in Deadline defined by the tournament.
- **Type 1B:** Singles and Doubles entries close at the Entry Deadline. There is no doubles entry possible on-site.
- **Type 1C:** 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 and entries close at a Doubles Sign-in Deadline defined by the tournament.

#### **26. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures**

ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments (Grade WC, A, 1-5), the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships (Grade C1) and Grade C2, C3 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 and Regional Championships (RC) may apply their own criteria for acceptances, as per Appendix I and II respectively.

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

i) All Singles entries and withdrawals are made online at [www.itftennis.com/ipin](http://www.itftennis.com/ipin), or in exceptional circumstances by fax or by email, as an attachment, to ITF Seniors Department on the official Entry Form or Withdrawal Form. Entries and Withdrawals

submitted on the official forms must be signed by the player and must contain all required information.

A Player may enter and compete in one (1) Singles event in a tournament, either in his /her own age group or in a younger age group. 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 44.

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. 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. It is also a player's responsibility to check that any online entry made has gone through and that a confirmation email has been received.

iv) The Withdrawal Deadline (same as entry deadline) is at 10.00 GMT on the Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week.

Players accepted to a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance list at the Withdrawal Deadline are deemed to be committed to play the event and subject to the 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 three (3) Late Withdrawal offences within a calendar year

will be excused\* and the player will not be penalised, providing the withdrawal is received by the ITF (and by the Referee, if submitted after the Withdrawal Deadline) 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 tournament).

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 submit an official Withdrawal Form to both the ITF and the ITF Referee otherwise he/she shall be subject to the penalties provided for a No Show entry offence.

## **27. Criteria for Acceptances**

### **Singles**

For singles, following the Entry Deadline, all entered players are listed in ranking order according to the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking using the latest rankings at the time of the Entry Deadline. Tied players (with the same number of ranking points) will be randomised by the entry system.

Players without ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking will be positioned according to the following criteria:

- Firstly, unranked players from outside the tournament zone will be drawn at random into positions.
- Secondly, unranked players from outside the tournament region will be drawn at random into positions.
- Thirdly, unranked players from the tournament region including the unranked players from the host country will be drawn at random into positions.

Zones and Regions are defined as follows:

**Regions:** (Asia) (Oceania) (Europe) (Africa) (South America) (Central America) (North America)

**Zones:** (Asia/Oceania) (Euro/Africa) (The Americas)

### **Recalculated Own Age Group (OAG) points**

For acceptance purposes, a player that enters a Singles event in a lower age group than his/her own shall have his/her ITF Seniors World Individual ranking points recalculated as follows:

A player playing down 1 age group: 30% deduction from their OAG ranking points

A player playing down 2 age groups: 60% deduction from their OAG ranking points

A player playing down 3 age groups: 90% deduction from their OAG ranking points

A player playing down 4 age groups or more: 100 % deduction from their OAG group ranking points

This total shall be known as recalculated OAG (own age group) points.

When Singles events are amalgamated, recalculated OAG points shall be used as required to establish the Acceptance List.

For the purpose of acceptance, a player that is ranked in more than one age group on the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Rankings, will always use the ITF Seniors Singles World Individual Ranking points of his/her own age group.

### **Doubles**

Teams are selected according to the following method:

- Teams composed of two ranked players in either the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or the ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable). The combined ranking points of the two players (using best of singles or doubles ranking) shall be added together and the total used to determine the direct acceptances.
- Teams composed of one player in either the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or the ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable) and one unranked player. The ranking points of the ranked player (using best singles or doubles ranking) shall be used to determine the direct acceptances.
- Teams composed of players, neither of them have a ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable) - Such teams will be drawn by lot.

If two or more teams are tied within any of these combinations, the order shall be drawn by lot.

For the purpose of the above selection method, the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles ranking points of the player's own age group (OAG) shall be used.

A team of two ranked players will always be accepted ahead of a team where only one player is ranked, even if the latter have higher ranking points.

For Doubles Draws with additional on-site doubles entries (Tournament Types 1A,1C), acceptance rankings are based on the latest available ITF Seniors World Individual Singles and Doubles/Mixed Doubles Rankings at the Entry/Withdrawal Deadline.

When a doubles team enters a lower age group event, or when one of the partners in a doubles team is from a higher age group, for acceptance purposes the following percentage is deducted from their ranking points:

Players playing down 1 age group: 30 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

Players playing down 2 age groups: 60 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

Players playing down 3 age groups: 90 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

Players playing down 4 age groups and more: 100 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

For acceptance purposes, a player that holds a Singles ranking in more than one age group will always be listed in the tournament with Singles ranking of his/her own age group (OAG).

## **Singles**

During the Organiser Window the Tournament Organiser must decide the following for each event:

- Whether all entered players can be accepted as Direct Acceptances (DA) into the Main Draw;
  - o In the event that not all entered players can be accepted as Direct Acceptances, the Tournament Organiser must inform the ITF office of the number of players that will be accepted into the Main Draw of each event.
  - o Players not accepted as Direct Acceptances into the Main Draw will be given Qualifying Acceptance (QA) status. If no Qualifying event will be played, then those players are to be given Alternate (ALT) status.

- Whether any age group events are to be amalgamated and inform the ITF office. See Section I, Regulation 44 for the ITF recommendations for amalgamation of draws.

Should the Tournament Organiser fail to contact the ITF, on completion of the Organiser Window, the decisions above will be taken by the ITF.

### Doubles

During the Organiser Window the Tournament Organiser must decide the following for each event:

For 1B tournaments:

- Whether all entered Doubles and Mixed Doubles teams can be accepted as Direct Acceptances (DA) into the Doubles and Mixed Doubles draws of the respective age categories.
- Decide if any age group Doubles event is to be amalgamated and what Age Group range the amalgamated categories will include.

For 1A and 1C tournaments:

- The Tournament Organiser shall decide if any age group Doubles event is to be amalgamated and what Age Group range the amalgamated categories will include at the Doubles sign-in deadline.

### 29. Composition of draws

Depending on the draw size, events are composed as follows:

#### Singles Main Draw

Position	8 draw	16 draw	24 draw	32 draw	48 draw	64 draw	96 draw	128 draw
DA	6	14	22	22 (30)	38 (46)	54 (62)	86 (94)	118 (126)
Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	8	8	8	8

The DA number in brackets applies to events where Q positions are not used because no Qualifying event is played.

At the discretion of the tournament director and/or Referee and prior to the draw being made, all tournaments may accept an unlimited number of non-seeded players (in accordance with their ranking as at the tournament entry deadline) as late entries to fill empty spaces within a draw (draw size as published on the tournament fact sheet on the ITF website).

A Singles Qualifying Draw may never be larger than the Main Draw. For Singles Main Draws of 24 players and below, no Qualifying Draw may be held.



## Doubles

Doubles draws are composed as follows:

Draw size	8 teams	12 teams	16 teams	24 teams	32 teams	48 teams	64 teams
DA	6	10	14	22	30	46	62

There are no Doubles Qualifying draws.

### 30. Publication of Acceptance lists

The Singles Acceptance Lists are published on [www.itftennis.com/seniors](http://www.itftennis.com/seniors) one hour after the entry deadline.

For 1B tournament Doubles events, an Alphabetical Entry List, including incomplete doubles entries, will be published one hour after the Entry Deadline.

### 31. Administrative error on an Acceptance list

If an administrative error is made on a tournament Acceptance list and a player is not included or too many players are accepted into the tournament, the Acceptance list will be corrected at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the criteria for acceptances.

### 32. Entry Definitions

A player's status in a tournament shall not be official until the Entry Deadline and publication of the tournament Acceptance List on the ITF website. Any arrangement, including travel, made by a player to participate in a tournament prior thereto is made at his/her own risk.

Players who don't fulfil the entry fee payment obligation to the tournament they entered as specified on the official ITF Fact Sheet on the ITF Seniors website at [www.itftennis.com/seniors](http://www.itftennis.com/seniors) may be denied participation by the Tournament Committee.

#### Direct Acceptances (DA)

Entered players accepted directly into the Singles Main Draw by virtue of their ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or the acceptance method described below for the applicable Age Group.

#### Qualifying Acceptances (QA)

Entered players accepted directly into the Singles Qualifying event by virtue of their ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or the acceptance method described below for the applicable Age Group.

**Alternates (Alt)**

Entered players not accepted into the Singles Main Draw or Qualifying event by virtue of their ITF Seniors World Singles Ranking or the acceptance method described below for the applicable Age Group any time after the Entry Deadline. If there is no Qualifying event, Alternates shall fill any vacant places in the Singles Main Draw, in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. For vacancies that occur after the Order of Play has been released for the first day of play, the selection shall be made from the players who have signed-in for each day as applicable.

**Wild Cards (WC)**

At the entry deadline, up to two (2) entered players per event may be directly included in the qualifying and/or main draw as a Wild Card at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. Wild cards must not be seeded players (in accordance with their ranking as at the tournament entry deadline). Main draw wild card requests, including tournaments with on-site doubles sign-in, must be submitted to the Tournament Director and Referee by the entry deadline. Wild cards who withdraw cannot be replaced with new wild cards before the draw is made.

**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 (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.

Players and tournaments shall retain written confirmation of the offer and acceptance of a wild card. Players and tournaments may not offer and/or receive any compensation for receiving or awarding a wild card, pursuant to Section III, Code of Conduct. Acceptance of the offer of a wild card constitutes a player's commitment to the tournament.

No player who has signed in for and been accepted into the Qualifying of the tournament may be named as a wild card after the Qualifying Competition has commenced.

**Qualifiers (Q)**

Players who are included in the Main Draw by virtue of their success in the Qualifying Draw.

### **Lucky Losers (LL)**

Players who have lost in the final round of the Qualifying Draw or, if more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, those players that have lost in the previous rounds of the Qualifying Draw.

## **33. Vacancies and Substitutions**

### **Singles**

#### **From the Withdrawal Deadline until the draw is made:**

Vacancies in the Main Draw (and Qualifying if applicable) shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

#### **For 1A and 1B tournaments:**

#### **From the Withdrawal Deadline until the draw is made:**

Vacancies created between the Withdrawal Deadline and when the draw is made shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

When a Qualifying Draw is held:

- 1) If player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw prior to the first ball being struck, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.
- 2) If a player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw after the commencement of play, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. Such a player must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of being called. If such player is replacing a previously seeded player in the Qualifying draw, the other seed positions remain unaffected.
- 3) If a player withdraws from Main Draw prior to the first ball being struck in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. Such players are then removed from the Qualifying Draw.
- 4) If a player withdraws from Main Draw after the commencement of play in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies shall be filled by players who have played and lost in the Qualifying Draw (Lucky Losers). The order of Lucky Losers is established as described below\*.

#### **For 1C tournaments:**

Vacancies created between the Withdrawal Deadline and the Sign-in Deadline shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

Following the Sign-in Deadline, vacancies shall be filled by signed in players, in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

When a Qualifying Draw is held:

- 1) If a player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw prior to the first ball being struck, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.
- 2) If a player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw after the commencement of play, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. Such a player must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of being called. If such player is replacing a previously seeded player in the Qualifying draw, the other seed positions remain unaffected.
- 3) If a player withdraws from Main Draw prior to the first ball being struck in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. Such players are then removed from the Qualifying Draw.
- 4) If a player withdraws from Main Draw after the commencement of play in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies shall be filled by players who have played and lost in the Qualifying Draw (Lucky Losers). The order of Lucky Losers is established as described below\*.

**\*Lucky Losers**

Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows: The order of players with an ITF Seniors ranking shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked players shall be randomly drawn.

The order so established is also used for the Lucky Loser Sign-in lists used on each day of the Main Draw if there are still players to play their first match, whether this is in the first round or subsequent rounds. For such days, the Lucky Loser Sign-in closes 30 minutes before the scheduled start of play of the event and shall open at least 30 minutes before and must be signed in person each day, however a player does not lose their position on this list if they elect not to sign in on a particular day

Once called, a Lucky Loser must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes. If a Lucky Loser is called to play but is not ready within fifteen (15) minutes, the player will be moved to the bottom of the Lucky Loser list for that day but will keep his/her original position on the list for subsequent days.

## **Doubles**

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

### **From the Entry/Withdrawal Deadline until the Sign-in (if applicable) or until the draw is made:**

If a player in a doubles team is forced to withdraw due to injury or exceptional circumstance, he/she can be replaced by another player up to but not later than the time the draw is made. If a replacement partner is not nominated the team shall be withdrawn and the open position shall be filled by the next eligible team, if applicable.

### **Substitutes after the draw is made and up to completion of all first matches:**

If a player in a doubles team is forced to withdraw due to injury or other exceptional circumstance, he/she can be replaced by another player up to but not later than the completion of the first match of all pairs in the doubles event. In the case of an unseeded team, any replacement partner must, in the judgement of the seeding committee, be of a similar or lower standard. In the case of a seeded team, any replacement partner must, in the judgement of the seeding committee, be of a similar standard, otherwise the entire team shall be withdrawn and the open position shall be filled by the next eligible team to be seeded or as per Regulation 40 (Withdrawal of Seeds).

A replacement partner may or may not already be entered in the tournament.

### **Withdrawal of entire doubles team after draw is made**

If a doubles team is forced to withdraw, or does not show for a match, the open position will be filled by the next eligible team in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. The Alternates sign-in list will be available daily until 30 minutes before start of play in doubles until all teams have started their doubles match. The other player of the withdrawing team may not team up with another player.

