

UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour

2025 Summary of Rule Changes

13 December 2024

ENTRIES

1. Minimum Age

All players competing in adult draws (men/women/quad) must be aged 14 and over.

2. Entering a Singles event

Players are permitted to enter the singles draw for up to 3 events that start in the same week. All players must submit an online entry via the IPIN Online Entry System. Players can remain entered for multiple events up until the Withdrawal Deadline – following the Withdrawal Deadline players will appear on only one Acceptance List, following the withdrawal procedures below.

3. Singles Entry Deadline

All UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Events at SS, ITF1, ITF2, ITF3, Futures, and all Junior Series grades (including Junior Grand Slam events) will be 14h00 GMT time, 26 days (Wednesday) prior to the Monday of the tournament week in which a tournament starts.

Adult GS events entry deadline will be 14h00 GMT time, 40 days (Wednesday) prior to the Monday of the tournament week in which a tournament starts.

[Click here for a summary of all new entry and withdrawal deadlines.](#)

4. Singles Sign-in

Sign-in will be permitted from Supervisor to Supervisor where a player is participating at another event held directly prior to the start of a tournament and where the player would not otherwise arrive in time for on-site sign-in.

5. Doubles Entry/Sign-in

Doubles Entries must be done on-site by the sign-in deadline (12 noon on the day that Singles begins). Doubles Entry after the Entry Deadline may only be via a Wild Card.

6. Consolation Draws

Consolation Draws will no longer be held at ITF1, SS or GS/MS events.

For consolation draws at grades ITF2 and below, sign-in is 1 hour after the last match involving an eligible player and must be in-person with the ITF Supervisor. An eligible player is any player who (a) loses their first match of the Main Draw (including players who received a “bye” in the first round or who advanced from qualifying) and b) players who lost in qualifying.

7. Sport Class and Sport Class Status

Players must be registered with an eligible Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status prior to the Entry Deadline in order to enter an event. If a player’s Sport Class or Sport Class Status changes

after the Entry Deadline but prior to the start of a tournament, the player will be re-assigned onto the correct Sport Class Acceptance List but will be positioned below those players who had entered that draw prior to the Entry Deadline.

A Quad player must enter a Quad draw. Where a Quad draw is not offered a Quad player will be able to submit an entry (via IPIN) for the Men's/Women's draw as relevant.

ACCEPTANCE LISTS

8. Acceptance into a Draw

The System of Merit will determine who is accepted into a particular draw.

Players will be selected for singles based upon:

- a. ITF Singles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking on the Monday before the Singles Entry Deadline
- b. Drawn by lot

Players will be selected for doubles based upon:

- a. ITF Doubles Wheelchair Tennis Ranking on the Monday before the Singles Entry Deadline
- b. Drawn by lot

9. Play Down Restriction for Top Players

Players ranked in the top 8 at the Entry Deadline can only play two ITF2 events in a 52-week ranking period.

Players ranked in the top 14 at the Entry Deadline can only play two ITF3 events in a 52-week ranking period.

Players ranked in the top 20 at the Entry Deadline cannot compete in any Futures events.

10. Administrative Error on Acceptance List

Where too many players are accepted in error onto an Acceptance List, the last two players qualified for the event shall play a preliminary match.

11. Feed-up Cards

There will be no Feed-Up Cards on the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour.

WITHDRAWALS

12. Withdrawals

If at the Entry Deadline a player is accepted into the Main/Second/Qualifying Draw of more than one ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tournament that start in the same week, they must withdraw from all but one Acceptance List via the online IPIN Entry System prior to the Withdrawal Deadline. The only exception is Linked Events, where a player may remain in up to two (2) Acceptance Lists.

If a player does not withdraw themselves from all but one Acceptance List prior to the Withdrawal Deadline, they will be *automatically withdrawn* from all but one list based on the criteria below:

- a. Grand Slam events take precedent (Adult Grand Slam events over Junior Grand Slam events).
- b. Adult events take precedent over Junior events (apart from Junior Grand Slam events).
- c. Main draw takes priority over Qualifying/Second Draw, and Qualifying/Second Draw over Alternate List.
- d. Players Tournament Entry Priority
- e. If a Players Tournament Entry priority is unclear, then the event with the highest grade will take precedent.

13. Withdrawal Deadline

The Withdrawal Deadline is 14h00GMT 20 days (Tuesday) prior to the Monday of the week in which a tournament begins.

[Click here for a summary of all new entry and withdrawal deadlines.](#)

Following the Withdrawal Deadline, players who are accepted into a Main/Second/Qualifying Draw will be committed to play that tournament and may not play in any other tournament in that week, subject to certain exceptions list in the Code of Conduct.

14. Withdrawal Amnesties

A player will have three late withdrawal amnesties per calendar year – i.e. late withdrawals for which no penalty will be issued – which are intended to be used by players who are forced to withdraw late (i.e. after the withdrawal deadline) due to injury. Note, a withdrawal amnesty will only be applied if the withdrawal is received by the ITF Supervisor prior to the relevant sign-in deadline.

15. Playing More than One Event

If a player is found to be in the Entry List of two events over the same dates, they will be withdrawn from one event as per the automatic withdrawal process above.

