

2024 ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS REGULATIONS

Summary of Key Rule Changes

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2023 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Regulations. These are **not** the regulations. The full Tour Regulations can be seen in the 'Governance - Rules & Regulations' section at www.itftennis.com.

Changes made from the previous year (2023) are shown in underlined text. In some instances, a note is included within the regulation change to provide rationale or further information of the change.

4. Players Eligible

A player is eligible for the 2024 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors if they meet all of the following criteria:

- a) they are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF;
- b) they are born between 1st January 2006 and 31st December 2011. Players are eligible to compete on the Tour in the year they turn 13 years of age, if they have reached their 13th birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of the tournament they are competing in, until the end of the year in which the player turns 18 years of age;
- c) in accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rules set out in Appendix G, they have not exceeded the limit in the number of tournaments in which they are permitted to participate in a calendar year according to their age; and
- d) All players with a registered IPIN wishing to compete on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors must complete mandatory ITF Academy courses, as communicated to players, to gain entry to the IPIN online entry system, and participate on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors. Courses must be completed on the ITF Academy educational website (<https://www.itf-academy.com/>). A player may be suspended from accessing the IPIN system until the relevant modules have been completed.

A player's nationality for the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors and the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Ranking is determined at registration for IPIN by the Nationality on a player's passport. The ITF may request from the player at any time a copy of their current, valid passport as proof of nationality.

Players, who have earned ATP or WTA points based on events on the Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour, should send a copy of their passport to the ATP or WTA. Changes of nationality for players who have ever earned an ATP or WTA point shall be processed by the ATP or WTA and, upon notice to the ITF, it shall update its records accordingly (notwithstanding this Regulation).

Players wishing to make a request to add/change or update their nationality on the website should send a copy of their current passport for the nation they wish to represent to the ITF [and if necessary, the ATP or WTA].

In the event that a player does not hold a current passport for the nation they wish to represent, the player must provide:

- A copy of their current passport (if one is held);
- A written explanation setting out:
 - o why they are seeking to add/change or update their nationality;
 - o why they do not hold a current passport for the nation they wish to represent;
 - o any dates they held nationality in the nation they seek to represent, providing copies of expired passports and/or ID cards where available;

- the nature of their ties and affiliation(s) with the nation they seek to represent including, but not limited to:
 - familial connections;
 - period(s) of time spent visiting and/or residing in that nation;
 - their commitment to life and tennis in that nation; and
- details of any second or previous nationalities, including in relation to their tennis participation at an international level.

On receipt of the information detailed above, the request will be considered by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP) in accordance with the Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings Before an Internal Adjudication Panel Convened Under ITF Rules, to determine, in its discretion, whether the change of nationality is genuine and not intended to circumvent the application of the Regulations (i.e., a “flag of convenience”). The IAP reserves the right to ask the Player to provide and/or supply further information on request.

The IAP’s first-instance decision may be appealed by the Player to the Independent Tribunal in accordance with the applicable Procedural Rules.

This Regulation applies to the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors only and is without prejudice to any other regulations applicable to other tournaments (such as ITF Junior Team Competitions), which may impose different criteria.

6. IPIN Fee

The 2024 ITF Juniors IPIN fee per player shall increase from \$45.00 to \$55.00 USD

9. Juniors Committee

The powers and duties of the Juniors Committee shall be:

- a) To guide the strategy for and monitor the management of the Tour and Team Competitions.
- 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 approved funds of the Tour and the Team Competitions within the financial framework of the ITF.
- d) To report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters.
- e) To impose penalties laid down in these Regulations.
- f) To submit regular reports to the Board of Directors.
- g) To approve the venue and dates for each of the qualifying competitions and the final stages of the Team Competitions.

20. Sanction Fees

All tournaments on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors must pay the relevant fee below in order to be included on the Calendar. Fees listed are in US Dollars (USD).