## **34. Sign-in/Registration**

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

### **a) Qualifying**

Players who appear on the Singles Qualifying Acceptance list at the time of the Withdrawal Deadline are committed to play in the Qualifying event and to sign-in in person with the Referee before 18.00 hours local time on the day before start of the Qualifying event. The Qualifying sign-in Deadline shall open at least two (2) hours earlier.

Players on the Alternate list may also sign-in. Players shall, if required, present his/her Passport or National ID to the Referee to verify their Date of Birth and Nationality prior to the start of the competition.

**Exceptions for signing-in on-site in person**

Entered players who appear on the Singles Qualifying Acceptance list and have lost in the previous week's tournament on the ITF Pro Circuit or ITF Seniors Circuit on the day of the Singles Qualifying Sign-on or one day earlier may be signed-in by the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline through the Referee of the previous week's tournament, who must verify the schedule of the player. The player must be able to be on-site and play his/her first round match by the end of the first round of Qualifying of that event.

Players who appear on the Singles Qualifying Acceptance list may sign-in on-time by telephone to the Referee to preserve eligibility for known vacant positions in the Singles Main Draw (e.g. following confirmed withdrawals after the Withdrawal Deadline). Such players will be moved into the Main Draw list following their sequence on the Qualifying Acceptance list. NB. Should such position not become available the player may not play in the Qualifying event and is subject to No-show suspension points.

**b) Main Draw**

Entered players who appear on the Singles Main Draw Acceptance list at the time of the Withdrawal Deadline are committed to play in the Singles Main Draw event and to sign-in in person with the Referee before 18.00 hours local time on the day before start of the Singles Main Draw event (or the Singles Draw, as applicable). The Main Draw sign-in Deadline shall open at least two (2) hours earlier.

Entered players who were signed-in to preserve eligibility for the Main Draw during the Qualifying sign-in and who were moved to the Singles Main Draw must also sign-in at this time.

Players shall, if required, present his/her Passport or National ID to the Referee to verify their Date of Birth and Nationality prior to the start of the competition.

**Exceptions for signing-in on-site in person**

Entered players who appear on the Singles Main Draw Acceptance list and have lost in the previous week's tournament on the ITF Pro Circuit or ITF Seniors Circuit on the day of the Singles Main Draw Sign-on or one day earlier may be signed-in by the Main Draw Sign-in Deadline through the Referee of the previous week's tournament, who must verify the schedule of the player. The player must be able to be on-site and play his/her first round match by the end of the first round of Main Draw in that event.

Players who signed-in onsite for the Qualifying event and were subsequently moved to the Main Draw are considered signed in and are not required to sign-in again.

### **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.

#### **After the Doubles Sign-in Deadline:**

Following the Doubles Sign-in Deadline the Referee and the Tournament Director must establish if any Doubles or Mixed Doubles draws must be amalgamated and if all entered doubles teams can be accepted. If a player enters two (2) Doubles or two (2) Mixed Doubles events which are subsequently amalgamated, and the Referee has no possibility of making contact, the player in both events will remain in the Acceptance List for their own age group.

Teams not selected as Direct Acceptances for the Doubles Draw are moved to an Alternates List, with the option to sign-in daily to replace any further vacancies in the draw.

The Doubles Draw shall be conducted immediately thereafter. For seeding and draw procedures, see below.

### **d) Wild Cards**

Wild Cards are not required to sign-in but must reconfirm their participation by contacting the Referee before their respective event's Sign-in Deadline.

## **35. Draws**

### **Public Draws**

All draws shall be conducted by the Referee using Tournament Planner Software (Seniors TP). If possible, two player representatives shall be present to witness the process, one of which shall be of a different nationality to that of the host nation. Once a draw has been made there shall be no change unless a seeded player withdraws as described below.

Depending on the Entry Deadline and the doubles procedures chosen by the Tournament Organiser the following deadlines apply until when draws must have been made and the Order of Play published:

**- Normal Entry Deadline with Additional Entry on Site for Doubles (Tournament Type 1A):**

The Tournament Organiser may let the Referee conduct the Singles Draw and publish the Order of Play immediately after having received the tournament data from the ITF office after the Withdrawal Deadline, on Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

The Order of Play must be published on the ITF website at least 48 hours before the start of the tournament. The Singles draw must be published at least one hour before the start of the first scheduled match.

The Doubles Draw must be made immediately after the Doubles Sign-in Deadline, or at another time to be announced on the official ITF Fact Sheet.

**- Early Entry Deadline without Additional Entry on Site for Doubles (Tournament Type 1B):**

The Tournament Organiser may let the Referee conduct the Singles Draw and publish the Order of Play immediately after having received the tournament data from the ITF office after the Withdrawal Deadline, on Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

The Order of Play must be published on the ITF website at least 48 hours before the start of the tournament. The Singles and Doubles draw must be published at least one hour before the start of the first scheduled match.

**- Normal Entry Deadline with Additional Entry on Site for Doubles and Reconfirmation Sign-In for Singles (Tournament Type 1C):**

The Singles Qualifying Draw must be made immediately after closure of the Singles Qualifying Draw sign-in, The Singles Main Draw must be made immediately after the Singles Main Draw Sign-in Deadline.

The Doubles Draw must be made immediately after the Doubles Sign-in Deadline, or at another time to be announced on the official ITF Fact Sheet.



## **36. Singles Seeding Criteria**

### **(a) Singles Seeding Process**

Singles seeding shall be based on the ITF Seniors World 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:

For a draw of 128:	32 seeds
For a draw of 96:	32 seeds
For a draw of 64:	16 seeds
For a draw of 48:	16 seeds
For a draw of 32:	8 seeds
For a draw of 24:	8 seeds
For a draw of 16:	4 seeds
For a draw of 8:	2 seeds

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

3 players:	0 seeds
4-7 players:	2 seeds

Except for Seed Exempt positions as specified in Regulation 38, players without an ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking shall not be seeded.

### **(b) Seeding in Amalgamated Draws**

For amalgamated draws the better of the recalculated ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking points of the player's own age group ("recalculated OAG points") and the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking points of the age group he/she is competing in shall be used.

### **(c) Players playing in lower age groups**

When a ranked player is entered in a lower age group in which he/she has no ranking, for the purpose of seeding, recalculated OAG points will be applied. When player is ranked in more than one age group, for the purpose of seeding, the better of the recalculated OAG points or the ranking points of the age group in which he/she is entered shall be used.

#### **(d) National Closed Championships**

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

### **37. Doubles and Mixed Doubles Seeding criteria**

#### **(a) Doubles seeding process**

Doubles and Mixed Doubles Seeding at Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships (WC), Grade A, Grade 1-2 and Grade RC1-RC2 shall be based on the latest available ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable) as of seven (7) days before the Monday of the Tournament Week, and strictly in world ranking order.

Grade 3-5 and Grade RC3 Doubles and Mixed Doubles events shall be based on the latest available ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking as well as the ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable) on the Monday of the week of the Withdrawal Deadline.

Teams are seeded according to the following seed order:

- 1) Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, Grade A, Grade 1-2 and Grade RC1-RC2 Tournaments only:  
**Doubles:** The combined ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles ranking points of the two players shall be added together and the total used to determine the seed order.  
**Mixed Doubles:** The combined ITF Seniors World Individual Mixed Doubles ranking points of the two players shall be added together and the total used to determine the seed order.
- 2) If one player of a team is unranked, that team shall be seeded below any other teams which have the same number of ranking points.

If two or more teams are tied otherwise, the order shall be drawn by lot.

Grade 3-5 & RC3 Tournaments Only:

- 3) **Doubles:** The combined ranking points of the two players, using each players' best ITF Seniors World Individual Singles or World Individual Doubles ranking shall be added together and the total used to determine the seed order.  
**Mixed Doubles:** The combined ranking points of the two players, using each

players' best ITF Seniors World Individual Singles or World Individual Mixed Doubles ranking shall be added together and the total used to determine the seed order.

- 4) If one player of a team is unranked, that team shall be seeded below any other teams which have the same number of ranking points.

If two or more teams are tied otherwise, the order shall be drawn by lot.

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

4-7 teams: 2 seeds

8-16 teams: 4 seeds

17-47 teams: 8 seeds

48-64 teams: 16 seeds

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

3 teams: 0 seeds

4-6 teams: 2 seeds

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 ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or an ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable).

**(b) Seeding in amalgamated draws**

For amalgamated draws the recalculated ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking points of the players' own age group ("recalculated OAG points") shall be used in accordance with Regulation 37(a).

**(c) Players playing in lower age groups**

When a ranked player is entered in a lower age group in which he/she has no ranking, for the purpose of seeding, recalculated OAG points will be applied.

**(d) National Closed Championships**

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

### 38. Seed Exempts – Singles and Doubles

The following number of seed exempts can be nominated at all Circuit tournaments, except for the World Individual Championships where the number of seed exempts is a matter for the discretion of the seeding committee:

- For a draw-size of 128 - up to 4
- For a draw-size of 64 - up to 4
- For a draw-size of 48 - up to 3
- For a draw-size of 32 - up to 2
- For a draw-size of 24 - up to 2
- For a draw-size of 16 - up to 2
- For a draw-size of 8 - up to 2

Seed exempts can be ranked or unranked players / teams.

If requested, the tournament committee must provide an explanation for the nomination of seed exempt(s) and their order within the seeding list.

### 39. Placing the Seeds/Method of Draw

#### (a) Procedure for placing seeds for main and consolation draws

##### Seed positions

Draw size	8 draw	16 draw	24 draw 32 draw	48 draw 64 draw	96 draw 128 draw
Seed 1	Line 1	Line 1	Line 1	Line 1	Line 1
Seed 2	Line 8	Line 16	Line 32	Line 64	Line 128
Seed 3-4		Draw to lines 5, 12	Draw to lines 9, 24	Draw to lines 17, 48	Draw to lines 33, 96
Seed 5-8			Draw to lines 8, 16, 17, 25	Draw to lines 16, 32, 33, 49	Draw to lines 32, 64, 65, 97
Seed 9-16				Draw to lines 8, 9, 24, 25, 40, 41, 56, 57	Draw to lines 16, 17, 48, 49, 80, 81, 112, 113
Seed 17-32					Draw to lines 8, 9, 24, 25, 40, 41, 56, 57 72, 73, 88, 89 104, 105, 120, 121

##### Distribution of players from the same nation

Seeded players from the same nation shall be distributed throughout the draw based on the seeding order of merit.

For doubles, only teams where both players are from the same nation are considered for such distribution.

Seeded players from the same country shall be distributed as follows:

- No. 1-2 seeds shall be drawn to different halves of the draw.
- No. 3-4 seeds shall be drawn to different quarters of the draw, not previously occupied by another player/team from that nation.
- No. 5-8 seeds shall be drawn to different eights (1/8th) of the draw, not previously occupied by another player/team from that nation.
- No. 9-16 seeds shall be drawn to different sixteenths (1/16th) of the draw, not previously occupied by another player/team from that nation.
- No. 17-32 seeds shall be drawn to different thirty-seconds (1/32th) of the draw, not previously occupied by another player/team from that nation.

The remaining players from a nation shall be distributed as much as technically possible across the draw without regard to ranking.

If there is an insufficient number of players to fill all the positions in the draw, byes shall be awarded to seeded players in descending order. Any further byes shall then be drawn by lot.

#### **(b) Procedure for placing seeds for Qualifying Draw**

The Qualifying draw shall be made in sections, and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw.

If four (4) qualifiers are required, there shall be four (4) sections; if eight (8) qualifiers are required, there shall be eight (8) sections; and this principle followed for greater number of qualifying positions in the main draw. Each section shall have two seeded players.

- For a draw with 8 sections: 16 seeds

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line of each section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line of each section.

If there is an insufficient number of ranked players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seeds shall not have a second seeded player. There are no exempt seeds in qualifying.

If there is an insufficient number of players to fill all the positions in the draw, byes shall be awarded to seeded players in descending order.

### **Distribution of players from the same nation**

Seeded players from the same nation shall be distributed throughout the draw based on the seeding order of merit.

Seeded players shall be distributed as follows:

- The top group of seeded players (corresponding to the number of sections in the draw) from one country shall be drawn to different sections of the draw.
- The next group of seeded players (corresponding to the number of sections in the draw) from one country shall be drawn to different sections of the draw.

The remaining players from a nation shall be distributed as much as technically possible across the sections without regard to ranking.

### **40. Withdrawal of Seeds**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs before the event has started, if reasonably practical the selection of seeds may be revised as set out below:

#### **Seed Withdrawing    Replacement Seed**

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>3 or 4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>5 to 8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>9 to 16</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>17 to 32</u>	<u>33</u>

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after 4.00 p.m. (1600 hours) local time on the day before the start of that event, or the publication of the order of play, may be filled by an alternate if prior to the commencement of the Qualifying competition (where a qualifying draw has taken place) or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of the Qualifying competition. If there are no Alternates, then the next seed shall receive a bye and the player they were originally playing shall move to the now vacant position in the draw.

In Qualifying, if a seeded player withdraws or is moved from Qualifying to the Main Draw, the remaining seeded players shall stay in their positions and the replacing player inserted in the vacated position.

### **41. Match Formats Singles**

Matches must be played over the best of three Tie-Break sets on a Knock-out basis.

In the 80 and 85 age groups, should the score reach one set all, a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break will be played to determine the winner. In this case, no 10-minute break shall be taken after the second set.

In the 35, 40 and 45 age groups only, where an event is scheduled to take place in three (3) or less days, should the score reach one set all, a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break may be used at the discretion of the Referee.

All Tie-Breaks shall be played as Change of Ends Tie-Breaks, with players changing ends after the first point and thereafter after every four (4) points.

