

**2026 WOMEN'S AND MEN'S
ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR REGULATIONS
Summary of Key Rule Changes
(Version: 12 December 2025)**

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2026 Women's and Men's Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full Regulations are on the ITF website in the Tour Regulations section [here](#).

Changes made from the previous year (2025) for the start of 2026 are shown in underlined text.

(Men's)

Section I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

5. Tournament Doctor and Sports Physiotherapist

The Tournament must also appoint an English-speaking Sports Physiotherapist (as defined in the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards), to be available on-site during play, to provide treatment to players free of charge.

(Women's)

Section I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

5. Tournament Doctor and Sports Physiotherapist

On-site treatment administered to players by a Sports Physiotherapist(s) must be free of charge at all Women's WTT tournaments.

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Section III. WOMEN'S WTT TOURNAMENTS

M. Player Recording of Matches

Notwithstanding Regulation I above, the recording of matches by a Player/s and their Support Team Members for the sole purposes of performance video analysis and personal use is only permitted on a court where there is no ITF live streaming available. Where Player recording of matches is permitted it will be subject to the conditions set out below. Recordings under this Regulation must be exclusively of tennis matches or tennis practices. Recording under this Regulation is at the sole discretion of the ITF Tournament Supervisor and the WTT Team.

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Section V. SINGLES ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

J. Sign-in

2. Qualifying

b. Sign-in Procedure

Entered Alternate players (who wish to compete), must Sign-in by contacting the on-site Supervisor, either in person or by telephone (call or WhatsApp message). Entered Alternates that do not Sign-in either in person or by telephone (call or WhatsApp message) will not be considered for inclusion in the Qualifying Draw.

On-site Alternates may Sign-in in person with the Supervisor during the Sign-in period. On-site Alternates that want to Sign-in by telephone (call or WhatsApp message) must send an email to the Supervisor and then contact the Supervisor by telephone (call or WhatsApp message) to confirm they have been signed in before the Sign-in Deadline. Players who only email the Supervisor and do not communicate with the Supervisor by telephone (call or WhatsApp message) will not be accepted as an official Sign-in.

Entered Alternates who Sign-in by WhatsApp message and On-site Alternates who Sign-in by email and WhatsApp message must include their full name and IPIN in the email and/or WhatsApp message.

Sign-in is only completed when a player has received confirmation from the Supervisor on the telephone call or in response to their email or WhatsApp message. Paying an entry fee or collecting accreditation, for example, are separate from the official Sign-in procedure.

In all circumstances of telephone (call or WhatsApp message) Sign-in for Entered Alternates, or email and telephone (call or WhatsApp message) Sign-in for On-site Alternates, the player must be able to be on-site and play her first-round match as scheduled.

L. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes

1. Alternates (Singles and Doubles) and Lucky Losers (Singles only) have the option of signing in each day before the start of play for an opportunity to compete in any eligible open position in the draw. Players wishing to Sign-in for an opportunity must be present and Sign-in 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play with the Supervisor. Players may also Sign-in by telephone (call or WhatsApp message) with the Supervisor. Alternates and Lucky Losers that want to Sign-in by telephone (call or WhatsApp message) must send an email to the Supervisor and then telephone (call or WhatsApp message) the Supervisor and only upon the Supervisor's confirmation before the Sign-in Deadline will she be signed-in. Players who only email the Supervisor and do not communicate with the Supervisor by telephone (call or WhatsApp message) will not be accepted as an official Sign-in. Players must include their full name and IPIN in the email and WhatsApp message. Eligible players must sign and re-sign the appropriate list each day before the start of play.

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Section VI. DOUBLES ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

B. On-site Doubles Sign-in Deadline

The Supervisor shall post the Doubles Sign-in sheet at a reasonable time prior to the announced Sign-in Deadline. One member of a Doubles team may complete On-site Sign-in on behalf of the team. The Supervisor reserves the right to accept entries made timely by telephone (call or WhatsApp message). In addition, a player may email the Supervisor to Sign-in for Doubles. The player must include his full name and IPIN and his partner's full name and IPIN in the WhatsApp message or email.

