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**ITF BEACH TENNIS  
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The ITF is the international governing body for tennis, including beach tennis. It aims to provide, promote and develop opportunities for men, women and children to participate in recreational and competitive beach tennis at all levels.

As the governing body of tennis, the ITF provides a leading role in the administration of beach tennis. The ITF aims to ensure that a fair and equal opportunity is provided for all those entitled to play under its eligibility rules and that the Rules of Beach Tennis are implemented according to the standards expected of an international sport governing body.

These Regulations are subject to change during the 2024 edition of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour with the introduction of the ITF World Tennis Number as a global rating applicable to ITF tournaments. Upon incorporation into these Regulations, the ITF World Tennis Number may be relied on for the purposes of entry to and seeding at ITF Beach Tennis World Tour tournaments. For the avoidance of doubt, the ITF World Tennis Number shall not replace, supersede or otherwise override ITF Beach Tennis World Tour ranking.

## **A. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

ITF Limited trading as the International Tennis Federation promulgates these Regulations for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of international beach tennis tournaments and events sanctioned by the ITF. All references to the International Tennis Federation or ITF in these Regulations shall mean ITF Limited.

Unless otherwise stated, these Regulations shall be applicable to all Tournaments and Events ("Tournament") sanctioned as part of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour ("Tour").

Any Applicant awarded a one (1) year or multi-year sanction on the Tour calendar shall be subject to, and the Applicant shall be bound by and will comply with all of the applicable provisions of the Tour Regulations, the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements* and the *Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards*, each of which may be amended from time to time (with the exception of the Sand Series, the World and Regional Cups and the World and Regional Championships for which additional organisational requirements shall be agreed with the host organiser). Applicants must also comply with the provision of any Hosting Agreement that it enters with the ITF for delivery of a sanctioned tournament.

Approval to sanction a Tournament on the Tour may be subject to conditions imposed by the ITF as it sees fit.

## **B. DEFINITIONS**

### **Acceptance List**

The list of players who have entered a Tournament(s) and have been sorted based on the applicable System of Merit.

### **Alternate (Direct Acceptance)**

Entered doubles teams who are ranked lower than the Direct Acceptances into Main Draw and Qualifying under the applicable System of Merit and can fill any vacancy as detailed in the applicable System of Merit before the Withdrawal Deadline. After the Withdrawal Deadline, Alternates remain on one list and have the priority for acceptance over On-Site Alternates. Alternates can sign-in at a different Tournament (subject to Article F5) and if any vacancies are created by withdrawals or no shows, then an Alternate will fill those vacancies in order of the applicable System of Merit.

**Applicant**

The sanctioning National Association and/or Tournament Organiser (as the case may be) that is granted a one (1) year or multi-year sanction on the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour calendar.

**Committed**

A player's status if at any time after the Withdrawal Deadline they appear in the Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List of a Tournament. A Committed player is obligated to compete at the Tournament.

**Covered Person(s)**

Any individual who falls under the definition of Covered Person as set out in the Welfare Policy at Appendix F.

**Direct Acceptances**

Entered doubles teams accepted directly into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw by virtue of their ranking under the applicable System of Merit.

**Entry**

A request by a player/team to register for a Tournament. Entries are only accepted from players with an approved applicable IPIN account and who meet all necessary requirements stipulated in the Regulations. The player/team must make their Entry before the Entry Deadline.

**Entry Deadline**

The time by which a player/team must enter in order to be considered for inclusion on the Acceptance List. The Entry Deadline is at 14:00 hours GMT on the Thursday eleven (11) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week.

**Entry List**

The list of players/teams who have entered the Tournament up until the Entry Deadline and before the Acceptance List has been made.

**Fact Sheet**

Each Tournament will provide information regarding the Tournament site, dates, draw sizes, court surface, type of courts, hotel information, transportation, Prize Money deductions, and other relevant information regarding the Tournament. The Fact Sheet, also referred to as the Tournament Fact Sheet, is available in IPIN.

**Freeze Deadline**

The Freeze Deadline takes place at 14:00 hours (GMT) on the Tuesday of the Tournament Week, except for Tournaments commencing on Monday-Wednesday, for which the Freeze Deadline shall be the same as the Withdrawal Deadline. After the Freeze Deadline has passed and the Acceptance List is processed, no further movement is permitted on the Acceptance List.

**IPIN (International Player Identification Number)**

A player must pay, register and be approved for an IPIN membership, which is used to register for Tournaments. Players will enter, withdraw and find Tournament details through their IPIN account.

**Late Withdrawal**

A Withdrawal by a player/team accepted into the Qualifying event that takes place any time after the Withdrawal Deadline and up until the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline, and any Withdrawal from a Main Draw player/team that takes place after the Withdrawal Deadline until the commencement of play.

**Lucky Loser (LL)**

A doubles team who has lost in the final round of the Qualifying competition but who achieves a place in the Main Draw as a late substitute following a Withdrawal (see also section G.5. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes). If more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, doubles teams who have lost in the previous Qualifying round(s) may be eligible.

**Main Draw**

The Main Draw is the principal competition of a Tournament in which doubles teams earn a position based on the Regulations and the applicable System of Merit.

**National Association**

a member association of the ITF, representing one country or territory, including its officers, directors, employees, representatives, consultants, agents and volunteers.

**On-Site Alternates**

Non-entered teams who appear at the Tournament site at their own risk to sign-in for the Tournament. In order to be eligible as an On-Site Alternate, at least one member of the doubles team must sign-in personally (in person or by telephone) with the ITF Supervisor at the Tournament site by the relevant sign-in deadline.

**Protected Ranking**

A player's World Ranking assigned to a player who has been unable, due to medical condition or pregnancy, to compete in any Tournament for a minimum of six (6) months. A Protected Ranking is only available for use for Entry.

**Qualifiers (Q)**

Doubles teams included in the Main Draw as a result of success in the Qualifying competition.

**Qualifying / Qualifying Draw**

The Qualifying draw refers to the preliminary rounds of a Tournament, in which the participating doubles teams have not qualified for entry into the Main Draw based on the applicable System of Merit but have earned the opportunity based on the applicable System of Merit to compete for an opportunity to play in the Main Draw. The Qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.

**Sign-in**

The procedure by which a doubles team registers for participation in a Tournament either by physically writing their signatures on the Sign-in sheet on-site or by telephone. One member of a doubles team may Sign-In for the team.

**Sign-in Deadline**

The date and time by which a doubles team wishing to participate must sign-in either in person or by telephone as stipulated in the Regulations.

**System of Merit**

The selection procedure by which doubles teams are accepted into a Tournament(s).

**Tournament**

A Tournament on the Beach Tennis World Tour or Beach Tennis World Tour Juniors. Each Tournament has an applicable System of Merit for accepting doubles teams into that Tournament.

**Tournament Organiser**

Any legal or natural person that has been validly approved and sanctioned by a National Association and the ITF to organise and operate a Tournament in accordance with the ITF's application process.

**Wild Card (WC)**

A doubles team included in the draw (Qualifying or Main Draw) at the sole discretion of the applicable National Association. Wild Cards are eligible for seeding. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made and Wild Cards who withdraw or default may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. Any such vacancy shall be filled by the next eligible doubles team on the Acceptance List, or if the Qualifying competition has commenced, it shall be filled by the eligible Lucky Loser doubles team.

No doubles team who has signed in for and been accepted into the Qualifying of a Tournament may be named as a Wild Card after the Qualifying competition has commenced.

Wild Cards for the World Championships and the World Cup will be determined by the ITF.

Full details of the Wild Card selection process will be published on the ITF website prior to the Tournament.

**Withdrawal**

When a player/doubles team withdraws from a Tournament in accordance with the Regulations. Withdrawals are to be made online via the player's IPIN account prior to the relevant Sign-In Deadline. Withdrawals are permitted without penalty up until the Withdrawal Deadline. Withdrawals after the Withdrawal Deadline are Late Withdrawals and will incur a penalty in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**Withdrawal Deadline**

The Withdrawal Deadline is 14:00 hours GMT on the Thursday four (4) days preceding the Monday of the Tournament Week. Any player/doubles team accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying draw who does not wish to play must withdraw before this deadline to avoid incurring a penalty.

**C. THE COMPETITION****1. Title**

The Competition, an international Men's and Women's Doubles competition, shall be called the "ITF Beach Tennis World Tour" ("Tour").

**2. Rankings**

Rankings, issued by the ITF, shall be called the "ITF Beach Tennis World Rankings" ("World Rankings"). Rankings shall be compiled on the basis of points earned for success in men's and women's doubles play in Tournaments on the Tour.

**3. Ownership**

The Tour shall be owned and managed by ITF. See Appendix C for further details.

The World Rankings shall be owned and managed by ITF. Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF, commercial

exploitation of the World Rankings, international sponsorship of the World Rankings and internet coverage.

#### 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 Tour. Tournaments are open to male and female doubles teams – men's events are open only to male players; women's events are open only to female players. All players must be a minimum of 14 years old on or before 31 December 2024 to be eligible to compete.

A player's nationality for the Tour and the World Rankings 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 wishing to make a request to change their nationality on the ITF website should send a copy of their passport of 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.

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 is capable of being appealed by the Player to the Independent Tribunal.

This Regulation applies to the Tour only and is without prejudice to any other regulations applicable to other competitions (such as the World Beach Games), which may impose different criteria.

## **5. Rules to be Observed**

- a. The Tour is open to all beach tennis players based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth.
- b. The Tour shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, including all appendices, the Constitution of ITF Limited, the ITF Rules of Beach Tennis and the Duties and Procedures for Officials (together the "Rules and Regulations") each of which may be amended from time to time.
- c. In submitting an application, an Applicant undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the Rules and Regulations.
- d. The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned Tournament or series of Tournaments on the grounds of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the Tournament(s) or to the successful running of the Tournament(s). The ITF bears no liability to any Applicant, Tournament Organiser, Host, National Association, player, Related Person, Covered Person or any other person or entity for any loss incurred as a result of a delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Tournament. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the ITF or the Applicant shall be liable to any player, Related Person, Covered Person or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Tournaments, including, without limitation, any travel, transport and/or accommodation costs. This decision (to refuse approval of or cancel any Tournament) will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee, or by the ITF Executive if the Committee so delegates its decision-making power, and may be appealed by the Applicant only, to the Independent Tribunal.
- e. In submitting an entry to a Tournament sanctioned by the ITF as a constituent Tournament of the Tour, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by and be bound by the above Rules and Regulations.
- f. Any player that enters and/or participates in the Tour, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates in the Tour shall be bound by and shall comply with these Regulations, including the Code of Conduct and the Welfare Policy.
- g. These Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors.
- h. The Board may grant dispensation from, modify, waive or otherwise alter the Regulations or their application in extraordinary circumstances
- i. Variations for a particular Tournament: If a Tournament wishes to vary any of the Regulations in Section F, written application shall be made to the ITF Beach Tennis department, giving full reasons for the request. The application shall be considered by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee.
- j. These Regulations and any dispute arising out of or in connection with them (including any dispute or claim relating to non-contractual obligations) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law, without regard to the conflict of law principles thereof. Each Player, Covered Person, Nation and each of its Team Members, directors, officials, officers, members of staff, employees, contractors, agents, and representatives agrees to submit any disputes or claims or other matters arising in relation to the Regulations (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) to arbitration pursuant to Regulation 6 of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum.



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

### **a. On-site Enforcement**

It is the responsibility of the ITF Supervisor to enforce these Regulations on-site.

### **b. First Instance Proceedings**

The ITF Supervisor shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- i. unless expressly referred elsewhere, an allegation that a player has committed an offence under the Code of Conduct that is not a Major Offence or a breach of the Welfare Policy;
- ii. any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise on-site at a Tournament (to be resolved in accordance with the Rules of Beach Tennis); and
- iii. any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the ITF Supervisor.

The ITF Supervisor, ITF Beach Tennis Committee or other person/entity designated under these Regulations may decide any issues entrusted to them (respectively) under these Regulations. Unless expressly provided otherwise, there will be no right of appeal from their (respective) decisions.

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- i. any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel;
- ii. any dispute or question about the proper interpretation of these Regulations (including reviewing as appropriate any on-site interpretation by the ITF Supervisor);
- iii. any dispute or question about player eligibility arising under these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere);
- iv. any allegation that a Covered Person has committed a breach of the Welfare Policy;
- v. any allegation that a player, Related Person or other person or entity bound by these Regulations has failed to comply with any other aspect of these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere); and
- vi. any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Independent Tribunal shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- i. any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations to the Independent Tribunal;
- ii. an allegation that a player, Related Person or other person participating on the Tour has breached the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme;
- iii. an allegation that a player or Related Person has committed a Major Offence under the Code of Conduct;
- iv. any allegation that a Tournament Offence has been committed under the Code of Conduct;
- v. any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Procedural Rules for both the Internal Adjudication Panel and the Independent Tribunal are available online at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com), or a hardcopy can be requested in writing to the ITF.

**c. Sanctions**

Where the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and/or Independent Tribunal upholds an allegation of breach of these Regulations, it will determine the sanctions for such breach in accordance with the sanctions provisions in its Procedural Rules, unless these Regulations specify other sanctions for such breach, in which case it will apply the specific sanctions.

**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.

**7. International Player Identification Number (IPIN) Membership**

In order to enter Tournaments all players must first register for an applicable annual IPIN membership (and pay the appropriate fee) and agree, as a condition of their registration, to accept the related terms and conditions and player welfare statement.

All players obtaining an IPIN and wishing to compete on the Tour are responsible for ensuring they are fit to play and are advised to obtain a yearly physical examination from a certified physician that certifies the player to compete on the Tour.

A player's IPIN online service account will provide information about all Tournaments on the Tour. This account will enable players to view the Tournament calendar and enter and withdraw from Tournaments. The IPIN account will also provide information about Entry and Acceptance Lists, Tournament Fact Sheets, ITF Supervisor contact information and other pertinent information about the Tournaments, including important announcements.

## **D. MANAGEMENT**

### **1. Board of Directors**

#### **a. Management**

The Tour shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the ITF.

#### **b. Duties**

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- i. To approve, adopt and amend the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct for the Tour;
- ii. To register in the name of the ITF any trade marks in connection with the Tour and to protect such trademarks;
- iii. The Board of Directors shall appoint every two years a Beach Tennis Committee which shall consist of a Chair, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members as deemed necessary;
- iv. To refuse the entry of any National Association, or refuse the further participation of such National Association in a Beach Tennis team competition, if in its opinion the participation of such National Association may result in the team competition being endangered and/or brought into disrepute. No decision of the Board of Directors in this respect shall be valid unless the decision is supported by at least two-thirds of the directors present and voting.

### **2. Beach Tennis Committee**

The duties and power of the Beach Tennis Committee shall be:

- a. To guide the strategy for and monitor the management of the Tour and the World Cup;
- 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 World Cup 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 venues and dates for the events in the Tour;
- h. To decide the Entry Fee and allocation of any prizes for the Tour.

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

### **1. Medical Control – Anti-Doping Policy**

Any Player, Related Person other Covered Person who enters or participates in the ITF World Tennis Tour shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply with all of the provisions of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, which may be downloaded at [www.itia.tennis](http://www.itia.tennis) (see Code of Conduct) Article VII.

All ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournaments must provide on request from the ITIA, and at their own cost:

- a. a Doping Control Station that, at a minimum, satisfies the requirements of the prevailing version of the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations;
- b. sufficient chaperones to notify players selected for Sample collection, accompany and observe such players until their arrival at the Doping Control Station, and witness provision of those players' Samples as necessary.

## **2. Publicity and Promotion**

- a. Each player grants and assigns to the ITF, the Tournament's sanctioning National Association, the Tournament and their agents and assignees the right in perpetuity and for commercial and non-commercial purposes:
  - (i) to use or authorise the use of his or her name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media, for the purpose of publicising and promoting the sport of tennis, the ITF, the Tournament's sanctioning National Association, the Tournament and their respective affiliates and events including the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programs, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising broadcasting and filming of the same; and
  - (ii) to make, show and otherwise use, in any and all media, still and moving pictures, whether live or otherwise, and any other visual and/or audio-visual reproductions of his or her performance or appearance as a sports person on and off the court during the Tournament.
- b. With respect to sub sections (a) above:
  - (i) there will be no compensation payable in relation to the grant of such rights; and
  - (ii) the rights granted may not be used in such a way as to constitute an endorsement by the player of any product or company.
- c. Players acknowledge that their tennis biography and complete tournament history shall be published on the ITF's website for the purposes of transparency and promotion of the sport.
- d. Notwithstanding Regulation 2.a. and 2.b. above, 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 (being players under 18 years of age), 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 i) the parent or legal guardian of the player, and ii) the ITF Supervisor. 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\*](#).

## **3. Media, Commercial and Data Rights**

Each Applicant shall comply with the Rights as detailed in Appendix C, Media Commercial and Data Rights.

## Data Protection

No Applicant shall permit unauthorised dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any match score or related statistical data from the grounds of the Tournament.

## 4. Sanction Fees

All Tournaments sanctioned by the ITF for inclusion on the Tour must pay the relevant Sanction Fee.

Sanction fees are non-transferable and will not be refunded due to cancellation or reduction of Prize Money Category unless exceptional circumstances apply as determined by the ITF in its sole discretion.

Categories for Sanction Fees are set out in *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements*.

## 5. Tournament Responsibilities

All Tour Tournaments (with the exception of ITF Beach Tennis World and Regional Cups and World and Regional Championships which are agreed with the host organisers) must be organised in accordance with the *ITF Beach Tournament Organisational Requirements* unless otherwise agreed in writing with the ITF at the time of application.

Tournaments that are not approved by the relevant National Association will not be considered for inclusion on the Tour.

If a Tournament is accepted for inclusion on the Tour and subsequently withdraws within sixty (60) days of the scheduled first day of play, the Applicant shall be subject to forfeiture of all sums previously paid or due, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred and/or denial of subsequent applications and/or a penalty under the Code of Conduct. If the Tournament is accepted subsequently, it may be allocated a lower Prize Money category the following year, at the discretion of the ITF.

