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The ITF is the international governing body for tennis, including beach tennis. It aims to provide, promote and develop opportunities for men, women and children to participate in recreational and competitive beach tennis at all levels.

As the governing body of tennis, the ITF provides a leading role in the administration of beach tennis. The ITF aims to ensure that a fair and equal opportunity is provided for all those entitled to play under its eligibility rules and that the Rules of Beach Tennis are implemented according to the standards expected of an international body.

A. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

ITF Limited trading as the International Tennis Federation promulgates these Regulations for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of international beach tennis tournaments approved by the ITF. All references to the International Tennis Federation or ITF in these Regulations shall mean ITF Limited.

Any Applicant awarded a one (1) year sanction on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Calendar shall be subject to, and the Applicant shall be bound by and comply with, all of the applicable provisions of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules and Regulations, ITF Beach Tennis Tour Organisational Guidelines and the Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards documents, each of which may be amended from time to time.

B. THE COMPETITION

1. Title

The Competition, an international doubles competition, shall be called the “ITF Beach Tennis Tour” (“Tour”).

2. Rankings

Rankings, issued by the ITF, shall be called the “ITF Beach Tennis World Rankings” (“Rankings”). Rankings shall be compiled on the basis of points earned for success in men’s and women’s doubles play in the Competition.

3. Ownership

The Competition shall be owned and managed by ITF. Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF, commercial exploitation of the Competition, international sponsorship of the Competition, live scoring, live streaming, television, radio, film and video recordings, plus new media and internet coverage.

The Rankings shall be owned and managed by ITF. Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF, commercial exploitation of the Rankings, international sponsorship of the Rankings and internet coverage.

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 ITF Beach Tennis Tour. Players must be in “good standing” with their national association as defined in Appendix A of these ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules and Regulations. Tournaments are open to male and female players – men’s events are open only to male players; women’s events are open only to female players – however minors under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be eligible to compete in events offering ITF Beach Tennis Ranking points.

The ITF may request from the player at any time a copy of their current, valid passport as proof of nationality.

5. Rules to be Observed

- a) The Competition is open to all beach tennis players based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth.
- b) The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations and the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Code of Conduct (together the “Regulations”), the Constitution of ITF Limited and the ITF Rules of Beach Tennis.
- c) In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under these Rules and Regulations and the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Code of Conduct (the “Code of Conduct”).
- d) The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments on the grounds 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 tournaments, including, without limitation, any transport and/or accommodation costs). This decision will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee and may be appealed to the Independent Tribunal.
- e) In submitting an entry to a tournament sanctioned by the ITF as a constituent tournament of the Tour, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by and be bound by the above Rules and Regulations.
- f) Any player that enters and/or participates in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour shall be bound by and shall comply with these Regulations, including the Code of Conduct and the Welfare Policy.
- g) Power to amend
These Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors.
- h) The Board may grant dispensation from, modify, waive or otherwise alter the Regulations or their application in extraordinary circumstances
- i) Variations for a particular tournament: If a tournament wishes to vary any of the Regulations in Section F, written application shall be made to the ITF office, giving full reasons for the request. The application shall be considered by the Beach Tennis Tour Committee.
- j) 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 6 of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum.

6. Enforcement of Regulations and Resolution of Disputes

On-site Enforcement

It is the responsibility of the Referee 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-site at a tournament (to be resolved in accordance with the Rules of Tennis); and
- (c) any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the Referee.

The Referee, ITF Beach Tennis 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 Referee);
- (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 on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour 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, or a hard-copy can be requested in writing to the ITF.

The Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over any allegation that a Player, Related Person or other person participating on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour has breached the Tennis Anti-Corruption Programme.

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 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 Beach Tennis Tour tournament at the request of the player or any other Related Person.

C. MANAGEMENT

1. Board of Directors

a) Management

The ITF Beach Tennis Tour 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 Tour;
- ii. To register in the name of the ITF any trade marks in connection with the Tour and to protect such trade marks;
- iii. The Board of Directors shall appoint every two years a Beach Tennis Committee which shall consist of a Chair, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members as deemed necessary;
- iv. To refuse the entry of any National Association, or refuse the further participation of such National Association in a Beach Tennis team competition, if in its opinion the participation of such National Association may result in the team competition being endangered. No decision of the Board of Directors in this respect shall be valid unless the decision is supported by at least two-thirds of the directors present and voting.

2. Beach Tennis Committee

The duties and powers of the Beach Tennis Committee shall be:

- a) To manage the Tour and the Team Competition;
- 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 Tour and the Team Competition 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;
- f) To approve events for all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Competitions and to select the dates and venues for each of those events;
- g) To decide the entry fee and allocation of any prizes.

D. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TOUR

1. Medical Control – Anti-Doping Policy

Any Player, Player Support Personnel or other Person who enters or participates in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2019.

The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2019 is set out in full on the ITF website (<http://www.itftennis.com/antidoping>) and in a separate rulebook that is published and distributed by the ITF to all National Associations. The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2019 is also available upon application.

2. Publicity and Promotion

(a) Each player grants and assigns 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 sports person 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.

3. Media, Commercial and Data Rights

Each tournament shall comply with the Rights as detailed in Appendix C, Media Commercial and Data Rights.

a) Data Protection

No Tournament shall permit unauthorised dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any match score or related statistical data from the grounds of the Tournament.

4. Sanction Fees

All tournaments sanctioned by the ITF for inclusion on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour must pay the relevant sanction fee.

Sanction fees are non-transferable and will not be refunded due to cancellation or reduction of Prize Money Category unless there are exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the ITF.

Categories for Sanction Fees are set out in *Beach Tennis Organisational Requirements*

5. Tournament Responsibilities

All ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournaments must be organised in accordance with the ITF Beach Tennis Tour – Tournament Organisational Guidelines unless otherwise agreed in writing with the ITF at the time of application.

Tournaments that are not approved by the relevant National Association will not be considered for inclusion on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour.

If a tournament is accepted for inclusion on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour and subsequently withdraws within sixty (60) days of the scheduled first day of play, the Applicant shall be subject to forfeiture of all sums previously paid or due, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred and/or denial of subsequent applications and/or a penalty under the Code of Conduct. If the tournament is accepted subsequently, it may be allocated a lower prize money category the following year, at the discretion of the ITF.

a) **Tournament Fact Sheet**

The official ITF Beach Tennis Tour Fact Sheet must be submitted by email to the ITF Beach Tennis Department (Beachtennis@itftennis.com) at least 8 weeks (56 days) before the Tournament start date for all tournaments to enable such information to be provided for the benefit of players.

b) 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.

c) If required, tournaments shall display an ITF Beach Tennis banner on their main court.

d) The Referee, on conclusion of the tournament shall send to the ITF, by fax or email the completed draw sheets for the doubles main draw and qualifying, if applicable. This must include each player's full name, nationality and match results. The Referee shall also submit a completed tournament report form and tournament offences report.

6. Non-Compliance

Any tournament not complying with the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Regulations or ITF Beach Tennis Tour – Tournament Organisational Guidelines may be allocated a lower prize money category or may not be accepted in the Tour the following year, at the discretion of the ITF.

7. 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.

8. ITF Responsibilities

The ITF is responsible for the overall administration of the Tour and Rankings and for publicising the same as widely as possible.

The ITF will publish events and the relevant tournament fact sheets on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour calendar on the ITF Beach Tennis website www.itftennis.com/beachtennis.