In the event of unavoidable disruption to a tournament, such as bad weather, should the score reach one set all, the Tournament Organiser may decide that a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break shall be played or alternatively adopt any of the approved alternative methods of scoring as per the ITF Rules of Tennis.

#### **42. Match Formats Doubles and Mixed Doubles**

The tournament organiser may choose between match formats for Doubles and Mixed Doubles events as per the ITF Rules of Tennis.

The chosen format must be published on the official ITF Fact Sheet and once published, may only be changed subject to approval of the ITF.

In the men's and women's 80 and 85 age groups, a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break game may be played when the score is one set all. No 10 minute break shall be taken after the second set.

#### **43. Draws of Eight (8) or Less Players / Teams**

In singles and doubles events at Grade 3, 4 and 5 tournaments the organiser can select a format of play (round-robin or knock-out) and an approved scoring format (in accordance with the Rules of Tennis) of choice. An event must comprise a minimum of three (3) players / teams to qualify for ranking points.

In singles events at all other tournaments a round-robin format must be played for any event with less than eight (8) players entered (except when an event has 5 players and 4 days or less of play, in which case a knock-out draw may be played instead of a Round Robin) A singles event must comprise a minimum of three (3) players to qualify for ranking points.

In doubles and mixed doubles events at all other tournaments, a round-robin format must be played for any event with less than four teams entered. An event with a

minimum of four (4) and a maximum of seven (7) teams entered can be played as a round-robin or knock-out format. An event with eight (8) or more teams entered must be played as a knock-out format.

#### **44. Amalgamation of Age Groups**

The ITF recommends that organisers consider amalgamation when an event has three (3) players/teams or less. The ITF recommends that a maximum of two (2) age groups are amalgamated.

An age group containing two (2) players/teams or less must be amalgamated with the age group immediately higher or lower. Multiple age groups can be amalgamated if necessary.

Tournament Organisers are responsible for immediately notifying all entered players if their age group is amalgamated, regardless of when the decision to amalgamate occurs. Amalgamations must be confirmed before the draw is made.

Cancellation of an age group is not recommended by the ITF and should only occur if absolutely necessary. Any decision to cancel an age group must be immediately communicated by the Tournament Organisers to all players in the cancelled age group and to the ITF.

#### **45. Format of Play of Round Robin Events**

##### **3-5 players/teams**

One (1) Round Robin group shall be played.

##### **6-7 players/teams**

Two (2) Round Robin Groups shall be played.

Upon completion of the Round Robin competitions the top two players/teams in each group shall play a final: Winner Group A vs Winner Group B

**Number of seeded players/Teams and seed positions**

<b>Draw size</b>	<b>3 draw</b>	<b>4 or 5 draw</b>	<b>6 draw</b>	<b>7 draw</b>
<b>Seeds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Based on Round Robin Groups A &amp; B</b>	<b>3 pos in Group A</b>	<b>4 or 5 pos in Group A</b>	<b>3 pos in Group A, 3 pos in Group B</b>	<b>3 pos in Group A, 4 pos in Group B</b>
<b>Seed 1</b>		Line 1, Group A	Line 1, Group A	Line 1, Group A
<b>Seed 2</b>		Line 4 or 5, Group A	Line 1, Group B	Line 1, Group B
<b>Seed 3</b>				



The top two seeded players shall be placed in separate Round Robin groups. All other players shall be drawn by lot. If there are seven entries and one Round Robin group is larger than the other, the number 1 seed shall be placed in the smaller group.

### **Distribution of players from the same nation**

Players from a nation shall be distributed as much as technically possible across the Round Robin groups.

### **Rules for Round Robin events**

In the Round Robin groups, the following rules apply:

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.

If the number of points is equal for two (2) players/doubles teams, head-to-head results shall determine the final standings.

If the number of points is equal for three (3) or more players/teams, the following criteria shall determine the final standings;

1. The percentage of sets won of sets played against all players/doubles teams in the group,
2. If, after this calculation, only two players/doubles teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two players/doubles teams will be used to break the tie
3. The percentage of games won of games played against all players/doubles teams in the group
4. If, after this calculation, only two players/doubles teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two players/doubles teams will be used to break the tie
5. If there are still players/doubles teams that remain tied, then the World Individual ranking points of the players/doubles teams used for seeding in the event will be used to break the tie\*.
6. If there are still players/doubles teams that remain tied, then drawn by lot.

\*The ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking Points used for seeding in the event are determined as per Section I, Regulation 36 for Singles and Section I, Regulation 37 for Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

If a player withdraws or is a no-show for the entire tournament, the player is defaulted from the event and all his/her results from matches played are void and not to be considered.

#### **46. Consolation Events**

Time and court availability permitting, the Tournament Organiser shall make every effort to hold a Consolation Singles event for each age group for all players that lose their first match in either the first or second round of Main Draw. When necessary, the amalgamation of age categories is possible.

Consolation events will not be eligible for ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking Points, except at the World Individual Championships.

#### **Consolation at World Individual Championships**

Consolation draws at World Individual Championships shall be played as two Tie-Break sets and a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break instead of a third set, unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee. They shall follow the same seeding provisions as all other ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

Advancement to the second round by virtue of a Bye in a player's first Main Draw match shall not count as a match won for the purpose of eligibility to participate in the Consolation event.

Advancement to the second round by virtue of a Walkover in a player's first match shall count as a match won for the purpose of the Consolation event at the ITF World Individual Championships only. If the player loses his/her second-round match, the player may choose to forfeit the ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking points gained due to advancement to the second round by virtue of a Walkover and thus become eligible to participate in the Consolation event.

#### **47. Daily Order of Play**

Once the ITF Referee has determined the following day's Order of Play, it should be released by the ITF Referee, both online via ITF Tournament Planner program (Seniors TP) and on-site with print outs from the ITF Tournament Planner program (Seniors TP), as soon as possible, but no later than 22:00 hours local time.

Once officially released, the Order of Play shall not be amended unless the ITF Referee deems it necessary and/or appropriate.

It is each player's responsibility to ascertain his or her times of play and when their match is called.

#### **48. Suspension and Postponement**

The Chair Umpire or the Referee may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any such suspension by the Chair Umpire must be reported immediately to the Referee. The Referee must, however, make all decisions on the postponement of a match until a later day. Unless and until the Referee postpones a match, the players, Chair Umpire and all on-court officials must remain ready to resume the match.

Upon suspension of a match, the Chair Umpire shall record the time, point, game and set score, and the name of the server, the sides on which each player was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match.

If suspension is due to darkness it should, whenever possible, be after an even number of games have been played in the set-in progress or at the end of a set. There shall be five (5) minutes of warm-up before a match. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

0-14 minutes delay	-	no warm-up
15-29 minutes delay	-	three (3) minutes of warm-up
30 or more minutes of delay	-	five (5) minutes of warm-up

#### **49 Players' Rest**

##### **a) Between sets:**

A ten-minute rest period shall be taken after the second set unless the players concerned agree otherwise. Players may leave the court during the ten-minute rest period. Players may interact with their support team members and tournament visitors during the ten-minute rest period.

The above does not apply in the case of a deciding ten (10) point Match Tie-Break, in which case play should be continuous.

When a ten-minute rest period is taken, the players concerned shall immediately inform the Chair Umpire, or where there is no Chair Umpire, the Referee or Court Official, so that he/she may determine the exact time for play to resume. Any failure by one or more of the players to return and commence play at the agreed time shall subject the player to Time Violations as set out in the Code of Conduct.

##### **b) Between matches:**

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of two matches per day, which shall not be

scheduled less than twelve (12) hours after completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day.

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, it is recommended that players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) Singles match per day.

However, if entered three (3) events at the same tournament, players must be prepared to play three (3) matches a day.

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless he/she is in a Singles and Doubles final to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

- i) Played less than one (1) hour – half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) an hour rest
- ii) Played between one (1) hour and one and one half ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ) hours – one (1) hour rest
- iii) Played more than one and one half ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ) hours – one and one half ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ) hours rest

If play has been interrupted for thirty (30) minutes or more due to rain or other warranted delay, the length of match time would be assessed from the moment play resumes following the delay.

If play is interrupted for less than thirty (30) minutes, match time would be considered continuous from the moment the first ball of the match was put into play.

The above rule applies to Main Draw matches and when possible to Consolation matches.

**c) Between Qualifying and Main Draw:**

Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his/her first round match in the Singles Main Draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his/her final Qualifying match.

**50. Duties of the Referee**

1. The Referee shall:
  - a) Be present at all times during the playing of matches.
  - b) Prior to the event, conduct such training sessions and meetings as may be necessary to familiarise thoroughly all officials with all applicable Rules and procedures.
  - c) Be responsible for all aspects of play.

- d) Be the final authority for on court disputes in respect of the Code of Conduct and interpretation of the Rules of Tennis;
- e) Appoint (or approve the assignment of) all Umpires for matches and replace any Umpire whenever he/she decides it is necessary to improve the officiating of a match. Where Umpires are not available, appoint (or approve) suitably qualified roving officials.
- f) Prior to making the draws, obtain the Wild Cards from the tournament committee and consult with the tournament committee to determine the final entry list
- g) Make the draws for all events.
- h) Designate the official visible timepiece at a fixed location as the official clock of the tournament.
- i) Prepare the daily order of play and ensure that it is posted on the official notice board, that should be in a highly visible place in a general player's area and published online through the ITF Seniors Tournament Planner as early as is possible.
- j) Ensure that all courts are fit for play;
- k) Ensure that each court, net, net posts and singles sticks conform to the specifications in the Rules of Tennis and that each court is equipped with singles sticks, a Chair Umpire's chair, players' chairs, water cups and a measuring device.
- l) Decide if a match shall be moved to another court.
- m) Decide when play should be postponed or stopped because of weather conditions, inadequate light or other conditions.
- n) Ensure that all results are accurately recorded on the official draw sheet;
- o) Use Tournament Planner Software (Seniors TP) before and during the tournament
- p) Notify the ITF (through Seniors TP reports) of all money collected from on-site IPIN cash payments.
- q) Upload results daily using the Tournament Planner Software (Seniors TP).
- r) Be responsible for investigating Code of Conduct violations, issuing penalties and/or suspension points and ensuring delivery whenever possible to every player cited for an on-site offence a copy of the relevant Code of Conduct form.
- s) On conclusion of the tournament, send to the ITF the ITF Referee's Report form, including details of all the penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct (through Seniors TP reports).

## 2. The Referee's Powers

- a) The Referee is the on-site representative of the ITF, and is responsible for ensuring the uniform administration and interpretation of the Senior Circuit Regulations, the Rules of Tennis, the Organisational Requirements, the Senior Circuit Code of Conduct and the ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials.

- b) All decisions of the Referee are final, unless specified otherwise in these Regulations.

### **51. Settlement of On-Site Disputes**

The Referee shall decide on any on-site disputes or interpretation of the Tournament Rules and Regulations and Rules of Tennis.

### **52. ITF Representatives**

For the venue staging the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, the ITF shall appoint one or more Representative(s) who shall arrive at least one day prior to the start of the Competition or as available depending on attendance at the Team Competition.

The ITF Representative shall be consulted on all matters and his/her duties shall include:

- a) Verification that the seeding have been correctly implemented.
- b) Liaison between the organising committee and the ITF.
- c) Determining matters of policy in the conduct of the Competition; and
- d) Acting as the on-site representative of the ITF in all matters.

The position of the ITF Representative on site is one of final authority on any decision taken in respect of any change in the agreed programme of events including change of surface due to bad weather conditions.

The Referee is solely responsible for decisions on court regarding the Rules of Tennis and the Code of Conduct, but any interpretation of the Seniors Rules must be referred to the ITF Representative.

## **V. ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **53. Tournament Fact Sheets**

All relevant information on arrangements for the tournament must be made available to the players in the form of the ITF standard Fact Sheet.

The Fact Sheet must be submitted to the ITF for approval no later than fifteen (15) weeks before the official start of the tournament.

Any other programme or flyer for the tournament shall publicise and correctly describe the approved grade of the event. A copy must be sent to the ITF as soon as it is produced. The ITF Seniors Department ([seniors@itftennis.com](mailto:seniors@itftennis.com)) must be copied on important organisational email messages sent out to players.

If required, tournaments shall assign to the ITF, free of charge, one (1) page in the official tournament programme for an ITF editorial or advertisement.

In the case of the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, all information must be submitted to the ITF by the host nation by a date to be agreed with the ITF.

#### **54. Entry Fees**

##### **a) Grade A, 1-5 and RC1-3 ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments**

The tournament committee shall determine a reasonable entry fee. 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.

##### **b) ITF World Individual Championships**

Entry fees for the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships shall be as follows:

- (1) The entry fee shall be \$150.00. The conditions of payment, including a deadline, shall be published in the fact sheet. Failure to meet these conditions of payment may result in the player's official withdrawal from the tournament.
- (2) The conditions of refund shall be published in the fact sheet. A full refund will be made to an entered player that makes an official withdrawal prior to the Withdrawal Deadline. An official withdrawal is made online at [www.itftennis.com/ipin](http://www.itftennis.com/ipin) or by completing and signing an official Withdrawal Form and sending it to the ITF office. If the official withdrawal is made after the Withdrawal Deadline, a refund will be made only for reasons of health and/or injury supported by a medical certificate, or bereavement. A player that withdraws after the draw has been made is not eligible for a refund.

#### **55. Results, Report Forms & Tournament Software**

The ITF will provide free of charge to the Referee a licensed copy of the Seniors Tournament Planner (Seniors TP) software.

The tournament shall have internet access on-site for use by the ITF Referee.

It is also mandatory that the Referee has a working email account and immediate access to a phone open for international calls and fax on-site.