### a. Tournament Fact Sheet

The official Fact Sheet is generated through the submission of the sanction application. This must be done at least six (6) weeks (42 days) before a BT10 or BT50 tournament, eight (8) weeks (56 days) before tournaments at BT100 or BT200 and ten (10) weeks (70 days) before tournaments at BT400 and above.

Any outstanding Fact Sheet information must be emailed to the ITF Beach Tennis Department at least six (6) weeks before the Tournament start date for all Tournaments to enable such information to be provided for the benefit of the players.

- b. If required, Tournaments shall assign to the ITF, free of charge, one (1) page in the Official Tournament Programme for an ITF editorial or advertisement.
- c. Tournaments shall display an ITF Beach Tennis banner on their main court.
- d. The ITF Supervisor, on conclusion of the Tournament, shall send to the ITF the completed draw sheets for the doubles Main Draw and Qualifying, if applicable. This must include, for each doubles team, each player's full name, IPIN, nationality and match results. The ITF Supervisor shall also submit a completed ITF Supervisor Report.

## **6. Non-Compliance**

Any Tournament not complying with the Regulations or *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements* may be allocated a lower Prize Money category or may not be accepted on the Tour the following year, at the discretion of the ITF (in addition to any action taken under the Code of Conduct or through other contractual remedies).

## **7. Insurance**

The Applicant is responsible for taking out a suitable insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which, as a minimum, insures against claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the event for which the applicant is legally liable and any other insurance cover which is required under local laws.

The Applicant is encouraged to take out those insurance policies that safeguard against employer's liability, business interruption and personal injury as well as any other appropriate insurance policies recognised under local law. In addition, it is strongly recommended that the Applicant obtain and maintain event cancellation and abandonment insurance which insures against all reasonably known financial risks arising from the rescheduling, cancellation and/or abandonment in whole or in part of a Tournament due to force majeure.

"ITF Ltd" and "ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd" must be named as an additional insured person in all such insurance policies and on the certificate of insurance.

Applicants must promptly provide the ITF with such evidence as the ITF may reasonably require (including, without limitation, a copy of any proof of insurance cover) to demonstrate Applicant's compliance with this Regulation E7.

## **8. ITF Responsibilities**

The ITF is responsible for the overall administration of the Tour and World Rankings and for publicising the same as widely as possible.

The ITF will publish events and the relevant Tournament Fact Sheets on the Tour calendar, on the ITF Beach Tennis website [www.itftennis.com/beachtennis](http://www.itftennis.com/beachtennis) and on IPIN (please see Regulation C.7. for further details regarding IPIN).

The ITF shall process results from all Tournaments on the Tour and shall issue, on a weekly basis or as otherwise determined by the ITF, the latest World Rankings. These shall be published on the ITF Beach Tennis website, [www.itftennis.com/beachtennis](http://www.itftennis.com/beachtennis).

## **9. National Association Responsibilities**

National Associations shall ensure that the Tournaments they sanction for inclusion on the Tour maintain appropriately high standards of organisation and administration. This includes, but is not limited to, prompt payment of associated prize money and having in place and maintaining appropriate policies and procedures for example, in respect of safeguarding and ensuring that the Tournaments they sanction comply with such policies and with the ITF Welfare Policy and *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements* (as may be amended from time to time).

Furthermore, each National Association is responsible for ensuring that any Tournament Organiser sanctioned by that National Association fully complies with the terms of these Regulations. For the

avoidance of doubt, in such circumstances the National Association remains ultimately responsible for the proper organisation and running of the Tournament.

## 10. Rankings and Allocation of Points

Except in exceptional circumstances, as decided by the ITF, a player's Men's and Women's World Ranking will be based on his/her best ten (10) doubles results calculated on a 52-week rollover system.

A mixed doubles World Ranking will be introduced in 2025 (commencing in January 2025). A player's Mixed Doubles World Ranking will be based on their best six (6) mixed doubles results calculated on a 52-week rollover system.

Ranking points earned at major events (i.e. categories above BT400) will remain active until the end of the next respective editions of those events. Where a major event is cancelled in the following year, the points earned will be removed in accordance with the standard 52-week rollover system.

Points earned at any non-annual tournament will be removed in accordance with the standard 52-week rollover system.

If the same BT100, BT200, or BT400 tournament is held twice within a 52-week period then only a player's best result over the two tournaments shall count with the points from each tournament being eligible for World Ranking for a 52-week period.

To receive ranking points a player must reach a round where points are available. The number of points available in each round varies in accordance with the tournament draw and the category of the Tournament (see Appendix B).

No points shall be awarded to a team that withdraws or is a 'no show' without playing their first match. Advancement through a bye or walkover will not be equivalent to winning a round unless the team has played and won at least one (1) match in the same Draw. Advancement by virtue of retirement or default following the commencement of a match will be equivalent to winning a round. If a team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and/or walkovers and loses their first match played, the team will only receive ranking points from the round preceding their elimination and the team will receive Prize Money for the round reached.

Ranking points will not be awarded to any player who is not eligible to compete in accordance with these Regulations.

Ranking points will be added to a player's record adhering to the following timelines:

- Monday following tournament conclusion: BT200, BT400, Sand Series, Regional and World Championships
- Second Monday following tournament conclusion: BT10, BT50, BT100

## 11. Protected Ranking

A Protected Ranking allows a player to enter a Tournament using a historic ranking obtained by the player before they were forced to stop playing.

**a. Application procedure**

A player may petition the ITF for a Protected Ranking if, due to a medical condition or pregnancy (see (d)) he/she will not compete in any beach tennis event, including special events and exhibitions, for a minimum period of six (6) months. The petition must be made in writing and must be received by the ITF no later than six (6) months after his/her last ITF Tournament.

**b. Calculation and Use**

The Protected Ranking will be calculated as the player's average ranking points for the six (6) ranking updates immediately following the player's last ITF Tournament. The Protected Ranking will be for entry into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of a Tournament. Protected Ranking is not valid for seeding purposes.

**c. Limit of Use**

A player is permitted to use the Protected Ranking at any or all of the first five (5) Tournaments played after returning from injury and must state their request at the time of entry. A player has two (2) years from the date of the last Tournament played in which to activate (compete in first Tournament) his/her Protected Ranking. A player has one (1) year from the date of the first use of the Protected Ranking in which to use his/her allocation of Protected Ranking entries. At each of the first five (5) Tournaments played upon return, a player can choose whether or not to use the Protected Ranking; however, use of Protected Ranking cannot be carried forward to the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) or subsequent Tournaments.

**d. Request due to Pregnancy**

In cases of requests due to maternity leave, the player must activate her Protected Ranking within twelve (12) months of the birth of her child.

**12. Categories of Tournament**

Tournaments that comply with the criteria laid down in these Regulations are eligible for inclusion of their results on the World Rankings. Such Tournaments fall into the following categories:

**Tour Tournaments**

World Championships
World Cup
Regional Championships
Regional Cup
<u>Tour Finals (\$100,000 – Unlimited)</u>
Sand Series (\$50,000 – Unlimited)
BT400 (\$35,000 - \$100,000)
BT200 (\$15,000 - \$24,000)
BT100 (\$10,000 - \$14,000)
BT50 (\$4,000 – \$9,000)
BT10 (No Prize Money)



### **13. Tournament Week**

The Tournament Week runs from Monday to Sunday and is defined by the date of the Monday of that week. A Tournament is deemed to be in the Tournament Week in which the first day of the Doubles Main Draw is played. The Doubles Qualifying, if held, must be scheduled to finish before the Doubles Main Draw is scheduled to begin.

### **14. System of Merit**

Teams entered in Tournaments (with the exception of the ITF Beach Tennis World and Regional Cups, and the Sand Series Final) will be accepted at the Entry Deadline in accordance with the latest World Rankings as published by the ITF.

See Article H for entry system for World Cup. The entry system for the Sand Series Final shall be communicated separately.

#### **a. Men's and Women's Doubles**

The criteria for acceptances, in order of priority, shall be:

- a. Method A – Teams consisting of two ITF-ranked players, in order of best combined ranking.
- b. Method B – Teams consisting of one ITF-ranked player and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player.
- c. Method C – Teams consisting of two unranked players.

The criteria for acceptances for On-site Alternates, shall be:

- a. Method D – Teams consisting of two ITF-ranked players, in order of best combined ranking.
- b. Method E – Teams consisting of one ITF-ranked player and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player
- c. Method F – Teams consisting of two unranked players.

#### **Breaking Ties**

Ties between teams with the same combined ranking for positions on the Acceptance List shall be broken as follows:

- (i) If a team used a protected ranking, priority shall be given to the other team(s) with non-protected ranking.
- (ii) The team with the strongest individually ranked player.
- (iii) Any further ties shall be randomly drawn

#### **b. Mixed Doubles**

Acceptance criteria will be based on the same principles as Men's and Women's Doubles criteria as in 14.1.

## 15. Prize Money Distribution

The Prize Money detailed below shall apply to the Men's and Women's Main Draw at all applicable Tournaments.

Prize money for mixed doubles is in **addition** to the tournament prize money. Prize money offered for mixed doubles is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

### a. Distribution per Team

#### World Championships

Finishing Position	Proportion of total Prize Money
Winner	20%
Runner-up	12%
Third Place	6%
Fourth Place	4%
Quarter-Finalists	2%

#### BT50 | BT100 | BT200 | BT400 | SS50 | SS75

Finishing Position	Proportion of total Prize Money
Winner	20%
Runner-up	12%
Semi-Finalists	5%
Quarter-Finalists	2%

#### SS100

<u>Finishing Position</u>	<u>Proportion of total Prize Money</u>
<u>Winner</u>	<u>17%</u>
<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>Semi-Finalists</u>	<u>4.78%</u>
<u>Quarter-Finalists</u>	<u>2%</u>
<u>Round 16</u>	<u>0.68%</u>

## Tour Finals

<u>Finishing Position</u>	<u>Proportion of total Prize Money</u>
<u>Winner</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>Semi-Finalists</u>	<u>6,5%</u>
<u>3rd Position in Group</u>	<u>4%</u>
<u>4th Position in Group</u>	<u>2%</u>

### b. Unallocated Prize Money

If an insufficient number of entered teams results in spaces in the Draw in rounds where prize money is payable, the unallocated Prize Money may be retained by the Tournament Organiser or redistributed in the Tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Any redistribution must retain an equal split in prize money between men's and women's doubles and no team should be awarded more total prize money than a team who progressed to a later round.

### c. No-Shows and Late Withdrawals

No Prize Money shall be awarded to a team that withdraws or is a 'no show' without playing their first match. Teams shall also be subject to additional penalties in accordance with Article II.B. "Entry Offences" under the Code of Conduct.

### d. Uncompleted Matches

If a Tournament is cancelled, e.g. due to poor weather, and there has been no play, first round Prize Money may be paid out to the teams in accordance with the percentage distribution for the first round of the event at the sole discretion of the Tournament Organiser. For the avoidance of doubt, a Tournament Organiser will have no obligation to pay first round Prize Money in the event a Tournament is cancelled for extreme weather or other force majeure event without play and with adequate notice given.

If play has commenced in a match and been terminated before the Tournament is concluded, those teams will be paid loser's prize money and ranking points for the individual round they reached.

The difference between the total and allocated prize money will revert to the Tournament.

## **16. Net High**

Placed vertically over the middle of the court there is a net whose top is set at the height of 1.80 m for Men's and Junior Boy's events and 1.70 m for Women's, Junior Girls and Mixed events.

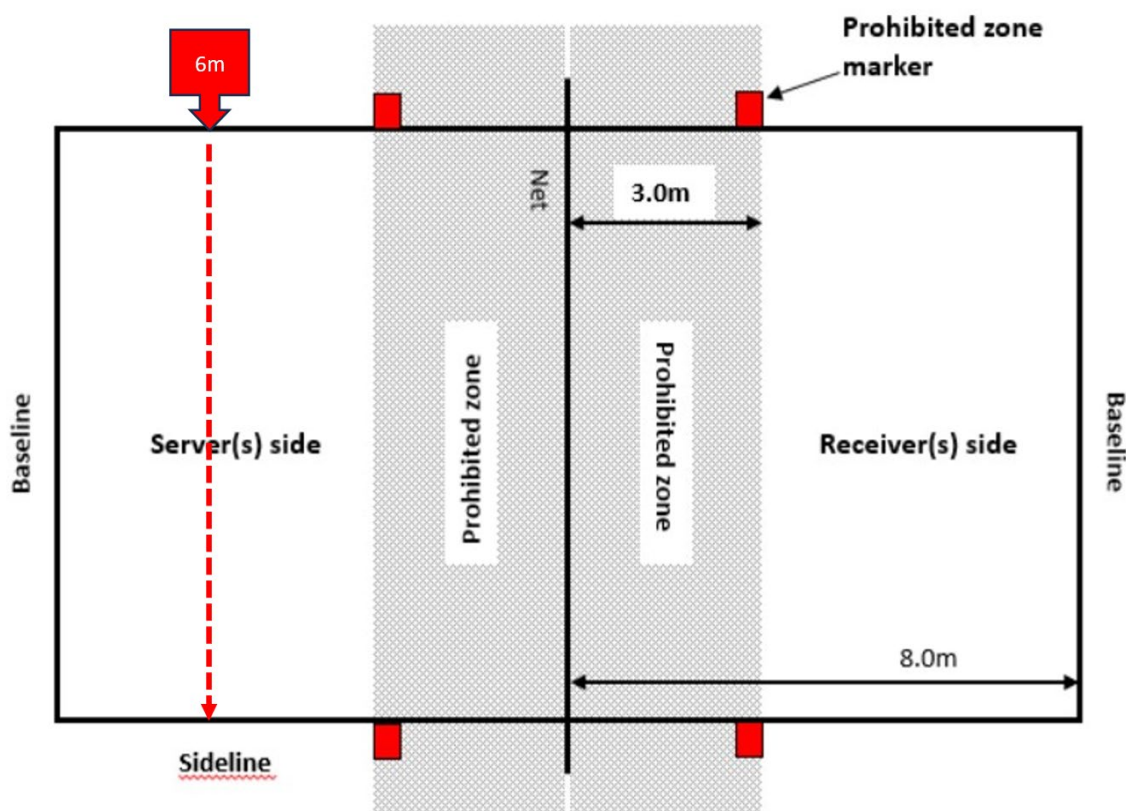
## **17. Prohibited Zone**

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's 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 struck.



## F. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

### 1. Entry

All doubles teams applying for Entry shall be deemed to apply for Entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying Draw depending on their combined ranking points under the applicable System of Merit.

Players are not permitted to change doubles partners after the Entry Deadline except when in accordance with Section F, Regulation 4 (Vacancies) below.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the ITF has the absolute right to refuse to accept or revoke any player's Entry to any Tournament(s). The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

It is the player's responsibility to manage his/her Entries via 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.

## **2. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures**

All Entries and Withdrawals must be submitted online through a player's IPIN account. In exceptional circumstances, an Entry can be submitted in writing using the Official Entry Form, if submitted directly to the ITF Beach Tennis department, via email prior to the appropriate Entry Deadline.

Notwithstanding Regulation F.4. below and the Code of Conduct, which may impose penalties, the player must submit a Withdrawal, which must be submitted online through the IPIN online service or, in exceptional circumstances, email on the Official Withdrawal Form to the ITF and/or ITF tournament Supervisor by the applicable deadline.

## **3. Entry, Freeze, and Withdrawal Deadline**

The Entry Deadline is at 14.00 GMT on Thursday, eleven (11) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week.

Following the entry deadline, the ITF Beach Tennis Department will review the entry lists.

If there are less than four entries in both men's doubles and women's doubles draws, the Tournament Organiser will be provided with the opportunity to cancel the tournament with no liability.

Following the sign-deadline, the ITF Supervisor will review the number of entries with the following outcomes:

If a men's or women's draw has less than half the available entries (based on the published draw size), the department will update the published draw size as follows:

Less than 16 entries in a 32 draw – draw size reduced to 24

Less than 8 entries in a 32 draw – draw size reduced to 16

Less than 12 entries in a 24 draw – draw size reduced to 16

Less than 9 entries in any main draw – round robin to be played

Entries received after the Entry Deadline, and before the Freeze Deadline, may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser. Acceptance priority shall be given to teams that enter before the Entry Deadline. The Tournament Organiser must advise the ITF of any accepted teams promptly. Changes will be made on the ITF website.

The Freeze Deadline is at 10.00 GMT on the Tuesday of the Tournament Week, except in the case that the tournament commences on a Monday-Wednesday, when the Freeze Deadline will be the same date as the Withdrawal Deadline.

Entries received after the Freeze Deadline must be submitted to the ITF Supervisor and the team must sign in as On-Site Alternates. On-site Alternates will be accepted after existing Entries, using the System of Merit.

The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14.00 GMT on the Thursday four (4) days preceding the Monday of the Tournament Week.

Prior to the Withdrawal Deadline a player's status on the Acceptance List is not confirmed.

A player who appears on a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List of a Tour event after the Withdrawal Deadline is deemed to have been accepted into and is committed to play the Tournament and is liable to pay the appropriate Entry Fee, unless decided otherwise by the Tournament Director.

Failure to pay the appropriate Entry Fee may subject the player to further penalty under the Code of Conduct, including, but not limited to, suspension from play in all Tournaments.

In exceptional circumstances or during UK office holidays, the ITF may modify the deadlines, in which case players will be notified.

It is the doubles team's responsibility to make all Entries and Withdrawals and to check its position on the Acceptance Lists.

After the Withdrawal Deadline, all players on the Qualifying Acceptance List will no longer be moved into the Main Draw, and players will remain on only one Alternate List and will no longer be moved into a Qualifying Acceptance List. Such Alternates are not committed to play the Tournament.

#### **4. Vacancies**

A team shall constitute a doubles entry. Therefore, if either of the players of a team cannot play, that doubles entry is subject to default and substitution. However, if a player has to withdraw through injury or other unavoidable circumstances after the Entry Deadline, but before the Qualifying Sign In deadline, his/her partner may enter with another player who has either:

- a. not already been accepted into any doubles event due to take place during the same time period following the entry deadline; or
- b. been accepted into the same event but who is eligible under this rule to enter again due to the injury or unavoidable circumstances of his/her partner.