The ITF shall process results from all tournaments on the Tour and shall issue, on a weekly basis or as otherwise determined by the ITF, the latest ranking points accumulated by competitors. These shall be published on the ITF Beach Tennis website, www.itftennis.com/beachtennis.

9. Rankings and Allocation of Points

A player's Ranking will be based on his/her best eight (8) doubles results calculated on a 52-week rollover system except that ranking points earned at the World and Regional Championships will remain active until the end of the next respective editions of those events.

To receive ranking points a player must reach a round where points are available. The number of points available in each round varies in accordance with the category of the tournament (see Appendix B).

No points shall be awarded to a team that withdraws or is a 'no show' without playing their first match. Advancement through a bye or walkover will not be equivalent to winning a round unless the team has played and won a match in the same Draw. Advancement by virtue of retirement or default following the commencement of a match will be equivalent to winning a round. If a team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and/or walkovers and loses their first match played, the team will only receive ranking points from the round preceding their elimination and the team will receive prize money for the round reached.

Ranking points will not be awarded to any player who is not eligible to compete in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

10. Protected Ranking

A protected ranking allows a player to enter an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament using a historic ranking position obtained by the player before they were forced to stop playing.

- a) **Application procedure.** A player may petition the ITF for a protected ranking if he/she is physically injured and does not compete in any beach tennis event, including special events and exhibitions, for a minimum period of six (6) months. The petition must be made in writing and must be received by the ITF no later than six (6) months after his/her last ITF tournament.
- b) **Calculation and Use.** The protected ranking will be calculated as the player's average ranking position for the six (6) ranking updates immediately following the player's last ITF tournament. The protected ranking will be for entry into the main draw or qualifying draw. Protected ranking is not valid for seeding purposes.
- c) **Limit of Use.** A player is permitted to use the protected ranking at any or all of the first five (5) tournaments played after returning from injury and must state their request at the time of entry. A player has two (2) years from the date of the last tournament played in which to activate (compete in first tournament) his/her protected ranking. A player has one (1) year from the date of the first use of the protected ranking in which to use his/her allocation of protected ranking entries. At each of the first five (5) tournaments played upon return, a player can choose whether or not to use the protected ranking; however, use of protected ranking cannot be carried forward to the sixth (6th) or subsequent tournaments.

- d) **Request due to Pregnancy.** Protected ranking requests due to pregnancy will be treated in accordance with the regulations for physical injury. In cases of requests due to maternity leave, the player must activate her protected ranking within twelve (12) months of the birth of her child.

11. Categories of Tournament

Tournaments that comply with the criteria laid down in these Regulations are eligible for inclusion of their results on the ITF Beach Tennis World Rankings. Such tournaments fall into the following categories:

Tour Tournaments

World Championships
World Team Championship
Regional Championships
Category 1 (\$35,000+)
Category 2 (\$15,000)
Category 3 (\$10,000)
Category 4 (\$3,000)
Category 5 (No prize money)

12. Tournament Week

The tournament week runs from Monday to Sunday with the week numbers calculated in accordance with the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) definition. A tournament is deemed to be in the tournament week in which the first day of the Doubles Main Draw is played. The Doubles Qualifying, if held, must be scheduled to finish before the Doubles Main Draw is scheduled to begin.

13. System of Merit

Entered teams will be accepted at the Entry Deadline in accordance with the latest ITF Beach Tennis World Ranking as published by the ITF.

The criteria for acceptances, in order of priority, shall be:

- a) Teams consisting of two ITF-ranked players, in order of best combined ranking
- b) Teams consisting of one ITF-ranked player and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player
- c) Teams consisting of two unranked players

Ties between teams for positions on the acceptance list shall be drawn randomly.

14. Prize Money Distribution

The prize money detailed below shall apply to the Men’s and Women’s Main Draw at ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournaments

a) **Distribution per team (US\$)**

Finishing position	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$35,000	Proportion of total Prize Money
Winner	<u>600</u>	2,000	3,000	7,000	<u>20%</u>
Runner-up	<u>360</u>	1,200	1,800	4,200	<u>12%</u>
Semi-finalist	<u>150</u>	500	750	1,750	<u>5%</u>
Q-finalist	<u>60</u>	200	300	700	<u>2%</u>

b) **Unallocated Prize money**

If an insufficient number of entered teams results in spaces in the draw in rounds where prize money is payable, the unallocated prize money may be retained by the Tournament Organiser or redistributed in the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

c) **No shows and late withdrawals**

No prize money shall be awarded to a team that withdraws or is a 'no show' without playing their first match.

d) **Uncompleted matches**

If an event is cancelled, e.g. due to poor weather, and there has been no play, first round prize money will be paid out to the teams in accordance with the percentage distribution for the first round of the event. If play has commenced and been terminated before the tournament is concluded, teams will be paid loser's prize money for the round they reached. If a tournament is officially terminated and the final(s) have not been completed, both finalist teams will each receive finalists' prize money and loser's ranking points for the round reached. The difference between the winner and finalist prize money will revert back to the tournament.

E. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

1. Entry Definitions

a) **Direct Acceptances**

Entered doubles teams accepted directly into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw by virtue of their ranking under the applicable System of Merit.

b) **Qualifier**

A doubles team included in the main draw as a result of success in the qualifying competition. The number of qualifiers accepted into the main draw is in accordance with section F. 3. Knock-Out Draws.

c) **Wild Card**

A doubles team included in the draw (qualifying or main draw) at the sole discretion of the National Association. Wild Cards are eligible for seeding. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made and Wild Cards who withdraw or default may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. Any such vacancy shall be filled by the next eligible doubles team on the acceptance list, or if the qualifying competition has commenced, it

shall be filled by the eligible Lucky Loser. The Qualifying Competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

No doubles team 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.

Wild Cards for the World Championships will be determined by the ITF. Full details of the Wild Card selection process will be published on the ITF website prior to the tournament.

d) Lucky Loser

A doubles team who has lost in the final round of the qualifying competition but who acquires a place in the main draw as a late substitute following a withdrawal (see also section F.5. Sign-in requirements for substitutes). If more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, doubles teams who have lost in the previous qualifying round(s) may be eligible.

e) Alternate

Entered doubles teams who are ranked lower than the Direct Acceptances into Main Draw and Qualifying under the applicable System of Merit.

f) On-Site Alternate

Non-entered teams who appear at the tournament site at their own risk to sign in for the tournament. In order to be eligible as an On-Site Alternate, at least one member of the doubles team must sign in personally with the Referee at the tournament site.

2. Entry

All doubles teams applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying depending on their combined ranking under the applicable System of Merit.

All entries and withdrawals must be made on the official entry or withdrawal form in writing by facsimile, letter or email and submitted to the relevant entry authority as stated on the fact sheet to be received before the relevant deadline.

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

3. Entry and Withdrawal Deadline

The Entry Deadline is at 14.00 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on Thursday eighteen (18) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14.00 GMT on Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

Entries received after the entry deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the tournament organiser. Acceptance priority shall be given to teams that enter before the Entry Deadline.

A player who appears on a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour event after the Withdrawal Deadline is deemed to have been accepted into and is committed to play the tournament and is liable to pay the appropriate entry fee, unless decided otherwise by the Tournament Director.

Prior to the Withdrawal Deadline a player's status on the Acceptance List is not confirmed.

Failure to pay the appropriate entry fee may subject the player to further penalty under the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Code of Conduct, including, but not limited to, suspension from play in all Tour tournaments.

