

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION REGULATIONS FOR WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

2022 Summary of Changes

22. JUNIOR ELIGIBILITY

Only boys and girls born on or after 1st January 2004 are eligible to compete in ITF Wheelchair Tennis Junior Events in 2022.

26. JUNIOR PLAYER IMAGES

Notwithstanding Regulation 25, it is prohibited for any Covered Person 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. Please see the ITF's *Process For ITF Tournament Supervisors, Coaches and Parents on Video Recording of Junior Matches For Performance Analysis*

27. TELEVISION, RECORDING AND RADIO RIGHTS

ITF is the exclusive owner of all "audio" and "audio-visual" media rights to each ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tournament including but without limitation to all forms of television, internet, mobile, radio and other electronic media.

(A) Traditional Television Broadcast

ITF hereby agrees to assign to the Tournament Organiser the exclusive right to appoint and enter into any contracts with Tournament Broadcasters to produce and broadcast coverage of the Event taking place during the term of the Agreement by means of Traditional Broadcast Television and Traditional over the air radio within the Host Territory, provided that the Tournament Organiser will procure a full assignment of copyright and other IP rights in any coverage to the ITF (including but not limited to "Archive Rights").

Any revenues generated by the Tournament Organiser from such contracts will be for the sole benefit of the Tournament Organiser.

The Tournament Organiser will make best efforts to negotiate with the Tournament Television Broadcaster to provide the ITF, free of charge, with recordings of all matches at the Tournament in such format as requested by ITF. In the event a charge is incurred, subject to acceptance of the same by the ITF, this will be paid by the ITF.

(B) Live Streaming

The National Association may carry out and/or authorise 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 not being 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 geoblocked to within the domestic territory of the tournament;
- (d) such Live streaming not being made available for gambling or betting purposes;
- (e) the Live Stream being available to the ITF free of charge on request for publication on its own digital channels; and
- (f) [the Tournament Organiser granting all copyright in the Live Stream to the ITF at the conclusion of the tournament.]

For the purposes of this provision, “Live Streaming” means 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.

32 f) Restrictions for Top Players

The following rule applies at the entry deadline of a tournament.

Restrictions at ITF 3 and Futures Events

QUADS:

- Players with a Singles Ranking in the **top 10** at entry deadline cannot play any Futures events.
- Players with a Singles Ranking in the top 5 at entry deadline can play only two (2) ITF 3 tournaments per 52-week ranking roll-over period.

36. FORMAT OF PLAY

- c) The format of doubles matches shall be as follows:

1.Paralympics, ITF Super Series, Masters Series, ITF1, 2, 3 and Futures Series – best of three sets, the first two to be played as tie-break sets but if the score is one set all, one match tie-break (10 points) shall be played to decide the match.

- e) Alternative Scoring may be adopted as an alternative to the traditional scoring system, provided the decision is announced in advance of the event and is approved by the ITF in advance. Once tournaments have

decided to use this system in a draw, it must be used for all matches in that draw.

The following approved Alternative Scoring methods may be used as an alternative to the traditional scoring system:

- “Short” Sets
- No Advantage
- Deciding Match Tie-Break Game (7 points)
- Deciding Match Tie Break Game (10 points)

37. DRAW SIZE

c) iii. Quad Singles and Doubles: Main & Second draws

QUAD SINGLES						
	MAIN DRAW			SECOND DRAW		
	Americas	Europe Africa	Asia Oceania	Americas	Europe Africa	Asia Oceania
GS	8	-	8	-	-	-
SS	24	24	24	16	16	16
ITF 1	16	16	16	16	16	8
ITF 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fut.	-	-	-	-	-	-

QUAD DOUBLES						
	MAIN DRAW			SECOND DRAW		
	Americas	Europe Africa	Asia Oceania	Americas	Europe Africa	Asia Oceania
GS	4	2	4	-	-	-
SS	12	12	12	8	8	8
ITF 1	8	8	8	8	8	4
ITF 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fut.	-	-	-	-	-	-

44. WHEELCHAIR TENNIS RANKING SYSTEM

The Wheelchair Tennis Ranking system consists of Singles and Doubles Rankings. Men’s, Women’s and Quad players receive Wheelchair Tennis Ranking Points in Singles and Doubles Main Draw, Consolation Draw and Second Draw. Juniors receive Wheelchair Tennis Ranking Points for Singles and Doubles Main Draw only.