In this case, Withdrawals must not be submitted through IPIN but via email to the ITF Supervisor and ITF Beach Tennis department.

The new team's entry shall be accepted, and the team shall be placed in the appropriate position on the Acceptance List in accordance with the System of Merit provided that this position is not higher than the final position of the originally accepted team at the time of the Withdrawal in which case the team shall be placed in the final position of the original team. The System of Merit will be applied using the same ranking list as used at the entry deadline.

For avoidance of doubt, if both players in the new team had been previously accepted, the position of the lower ranked original team shall be used. The new entry must be submitted to the Supervisor as soon as is practicable.

For the avoidance of doubt, any substitution by a team will result in that team being ineligible for any hospitality offered as part of the regulations. If the original team qualified for hospitality through their acceptance list position, the hospitality will be offered to the first team on the acceptance list not originally qualifying for hospitality.

## **5. One Tournament**

Once a player is committed to a Tournament, he/she may not enter or compete in any other Tournament that is being held during the same time period.

Players found to have been accepted into more than one Tournament in the same time period, shall not be permitted to compete in any Tournament during that period. Players found to have competed in two Tournaments in the same time period shall be immediately defaulted forfeiting all Prize Money and ranking points (where applicable).

## **6. Player Sign-in / Registration**

Teams in the Main Draw and Qualifying Draw do not need to sign in with the ITF Supervisor.

Teams on the Alternate List must sign in with the ITF Supervisor, by the time stated on the Fact Sheet for Qualifying Sign-In. One member of a doubles team may Sign-In for the team. Sign-In by telephone is accepted.

## **7. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists**

If an administrative error occurs after the Entry Deadline but before the Sign-In Deadline, all accepted players will be allowed to Sign-In and a preliminary match shall be played in accordance with the following procedure, unless otherwise decided by the ITF.

If too many doubles pairs are accepted into the Tournament (i.e. on a Tournament Acceptance List) who then arrive on-site and sign-in to play the Tournament, the last two doubles pairs on the Acceptance List based on the correct updated Acceptance List (excluding wild cards and qualifiers where applicable) will play for one (1) spot in the appropriate draw.

Where more than one (1) doubles pair is accepted in error, a preliminary match will be played, between the required number of the last doubles pairs on the Acceptance List, for each available place. In each case, the highest-ranking pairs from the last accepted pairs will compete against the lowest ranking pairs.

The loser of the preliminary match will receive 1<sup>st</sup> round Prize Money and 1<sup>st</sup> round ranking points.

The team who wins the preliminary match will receive ranking points and Prize Money for the round reached in the Draw in accordance with Section E, Regulation 10 "Rankings and Allocation of Points" and Section E, Regulation 15 "Prize Money Distribution". If that team loses in the first round it will receive 1<sup>st</sup> round plus 25% of second round ranking points and Prize Money (additional Prize Money to be paid by the Tournament Organiser).

## **8. Waiver of Claims**

In submitting an entry into an ITF approved Tournament, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that subject to the limits set out below, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in travelling to or from, or participating in an ITF approved Tournament, against the ITF, the National Association or Regional Association sanctioning such events, Tournament officials, promoters, sponsors, television or other broadcast licensees, vendors, venues, local organizers and others connected with such Tournaments, including its employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and representatives.

Nothing in these Regulations excludes or limits the liability of the ITF, Tournament Director or sponsor of a Tournament:

- (i) for death or personal injury caused by their (respective) negligence;
- (ii) for fraud; or
- (iii) to the extent that such exclusion or limitation is not permitted by applicable law.

## G. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Unless otherwise specified, this Regulation G applies to all tournaments on the Tour.

### 1. Variations to Regulations

If a Tournament Organiser wishes to vary any of the following Regulations, written application shall be made to the ITF Beach Tennis department, giving full reasons for the request. Such application must be received not later than two (2) months before the first scheduled day of play in the Tournament.

### 2. Format of Draw

All Main Draw events must use the knock-out format, unless there are fewer than nine (9) entered teams in which case a round robin format shall be used in accordance with the format detailed below.

A Main Draw event must have a minimum of three teams in order to proceed.

Qualifying events and Bonus Draw for men's, women's and mixed doubles with fewer than nine (9) entered teams may use a knock-out or a round robin format, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, as detailed in these Regulations. If there are nine (9) or more entered teams in a Qualifying event or Bonus Draw, for men's, women's and mixed doubles, a knockout format must be used.

All draws shall be conducted in public by the ITF Supervisor, with at least two (2) players present, one of whom should be of a different nationality to that of the host country.

The draws and the order of play shall be made immediately following completion of the applicable Sign-In.

### 3. Knock-out Draws

All Tournaments must offer a minimum Main Draw size of sixteen (16) teams for both men's, women's and mixed doubles teams.

Unless otherwise determined by the ITF, the draws for Tournaments shall be composed as follows:

#### a. Composition of Draws

##### I. Qualifying

Draw Size (teams)	8	16	24	32***	48*	64**
Wild Cards	1	2	4	6	7	8
Direct Acceptances	7	14	20	26	41	42

\*Qualification draw of 48 is only applicable to Sand Series tournaments, subject to ITF approval

\*\*Qualification draw size of 64 is only permitted in the World Championships



### \*\*\*Qualification draw size of up to 32 for Mixed Doubles

#### I. Main Draw

Draw Size (teams)	8*	16	24**	32
Wild Cards	1	2	2	4
Qualifiers	0	2	4	8
Direct Acceptances	7	12	18	20

\*Main Draw of eight (8) will be permitted in exceptional circumstances only at BT10, BT50 and Sand Series Tour Final level.

\*\*Main draw size maximum of 24 for Mixed Doubles

II. If there are sixteen (16) or fewer entered teams, a Qualifying event must not be played.

#### b. Seeds

##### I. Number of Seeds

The Number of Seeds shall be as follows:

##### i. Qualifying

Each section of the draw shall have no more than two (2) seeded teams.

##### ii. Main Draw

32 draw: 8 seeds  
 24 draw: 8 seeds  
 16 draw: 4 seeds  
 8 draw: 2 seeds

There is to be only one seeding list, and seeding will not be official until the Draw is made.

##### II. Selection of Seeds

Seeding shall be based on the combined World Ranking position of each team, using the World Rankings published the Monday immediately prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. Ties shall be separated using the System of Merit. Teams where both players do not have a World Ranking shall not be given a combined ranking and shall not be seeded.

#### c. Making the Draw

##### I. Qualifying

##### i. Sections and Seeds

The Qualifying Draw shall be made in sections and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the Main Draw. If two (2) qualifier teams are required, there shall be two (2) sections; if four (4) qualifier teams are required, four (4) sections; and so on. The Draw shall have seeds and the selection of seeds shall be consistent with the criteria detailed above in section 3b II – Selection of Seeds.

## ii. Placing of Seeds

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until one (1) seed appears on the top line of each section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until one (1) seed appears on the bottom line of each section.

## iii. Byes

In the event that there are not enough teams to fill the Draw then, after the seeds are placed in the Draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the Draw.

## iv. Vacancies/Substitutions

Vacancies in the Qualifying shall be filled by doubles teams who signed in. These teams will be selected using the System of Merit.

# II. Main Draw

## a. Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw

Once the Qualifying event has begun, only Qualifiers and Lucky Losers may be accepted into the Main Draw. The Qualifying event commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.

## b. Placing of Seeds

Taking into account the provisions of Regulation 3.b 'Seeds', seeds shall be placed or drawn as follows:

- Seed 1 shall be placed on line 1 and Seed 2 on line 16 (8/16 draw), line 32 (24/32 draw), or line 64 (48/64 draw).
- To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (seeds 3 and 4) and groups of four (Seeds 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16) from top to bottom as follows:

	16 Draw (4 seeds)	24/32 Draw (8 seeds)
Seeds 3,4	5 12	9 24
Seeds 5,6,7,8		8 16 17 25
Seeds 9,10,11,12		
Seeds 13,14,15,16		

## c. Byes

In the event that there are not enough teams to fill the draw then, after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw. The Referee must not reduce a Draw size to reduce the number of byes.

d. Drawing of Qualifiers/Lucky Losers

The placing of Qualifiers and Lucky Losers into the Main Draw will be drawn by lot along with all other unseeded Main Draw Direct Acceptances.

If the Qualifying event is not completed at the time of the Main Draw, then the places for the undesignated Qualifiers, and Lucky Losers if applicable, shall be designated as “Qualifier” and drawn by lot along with the unseeded Main Draw Direct Acceptances. At the completion of the Qualifying event, the Main Draw places designated as “Qualifier” will be filled by Qualifiers, and Lucky Losers if applicable, by drawing by lot one team for each available space. Vacancies that occur in the Main Draw before completion of the Qualifying event, to be filled by Lucky Losers, will be drawn in conjunction with Qualifiers.

If multiple vacancies occur in the Main Draw after it has been made and following completion of the qualifying event, the position of each eligible Lucky Losers will be drawn by lot.

e. Remaining Doubles Teams

After the seeds and the byes are placed in the Draw as provided at (b) and (c) directly above, then the remaining doubles teams, including Qualifiers and Lucky Losers, shall be drawn by lot to determine in which places they are to be entered into the Draw.

f. Vacancies/Substitutions

After commencement of the Qualifying competition vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers.

Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows:

Teams shall be grouped according to the round reached in the Qualifying competition with priority being given to teams who progressed furthest. Within those groups, teams will be grouped in accordance with the System of Merit and drawn randomly within each group.

#### **4. Round Robin**

If there are fewer than nine (9) entered teams in the Main Draw, the event shall be played as a round robin in accordance with the format detailed below.

a. Round Robin of 3-5 teams

In cases where there are 3-5 teams on the final Acceptance List, one Round Robin group shall be played.

b. Round Robin of 6-8 teams

In cases where there are 6-8 teams on the final Acceptance List, two (2) Round Robin groups shall be played.

Upon completion of the Round Robin competitions the top team in each group shall play a final: Winner Group A vs Winner Group B

**c. Number of seeded teams and seed positions**

Draw size	3, 4 or 5 teams	6 teams	7 or 8 teams
Seeds	0	2	2
Based on Round Robin Groups A & B	3, 4 or 5 pos in Group A	3 pos in Group A, 3 pos in Group B	3 or 4 pos in Group A, 4 pos in Group B
Seed 1		Line 1, Group A	Line 1, Group A
Seed 2		Line 1, Group B	Line 1, Group B

**d. Making the Draw**

The top two seeded teams shall be placed in separate Round Robin groups. All other teams shall be drawn by lot. If there are seven entries and one Round Robin group is larger than the other, the number 1 seed shall be placed in the smaller group.

In the case of Withdrawal(s) after the Draw has been made but before the start of play which subsequently results in a round robin group containing fewer than three (3) teams, one team from the larger group will be drawn by lot to replace the withdrawn team except that the seeded team will not be included in the Draw. In the case of a Withdrawal(s) resulting in fewer than a total of six (6) teams in the event, all teams will be placed in Group A in accordance with the Draw sizes detailed above.

Any Withdrawal after the start of play will be treated as a 'walk over' for the remaining teams in the group.

**e. Calculating Final Position in Round Robin Events**

In Round Robin events the following rules apply:

- The standings calculation will only include the results of matches played amongst the players/teams who completed all matches in the round robin group. Retired matches count as completed for this purpose. All matches for a team that concedes 1 or more walkovers shall not be included for the purpose of the standings calculation.
- Doubles teams are awarded one (1) point for winning a match.

The standings in the group are determined by:

- Highest number of points;
- If the number of points is equal for two (2) teams:
  - the head-to-head result;

- If the number of points is equal for three (3) or more teams, for these teams only:
  - the percentage of sets won from sets played against all teams in the group;
    - if, after this calculation, only two teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two teams will be used to break the tie;
  - the percentage of games won of games played against all teams in the group;
    - if, after this calculation, only two teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two teams will be used to break the tie;
  - if, after this, there are still teams that remain tied, then final standing shall be drawn by lot.

**f. Distribution of Prize Money**

Prize Money will be distributed in accordance with the Prize Money Distribution Rule. For the purposes of this rule: if one (1) round robin group is played, a team's final standing shall be used; if two (2) round robin groups are played, the second-place teams in each group shall be awarded semi-finalist Prize Money and the remaining teams shall be awarded quarter-finalist Prize Money, if applicable.

**g. Distribution of Ranking Points**

Ranking points will be awarded to players based on their team's final position in accordance with the Ranking Points table. For the purposes of this rule: if one (1) round robin group is played, a team's final standing shall be used; if two (2) round robin groups are played, the second-place teams in each group shall be awarded semi-finalist ranking points and the remaining teams shall be awarded quarter-finalist ranking points.

Full points will only be awarded to teams that have won a minimum of one (1) match. A team failing to win a match will receive 50% of the available points.

**h. Qualifying Draw Format**

The format for round robin groups in Qualifying shall be the same as for round robin groups in the Main Draw. The number of Qualifiers will be in accordance with Regulation G.3, "Format of Knock-out Draws – Main Draw".

**i. Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw**

Where a round robin group is used in Qualifying, pursuant to Regulation 4(h) above, teams shall qualify for the Main Draw based on their final position in the round robin group. For the purpose of this rule, where there are two (2) groups, the winner in each group will be considered the first two (2) teams accepted and the second-place team in each group will be the next two (2) teams accepted and so on until all Qualifying positions have been filled.

## 5. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes

Alternates and Lucky Losers must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of play, which may occur over several days, in order to maintain their priority among other Alternates and Lucky Losers of the same round. If the eligible Lucky Loser team is not available to play, that team shall be placed at the bottom of the Lucky Loser priority list for that day corresponding to the Qualifying round in which the team lost.

## 6. Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds

Seedings will not be official until the Draw is made. Any vacancy created by the Withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked team in that draw. The position vacated by that next highest ranked team shall then be filled by the next team on the original Acceptance List if prior to the commencement of Qualifying or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after commencement of qualifying. Any vacancy created by the Withdrawal of a seed that occurs after the release of the Order or Play on the day preceding commencement of play in the Main Draw, shall be filled by an eligible Lucky Loser.

## 7. Suspension, Postponement, and Abandonment

The ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any suspension by the chair umpire must be reported immediately to the ITF Supervisor. Unless and until a match is postponed by the ITF Supervisor, the players, chair umpire and any on-court officials must remain ready to resume the match. The ITF Supervisor must make the decision on the postponement of a match until a later date.

Upon suspension of a match, the chair umpire, or doubles teams if no chair umpire is provided, must record the time, point, game and set score, which team was serving, the sides on which each team was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match. If suspension is due to darkness it should be after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress or at the end of a set. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

- i) 0 – 15 minutes delay                      - no warm-up
- ii) 15 – 30 minutes delay                  - three (3) minutes of warm-up
- iii) more than 30 minutes delay - five (5) minutes of warm-up

The ITF Supervisor may abandon a tournament due to conditions of the grounds or weather where it is deemed unviable for the tournament to continue.

## 8. Hospitality

Where official hospitality is offered, the conditions of such hospitality must be available in compliance with the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements* and the conditions must be equal for the men's and women's events at Tournaments. Hospitality may not be conditional on a team's performance or on the entry of specific players or teams.

Where hospitality is offered it is defined as a complimentary room including 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 breakfast at the official hotel, prior approval must be obtained from the ITF.

## 9. Courts

All match courts shall be of exactly the same surface. The orientation of all match courts shall be substantially aligned, except in exceptional cases approved in writing by the ITF.

In the event of bad weather play may be moved under cover, but the surface of all such courts must be the same.

Sufficient match courts must be available to accommodate full Qualifying and Main Draws.

The court requirements as set out in the *ITF Beach Tennis Organisational Requirements* must be met by all tournaments.

## 10. Tournament Administrator/Tournament Director

The National Association sanctioning or organising the Tournament shall designate a Tournament Administrator from within the National Association to administer the Tournament. In addition, the National Association and Tournament Administrator may appoint a Tournament Organiser to organise the Tournament, including managing the Entry Lists.

The National Association and Tournament Administrator shall appoint a Tournament Director who shall be responsible for the organisation of the event onsite during the Tournament. The Tournament Organiser and Tournament Director are not permitted to compete in the Tournament.

If the Tournament Organiser/Director is found to be entered into a Tournament prior to his/her team's first match, his/her team shall immediately be removed from the Acceptance List/Draw and may be subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct. If the Tournament Organiser/Director is found to have competed in a Tournament his/her team shall be defaulted from the event and shall forfeit any Prize Money and/or ranking points earned and may be subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct.

## 11. ITF Supervisor

Each Applicant must provide at its sole expense an appropriate official, as defined in the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements*, to serve as the ITF Supervisor for the Tournament. The ITF Supervisor is responsible for:

- a. ensuring the uniform administration and interpretation of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations, ITF Beach Tennis Code of Conduct, ITF Rules of Beach Tennis, Duties and Procedure for Officials and the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements*;
- b. making the Draw;
- c. using Tournament Planner software before and during the Tournament;
- d. Uploading orders of play and results daily using Tournament Planner software; and
- e. on conclusion of the Tournament sending to the ITF the ITF Supervisor Report Form, including details of any penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct. A list of any penalties imposed shall be posted during the Tournament on the competitors' notice board and shall be updated on a daily basis.

All decisions of the ITF Supervisor are final, unless specified otherwise in these Regulations.

The ITF Supervisor may not be the Tournament Director and is not permitted to compete in the competition.

If the ITF Supervisor is found to be entered into a Tournament prior to his/her team's first match, his/her team shall immediately be removed from the Acceptance List/Draw and may be subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct. If the ITF Supervisor is found to have competed in the Tournament his/her team shall be defaulted from the event and shall forfeit any Prize Money and/or Ranking points earned and may be subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct.