Following conclusion of the tournament, the Tournament Director shall send/email to the ITF the Tournament Report form. The report must be submitted on the official form provided by the ITF (or Tennis Europe, for European tournaments).

### **56. Prize Money/ Player Hospitality Money**

Should prize money be awarded and assuming draw sizes are equal in size, prize money must be equally distributed by gender and equally distributed across all age groups at the tournament.

The amount of prize money for Doubles and Mixed Doubles may differ from the amount of prize money for Singles, but the criteria of equality by gender and across all age groups must be adhered to for Doubles and Mixed Doubles also.

If, due to low participation figures, a round robin draw is played at an event instead of an elimination draw, then the advertised prize money may be reduced by up to a maximum of 50%.

Player hospitality money may be offered at Grade A, RC and 1-5 tournaments at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

### **57. Officials**

#### **a) Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World 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.

#### **b) Grade RC, A & 1-5 Tournaments**

The Referee shall be, as a minimum, a White Badge certified Referee unless otherwise approved in writing by the ITF.

For Grade RC, A and Grade 1-2 tournaments, it is recommended that, wherever possible, there shall be a Chair Umpire for each main draw singles final. For the earlier stages of the tournament there must be a Court Supervisor for each five match courts.

For Grade 3-4 tournaments, it is recommended there is a minimum of one Court Supervisor/Off-court Umpire for each six (6) match courts.

It is further recommended that for tournaments with more than 200 participants, an Assistant Referee, fluent in the English language, is appointed.



## **58. Doctor on call/ Sports Physiotherapist**

All ITF Seniors tournaments must have a doctor on-call.

It is strongly recommended that all ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments arrange for a Sports Physiotherapist (*as defined in the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards*) to be on-site for the duration of the event (see Appendix III).

If there is no Sports Physiotherapist on site at a tournament, a person who is qualified in first aid and resuscitation must always be on site.

## **59. Courts**

All match courts for each event shall be played on the same surface throughout the tournament. However, in the event of bad weather, play may be moved to another surface, either under cover or not.

The surface of the courts to be used at the World Championships shall be subject to the approval of the Seniors Committee.

It is also recommended that in tournaments with foreign participation, on-site player announcements be made in English as well as the local language.

## **60. Practice Facilities**

If practice courts are available at an event, they shall be made available to all participants, free of charge.

## **61. Banner**

Tournaments shall display an ITF Seniors Circuit banner on their main court. The banner shall be provided free of charge by the ITF. The tournament report shall include a photograph of the banner in place.

## **62. Scoreboards**

Scoreboards must be displayed on-court at all Grade A and Grade 1 events. Scoreboards should be used wherever possible at Grade 2-5 events.

## **63. Balls**

- a) The balls to be used in the Competition must conform to the specifications in Rule 3 of the Rules of Tennis and must have been approved by the ITF.
  
- b) In singles, doubles and mixed doubles main draw and qualifying there shall be a minimum of three new balls for each match. Another three new balls shall be provided for any third set at Regional Championships, Grade A, Grade 1 and Grade

2 tournaments.

c) Balls shall be provided for practice, but it is not obligatory to give new balls

d) At the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Championships (Grade WC) four new balls will be provided for each match and for any full third set played. New balls shall not be provided for any ten (10) point Match Tie-Break.

#### **64. Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct for Seniors tournaments shall be prominently displayed on the official notice board at all tournaments (see also Section III Code of Conduct).

#### **65. 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.

#### **66. Waiver of Claims**

In submitting an entry into an ITF Seniors event, 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

travelling to or from, or participating in an ITF Seniors event, against the ITF, the National Association or the Regional Association sanctioning such events.

Nothing in these Regulations excludes or limits the liability of the ITF, the Tournament Organiser or Sponsors of a Tournament:

- (i) for death or personal injury caused by their (respective) negligence;
- (ii) for fraud; or
- (iii) to the extent that such exclusion or limitation is not permitted by applicable law.
- (iv)

### **67. Commercial Rights**

The ITF retains the right to secure sponsors (Title & International) for the Competition. A Title Sponsor or International Sponsor will have the right to exposure at select events of the Competition, and it will be the responsibility of the ITF to negotiate an agreement with each Tournament Organiser of these events with regards to this exposure. The ITF grants all Tournament Organisers of events the right to secure domestic sponsors.

The ITF insists that there should be no Tobacco organisations, hard liquor products or betting companies secured as sponsors for any events.

The ITF retains the exclusive right for net branding at each event of the Competition. The Tournament Organiser of each event of the Competition is not allowed to place branding on the net unless agreed otherwise in writing with the ITF.

The ITF will have the right to instruct individual tournaments on the ITF Senior Circuit to use the balls of the Official Ball manufacturer providing that the balls are given to the tournament free of charge.

The ITF accepts that certain tournaments may have existing agreements in place with ball manufacturers and in such circumstances, the ITF will waive the right to require the use of the Official Ball at these tournaments for the duration of the existing agreement. Should the ITF inform a tournament on the ITF Seniors Circuit of the intention to use an Official Ball, that tournament agrees that once their current agreement has expired, no new agreement with a ball manufacturer will be entered into.

The Tournament Organisers of the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships will receive a Sponsorship Manual from the ITF in relation to all sponsorship issues.

**68. Related Regulations**

To the extent not covered herein The Constitution of ITF Limited and the Rules of Tennis shall be applicable to all ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of the ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments to promulgate and enforce their own special regulations insofar as they are consistent with the applicable provisions of these Rules and Regulations and have been approved by the ITF.

**SECTION II**  
**REGULATIONS FOR THE ITF YOUNG SENIORS/SENIORS/SUPER-SENIORS WORLD**  
**TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**I. THE COMPETITION**

**1. Title**

The Competition shall be called “The ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships”. The ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships’ Cups are as follows:

a) Official Team Competitions of the ITF:

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.
Suzanne Lenglen Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 35 years on or before the 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> December in the year in which the Competition is held

## **2. Ownership**

The Competition shall be owned by and under the direction and control of the International Tennis Federation, hereinafter referred to as the “ITF”.

Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF; commercial exploitation of the event; television and radio, film and video recordings, plus new media and internet coverage. The Board of Directors may assign all or any rights to the host nation in accordance with detailed guidelines issued by the ITF consistent with these Regulations.

### **3. Format**

The Competition shall be played at one venue unless the Seniors Committee decides to approve an application to play in zones. The Competition shall be played under a Round Robin format in the initial stages after which a knock-out principle can be adopted to produce the final list of all teams.

### **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.

### **5. Prize Money**

No prize money shall be awarded unless approved by the ITF.

### **6. Trophies**

A list of trophies donated by National Associations can be found on the ITF Seniors website.

### **7. Rules to be Observed**

The Competition shall take place in accordance with these regulations, and the approved Code of Conduct (together the "Regulations"), the Constitution of the ITF Limited and the Rules of Tennis. .

In submitting an entry, a National Association and its team members, including the Captain, automatically undertake to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations.

Any National Association and its team members, including the Captain, failing to honour this undertaking shall be subject to penalties.

The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned Competition for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the Competition, without any liability on behalf of the Applicant, National Association, Tournament/Host Organiser or the ITF (for the avoidance of doubt, the ITF, the Applicant, National

Association and/or the Tournament/Host Organiser will not be liable to any Players or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such cancelled Competitions, including, without limitation, any transport and/or accommodation costs). This decision will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Seniors Committee, and may be appealed to the Independent Tribunal.

## **8. Variations**

### **(a) Power to amend**

These ITF Senior Circuit Rules and Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors.

### **(b) Extraordinary Circumstances**

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

### **(c) Variations for a particular tournament**

Tournaments may apply for a limited variation to the Regulations set out under Section II, pursuant to Section I, Regulation 22

## **9. Enforcement of Regulations and resolution of disputes**

### **On-site enforcement**

It is the responsibility of the Referee, ITF Representative and ITF Seniors Committee (if present) to enforce these Regulations on-site.

### **First instance proceedings**

The Referee shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) unless expressly referred elsewhere, an allegation that a player has committed an offence under the Code of Conduct that is not a Major Offence or a breach of the Welfare Policy;
- (b) any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise on court in respect of the Rules of Tennis; and
- (c) any other decisions, disputes or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the Referee.

The ITF Representative shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise on-site regarding these Regulations; and



- (b) any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the ITF Representative.

The Referee, ITF Seniors Committee or other person/entity designated under these Regulations may decide any issues entrusted to them (respectively) under these Regulations. Unless expressly provided otherwise, there will be no right of appeal from their respective decisions.

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel;
- (b) any dispute or question about the proper interpretation of these Regulations (including reviewing as appropriate any on-site interpretation by the ITF Representative);
- (c) any dispute or question about player eligibility arising under these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere);
- (d) any allegation that a player, Related Person or other person or entity bound by these Regulations has failed to comply with any other aspect of these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere); and
- (e) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Independent Tribunal shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations to the Independent Tribunal;
- (b) an allegation that a player, Related Person or other person participating in the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships has breached the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme;
- (c) an allegation that a player or Related Person has committed a Major Offence under the Code of Conduct;
- (d) any allegation that a Tournament Offence has been committed under the Code of Conduct;
- (e) any allegation that a Covered Person has committed a breach of the Welfare Policy; and
- (f) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Procedural Rules for both the Internal Adjudication Panel and the Independent Tribunal are available online at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com), or a hard-copy can be requested in writing to the ITF.

### **Sanctions**

Where the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and/or Independent Tribunal upholds an allegation of breach of these Regulations, it will determine the sanctions for such breach in accordance with the sanctions provisions in its Procedural Rules, unless these Regulations specify other sanctions for such breach, in which case it will apply the specific sanctions.

### **Appeals**

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- (a) decisions by the Referee and ITF Representative under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);
- (b) subject to preceding paragraph (a) above, decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules (in particular, the section applicable to the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appeal panel);
- (c) decisions of the Independent Tribunal (sitting as a first instance tribunal) may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules;

Such appeals may only be brought by one of the following persons:

- (i) the Nation that is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- (ii) the team member who is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- (iii) the Nation of the team member who is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- (iv) any Nation that is directly affected by the decision being appealed; and/or
- (v) the ITF.

'Related Person' is defined as any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament at the request of the player or any other Related Person.

## **10. International Player Identification number (IPIN)**

To play in the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships, a player must have registered for a Seniors IPIN membership (International Player Identification Number) and have paid the annual IPIN fee.

## **11. Sponsorship**

Commercial Rights for the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships shall be as set out in the Hosting Agreement.

## **II. MANAGEMENT**

### **12. Board of Directors**

#### a) Management

The Competition shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the ITF in co-operation with the National Association(s) of the country or countries where the Competition is played.

#### b) Duties

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- (i) to appoint every two (2) years a Seniors Committee, which shall consist of a Chair, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members as determined necessary.
- (ii) To register in the name of the ITF any trademarks in connection with the Competition, and to protect such rights;
- (iii) To select the venues and decide the dates for the Competition;
- (iv) To decide the entry fee and allocation of any prizes;
- (v) To administer the funds of the Competition within the financial framework of the Competition;
- (vi) To refuse the entry of any National Association, or refuse the further participation of such National Association in the Competition, if in its opinion the participation of the said nation may result in the Competition being endangered.

### **13. Seniors Committee**

The duties and powers of the Seniors Committee shall be:

- (a) to manage the Circuit and Team Competitions;
- (b) to recommend changes to and to ensure the uniform application of these Rules and Regulations and the Code of Conduct;
- (c) to administer the funds of the Circuit and the Team Competitions within the financial framework of the ITF;
- (d) to report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters;
- (e) to submit regular reports to the Board of Directors; and
- (f) to approve events for all ITF Senior Competitions and to select the dates and venues for each of those events.

## **III. RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

### **14. Application to Stage the Competition**

Any National Association wishing to stage the Competition shall submit its application in writing on the approved form provided by the ITF.

National Associations may submit a joint bid with other National Associations to stage the Competition.

The ITF will only consider bids offering to host both the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships in the same year, in two consecutive weeks.

### **15. Financial Arrangements for On-Site Organisation**

The financial arrangements for the on-site organisation shall be negotiated between the ITF and the host nation.

### **16. Entries**

Entries from National Associations shall be sent to the ITF to arrive no later than twelve (12) weeks before the Competition begins, or such earlier date as may be decided and announced in advance by the ITF.

The list of entries shall be forwarded to the Organising Committee after the Entry Deadline.

The fee will be stipulated in the Application Form, and by submitting an application, a National Association is liable to pay the entry fee.

### **17. Default in Payment**

Any default in payment in respect of its team's participation in a previous Competition, shall render the nation liable to have its entry refused for any future Competitions until such payment has been made in full.

### **18. Withdrawals**

Any team that withdraws later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the start of the Competition shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,500.

### **19. Number of Entries**

A maximum of 32 teams shall compete in the Competition.

If more than 32 entries are received preliminary rounds shall be arranged whenever possible.

### **20. Facilities**

The host nation shall provide sufficient facilities for the Competition to be completed over a period within which:

- a) a maximum of seven (7) days shall be allocated for the purpose of conduct of matches within the Competition, unless decided otherwise by the ITF;
- b) practice courts for a maximum of two (2) days prior to the commencement of play shall be available to competing nations.

For the purpose of these Regulations, the Competition shall be deemed to commence on the first day of the period agreed between the host nation and the Federation.

### **21. Composition of Teams**

Each team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) players. A player shall be nominated as Captain, or alternatively a nation can appoint an additional non-playing Captain.

### **22. Nomination of Players/Seeding**

Nominations of individual players, in order of merit for singles, must be received by the ITF by the nomination deadline.