Junior Grand Slam	\$750
J500	\$725
J300	\$600
J200	\$450
J100	<u>\$350</u>
J60	<u>\$350</u>
J30	<u>\$350</u>

39. Singles Entry and Withdrawal

i) Entry and Withdrawal Deadlines

The Entry Deadline is at 14:00 hrs Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on the Tuesday twenty (20) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

Grand Slam, J500 tournaments and their warm-up events shall have an entry deadline at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday either forty-one (41), thirty-four (34), twenty-seven (27) or twenty (20) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

Under exceptional circumstances other tournaments (J300, J200, J100, J60 or J30) may apply to the ITF for an exemption from the 20-day rule.

It is the player's responsibility before entering a tournament to check the correct entry deadline on the official tournament fact sheet on the IPIN online service. It is also the player's responsibility to check that any online entry made has gone through and that a confirmation email has been received, and subsequently to check his/her position on acceptance lists.

The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. This applies to both Main Draw players and players on the Qualifying Acceptance List.

ii) Submission of Entries and Withdrawals

All entries must be submitted online through the IPIN online service or, in exceptional circumstances, by email on the Official Entry Form to the ITF.

Irrespective of the penalties that may be imposed under Regulation 39(v) and the Code of Conduct, players must always submit a withdrawal if they are not going to attend a tournament that they have entered.

Withdrawals must be submitted online through the IPIN online service. Note: Sending a Withdrawal Form by email is no longer an acceptable method for players to withdraw themselves from an ITF tournament after the Freeze Deadline. Only in exceptional circumstances, the Official Withdrawal Form may be sent by email to the ITF and/or ITF tournament Supervisor by the applicable deadline. Entry and withdrawal forms submitted by email must be signed by the player and be fully completed.

A player applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying of the tournament.

A player may apply for entry into no more than three (3) ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments in a specific tournament week. If he/she enters more than one tournament in the same week, he/she must indicate a priority.

If a player has entered multiple events, he/she should remove him/herself from all events in which he/she no longer wishes to compete before the Withdrawal Deadline.

iii) Multiple Entries

At the Withdrawal Deadline the following shall occur:

- If a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of one ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, he/she will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments.
- If a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of more than one ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament occurring during the same period, he/she will remain on one List and will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments according to the following criteria:
 1. Main Draw takes priority over Qualifying, and Qualifying over Alternates
 2. Tournament Entry Priority (except if a player has been accepted into the Main Draw of a Grand Slam tournament, in which case he/she will remain on that List even if not his/her first priority.)

If a player did not state an entry priority, he/she will be immediately withdrawn from all but one Entry List according to the following criteria:

1. Tournaments with the highest grade will take priority;
 2. If equal, the Entry List on which he/she is highest placed will take priority;
 3. If equal again, the tournament which is geographically closest to his/her country of Nationality will take priority.
- If a player is not accepted into any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament occurring during the same week, he/she may remain on more than one Entry List as an Alternate until the Freeze Deadline. At the Freeze Deadline, the player will be removed from all but his/her highest priority tournament. However, once he/she is accepted into any ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament before the Freeze Deadline, he/she will be withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments occurring during this period.
 - If a player is accepted into an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and a Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament in the same week, he or she will be withdrawn from the Junior tournament at the Withdrawal Deadline. Exception: If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of a Junior Grand Slam tournament, that tournament will be prioritised over all other ITF tournament entries that week up to and including a Mens M25 tournament, Womens W100 tournament or any other ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

40. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists

If, due to an administrative error, too many players arrive on-site and sign-in to play the Tournament, the following procedures will be followed: the last two (2) players accepted into the Tournament based upon the most current updated Acceptance List (excluding Wild Cards and Qualifiers) will play a preliminary match for one (1) position in the draw. The losing player from any play-off match shall be considered as a final round qualifier loser and shall be eligible for lucky loser sign in.

45h) Special Exempts: Players on the Qualifying Acceptance List at the Freeze Deadline who apply for and receive exemption from the Qualifying event because they are still competing in singles or doubles at a "Qualified Tournament" on the day the Qualifying event is scheduled to begin.