## **12. Tournament Doctor / Sports Physiotherapist**

Each Tournament must provide at its sole expense, medical personnel as set out in the *ITF Beach Tennis Organisational Requirements* and defined in the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards*.

## **13. Match Format**

Each match in the Qualifying and Main Draws for Men's and Women's Doubles will be the best of three sets: two tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set should the score reach one set all, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Qualifying and Main Draws for Mixed Doubles matches will be three sets – two (2) short sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set.

Qualifying Draw for the World Championships will be the best of three sets: two tie break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set should the score reach one set at all, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. Three tie-break sets will be trialled in 2025 for the Main Draw of the World Championships

Bonus Draws must follow the Main Draw match format applicable to Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

## **14. Rules of Beach Tennis**

The ITF Rules of Beach Tennis shall apply in all Tournaments.

## **15. Conditions of Play**

### **a. Between Tournaments**

If the ITF Supervisor receives notice from a player of the date and time of his last match played in a previous Tournament, then the ITF Supervisor shall whenever possible give the player one (1) full day's rest between such match and the player's first match in the Tournament.

### **b. Between Matches**

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, members of a doubles team shall be scheduled for a maximum of two (2) Main Draw matches, and three (3) total matches per day. This may be increased to a maximum of four (4) matches per day at BT10 and BT50 tournaments only.



Where a team is to be scheduled to play two or more matches on a particular day (weather or unavoidable circumstances included) they shall be given the following minimum rest periods:

- i. Played less than 1 hour: ½ hour rest
- ii. Played between 1 hour and 1½ hours: 1 hour rest
- iii. Played more than 1½ hours: 1½ hours rest

Players shall not be scheduled to play at least twelve (12) hours between completion of their final scheduled match on the preceding day and the first match on the following day.

Where players are scheduled to play men's/women's double and mixed doubles on the same day, mixed doubles will always be scheduled to play after the men's and women's doubles.

## 16. Entry Fee

The following maximum Entry Fee (including any taxes and fees) may be charged per team per Tournament (unless otherwise authorised by ITF), covering teams in both Main Draw and Qualifying:

TOUR	Max. Entry Fee (per team) *
World Championships	US\$150
Regional Championships	US\$100
Sand Series	US\$150
BT400	US\$150
BT200	US\$100
BT100	US\$100
BT50	US\$70
BT10	US\$70
<u>Mixed Doubles</u>	<u>US\$50 **</u>

\*Each player in a team is responsible for payment of half of the Entry Fee.

\*\* Mixed Doubles Entry Fees only apply to tournaments with prize money. If no prize money is offered, the fee is US\$0.

Entry Fees for World and Regional Cups shall be communicated to nations separately.

Tournaments are recommended to consider a reduced entry fee for teams accepted into the Qualifying Draw, with the balance payable on Main Draw qualification.

Indoor events may charge an additional US\$20 per team.

Tournaments that elect and are approved to pay Prize Money in local currency shall collect entry fees in local currency using the official ITF exchange rate as calculated (see Regulation 19 below for further information).

Entry fees must be payable in at least two of the following formats (additional payment methods are recommended):

- ONE of Cash or Bank Transfer, AND
- ONE of Credit/Debit Card or Online Payment System

The ITF may request tournaments to trial the payment of entry fees using a global payment system.

## 17. Prize Money

Prize Money may be paid via bank transfer, in cash or by cheque.

Prize Money paid in cash or by cheque, shall be made available daily at the Tournament Office on site for each day's eligible players in accordance with the criteria stated below.

If a player specifically requests to receive the Prize Money via bank transfer, the player will be liable for any bank fees associated with such transfer.

If a Tournament elects to pay the Prize Money via bank transfer, the Tournament will be liable for any bank fees associated with such transfer.

For prizemoney payment deadlines, please refer to *ITF Beach Tennis Organisational Requirements*.

The ITF may request tournaments to trial the payment of prize money using a global payment system.

## 18. Tax Deductions

Any Government Income tax deductions from Prize Money must be stated on the Fact Sheet. No taxes other than the stated Income tax may be deducted from Prize Money.

## 19. Currency and Exchange Rate

Prize Money shall be paid in US Dollars unless approval to pay in any other currency is obtained in writing from the ITF at the time of application.

A Tournament may elect to pay on-site Prize Money in US Dollars or in local currency. If local currency is selected, then the exchange rate for a given Tournament (official ITF exchange rate) shall be the average of the six (6) months immediately preceding six (6) months prior to the Tournament. If, on the Monday, prior to the Sign-in Deadline, there is a fluctuation in the official ITF exchange rate of five percent (5%) or more, up or down, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted, up or down as follows:

Exchange Rate Fluctuation	Exchange Rate Adjustment
Less than 5%	None
Between 5 and 10%	5%
10% or greater	One half the Exchange Rate Percentage Fluctuation

(\* For example, if the currency fluctuates 11% from the authorised exchange rate, the exchange rate will be adjusted by 5.5%).

Each Tournament electing to pay on-site Prize Money in a specific non-US currency shall obtain from the ITF the official ITF exchange rate determined as above provided and shall use the same.

## **20. Facilities**

Refer to the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements* for details.

## **21. Balls**

All tournaments must provide sufficient new, ITF Approved Stage 2 balls for practice and the tournament.

Details of ball requirements are stated in the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements*.

## **22. Artificial Lighting**

Play is allowed with artificial lighting provided there is a minimum of 500 lux evenly distributed over the court surface.

## **23. Related Regulations**

To the extent not covered herein, The Constitution of ITF Limited 2024, the 2024 ITF Rules of Beach Tennis and the 2024 Duties and Procedure for Officials shall be applicable to all Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of the Tournaments to promulgate and enforce their own special regulations insofar as they are consistent with the applicable provisions of these Regulations and have been approved by the ITF.

## **H. WORLD AND REGIONAL CUPS REGULATIONS**

This Regulation H applies to the ITF Beach Tennis World Cup and ITF Beach Tennis Regional Cups. In the case of any inconsistencies with the provisions of Regulation G above, the provisions of this Regulation H shall prevail.

*Note: ITF Beach Tennis Regional Cups will be part of the qualification system for the ITF Beach Tennis World Cup.*

### **1. The Competition**

#### **a. Title**

The Competition refers to the ITF Beach Tennis World Cup ("World Cup") and ITF Beach Tennis Regional Cups ("Regional Cups") unless otherwise specified. The World Cup and Regional Cups are international and regional mixed team competitions.

#### **b. Ownership**

The Competition shall be owned by and under the direction and control of the ITF. Regional Association(s) will deliver Regional Cups [on behalf of the ITF], unless otherwise specified by the ITF.

#### **c. Nations Eligible**

The Competition shall be open only to Member National Associations of the ITF.

#### **d. Qualification for the World Cup**

Results achieved at the Regional Cup(s), where held, will determine the teams that qualify, subject to entry, for the World Cup. If Regional Cup(s) are not staged, teams entered in the World Cup will be selected based on merit (i.e. the combined ranking of the nominated two (2) best males and two (2) best female players).

##### **Replacement System**

Where one or more regional place(s) is not taken up, or where a Nation withdraws from the World Cup, any unfilled place(s) shall be offered to (in the following order):

- (i) The highest placed nation(s) in the applicable Regional Cup, not already qualified.
- (ii) The highest placed nation(s) from the applicable region, based on merit (i.e. the combined ranking of the nominated two (2) best males and two (2) best female players);
- (iii) The highest placed nation(s) from any region, based on merit (i.e. the combined ranking of the nominated two (2) best males and two (2) best female players);

The sixteen (16) qualified Nations shall participate in the World Cup in accordance with the following regional distribution of places:

Africa:	2
Asia:	2
Oceania:	1
Europe:	6
North/Central America & Caribbean:	2
South America:	2
Wild Cards:	1

The Committee reserves the right to adjust the draw size for the World Cup and to adjust the regional distribution of places accordingly.

The Host Nation for the final stages of the Competition shall have one (1) place in the draw, to be deducted from that Nation's regional allocation. The Host Nation may decline their participation in the Finals by notifying the ITF no later than the player nomination deadline of the preceding qualifying event. If no qualifying event is held, non-participation must be notified to the ITF by the entry deadline for the Finals. If the Host Nation is from a Region that only has one (1) place according to the regional allocation, the Region shall be awarded an additional place. The additional place is taken away from the Region that finished last at the preceding Final. The ITF has the right to alter this regional selection allocation following the receipt of entries.

#### **e. Qualification for the Regional Cups**

Should there be more entered Nations than there are places in the draw, entry shall be determined in accordance with the following criteria:

- (i) Merit (i.e. the total combined ranking of each of the nominated two (2) males and each of the two (2) best females); then
- (ii) if method (i) results in a tied combined ranking for two or more teams, then the ITF Beach Tennis Committee will determine the entry in consultation with the Regional Association(s), taking into account any consideration it considers relevant, including but not limited to the nations' performances at previous World Cups and Regional Cups.

**f. Format**

The format of play shall be knockout and/or round-robin, as determined by the Committee, with placement ties to provide a finishing position for each Nation.

**g. Entry Fee**

The Entry Fee as well as Conditions of Payment, including payment deadline and conditions of refund, shall be published in the Fact Sheet and/or Entry Form. Failure to meet the conditions of payment may result in a Nation's entry to the World Cup or a Regional Cup being rejected.

Any Nation that fails to pay all, or part of the Entry Fee for its team's participation in a previous edition of the World Cup or Regional Cup shall not be entitled to participate in any future edition of the World Cup or Regional Cup until such payment is made in full.

**h. Rankings**

ITF Beach Tennis World Ranking points will be awarded to players based on their team's final standing at the World Cup or Regional Cup.

To receive Ranking points, a player must have played a minimum of one (1) doubles match (decisive or non-decisive).

See Appendix B "Tournament categories and ranking points" of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations for available points.

**i. Approval/cancellation**

ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned Competition or part of the Competition for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the Competition or to the successful running of the Competition. The ITF bears no liability to any Applicant, Tournament Organiser, Host, National Association, player, Related Person, Covered Person or any other person or entity for any loss incurred as a result of a delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the ITF or the Host Nation shall be liable to any player, Related Person, Covered Person or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Competition, including, without limitation, any travel, transport and/or accommodation costs. This decision (to refuse approval of or cancel the Competition) will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee, or by the ITF Executive if the Committee so delegates its decision-making power, and may be appealed by the Applicant only, to the Independent Tribunal.

**2. Composition of Teams**

Each team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of three (3) male players and a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of three (3) female players. Each Nation can nominate an additional non-playing Captain or can nominate a playing member of their team as Captain.

Players must be in “Good Standing” with their national association as defined in Appendix A of these Regulations in order to be eligible for selection to represent their nation in the Competition.

### **3. Entry and Nomination of Teams**

Entry for the World Cup will be in line with the ITF issued deadline, not less than ten (10) weeks before the first day of play of the first occurring of the World Cup, or first Regional Cup.

Nomination of players and the Captain for the World Cup must be received by the ITF no later than ten (10) weeks before the scheduled first day of play of the World Cup.

Nomination of players and the Captain for the Regional Cups must be received by the appropriate Regional Association no later than ten (10) weeks before the scheduled first day of play of that Regional Cup.

### **4. Change of Nomination**

Two (2) of the nominated players may be changed up to one (1) hour before the Draw. For the avoidance of doubt, adding (rather than replacing) a nominated Player (e.g. adding a third player when only two were nominated previously) before the Nomination deadline constitutes a change of nomination. The nomination of a non-playing Captain may be changed up to one (1) hour before the Draw.

Any changes to team nominations must be notified by the Nation to the Referee, and the Referee will notify the Captain(s) of the other Nation(s) participating in the Tie/Event.

Any requests for additional changes of nomination will be considered by the Beach Tennis Committee.

The Referee shall take such changes into account when determining the final seedings.

### **5. Passports**

The Captain shall present passports of all team members, and shall present photo identification, including date of birth, for himself/herself, to the Referee prior to the start of the Captains’ Meeting. Failure to present passports by the time determined by the Referee may render a team liable to disqualification.

### **6. The Captain**

#### **a. Expectations**

The Captain shall be allowed to sit on court beside the chair of his/her team, but he/she may not move away from that area and in particular may not cross net to the opposite side of the court. Apart from his/her team, he/she may talk to the Chair Umpire and, in the case of an appeal on a question of tennis law, to the Referee. He/she may not talk to any Line Umpires. If the Captain is unable to fulfil his/her duties on court he/she may be replaced by a Captain officially nominated by the National Association concerned and at the National Association’s cost.

## 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.

## 7. Eligibility

Team members, including the Captain, must meet the requirements set out in Appendix A 'The Players'.

A player may only play in either the ITF Beach Tennis World Cup or the ITF Beach Tennis Junior World Cup in any given week.

## 8. Withdrawals and Disqualifications

Any team that withdraws its entry after the nomination deadline and more than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the scheduled first day of tournament will be liable to pay the entry fee.

Any team that:

- (a) withdraws its entry less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the scheduled first day of play; or fails to play all its matches, including bonus draw or placement ties; or
- (b) is disqualified for an offence committed under the Beach Tennis Code of Conduct or Welfare Policy during a Regional Cup or the World Cup will be referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel for disciplinary action in accordance with Regulation 9 below.

Withdrawals shall be replaced in accordance with the replacement system at Regulation 1(d) above.

If a team that otherwise would have qualified for the World Cup is disqualified for an offence committed in a Regional Cup, then that team shall be replaced in the World Cup in accordance with the replacement system at Regulation 1(d).

## 9. Failure to abide by the Regulations

Regulation 6, "Enforcement of Regulations and Resolution of Disputes" shall apply in circumstances where a Nation or Player fails to abide by the Regulations.

In accordance with Regulation 6, where a matter is referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations, the Panel may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

- (a) A caution, reprimand and/or warning as to future conduct.
- (b) A fine payable by a specified date.
- (c) Disqualification/expulsion from the World Cup or Regional Cup(s) and/or any specific matches, and/or stages in the World Cup or Regional Cup(s), with all resulting consequences.
- (d) Disqualification from the next edition of the World Cup or Regional Cup(s), with all resulting consequences.
- (e) Such other sanction(s) as the Panel deems appropriate.

## **10. Conduct of the Competition**

### **a. Composition of Tie**

Each tie shall consist of three (3) doubles and shall be played consecutively on the same court, except as provided in Regulation 10.b. directly below.

### **b. Order of Matches**

The order of matches in each tie shall be Women's Doubles followed by Men's Doubles followed by Mixed Doubles.

Matches shall follow each other directly with a maximum time of ten (10) minutes between the first two matches of a tie and then thirty (30) minutes before a Mixed Doubles tie.

When a result has been obtained following the Men's and Women's Doubles matches, the Mixed Doubles will still be played to obtain the full score except in exceptional circumstances and provided both Captains are in agreement.

### **c. Relocation of Doubles Match**

The Referee has the discretion to transfer a doubles match to another court.

### **d. Notification of Doubles Players**

The Referee shall receive from the Captains, not later than sixty (60) minutes before the scheduled start of play each day, the names of the Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles pairings. The Mixed Doubles pairing may be altered by the Captain after the completion of the second doubles match by formal application to the Referee, to be submitted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the end of the second doubles match. In all cases the Referee's decision to allow or not allow an altered Mixed Doubles pairing is final.

### **e. Substitutions**

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If a player is unable to play his/her match due to health or injury or bereavement following notification of his/her name to the Referee, a substitution may be made by the Captain from the final nominated team providing the official doctor/trainer is in agreement that the player's case is



legitimate and the Referee authorises such a substitution. In all cases the Referee's decision to allow or not allow a substitution is final.

f. Match Format

Each match in the Main Draw will be two tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set should the score reach one set all, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Non-decisive Mixed Doubles matches, (main draw and play-off) if played, shall be best of three short sets (as set out in Appendix VI in the ITF Rules of Beach Tennis).

g. Seeding

Seeded Nations shall be determined by the combined ranking of the top two (2) men and top two (2) women in each team using the latest available ITF Beach Tennis World Rankings at the time of the Draw.

If two nations are equal on combined Beach Tennis Ranking, then the nation with the highest ranked individual player will be the higher seeded team.

The top four (4) teams will be seeded and positioned as follows:

- i. Seed 1 shall be placed in pool A;
- ii. Seed 2 shall be placed in pool B;
- iii. Seeds 3/4 shall be drawn for pools C/D;

Teams ranked 5-8 shall be placed in a draw to determine their pools. The same procedure will be repeated for teams 9-12 and then 13-16.

h. Team Identification

All players in a team must wear predominantly the same colour during all matches. All players in a team shall be dressed in National colours, OR substantially the same colours with the nation name on the front/back.

i. Wild Card

For the World Cup, the selection of the Wild Card(s) will be determined by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee who will consider applications from Host Nations (not directly qualified from Regional Cups), Nations with highly ranked players and those new to / investing resources in Beach Tennis and whose inclusion will be beneficial to the global spread of Beach Tennis.

For Regional Cups, the selection of Wild Card(s), if available, will be determined by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee in consultation with the appropriate Regional Association.

## APPENDICES 2025

### APPENDIX A - THE PLAYERS

**Any reference to players in this Appendix A shall apply to the Captain where appropriate.**

#### **DEFINITION OF “GOOD STANDING” OF A PLAYER**

A National Tennis Association shall determine a player to be in 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 his/her National Tennis association has selected him/her;

(c) makes himself/herself available for selection for Regional Championships and/or World Cup and Regional Cups 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 Tournaments he/she enters, including the conditions of any Code of Conduct adopted for those Tournaments 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, his/her National Tennis Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending a Tournament, including Regional Championships, the World Championships, the World Cup and the Regional Cups; and

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

(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.

A Player with unpaid fines of \$500 or above owing to the ITF, having been afforded sufficient time to pay the fine(s), shall not be considered in 'Good Standing' and shall be ineligible to play in ITF Team Competitions until the fine(s) have been paid.