The Order of Merit submitted by National Associations must reflect the standard of the players and ensure that the best player is included at No1 regardless of National and/or ITF rankings.

National Associations may be required to provide evidence to justify the order of merit where rankings or head to head records indicate that the order submitted does not accurately reflect their players' ability.

Only those players present on-site at the time of and signed-in by the captain at the captains' meeting shall be considered for seeding purposes.

### **23. Changes to Nominations and Order of Merit**

#### **Nominations**

Changes or additions to team nominations may be made no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled first day of play of the Competition. Thereafter no change may be made except for exceptional circumstances including reasons of health, injury or bereavement and any such changes must be authorized by the ITF.

Changes to team nominations due to exceptional circumstances may be made at the Captains' Meeting and must be supported by written documentation from the relevant National Association. Such changes must be submitted to the ITF Representative attending the Meeting for approval.

#### **Order of Merit**

Changes to a team's Order of Merit may be made at the Captains' Meeting and must be supported by written documentation from the relevant National Association.

Any change to the Order of Merit must be based on recent tournament results and will be subject to the approval of the ITF.

Captains of teams shall be prepared to justify to ITF at or before the Captains' Meeting the Order of Merit, producing supplementary data, current national rankings and other relevant documentation to substantiate their order. The ITF Representative attending the Meeting must change any clear mistake in an Order of Merit and has the final authority to adjust any Order of Merit. The ITF Representative must take such changes into account when determining the final seeding of the teams.

### **24. Passport**

The Captain shall present any outstanding passports of any team members, including that of the Captain, to the Referee prior to the start of the Captains' Meeting. Failure to present passports by the time determined by the Referee may render a team liable to disqualification.

### **25. Eligibility of a Player or Captain to Represent a Nation**

25.1 Any player or captain who is in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with Appendix V shall be qualified to represent that nation as a

player or captain in the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championship if:

- (a) he/she has not previously represented any other nation in the same Official Team Competition in the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championship; and
- (b)
  - (i) is a citizen of that nation and holds a current valid passport of that nation; or
  - (ii) is a citizen of that nation, but in circumstances where that nation does not issue its own passport, holds a qualifying passport issued by or on behalf of that nation which confirms the player or captain's place of birth as that nation; or
  - (iii) after a consecutive period of two (2) years (24 months) residence in that nation, can provide a genuine reason for being unable to hold or make application to hold a current valid passport where:
    - a. he/she was born, or has a parent or grandparent born, in that nation; or
    - b. he/she has obtained or procured the right to remain permanently or has been granted humanitarian protection in that nation.

25.2 A National Association may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to nominate a player or captain who is not eligible under the above Regulations on the basis that the full circumstances warrant an exception being made. Such an application must be received by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel at least two months prior to the event for which the player or captain wishes to be nominated.

25.3 If a player or captain is qualified under paragraph 25.1 or 25.2 above to represent more than one nation and the National Association of one or more of those nations wishes to nominate him/her to represent it, that Association must submit an application to the ITF Executive Director, who will forward a copy to any other National Association concerned, which shall be entitled to comment within 15 days of receipt. The initial application must be received by the ITF Executive Director at least two months prior to the event for which the player or captain wishes to be nominated. The ITF Executive will give a ruling having taken into account all relevant matters. The decision of the ITF Executive may be appealed

to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing, must detail the basis for the appeal, and must be filed with the ITF Executive within fourteen (14) days of notification of the decision.

- 25.4 The ITF Executive and ITF Internal Adjudication Panel have the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player or captain is qualified to represent that nation.
- 25.5 A player or captain who has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a nation and such a nation is divided into two or more nations, shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those nations.
- 25.6 A player or captain who has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a nation and such nation is absorbed in whole or in part by another nation, shall immediately be eligible to represent such other nation.
- 25.7 A player or captain who represented a nation under the Regulations for the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships in force at 31 December 2016 or prior thereto shall continue to be eligible to represent that nation even if he/she is no longer qualified to do so under the terms of this Regulation save that he/she must remain in good standing in accordance with Appendix V.
- 25.8 A player shall be deemed to have represented a nation if he/she shall have been nominated at the time of the draw.

## **26. Waiver of Claims**

In submitting an entry, a National Association, its officers, directors, employees and its team members 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 travelling to or from, or participating in an ITF Seniors event, against the ITF, the National Association or Regional Association sanctioning such events.

Nothing in these Regulations excludes or limits the liability of the ITF, the Tournament Organiser or Sponsors of a Tournament:

- (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.

## **27. Insurance**

National Associations are responsible for ensuring that all members of their team(s), and any accompanying officials in their delegation, are fully and adequately covered by medical and travel insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in the event. The ITF, the title sponsor, the host association and the host venue cannot accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

## **28. 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.

## **29. Related Regulations**

To the extent not covered herein The Constitution of ITF Limited and the Rules of Tennis shall be applicable to the Competition.

### **30. Decisions and Appeals**

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall make all decisions and interpretations referred to it concerning the Regulations in accordance with its Procedural Rules. Any appeal against the decision or interpretation of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal in accordance with its Procedural Rules, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

### **31. Failure to Abide by the Rules and Regulations**

Any competing nation that fails to conform to the Rules and Regulations may be immediately disqualified and/or shall be liable to have its entry refused for future Competitions until assurances of compliance with the Regulations are given, and subject to any further penalties set out in these Regulations.

For offences that do not justify disqualification, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may decide that a fine be imposed.

## **IV. COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

### **32. Conduct of Event – Local Organising Committee**

An Organising Committee shall be appointed which shall be approved by the National Association of the country where the Competition is played (the host nation). The Organising Committee shall keep the ITF informed of the arrangements for the event.

### **33. The Captain**

The Captain must qualify as defined in Section II, Rule 25.

The Captain shall be allowed to sit on court beside the chair of his/her team but he/she may not move away from that area and in particular may not cross the net to the opposite side of the court. The Captain is the only member of the team permitted to talk to the Chair Umpire and, in case of an appeal on a question of tennis law, only the Captain may request to talk to the Referee. If the Captain is unable to fulfil his/her duties on court he/she may be replaced only by one of the nominated players who shall be allowed to sit on court and who shall under these circumstances be permitted to talk to the Chair Umpire and/or request to talk to the Referee.

### **34. Captains' Meetings**

An initial Captains' Meeting shall be held on the day preceding the commencement of match play at which the ITF Representative shall be Chairman. He/she shall state the seedings and ensure that all appropriate announcements are made by the Host Nation's representatives and shall also direct the Draw. Without prior approval of the ITF

Representative, only Captains or their appointed delegates may attend the Captains' Meeting. Additional Captains' Meetings shall be arranged at the discretion of the ITF Representative.

Should the Captain of a team or the appointed delegate fail to attend the Captains' Meeting without having notified the ITF in advance, the team shall be fined half the amount of the entry fee.

### **35. Arbitration**

See Section II, Regulation 9, above.

### **36. Officials**

The Host Nation shall appoint on and off court officials as required by the ITF.

The Referee shall as a minimum be certified as a White Badge Referee, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

### **37. Duties of the Referee**

1. The Referee shall:

- a) use Tournament Planner software (ITF Seniors Team Event Planner (TP) before and during the Championships;
- b) upload results daily on the ITF Seniors website using the Tournament Planner software (ITF Seniors TP);
- c) send the ITF office regular backups of the ITF Seniors TP files during the event as well as on completion of the event;
- d) prior to the event conduct such training sessions and meetings as may be necessary to familiarise thoroughly all officials with all applicable Rules and Procedures;
- e) be responsible for all aspects of play;
- f) assist the ITF Representative in conducting the Captains Meeting and make the Draw for all events;
- g) prepare the daily order of play and ensure that it is posted on the official notice board and it is published online through the ITF Seniors TP as early as is possible;
- h) ensure that all courts are fit for play;
- i) ensure that all courts are equipped with singles sticks, a Chair Umpire's chair, players' chairs, linespersons chairs, water cups and a measuring device;
- j) decide if a match shall be moved to another court;
- k) decide when play should be postponed or stopped because of weather conditions, inadequate light or other conditions;
- l) be the final authority for on court disputes in respect of the Code of Conduct and interpretation of the Rules of Tennis;

- m) be responsible for arranging the consolation event and draw;
- n) ensure that all results are accurately recorded on the official draw sheet;
- o) designate the official visible timepiece at a fixed location as the official clock of the tournament; and
- p) be present at all times during the playing of matches.

## 2. The Referee's Powers

- a) The Referee is the on-site representative of the ITF, and is responsible for ensuring the uniform administration and interpretation of the Senior Circuit Regulations, the Rules of Tennis, the Organisational Requirements, the Senior Circuit Code of Conduct and the ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials.
- b) The Referee shall have the following power and discretion in relation to Captain misconduct before and during the period of the tournament:
  - (i) he/she may give a formal warning, and after two warnings, remove the Captain from his/her duties for the match in course and/or for any or all of the remaining matches of that Tie, in which case the Captain may be replaced only by a member of the nominated team. The Referee may remove the Captain without a formal warning for a single incident of misconduct, if in his/her discretion, it is warranted; and/or
  - (ii) remove the Captain's accreditation, order his/her removal from the site, and/or order continued denial of access for a specified period of time or for the remainder of the tournament. However, prior to removal of accreditation, removal from site and/or denial of access to the site, the Referee must use best efforts to obtain the approval of the Executive Director.

In addition, the Captain may be subject to the applicable provisions and penalties in Section III, Code of Conduct.

All decisions of the Referee are final, unless stated otherwise in these Regulations.

### **38. ITF Representative**

The position of the ITF Representative on site is one of final authority on any decision taken in respect of any change in the agreed programme of events including change of surface due to bad weather conditions.

The Referee is solely responsible for decisions on court regarding the Rules of Tennis, but any interpretation of the Seniors Rules must be referred to the ITF Representative.

The Captain of any competing nation may refer to the ITF Representative if he/she considers any act or decision of the Referee to be inconsistent with these Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not confer any appeal rights beyond those set out in Section II, Regulation 8.

### **39. Seeding**

The number of seeds shall be as follows:

<b>Size of Entry</b>	<b>Seeds</b>
3	0
4	1
5	1
6	2
7	4
8	4
9	3
10	4
11	6
12	4
13	4
14	8
15	8
16	8
17	7
18	6
19	6
20	6
21	7
22	7
23	7
24	8
25	8
26	8
27	8
28	16
29	16
30	16
31	16
32	16

The selection of seeds shall be based on:

- i) the latest Seniors World Team Ranking of each age group as defined in Section II, Regulation 55;
- ii) players' head to head results;
- iii) players' individual rankings;
- iv) results achieved in Cup competitions in previous years;
- v) other information considered relevant by the seeding committee.

#### **40. Format of Play**

All possible formats of play for the Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors World Team Championships for entry sizes from 3 to 32 teams will be communicated to the team captain in advance of the event and also 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 in descending order.

If there are byes in the Knock-out stage of the draw these shall be drawn by lot. As far as is practicable, teams from the same Round Robin group shall be placed in a different quarter in the first round of the Knock-out stage.

#### **41. Match Formats**

Unless stated, matches shall be played over the best of three (3) tie-break (7 points) sets. In the following exceptions, a ten (10) point Match Tie Break will be played in the final set to decide the match:

- The Gardnar Mulloy Cup M80 (singles & doubles)
- The Doris Hart Cup W80 (singles & doubles)
- Any 85 age category cups (singles & doubles)
- Any doubles match in the knock out stages of the World Team Chamionships where the team result does not impact on medal positions

#### **42. Draw**

The Draw shall be made by the Referee, under the supervision of the ITF Representative.

The Draw shall be made in public at the venue for the Competition no later than twelve (12) hours before the commencement of the Competition. Once the draw has been made there can be no change unless a team retires or is forced to retire from the time the draw is made until the daily nomination deadline on the first day of play, the Referee in his discretion and in agreement with the ITF Representative may remake in part or in full the draw of that Cup.

#### **43. Order of Play**

The order of play shall be as follows:

First Match:	Number 2 v Number 2
Followed by:	Number 1 v Number 1
Followed by:	Doubles Match

#### **44. Court Surface**

The surface of the courts to be used shall be subject to the approval of the Seniors Committee.

#### **45. Balls**

The balls to be used in the Competition must conform to the specifications in Rule 3 of the Rules of Tennis and must have been approved by the ITF.

There shall be a minimum of four new balls for each match; another four new balls shall be provided for a third set. New balls shall not be provided for any ten (10) point Match Tie-Break.

Balls shall be provided for practice, but it shall not be obligatory to give new balls for this purpose.

#### **46. Notification of Singles and Doubles Players**

The Referee shall determine the time by which he/she shall receive from the Captains the daily nominations of the two (2) singles players and the doubles pairing. The doubles pairing may be altered by the Captain after the completion of the second singles match by formal application to the Referee. Failure to formally advise the Referee of a change to the doubles pairing will result in the forfeit of the doubles match.

#### **47. Composition of the Doubles Pairing**

Any two (2) members of the team may be nominated by the Captain to play any of the doubles matches.

#### **48. Entitlement to Rest**

If a player is called upon to play more than one (1) round in one day, the Referee shall decide his or her entitlement to rest.

#### **49. Substitutions**

If a player is unable to play his/her match due to health or injury or bereavement following notification of his/her name to the Referee, a substitution may be made by the Captain from the final nominated team. The Referee's decision to allow or not allow substitution shall be final.

#### **50. Interval between Singles and Doubles**

There shall be a maximum break of twenty (20) minutes between the singles matches. There shall be an interval of thirty (30) minutes between the singles and doubles rubbers, unless decided otherwise by the Referee.

