

ITF Wheelchair Tennis

Rule Changes 2019

I. Mission Statement for Wheelchair Tennis

ITF's wheelchair tennis mission is to create opportunities for wheelchair athletes to play and compete at all levels of the sport

IV. The Competitive Wheelchair Tennis Player

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a) In order to be eligible to compete in an ITF Tournament, a Player must meet certain criteria as set out in full in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules, including the allocation of a Sport Class and the designation of a Sport Class Status. For more information, see Part Three (Player Evaluation) of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.
- b) Classification of Players will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules. If a Player meets the relevant criteria he/she will be allocated a Sport Class and designated a Sport Class Status.
 - (i) A Sport Class is a competition category for wheelchair tennis, defined by the ITF with reference to the extent to which players can perform the specific tasks and activities required by wheelchair tennis. The ITF operates two Sport Classes:
 - a. the Open Division; and
 - b. the Quad Division.For more information, see Article 9 of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.For the avoidance of doubt, male and female Players in the Open Division will compete in separate draws, whereas male and female Players in the Quad Division will compete together in one draw.
 - (ii) A Sport Class Status is a designation to indicate the extent to which a player may be required to undertake Player Evaluation and/or be subject to Protest. The Sport Class Status used in wheelchair tennis are:
 - a. New (N)
 - b. Confirmed (C)
 - c. Review (R)
 - d. Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD)For more information, see Article 16 of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.
- c) As set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules, a player who meets the assessment criteria for the Quad Division will have also met the assessment criteria for the Open Division. A player who is eligible for the Quad Division may at any time make a request in writing to the ITF electing to compete (permanently, subject to the remainder of this paragraph (c)) in the Open Division, without a change in his/her Sport Class or his/her medical condition.
 - (i) Where a Quad Division player makes such a request, the ITF will respond to and determine the player's request within 28 days of receipt.
 - (ii) For the avoidance of doubt, the player who has made the request will remain eligible to compete only in the Quad Division pending the ITF's response.

- (iii) If the ITF accedes to the player's request, the player will be eligible to compete only in the Open Division from the date of the ITF's response.
 - (iv) The election of the player to compete only in the Open Division (notwithstanding that his/her Sport Class is and will remain Quad Division) will be recorded by the ITF in the Classification Master List.
 - (v) Any Quad Division player who has taken advantage of this paragraph (c) in order to compete in the Open Division may make a request in writing at any time to return to compete in the Quad Division.
 - (vi) If a player makes such a request, the ITF will respond to and determine the player's request within 28 days of receipt (and will specify any further steps that will be required of the player).
 - (vii) Any player who wants to return to compete only in the Quad Division may be required by the ITF (in its sole discretion) to undertake Classification and/or Player Evaluation as soon as practicable. The outcome of this Classification is final and binding.
 - (viii) For the avoidance of doubt, the player who has made the request will remain eligible to compete only in the Open Division pending the later of (A) the date of the ITF's response (if the ITF permits the player to return to compete in the Quad Division and determines that no Evaluation Session is required) or (B) the date that the player is determined by a Classification Panel to be eligible to compete in the Quad Division.
 - (ix) A player is only entitled to make a total of two requests under this paragraph (b) (i.e., having been Classified as a Quad Division player, first to compete in the Open Division, and second to return to compete in the Quad Division).
- d) Capitalised terms that are not defined in this Section 1 have the meanings given to them in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

VII. Organisational Requirements

11. Organisation

i) Co-operation with the ITF

If requested to do so by the ITF, tournaments must host a Classification Event on dates specified by the ITF. All specific on-site requirements will be communicated to tournaments in advance, and any additional associated costs will be covered by the ITF.

k) Number of days/players/courts

Super Series/ITF1/ITF2

Draw Size	No. of days
<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>

ITF3/Futures

Draw Size	No. of days
<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>

16. Officiating

The Referee shall meet the ITF qualification level stated below unless otherwise approved by the ITF Executive Director. All Referees must be registered with ITF Officiating to gain access to the ITF Officiating Portal and the resources needed for running the tournament.

All Chair Umpires shall be qualified as National Chair Umpires as a minimum.

17. Promotion

a) Tournament Entry Form

- ii. I am bound by and will comply with the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (the "TACP"), a copy of which is available upon request from the ITF or may be downloaded at <http://www.tennisintegrityunit.com/>. I acknowledge that I have received and had the opportunity to review the TACP, and that I understand its provisions. I acknowledge that I have a duty to inform my Related Persons (as defined in the TACP) of the provisions of the TACP and to instruct them to comply with the TACP. I accept that I must complete any Tennis Integrity education programs mandated by the ITF. The TACP prohibits certain conduct by me and my Related Persons, including, but not limited to, (i) wagering on any tennis match, (ii) contriving or attempting to contrive the outcome of any tennis match, (iii) receiving or providing consideration in exchange for Inside Information (as defined in the TACP), (iv) soliciting or facilitating any other person to wager on a tennis match, and (v) failing to report any knowledge I may have regarding potential violations of the TACP. I acknowledge that I have an obligation to report any corrupt approaches that I may receive and any known or suspected offenses by others to the TIU as soon as possible. I accept that I must cooperate fully with investigations and shall not tamper with or destroy any evidence
- iv. I am bound by and will comply with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules, a copy of which is available on request from the ITF or may be downloaded at <https://www.itftennis.com/wheelchair/organisation/rules-regulations.aspx>.