4. Vacancies

A team shall constitute a doubles entry. Therefore, if either of the players of a team cannot play, that doubles entry is subject to default and substitution. However, if a player has to withdraw through injury or other unavoidable circumstances after the Entry Deadline, but before the draw is made, his partner may enter again with another player who has either:

- a) not already been accepted into any doubles event due to take place during the same time period following the entry deadline; or
- b) been accepted into the same event but who is eligible under this rule to enter again due to the injury or unavoidable circumstances of his/her partner.

The new team's entry shall be accepted, and the team shall be placed in the appropriate position on the Acceptance List in accordance with the System of Merit provided that this position is not higher than the final position of the previously accepted player(s) at the time of his/her withdrawal in which case the team shall be placed in the final position of the withdrawn player. For avoidance of doubt, if both players in the new team had been previously accepted, the position of the player from the lowest ranking team shall be used. The new entry must be submitted at the same time as the withdrawal.

With this exception, players may not change partners after the doubles entry deadline. In no case shall any player change partners after the draw has been made unless the draw is remade due to the withdrawal of seeded teams.

5. One Tournament

Once a player is committed to an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament he/she may not enter or compete in any other tournament that is being held during the same time period except as stated in *Article II: Entry Offences, Item 2. One Tournament* in the Code of Conduct. A player may apply for entry into one or more Tour tournaments for the same time period, but he/she must withdraw from all except one (1) tournament before the applicable withdrawal deadline.

Players found to have been accepted into more than one tournament in the same time period, shall not be permitted to compete in any tournament during that period. Players found to have competed in two tournaments in the same time period shall be immediately defaulted forfeiting all prize money and ranking points (where applicable).

It is the player's responsibility to manage his/her entries.

6. Player Sign-in / Registration

All doubles teams must sign-in with the Referee, for both Qualifying and Main Draw, by the time stated on the factsheet. One member of a doubles team may sign-in for the team. Sign-in by telephone is accepted.

7. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists

If an administrative error occurs after the entry deadline but before the sign in, all accepted players will be allowed to sign in and a preliminary match shall be played in accordance with the following procedure, unless otherwise decided by the ITF.

If too many doubles pairs are accepted into the tournament (i.e. on a tournament acceptance list) who then arrive on-site and sign-in to play the event, the last two doubles pairs on the acceptance list based on the correct updated acceptance list (excluding wild cards and qualifiers where applicable) will play for one (1) spot in the appropriate draw.

Where more than one (1) doubles pair is accepted in error, a preliminary match will be played, between the required number of the last doubles pairs on the acceptance list, for each available place. In such cases, the highest ranking pairs from the last accepted pairs will compete against the lowest ranking pairs. The matches will be drawn at random.

The loser of the preliminary match will receive 1st round prize money if applicable and 1st round ITF Beach Tennis Ranking points.

The team who wins the preliminary match will receive ranking points and prize money for the round reached in the draw in accordance with section D9. "Rankings and allocation of Points" and D. 14 "Prize Money Distribution". If that team loses in the first round it will receive 1st round plus 25% of second round ranking points and prize money (additional prize money to be paid by the tournament organiser).

8. Waiver of Claims

In submitting an entry into an ITF approved tournament, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that subject to the limits set out below, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in travelling to or from, or participating in an ITF approved tournament, against the ITF, the National Association or Regional Association sanctioning such events.

Nothing in these Regulations excludes or limits the liability of the ITF, Tournament Director or Sponsor 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.

F. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

This section must be read in conjunction with the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Organisational Guidelines.

1. Variations to Regulations

If a tournament committee wishes to vary any of the following Regulations, written application shall be made to the ITF office, giving full reasons for the request. Such application must be received not later than two (2) months before the first scheduled day of play in the tournament.

2. Format of Draw

All Main Draw events must use the knock-out format, unless there are fewer than nine (9) entered teams in which case a round robin format shall be used in accordance with the format detailed below.

Qualifying events with fewer than nine (9) entered teams may use a knock-out or a round robin format, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, as detailed in these Rules and Regulations. If there are nine (9) or more entered teams in the qualifying event, a knockout format must be used.

All draws shall be conducted in public by the official tournament Referee, with at least two players present, one of whom should be of a different nationality to that of the host country.

The draws and the order of play shall be made immediately following completion of the applicable sign in.

3. Knock-out Draws

All tournaments must offer a minimum Main Draw size of 16 for both men and women.

Unless otherwise determined by the ITF, the draws shall be composed as follows:

a) Composition of Draws

I. Qualifying

Draw Size	8	16	24	32	48	64	128
Wild Cards	1	2	4	6	7	8	16
Direct Acceptances	7	14	20	26	41	56	112

II. Main Draw

Draw Size	16	24	32	48	64	128
Wild Cards	2	2	4	6	8	16
Qualifiers	2	2	4	6	8	16
Direct Acceptances	12	20	24	36	48	96

III. If there are sixteen (16) or fewer entered teams, a Qualifying event must not be played.

IV. ITF reserves the right to alter the composition of Draws for World and Regional Championships to ensure an international distribution of nations represented.

b) Seeds

I. Number of Seeds

The Number of Seeds shall be as follows:

i. Qualifying

Each section of the draw shall have no more than two (2) seeded teams.

ii. Main Draw

128 draw:	32 seeds
64 draw:	16 seeds
48 draw:	16 seeds
32 draw:	8 seeds
24 draw:	8 seeds
16 draw:	4 seeds

There is to be only one seeding list, and seeding will not be official until the final draw is made.

II. Selection of Seeds

Seeding shall be based on the latest combined ITF Beach Tennis World Ranking of each team available at the time of the draw. Ties shall be drawn randomly. Teams without a combined ranking shall not be seeded.

c) Making the Draw

I. Qualifying

i. Sections and Seeds

The qualifying draw shall be made in sections and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw. If two (2) qualifiers are required, there shall be two (2) sections; four (4) qualifiers required, four (4) sections; and so on. The draw shall be seeded and the selection of seeds shall be consistent with the criteria detailed above in section 3b II – Selection of Seeds.

ii. Placing of Seeds

The first 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 one (1) seed appears 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 one (1) seed appears on the bottom line of each section.

iii. Byes

In the event that there are not enough competitors to fill the draw then, after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes

shall be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

iv. Vacancies/Substitutions

Vacancies in the qualifying shall be filled by doubles teams who signed in. These players will be selected using the System of Merit.

ii. Main Draw

i) Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw

Once the qualifying event has begun, only Qualifiers and Lucky Losers may be accepted into the main draw. The qualifying event commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

ii) Placing of Seeds

Taking into account the provisions of Tournament Regulation 3. b 'Seeds', seeds shall be placed or drawn as follows:

1. Place Seed 1 on line 1 and Seed 2 on line 16 (8/16 draw), 32 (24/32 draw), 64 (48/64 draw).
2. To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (seeds 3 and 4) and groups of four (Seeds 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16) from top to bottom as follows:

	16 draw (4 seeds)	24/32 draw (8 seeds)	48/64 draw (16 seeds)
Seeds 3,4	5 12	9 24	17 48
Seeds 5,6,7,8		8 16 17 25	16 32 33 49
Seeds 9,10,11,12			9 25 40 56
Seeds 13,14,15,16			8 24 41 57

iii) Byes

In the event that there are not enough competitors to fill the draw then, after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

iv) Drawing of Qualifiers/Lucky Losers

The placing of Qualifiers and Lucky Losers into the Main Draw will be drawn by lot along with all other unseeded Main Draw Direct Acceptances.

