

## 2025 ITF BEACH TENNIS JUNIOR TOUR REGULATIONS

### Summary of Key Rules Changes (as at 1 January 2025)

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2025 ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full Tour Regulations can be seen in the 'Beach Tennis' section at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

Changes made from the previous year (2024) are shown in underlined text.

#### C. THE COMPETITION

##### 4. Players Eligible

Only players who are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the Junior Tour. Tournaments are open to male and female doubles teams – boy's events are open only to male players; girl's events are open only to female players.

The ITF may request from the player at any time a copy of their current, valid passport as proof of nationality.

Players wishing to make a request to change their nationality on the ITF website should send a copy of their current passport for the nation to which they wish to change their nationality to the ITF.

In the event that a request is made where:

- the player was born in the nation to which they wish to change their nationality;
- that nation does not issue its own separate passports, and its citizens are issued a passport from another nation; and
- the player holds a valid passport from that other nation which confirms the player's place of birth as in the nation to which they wish to change their nationality;

the player should send a copy of the passport recording their place of birth to the ITF and make a request to the ITF to change their nationality on the ITF's website to the nation where they were born. If the player complies with the requirements in this paragraph, the ITF will process the change of nationality and update the ITF's website.

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

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

## **7. Enforcement of Regulations and Resolution of Disputes**

### **d. Appeals**

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- i. decisions made by the ITF Supervisor under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);
- ii. subject to the preceding paragraph (i) above, decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules (in particular, the section applicable to the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appeal panel);
- iii. decisions of the Independent Tribunal (sitting as a first instance tribunal) may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules.

Such appeals may only be brought by one of the following persons:

- i. the person or Nation or entity that is the subject of the decision sought to be appealed;
- ii. any Nation that is directly affected by the decision sought to be appealed; and/or
- iii. the ITF.

A Nation will not be 'directly affected' pursuant to Regulation (ii) above based solely on it or its players being a competitor of the person or Nation or entity that is the subject of a decision sought to be appealed.