IX. Conduct of Events

21. Player Eligibility

Wheelchair Tennis Eligibility

In order to be eligible to play wheelchair tennis, players must meet certain criteria, as set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

International Player Identification Number (IPIN) Membership & Tennis Integrity Protection Programme (TIPP)

All players entering ITF Tournaments, must:

- i) register for annual Wheelchair Tennis IPIN Membership (and pay the appropriate fee) and agree, as a condition of their registration to accept the related terms and conditions; and
ii) complete the TIPP.

Failure by a player to:

- i) register for a valid Wheelchair Tennis IPIN Membership and to accept the related terms and conditions and/or ii) to complete the TIPP will render a player ineligible to enter and/or compete in ITF Tournaments.

The International Player Identification Number (IPIN) service and TIPP are available from www.itftennis.com/ipin.

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

23. Rules to be Observed

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, Player Support Team Member, 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 Section III of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum.

26. Junior Player Images

Notwithstanding Regulation 25, it is prohibited for any Tournament Visitor to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of junior players, unless they are the parent or legal guardian of the player, without the express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of the player, parent, or legal guardian of the player or ITF Referee. Images and/or recordings taken with permission under this Regulation must be exclusively of tennis matches, practice or presentation of trophies.

33. Registration

a) Quad Players

A tournament will only accept players into its main or second Quad Draw who are eligible to compete in the Quad Division in accordance with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

35. Conditions of Play

c) Toilet/Change of Attire Breaks

Two (2) toilet/change of attire breaks are permitted during a singles or doubles match. Toilet Breaks should be taken preferably at the set break and can be used for no other purpose. Change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break. Each break may be for a reasonable time. The player must receive permission from the Chair Umpire, if there is one, or from his/her opponent, who cannot reasonably refuse the request.

36. Format of Play

d) Except as otherwise provided below, advantage scoring shall be used in all matches (singles and doubles).

g) For all Consolation Draws tournaments are requested to play Knock-Out format.

j) In the event that a player is required to play two or more singles matches in one day within a Consolation Draw then an approved alternative scoring method must be used.

37. Draw Sizes

ITF Wheelchair Tennis Ranking Points are to be awarded in line with the draw size as published on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Website.

44. Wheelchair Tennis Ranking System

Wheelchair Tennis Ranking Points

Grand Slams

Note: At Grand Slams Wild Card entrants losing in the first round of knock out draws, or failing to win one match within a round robin draw, will receive two points

XI. BNP PARIBAS WORLD TEAM CUP RULES

55. Teams

g) Eligibility of a Player or Captain to Represent a Nation

Classification and General Eligibility

In order to be eligible to play wheelchair tennis, players must meet certain criteria, as set out in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

Only Quad Division Players (including those who compete in the junior event) with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) or Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD) are permitted to compete in the World Team Cup.

Only Open Division Players, (including those who compete in the junior event) with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C), Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD), or New (N) are permitted to compete in the World Team Cup.

56. Draws and Seeding

b) Seeding

Players who are nominated by their Captains on the final team Nomination form shall be considered for team seeding purposes.

If any such nominated player is not present on-site by the start of the team's first tie (or start of subsequent ties thereafter) a singles match will be forfeited in that tie, corresponding to the seeding of the absent player. For clarification, if the team's 1st seed is absent the scheduled second singles match will be forfeited. If any other player is absent the scheduled first singles match will be forfeited.

58. Conduct of the Competition

b) Order of Play

In the event of exceptional circumstances the Tournament Referee can decide to amend the order of play so that the two singles matches are played concurrently (at the same time). In such circumstances each team can nominate a vice captain (subject to relevant eligibility requirements) to act as Captain and sit on court for the concurrent (second) match.

Appendix C. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

II. EXCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY

b) To Players and Player Support Team Members involved in Classification

All players and Player Support Team Members involved in Classification shall comply in full with their obligations and responsibilities in accordance with the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.

V. ON-SITE OFFENCES

o) Failure to Complete Match or Tournament (FCM)

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

APPENDIX E DATA RIGHTS

1. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following ascribed meanings:

<u>“DATA RIGHTS”</u>	<u>shall mean the right to in any way use or create or assemble official data including without limitation the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all official data including but not limited to the live scoring rights.</u>
<u>“MATCH PERIOD”</u>	<u>shall mean in respect of each match the period commencing at the start of that match and expiring 30 seconds after conclusion of the last game in said match.</u>
<u>“LIVE SCORING RIGHTS”</u>	<u>shall mean the right to exercise data rights during the applicable match period.</u>
<u>“OFFICIAL DATA”</u>	<u>shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring (including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incident such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc.) And/or other statistical information relating to the competition, any match and/or the participants therein, howsoever generated and including without limitation PAT data;</u>
<u>“PAT DATA”</u>	<u>shall mean player performance analysis data and/or other data or information (and any analysis derived from that data or information) that is collected (a) during a match in a tournament, and (b) by means of any system of Player analysis technology that is approved by ITF for use in the competition, whether or not it is collected by or in co-operation with the ITF, a Nation or the Player.</u>

2. Data rights

The ITF will have the exclusive right to exercise the data rights including without limitation the live scoring rights in respect of any and all matches and/or any and all elements of the competition. Each host organiser will assist the ITF in its efforts to exercise the data rights.