If the qualifying event is not completed at the time of the main draw, then the places for the undesignated Qualifiers, and Lucky Losers if applicable, shall be designated as "Qualifier" and drawn by lot along with the unseeded Main

Draw Direct Acceptances. At the completion of the qualifying event, the Main Draw places designated as “Qualifier” will be filled by Qualifiers, and Lucky Losers if applicable, by drawing by lot one team for each available space. Vacancies that occur in the Main Draw before completion of the qualifying event, to be filled by Lucky Losers, will be drawn in conjunction with Qualifiers.

If multiple vacancies occur in the Main Draw after it has been made and following completion of the qualifying event, the position of each eligible Lucky Losers will be drawn by lot.

v) **Remaining Doubles Teams**

After the seeds and the byes are placed in the draw as above provided, then the remaining doubles teams, including Qualifiers and Lucky Losers, shall be drawn by lot to determine in which places they are to be entered into the draw.

vi) **Vacancies/Substitutions**

After commencement of the qualifying competition vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers.

Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows:

Teams shall be grouped according to the round reached in the qualifying competition with priority being given to teams who progressed furthest. Within those groups, teams will be grouped in accordance with the System of Merit and drawn randomly within each group.

4. Round Robin

If there are fewer than nine (9) entered teams in the main draw, the event shall be played as a round robin in accordance with the format detailed below.

a) **Round Robin of 3-5 teams**

- In cases where there are 3-5 teams on the final acceptance list, one Round Robin group shall be played.

b) **Round Robin of 6-8 teams**

- In cases where 6-8 teams on the final acceptance list, two (2) Round Robin Groups shall be played.
- Upon completion of the Round Robin competitions the top team in each group shall play a final: Winner Group A vs Winner Group B

c) **Number of seeded teams and seed positions**

Draw size	3, 4 or 5 teams	6 teams	7 or 8 teams
Seeds	0	2	2
Based on Round Robin Groups A & B	3, 4 or 5 pos in Group A	3 pos in Group A, 3 pos in Group B	3 or 4 pos in Group A, 4 pos in Group B
Seed 1		Line 1, Group A	Line 1, Group A
Seed 2		Line 1, Group B	Line 1, Group B

d) **Making the Draw**

The top two seeded teams shall be placed in separate Round Robin groups. All other teams 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.

In the case of withdrawal(s) after the draw has been made but before the start of play which subsequently results in a round robin group containing fewer than three (3) teams, one team from the larger group will be drawn by lot to replace the withdrawn team except that the seeded team will not be included in the draw. In the case of a withdrawal(s) resulting in fewer than a total of six (6) teams in the event, all teams will be placed in Group A in accordance with the Draw sizes detailed above.

Any withdrawal after the start of play will be treated as a 'walk over' for the remaining teams in the group.

e) Calculating final position in Round Robin events

In Round Robin events the following rules apply:

- Doubles teams are awarded one (1) point for winning a match

The standings in the group are determined by:

- Highest number of points

If the number of points is equal for

- two (2) teams: The head-to-head result

If the number of points is equal for three (3) or more teams, for these teams only:

- the percentage of sets won from sets played against all teams in the group (a walkover win should be considered as equal to having won 6-0, 6-0)
- if, after this calculation, only two teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two teams will be used to break the tie
- the percentage of games won of games played against all teams in the group.
- if, after this calculation, only two teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two teams will be used to break the tie.
- if, after this, there are still teams that remain tied, then drawn by lot

f) Distribution of prize money

Prize money will be distributed in accordance with the Prize Money Distribution Rule. For the purposes of this rule: if one (1) round robin group is played, a team's final standing shall be used; if two (2) round robin groups are played, the second place teams in each group shall be awarded semi-finalist prize money and the remaining teams shall be awarded quarter-finalist prize money, if applicable.

g) Distribution of Ranking points

Ranking points will be awarded to players based on their team's final position in accordance with the Ranking Points table. For the purposes of this rule: if one (1) round robin group is played, a team's final standing shall be used; if two (2) round robin groups are played, the second place teams in each group shall be awarded semi-finalist ranking points and the remaining teams shall be awarded quarter-finalist ranking points.

Full points will only be awarded to teams that have won a minimum of two (2) matches. A team that has won fewer than two (2) matches will receive 50% of the available points.

h) Qualifying Draw Format

The format for round robin groups in qualifying shall be the same as for round robin groups in the main draw. The number of Qualifiers will be in accordance with the Format of Knock-out Draws – Main Draw as detailed in these Rules and Regulations.

i) Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw

Teams shall qualify for the main draw based on their final position in the round robin group. For the purpose of this rule, where there are two (2) groups, the winner in each group will be considered the first two (2) teams accepted and the second place team in each group will be the next two (2) teams accepted and so on until all Qualifying positions have been filled.

5. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes

Alternates and Lucky Losers must be present and sign-in with the Referee at least half an hour before the scheduled start of play, which may occur over several days, in order to maintain their priority among other Alternates and Lucky Losers of the same round. If the eligible Lucky Loser is not available to play, he/she shall be placed at the bottom of the Lucky Loser priority list for that day corresponding to the qualifying round in which he/she lost.

6. Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds

Seedings will not be official until the final draw is made. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked team in that draw. The position vacated by that next highest ranked team shall then be filled by the next team on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of qualifying or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after commencement of qualifying. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed that occurs after the release of the Order or Play on the day preceding commencement of play in the main draw, shall be filled by an eligible Lucky Loser.

7. Suspension and Postponement

The Referee may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Unless and until a match is postponed by the Referee, the players, chair umpire and any on-court officials must remain ready to resume the match.

Upon suspension of a match, the chair umpire, or doubles teams if no chair umpire provided, must record the time, point, game and set score, which team was serving, the sides on which each team was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| i) 0 – 15 minutes delay | - no warm-up |
| ii) 15 – 30 minutes delay | - three (3) minutes of warm-up |
| iii) more than 30 minutes delay | - five (5) minutes of warm-up |

8. Hospitality

If official hospitality is offered, the conditions of such hospitality must be available to all entered players and the conditions must be equal for the Men's and Women's events. At \$35,000+H and \$15,000+H tournaments hospitality

must be offered to the top four teams (in the official hotel). At all other tournaments hospitality may be offered to a defined number of teams based only on their position on the Acceptance List. Hospitality may not be conditional on a team's performance or on the entry of specific players or teams.

Where hospitality is offered it is defined as a complimentary room for the use of each pair beginning at least one (1) day before the start of Main Draw until the day following the pair's elimination from the tournament or the day following the last day of the tournament.

9. Courts

All match courts shall be of exactly the same surface. In the event of bad weather play may be moved under cover, but the surface of all such courts must be the same.

Sufficient match courts must be available to accommodate full qualifying and main draws.

In addition, there should be at least one (1) practice court per 32 teams on site.

10. Tournament Administrator/Tournament Director

The National Association sanctioning or organising the Tournament shall designate a Tournament Administrator from within the National Association to administer the tournament. In addition, the National Association and Tournament Administrator may appoint a Tournament Organiser to organise the tournament, including managing the entry lists.

The National Association and Tournament Administrator shall appoint a Tournament Director who shall be responsible for the organisation of the event onsite during the event. The Tournament Organiser and Tournament Director are not permitted to compete in the event.