Sign-in is only completed when a player has received confirmation from the Supervisor on the telephone call or in response to their email or WhatsApp message. Paying an entry fee or collecting accreditation, for example, are separate from the official Sign-in procedure.

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Section XII. PRIZE MONEY AND WTA/ATP/ITF POINTS

C. Defaults, Byes, Walkovers, Withdrawals and Retirements

5. Withdrawals and Retirements

c. Doubles

i. Prize Money

Both players in a Doubles team who retire in any round will receive prize money for the round they retired from.

(Men's)
APPENDIX E

MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

a. Men

Toilet/change of attire breaks are considered Authorised Breaks based on the timings set out below. Toilet/change of attire breaks may be taken for no other reason. When a player leaves the court for a toilet/change of attire break taken on a set break this will be for reasonable time. For change of attire breaks, players will only be allowed to leave the court on a set break to change wet shorts or underwear. Shirts, socks and shoes should be changed on court.

(Men's)
APPENDIX I

ATP / ITF WORLD TENNIS RANKING POINT TABLES

1. ATP Ranking Points

Singles

Tournament Level	Winner	Finalist	SF	QF	R16	R32	QFR^	FQR*
M25 & M25+H	25	14	7	3	1	-	-	-

QFR^ = Qualifier FQR* = Qualifying Finalist

Doubles

Tournament Level	Winner	Finalist	SF	QF	R16
M25 & M25+H	25	14	7	3	-

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CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE II: WOMEN'S & MEN'S ENTRY OFFENCES

B. Entry Offences

1. Late Withdrawal

Each player receives up to four (4) Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesties for the calendar year.

Each Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesty can cancel one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals. For a Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesty to be used the withdrawal must be submitted online in the player's IPIN account before the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline of the tournament they are withdrawing from.

The player's total Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesties can collectively cancel between four (4) and nine (9) Singles Late Withdrawal offences within a calendar year.

In the event that a player is still competing in “Week 1” on the Saturday or Sunday and wishes to withdraw from the tournament in “Week 2”, they must do so in his IPIN account as soon as possible and no later than 23:59 local time (for “Week 1”) that day, for a remaining Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesty to be used.

Failure to withdraw on time will mean a player’s fine for a ‘Late Withdrawal after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline’ or for a ‘No Show’ will not be cancelled by a Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesty (if a player has any remaining).

Each player receives up to four (4) Doubles Late Withdrawal Amnesties for the calendar year.

Each Doubles Late Withdrawal Amnesty can cancel one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals. For a Doubles Late Withdrawal Amnesty to be used the withdrawal must be submitted online in the player’s IPIN account before the Doubles Sign-in Deadline of the tournament he is withdrawing from.

The player’s total Doubles Late Withdrawal Amnesties can collectively cancel between four (4) and nine (9) Doubles Late Withdrawal offences within a calendar year.

2. On-site Medical Withdrawal

If a player is forced to withdraw before a match or retire on-site at a tournament for medical reasons, he must receive an on-site medical certificate from the Tournament Doctor or Sports Physiotherapist. This on-site medical certificate is valid for the tournament he is withdrawing or retiring from in that week only (“Week 1”) and cannot be used to cancel a Late Withdrawal from a tournament in the following week (“Week 2”), or any subsequent tournaments.

Frequently Asked Questions on sections III (Women’s)/II (Men’s).B.1. and III (Women’s)/II (Men’s).B.2. above:

Question 1: A player reaches their limit of 9 weeks of Late Withdrawals cancelled using 3 Late Withdrawal Amnesties. Can the player use a 4th Late Withdrawal Amnesty?

Answer: No, because they have already reached the maximum total of 9 weeks.

Notes:

A player can reach their 9-week total with 3 Late Withdrawal Amnesties.

2 examples are in the following combinations:

- 4 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; 4 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; and 1 additional Late Withdrawal.
- 3 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; 3 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; and then a further 3 weeks of Late Withdrawals.