## **E. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF JUNIOR TOUR**

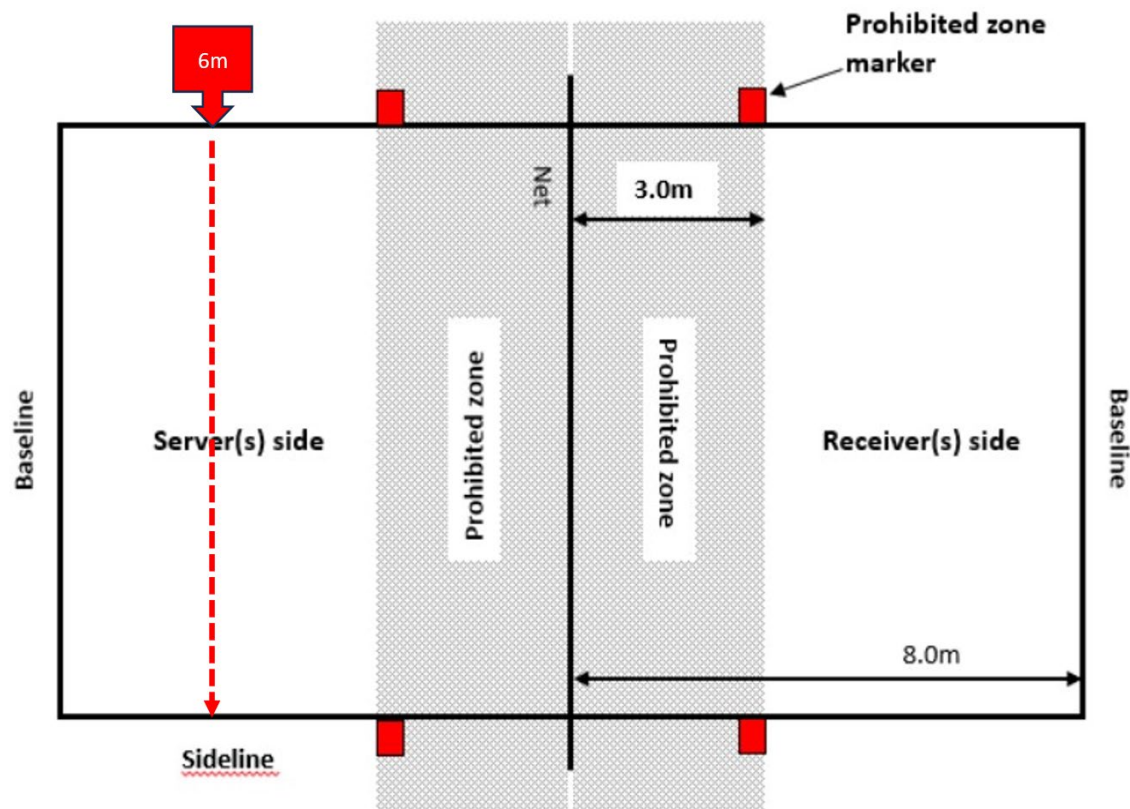
### **15. Prohibited Zone**

The prohibited service return zone ("prohibited zone") is the area between the net and an imaginary line parallel to, and three (3.0) metres from, the net and extending indefinitely beyond the sidelines. The intersection of the imaginary line and each sideline shall be clearly indicated by a marker placed on or immediately outside the sideline. No additional lines or markers shall be placed within the court area.

In 2025 the prohibited service zone for the serving team for men and junior boys (u18) competition will be six (6.0) metres from the net and extending indefinitely beyond the sidelines. The intersection of the imaginary line and any sideline shall be clearly indicated by a marker placed on or immediately outside the sideline.

No player(s) of the serving or receiving team shall touch any part of the court within the prohibited

zone until the ball is in play.



## G. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### 8. Hospitality

All tournaments must comply with the hospitality requirements set out in the Junior Tour Organisational Guidelines (as may be amended from time to time).

If official hospitality is offered, the conditions of such hospitality must be equal for the boys' and girls' events at Tournaments.

Where hospitality is offered it is defined as a complimentary room and breakfast at the official hotel for the use of each pair beginning at least one (1) day before the start of Main Draw until the day following the last day of the Tournament. When unable to provide a complimentary room and breakfast at the hotel, prior approval must be obtained from the ITF.

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## H. JUNIOR WORLD AND REGIONAL CUPS REGULATIONS

### 6. The Captain

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#### b. Disciplinary

The Referee shall have the following power and discretion in relation to the Captain:

- i. he/she may give a formal warning and, after two warnings, may remove him/her from his/her duties for the match in course and/or for any and all of the remaining matches of that Tournament, in which case the Captain may only be replaced by a member of the nominated team. The Referee may remove the Captain without a formal warning for a single incident of misconduct, if in his/her discretion, it is warranted; and/or
- ii. remove the Captain's accreditation, order his/her removal from the site, and/or order continued denial of access for a specified period of time or for the remainder of the Tournament. However, prior to removal of accreditation, removal from the site and/or denial of access to the site, the Referee must use his/her best efforts to obtain the approval of the ITF Executive Director.

In addition to removal, the Captain may be subject to the applicable provisions and penalties under the Code of Conduct.

The Captain must be a minimum of twenty-four (24) years of age prior to the end of the calendar year in which the Competition is played (unless approved by the ITF in writing).

## 10. Conduct of the Competition

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### b. Order of Matches

The order of matches in each tie shall be Girls' Doubles followed by Boys' Doubles followed by Mixed Doubles. The Girls' Doubles match may be played first if both Captains are in agreement, and they notify the Referee in person a minimum of sixty (60) minutes before the tie is scheduled to start.

### h. Team Identification

All players in a team must wear predominantly the same colour during all matches.

In any ITF Team Cup or Regional Team Competition, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in National colours, OR substantially the same colours with the competitors names on the back.

At all other official ITF Tournaments, doubles pairs should make the best effort to be dressed in substantially the same colours.