If the Tournament Organiser/Director is found to be entered into a tournament prior to his/her team's first match, his/her team shall immediately be removed from the Acceptance List/Draw and may be subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct. If the Tournament Organiser/Director is found to have competed in the tournament his/her team shall be defaulted from the event and shall forfeit any prize money and/or Ranking points earned and may be subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct.

11. Referee

Each Tournament must provide at its sole expense an appropriate official, as defined in the Tournament Organisational Guidelines, to serve as the Referee for the tournament. The Referee is the on-site representative of the ITF and is responsible for ensuring the uniform administration and interpretation of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules, ITF Beach Tennis Tour Code of Conduct, ITF Rules of Beach Tennis and the Organisational Requirements. The Referee is responsible for making the draw.

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

In Tour team competitions 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, may remove him/her from his/her duties for the match in course and/or for any and all of the remaining matches of that tournament, in which case the Captain may only be replaced 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 the site and/or denial of access to the site, the Referee must use his/her best efforts to obtain the approval of the Executive Director.

In addition to removal, the Captain may be subject to the applicable provision and penalties under the Code of Conduct.

The Captain shall be allowed to sit on the court beside the chair of his/her team but he/she may not move away from that area. Apart from his/her team, he/she may talk to the Chair Umpire and to the Referee. He/she may not talk to any Line Umpire.

The Referee may not be the Tournament Director and is not permitted to compete in the event.

If the Referee is found to be entered into a tournament prior to his/her team's first match, his/her team shall immediately be removed from the Acceptance List/Draw and may be subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct. If the Referee is found to have competed in the tournament his/her team shall be defaulted from the event and shall forfeit any prize money and/or Ranking points earned and may be subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct.

12. Tournament Doctor / Sports Physiotherapist

Each tournament must provide at its sole expense a Tournament Doctor who must be on-call during play and a Sports Physiotherapist (as defined in the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards*) who must be on-site during play.

13. Match Format

Each match in the Main Draw will be the best of three tie-break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

In the Qualifying Draw, when the score is one set all, one match tie-break (10 points) shall be played to decide the match.

14. Rules of Beach Tennis

The ITF Rules of Beach Tennis shall apply in all ITF Beach Tennis Tour matches.

15. Conditions of Play

a) Between Tournaments

If the Referee receives notice from a player of the date and time of his last match played in a previous tournament, then the Referee shall whenever possible give the player one full day's rest between such match and the player's first match in the Tournament.

b) Between Matches

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, members of a doubles team shall be scheduled for a maximum of two (2) main draw matches on the final day of the tournament (semifinal and final) which shall not be scheduled less than twelve (12) hours after the completion of the last match of such doubles team on the preceding day or round. This may be increased to a maximum of four (4) matches on preceding days and on all days at Category 4 and 5 events.

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such doubles teams shall be given the following minimum rest periods:

- i. Played less than 1 hour: 1/2 hour rest
- ii. Played between 1 hour and 1 1/2 hours: 1 hour rest
- iii. Played more than 1 1/2 hours: 1 1/2 hours rest

16. Entry Fee

- a) The following maximum entry fee may be charged per team per event (unless otherwise authorised by ITF), covering teams in both Main Draw and Qualifying:

	Max. Entry Fee (per team)*
World Championships	US\$150
Regional Championships	US\$100
<u>Category 1</u> (\$35,000+)	US\$150
<u>Category 2</u> (\$15,000)	US\$100
<u>Category 3</u> (\$10,000)	US\$70
<u>Category 4</u> (\$3,000)	US\$50
<u>Category 5</u> (non- prize money)	US\$50

- b) Indoor events may charge an additional US\$20 per team.
- c) Tournaments that elect and are approved to pay prize money in local currency shall collect entry fees in local currency using the official ITF exchange rate as calculated

*Each player in a team is responsible for payment of half of the entry fee

17. Prize Money

Prize money, paid in cash or by cheque, shall be made available daily at the Tournament Office on site for each day's eligible players in accordance with the criteria stated below.

If a player specifically requests to receive the prize money via bank transfer, the player will be liable for any bank fees associated with such transfer.

If a tournament elects to pay the prize money via bank transfer, the tournament will be liable for any bank fees associated with such transfer.

18. Tax Deductions

Any Government Income tax deductions from prize money must be stated on the fact sheet. No taxes other than the stated Income tax will be deducted from prize money.

19. Currency and Exchange Rate

Prize money shall be paid in US Dollars unless prior approval to pay in any other currency is obtained in writing from the ITF at the time of application.

A tournament may elect to pay on-site prize money in US Dollars or in local currency. If local currency is selected, then the exchange rate for a given tournament (official ITF exchange rate) shall be the average of the six (6) months immediately preceding six (6) months prior to the tournament. If, on the Monday, prior to the sign in deadline, there is a fluctuation in the official ITF exchange rate of five percent (5%) or more, up or down, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted, up or down as follows:

Exchange Rate Fluctuation	Exchange Rate Adjustment
Less than 5%	None
Between 5 and 10%	5%
10% or greater	One half the Exchange Rate Percentage Fluctuation

(* For example, if the currency fluctuates 11% from the authorised exchange rate, the exchange rate will be adjusted by 5.5%).

Each tournament electing to pay on-site prize money in a specific non-US currency shall obtain from the ITF the official ITF exchange rate determined as above provided and shall use the same.

20. Facilities

Refer to the ITF Beach Tennis Tour - Organisational Guidelines for details.

21. Balls

In the main draw and qualifying there shall be a minimum of two (2) new ITF Approved Stage 2 "Orange" balls for each match. Details of ball changes are stated in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Organisational Guidelines.

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

22. Related Regulations

To the extent not covered herein The Constitution of ITF Limited 2019 and the 2019 Rules of Beach Tennis shall be applicable to all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour 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.

G. WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

1. The Competition

a) Title

The Competition, an international mixed team competition, shall be called the “ITF Beach Tennis World Team Championship” (“WTC”).

b) Ownership

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

c) Nations Eligible

The Competition shall be open only to Member National Associations of the ITF.

d) Format

The Competition is contested between nations on a knock-out principle with play-off rounds to provide a finishing position for each nation.

e) Entry

The ITF is the entry authority for the event. The National Association of each nation is responsible for the entry and nomination of their team.

f) Entry Fee

The entry fee as well as Entry Fee conditions of payment, including payment deadline and conditions of refund, shall be published in the fact sheet and/or entry form. Failure to meet the conditions of payment may result in the player’s official withdrawal from the tournament.

g) Rankings

ITF Beach Tennis World Ranking points will be awarded to players based on their team’s final standing for that year.

To receive Ranking points, a player must have played a minimum of one (1) doubles match (decisive or non-decisive).

See Appendix B for available points.

h) Approval/cancellation

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 Competition 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 Beach Tennis Committee and may be appealed to the Independent Tribunal.

2. Entries and Teams

a) Composition of Teams

Each team shall consist of a captain and a minimum of two (2) male players and two (2) female players and a maximum of three (3) male and three (3) female players. Each nation has the right to include a non-playing captain in their team or to nominate a playing member of their team as captain. The captain must have reached a minimum age of 24 by 31 December in the year of competition in which he/she is nominated.