The Wheelchair Tennis Ranking is calculated by combining the points obtained across a 52 week roll-over period for:

- the top nine (9) tournaments for men,
- the top eight (8) tournaments for women and
- the top seven (7) tournaments for quads.

To obtain a Wheelchair Tennis Ranking, all players must have competed in a minimum of two events and have earned points from those two events.

The Wheelchair Tennis Junior Ranking is composed of 25% of points from the eligible adult Wheelchair Tennis Ranking points, added to all junior Wheelchair Tennis Ranking points. To obtain a Wheelchair Tennis Junior Ranking, a player must have competed in one tournament.

In consideration of the challenges and restrictions created by the Covid-19 global pandemic, the following changes were introduced to the ranking system on 7 September 2020 and shall continue in full force and effect until 5 June 2022:

- Results/ranking points earned between 18 March 2019 and 10 June 2019, including '0 point' penalties, are protected and will have their ranking drop date extended by 104 weeks.
- Results/ranking points earned between 11 June 2019 and 15 March 2020, including '0 point' penalties, are protected and will have their ranking drop date extended by 52 weeks.
- Any result/ranking points earned between 7 September 2020 and 6 June 2021, will replace a player's result/ranking points in the previous edition of that tournament provided the most recent result is a better result and provided it is one of the player's best x results.
- Any result/ranking points earned from 7 June 2021, will replace a player's result/ranking points in the previous edition of that tournament so long as the previous edition was not held between 18 March 2019 and 10 June 2019 and provided it is one of the player's best x results. If the previous edition was held between 18 March 2019 and 10 June 2019 then the better result will count towards a player's ranking.
- Effective from 7 June 2021, points earned from 8 June 2020 will drop on an ongoing weekly basis and be replaced with points earned from tournaments in 2021 and 2022, as per the standard 52-week system.
- Only results earned in one edition of a tournament shall count towards a player's best x results during the 104-week period (i.e. double counting of the same tournament is not permitted).

46 c) The Draw

The Draw shall be made by the Referee at a time specified by the ITF, which shall be before the commencement of the Competition.

d) Mistakes in the Draw

Every effort will be made to ensure that the draws are made correctly according to these Regulations. However, should a mistake be made, the Referee shall determine how to address that mistake (if at all). The Referee's decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Note: No changes can be made to the draw once that draw has commenced play.

e) Changes in Seeding

If there is a change in seeding position of a player or team after the draw but before the release of the order of play, then the draw shall be redone from that seeding stage in the draw. All seeds above that seeding round will remain in the same groups. The following reasons of the changes to seeding will be considered:

- Administrative error
- Withdrawal of a player

For example if seed 6 withdraws, then all players/teams from seed 5 and below will be redrawn, however seeds 1-4 will remain in the relevant group. The only exception to this is when the change involves one of the seeds in the last round of seeding, namely one of the bottom two seeds, in which case the new player or team will fill the vacant spot in the draw.

The order of play will be released after 16:00 local time the day before play commences. If a player withdraws after the Order of Play has been released, the vacancy will be filled by the next new eligible player who entered the Tournament.

52. ENTRIES

b) Entries and Entry Fees

Entries from National Associations are to be sent to the ITF. Payment of the Entry Fee must be paid upon receipt of the relevant invoice. A fine may be levied to those National Associations who fail to pay the stated entry fee prior to the entry fee payment deadline.

53. PRIZE MONEY

If the Host Nation wishes to offer prize money, the prize money will go to the National Association of the competing nation and not to the individual players. The National Association shall be responsible for distributing prize money received to its players as it wishes.