For a tournament to count as a “Qualified Tournament”, the next week’s tournament can be the same grade, no more than one grade lower, or no more than one grade higher. The two tournaments must be within the same region (or bordering countries not in the same region for J30, J60, J100, J200 and J300 tournaments. There is no geographical restriction to special exempt positions at J500 and Junior Grand Slams. If there are not sufficient Special Exempt places in the Main Draw for all applicants, the players shall be selected as follows:

- a) players still competing in the singles draw in order of ranking
- b) players still competing in the doubles draw in order of ranking

The ranking used will be that of the Monday seven (7) days before the tournament week.

47. Sign-in

a) Qualifying

The Qualifying Sign-In Deadline is at 18:00 hours local on the day before the scheduled start of the Qualifying event unless specified otherwise on the published Fact Sheet.

Players accepted into the Singles Qualifying Draw are not required to Sign-In with the ITF Supervisor. Players must be on-site and available to play their first-round match as scheduled. Each Player must provide a contact telephone number so the ITF Supervisor may contact the Player during the Tournament.

Any alternate player may be signed in for the Qualifying Draw by the Supervisor of an ITF or Regional Association sanctioned tournament, or a national competition (if requested by the relevant National Association and approved by the ITF at least two weeks in advance), in the previous week, if such player has completed that tournament in the two days preceding the start of the Qualifying competition. This player must be on site and play his/her first match by the end of the first round of Qualifying. Players travelling as part of a team under one coach may be signed in by the Supervisor of an ITF or Regional Association sanctioned tournament in the previous week, if any other member of that team is still competing in that tournament in the two days preceding the start of the Qualifying competition.

Entered Alternate players (who wish to compete), must Sign-In prior to the singles qualifying sign-in deadline by contacting the on-site ITF Supervisor, either in person or by an alternative method outlined on the Tournament Fact Sheet. Entered Alternates that do not Sign-In either in person or by an alternative method outlined on the Tournament Fact Sheet will not be considered for inclusion in the draw.

Except as otherwise stated herein, alternate players who fail to sign in shall not be considered for inclusion in the Qualifying Draw.

Any unused Special Exempt place(s) or Main Draw vacancies (following withdrawals after the Freeze Deadline and until the 1st day of Qualifying Order of Player is released) shall be filled by entered players who have either signed in for Qualifying or preserved their eligibility for such place(s) by contacting the ITF Supervisor prior to the Qualifying sign-in deadline*. If there is no Qualifying event, Main Draw vacancies shall be filled by players on the Alternates List, selected in accordance with the Criteria for Acceptances until the 1st day of Main Draw Order of Play is released. Any vacancies in the Qualifying Draw shall be filled by Alternates or On-Site Alternates who have signed in for the qualifying competition, selected in accordance with the applicable Criteria for Acceptances, until the 1st day of Qualifying Order of Play is released.

b) Main Draw

i) Singles

Players accepted into the Singles Main Draw are not required to Sign-In with the ITF Supervisor. Players must be on-site and available to play their first-round match as scheduled. Each Player must provide a contact telephone number so the ITF Supervisor may contact the Player during the Tournament.

49*. Making the Draw

Time of Draw:

i) Qualifying (Singles) – As soon as possible after the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline

ii) Main Draw (Singles) – No later than 19:00 hours local time on the day before the Main Draw starts and the Order of Play must be posted no later than one hour after the draw has been made.

iii) Doubles – As soon as possible after the Doubles Sign-in.

a) From the Withdrawal Deadline until the Freeze Deadline:

Direct Acceptance vacancies in the Qualifying and Main Draw shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with the applicable Criteria for Acceptances. A player not accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying will appear on the Tournament's Alternates List.

i) Vacancies in the Qualifying and Main Draw shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

In J100, J60 and J30 tournaments, where the Regional Reserved project (Appendix K) is applicable, vacancies in the Regional Reserved places will be filled by the next eligible entered player on the Regional Reserved Alternate List. If no players eligible for the Junior Regional Reserved place remain, the place will revert to a Direct Acceptance place and be filled in accordance with the criteria for acceptances. There will be no Regional Reserved Alternate List for J200 tournaments.