If, for reasons of health, injury, bereavement or exceptional circumstance, a team is unable to compete in one or more of the matches in a tie, the result of the match shall be recorded as a win for the opposition and that team shall compete in the remaining matches in the tie. Any such withdrawal must be accompanied by appropriate written evidence (e.g. medical certificate) prior to the scheduled start time of the tie.

b) Entry and Nomination

The entry form and nomination form must be completed by the National Association and submitted to the ITF before the entry deadline. A completed Eligibility form and passport copy must be submitted at the time of nomination for any team member (including the captain) who has not previously competed in the WTC.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the ITF has the absolute right to refuse to accept a National Association's nomination of any individual to participate as a team member in the Competition. The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

c) Change of Nomination

Nomination changes can be made up to one (1) hour before the draw but should be notified to the ITF at least 7 days in advance where possible.

Two nominations may be changed up to one hour before the draw and must be made in writing and submitted to the ITF by the National Association. Changes to nominations made less than 24 hours prior to the draw must be made in writing and submitted by the team Captain to both the Referee and to the ITF. A change to the nomination of the team captain must be submitted by the National Association in all cases.

Changes to team nominations shall be taken into account when determining the final seedings.

d) Role of the Captain

Off-court: The captain is responsible for all communication between officials and/or ITF and the team. The captain must inform his/her players of the information from the captains' meeting. The captain is responsible for the conduct of all members of his/her squad including the punctuality of teams for the start of each match.

On court: During each match in a tie, only the captain of a team may remain on the team bench and communicate with the players competing in the match. If the captain is playing in a match or is unable to fulfil his on-court commitment, one nominated member of the squad may act as captain for the duration of that match. This person must be communicated to the Referee at the time of nomination.

e) Passports

The Captain shall present the passports of all team members, including that of the Captain, to the Referee at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the Captains' Meeting or the Draw whichever occurs first.

f) Eligibility

In order to compete in the WTC, each player must fulfil the requirements detailed in Appendix A 'The Players' – 'Eligibility to Represent a Nation'.

3. Conduct of the Competition

a) Tie format

Each tie is the best of three doubles matches, one Men's Doubles, one Women's Doubles and one Mixed Doubles match. Any team unable to compete in a match shall be considered to have lost the match.

b) Order of Play

The order of matches in each tie shall be ladies' doubles followed by men's doubles followed by mixed doubles with the option for the men's match to be played first only if both captains are in agreement and notify the Referee in person a minimum of 60 minutes before the tie is scheduled to start. The mixed match will be the last match played in all ties.

When a result has been obtained following the Men's and Women's Doubles matches, the mixed doubles will still be played unless agreed by both captains. In the final the mixed doubles shall be played if a result has not been obtained.

c) Team Nominations per tie

A completed team nomination form must be submitted by the captain to the ITF Referee at least sixty (60) minutes prior to the scheduled start of each tie. The team nomination form must include the nominated players for the men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles match.

A captain may change the players in the mixed team up to 15 minutes after the end of the second doubles match. The change must be communicated in person to the Referee by the team captain. If, between the nomination/change of nomination deadline and the start of play one of the players, in the opinion of the Referee, is ill or injured, the Referee may sanction the substitution of that player/team by another player/team nominated for the Tie.

d) Match Format

Main draw matches and play-off matches shall be best of three sets with a match tie-break (10 points) replacing the third set.

Mixed doubles non-decisive (main draw and play-off): all non-decisive mixed doubles matches, if played, shall be best of three short sets.

e) Seeding

The number of seeded nations shall be determined by the draw size in accordance with the Tour Regulations.

Seeding is determined by using the combined ranking of the top 2 men and top 2 women in each team using the latest available Rankings at the time of the draw. Seeds will be placed in the draw in accordance with the Tour Rules taking into account separation of nations from the same region.

f) Same Region Nations

The top four nations from each region will be drawn into separate quarters of the draw. For the avoidance of doubt, the four Regions represented are Americas; Europe; Asia/Oceania; Africa.

g) Team Identification

All players in a team must wear predominantly the same colour during all matches.

APPENDIX A THE PLAYERS

Any reference to players in this Article shall apply to the Captain where appropriate.

DEFINITION OF “GOOD STANDING” OF A PLAYER

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 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/her National Tennis Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which his/her National Tennis association has selected him;

(c) makes himself/herself available for selection for Regional Championships and/or Beach Tennis World Team Championship and accepts the jurisdiction of his/her National Tennis Association while competing in events for which they have selected him/her;

(d) respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times;

(e) accepts the conditions of entry of the events he/she enters, including the conditions of any code of conduct adopted for those events and the published terms and conditions in place at the time of entry;

(f) agrees to undergo any medical control, including gender control and/or other tests, which are in operation at any event which he/she 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/her National Tennis Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament, including Regional Championships, the Beach Tennis World Championships and the Beach Tennis World Team Championship; 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 with respect to (g) and (h) 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 (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.

ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER OR CAPTAIN TO REPRESENT A NATION

- 1 Any player or captain who is in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with Appendix A shall be qualified to represent that nation as a player or captain at a Beach Tennis World Team Championship if he/she:
 - (a) has not previously represented any other nation at beach tennis world team championship level; 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's 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.
- 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 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.
- 3 If a player or captain is qualified under paragraph 1 or 2 above to represent more than one nation and the National Association of one 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 Director 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.

- 4 The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel has the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player or captain is qualified to represent that nation.
- 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.
- 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.
- 7 A player shall be deemed to have represented a nation if he/she shall have been nominated at the time of the draw.

TRANSGENDER POLICY

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

APPENDIX B

TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND RANKING POINTS

Tournaments shall be classified into prize money categories, with ranking points as set out below.

	Tournament category	Winner	Final	Semi Final	Quarter Final	R16	R32
	<u>Category 1 (\$35,000+)</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>
	<u>Category 2 (\$15,000)</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>Category 3 (\$10,000)</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>Category 4 (\$3,000)</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>Category 5 (no prize money)</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Optional Bundles	<u>TV (+T) Category 1-3</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>Hospitality (+H)</u>						
	<u>Category 1-4</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>Officiating (+O)</u>						
	<u>Category 1-4</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Consolation Events

Consolation events may be held at the discretion of the tournament. If held, consolation events shall be available to those teams who lose in the first (1st) round of the main draw.

Consolation events must comprise of a minimum of four (4) teams to be held.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Semi Final</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Teams who play in the consolation event will forfeit any points earned from the first (1st) round of the main draw and will only earn points subsequently gained in the consolation event.

World and Regional Championships

	Winner	Final	Semi Final	Quarter Final	R16	R32
World Championships	<u>To be determined, points will be published on ITF Website</u>					
Regional Championships	<u>To be determined, points will be published on ITF Website</u>					

ITF World Team Championship Ranking Points

Nation's Position	Ranking points
1st	<u>150</u>
2nd	<u>130</u>
3rd	<u>110</u>
4th	<u>90</u>
5th	<u>70</u>
6th	<u>68</u>
7th	<u>66</u>
8th	<u>64</u>
9th	<u>56</u>
10th	<u>54</u>
11th	<u>52</u>
12th	<u>50</u>
13th	<u>42</u>
14th	<u>40</u>
15th	<u>38</u>
16th	<u>36</u>

Nation's Position	Ranking points
17th	<u>30</u>
18th	<u>29</u>
19th	<u>28</u>
20th	<u>27</u>
21st	<u>24</u>
22nd	<u>23</u>
23rd	<u>22</u>
24th	<u>21</u>
25th	<u>18</u>
26th	<u>17</u>
27th	<u>16</u>
28th	<u>15</u>
29th	<u>12</u>
30th	<u>11</u>
31st	<u>10</u>
32nd	<u>9</u>

APPENDIX C MEDIA, COMMERCIAL AND DATA RIGHTS

The ITF Beach Tennis Tour (“ITF Beach Tennis Tour”) is sanctioned and governed by ITF Ltd (“ITF”).