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

- 1 Any player or Captain who is in Good Standing with his/her National Association in accordance with Appendix A shall be qualified to represent that nation as a player or Captain at a World Cup, Regional Cup and at a World Beach Games (subject to additional eligibility requirements and conditions) if he/she:
  - (a) has not previously represented any other nation at World Cup level; and
  - (b)
    - (i) is a citizen of that nation and holds a current valid passport of that nation; or
    - (ii) is a citizen of that nation, but in circumstances where that nation does not issue its own passport holds a qualifying passport issued by or on behalf of that nation which confirms the player's or Captain's place of birth as that nation; or
    - (iii) after a consecutive period of two (2) years (24 months) residence in that nation, can provide a genuine reason for being unable to hold or make application to hold a current valid passport where:
      - (a) he/she was born, or has a parent or grandparent born in that nation; or
      - (b) he/she has obtained or procured the right to remain permanently or has been granted humanitarian protection in that nation.

- 2 A National Association may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to nominate a player or Captain who is not eligible under the above Regulations on the basis that the full circumstances of the player's 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 1 above is warranted. Such application and all supporting materials 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.

### 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.
- 7 The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel has the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player or Captain is qualified to represent that nation.
- 8 A player or Captain who has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a nation and such a nation is divided into two or more nations shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those nations.

- 9 A player or Captain who has represented or has been eligible to represent a nation and such nation is absorbed in whole or in part by another nation, shall immediately be eligible to represent such other nation.
- 10 A player shall be deemed to have represented a nation if he/she shall have been nominated at the time of the draw.

#### TRANSGENDER POLICY

The ITF will deal with any cases involving transgender and non-binary players in accordance with the principles set out in the ITF Transgender Policy, which can be found on the ITF website: <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>

## APPENDIX B - TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND RANKING POINTS

### ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR RANKING POINTS

Tournaments shall be classified into Prize Money categories, with ranking points as set out below.

#### a. Knock-out events

CATEGORY	MD	QD	QUALIFIERS	ROUNDS	MAIN DRAW						QUALIFYING			CONSOLATION				
					W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32/24	FRQ	R2	R1	W	F	SF	QF	R16
World Championships	32	64	8	3	1000	720	3rd: 576 4th: 432	216	108	54	34	19	13	53	37	29	19	13
	32	48	8	3	1000	720	3rd: 576 4th: 432	216	108	54	34	19	13	53	37	29	19	13
	32	32	8	2	1000	720	3rd: 576 4th: 432	216	108	54	34	-	19	53	37	29	19	13
	32	16	8	1	1000	720	3rd: 576 4th: 432	216	108	54	34	-	-	53	37	29	19	13
Tour Finals	8	0	0	-	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sand Series 100	32	32	8	2	800	504	300	150	75	37	24	-	13	37	27	19	11	7
	32	16	8	1	800	504	300	150	75	37	24	-	-	37	27	19	11	7
Sand Series 75	32	32	8	2	700	432	260	130	65	32	19	-	10	32	23	15	9	6
	32	16	8	1	700	432	260	130	65	32	19	-	-	32	23	15	9	6
Sand Series 50	32	32	8	2	600	360	216	108	54	27	14	-	7	26	19	11	7	5
	32	16	8	1	600	360	216	108	54	27	14	-	-	26	19	11	7	5
BT400	32	32	8	2	400	240	144	72	36	18	9	-	4	17	12	8	6	4
	32	16	8	1	400	240	144	72	36	18	9	-	-	17	12	8	6	4
	24	24	8	2	400	240	144	72	36	18	9	-	4	17	12	8	6	-
	24	16	8	1	400	240	144	72	36	18	9	-	-	17	12	8	6	-
	16	16	4	2	400	240	144	72	18	-	9	-	4	17	12	8	6	-
BT200 / Regional Championships 1	16	8	4	1	400	240	144	72	18	-	9	-	-	17	12	8	6	-
	32	32	8	2	200	120	72	36	18	9	5	-	2	8	6	4	3	2
	32	16	8	1	200	120	72	36	18	9	5	-	-	8	6	4	3	2
	24	24	8	2	200	120	72	36	18	9	5	-	2	8	6	4	3	-
	24	16	8	1	200	120	72	36	18	9	5	-	-	8	6	4	3	-
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	16	16	4	2	200	120	72	36	9	-	7	-	5	8	6	4	3	-
	16	8	4	1	200	120	72	36	9	-	7	-	-	8	6	4	3	-
	32	32	8	2	100	60	36	18	9	5	2	-	1	3	2	1	0	0
	32	16	8	1	100	60	36	18	9	5	2	-	-	3	2	1	0	0
	24	24	8	2	100	60	36	18	9	5	2	-	1	3	2	1	0	-
BT50	24	16	8	1	100	60	36	18	9	5	2	-	-	3	2	1	0	-
	16	16	4	2	100	60	36	18	5	-	3	-	2	3	2	1	0	-
	16	8	4	1	100	60	36	18	5	-	3	-	-	3	2	1	0	-
	32	32	8	2	50	30	18	9	5	1	0	-	0	3	2	1	0	0
	32	16	8	1	50	30	18	9	5	1	0	1	-	3	2	1	0	0
BT10	24	24	8	2	50	30	18	9	5	1	0	1	-	3	2	1	0	-
	24	16	8	1	50	30	18	9	5	1	0	-	-	3	2	1	0	-
	16	16	4	2	50	30	18	9	1	-	1	-	0	3	2	1	0	-
	16	8	4	1	50	30	18	9	1	-	1	-	-	3	2	1	0	-
	8	0	0	-	50	30	18	9	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	-

(\*) Tour Finals Ranking Points

<u>Round-robin match win</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Semi-final win</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Final win</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Undefeated champion</u>	<u>1000</u>

BUNDLE POINTS*						
MAIN DRAW						
BUNDLE	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32/ 24
BT400						
TV	40	24	14	7	4	2
HOSPITALITY	20	12	7	4	2	1
OFFICIALING	10	6	4	2	1	0
BT200						
TV	20	12	7	4	2	1
HOSPITALITY	10	6	3	2	1	0
OFFICIALING	5	3	2	1	0	0
BT100						
TV	10	6	3	2	1	0
HOSPITALITY	5	3	2	1	0	0
OFFICIALING	3	2	1	0	0	0

(\*) Additional Bundles are optional and can only be offered at BT100, BT200 and BT400 tournaments at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser.

Classification of Regional Championships 1 (RC1) and Regional Championships 2 (RC2) is determined by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee having regard to the quality of the draw (average player ranking and number of players competing) in the immediately preceding three calendar years. New Regional Championships will by default be allocated RC2 status.

## QUALIFYING DRAW RANKING POINTS

Where held, Qualifying Draw Events will offer ranking points for teams who play the Qualifying Draw and do not qualify for the Main Draw.

CATEGORY	MD	QD	QUALI F I E R S	R O U N D S	Q U A L I F Y I N G		
					FRQ	R2	R1
World Champi onshi ps	32	64	8	3	34	19	13
	32	48	8	3	34	19	13
	32	32	8	2	34	-	19
	32	16	8	1	34	-	-
Tour Fi nal s	8	0	0	-	-	-	-
Sand Series 100	32	32	8	2	24	-	13
	32	16	8	1	24	-	-
Sand Series 75	32	32	8	2	19	-	10
	32	16	8	1	19	-	-
Sand Series 50	32	32	8	2	14	-	7
	32	16	8	1	14	-	-
BT400	32	32	8	2	9	-	4
	32	16	8	1	9	-	-
	24	24	8	2	9	-	4
	24	16	8	1	9	-	-
	16	16	4	2	9	-	4
	16	8	4	1	9	-	-
BT200 / Regi onal Champi onshi ps 1	32	32	8	2	5	-	2
	32	16	8	1	5	-	-
	24	24	8	2	5	-	2
	24	16	8	1	5	-	-
	16	16	4	2	7	-	5
	16	8	4	1	7	-	-
BT100 / Regi onal Champi onshi ps 2	32	32	8	2	2	-	1
	32	16	8	1	2	-	-
	24	24	8	2	2	-	1
	24	16	8	1	2	-	-
	16	16	4	2	3	-	2
	16	8	4	1	3	-	-
BT50	32	32	8	2	0	-	0
	32	16	8	1	0	-	0
	24	24	8	2	0	-	0
	24	16	8	1	0	-	0
	16	16	4	2	1	-	0
	16	8	4	1	1	-	-
	8	0	0	-	-	-	-
BT10	32	32	8	2	0	-	0
	32	16	8	1	0	-	-
	24	24	8	2	0	-	0
	24	16	8	1	0	-	-
	16	16	4	2	0	-	0
	16	8	4	1	0	-	-
	8	0	0	-	-	-	-



## **BONUS DRAWS (CONSOLATION EVENTS)**

Bonus Draws may be held at the discretion of the Tournament. If held, Bonus Draws shall be available to those teams who lose in the first (1<sup>st</sup>) round, or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) round if the team has a bye in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, of the Main Draw.

Bonus Draws must comprise of a minimum of four (4) teams. See Regulation G.13 for match format details for Bonus Draws.

Any points won in the Bonus Draw will be added to any Main Draw points won.

Players electing to enter the Bonus Draw with the necessary information relating to the match schedule commit to the Bonus Draw until its completion. Players withdrawing after the draw has been made and prior to the completion of the Bonus Draw or elimination will forfeit all ranking points (Main Draw and Bonus Draw points).

CATEGORY	MD	QD	QUALIFIERS	ROUNDS	CONSOLATION				
					W	F	SF	QF	R16
World Championships	32	64	8	3	53	37	29	19	13
	32	48	8	3	53	37	29	19	13
	32	32	8	2	53	37	29	19	13
	32	16	8	1	53	37	29	19	13
Tour Finals	8	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sand Series 100	32	32	8	2	37	27	19	11	7
	32	16	8	1	37	27	19	11	7
Sand Series 75	32	32	8	2	32	23	15	9	6
	32	16	8	1	32	23	15	9	6
Sand Series 50	32	32	8	2	26	19	11	7	5
	32	16	8	1	26	19	11	7	5
BT400	32	32	8	2	17	12	8	6	4
	32	16	8	1	17	12	8	6	4
	24	24	8	2	17	12	8	6	-
	24	16	8	1	17	12	8	6	-
	16	16	4	2	17	12	8	6	-
	16	8	4	1	17	12	8	6	-
BT200 / Regional Championships 1	32	32	8	2	8	6	4	3	2
	32	16	8	1	8	6	4	3	2
	24	24	8	2	8	6	4	3	-
	24	16	8	1	8	6	4	3	-
	16	16	4	2	8	6	4	3	-
	16	8	4	1	8	6	4	3	-
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	32	32	8	2	3	2	1	0	0
	32	16	8	1	3	2	1	0	0
	24	24	8	2	3	2	1	0	-
	24	16	8	1	3	2	1	0	-
	16	16	4	2	3	2	1	0	-
	16	8	4	1	3	2	1	0	-
BT50	32	32	8	2	3	2	1	0	0
	32	16	8	1	3	2	1	0	0
	24	24	8	2	3	2	1	0	-
	24	16	8	1	3	2	1	0	-
	16	16	4	2	3	2	1	0	-
	16	8	4	1	3	2	1	0	-
BT10	8	0	0	-	3	2	1	-	-
	32	32	8	2	1	0	0	0	0
	32	16	8	1	1	0	0	0	0
	24	24	8	2	1	0	0	0	-
	24	16	8	1	1	0	0	0	-
	16	16	4	2	1	0	0	0	-

## b. Round Robin Events

CATEGORY	MD	QD	MAIN DRAW			
			1ST	2ND	3RD/ 4TH	5TH- 8TH
BT200 / Regional Championships 1	8	0	200	120	72	36
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	8	0	100	60	36	18
BT50	8	0	50	30	18	9
BT10	8	0	10	7	5	3

BUNDLE POINTS*				
MAIN DRAW				
BUNDLE	1ST	2ND	3RD/4TH	5TH-8TH
BT200				
TV	20	12	7	4
HOSPITALITY	10	6	3	2
OFFICIATING	5	3	2	1
BT100				
TV	10	6	3	2
HOSPITALITY	5	3	2	1
OFFICIATING	3	2	1	0

Additional Bundles are optional and can only be offered at BT100, BT200 and BT400 tournaments at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser.

Classification of Regional Championships 1 (RC1) and Regional Championships 2 (RC2) is determined by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee having regard to the quality of the draw (average player ranking and number of players competing) in the immediately preceding three calendar years. New Regional Championships will by default be allocated RC2 status.

## ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD CUP RANKING POINTS

Nation's Position	Ranking points
1st	150
2nd	130
3rd	110
4th	90
5th	70
6th	68
7th	66
8th	64
9th	56
10th	54
11th	52
12th	50
13th	42
14th	40
15th	38
16th	36

Nation's Position	Ranking points
17 <sup>th</sup>	30
18 <sup>th</sup>	29
19 <sup>th</sup>	28
20 <sup>th</sup>	27
21st	24
22nd	23
23rd	22
24th	21
25th	18
26th	17
27th	16
28th	15
29th	12
30th	11
31st	10
32nd	9

## REGIONAL TEAM CUP (RTC) RANKING POINTS

Nation's Position	Ranking points
1st	100
2nd	87
3rd	73
4th	60
5th	47
6th	45
7th	44
8th	43
9th	37
10th	36
11th	35
12th	33
13th	28
14th	27
15th	25
16th	24

Nation's Position	Ranking points
17th	21
18th	20
19th	19
20th	18
21st	17
22nd	16
23rd	15
24th	14
25th	13
26th	12
27th	11
28th	10
29th	9
30th	8
31st	7
32nd	6

## APPENDIX C - MEDIA, COMMERCIAL AND DATA RIGHTS

The ITF Beach Tennis World Tour (“Tour”) is sanctioned and governed by ITF Ltd (“ITF”).

The individual beach tennis Tournaments (“the Tournaments”) which comprise the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour are organised and staged by the National Tennis Association of the country where the Tournament is held (“National Association”) and/or by promoters/organisers approved by the applicable National Association. The National Tennis Associations are members of the ITF.

The National Associations own and/or control the Tournaments staged under their jurisdiction and recognise the mutual benefits that may be created for them and the ITF by establishing a framework for the creation and exploitation of certain rights relating thereto.

Unless otherwise agreed in a Tournament Hosting Agreement or similar, specific rights (as defined below) relating to the Tour and the Tournaments shall be exploited as set out below.

If a Tournament Organiser has been validly approved and sanctioned by a National Association and the ITF via the ITF’s application process for organising and running a Tournament, that National Association may sub-license to such Tournament Organiser any rights granted to the National Association by the ITF pursuant to this Appendix C, provided that the National Association shall at all times remain responsible for the Tournament Organiser’s compliance with these Regulations.

All rights in and in relation to the Tour which are not expressly granted to National Associations under these Regulations are reserved to the ITF.

### 1. DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations the following terms shall have the meaning described below:

“Tour Sponsor Rights”	The right of ITF to appoint a sponsor (a “Tour Sponsor”) of the overall Tour and/or of a Cross Border Group (as defined below) (i.e. not in respect of individual Tournaments and/or groups of Tournaments in one country) including without limitation in the form of “the XYZ ITF Beach Tennis World Tour”;
“Commercial Rights”	Any and all commercial rights relating to the individual Tournaments excluding the Data Rights, the Media Rights and Tour Sponsor Rights but including without limitation Tournament sponsorships (including without limitation sponsorship of individual Tournaments and sponsorship of groups of Tournaments in one country or jurisdiction), official supplier or commercial partner arrangements, venue or Tournament related advertising (including on digital media), programmes, tickets and hospitality;
“Coverage”	Any and all audio-visual, audio or visual coverage of a Tournament or any part thereof;
“Cross Border Group”	Shall mean groups of Tournaments staged under the jurisdiction of two or more different National Associations, as authorised by the respective National Associations (and which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, the Sand Series events);

“Data Rights”	Shall mean the Live Data Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights;
“Delay Period”	Shall mean the period of 30 seconds immediately following the actual occurrence of an incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (such as match starting, a fault, a point being scored, an ace etc.);
“Non-Live Data Rights”	Shall mean the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all Official Data outside of the applicable Delay Period;
“Own Tournaments”	Shall mean in respect of a National Association, those Tournaments that are staged under its sole jurisdiction, and excluding all Cross Border Group Tournaments;
“Host Territory”	Shall mean, in respect of each Own Tournament and/or individual Cross Border Group tournament, the country or territory in which such event is being staged;
“Internet Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit and/or make available the Coverage for reception by viewers by means of the Internet and to operate Tournament websites and run social media feeds and campaigns;
“Media and Commercial Rights Working Group”	Shall mean the group of individual representatives of National Associations and the ITF;
“Live Data Rights”	Shall mean the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any live match scores/in-match incident (such as match starting, a fault, a point being scored, an ace etc.) during the applicable Delay Period;
“Live Signal”	Shall mean a live audio-visual signal of Coverage of a Tournament;
“Live Streaming”	Shall mean the transmission and/or making available of Coverage from a Tournament through a Live Signal by means of the Internet Rights and/or Mobile Rights which shall only be permitted in accordance with paragraph 3 (Media Rights) below;
“Media Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit, exhibit or otherwise make available the Coverage or any part thereof by any form of electronic media including without limitation by means of the Television Rights and/or Internet Rights and/or Mobile Rights;
“Mobile Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit, exhibit or otherwise make available the Coverage or any part thereof by means of mobile wireless technology (e.g. GPRS, GSM and/or UMTS) and/or mobile broadcast technology (e.g. DVB-H, DAB, DMB-T) and any similar, derivative, replacement or updated technologies;
“Net Revenue”	Shall mean revenues actually received by or on behalf of ITF, net of sales taxes, from the exploitation of Commercial Rights and/or

Circuit Sponsor Rights and/or Media Rights hereunder after deduction of any costs, which are subject to the mutual approval of the ITF and each relevant National Association, incurred directly in the generation of such revenues (e.g. agency commissions, production costs, incremental and directly attributable ITF staff costs) and/or any taxes levied thereon (including withholding taxes);

“Official Data”

Shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring, including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incidents (such as match starting, a fault, a point being scored, an ace etc.) and/or other statistical information relating to any Tournament and/or the participants therein;

“PAT Data”

“Player Analysis Technology Data” or “PAT Data” shall mean player performance analysis data and/or other data or information (and any analysis derived from that data or information) that is collected (a) during a match in any Beach Tennis World Tour Tournament, and (b) by means of any system of Player analysis technology that is approved by ITF for use in that Tournament, whether or not it is collected by or in co-operation with the ITF, a Nation or the Player.

