

ITF SENIORS REGULATIONS 2022 **2022 Proposed Changes (as of 10 October 2021)**

The following pages provide a summary of the proposed changes to the 2022 ITF Seniors Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full 2022 Tour Regulations can be seen in the 'About Us' section at www.ITFTennis.com

Changes made from the previous year (2021) are shown in underlined text.

With reference to the term 'S100, S200, S400, S700, S1000' throughout previous Regulations, this will be replaced by '100, 200, 400, 700, 1000 (removal of 'S').

SECTION I

REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF ITF SENIORS TOUR TOURNAMENTS AND THE YOUNG SENIORS/SENIORS/SUPER-SENIORS WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following Regulations apply to all Seniors Tournaments in Grades S100, S200, S400, S700 & S1000, with some exceptions to National Closed Championships, as well as Grade C (Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and other international team competitions). These exceptions are given in Section II (ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships), together with additional clauses in Appendix I for National Closed Championships.

12. Tournament Application and Approval

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

a) Completed tournament applications must be submitted to the ITF Seniors department in line with the deadline issued in communications to National Associations:

- Grade 1000 – 16 weeks before the tournament start date;
- Grade 400 & 700 – 12 weeks before the tournament start date;
- Grade 100 & 200 – 8 weeks before the tournament start date.

Tournament applications may be rejected if they are submitted after the communicated deadline. The ITF reserves the right to downgrade a tournament application up to the entry deadline based upon a review of travel restrictions and accessibility into the city/nation. This is based on the number of players who can access and play the tournament

c) All tournaments awarded ITF status will start at Grade 100 level in their first year on the Tour. In exceptional cases, a tournament may begin at Grade 200 or Grade 400 subject to approval of the ITF. When considering whether an exception should be made, the ITF shall have regard to previous experience of the Tournament Organisers and/or Venue in hosting any ITF tournaments or events, and the balance of grades within the nation and region

18. Tournament Grading

There are six (6) tournament grades. The entry level tournament grade is 100, followed by 200, 400, 700, 1000 and World Championships. Tournaments awarded the 1000 grade must not overlap event dates with the World Team & Individual Championships for the corresponding age group(s).

700 grade tournaments must not overlap event dates with 1000 grade tournament in the same region, unless approved by the ITF, and where a large distance is in place between the two tournament locations.

100 and 200 grade tournaments may take place in the same nation and same tournament week, where there is a reasonable distance between the two tournament locations, and if approved by the National Association and ITF.

19. Method of Ranking

An extended rankings period is in place until 29 August 2022, at which time the ITF Seniors Rankings will return to a 52-week ranking. Points earned from 18 March 2019 to 31 August 2020 are extended in line with the following:

| <u>Points earned from 18 March 2019 to 2 September 2019</u> | <u>Points earned from 9 September 2019 to 16 March 2020</u> | <u>Points earned from 7 September 2020 onwards</u> |
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| <u>Points earned in this period will drop on a weekly basis between 14 March 2022 - 29 August 2022</u> | <u>Points earned in this period will drop on a weekly basis between 6 September 2021 - 14 March 2022</u> | <u>Points earned from 7 September 2020 will drop after 52 weeks.</u> |
| <u>Points remain countable for 3 years (156 weeks)</u> | <u>Points remain countable for 2 years (104 weeks)</u> | <u>Points earned drop after 52 weeks</u> |

- Between January-March 2022, players will lose points earned between January-March in 2020 & 2021. For example, points earned on 6 January 2020 and 4 January 2021 will drop on 3 January 2022.
- Results from World Championships, 1000, 700 & 400) tournaments will be counted a maximum of once within a player's best 4 results during the extended rankings period, i.e., double counting of the same tournament is not permitted. If a player competes in the same tournament on multiple occasions within the extended period, the best result will be counted.
- Points earned from the 2021 World Championships (Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors) will be the only edition included in the rankings calculation. These will be replaced in 2022 when then next edition takes place.
- From 29 August 2022 onwards, only points earned in the previous 52 weeks will remain countable.

Ranking points earned by a player in their previous qualified age group at the most recent edition of the World Individual Championships will be maintained until the week after the World Individual Championships of their current age group has taken place. Therefore, a player eligible for the 60+ age group in the current year will retain ranking points earned in the 55+ age group from the previous edition, until the 60+ age group takes place in the current year.