55. TEAMS

F Eligibility of a Player or Captain to Represent a Nation

ii.) A National Association may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to nominate a player or captain who is not eligible under Regulation 55(f)(i) on the

basis that the full circumstances of his/her 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 55(f)(i) 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.

h) Captains' Meeting

A Captains' Meeting shall be held on the day prior to the commencement of the Competition. Failure to attend the Captain's Meeting shall result in the following:

- i. a fine of US \$50; and
- ii. if the Captain's Meeting is held after the Draw, exclusion of that National Association's team from that edition of the Competition, unless otherwise determined by the Referee in consultation with the ITF Wheelchair department.

56. DRAWS AND SEEDING

a) The Draw

The Draw shall be made by the Referee at a time specified by the ITF but in any event before the commencement of the Competition.

i) Mistakes in the Draw

Every effort will be made to ensure that the draws are made correctly according to these Regulations. However, should a mistake be made, the Referee shall determine how to address that mistake (if at all). The Referee's decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Note: No changes can be made to the draw once that draw has commenced play.

ii) Changes in seeding

If there is a change in seeding position of a player or team after the draw but before the release of the order of play, then the draw shall be redone from that seeding stage in the draw. All seeds above that seeding round will remain in the same groups. The following reasons of the changes to seeding will be considered:

- Administrative error
- Withdrawal of a player

For example if seed 6 is affected then all teams seeded 5-16 as relevant will be redrawn, however seeds 1-4 will remain in the relevant group. The only exception to this is when the change involves teams in the last round of seeding, namely one of the two bottom seeds in the quad/junior event or four bottom seeds in the women/quad event, in which case the new team will fill the vacant spot in the draw.

The order of play will be released after 16:00 local time the day before play commences. If there is a change in seeding due to a nominated player withdrawing after the order of play has been released then this will fall under rule 56b Seeding. Any player who was nominated for seeding, who did not withdraw prior to the release of the order of play and is not present on site will result in a singles match being forfeited as specified in rule 56b for each tie when the nominated player is not present.

b) Seeding

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

Any nominated player that is not present on-site for the start of their team's first match in any tie shall forfeit their scheduled match in that tie. For clarification, if the team's 1st seed is absent, the scheduled second singles match will be forfeited. If any other player is absent at the start of the first match of the tie, the scheduled first singles match will be forfeited.

60. PENALTIES

a) Team Changes, Withdrawals and No Shows

- i. Teams whose entries have been accepted shall not be able to withdraw without risk of penalty.
- ii. Team withdrawals after the first entry deadline are subject to penalty in the following order determined by the date of the withdrawal:
 - A withdrawal within 14 days of the competition will be subject to a fine of US\$500 and possible suspension for the following year's event.
 - A withdrawal between the team nomination deadline (second entry deadline) and 14 days prior to the competition will be subject to a fine of US\$250 and possible suspension for the following year's event.
 - A withdrawal between the first entry deadline and the team nomination (second entry deadline) will be subject to a fine of US\$100.
- iii. In the event that a National Association does not attend the Captains' Meeting and does not request an exemption from attendance, the National Association risks being excluded from the Competition and/or receiving a fine.
- iv. In the event of any 'no-show' by a team, the penalty shall be the forfeit of all entry fees and the National Association may be suspended from participation in the next edition of the Competition, at the discretion of the ITF.

APPENDIX B

V. ON-SITE OFFENCES

d) **Time Violation/Delay of Game**

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

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

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

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

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

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready.

A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section (d), as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation – Warning.

Each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:

- Server: The Time Violation shall result in a “fault”
- Receiver: The Time Violation shall result in a “point penalty”

In each case, the Chair Umpire/Supervisor may determine that an extension of time is necessary and/or decide not to impose any penalty.

VI. 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 the suspension:

- (a) the date of notification by the ITF or 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 ITF tournaments, events and circuits 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 VI 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 D

1. 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, save for as provided at Regulation 27 (Television, Radio and Recording Rights) of these Regulations.