“Protected Period”

Shall mean any period and such rights as are notified by the ITF to the National Associations in writing, in respect of which the ITF has agreed to grant to a third party in respect of a Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the Tour;

“Television Rights”

Shall mean the right to exhibit and/or licence third parties to exhibit the Coverage live and/or delayed and/or in highlights form by means of traditional broadcast television delivery including without limitation terrestrial, cable, and satellite television, analogue and/or digital.

## **2. MEDIA RIGHTS**

### **A. ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR EVENTS (SAVE FOR SAND SERIES)**

This paragraph 2A sets out the regulations which govern Media Rights in respect of all ITF Beach Tennis World Tour events save for the Sand Series, which is addressed separately at paragraph 2B below, and the World Cup and World Championships which are addressed separately in event contracts.

Each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of its Own Tournaments and retain all revenues thereby generated.

As part of their retained Media Rights, the National Associations may carry out and/or authorise Live Streaming and/or other exhibitions of Coverage of their Own Tournaments. Each such National Association will not, during the Protected Period, allow any such Coverage through Live Streaming to be transmitted or made available by means of the Internet Rights or Mobile Rights with a less than 30 second delay between the action taking place at the Tournament and the Live Streaming being available to viewers unless a shorter delay period is agreed otherwise with ITF in writing on a

case by case basis. For the avoidance of doubt National Associations will not be required to delay exhibitions made by means of the Television Rights.

ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the whole Tour. ITF shall be free to enter into commercial arrangements in its discretion and to notify each of the National Associations of the relevant details as soon as it is reasonably able to do so in each case.

During the Protected Period, ITF shall be exclusively entitled to seek licensees for the right to transmit or make available Live Streaming of the relevant National Association's Own Tournaments for use in connection with the provision of betting and gaming services.

Each National Association shall retain the right to produce and/or appoint a third party to access its Own Tournaments in order to produce Coverage thereof. Where ITF has concluded any Media Rights arrangement in respect of a Cross Border Group or the overall Tour (which will include without limitation any such arrangement for Live Streaming for betting and gaming purposes), and provided that a National Association is producing Coverage to exploit Media Rights in respect of any of its Own Tournaments, the respective National Association shall ensure that the producer of the Coverage, whether a broadcaster, production company or other entity, makes the Coverage available to ITF and/or ITF's licensees, as a Live Signal (if available) at the venue of the relevant Tournament(s) (or other agreed point) and procure that access to the Live Signal is free of charge, subject to payment for transmission of the production feed (uplink and downlink) and/or in the form of tape delay subject to payment of reasonable tape costs.

If, 60 days before the scheduled start of a Tournament: (i) a National Association is not producing and has not appointed a third party to produce Coverage in respect of that Tournament and (ii) the ITF has concluded a Media Rights arrangement in respect of such Tournament as part of a Cross Border Group or the overall Tour (which will include without limitation any such arrangement for Live Streaming for betting and gaming purposes), then in such circumstances ITF shall be responsible for producing and/or appointing a third party to access the relevant Tournament in order to produce Coverage to the extent required for any Media Rights arrangement in respect of such Cross Border Group or the overall Tour. In such case, the relevant National Association shall procure reasonable access to the Tournament venues and existing facilities (e.g. parking) for ITF's broadcaster, production company or other entity free of charge save for reimbursement of reasonable, directly attributable and incremental costs incurred by the relevant National Association and any of its Own Tournaments. ITF shall ensure that the producer of the Coverage, whether a broadcaster, production company or other entity, makes the Coverage available to the relevant National Association, as a Live Signal (if available) at the venue of the relevant Tournament(s) (or other agreed point) and use reasonable efforts to procure that access to the Live Signal is free of charge, subject to payment for transmission of the production feed (uplink and downlink) and/or in the form of tape delay subject to payment of reasonable tape costs.

The National Association shall also grant to the ITF a licence (or procure from all relevant third parties all necessary rights) to entitle the ITF to use Coverage as it sees fit, indefinitely on any website operated by or on behalf of the ITF, or otherwise for promotional, publicity or marketing purposes, including public relations, in any media or territory.

In the case of any Media Rights exploited by the ITF 20 per cent of Net Revenue will be retained by ITF and 80 per cent of Net Revenue will be shared by National Associations which participate in ITF exploitation of such Media Rights according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

## B. SAND SERIES EVENTS

This paragraph 2B sets out the regulations which govern the Media Rights specifically in respect of the Sand Series events on the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour.

The ITF has the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments, which includes the Sand Series.

Notwithstanding this, the ITF grants to each National Association the right to exploit (and to retain all revenue from) the Media Rights in respect of any individual Sand Series Tournament within the Host Territory only, subject to the ITF's prior written approval of such arrangements and the National Association's compliance with these Regulations. C

In respect of any individual Sand Series Tournament being hosted by a National Association, that National Association must:

- a. use its best endeavours to procure the production of audio-visual coverage of the Sand Series Tournament and to exploit the Media Rights in the Host Territory;
- b. not allow any coverage through Live Streaming to be transmitted or made available by means of the Internet Rights or Mobile Rights with a less than 30 second delay; and
- c. in respect of any such coverage of the Sand Series Tournament:
  - a. ensure that its production is in accordance with the ITF's broadcast quality standards as notified by the ITF; and
  - b. procure for ITF and its licensees access to that coverage free of charge as a Live Signal at the tournament venue (subject to the ITF paying a fee for the transmission of the production feed (uplink and downlink), and/or in tape delay format (subject to the ITF's payment of reasonable tape costs), or as otherwise agreed with the ITF.

If, sixty (60) days before the scheduled start date of the Sand Series Tournament, the National Association is unable to demonstrate to the ITF that arrangements are in place for the production of audio-visual coverage and the exploitation of the Media Rights within the Host Territory, ITF will have the option but not the obligation to exploit the Media Rights for the Sand Series Tournament in the Host Territory. If ITF exercises such option, all related Media Rights granted to the National Association by the ITF shall revert immediately to ITF. The National Association must co-operate fully with ITF in seeking to exploit such rights including without limitation permitting ITF and/or its production company/licensee free of charge access to the venue of the Sand Series Tournament for the purposes of producing the coverage of the Sand Series Tournament. In such case, any income and expense relating to the exploitation of such Media Rights will be retained and borne by the ITF.

The ITF shall retain and exploit all Media Rights in relation to territories outside of the Host Territory and shall be entitled to twenty percent (20%) of the Net Revenues derived from the exploitation of the international Media Rights for the Sand Series. Each National Association that hosts a Sand Series Tournament shall be entitled to an equal share of the Net Revenue derived from the exploitation of the international Media Rights for the Sand Series ("equal" being the percentage entitlement afforded to each National Association as one of the group of National Associations hosting a Cross-Border Group tournament entitled to (collectively) 80% of the Net Revenues derived from the international Media Rights).



### 3. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Subject to any Tour Sponsor Rights which may be granted by the ITF, each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Commercial Rights in respect of (i) its Own Tournaments and (ii) any individual Cross Border Group tournament event being hosted by that National Association, and in each case retain all revenues thereby generated.

ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Tour Sponsor Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the overall Tour. ITF shall be free to enter into arrangements in its discretion and to notify each National Association of the relevant details as soon as it is reasonably able to do so in each case. On receipt of such notification by the ITF, the National Association shall not enter into any agreement with any competitor of the Tour Sponsor (for these purposes a 'competitor' is any other business operating in the same product or service sector as the Tour Sponsor). In the event of any such agreement already being in place at the time of the National Association's receipt of such notification, the National Association shall immediately inform the ITF and discuss in good faith with the ITF any steps that the ITF considers appropriate in order to avoid any overlap in sponsorship rights.

In the case of Tour Sponsor Rights exploited by the ITF, 20 per cent of Net Revenue will be retained by ITF and 80 per cent of Net Revenue will be shared by National Associations which participate in activating such Tour Sponsor Rights according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group. (For the avoidance of doubt, only National Associations which host Sand Series events shall be eligible to receive a share of the Net Revenue generated by Tour Sponsor Rights in respect of the Sand Series.)

The ITF reserves the right upon written notification to the relevant National Association in advance of each Tournament to allow access to Tournaments for international sponsors with whom the ITF has contractual arrangements in order for the international sponsor to carry out promotional activity which has been approved by the ITF and which may include but not be limited to the right to banner space, space to operate stands or exhibitions and the right to hand out free samples or promotional material.

For the avoidance of doubt no sponsorship will be permitted either as part of the Commercial Rights or as Tour Sponsor Rights to any entity in respect of tobacco or e-cigarette products, hard liquor products, betting companies, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, as reasonably determined by ITF in consultation with the applicable National Associations. It is permitted to appoint casinos or national, regional or state sports lotteries as part of the above rights (with the prior approval of the ITF) provided they do not offer tennis betting as part of their business activity.

The Commercial Rights for the World Cup and World Championships and Sand Series Tour Finals are addressed separately in event contracts.

### 4. DATA RIGHTS

The ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Live Data Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the overall Tour and will keep the National Associations informed about any agreements entered into with a third party for the purposes of such exploitation. In respect of any Protected Period, the ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Live Data Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights in respect of Own Tournaments also, unless otherwise expressly agreed with the relevant National Association in advance in writing.

Other than in respect of any Protected Period, the National Associations will retain all rights not expressly granted to the ITF that relate to their Own Tournaments including, without limitation, with respect to the Live Data Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights. Notwithstanding the grant to ITF in the paragraph above, the National Associations shall retain the right to exhibit:

- a. Live Data Rights on on-court scoreboards and other areas located within the respective venues; and
- b. Live Data Rights on exhibitions made by means of the Television Rights of their own Tournaments to which such Live Scoring Rights relate.

Any and all Net Revenue generated from the exploitation of the Live Data Rights and Non-Live Data Rights by ITF shall be divided 20 per cent to ITF and 80 per cent to be shared by National Associations according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

The National Associations and Tournaments shall co-operate (which shall include ensuring that contractual obligations with third parties relating to the organising and operation of Tournaments are consistent with the following requirements) with the ITF in relation to:

- any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> party) of Live Data Rights and Non-Live Data Rights at Tournaments;
- any reasonable measures that the ITF takes to protect the value of the Live Data Rights including without limitation to prevent the unauthorised collection and exploitation of the Live Data Rights relating to Tournaments during the Delay Period. Such measures may include the implementation and enforcement of ticket conditions, accreditation terms and access to venue agreements and shall be developed by ITF in consultation with the Media, Commercial & Data Rights Working Group.

ITF shall make available to the National Associations free of charge any Official Data collected by ITF for use by the National Associations consistent with this rule.

ITF and the National Associations shall at all times co-operate with and comply with the requirements of the International Tennis Integrity Agency, formerly known as the Tennis Integrity Unit. This can be found at <http://www.itia.tennis>.

## **5. PLAYER ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGY ("PAT") DATA RIGHTS**

### **PAT Data exploitation**

ITF has, subject to the Rules of Tennis, agreed that players using approved PAT systems may collect, collate, assemble and store PAT Data from games and matches played in a Tournament subject to the following conditions:

- i. During a match, coaches and players and any technology providers or service operators involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT Data shall only use such PAT Data for internal analysis and coaching purposes of the respective player and/or team and such use shall be strictly subject to Rule 31 of the Rules of Tennis.

- ii. Each coach and player shall and undertakes to procure that any technology provider or service operator involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT Data at any time shall:
  - a) Not publish, use or otherwise exploit any PAT Data or supply any PAT Data or analysis derived therefrom to third parties for any purposes other than as described in (i) above or that have otherwise been pre-approved in writing by ITF and shall take such steps as ITF may reasonably require to prevent any unauthorised access to and/or use of such PAT Data. In particular, but without limitation, no PAT Data or analysis or product derived therefrom shall be used or supplied to any third party for any purpose related to betting and/or gambling;
  - b) Ensure that ITF shall be able to access free of charge any and all such PAT Data live and/or delayed at the venue of the match and/or such other point as may be agreed, and ITF shall be free to use such PAT Data and authorise third parties to use such PAT Data for any purposes.
- iii. In the event that such PAT Data is accessed by unauthorised third parties and/or ITF reasonably believes that PAT Data and/or PAT equipment and/or services are being used for any purposes in breach of these regulations ITF shall be entitled to rescind its approval and coaches and players will immediately cease use of the PAT system pending resolution.

## **APPENDIX D - MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS**

### **MEDICAL**

#### **a. Medical Condition**

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist (as defined in the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Standards) during the warm-up or the match.

##### **Treatable Medical Conditions**

- i. Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
- ii. Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.

##### **Non-Treatable Medical Conditions**

- i. Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- ii. Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- iii. General player fatigue.
- iv. Any medical condition requiring injections or intravenous infusion, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered. The use of supplemental oxygen on-court is not permitted at any time.
- v. Any medical condition requiring oxygen, unless prior medical approval has been given by the ITF. Except as permitted by this provision, the use of supplemental oxygen is not permitted at any time, for any reason.

#### **b. Medical Evaluation**

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist to evaluate him/her during the next change over or set break. Only in the case that a player develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist to evaluate him/her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other.

At the discretion of the Sports Physiotherapist, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor and may be performed off-court.

If the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

### **c. Medical Time-Out**

A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire when the Sports Physiotherapist has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a change over or set break, unless the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Physiotherapist is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Physiotherapist, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor.

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at BT50 events or below, the ITF Supervisor may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

*Muscle Cramping:* A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

In cases where there is doubt about whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non-acute medical condition inclusive of muscle cramping, or non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. If the Sports Physiotherapist believes that the player has heat illness, and if muscle cramping is one of the manifestations of heat illness, then the muscle cramping may only be treated as part of the recommended treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist for the heat illness condition.

#### **Note:**

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor to have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Chair Umpire to resume play immediately.

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor, he/she may forfeit the point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of end or set-break in order to receive immediate evaluation, and treatment if time allows. There may be a total of two (2) additional change of ends treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player

has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Sports Physiotherapist will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

#### **d. Medical Treatment**

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

#### **e. Penalty**

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalized by Code Violations for Delay of Game.

Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the World Tour Code of Conduct.

#### **f. Bleeding**

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Physiotherapist must be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor, the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play must not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

#### **g. Vomiting**

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomiting has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Sports Physiotherapist must determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

#### **h. Incapacity**

If any concern arises about a player's medical condition (whether physical or psychological), they are unable to compete, or they pose a serious health risk to players, officials or Tournament Organisers or staff, the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor should be called to assist the player as soon as possible.

If the issue arises during a match, the Chair Umpire should immediately call for the Tournament Doctor to assist the player.

The Tournament Doctor is responsible for ensuring that the player is afforded the best medical attention, that his/her well-being is not put at risk, and that his/her medical condition is not a risk to other players or the public at large. All discussions between the Tournament Doctor and the player take place within the context of a doctor-patient relationship and are therefore confidential and may not be divulged to a third party without the informed consent of the player. However, if the Tournament Doctor determines that the player's medical condition makes the player unable to participate safely in the Tournament, the player must permit the Tournament Doctor to advise the ITF Supervisor of their determination (only disclosing medical information to which the player has consented). Upon receipt of that advice from the Tournament Doctor, the ITF Supervisor shall declare whether to retire the player from the match in progress or withdraw the player from the match to be played (as applicable). The ITF Supervisor shall use great discretion before taking this action, and should base the decision on the best interests of beach tennis, as well as taking all medical opinion and advice, and any other relevant information into consideration.

If the player's medical condition improves sufficiently to return to match play, the Tournament Doctor may inform the ITF Supervisor accordingly. At the discretion of the ITF Supervisor, the player may subsequently compete in another event at the same Tournament (e.g. mixed doubles), either that day or on a subsequent day.

It is recognized that national laws or governmental or other binding Regulations imposed upon the Tournament by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Tournament Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

## EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

### Extreme Weather Conditions

#### a. Definitions

#### **Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play**

Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is defined as when the Web-Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) on court meets or exceeds 30.1°C (86.2°F). If the WBGT cannot be measured, then the Heat Index should be calculated using the chart below, and Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 34.0°C (93.2°F).

#### **Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play**

Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the WBGT on court meets or exceeds 32.2°C (90.0°F). If the WBGT cannot be measured, then the Heat Index should be calculated using the chart below, and Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 40.1°C (104.2°F).

Air temperature											
	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.3°C 110°F	46.1°C 115°F	48.9°C 120°F
Relative humidity	Heat Index (combined index of air temperature and relative humidity)										
0%	17.8°C 64°F	20.6°C 69°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.3°C 83°F	30.6°C 87°F	32.8°C 91°F	35°C 95°F	37.2°C 99°F	39.4°C 103°F	41.7°C 107°F

<b>10%</b>	18.3°C 65°F	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.9°C 111°F	46.7°C 116°F
<b>20%</b>	18.9°C 66°F	22.2°C 72°F	25°C 77°F	27.8°C 82°F	30.6°C 87°F	33.9°C 93°F	37.2°C 99°F	40.6°C 105°F	44.4°C 112°F	48.9°C 120°F	54.4°C 130°F
<b>30%</b>	19.4°C 67°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.9°C 84°F	32.2°C 90°F	35.6°C 96°F	40.1°C 104.2°F	45°C 113°F	50.6°C 123°F	57.2°C 135°F	64.4°C 148°F
<b>40%</b>	20°C 68°F	23.3°C 74°F	26.1°C 79°F	30°C 86°F	33.9°C 93°F	38.3°C 101°F	43.3°C 110°F	50.6°C 123°F	58.3°C 137°F	66.1°C 151°F	
<b>50%</b>	20.6°C 69°F	23.9°C 75°F	27.2°C 81°F	31.1°C 88°F	35.6°C 96°F	41.7°C 107°F	48.9°C 120°F	57.2°C 135°F	65.6°C 150°F		
<b>60%</b>	21.1°C 70°F	24.4°C 76°F	27.8°C 82°F	32.2°C 90°F	37.8°C 100°F	45.6°C 114°F	55.6°C 132°F	65°C 149°F			
<b>70%</b>	21.1°C 70°F	25°C 77°F	29.4°C 85°F	33.9°C 93°F	41.1°C 106°F	51.1°C 124°F	62.2°C 144°F				
<b>80%</b>	21.7°C 71°F	25.6°C 78°F	30°C 86°F	36.1°C 97°F	45°C 113°F	57.8°C 136°F					
<b>90%</b>	21.7°C 71°F	26.1°C 79°F	31.1°C 88°F	38.9°C 102°F	50°C 122°F						

#### b. Measurement Procedure

The WBGT or Heat Index should be measured at least three (3) times daily by the ITF Supervisor or his/her designee. Ideally, measurements should be taken every 2 hours, but a minimum three (3) readings should be taken at the following times:

1. 30 minutes before match play begins;
2. Middle of the scheduled day's play; and
3. Just prior to beginning the last match of the day, or just prior to the start of the first evening session match.