As the player has reached their 9-week total, they are not permitted to use a 4th Late Withdrawal Amnesty.

Question 2: A player uses 4 Late Withdrawal Amnesties across a total of 7 weeks (see further examples below). Can the player use an additional Late Withdrawal Amnesty to cover the remaining 2 weeks?

Answer: No, a player has 4 Late Withdrawal Amnesties only.

Notes:

A player can use their 4 Late Withdrawal Amnesties without reaching the total of 9 weeks.

3 examples are in the following combinations:

- 1 Late Withdrawal in “Week 1”; 1 Late Withdrawal in “Week 3”; 1 Late Withdrawal in “Week 5”; and 1 Late Withdrawal in “Week 7”. Or any 4 non-consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals.

- 2 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; 2 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; 2 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; and a further 2 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals.
- 3 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; 1 Late Withdrawal; 2 consecutive weeks of Late Withdrawals; and 1 additional Late Withdrawal.

After a player has used their 4 Late Withdrawal Amnesties, no further Late Withdrawals will be cancelled by Late Withdrawal Amnesties.

Question 3: A player competes in “Week 1” and finishes their participation in the Tournament. The player withdraws late (but before the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline) from a Tournament in “Week 2” and in “Week 3”. How many Late Withdrawal Amnesties and total weeks are used?

Answer: 1 Late Withdrawal Amnesty and 2 weeks of Late Withdrawals used. 1 Late Withdrawal Amnesty because the Tournaments in “Week 2” and “Week 3” are in consecutive weeks.

Question 4: A player withdraws late (but before the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline) from a Tournament in “Week 1”. The player is not entered into a Tournament in “Week 2” and then withdraws late (but before Qualifying Sign-in Deadline) from a Tournament in “Week 3”. How many Late Withdrawal Amnesties and total weeks are used?

Answer: 2 Late Withdrawal Amnesties and 2 weeks of Late Withdrawals used, because the 2 weeks (“Week 1” and “Week 3”) are not in consecutive weeks.

Question 5: A player is still playing a Tournament in “Week 1” on the Saturday or Sunday of the final weekend. The player wishes to withdraw from a Tournament in “Week 2” after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. Will a Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesty be used despite it being after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline?

Answer: Yes, provided that the player still has a remaining Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesty, and provided that the player withdraws from the Tournament in “Week 2” no later than 23:59 local time (“Week 1” time) on the day of their last match in the Tournament in “Week 1”.

Question 6: A player has used all their Singles Late Withdrawal Amnesties. They are still playing on the Saturday or Sunday of the Tournament in “Week 1” and withdraw from a Tournament in “Week 2” after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. What happens?

Answer: The player will receive a Late Withdrawal Fine. However, provided that the player withdraws no later than 23:59 local time (for “Week 1”) on the day of their last match, the expected ‘Late Withdrawal after Sign-in’ fine will be replaced by the reduced ‘Late Withdrawal after the Freeze Deadline until the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline’ fine.

Question 7: A player is still playing a Tournament in “Week 1” on the Saturday or Sunday of the final weekend and is scheduled to play in Qualifying of a Tournament in “Week 2”. The player cannot get to the Qualifying of the Tournament in “Week 2”. What should they do and what happens?

Answer: A player who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List of a Tournament in “Week 2” and is still competing a Tournament in “Week 1” on the Saturday or Sunday of the final weekend, who still wishes to compete in a Tournament in “Week 2” can apply for a Special Exempt place (if they are eligible - see section on Special Exempts in 2026 Mens/Womens WTT Regulations for further details). However, if a Special Exempt place does not become available for the player their Late Withdrawal will be cancelled without using 1 of their Late Withdrawal Amnesties.

If the player decides to withdraw from the Tournament in “Week 2” instead of requesting a Special Exempt (or if not eligible to request a Special Exempt place – see section on Special Exempts in 2026 Mens/Womens WTT Regulations) then the player must withdraw in advance of the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline so as not to be penalised. If they withdraw after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline but before 23:59 on the day of their last match then they will be penalised as per Question 5 above.