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

a) Knock-out Events

Players who receive a walkover in their first match will earn 50% of the total points allocation for the round reached. The player will receive 100% of the points allocation for the round reached if they play and win any further matches, including matches won by retirement.

b) Round Robin Events

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

Full points will only be awarded if the player has won a minimum of 3 singles, doubles or mixed doubles matches. If the player has won 2 singles, doubles or mixed doubles only, 75% of the points will be awarded. If the player has won 1 singles, doubles or mixed doubles match only, 50% of the points will be awarded.

26 Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

iii) The Entry Deadline is at 10.00 GMT on the Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week. The withdrawal deadline for the World Individual Championships shall be 10.00 GMT on the Monday seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week.

Each tournament entry (whether for Singles or Doubles or both) must be accompanied by a USD \$6 IPIN entry fee ("IPIN Entry Fee"). Such IPIN Entry Fee will be fully refunded to a player that withdraws from the tournament prior to the Withdrawal Deadline. The IPIN Entry Fee will not be refunded to any player that withdraws from the tournament after the Withdrawal Deadline.

iv) The Withdrawal Deadline for all tournament grades (100, 200, 400, 700 and 1000) is at 10.00 GMT on the Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week – the same as the entry deadline. The withdrawal deadline for the World Individual Championships shall be 10.00 GMT on the Monday seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week.

Players accepted into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance list at the Withdrawal Deadline are deemed to be committed to play the event and subject to the entry offences and accompanying penalties set out in the Code of Conduct.

Any withdrawal made after the Withdrawal Deadline will be considered a Late Withdrawal. A player's first Late Withdrawal offence within a calendar year will be excused* and the player will not be penalised, providing the withdrawal is received by the ITF (and by the Referee, if

submitted after the Withdrawal Deadline) prior to the draw being published. All Withdrawals after the draw has been made will be subject to penalties set out in the Code of Conduct.

A player who wishes to withdraw after the Withdrawal Deadline must withdraw using the player's online IPIN account. In exceptional cases, players may contact the Referee directly using the Official Withdrawal form which can be found on the ITF website and in IPIN. Failure to withdraw will be subject to the penalties provided for a No-Show entry offence in the Code of Conduct at Section III.

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Entry deadline and withdrawal deadline for the World Individual Championships shall be 7 days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. However, the entry deadline may be set at 14 days prior for some events. In this case, the withdrawal deadline will remain at 7 days prior.

31. Entry Definitions

Late Entries

Late entries may be added to a draw after the entry deadline at the discretion of the Referee. Late entries must not be seeded (in accordance with their ranking as at the tournament entry deadline) and only to fill empty spaces within a draw (draw size as published on the tournament fact sheet on the ITF website). Any late entry requests may be declined by the Referee if received less than 24 hours before the draw is made. Events within 100, 200 or 400 grade tournaments consisting of 7 or less players/pairs may accept late entries from seeded players at the discretion of the organising committee.

43. Format of Play of Round Robin Events

If a withdrawal occurs after the draws have been made which results in a draw size of 6 or 7 players, and it is reasonably practicable to do so prior to the start of the event, the Referee has discretion to amend the draws. If a draw size of 7 reduces to 6 players, a non-seeded player may be moved to another group to create two groups of 3 players. An elimination draw of 8 players may be changed to a round robin draw if entries reduce to 7 or less players.

44. Consolation Events

Consolation matches at 100, 200 and 400 grade tournaments may be scheduled promptly following the completion of the first matches in the event, which can be on the same day provided players are able to play more than one match per day as outlined in Regulation 40. Players who lose their first match on a later date can be fed into the consolation draw, provided they sign into consolation promptly after losing their first match. The Referee is permitted to amend and re-publish the draw to facilitate this.

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

I. THE COMPETITION

4. Nations Eligible

The Competition shall be open to Class B and Class C members of the ITF and only players who are eligible to represent a nation in accordance with Section II, Regulation 25 (Eligibility of a Player to Represent a Nation) may be nominated members of the team of that country.

Entry fees to be paid in US Dollars (USD). The Entry Fee for each Team Cup is US\$525.00 for a maximum of 4 players, plus an IPIN fee of US \$6.00 per player. An additional fee for a non-playing captain (5th person) is US\$125.00.