ALTERNATES/LUCKY LOSERS

16. Alternate

An entered player who is ranked lower than the Direct Acceptances for Main Draw, Second/Qualifying Draw under the applicable System of Merit will be placed on the Alternate List at the Entry Deadline. Up until the Freeze Deadline, Alternates can remain on multiple Alternate Lists and are not committed to play any tournament but will fill any vacancy created by a withdrawal (and will be accepted/become committed to that tournament), based on the System of Merit.

After the Freeze Deadline, Alternates will remain on only one list (they will be automatically withdrawn from all but their chosen tournament priority) and will have priority for acceptance

into that tournament over non-entered On-Site Alternates. However, Alternates can Sign-In at a different tournament that they have not entered.

17. Replacement of Doubles Partner

If a player's partner withdraws prior to the draw, they may find another partner.

18. Lucky Losers

If a Qualifying Draw is held, Lucky Losers, (players who have lost in the final round of the Qualifying event), will fill a vacancy in the Main Draw created by the withdrawal of a Main Draw Player after the start of the Qualifying event.

Eligible Lucky Losers must sign-in with the ITF Supervisor each day to maintain their status and will be ordered and accepted in the following order:

- a. Players who have reached the final Qualifying round of competition, or thereafter who have lost in previous Qualifying rounds.
- b. Players with ITF ranking will be randomly drawn
- c. Remaining unranked players will be randomly drawn

DRAWS

19. Second Draws

Second draws may only be offered at ITF2, ITF3 or Futures events. They will not take place at ITF1/SS events.

20. Consolation Draws

Consolation draws may only be offered at ITF2, ITF3 or Futures events. They will not take place at ITF1/SS events.

21. Junior Draws

Where there are insufficient entries for one gender to create a viable draw, boys and girls draws can be combined.

22. Draw Format

At ITF1/SS events, no Round Robin draws are permitted, elimination must always be played.

At ITF2/ITF3/FS/JS :

- For singles events with 5 or fewer players, Round Robin is played with no final. Where there are 6 or more players elimination is played.
- In Doubles Events with 3 teams, Round Robin with no final is played, but with four or more teams elimination is played.

23. Qualifying Spots in the Main Draw

If Qualifying is held, the following number of spots are reserved in the Main Draw for players who qualify:

8 Main Draw	1 qualifying spot
16 Main Draw	2 qualifying spots
24 Main Draw	3 qualifying spots
32 Main Draw	4 qualifying spots

24. Wild Cards in the Main Draw

8 Main Draw	1 wild card
16 Main Draw	2 wild cards
24 Main Draw	3 wild cards
32 Main Draw	4 wild cards

25. Draw Size

At SS and ITF1 events, the set Draw Size will be 24 for Men, Women and Quad Draws. Flexibility to increase and decrease Draws can be applied by ITF under certain conditions.

26. Second Draw and Qualifying

Either Qualifying or Second Draw can take place at a competition. It is not possible for both to take place simultaneously at the same event.

MINIMUM PLAYER NUMBERS

27. Minimum Number of Players

A viable draw (minimum number of players) is defined as:

- 4 players for singles for Men, Women and Quad draws at all grades
- 3 singles players for any Junior draw.
- 4 doubles pairs for doubles events at ITF3, ITF2, ITF1 and SS events, unless they are published as an 8 draw where only 3 pairs are required.
- 3 doubles pairs for Futures events.

28. Insufficient Players

If there are insufficient players entered for a draw to be viable (see above) the following may occur:

- Quad players may play in the Men's/Women's draw
- Boys/girls draw players may compete in the other junior draw, which will then become a mixed draw.
- In both instances, players cannot enter online but can accept a Wild Card or sign-in as an on-site alternate.

CANCELLATION

10. Ranking Points when event is Cancelled

If an event is cancelled and play started, ranking points are awarded as per round achieved. If the event has not started, then no ranking points are awarded.

33. Late Cancellation

In the event that a tournament is cancelled late (after the Entry Deadline), players who were entered into that event will be given priority for vacancies on the Acceptance List for other events during the same week.

34. Prize Money when Event is Cancelled

Prize Money is awarded to players for the round reached. If an event is cancelled before it has started, prize money will not be paid unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Director.

OTHER

35. ITF Supervisor

The Referee will now be referred to as the ITF Supervisor.

36. Prize Money

For ITF1 and SS events Prize Money will be distributed with fixed amounts according to the published draw size. Any prize money not paid due to vacancies in the draw will be retained by the tournament.

37. Electronic Line Calling

ITF can approve electronic line calling at events.

38. Stop Clock

The 1-5-1 (Men/Women) or 1-5-2 (Quad) warm up time clock and time limit may be implemented at ATP/Grand Slam Events.

39. Off-Court Coaching

Following the conclusion of a trial in 2024 and changes to the Rules of Tennis, Off-Court Coaching will be permitted at all grades of events on the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour, subject to published conditions and processes.

40. Protected Ranking

Players who are injured or ill for an extended period of time will be able to apply for a Protected Ranking, that may be used to enter tournaments on return to competition.

Full details of application of the Protected Ranking will be published separately.

41. Code of Conduct Fines

The ITF Supervisor may issue fines for Code Violations incurred on-site at a tournament and will submit the records to the ITF. Outstanding fines, including those issued on-site at a tournament can be deducted from a player's Prize money if appropriate.

42. Code of Conduct

Verbal Abuse offenses towards officials applies for covered persons in the lead up to and not just during competition.