The individual beach tennis tournaments (“the Tournaments”) which comprise the ITF Beach Tennis Tour are organised and staged by the National Tennis Association of the country where the Tournament is held (“National Association”) and/or by promoters/organisers approved by the applicable National Association. The National Tennis Associations are members of the ITF.

The National Associations own and/or control the Tournaments staged under their jurisdiction and recognise the mutual benefits that may be created for them and the ITF by establishing a framework for the creation and exploitation of certain rights relating thereto.

Specific rights (as defined below) relating to the ITF Beach Tennis Tour and the Tournaments shall be exploited as set out below.

1. DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations the following terms shall have the meaning described below:

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| “Tour Sponsor Rights” | The right of ITF to appoint a sponsor (a “Tour Sponsor”) of the overall ITF Beach Tennis Tour and/or of a Cross Border Group (as defined below) (i.e. not in respect of individual Tournaments and/or groups of Tournaments in one country) including without limitation in the form of “the XYZ ITF Beach Tennis Tour”; |
| “Commercial Rights” | Any and all commercial rights relating to the individual Tournaments excluding the Data Rights, the Media Rights and Tour Sponsor Rights but including without limitation tournament sponsorships (including without limitation sponsorship of individual Tournaments and sponsorship of groups of Tournaments in one country or jurisdiction), official supplier or commercial partner arrangements, venue or Tournament related advertising (including on digital media), programmes, tickets and hospitality; |
| “Coverage” | Any and all audio-visual, audio or visual coverage of a Tournament or any part thereof; |
| “Cross Border Group” | Shall mean groups of Tournaments staged under the jurisdiction of two or more different National Associations, as authorised by the respective National Associations; |

“Data Rights”	Shall mean the Live Data Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights;
“Delay Period”	Shall mean the period of 30 seconds immediately following the actual occurrence of an incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (such as match starting, a fault, a point being scored, an ace etc.);
“Non-Live Data Rights”	Shall mean the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all Official Data outside of the applicable Delay Period;
“Own Tournaments”	Shall mean in respect of a National Association, those Tournaments that are staged under its sole jurisdiction, and excluding all Cross Border Group Tournaments;
“Internet Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit and/or make available the Coverage for reception by viewers by means of the Internet and to operate Tournament websites and run social media feeds and campaigns;
“Media and Commercial Rights Working Group”	Shall mean the group of individual representatives of National Associations and the ITF;
“Live Data Rights”	Shall mean the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any live match scores/in-match incident (such as match starting, a fault, a point being scored, an ace etc.) during the applicable Delay Period;
“Live Signal”	Shall mean a live audio-visual signal of Coverage of a Tournament;
“Live Streaming”	Shall mean the transmission and/or making available of Coverage from a Tournament through a Live Signal by means of the Internet Rights and/or Mobile Rights which shall only be permitted in accordance with paragraph 3 (Media Rights) below;
“Media Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit, exhibit or otherwise make available the Coverage or any part thereof by any form of electronic media including without limitation by means of the Television Rights and/or Internet Rights and/or Mobile Rights;
“Mobile Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit, exhibit or otherwise make available the Coverage or any part thereof by means of mobile wireless technology (e.g. GPRS, GSM and/or UMTS) and/or mobile broadcast technology (e.g. DVB-H,

DAB, DMB-T) and any similar, derivative, replacement or updated technologies;

- “Net Revenue” Shall mean revenues actually received by or on behalf of ITF, net of sales taxes, from the exploitation of Commercial Rights and/or Circuit Sponsor Rights and/or Media Rights hereunder after deduction of any costs, which are subject to the mutual approval of the ITF and each relevant National Association, incurred directly in the generation of such revenues (e.g. agency commissions, production costs, incremental and directly attributable ITF staff costs) and/or any taxes levied thereon (including withholding taxes);
- “Official Data” Shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring, including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incidents (such as match starting, a fault, a point being scored, an ace etc.) and/or other statistical information relating to any Tournament and/or the participants therein;
- “Protected Period” Shall mean any period and such rights as are notified by the ITF to the National Associations in writing, in respect of which the ITF has agreed to grant to a third party in respect of a Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the ITF Beach Tennis Tour;
- “Television Rights” Shall mean the right to exhibit and/or licence third parties to exhibit the Coverage live and/or delayed and/or in highlights form by means of traditional broadcast television delivery including without limitation terrestrial, cable, and satellite television, analogue and/or digital.

2. MEDIA RIGHTS

Each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of its Own Tournaments and retain all revenues thereby generated.

As part of their retained Media Rights, the National Associations may carry out and/or authorise Live Streaming and/or other exhibitions of Coverage of their Own Tournaments. Each such National Association will not, during the Protected Period, allow any such Coverage through Live Streaming to be transmitted or made available by means of the Internet Rights or Mobile Rights with a less than 30 second delay between the action taking place at the Tournament and the Live Streaming being available to viewers unless a shorter delay period is agreed otherwise with ITF in writing on a case by case basis. For the avoidance of doubt National Associations will not be required to delay exhibitions made by means of the Television Rights.

ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the whole ITF Beach Tennis Tour. ITF shall be free to enter into commercial arrangements in its discretion and to notify each of the National

Associations of the relevant details as soon as it is reasonably able to do so in each case.

During the Protected Period, ITF shall be exclusively entitled to seek licensees for the right to transmit or make available Live Streaming of the relevant National Association's Own Tournaments for use in connection with the provision of betting and gaming services.

Each National Association shall retain the right to produce and/or appoint a third party to access its Own Tournaments in order to produce Coverage thereof. Where ITF has concluded any Media Rights arrangement in respect of a Cross Border Group or the overall ITF Beach Tennis Tour (which will include without limitation any such arrangement for Live Streaming for betting and gaming purposes), and provided that a National Association is producing Coverage to exploit Media Rights in respect of any of its Own Tournaments, the respective National Association shall ensure that the producer of the Coverage, whether a broadcaster, production company or other entity, makes the Coverage available to ITF and/or ITF's licensees, as a Live Signal (if available) at the venue of the relevant Tournament(s) (or other agreed point) and procure that access to the Live Signal is free of charge, subject to payment for transmission of the production feed (uplink and downlink) and/or in the form of tape delay subject to payment of reasonable tape costs.

If a National Association is not producing and has not appointed a third party to produce Coverage in respect of any of its Own Tournaments where ITF has concluded a Media Rights arrangement in respect of such Tournament as part of a Cross Border Group or the overall Beach Tennis Tour (which will include without limitation any such arrangement for Live Streaming for betting and gaming purposes), ITF shall be responsible for producing and/or appointing a third party to access the relevant Tournaments in order to produce Coverage to the extent required for any Media Rights arrangement in respect of such Cross Border Group or the overall Beach Tennis Tour. In such case, the relevant National Association shall procure reasonable access to the Tournament venues and existing facilities (e.g. parking) for ITF's broadcaster, production company or other entity free of charge save for reimbursement of reasonable, directly attributable and incremental costs incurred by the relevant National Association and any of its Own Tournaments. ITF shall ensure that the producer of the Coverage, whether a broadcaster, production company or other entity, makes the Coverage available to the relevant National Association, as a Live Signal (if available) at the venue of the relevant Tournament(s) (or other agreed point) and use reasonable efforts to procure that access to the Live Signal is free of charge, subject to payment for transmission of the production feed (uplink and downlink) and/or in the form of tape delay subject to payment of reasonable tape costs.