#### **51. Relocation of Doubles Match**

The Referee shall have the discretion to transfer a doubles match to another court.

#### **52. Method of Determining Positions in Round Robin Events**

Each tie will consist of three matches; two singles and one doubles. The nation which wins the majority of the matches in the tie shall be declared the winner and shall be awarded one point.

- If two nations score an equal number of points, the head-to-head result between these nations shall decide the winner.
- If three or more nations score an equal number of points the following procedure shall be used:
  - The number of matches won shall decide the winner.
  - If matches won are equal, the percentage of sets won of sets played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner.
  - If the percentages of sets won are equal, the percentages of games won against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner.

When three or more nations are tied, head-to-head results are never used to determine the positions in the group.



If any match is stopped and not completed for reasons of injury, etc., the full score shall be recorded. Example: Player A leads over Player B by 6-1, 2-0 when Player B is injured and unable to continue. Player A's victory shall be recorded as 6-1, 6-0.

### **53. Team Identification**

Team Identification is strongly recommended, and the Identification on Dress and Equipment Rule shall apply (see Section III, Code of Conduct).

### **54. C1 – Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships ranking points**

Singles and doubles ranking points for matches won at ITF Team Championships (which form part of the ITF Seniors Circuit), will be published by the ITF and made available to players in advance of each Competition.

The World Team Championships will offer a ranking point value equivalent to the World Individual Championships.

Regional Team Championships with restricted participation will offer a ranking point value equivalent to a Grade 4 tournament.

### **55. Seniors World Team Rankings**

Points for the ITF Seniors World Team Rankings will be awarded in each of the 20 World Team Championship age groups and this will enable a ranking to be generated for each age group.

The rankings will consider the finishing position of nations in the Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors World Team Championship Cup events over a three (3) year period.

The points total will be worked out over the three (3) year period with the number of points counting towards the ranking with the following percentages:

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 80%

Year 3: 60%

Points allocation according to final position:

Position	Points	Position	Point	Position	Points
1	8500	12	2100	23	320
2	7500	13	1800	24	260
3	6800	14	1500	25	220
4	6100	15	1200	26	180
5	5500	16	900	27	140
6	4900	17	800	28	100
7	4300	18	700	29	80
8	3700	19	600	30	60
9	3300	20	500	31	40
10	2900	21	440	32	20
11	2500	22	380		

In addition to the above ranking points, bonus points will be awarded to any team that beats a higher-ranked team:

Nation's Ranking	Bonus Points
1-2	500
3-4	300
5-8	200
9-12	100
13-16	50

The ITF Seniors World Team Rankings will be published following the completion of the Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors World Team Championships and published on the ITF Seniors website.

## SECTION III

### CODE OF CONDUCT

#### ITF SENIORS CIRCUIT AND ITF SENIORS WORLD TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### I. GENERAL

References in this Code of Conduct (“Code”) to the “ITF Executive Director” shall hereafter mean the ITF Executive Director of ITF Circuits.

References in this Code to the “Committee” shall hereafter mean the ITF Seniors Committee.

##### A. Purpose

The International Tennis Federation promulgates this ITF Code of Conduct (“Code”) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by players and any Related Persons at all tournaments, continental championships, international seniors team and individual competitions included in the ITF Seniors Calendar, and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the Sport of Tennis. All references to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall mean the ITF limited.

##### B. Exclusive Applicability

This Code is applicable as stated herein to the ITF Seniors Circuit and ITF World Team and Individual Championships. Any reference to players in this Code shall apply to all team members in the ITF World Team Championships, including the Captains, where appropriate.

This Code shall be the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any player, Related Person or tournament in ITF sanctioned Seniors Circuit tournaments, except to the extent that disciplinary jurisdiction is established in relation to such tournaments under (i) the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, (ii) the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program and/or (iii) the ITF Welfare Policy.

## **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 three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year are excused, provided the withdrawal is received by the ITF and by the Referee, if submitted after the Withdrawal Deadline) prior to the publication of the draw.

Any unauthorised late withdrawal or any subsequent late withdrawal shall subject a player to sanction points.

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.

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".

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

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.

For the purpose of this rule, the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed and submitted to the ITF no later than the last day of the tournament.

A valid ITF Medical Certification form will excuse a late withdrawal penalty including for any subsequent tournament until the player next competes in any tennis event, provided the late withdrawal is submitted prior to the draw being made.

### **3. One Tournament**

No player who has entered and been accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament.

Violation of this section shall result in a default by the ITF Referee and forfeiture of all ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking points and forfeiture of all prize money and/or hospitality money earned during the given period.

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”.

### **B. Wild Cards**

No player, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this Section by a player shall subject a player to sanction points.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

### **C. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF or Referee shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all entry offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify punishment therefore and where possible notify the player.

### **D. FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION**

Should a player submit documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence, including but not limited to documents pertaining to tournament entry and withdrawal and Code of Conduct appeals, the player shall be subject to sanction points.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

## **E. 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 using the form prescribed by the ITF 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.

## **III. ON-SITE OFFENCES**

### **A. General**

Every player, and in relation to team competitions, the team captain, team member/extra players, coach, trainer or officials of the participating teams, shall during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of an ITF Seniors event and/or Official Tournament Hotel conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply to each team member 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 player's area as designated by the Referee.

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.

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his/her match is called shall be defaulted unless the Referee in his/her sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default. The Player may also be subject to additional penalties set out in Article III, O.

### **C. Dress and Equipment**

Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn.

Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the Court Official or Referee to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default. (The ITF reserves the right to interpret the following rules so as to give effect to the intent and purposes of these Regulations).

## **1. Unacceptable Attire**

Inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up). Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during the match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions.

### **a) Unacceptable Attire**

Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up).

### **b) Shoes**

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted as proper tennis attire. Shoes shall not cause damage to the court other than what is expected during the normal course of the match or practice. Damage to a court may be considered as physical or visible, which may include a shoe that leaves mark beyond what is considered acceptable. The ITF Referee has the authority to determine that a shoe does not meet the criteria and may order the player to change.

#### **i) Grass Court Shoes**

At grass court tournaments, no shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players. Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at grass courts tournaments.

#### **ii) Clay Court Shoes**

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at clay courts tournaments.

Grass court shoes shall not be worn during a match on clay courts.

## **2. Doubles Teams**

In ITF Team Competitions members of doubles teams shall be dressed in substantially the same colours.

### **3. Team Identification (Team Competitions)**

Players and Captains are encouraged to dress in compliance with Team Identification principles. To comply a Player or Captain shall display the Nation's name on the back of his/her shirt or he/she shall dress in National colours.

### **4. General**

No identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing or equipment that promotes/displays betting companies, tobacco products, hard liquor products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the ITF Senior Circuit tournaments.

In the event the utilisation of any non-prohibited commercial identifications would violate any governmental regulation then the same shall be prohibited.

### **5. Warm-up Clothing**

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the Referee prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

### **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 (20) 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 (20) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.



The first violation of this Section shall be penalised by a Time Violation warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of one Time Violation point penalty.

When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

#### **E. Audible Obscenity**

Players shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by Court Officials or spectators.

#### **F. Visible Obscenity**

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his/her hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

#### **G. Verbal Abuse**

Players shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site or official hotel(s). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

#### **H. Physical Abuse**

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site or official hotel(s). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of a Court Official, opponent, spectator or other person.

#### **I. Abuse of Balls**

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up) the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally or recklessly hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

#### **J. Abuse of Racquets or Equipment**

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging racquets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire’s chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

#### **K. Coaching and Coaches**

Players shall not receive coaching during a match (including the warm-up) (except in team competitions by the captain as permitted by the Rules of Tennis and the Regulations). Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and an off court individual may be construed as coaching. Players shall also prohibit their coaches (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site,

(2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or of the officiating thereof. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the Referee may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and upon his failure to comply with such order may declare an immediate default of such player.

For the purposes of this Rule, a “coach” shall also include any representative and/or relative of a player.

#### **L. Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Competition, the ITF or the sport of tennis. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

#### **M. Best Efforts**

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament.

For purposes of this Rule, the Referee and/or Chair Umpire and/or Court Official shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament or Tie, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

## **N. Leaving the Court**

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire, Referee, or Court Official. A player who violates this section may be defaulted by the Referee and subjected to the additional penalties for Failure to Complete Match as below therefore.

## **O. Failure to Complete Match or Tournament**

A player/team must complete a match/tie in progress, and complete the tournament, unless he/she/team is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to immediate default and shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subjected to the additional penalties below therefore. Any player nominated for any match in the Tie must commence or complete such match unless he/she is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance. Any player in violation of this section shall not be eligible to represent his/her nation in the next Tie whether in the current Competition or subsequent Competitions.

If a doubles team fails to complete a match/tie in progress or the tournament, the Referee shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this section.

## **P. Ceremonies**

All nominated players and Captains are required to attend the official functions in appropriate team dress unless reasonably unable to do so, as determined by the Referee.

Any player in violation of this section shall not be eligible to represent his/her nation in the subsequent Competitions. 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" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

## **Q. Point Penalty Schedule**

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST Offence	WARNING
SECOND Offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT Offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

The imposition of a penalty under the Point Penalty Schedule shall be final and unappealable.

#### **R. Defaults**

The Referee may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above.

In all cases of default, the decision of the Referee shall be final and unappealable.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be defaulted from all other events and/or from the remainder of the Tie, except when:

- (a) the player or team was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions above at Article III, B and C; or
- (b) the player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition; or
- (c) the player's doubles partner commits the Code Violation which causes the default.

Default of a player from the remainder of the tournament may include at the Referee's discretion, the removal of accreditation and denial of access to the site. A default as a result of a violation by a Team Member other than a player may subject that Team Member to removal of accreditation, and at the Referee's discretion, denial of access to the site.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided shall lose all prize money and/or hospitality money and points earned for that event at that tournament or Tie (where applicable).

#### **S. Doubles Events**

Warnings, Point Penalties, Game Penalties and/or a Default if assessed for violation of the Code shall be assessed against the team.

#### **T. Determination and Penalty**

The Referee shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the punishment, other than under the Point Penalty Schedule, and give written notice thereof to the player.

#### **U. Appeals**

Any player found to have committed an On-Site Offence may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under Article III, (T) 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 using the form prescribed by the ITF 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.

## V. SUSPENSION POINTS

Suspension points shall be recorded against a player according to the following:

### a) Late withdrawals

Singles:

From Withdrawal Deadline to the time the draw is published	3
From the time the draw is published to the start of the event	4

Doubles:

From the time the draw is published to the start of the event*	2
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### b) Failure to sign-in or appear at a tournament/No Show (after sign in) 5

Failure to sign-in or appear at a tournament or No Show (after sign-in) and failure to pay entry fee	7
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### c) For on-site offences:

For a warning + a point penalty	2
For a warning + a point penalty + first game penalty	3
For a warning + a point penalty + second game penalty	4
For any subsequent game penalty in a match	+1
For a Default after any of the above	+1
For Any Default for a single violation of the Code (Immediate Default)	6

### d) Any Default for reason of dress and equipment or punctuality 2

### e) Failure to Complete Match/Tie 5

### f) Soliciting a Wild Card 4

### g) Submitting False Documentation 7

### h) Failure to obtain on-site medical prior to withdrawal 5

\* There can only be one late withdrawal code per player per tournament, therefore the higher number of suspension points will be applied

Any player receiving a total of ten (10) suspension points shall be suspended from competing ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments for a period of four (4) weeks.

At the Appeal Deadline, the suspended player will be automatically removed from the entry list of any tournament entered that is due to commence during the period of suspension, and prevented from entering any tournament due to commence during the period of suspension. Once the period of suspension has been served, the ten (10) points will be deducted from the player’s suspension points total. Should a player have

more than ten (10) suspension points when he/she commences his/her period of suspension, the balance of the points will be carried over.

The suspension shall commence from a date to be specified by the ITF, which shall take into account the time required to notify the player's National Association and all other relevant parties.

The ITF is responsible for notifying the Regional and/or National Associations of any suspension incurred by a player.

Referees and ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments shall be in breach of the regulations governing these tournaments, if they allow any player appearing on the suspension list sent to them by the ITF or being red-flagged in the Tournament Planner Software (Seniors TP) to play.

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may reduce or waive the suspension points on appeal.

#### **IV. MAJOR OFFENCES**

##### **A. Wagers**

No player or Related Person may wager anything of value in connection with any ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this section shall subject the player to a suspension from play in ITF Seniors tournaments for a period of up to three (3) years. Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

##### **B. Bribes or Other Payments**

No player or Related Person may offer, give, solicit or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or participation in any ITF Seniors Circuit tournament.

Violation of this section shall subject the player to a suspension from play in ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments for a period of up to three (3) years. Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

##### **C. Aggravated Behaviour**

No player or Related Person at any ITF Seniors Circuit event shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour" which is defined as follows:

i) One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting "Aggravated Behaviour".

ii) One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Seniors Circuit event, or is singularly egregious.

iii) A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour", but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the ITF Seniors Circuit.

Violation of this section shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject them to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

#### **D. Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game**

No player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. If a player is convicted of a violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, the punishment of which includes possible imprisonment for more than one year, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and the ITF Executive Director may provisionally suspend such player from further participating in ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments pending a final determination in section E. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this section.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament event or circuit.

Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

#### **E. Determination and Penalty**

The ITF will investigate all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence. All Players and Related Persons must cooperate fully with such investigations. The ITF may make a written demand to a Player or Related Person (a "Demand") to furnish to the ITF any information that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of a Major Offence,



including (without limitation) requiring the Player or other Related Person to attend an interview and/or to provide a written statement setting forth his/her knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The Player or Related Person must furnish such information within seven business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article IV.E, the ITF forms the view that a Player or Related Person has a case to answer for commission of a Major Offence, the ITF shall refer the matter to the Review Board.

### **Review Board**

The ITF shall identify one or more individuals who are independent of the ITF and who have the expertise required by the nature of the particular case to form the Review Board and to review the evidence to determine whether there is a case to answer. The ITF shall send the entire dossier of evidence to the Review Board member(s). Where necessary, the Review Board may request that the ITF provide additional information for the Review Board's consideration. There shall be no obligation for the Review Board to meet in person to deliberate. However, any decision by the Review Board that the Player or other Person has a case to answer must be unanimous.

Where the Review Board concludes that there is no case to answer, then the ITF shall notify the Player or Related Person and any other party with a right of appeal, and (subject to the rights of appeal) the matter shall not proceed any further.

When the Review Board determines that a Player or Related Person has a case to answer, the ITF will send a written notice to the Player or Related Person (the "Notice of Charge"), with a copy to the Chairman of the Independent Tribunal, setting out:

- (a) the Major Offence(s) alleged to have been committed, a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;
- (b) the potential consequences applicable if it is determined that the alleged Major Offence has been committed; and
- (c) the Player or Related Person's entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:
  - (i) to admit the Major Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;
  - (ii) to admit the Major Offence(s) charged, but to dispute and/or seek to mitigate the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the consequences at a hearing; or
  - (iii) to deny the Major Offence(s) charged, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the charge and (if the charge is upheld) any consequences, at a hearing;
- (d) if the Player or Related Person wishes to exercise his/her right to a hearing before the Independent Tribunal, he/she must submit a written request for such a

hearing so that it is received by the ITF as soon as possible, but in any event within 10 days of the Player or Related Person's receipt of the Notice. The request must also state how the Player or Related Person responds to the charge in the Notice and must explain (in summary form) the basis for such response. In the event no such response is received by that deadline, the Player or Related Person will be deemed to have admitted the Major Offence(s) charged, and to have acceded to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge.

In the event that the ITF withdraws the Notice of Charge, or the Player or Related Person admits the Major Offence(s) charged and accedes to the consequences specified by the ITF (or is deemed to have done so), a hearing before the Independent Tribunal shall not be required. Instead the ITF shall promptly issue a decision confirming (as applicable) its withdrawal of the Notice of Charge or the commission of the Major Offence(s) and the imposition of the specified consequences, and shall send a copy of the decision to the Player or Related Person.

### **Provisional Suspension**

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.

- iv. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. 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.

### **Hearing**

If the Player or Related Person charged exercises his/her right to a hearing, the matter shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal and shall be resolved in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules.

### **F. 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 a suspension:

- (a) the date of notification by the ITF or the 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 any ITF tournament, event or circuit imposed on a Related Person shall take effect immediately upon notification.

#### **G. APPEAL**

The ITF, the Player and/or the Related Person may appeal the Independent Tribunal's decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The appeal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration, in the English language, and shall be governed by English Law.

### **V. MEDICAL CONTROL – ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

Any Player, Player Support Personnel or other Person who enters or participates in the ITF Seniors Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the 2018 ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

The 2018 ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is set out in full on the ITF website ([www.itftennis.com/antidoping](http://www.itftennis.com/antidoping)) and in a separate rulebook that is published and distributed by the ITF to all National Associations.

### **VI. TOURNAMENT OFFENCES**

#### **A. Applicability**

This Article shall apply to each ITF Senior Circuit Tournament and Applicant. References in this Article to a "Tournament" shall hereafter mean an ITF Senior Circuit Tournament or applicant for such a tournament, and where applicable refers to the legal entity (personal or corporate) that is applying for, administering, operating or otherwise organising the ITF Senior Circuit Tournament.

#### **B. Guarantees**

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of a Tournament shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall the Tournament permit any other person or entity to offer, give or pay money or anything of value to a player, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player's appearance at a Tournament, other than prize money and permitted amateur expenses, unless authorised to do so by the Committee. Violation of this Section shall subject the Tournament to a fine up to \$5,000 plus the amount or value of any such payment, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF, and/or withdrawal of its sanction. In the event the ITF Executive Director believes that a Tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the Tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Executive Director or his agent, access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating in any way to

such alleged guarantee, or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the ITF Executive Director.

### **C. Wild Cards**

No Tournament, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$5,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF, and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### **D. Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game**

No Tournament, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport.

Violation of this Section may subject the Tournament to a fine up to \$5,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF, and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### **E. ITF Seniors Circuit Rules**

No Tournament shall violate any provisions of these ITF Senior Circuit Rules. Violation of this Section shall subject the Tournament to a fine up to \$5,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF, and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### **F. Late Cancellations**

No Tournament shall cancel less than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled commencement of the event.

Violation of this section may subject the Tournament to a fine up to \$5,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF, and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### **G. Determination and Penalty**

The ITF shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Tournament Offence by a Tournament and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the Tournament involved. The Tournament must cooperate fully with such investigations.

The ITF may make a written demand to a Tournament (a "Demand") to furnish to the ITF any information that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of a Tournament Offence, including (without limitation) requiring the Tournament to attend an interview and/or to provide a written statement setting forth its knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The Tournament must furnish such information within

seven business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article VI, the ITF forms the view that a Tournament has a case to answer for commission of a Tournament Offence, the ITF shall refer the matter to the Review Board.

### **Review Board**

The ITF shall identify one or more individuals who are independent of the ITF and who have the expertise required by the nature of the particular case to form the Review Board and to review the evidence to determine whether there is a case to answer. The ITF shall send the entire dossier of evidence to the Review Board member(s). Where necessary, the Review Board may request that the ITF provide additional information for the Review Board's consideration. There shall be no obligation for the Review Board to meet in person to deliberate. However, any decision by the Review Board that the Player or other Person has a case to answer must be unanimous.

Where the Review Board concludes that there is no case to answer, then the ITF shall notify the Tournament and any other party with a right of appeal, and (subject to the rights of appeal) the matter shall not proceed any further.

When the Review Board determines that a Tournament has a case to answer, the ITF will send a written notice to the Tournament (the "Notice of Charge"), with a copy to the Chairman of the Independent Tribunal, setting out:

- (a) the Tournament Offence(s) alleged to have been committed, a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;
- (b) the potential consequences applicable if it is determined that the alleged Tournament Offence has been committed; and
- (c) the Tournament's entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:
  - (i) to admit the Tournament Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;
  - (ii) to admit the Tournament Offence (s) charged, but to dispute and/or seek to mitigate the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the consequences at a hearing; or
  - (iii) to deny the Tournament Offence (s) charged, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the charge and (if the charge is upheld) any consequences, at a hearing;

- (d) if the Tournament wishes to exercise its right to a hearing before the Independent Tribunal, it must submit a written request for such a hearing so that it is received by the ITF as soon as possible, but in any event within 10 days of the Tournament's receipt of the Notice. The request must also state how the Tournament responds to the charge in the Notice and must explain (in summary form) the basis for such response. In the event no such response is received by that deadline, the Tournament will be deemed to have admitted the Tournament Offence(s) charged, and to have acceded to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge.

In the event that the ITF withdraws the Notice of Charge, or the Tournament admits the Tournament Offence(s) charged and accedes to the consequences specified by the ITF (or is deemed to have done so), a hearing before the Independent Tribunal shall not be required. Instead the ITF shall promptly issue a decision confirming (as applicable) its withdrawal of the Notice of Charge or the commission of the Tournament Offence(s) and the imposition of the specified consequences, and shall send a copy of the decision to the tournament.

### **Hearing**

If the tournament charged exercises its right to a hearing, the matter shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal and shall be resolved in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules.

### **H. Payment of Fines**

All fines levied by the Independent Tribunal shall be paid by the tournament to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

### **I. Appeals**

Any Tournament found to have committed a Tournament Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, appeal the decision of the Independent Tribunal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The appeal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration, in the English language, and shall be governed by English Law.

## **VII. WELFARE POLICY**

Any player that enters and/or participates on the ITF Seniors Circuit, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates on the ITF Seniors Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix IV.

## **VIII. 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 Seniors Circuit 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).

## **IX. INTERPRETATIONS**

Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction.

## **X. NOTICE**

All written communications to the ITF Executive Director should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

ITF Executive Director, ITF Circuits  
International Tennis Federation  
Bank Lane  
Roehampton  
London SW15 5XZ  
United Kingdom  
Tel: (44) 20 8878 6464  
Fax: (44) 20 8392 4737  
**Email: Seniors@itftennis.com**



**A. PLAYER**

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served personally upon him. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the subject player at his home address or other address designated by the player, along with a copy to any player association of which he is a member provided that the ITF Executive Director has notice of such membership.

**B. TOURNAMENT**

Service of any document on an ITF Seniors Circuit Tournament as required by this Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the ITF Seniors Circuit Tournament Director along with a copy to the relevant National Association.

**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. 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, seeding *and appointment of referee*.
3. A National Closed Championships may not be graded higher than Grade 2 level, but may be upgraded to that level or downgraded to Grade 3, 4 or 5, according to the annual tournament evaluation, which takes into account the standard of participation at each tournament. Ranking points will be awarded according to the points tables in Section I, Regulation 21.
4. Players competing in National Closed Championships will not be required to have an IPIN. However, should the Tournament Organiser wish to use the official tournament software and the online entry facility at the ITF, every player at that National Closed Championships must have registered for a Seniors IPIN membership and must have paid their annual IPIN fee.
5. In order to receive world individual ranking points at National Closed Championships, players must have registered for a Seniors IPIN membership prior to the tournament and must have paid their annual IPIN fee.
6. Each National Association is permitted to have one National Closed Championships tournament on the ITF Seniors Circuit 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.

**APPENDIX II**  
**REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (GRADE RC)**

1. Regional Championships may be hosted by a Regional Association. An application to host a Regional Championship must be submitted to the ITF by the relevant Regional Association. Only applications sanctioned by the Regional Association and host National Association shall be considered for inclusion in the ITF Seniors Circuit calendar. 2. Regional Associations are responsible for the Criteria for Acceptances of their Regional Championships. These Criteria must be submitted to the ITF on request.

3. There is no restriction to the number of Regional Championships that a player may compete at, in a calendar year. Regional Championships are open to all players, regardless of their nationality (subject to a valid Seniors IPIN membership and good standing with their National Association). A player participating in Regional Championships must have registered for a valid Seniors IPIN membership and must have paid the annual IPIN fee.

4. Grade RC tournaments shall follow the Regulations for Grade 1-5 tournaments.

5. Regional Championships shall be graded RC1, RC2 and RC3 shall be upgraded or downgraded based upon their annual tournament assessment.

6. Ranking points will be allocated according to the points tables in Section I, Regulation 21.

## APPENDIX III

### MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS & TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

#### MEDICAL

##### **a. Medical Condition**

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist (as defined in the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards) during the warm-up or the match.

- Treatable Medical Conditions
  - Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
  - Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.
  
- Non-Treatable Medical Conditions
  - Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
  - Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
  - General player fatigue.
  - Any medical condition requiring injections, or intravenous infusions, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered. The use of supplemental oxygen on-court is not permitted at any time.
  - Any medical condition requiring oxygen, unless prior medical approval has been given by the ITF. Except as permitted by this provision, the use of supplemental oxygen is not permitted at any time, for any reason.

##### **b. Medical Evaluation**

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist to evaluate him/her during the next

change over or set break. Only in the case that a player develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist to evaluate him/her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other. At the discretion of the Sports Physiotherapist, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court.\*

If the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

### **c. Medical Time-Out**

A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the Referee or Chair Umpire when the Sports Physiotherapist has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a change over or set break, unless the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Physiotherapist is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Physiotherapist, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor.\*

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at non-professional events the Referee may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

*Muscle Cramping:* A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

In cases where there is doubt about whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non-acute medical condition inclusive of muscle cramping, or non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. If the Sports Physiotherapist believes that the player has heat illness, and if muscle cramping is one of the manifestations of heat illness, then the muscle cramping may only be treated as part of the recommended treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist for the heat illness condition.

**Note:**

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor to have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Chair Umpire to resume play immediately.

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor, he/she may forfeit the point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of end or set-break in order to receive treatment. There may be a total of two (2) additional change of ends treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or Referee that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the Referee or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Sports Physiotherapist will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

**d. Medical Treatment**

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a

Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

**e. Penalty**

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalized by Code Violations for Delay of Game. Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

**f. Bleeding**

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Physiotherapist must be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor, the Referee or Chair Umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play must not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

**g. Vomiting**

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomiting has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Sports Physiotherapist must determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

**h. Incapacity**

If any concern arises about a player's medical condition (whether physical or psychological) that they are unable to compete, or they pose a serious health risk to players, officials or tournament organisers or staff, the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor should be called to assist the player.

If the issues arises during a match the Chair Umpire should immediately call for the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Physiotherapist to assist the player.

The Tournament Doctor is responsible for ensuring that the player is afforded the best medical attention, that his/her well-being is not put at risk, and that his/her medical condition is not a risk to other players or the public at large. All discussions between the Tournament Doctor and the player take place within the context of a doctor-patient relationship and are therefore confidential and may not be divulged to a third party without the informed consent of the player. However, if the Tournament Doctor determines that the player's medical condition makes the player unable to participate safely in the tournament, the player must permit the Tournament Doctor to advise the Referee of their determination (only disclosing medical information to which the player has consented). Upon receipt of such a report from the Referee will decide whether to retire the player from the match in progress or withdraw the player from the match to be played (as applicable). The Referee shall use great discretion before taking this action, and should base the decision on the best interests of professional tennis, as well as taking all medical opinion and advice, and any other relevant information into consideration.