18. Withdrawals

Any team that withdraws after the player nomination deadline prior to the start of the Competition (as stated on the entry form) will not be refunded the team entry fee and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,500.

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

25.2 A National Association may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to nominate a player or captain who is not eligible under the above Regulations on the basis that the full circumstances of the player's case demonstrate he/she has a sufficient, genuine connection or commitment to life and tennis in the nation that he/she wishes to represent such that an exemption to Regulation 25.1 is warranted. Such an application must be received by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel at least two months prior to the event for which the player or captain wishes to be nominated.

33. Captains' Meetings

Should the Captain of a team or the appointed delegate fail to attend the Captains' Meeting without having notified the ITF in advance, the team shall be fined half the amount of the entry fee. Captains are responsible for confirming that all players are present for first day of match play.

38. Seeding

Seeding will be decided in advance of the event by the ITF Seniors Committee representatives. The number of seeds allocated to each draw is based on entries received and the Format of Play for that respective draw size.

Preliminary seeding will be based on team results using the following metrics:

- Previous Team finishing position and returning players
- ITF Seniors World Team Ranking
- Where two (2) or more players are moving up an age group since the last edition was played, the ITF Seniors World Team Ranking from the age group lower will be considered

- Head-to-Head results from the teams in recent years.

The final stage of seeding shall consider player data & results to support decisions on the final seed positions:

- ITF Seniors Rankings of nominated players
- Career high ITF Seniors rankings where players have achieved a Top 10 singles ranking.
- ITF World Tennis Number of nominated players
- Career high professional Men's & Women's rankings up will be considered for the 35 – 60+ age groups
- Head-to-Head Results from individual players (last 3 editions)

SECTION III CODE OF CONDUCT

II. ENTRY OFFENCES

A. Entry Offences

1. Late Withdrawal/No Show

Any late withdrawal from a player accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal. A player's first (1) late withdrawal offence within a calendar year is excused, provided the withdrawal is received by the Referee, if submitted after the Withdrawal Deadline, prior to the publication of the draw. Any unauthorised late withdrawal or any subsequent late withdrawal shall subject a player to sanction points in accordance with the Suspension Point Schedule below.

IV. MAJOR OFFENCES

F. Commencement of Penalty

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

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

The revocation of accreditation or denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or Tour imposed on a Related Person shall take effect immediately upon notification.

Any breach by a player or Related Person of the terms of their sanction under this section IV shall be referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and dealt with pursuant to clause 5 of the Procedural Rules governing an Internal Adjudication Panel convened under ITF Rules.

APPENDIX I NATIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

3. A National Closed Championships may not be graded higher than Grade 700 level. National Closed Championships shall be subject to the ITF Seniors tournament grading criteria and may be upgraded or downgraded accordingly. Ranking points will be awarded according to the points tables in Section I, Regulation 21.

5. Tournament Organisers must use the official ITF tournament software (TP) for collecting and submitting results to the ITF. Tournament organisers are strongly encouraged to use the online entry facility provided by the ITF.

6. All players must obtain an ITF Seniors IPIN membership to receive ITF ranking points from National Closed events.

APPENDIX VI DATA RIGHTS

1. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following ascribed meanings:

“LIVE STREAMING”

shall mean the transmission and/or making available of coverage from a tournament through a live audio-visual signal by means of the internet, mobile wireless technology or mobile broadcast technology or any similar or derivative technologies.

2. Data rights

(a) Live Streaming

Except for the rights granted directly below, the National Association does not have any rights to carry out or authorize Live Streaming of a tournament.

The National Association may conduct and/or authorise third parties to conduct Live Streaming of the tournament in its domestic territory subject to the following:

- (a) the prior written approval of the ITF in its sole discretion;
- (b) such Live Streaming shall not be transmitted or made available with a less than 30 second delay between the action taking place at the tournament and the Live Streaming being available to viewers;
- (c) such Live Streaming being satisfactorily geoblocked to within the domestic territory of the Tournament;
- (d) the Live Stream being made available to the ITF free of charge and in a timely manner on request for publication on its own digital channels;

- (e) such Live Streaming not being made available for gambling or betting purposes, or in any way associated with gambling or betting; and
- (f) the National Association granting, or procuring that the producer of the Live Stream grants, all copyright in the Live Stream to the ITF at the conclusion of the tournament.

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.