The WBGT or Heat Index should also be measured under the following circumstances:

1. Following any suspension of play; and
2. At the discretion of the ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Physiotherapist.

Details on the measurement of WBGT and Heat Index are provided in the current edition of the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards for Tennis Tournaments*.

#### c. Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play

When the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met before the start or resumption of a match, the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) should be followed. For the avoidance of doubt, the ITF Supervisor has the discretion to apply the procedures set out in sub-section (d) at a WBGT or Heat Index below the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion, if in his or her opinion it is required in the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, spectators or others.

If there is a change in weather conditions and the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met while a match is in progress, as determined by the periodic monitoring set out above in sub-section (b), the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) should be followed on all courts, including matches already in progress. Once notified that the Extreme Weather Condition:



Modification of Play criterion is met, the Chair Umpire must inform the players at the next change of ends or set break.

If there is a change in weather conditions and the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is no longer met, as determined by the periodic monitoring set out above in sub-section (b), those matches already in progress should continue to follow the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) until they are completed or suspended.

d. Modification of Play Procedures

A 10-minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets (in a best of 3 tie-break sets match only) if one or more of the players requests such a break. If no player requests such a break, then play will continue.

However, if a match has already resumed following the suspension of play and one set was completed before the suspension of play (in a best of 3 sets match), the 10-minute break will no longer be available, unless otherwise decided by the ITF Supervisor.

The ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist, may choose to delay the starting time for matches until such a time as the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is no longer met.

i. During the 10-minute break:

- a. No coaching is allowed.
- b. A Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment is not allowed, unless approved by the ITF Supervisor. This would normally be restricted to requests for the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist that are made on-court to the Chair Umpire, or were already agreed before the end of the second set (in a best of 3 sets match). However, a player is allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or medical advice from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist during the 10-minute break.

ii. Immediately following the 10-minute break:

- a. Any delay in resumption of play will subject a team to Time Violations (Warning, Point Penalties only apply).
- b. No re-warm up is allowed.
- c. A player is not allowed to receive a Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment, unless approved by the ITF Supervisor.

iii. Consecutive Breaks

An Extreme Weather Condition: Modification of Play 10-minute break and a Bathroom/Change of Attire break cannot be taken consecutively.

e. Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play

When the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met before the start or resumption of a match, the start or resumption of play should be suspended until Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is no longer met. If a game is in progress when the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met, play should be suspended at the end of that

game. Once the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is no longer met, the ITF Supervisor should give the players reasonable notice of the time at which play will resume. For the avoidance of doubt, the ITF Supervisor has the discretion to suspend play at a WBGT or Heat Index below the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion, if in his or her opinion it is required in the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, spectators or others.

f. Lightning

The ITF Supervisor or his/her designee is responsible for monitoring the local weather for lightning. The ITF Supervisor has the authority to suspend play when a thunderstorm appears imminent (for instance if lightning is sighted and thunder occurs in 30 seconds or less). Everyone on-site should be advised to seek appropriate shelter immediately. Play should not resume until the likelihood of a lightning strike has passed (as a guideline, at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike is seen and the last sound of thunder is heard). Additional information on thunderstorms and lightning is provided in the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards for Tennis Tournaments*.

#### TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break. Change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break and toilet breaks should be taken on a set break.

Each team is entitled to a maximum of two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's authorised breaks. These breaks may be taken for toilet visits, change of attire, or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet or change of attire break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court. Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks.

Additional breaks will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if a player/team is not ready to play within the allowed time. The ITF Supervisor shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break if it is interpreted by the ITF Supervisor as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules.

A player should not take a toilet break / change of attire break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the ITF Supervisor.

A player may change his/her attire during a toilet break.

Any abuse of this rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the World Tour Code of Conduct.

## **APPENDIX E - ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **ARTICLE I: GENERAL**

References in this Code of Conduct (“Code”) to the “ITF Executive Director” shall hereafter mean the ITF Senior Executive Director of ITF Tours and Player Pathway.

For the purposes of this Code 'Related Person' is defined as any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, Tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player, or any other person who receives accreditation at a Tour Tournament, World Cup or Regional Cup at the request of the player or any other Related Person.

For the purposes of Article III-1 (Covid-19 Protocols) of this Code, “Covered Persons” is defined as any player, and any player’s coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate of any player, and any tournament personnel, such as an official, tournament director, staff, volunteer, sponsor, health care provider, ITF staff member and members of the media that accredited to attend a Tour tournament or World Cup.

#### **A. PURPOSE**

The International Tennis Federation promulgates this Code in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by players, Related Persons and the organisers of Tour Tournaments and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the sport of Beach Tennis. All references to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall mean the ITF Limited.

#### **B. EXCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY**

This 2024 Code shall be the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any player, Related Person, Covered Person (for the purposes of Article III-1) or tournament in ITF sanctioned Beach Tennis World Tour tournaments including the World Cup and Regional Cups (“Tournament”), except to the extent that disciplinary jurisdiction is established in relation to such Tournaments under (i) the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme; and/or (ii) the ITF Welfare Policy.

#### **C. FINES**

All monetary fines set forth in the Code are in US Dollars.

A player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code shall not be allowed to enter any Tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

A player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year will not be allowed to enter any Tournament in the following calendar year until such time as all fines have been paid.

#### **D. ITF SUPERVISOR / REFEREE**

The approved ITF Supervisor for each Tournament shall be the final authority for the interpretation of these Tournament Rules and Regulations, the Code and the Rules of Beach Tennis as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the Tournament site.

## ARTICLE II: ENTRY OFFENCES

### A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall apply to all Beach Tennis World Tour Tournaments.

### B. ENTRY OFFENCES

#### 1. Late Withdrawal

Any withdrawal from a doubles team accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal and will be penalised. 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 IPIN prior to the relevant Sign-in Deadline.

\*an excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above, and notifies the ITF about the second week's late withdrawal by the last day of the first week's tournament.

A Late Withdrawal penalty will not be applied in the below circumstances:

##### a) On-Site Medical Withdrawal

- i. If a player is forced to withdraw on-site at a tournament for medical reasons, the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed (in English, French or Spanish) by the medically qualified physician on-site indicating the nature of the medical condition and verifying that the player is unfit to continue playing in the current tournament. For the purpose of this sub-paragraph (a), the player must withdraw before the start of his/her first match and the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed and submitted to the ITF no later than the last day of the tournament.
- ii. A player that has sustained a medical condition during the Tournament Week may obtain a Medical Certificate from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist that can be used to withdraw from the following week's tournament without penalty. The player must obtain the Medical Certificate within 24 hours of completing their final match or of retiring from a match.

If the player wishes to use the Medical Certificate to withdraw from the following week's tournament then the player must inform the ITF and the following week's ITF Supervisor (if after the Freeze Deadline) no more than 48 hours after obtaining the Medical Certificate or before the Qualifying Sign-in, whichever is earliest.

Except that, players who complete their final match of the tournament after the Qualifying Sign-in of the following week's Tournament must obtain a Medical Certificate before leaving the site and must inform the following week's ITF Supervisor as soon as possible and within 24 hours.

- iii. An ITF Medical Certificate form obtained and submitted in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) above will excuse a late withdrawal penalty for any subsequent tournament until the player competes in any tennis event, provided a withdrawal for each tournament is submitted online through the player's IPIN account prior to the relevant sign-in deadline.

- b) A doubles team who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List but who is still playing in another Beach Tennis Tour Tournament at the time of the Qualifying sign-in deadline, provided the doubles team withdraws before the Qualifying sign-in closes;
- c) The provisions of Article II, B, 3 One Tournament apply.

## 2. No Show

A doubles team will have committed a No Show Offence if:

- a) the team is accepted into the Qualifying and fails to sign in by the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline; or
- b) the team is accepted into the Main Draw and fails to arrive on-site for their first match in the tournament. The Supervisor may waive the No Show Offence for a doubles team which arrives on-site after the scheduled commencement time for the team's first match, and penalise the team for the On-Site Offence of Punctuality instead.

For the purpose of this rule, both players in a team shall be penalised under the Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

## 3. One Tournament

- a) No player who has entered and been accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Tournament shall play in any other beach tennis event during the period of such tournament except as hereinafter provided.

Participation by a player in an alternative Tournament is only permitted in the following specific circumstances, provided he/she first submits an official Withdrawal for the Tournament he/she was originally committed to, prior to its sign-in deadline:

- i. Player is nominated to represent his/her country in an official team competition recognised by the ITF;
- ii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card offering higher event status (i.e. moving from a Qualifying event to a Main Draw event) into a Tournament;
- iii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card into a Tournament in a higher prize money category;

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

## C. WILD CARDS

No player, or Related Person directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card.

A single violation of this Section shall constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

#### D. 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.

#### E. FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION

Should a player submit documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence, including, but not limited to, documents pertaining to Tournament Entry and Withdrawal and Code appeals, the player's conduct shall constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

#### F. APPEALS

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the player is notified of the violation (the "Notice of Appeal"). The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player wishes to submit.

The use of a "late withdrawal amnesty" as set out in B.1 of this Code of Conduct may not be appealed.

### ARTICLE III: ON-SITE OFFENCES

#### A. GENERAL

Every player, and in relation to team competitions the team Captain, team members, extra players, coach, trainer or officials 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 a Tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply to each player'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 reference to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

#### B. PUNCTUALITY

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the announced order of play. The order of play shall be posted at a highly visible place in a general players' area as designated by the ITF Supervisor.

Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play using all available and reasonable means. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

A player will have committed a Punctuality Offence if he/she is not ready to play ten (10) minutes after his/her match is called.

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his/her match is called shall be defaulted unless the ITF Supervisor in his/her sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

The player may also be subject to the additional penalties set out in Article III P.

This Section applies only to those players who are or have been on-site during the Tournament Week.

### C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable beach tennis attire shall be worn.

Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the ITF Supervisor to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default. (The ITF reserves the right to interpret the following rules so as to give effect to the intent and purposes of these Rules and Regulations).

#### 1. Unacceptable Attire

Players shall wear appropriate clothing at all times during play including warm-up (i.e. no bare chest).

##### a. Footwear

The use of shoes, including trainers and tennis shoes, is not permitted. The use of sand socks (as determined by the ITF Supervisor) is permitted. The ITF Supervisor has the authority to determine that the footwear being used does not constitute a sand sock and can prohibit its use at Tournaments.

#### 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 Competition or Regional Team Competition, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in National colours, OR substantially the same colours with the nation name on the front/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 hats, wristbands, headbands 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, hard liquor products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the ITF Beach Tennis World 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.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinabove set forth the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any beach tennis circuit, series of beach tennis events, beach tennis exhibition, beach tennis tournament, any other sport or entertainment event other than the Tour is prohibited on all dress or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

In the event the utilisation of any of the foregoing permitted commercial identifications would violate any governmental regulation with respect to television, then the same shall be prohibited.

#### 4. Warm-up Clothing

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the ITF Supervisor prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

#### D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds shall elapse from when the last player arrives to his seat on court until the players are ready for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire. This will be followed immediately by the warm-up period of five (5) minutes. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match. These timings may be altered where a tournament is using a pre-match protocol approved by the ITF and shared with players in advance.

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 (20) 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 serve of the next point.

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 serve is struck for the next game. 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 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 (20) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of one Time Violation - Point Penalty.

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



When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY (AOB)

Players and Team members shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the Tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Court Officials or spectators.

F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY (VOB)

Players and Team Members shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the Tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

G. VERBAL ABUSE (VA)

Players and Team Members shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person within the precincts of the Tournament site.

If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

H. PHYSICAL ABUSE (PhA)

Players and Team Members shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the Tournament site.

If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation

of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

#### I. ABUSE OF BALLS (BA)

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a beach tennis ball within the precincts of the Tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including the warm-up). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

#### J. ABUSE OF RACKETS OR EQUIPMENT (RA)

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racket or other equipment within the precincts of the Tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging rackets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire’s chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

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

Players shall not receive on-court coaching during a match (including 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”) is permitted on the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour, subject to the conditions set out in the 2025 Off-Court Coaching Procedures – Beach Tennis World Tour (available via <https://www.itftennis.com/media/14354/2025-bt-off-court-coaching-procedures.pdf>).

Players shall also prohibit their coaches (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site, (2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the Tournament and/or of the officiating thereof.

If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore and the ITF Supervisor may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and may declare an immediate default of such player.

For the purposes of this Rule, a “coach” shall also include any representative and/or relative of a player.

**L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (UnC)**

Players and Team Members shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Competition, the ITF or the sport of tennis. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the sport, its administrators, the Tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

**M. BEST EFFORTS (BE)**

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a Tournament.

For purposes of this Rule, the ITF Supervisor and/or the Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

**N. LEAVING THE COURT (LC)**

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the ITF Supervisor and/or the Chair Umpire. A player who violates this section may be defaulted by the ITF Supervisor and subjected to the additional penalties for “Failure to Complete Match or Tournament” as below.

**O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH (FCM)**

A player/team must complete a match in progress unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. A player who violates this section may be defaulted forthwith by the ITF Supervisor.

If a doubles team fails to complete a match or the Tournament, the ITF Supervisor shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this Section.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

**P. LEAVING THE TOURNAMENT (LT)**

Any player that leaves a Tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, or retires from a tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the tournament

doctor), will forfeit all ranking points and any prize money won in all events at that tournament and be subject to the penalties set forth in X. Suspension Points.

If a doubles team fails to complete the tournament, the ITF Supervisor shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this Section.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore.

#### Q. CEREMONIES (Cer)

A player participating in the finals of a Tournament must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to the penalties set forth in ‘X. Suspension Points’.

#### R. MEDIA CONFERENCE (MC)

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the post-match media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended or otherwise modified by the ITF Supervisor for good cause. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to the penalties set forth in ‘X. Suspension Points’.

#### S. POINT PENALTY SCHEDULE

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST offence	WARNING
SECOND offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD and each subsequent offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the ITF Supervisor shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

The imposition of a penalty under the Point Penalty Schedule shall be final and unappealable.

#### T. DEFAULTS

The ITF Supervisor may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code (Immediate Default) or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above.

In all cases of default, the decision of the ITF Supervisor shall be final and unappealable.

Subject to the exceptions specified below, any player who is defaulted shall be subject to the following additional penalties:

- a. loss of all prize money, hospitality and points earned for that event at that Tournament; and
- b. at the ITF Supervisor’s discretion, default from all other events, if any, in that Tournament.

The exceptions to the additional penalties set out above are:

- a. the player or team was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article III. B and C, or
- b. the player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition, or
- c. the player's doubles partner committed the Code Violation which caused the default.

Default of a player from the remainder of the Tournament may include at the ITF Supervisor's discretion, the removal of accreditation and denial of access to the site. A default as a result of a violation by Team Member other than the player may subject that Team Member to removal of accreditation, and at the ITF Supervisor's discretion, denial of access to the site.

#### U. APPLICATION OF CODE

##### Warnings/Point Penalties/Game Penalties/Defaults

Warnings, Point Penalties, Game Penalties and/or a default if assessed for violation of the Code shall be assessed against the team.

#### 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 therefore and give written notice thereof to the player.

#### W. APPEALS

Any player or Team Member found to have committed an On-Site Offence may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under Section U above to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision).

The appeal shall be made in writing using the form prescribed by the ITF and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days of the last day of the Tournament (the "Notice of Appeal"). The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player/Team Member as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player wishes to submit.

#### X. SUSPENSION POINTS

Suspension points shall be recorded against a player for the following:

Code Violation	Suspension Points
Late Withdrawal	1
Before Freeze Deadline	2
After Freeze Deadline	3
After Qualifying Sign-in Deadline	4
No Show / Failure to sign in at a tournament	6
Punctuality	1
For first warning given	1
For warning + point penalty	2
For warning + point penalty + first game penalty	3
For warning + point penalty + second game penalty	4

For any subsequent game penalty	+1
Default after any of the above	+1
Any Default for a single violation of the Code (Immediate Default)	6
Any Default for punctuality	4
Missing a Ceremony or Media Responsibilities	1
Leaving the Tournament	5

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP) may reduce or waive the suspension points on appeal.

Any player receiving a total of ten (10) suspension points within one 52-week period shall be suspended from competing in ITF Beach Tennis World Tour tournaments for a period of four (4) weeks. At the Notice of Appeal Deadline, the suspended player will be removed from the entry list of any tournament entered that is due to take place during the period of suspension, and prevented from entering any tournament due to take place during the period of suspension. Once the period of suspension has been served, the ten (10) points will be deducted from the player's suspension points total. Should a player have more than ten (10) suspension points when he/she commences his/her period of suspension, the balance of the points will be carried over.

The suspension shall commence from the date to be specified by the ITF, which shall take into account the time required to notify the player's National Association and all other relevant parties.

The ITF is responsible for notifying the National Associations and entry authorities of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour tournaments of any suspension incurred by a player.