ITF hereby confirms that each host organiser may on a royalty free basis use official data by the following means:

- (a) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data in official publications and on official websites, mobile applications and/or other media outlets **provided that** any such use takes place after the applicable match period and is for non-gambling purposes;
- (b) the right to supply the official data excluding PAT data to official sponsors **provided that** any such supply takes place after the match period and is for non-gambling purposes; and

(c) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data for in-venue purposes (including by way of example and not limitation on in-venue scoreboards) before the expiry of the match period for non-gambling purposes;

In addition the host organiser of an event and (if applicable) the licensees of traditional broadcast television in the host country may use official data in their live and/or delayed transmissions of that event provided that (i) such use is an integral part of the transmission of the television signal of the event; (ii) the official data is not used in connection with gambling or for gambling purposes; and (iii) the official data used relates only to the event which is being broadcast.

In addition ITF confirms that where ITF provides a live score centre of any match on the ITF website the host organiser may request ITF's permission to incorporate a link on their respective official websites that enables viewers to access and view such live score centre. ITF will not unreasonably refuse any request to incorporate such a link provided that the link is incorporated in accordance with ITF directions.

All other rights to use or create or assemble official data or in any way to exercise the data rights are reserved exclusively to ITF and may be exploited by ITF at its sole election.

3. Data rights protection

Host organiser shall not allow or authorise the dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data from the venue.

The use of laptop computers, mobile phones or other handheld electronic devices within the venues to collate, collect, use, store, reproduce, onward supply or make available any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data or for purposes relating to gambling shall be prohibited and each host organiser national association shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition (including without limitation by means of venue regulations, ticket conditions and accreditation terms), **save for incidental use within editorial reporting**. The exception to this provision is host organiser and/or ITF credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

The host organiser shall co-operate with the ITF in relation to:

- Any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the exercise, collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3rd party) of live scoring rights;
- Any measures that the ITF takes to protect the exclusivity of live scoring rights and the prevention of any unauthorised collation, collection, use, storage, reproduction, onward supply or making available of official data.

The ITF and the host organiser shall at all times co-operate with and comply with the requirements of the tennis anti-corruption program.

PAT data exploitation

- i. During the match the coaches and players and any technology providers or service operators involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT data shall only use such PAT data for internal analysis and coaching purposes of the respective player and/or team and such use shall be strictly subject to rule 30 of the rules of tennis
- ii. Each host organiser coach and player shall and undertakes to procure that any technology provider or service operator involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT data at any time shall:

- a) Not publish, use or otherwise exploit any PAT data or supply any PAT data or analysis derived therefrom to third parties for any purposes other than as described in 4(i) above or that have otherwise been pre-approved in writing by ITF and shall take such steps as ITF may reasonably require to prevent any unauthorised access to and/or use of such PAT data, in particular but without limitation no PAT data or analysis or product derived therefrom shall be used or supplied to any third party for any purpose related to betting and/or gambling;
- b) Ensure that ITF shall be able to access free of charge any and all such PAT data live and/or delayed at the venue of the match and/or such other point as may be agreed and ITF shall be free to use such PAT data and authorise third parties to use such PAT data for any purposes;

In the event that such PAT data is accessed by unauthorised third parties and/or ITF reasonably believes that PAT data and/or PAT equipment and/or services are being used for any purposes in breach of these regulations ITF shall be entitled to rescind its approval and the coaches and players will immediately cease use of the PAT system pending resolution.

APPENDIX G WELFARE POLICY

b. Violations/procedures

- i. Any individual who believes that any Covered Person has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Welfare Policy may file a written complaint with the ITF. That complaint shall identify the complainant and state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct. Upon receipt of such a complaint, or if the ITF itself considers that there has been an apparent violation of this Welfare Policy, the ITF shall promptly investigate the matter. Upon request by the ITF, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have authority to issue a provisional suspension of the accused individual, pending the completion of the investigation and issuance of a final decision on the matter.
- ii. Upon review of the matter and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the ITF may determine that the matter does not merit further action. If the ITF determines that the matter does merit further action, after notifying the accused individual of the charge(s) it shall refer the matter to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel. After giving the accused individual the opportunity to present his or her views, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may impose appropriate sanctions including (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all ITF Tournaments, or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may deem appropriate.
- iii. The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel reserves the right to extend to any or all ITF Tournaments a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against a Covered Person by a National or Regional Association or other tennis organisation such as the Women's Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals or a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section a) v. above. The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel reserves the right to share information concerning a complaint with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any tennis organisation as specified above. The ITF Executive Director may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by other tennis organisations as specified above and/or relevant authorities.

- iv. Decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may be appealed to the Independent Tribunal in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Beach Tennis Rules and Regulations.

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