## APPENDIX A - THE PLAYERS

### ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER OR CAPTAIN TO REPRESENT A NATION

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3 If:

- (a) a player/Captain is, or may be, qualified under Regulation 1 to represent more than one nation, and the National Association of one of those nations wishes to nominate him/her to represent that nation; or
- (b) a nation applies to nominate a player or Captain under Regulation 2 and that player/Captain is, or may be, eligible to represent another nation(s);

the National Association wishing to nominate the player/Captain must submit the nomination/application to the ITF at least two months prior to the event for which they wish to nominate the player or Captain. The ITF will notify the other nation(s) concerned, which shall be entitled to comment within 15 days of receipt, should it wish to do so.

- 4 If a player/Captain is nominated without an application being made under Regulation 2, the ITF Executive will decide on the eligibility of the player/Captain having taken into account all relevant matters. The decision of the ITF Executive may be appealed to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which will consider the matter as an appeal in accordance with its Procedural Rules. The appeal must (i) be made in writing, (ii) detail the basis of the appeal, and (iii) be filed with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel within 14 days of notification of the decision of the ITF Executive. There is no right to appeal or challenge the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision.
- 5 If an application to nominate a player/Captain is made under Regulation 2, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will decide on the application having taken into account all relevant matters.
- 6 In exceptional circumstances, the other nation(s) concerned may not be notified before the player/Captain's eligibility is considered by the ITF Executive or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel. In such circumstances, the ITF Executive or ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall reach a provisional view under Regulation 4 or 5 respectively, subject to any subsequent comments received from the other nation(s). If the provisional view is to approve the eligibility of the player/Captain to represent the nominating/applying nation, and the nation wishes to proceed with the nomination and/or application, the other nation(s) concerned will then be notified of the nomination/application that has been received by the ITF and will have 15 days from receipt to comment should it wish to do so. The ITF Executive or ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will then reach its decision having considered any comments from the other nation(s) concerned, in accordance with Regulation 4 or 5 above.

## **APPENDIX F - ITF BEACH TENNIS JUNIOR TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT 2024**

### **ARTICLE III: ON-SITE OFFENCES**

#### **A. GENERAL**

Every player, and in relation to team competitions the team Captain, team members, extra players, coach, trainer, other medical personnel, relative, parent or guardian, or other support personnel of the participating teams ("**Team Member**") shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of a Tournament and while engaged in activities directly related to the Tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply to each player's and/or Team Member's conduct while engaging with Officials preparing for and running a tournament in which a Covered Person is entered/involved, and/or while within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

#### **C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

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##### **2. Doubles Teams**

In an official ITF or regional team competition, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours. At other Tournaments members of a doubles team should make best efforts to be dressed in substantially the same colours.

In any ITF Team Cup or Regional Team Competition, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in National colours, OR substantially the same colours with the competitors names on the back.

At all other official ITF Tournaments, doubles pairs should make the best effort to be dressed in substantially the same colours.

### **3. Identification/Advertising/Slogans**

Manufacturer's and non-manufacturer's identification are allowed on clothing, accessory (such as hat, wristband, headband and face coverings) and equipment. No identification shall be permitted on player's clothing or equipment that promotes/displays betting companies, tobacco or e-cigarette products, alcohol products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour, or that, in the opinion of the ITF Supervisor, shares a clear visual likeness with any such entity so that the identification could reasonably be mistaken for such entity.

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### **K. COACHING AND COACHES (CC)**

Players shall not receive on-court coaching during a match (including the warm-up) (except in team competitions by the captain as permitted by the Rules of Beach Tennis and the regulations). Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and an off-court individual (includes representative or relative of player) may be construed as on-court coaching. Off-court coaching ("OCC") shall be permitted on the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour, subject to the conditions set out in the 2025 Off-court coaching procedures (available via: <https://www.itftennis.com/media/13673/2025-bt-off-court-coaching-procedures.pdf>)

### **V. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all On-Site 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, other than under the Point Penalty Schedule, and give written notice thereof to the player.