If at the Freeze deadline the total number of entered players on the Main Draw and Qualifying acceptance lists is less than or equal to the main draw size (all positions including DA, SE, Q but not WC), there shall be no Qualifying event. All Qualifying acceptances shall be moved to the Main Draw acceptance list as Direct Acceptances. On-Site Alternates for the Main Draw may sign in on or before the time announced for the Qualifying sign-in in order to take any vacant positions at this time.

b) At the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline:

i) Vacancies in the Main Draw Acceptance List (created by Late Withdrawals, unused Special Exempt positions, and Main Draw Wild Card positions not to be used as confirmed by the Tournament Organiser) shall be filled by entered players who appear on the Qualifying Draw Acceptance List or have preserved their eligibility for Main Draw selected in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances.

ii) Vacancies in the Qualifying Acceptance List (created by Late Withdrawals, players being moved to the Main Draw as above or Qualifying Wild Card positions not to be used as confirmed by the Tournament Organiser) shall be filled by alternate players who have Signed-in for the Qualifying event in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances.

c) From the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline until the commencement of the Qualifying competition. From the time the Order of Play is released until the Commencement of the Qualifying Competition:

Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled by entered alternate players who have signed in for Qualifying selected in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances until the Order of Play is released. From this point until the commencement of the Qualifying event, any vacancy in the Qualifying will be filled by players who have signed-in for the Alternates list

on the following day. The Qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.

d) After commencement of the Qualifying competition:

Vacancies in the Qualifying draw shall be filled by players who have signed the Alternate List for each day as applicable, selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

If there is no Qualifying, vacancies in the Main Draw shall be filled by players on the Alternate List who have signed in, selected according to the criteria for acceptances.

Vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers (see definition in rule 45g). A Lucky Loser shall be inserted as a substitute for any player who withdraws or is withdrawn before the first point is played in his/her first match.

e) After the Completion of the Qualifying Competition:

If after the completion of the qualifying competition there are vacancies in the Main Draw, the ITF Supervisor will fill the Main Draw with all of the Qualifiers and, if necessary, Lucky Losers in the order that they were drawn as detailed above. It shall be assumed all players who lost in the last round of Qualifying will want to take a position in the Main Draw. Therefore, it is the player's responsibility to inform the ITF Supervisor at the end of their match if they do not want to be considered for a Lucky Loser position.

66. International Sponsorship

The ITF retains the right to secure international sponsors (Title & Ancillary) for the Competition. An international sponsor will have the right to exposure at select events of the Competition, and it will be the responsibility of the ITF to negotiate an agreement with each Host Organiser of these events with regards to this exposure. The ITF grants all Host Organisers of events the right to secure local sponsors provided they are not concerned with the business of the provision of online educational services, or other related services, in order to afford category exclusivity to Dwight Global as an international sponsor.

Appendix B – Special Regulations for Regional Championships

70. Nomination of Competitors

Unless otherwise decided by the relevant Regional Association and ITF, only players nominated by their National Association may compete. A Regional Association may approve the use of entry through the IPIN system, in which case the Regional Association and/or relevant National Association(s) will review and approve the final Acceptance Lists.

An eligible player may compete in the following Regional Championships:

- one Regional Championships and one inter-Regional Championships in one calendar year within the same region.

Any ranking points earned in the second event will be removed if a player is found to have competed in Regional Championships in more than one region. A player who is a dual passport holder must be listed in the ITF database under the nation he/she represents at the Regional Championships.

72. Selection of Competitors

Only teams nominated by those National Associations may compete.

A player or captain is eligible for selection if they are in Good Standing with their National Association.