The National Association shall also grant to the ITF a licence (or procure from all relevant third parties all necessary rights) to entitle the ITF to use Coverage as it sees fit, indefinitely on any website operated by or on behalf of the ITF, or otherwise for promotional, publicity or marketing purposes, including public relations, in any media or territory.

In the case of any Media Rights exploited by the ITF 20 per cent of Net Revenue will be retained by ITF and 80 per cent of Net Revenue will be shared by National Associations which participate in ITF exploitation of such Media Rights according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

3. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Commercial Rights in respect of its Own Tournaments and retain all revenues thereby generated.

ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Tour Sponsor Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the overall ITF Beach Tennis Tour. ITF shall be free to enter into arrangements in its discretion and to notify each National Association of the relevant details as soon as it is reasonably able to do so in each case.

In the case of Tour Sponsor Rights exploited by the ITF, 20 per cent of Net Revenue will be retained by ITF and 80 per cent of Net Revenue will be shared by National Associations which participate in activating such Tour Sponsor Rights according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

The ITF reserves the right upon written notification to the relevant National Association in advance of each Tournament to allow access to Tournaments for international sponsors with whom the ITF has contractual arrangements in order for the international sponsor to carry out promotional activity which has been approved by the ITF and which may include but not be limited to the right to banner space, space to operate stands or exhibitions and the right to hand out free samples or promotional material.

For the avoidance of doubt no sponsorship will be permitted either as part of the Commercial Rights or as Tour Sponsor Rights to any entity in respect of tobacco products, hard liquor products, betting companies, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, as reasonably determined by ITF in consultation with the applicable National Associations. It is permitted to appoint casinos or national, regional or state sports lotteries as part of the above rights (with the prior approval of the ITF) provided they do not offer tennis betting as part of their business activity.

4. DATA RIGHTS

The ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Live Data Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the overall ITF Beach Tennis Tour and will keep the National Associations informed about any agreements entered into with a third party for the purposes of such exploitation. In respect of any Protected Period, the ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Live Data Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights in respect of Own Tournaments also, unless otherwise expressly agreed with the relevant National Association in advance in writing.

Other than in respect of any Protected Period, the National Associations will retain all rights not expressly granted to the ITF that relate to their Own Tournaments including, without limitation, with respect to the Live Data Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights. Notwithstanding the grant to ITF in the paragraph above, the National Associations shall retain the right to exhibit:

- a. Live Data Rights on on-court scoreboards and other areas located within the respective venues; and

- b. Live Data Rights on exhibitions made by means of the Television Rights of their own Tournaments to which such Live Scoring Rights relate.

Any and all Net Revenue generated from the exploitation of the Live Data Rights and Non-Live Data Rights by ITF shall be divided 20 per cent to ITF and 80 per cent to be shared by National Associations according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

The National Associations and Tournaments shall co-operate (which shall include ensuring that contractual obligations with third parties relating to the organising and operation of Tournaments are consistent with the following requirements) with the ITF in relation to:

- any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3rd party) of Live Data Rights and Non-Live Data Rights at Tournaments;
- any reasonable measures that the ITF takes to protect the value of the Live Data Rights including without limitation to prevent the unauthorised collection and exploitation of the Live Data Rights relating to Tournaments during the Delay Period. Such measures may include the implementation and enforcement of ticket conditions, accreditation terms and access to venue agreements and shall be developed by ITF in consultation with the Media, Commercial & Data Rights Working Group.

ITF shall make available to the National Associations free of charge any Official Data collected by ITF for use by the National Associations consistent with this rule.

ITF and the National Associations shall at all times co-operate with and comply with the requirements of the Tennis Integrity Unit.

APPENDIX D

MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND 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 Standards) during the warm-up or the match.

Treatable Medical Conditions

- i. 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.
- ii. 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

- i. Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- ii. Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- iii. General player fatigue.
- iv. Any medical condition requiring injections or intravenous infusion, 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.
- v. 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 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 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 professional events with prize money of \$25,000 or less, 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 immediate evaluation, and treatment if time allows. 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), 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 as soon as possible.

If the issue arises during a match, the Chair Umpire should immediately call for the Tournament Doctor 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 that advice from the Tournament Doctor, the Referee shall declare 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. At the discretion of the Referee, 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 humidit y	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
10%	18.3° C 65°F	21.1° C 70°F	23.9° C 75°F	26.7° C 80°F	29.4° C 85°F	32.2° C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8° C 100°F	40.6° C 105°F	43.9° C 111°F	46.7° C 116°F
20%	18.9° C 66°F	22.2° C 72°F	25°C 77°F	27.8° C 82°F	30.6° C 87°F	33.9° C 93°F	37.2° C 99°F	40.6° C 105°F	44.4° C 112°F	48.9° C 120°F	54.4° C 130°F
30%	19.4° C 67°F	22.8° C 73°F	25.6° C 78°F	28.9° C 84°F	32.2° C 90°F	35.6° C 96°F	40.1° C 104.2 °F	45°C 113°F	50.6° C 123°F	57.2° C 135°F	64.4° C 148°F
40%	20°C 68°F	23.3° C 74°F	26.1° C 79°F	30°C 86°F	33.9° C 93°F	38.3° C 101°F	43.3° C 110°F	50.6° C 123°F	58.3° C 137°F	66.1° C 151°F	
50%	20.6° C 69°F	23.9° C 75°F	27.2° C 81°F	31.1° C 88°F	35.6° C 96°F	41.7° C 107°F	48.9° C 120°F	57.2° C 135°F	65.6° C 150°F		
60%	21.1° C 70°F	24.4° C 76°F	27.8° C 82°F	32.2° C 90°F	37.8° C 100°F	45.6° C 114°F	55.6° C 132°F	65°C 149°F			
70%	21.1° C 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				
80%	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					
90%	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. No coaching is allowed.

b. 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 BREAKS

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break. Change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break and toilet breaks should be taken on a set break.

Each team is entitled to a maximum 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, or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet or change of attire 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 break / change of attire break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the Referee.

A player may change his/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 E PLAYER ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGY (“PAT”) DATA RIGHTS

1. Definition

“Player Analysis Technology Data” or “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 any Beach Tennis Tour tournament, and (b) by means of any system of Player analysis technology that is approved by ITF for use in that tournament, whether or not it is collected by or in co-operation with the ITF, a Nation or the Player.

2. 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 games and matches played in a Tournament subject to the following conditions:

- i. During a match, 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 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 (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 coaches and players will immediately cease use of the PAT system pending resolution.

APPENDIX F

JUNIOR AGE ELIGIBILITY

The age category table defines the age eligibility for players competing at junior events at the World Championships, World Team Championship and Regional Championships.

For all other junior competitions taking place alongside ITF sanctioned events, it is recommended that the same age eligibility process is implemented.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Birth (D.O.B)</u>
<u>U-14</u>	<u>11 to 14</u>	<u>1st January 2005 - 31st December 2007</u>
<u>U-16</u>	<u>13 to 16</u>	<u>1st January 2003 - 31st December 2005</u>
<u>U-18</u>	<u>13 to 18</u>	<u>1st January 2001 - 31st December 2005</u>

Players born outside of the dates specified in the table above are not eligible to play in any given category.

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