If the player's medical condition improves sufficiently to return to match play, the Tournament Doctor may inform the Referee accordingly. The player may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament (e.g. doubles), either that day or on a subsequent day.

It is recognized that national laws or governmental or other binding Regulations imposed upon the tournament by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Tournament Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

## **EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

### **Extreme Weather Conditions**

#### a. Definitions

#### **Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play**

Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is defined as when the Web-Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) on court meets or exceeds 30.1°C (86.2°F). 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 34.0°C (93.2°F).



## Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play

Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the WBGT on court meets or exceeds 32.2°C (90.0°F). If the WBGT cannot be measured, then the Heat Index should be calculated using the chart below, and Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 40.1°C (104.2°F).

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	

<b>50%</b>	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		
<b>60%</b>	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			
<b>70%</b>	21.1° C 70°F	25°C 77°F	29.4° C 85°F	33.9° C 93°F	41.1° C 106°F	51.1° C 124°F	62.2° C 144° F				
<b>80%</b>	21.7° C 71°F	25.6° C 78°F	30°C 86°F	36.1° C 97°F	45°C 113°F	57.8° C 136°F					
<b>90%</b>	21.7° C 71°F	26.1° C 79°F	31.1° C 88°F	38.9° C 102° F	50°C 122°F						

b. Measurement Procedure

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

1. 30 minutes before match play begins;
2. Middle of the scheduled day's play; and
3. 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 should also be measured under the following circumstances:

1. Following any suspension of play; and
2. At the discretion of the Referee, 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*.

c. 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. For the avoidance of doubt, the Referee has the discretion to apply the procedures set out in sub-section (d) at a WBGT or Heat Index below the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion, if in his or her opinion it is required in the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, spectators or others.

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.

d. Modification of Play Procedures (Singles and Doubles)

A 10-minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets (in a best of 3 tie-break sets match only) 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 Referee.

The Referee, 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. A Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment is not allowed, unless approved by the Referee. 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 Referee.

- 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 Referee should give the players reasonable notice of the time at which play will resume. For the avoidance of doubt, the Referee has the discretion to suspend play at a WBGT or Heat Index below the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion, if in his or her opinion it is required in the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, spectators or others.

- f. Lightning

The Referee or his/her designee is responsible for monitoring the local weather for lightning. The Referee 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*.

### **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 (women's matches).

Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break. Change of attire (women's matches) breaks must be taken on a set break.

In women's singles events, a player is entitled to two (2) breaks during a match. In men's singles events, a player is entitled to one (1) toilet break.

In a doubles match, each team is entitled to a total of two (2) breaks.

If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's authorised breaks. These breaks may be taken for toilet visits, change of attire (women's matches), or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court. Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks. Additional breaks will be authorised, but will be penalised in accordance with the point penalty schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time.

The Referee shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break if it is interpreted by the Referee as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules.

A player should not take a toilet/change of attire break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the Referee.

A player may change her attire during a toilet break.

Any player abuse of this rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

## **APPENDIX IV WELFARE POLICY**

Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate of any player (together “Player Support Team Member”), any player and any tournament personnel, such as an official, tournament director, staff, volunteer, sponsor, health care provider, ITF staff member and members of the media (together “Credentialed Person”) shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner at all times and in accordance with this ITF Welfare Policy. In this ITF Welfare Policy Player Support Team Members, players and Credentialed Persons shall be defined as “Covered Persons”.

### **a. Elements of the Welfare Policy.**

#### **i. Application**

a) Covered Persons shall be familiar with, and must abide by, this ITF Welfare Policy.

#### **ii. Unfair and/or Discriminatory Conduct**

a) Covered Persons shall not engage in unfair or unethical conduct including any attempt to injure, disable or intentionally interfere with the preparation or competition of any player.

b) Covered Persons shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.

#### **iii. Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct**

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.

b) Covered Persons shall not engage in abusive conduct, either physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed toward any Covered Person, parent, spectator or member of the press/media.

c) Covered Persons shall not exploit any player relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interests of the player.

iv. Sexual Conduct

In order to prevent sexual abuse and the negative consequences resulting from the imbalance of a dual relationship, sexual conduct of any kind between any player and his/her Player Support Team Members and/or Credentialed Persons is discouraged.

In addition, the following conduct is specifically prohibited:

a) Covered Persons shall not make sexual advances towards, or have any sexual contact with, any player who is (i) under the age of 17, or (ii) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the conduct takes place or where the player resides.

b) Covered Persons shall not sexually abuse a player of any age. Sexual abuse is defined as the forcing of sexual activity by one person on another person (i) of diminished mental capacity; or (ii) by the use of physical force, threats, coercion, intimidation or undue influence.

c) Covered Persons shall not engage in sexual harassment - for example, by making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favours or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

d) Player Support Team Members and Credentialed Persons shall not share a hotel room with a player who is (1) under the age of 17, or (2) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the hotel is located or where the player resides, unless such Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person is the player's parent or is related to the player and authorised in writing by the player's parent. Penalties will apply to any underage player who is found to have violated this Hotel Room Policy. These penalties can include: forfeiture of points from the tournament(s) where the violation occurred and/or monetary fines equal to the amount of the hotel room rates and/or forfeiture of hotel per diem rates as applicable, for the tournament(s) where the violation occurred. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed on the Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person pursuant to sub-Section b) below.

- v. Criminal Conduct – Covered Persons shall comply with all relevant criminal laws. For greater certainty and without limiting the foregoing, this obligation is violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment involving (a) an offence involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, (b) an offence involving sexual misconduct, harassment or abuse, or (c) an offence involving child abuse. Further, this obligation may be violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to an offence that is a violation of any law specifically designed to protect minors.
- vi. Anti-Doping Activity – Covered Persons shall not commit any offence under the terms of the ITF’s Anti-Doping Programme or aid, abet, counsel or procure in any way any person’s offence under that Programme.
- vii. Conduct in General – Covered Persons shall not conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect unfavourably on the ITF, any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF (the “ITF Tournaments”), any player, official or the game of tennis.

**b. Violations/Procedures**

- i. 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 8 of the Senior Circuit 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 V THE PLAYERS**

Any reference to players in this Article shall apply to the Captain where appropriate.

### **1. Definition of “Good Standing” of a Player**

Any player selected by a Nation to take part in the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships must be of Good Standing. The National Tennis Association of the Nation for which the player is to be selected shall determine whether the player is of Good Standing before he/she is selected to take part in the Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships. Any player that wishes to participate in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2018 ITF Seniors Circuit must be of Good Standing.

A National Tennis Association shall deem a player to be of Good Standing where he/she:

(a) is free from a suspension imposed by his/her National Tennis Association, or by the ITF, or through the imposition of a suspension under a Code of Conduct accepted and approved by the ITF;

(b) is accepted by his National Tennis Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which his National Tennis association has selected him/her;

(c) makes himself/herself available for selection for Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and accepts the jurisdiction of his National Tennis Association while competing in events for which they have selected him;

(d) respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times;

(e) accepts the conditions of entry of the events he enters, including the conditions of any code of conduct adopted for those events and the terms and conditions contained in the IPIN registration system;

(f) agrees to undergo any medical control, including gender control and/or other tests, which are in operation at any event which he enters;

(g) has not been convicted by a competent court of a country of an offence:

(i) in respect of which an unsuspended sentence of at least 12 months was imposed; or

(ii) which involved any act or omission which would reasonably be considered to compromise the integrity of tennis, his National Tennis Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament or Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Championships; and

(h) has not otherwise engaged in conduct which brings his/her National Tennis Association and/or the ITF into disrepute.

A player who fails to satisfy any of the criteria at (a)-(h) above but intends to be considered for selection, must establish to the satisfaction of his/her National Tennis Association that he/she is of Good Standing notwithstanding his/her failure.

Any Appeal against a final decision handed down by a National Tennis Association shall be lodged with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel within 21 days of notification of the decision in question. Recourse may only be made to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel after all other internal channels of appeal to a National Tennis Association have been exhausted. The decision of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall be final and binding (and there shall be no further rights of appeal). The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel in its absolute discretion may set aside the determination of a National Tennis Association.

## **2. Definition of a “National”**

A national of a country is a player who is eligible for and holds a passport of that country and for the purposes of Section II, Regulation 25, the tennis nationality of a player shall be:

- (a) In the case of a player who has represented a country, that of the country which he last represented.
- (b) In all other cases, that of the country which he is for the time being qualified to represent under Section II, Regulation 25.

## **3. Transgender**

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](http://www.itftennis.com)

## **4. Proof of Nationality**

The ITF may request from a player at any time a copy of their current, valid passport as proof of nationality.

## **APPENDIX VI DATA RIGHTS**

### 1. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following ascribed meanings:

- “DATA RIGHTS”** shall mean the right to in any way use or create or assemble official data including without limitation the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all official data including but not limited to the live scoring rights.
- “MATCH PERIOD”** shall mean in respect of each match the period commencing at the start of that match and expiring 30 seconds after conclusion of the last game in said match.
- “LIVE SCORING RIGHTS”** shall mean the right to exercise data rights during the applicable match period.
- “OFFICIAL DATA”** shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring (including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incident such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc.) And/or other statistical information relating to the competition, any match and/or the participants therein, howsoever generated and including without limitation PAT data;
- “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.

### 2. Data rights

The ITF will have the exclusive right to exercise the data rights including without limitation the live scoring rights in respect of any and all matches and/or any and all

elements of the competition. Each Tournament organiser will assist the ITF in its efforts to exercise the data rights.

ITF hereby confirms that each Tournament organiser may on a royalty free basis use official data by the following means:

- (a) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data in official publications and on official websites, mobile applications and/or other media outlets **provided that** any such use takes place after the applicable match period and is for non-gambling purposes;
- (b) the right to supply the official data excluding PAT data to official sponsors **provided that** any such supply takes place after the match period and is for non-gambling purposes; and
- (c) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data for in-venue purposes (including by way of example and not limitation on in-venue scoreboards) before the expiry of the match period for non-gambling purposes;

In addition the Tournament organiser of an event and (if applicable) the licensees of traditional broadcast television in the host country may use official data in their live and/or delayed transmissions of that event provided that (i) such use is an integral part of the transmission of the television signal of the event; (ii) the official data is not used in connection with gambling or for gambling purposes; and (iii) the official data used relates only to the event which is being broadcast.

In addition ITF confirms that where ITF provides a live score centre of any match on the ITF website the Tournament organiser may request ITF's permission to incorporate a link on their respective official websites that enables viewers to access and view such live score centre. ITF will not unreasonably refuse any request to incorporate such a link provided that the link is incorporated in accordance with ITF directions.

All other rights to use or create or assemble official data or in any way to exercise the data rights are reserved exclusively to ITF and may be exploited by ITF at its sole election.

### 3. Data rights protection

Tournament organiser shall not allow or authorise the dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data from the venue.

The use of laptop computers, mobile phones or other handheld electronic devices within the venues to collate, collect, use, store, reproduce, onward supply or make

available any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data or for purposes relating to gambling shall be prohibited and each Tournament organiser national association shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition (including without limitation by means of venue regulations, ticket conditions and accreditation terms), **save for incidental use within editorial reporting**. The exception to this provision is Tournament organiser and/or ITF credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

The Tournament organiser shall co-operate with the ITF in relation to:

- Any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the exercise, collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> party) of live scoring rights;
- Any measures that the ITF takes to protect the exclusivity of live scoring rights and the prevention of any unauthorised collation, collection, use, storage, reproduction, onward supply or making available of official data .

ITF and the Tournament organiser shall at all times co-operate with and comply with the requirements of the tennis anti-corruption program.

#### 4. PAT data exploitation

ITF has, subject to the Rules of Tennis, agreed that players using approved PAT systems may collect, collate, assemble and store PAT data from matches played in the competition subject to the following conditions:

- i. During the match the coaches and players and any technology providers or service operators involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT data shall only use such PAT data for internal analysis and coaching purposes of the respective player and/or team and such use shall be strictly subject to rule 30 of the Rules of Tennis
- ii. Each Tournament organiser coach and player shall and undertakes to procure that any technology provider or service operator involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT data at any time shall:
  - a) Not publish, use or otherwise exploit any PAT data or supply any PAT data or analysis derived therefrom to third parties for any purposes other than as described in 4(i) above or that have otherwise been pre-approved in writing by ITF and shall take such steps as ITF may reasonably require to

prevent any unauthorised access to and/or use of such PAT data, in particular but without limitation no PAT data or analysis or product derived therefrom shall be used or supplied to any third party for any purpose related to betting and/or gambling;

- b) Ensure that ITF shall be able to access free of charge any and all such PAT data live and/or delayed at the venue of the match and/or such other point as may be agreed and ITF shall be free to use such PAT data and authorise third parties to use such PAT data for any purposes;
- iii. In the event that such PAT data is accessed by unauthorised third parties and/or ITF reasonably believes that PAT data and/or PAT equipment and/or services are being used for any purposes in breach of these regulations ITF shall be entitled to rescind its approval and the coaches and players will immediately cease use of the PAT system pending resolution.

**APPENDIX VII  
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**APPENDIX VIII  
ITF SENIORS COMMITTEE**

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Mr Danilo Carrera-Drouet (ECU)  
Ms Carol Clay (USA)  
Mr Vasco Costa (POR)  
Mr Kitsombat Euammongkol (THA)  
Mr Bernd Greiner (GER)  
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