A National Tennis Association shall deem a player to be of good standing where he/she:

(a) is free from a suspension for breach of a code of conduct or other disciplinary regulations, imposed by his/her National Tennis Association, the ITF, or by another relevant organisation enforcing a Code of Conduct that the ITF considers is relevant to a player's Good Standing;

(b) is accepted by his/her National Tennis Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which the National Tennis Association has selected him/her.

(c) makes himself/herself available for selection for ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments, for official team championships, including the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, 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 terms and conditions contained in the IPIN registration system.

(f) agrees to undergo any medical 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, the National Tennis Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, an official team championships, the Olympic Tennis Event and/or Youth Olympic Tennis Event;

(h) has not otherwise engaged in conduct which brings his/her National Tennis Association and/or the ITF into disrepute; or

(i) does not have unpaid fines of \$500 or above owing to the ITF, having been afforded sufficient time to pay the fine(s).

(defined collectively as the 'Good Standing Criteria').

A National Association shall make an initial determination of whether a player meets the Good Standing Criteria (an 'NA Determination').

An NA Determination can only be reviewed where:

- i) It relates only to Good Standing Criteria (a), (g) and/or (h);

- ii) The player has exhausted any internal National Tennis Association appeal mechanisms (if the review is sought by the player); and
- iii) The request for a review is lodged no later than 21 days after the party requesting the review receives notice of a final NA Determination.

A review by a player or the ITF of an NA Determination shall be heard by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP).

The IAP may set aside the NA Determination only where it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances to deny or allow (as applicable) the player eligibility to represent their nation, including but not limited to:

- i. Where the NA Determination was so unreasonable as to be manifestly excessive or manifestly prejudicial to the player;
- ii. Whether the proceedings that resulted in the NA Determination were procedurally unfair or contrary to natural justice, having regard to all the circumstances; or
- iii. Where the reputation of the competition or the ITF would suffer serious prejudice if the player were to participate.

Any decision of the IAP made under this Appendix shall be final and binding. For the avoidance of doubt, the IAP shall not act as a further appeal body for, nor have any powers to dismiss or modify any disciplinary suspension or sanction that falls within Good Standing Criteria (a), and appeals against any such decision shall be handled in accordance with the procedural rules applicable to that decision.

ARTICLE II: ENTRY OFFENCES

B. ENTRY OFFENCES

1. Late Withdrawal/No-Show

A player who has entered and been accepted as a Direct Acceptance into the Main Draw or Qualifying and not timely withdrawn therefrom, shall appear for play. Any withdrawal from a player accepted into Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal. A player's first three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year are automatically excused* ("late withdrawal amnesty"), provided the withdrawal is submitted online through the player's IPIN account prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF or ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all entry offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the Suspension Points to be imposed in line with Article III 'X - Suspension Points' and/or other punishment therefore and where possible notify the player.

TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break (girls' matches). Toilet breaks / change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break.

In girls' singles and boys' singles events, a player is entitled to one (1) break during a match.

In a doubles match, and in any singles matches played with a reduced format of two tiebreak sets and a match tiebreak, a toilet break/change of attire break is permitted before the match tiebreak.

APPENDIX P

2024 JUNIOR ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME

Junior Accelerator Programme (Girls)

Junior Accelerator positions (AP) are available in the Singles Main Draw of Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments. These positions are allocated to the Top 20-ranked junior players that receive an ITF year-end junior ranking in 2023. An eligible player shall be entitled to use their AP allocation to gain direct entry to the Main Draw of the applicable tournament where they would not otherwise gain entry on the basis of their WTA / ITF World Tennis / National ranking. The ITF allocates only 1 AP position per tournament.

Junior Accelerator positions will be allocated according to the following criteria:

<u>2023 year-end ITF Junior Ranking</u>	<u>Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments</u>
1	<u>Three (3) Tournament up to and including W100</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u>
2	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W100</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W75</u>
3	<u>One (1) Tournaments up to and including W100</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50</u>
4-5	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W50</u>
6-10	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W35</u>
11-20	<u>One (1) Tournament up to and including W50</u> <u>Four (4) Tournaments up to and including W35</u>

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