Supervisors of ITF Beach Tennis World Tour tournaments shall be in breach of the regulations governing these tournaments if they allow any player appearing on the suspension list sent to them by the ITF to participate in a tournament. Such players will be red flagged in the Tournament Planner system.

#### ARTICLE III-1: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (COVERED PERSONS)

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF introduced an obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the *ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols* including without limitation the *Minimum Standards of Behaviour* (the "Protocols").

The ITF reserves the right at any time to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols. The ITF's decision to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols shall be made entirely at the ITF's discretion and shall be made without any obligation to notify Covered Persons, National Associations, Regional Associations or other governing bodies.

In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols, the provisions in Article III-1. A - D below shall apply.

##### A. MINIMUM STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

All Covered Persons shall comply with the *ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols*, including without limitation the *Minimum Standard of Behaviour* (the 'Protocols'). Any failure to comply with the Protocols shall amount to a violation of this Article III-1. Violation of this Article III-1 may result in the following sanctions:

- (i) For a player: a fine of up to \$500, and/ or an Immediate Default under Article III.S (Defaults). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule at Article III.R;

One violation of this Article III-1 that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or is singularly egregious, or a series of two (2) or more violations of this Article III-1 within a twelve (12) month period which when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the tournament may also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

- (ii) For a Related Person or any other Covered Person: immediate revocation of accreditation and denial of access to the tournament. One or more violations which are singularly or collectively flagrant or egregious or detrimental or injurious to the tournament may also result in permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF tournaments, competitions and events as determined by the ITF.

#### B. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding an alleged violation of Article III-1.A. Upon determining that a violation has occurred, the ITF Supervisor shall specify the fine and/or other sanction(s) to be imposed and give written notice thereof to the Covered Person. The ITF Supervisor shall not revoke a Covered Person’s entry and/or access to an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament without first consulting the ITF Executive Director save where the immediate revocation of entry and/or access to a tournament is, in the reasonable opinion of the ITF Supervisor, necessary to preserve the health and safety of other Covered Persons.

#### C. PAYMENT OF FINES

Each ITF Beach Tennis Tournament shall deduct fines levied by the ITF Supervisor for violations of this Article III-1 from a player’s winnings, if any, and promptly pay the same to the ITF. Any unpaid fines by any Player shall also be collected at other ITF tournaments for remission to the ITF.

A Player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year shall not be allowed to enter and/or access (as applicable) any ITF tournaments in the following calendar year until such time as all fines have been paid.

#### D. APPEAL

Any Covered Person found to have committed an offence under Article III-1.A may, after paying all fines as provided above, appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under section A. above (but not any Immediate Default issued to a player) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel’s decision). The appeal shall be made in writing, using the form prescribed by the ITF and must be filed with the ITF by 17:00 (5.00pm) GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the Covered Person is notified of the violation. The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the Covered Person as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the Covered Person wishes to submit.

### ARTICLE IV: MAJOR OFFENCES



#### A. WAGERS

No player or Related Person (defined hereinafter as including, but not limited to, coaches, therapists, trainers, management representatives, family, and business associates) shall wager anything of value in connection with any Tournament. Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject the player to a fine up to \$1,000 or the amount of prize money won at the Tournament, whichever is greater, and a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all Tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

#### B. BRIBES OR OTHER PAYMENTS

No player or Related Person shall offer, give, solicit or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or participation in any Tournament. Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject the player to a fine up to \$1,000 or the amount of prize money won at the Tournament, whichever is greater, and a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

#### C. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

No player or Related Person at any Tournament or Event shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour" which is defined as follows:

1. One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting "Aggravated Behaviour";
2. One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or is singularly egregious;
3. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour", but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to Tournaments.

In addition, any player or Related Person who, directly or indirectly, offers or provides or receives any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other Covered Person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the tournament site shall be deemed to have engaged in Aggravated Behaviour and be in violation of this Section.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$5,000 or the amount of prize money won at the Tournament, whichever is greater, and a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.



#### D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Beach Tennis. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, the player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Beach Tennis and the ITF Executive Director may provisionally suspend such player from further participation in Tournaments pending a final determination in Section E. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, the player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Beach Tennis and be in violation of this Section.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 and/or to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or circuit.

#### E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF will investigate all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence. All Players and Related Persons must cooperate fully with such investigations. The ITF may make a written demand to a Player or Related Person (a "Demand") to furnish to the ITF any information that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of a Major Offence, including (without limitation) requiring the Player or other Related Person to attend an interview and/or to provide a written statement setting forth his/her knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The Player or Related Person must furnish such information within seven business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article IV.E, the ITF forms the view that a Player or Related Person has a case to answer for commission of a Major Offence, the ITF shall send a written notice to the Player or Related Person (the "Notice of Charge") setting out:

- (a) the Major Offence(s) alleged to have been committed, a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;
- (b) the potential consequences applicable if it is determined that the alleged Major Offence has been committed; and
- (c) the Player or Related Person's entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:
  - (i) to admit the Major Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;
  - (ii) to admit the Major Offence(s) charged, but to dispute and/or seek to mitigate the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the consequences at a hearing; or
  - (iii) to deny the Major Offence(s) charged, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the charge and (if the charge is upheld) any consequences, at a hearing;
- (d) if the Player or Related Person wishes to exercise his/her right to a hearing before the Independent Tribunal, he/she must submit a written request for such a hearing so that it is received by the ITF as soon as possible, but in any event within 10 days of the Player or Related Person's receipt of the Notice. The request must also state how the Player or Related Person responds to the charge in the Notice and must explain (in summary form) the basis for such response. In the event no such response is received by that deadline, the Player or Related

Person will be deemed to have admitted the Major Offence(s) charged, and to have acceded to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge.

In the event that the ITF withdraws the Notice of Charge, or the Player or Related Person admits the Major Offence(s) charged and accedes to the consequences specified by the ITF (or is deemed to have done so), a hearing before the Independent Tribunal shall not be required. Instead, the ITF shall promptly issue a decision confirming (as applicable) its withdrawal of the Notice of Charge or the commission of the Major Offence(s) and the imposition of the specified consequences, and shall send a copy of the decision to the Player or Related Person.

#### Provisional Suspension

At the time, afterwards, or (exceptionally) before, it issues a Notice of Charge, the ITF may impose a Provisional Suspension on the Player or Related Person in question pending determination of the charge(s), where it considers it necessary to protect the integrity and/or reputation of the Competition, the ITF, and/or the sport of tennis.

Where a Provisional Suspension is imposed, the ITF shall notify the Player or Related Person of his/her right:

- (a) at his/her election, to make an application to the Chair of the Independent Tribunal convened to hear his/her case, either immediately or at any time prior to the full hearing, for an order that the Provisional Suspension should not be imposed (or, if the Provisional Suspension has been imposed, that it should be vacated). The Chair of the Independent Tribunal, sitting alone, will rule on the application as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- (b) to have the proceedings before the Independent Tribunal expedited so that the hearing is held, and the charge against him/her is determined, as soon as possible, consistent with the requirements of due process.

In circumstances where the ITF decides not to impose a Provisional Suspension, the Player or Related Person shall be offered the opportunity to accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension pending the resolution of the matter. If the Player or Related Person wishes to accept the offer (and receive credit against any period of suspension that might be imposed), the Player or Related Person must communicate his/her acceptance in writing to the ITF, in a form acceptable to the ITF.

No admission shall be inferred, or other adverse inference drawn, from the decision of a Player or Related Person (a) not to make an application to avoid (or to vacate) a Provisional Suspension, or (b) to accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension.

A Player or Related Person may not, during the period of any Provisional Suspension, play, coach or otherwise participate in any capacity in any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF.

Any period of Provisional Suspension served by the Player or Related Person (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the ITF) shall be credited against any period of suspension imposed by the Independent Tribunal, provided that the Player or Related Person must have respected the terms of the Provisional Suspension in full. No credit against a period of suspension shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the Provisional Suspension (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the ITF), regardless of the Player's or Related Person's status or lack of participation during such period. If a period of suspension is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the Player or

Related Person shall receive a credit for such period of Provisional Suspension served against any period of suspension that may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

#### Hearing

If the Player or Related Person charged exercises his/her right to a hearing, the matter shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal and shall be resolved in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules.

#### 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 the 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.

Any penalties imposed on a Player or Related Person other than suspension from play shall take effect immediately upon notification.

Any breach by a player or Related Person of the terms of their sanction under this section IV 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.

#### G. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied by the Independent Tribunal for Major Offences shall be paid by the player to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof. If the fine is not paid in thirty (30) days:

- (a) the ITF Executive Director will instruct the next ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament or Event to withhold prize money due to the player until settlement is made; and
- (b) the Player's fine will be added to the Player's unpaid fines and Article I.C shall apply.

#### H. APPEAL

The ITF, the Player and/or the Related Person may appeal the Independent Tribunal's decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The appeal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration, in the English language, and shall be governed by English Law.

#### ARTICLE V: MEDICAL CONTROL – ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Any Player, Related Person other Covered Person who enters or participates in the ITF World Tennis Tour shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply with all of the provisions of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, which may be downloaded at [www.itia.tennis](http://www.itia.tennis) (see Code of Conduct) Article VII.

## ARTICLE VI: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES

### A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall apply to each ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournament and Applicant. References in this Article to a “Tournament” shall hereafter mean an ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournament or applicant for such a Tournament, and where applicable refers to the legal entity (personal or corporate) that is applying for, administering, operating or otherwise organising the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournament.

### B. GUARANTEES

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of a Tournament shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall such a Tournament permit any other person or entity to offer, give or pay money or anything of value to a player, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player’s appearance at a Tournament other than prize money and permitted amateur expenses, unless authorised to do so by the Committee. Violation of this Section shall subject the Tournament to a fine up to \$1,000 plus the amount or value of any such payment, disqualification and loss of sanction, and/ or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF. In the event the ITF Executive Director believes that a Tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the Tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Executive Director or his/her agent access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating in any way to such alleged guarantee, or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the ITF Executive Director.

### C. WILD CARDS

No Tournament, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$1,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No Tournament, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport.

Violation of this Section shall subject the Tournament to a fine up to \$1,000 and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF.

### E. ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR RULES AND REGULATIONS

No Tournament shall violate any provisions of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Rules and Regulations. Violation of this Section shall subject the Tournament to a fine up to \$1,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### F. LATE CANCELLATION

No Tournament shall cancel less than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled commencement of the event.

Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$1,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid or due to the ITF, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred and/or denial of subsequent Applications.

#### G. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF introduced an obligation for Tournaments to comply with the *ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols* including without limitation the *Minimum Standards of Behaviour* (the “Protocols”).

The ITF reserves the right at any time to reintroduce the obligation for Tournaments to comply with the Protocols. The ITF’s decision to reintroduce the obligation for Tournaments to comply with the Protocols shall be made entirely at the ITF’s discretion and shall be made without any obligation to notify Tournaments, National Associations, Regional Associations or other governing bodies.

In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation, Tournaments shall comply with the Protocols and any other lawful instructions issued by the ITF for the safe delivery of a Tournament, including without limitation, instructions to protect the health and wellbeing of Tournament participants in response to the Covid-19 global pandemic. Any failure to comply with the Protocols and related instructions from the ITF shall amount to a violation of this Article VI.G. Violation of this Article VI.G shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$1,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid or due to the ITF, an order for reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred by Covered Persons, withdrawal of its sanction and/or denial of subsequent applications to host.

#### H. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Offence by a Tournament and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the Tournament involved. The Tournament must cooperate fully with such investigations.

The ITF may make a written demand to a Tournament (a “Demand”) to furnish to the ITF any information that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of an Offence, including (without limitation) requiring the Tournament to attend an interview and/or to provide a written statement setting forth its knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The Tournament must furnish such information within seven business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article VI.H, the ITF forms the view that a Tournament has a case to answer for commission of an Offence, the ITF shall send a written notice to the Tournament (the “Notice of Charge”) setting out:

- (a) the Offence(s) alleged to have been committed, a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;
- (b) the potential consequences applicable if it is determined that the alleged Offence has been committed; and
- (c) the Tournament’s entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:
  - (i) to admit the Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;

- (ii) to admit the Offence(s) charged, but to dispute and/or seek to mitigate the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the consequences at a hearing; or
  - (iii) to deny the Offence(s) charged, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the charge and (if the charge is upheld) any consequences, at a hearing;
- (d) if the Tournament wishes to exercise its right to a hearing before the Independent Tribunal, it must submit a written request for such a hearing so that it is received by the ITF as soon as possible, but in any event within 10 days of the Tournament's receipt of the Notice. The request must also state how the Tournament responds to the charge in the Notice and must explain (in summary form) the basis for such response. In the event no such response is received by that deadline, the Tournament will be deemed to have admitted the Offence(s) charged, and to have acceded to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge.

In the event that the ITF withdraws the Notice of Charge, or the Tournament admits the Offence(s) charged and accedes to the consequences specified by the ITF (or is deemed to have done so), a hearing before the Independent Tribunal shall not be required. Instead the ITF shall promptly issue a decision confirming (as applicable) its withdrawal of the Notice of Charge or the commission of the Offence(s) and the imposition of the specified consequences, and shall send a copy of the decision to the Tournament.

#### Hearing

If the Tournament charged exercises its right to a hearing, the matter shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal and shall be resolved in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules.

#### H. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied by the Independent Tribunal for Tournament Offences shall be paid by the Tournament to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

#### I. APPEALS

Any Tournament found to have committed an Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, appeal the decision of the Independent Tribunal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The appeal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration, in the English language, and shall be governed by English Law.

#### ARTICLE VII: WELFARE POLICY

Covered Persons (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy) that attend and/or participate on the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix F.

#### ARTICLE VIII: RECIPROCITY & INFORMATION SHARING

Defined terms used in this Appendix are:

- (a) Tennis Organisation means any organisation involved in the governance, regulation, sanctioning, organization, or administration of tennis, including but not limited to the

Women's Tennis Association, Association of Tennis Professionals, the Grand Slam Board, and each member national association;

- (b) Disciplinary Sanction means a suspension, ineligibility or other sanction issued against a Covered Person (as defined in Appendix F - ITF Welfare Policy) pursuant to a conduct or disciplinary process, under a code of conduct or disciplinary policy (including where some or all of the sanction is suspended, but strictly excluding monetary fines);
- (c) Reciprocate means the affirmation, modification or extension of a Disciplinary Sanction;

The ITF reserves the right to ask the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to Reciprocate with respect to any or all Tournaments and/or Competitions referred to under these Regulations, a Disciplinary Sanction issued by or on behalf of the ITF, any other Tennis Organisation or other relevant authority.

When considering whether to Reciprocate a Disciplinary Sanction, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will have regard to the following matters :

- i. Whether the Disciplinary Sanction was so unreasonable as to be manifestly excessive or unduly lenient;
- ii. Whether the disciplinary proceedings that resulted in the Disciplinary Sanction were procedurally unfair or contrary to natural justice, having regard to all the circumstances.

A decision by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to Reciprocate a Disciplinary Sanction may be appealed by the Covered Person to the Independent Tribunal, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the Independent Tribunal's decision).

The ITF shall have the right in its absolute discretion to share information concerning any complaint against a Covered Person with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any Tennis Organisation or any other relevant authorities. The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities they consider appropriate in their absolute discretion. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigation being conducted by any Tennis Organisation and/or any relevant authority.

Without prejudice to the ability of the ITF to exercise the powers set out above, the ITF requires a National Association and requests other Tennis Organisations to inform the ITF in the event that it imposes a Disciplinary Sanction of 6 months or longer (or of equivalent or greater seriousness).

## ARTICLE IX: INTERPRETATIONS

Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction.

## ARTICLE X: NOTICE

All written communications to the ITF Executive Director should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

ITF Senior Executive Director  
ITF Tours and Player Pathway  
International Tennis Federation  
Bank Lane  
Roehampton  
London SW15 5XZ  
England  
Tel: (44) 20 8878 6464  
Fax: (44) 20 8392 4777

A. PLAYER

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served personally upon him/her. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the subject player at his/her home address or other address designated by the player.

B. TOURNAMENT

Service of any document on an ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Tournament as required by this Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the Tournament Director along with a copy to the Tournament Administrator.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

This ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Code of Conduct may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors.



## APPENDIX F - WELFARE POLICY

A “**Covered Person**” is bound by all sections of this Welfare Policy, and is defined as any person who:

- Receives accreditation and/or otherwise competes, coaches, officiates, works at, or otherwise participates in any tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Holds a valid player registration to enter or compete in any ITF tennis tournament (**Player**);
- Is a parent, legal guardian or chaperone of a Player;
- Is a coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, therapist or any other Person supporting, working with, treating or assisting any Player participating in or preparing to participate in a tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Attends, or is a resident or is employed at, an ITF Regional Training Centre;
- Is a member of an ITF Touring Team in any capacity;
- Is an ITF employee or ITF-appointed consultant;
- Holds an ITF or ITF-recognised Officiating or Coaching qualification or certification;
- Attends, whether by payment or otherwise, any ITF tournament, event or activity; or
- Acts as an ITF contractor or volunteer or is involved in the administration of or preparation for any of the above.

Each Covered Person is deemed, as a condition of their participation in the activities described above, to have agreed to be bound by this Policy, and to have submitted to the authority of the ITF to enforce this Policy, including any consequences for breach thereof, and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels identified in these Regulations and in the ITF Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under this Policy.

### Section A.

#### Criminal Conduct – illegal drugs and substances

Any Covered Person convicted of or having entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment relating to the use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances will be deemed to be in violation of this Section A of the ITF Welfare Policy and shall be subject to sanction in accordance with the *Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings before an Internal Adjudication Panel Convened Under ITF Rules*.

### Section B.

#### Children Safeguarding Policy

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<https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>

### Section C.

#### Adult Safeguarding Policy

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<https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>

Section D.

Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures

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## APPENDIX G - CONTACTS

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## APPENDIX H - ITF BEACH TENNIS COMMITTEE

### **Chair**

Mr. Philip Mok (HKG/BoD)

### **Members**

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Mr. Danilo Carrera-Drouet (ECU)

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