

## ITF World Tennis Masters Tour (WTMT)

### **ITF World Tennis Number – Tour FAQs**

Please find below a resource of frequently asked questions to understand how the ITF World Tennis Number (WTN) is applied to the ITF Masters Tour.

#### **What is the ITF World Tennis Number?**

The ITF World Tennis Number provides a single global tennis rating for players of all ages, genders, and abilities, reflecting their current level of playing ability. As of July 2023, 162 national associations from across six continents are now signed up to the project, with 70 sharing their national match data.

The WTN is a rating, and not a ranking, and assesses results from an extended period back to 2016 to produce a number on a scale from 40 (lowest) to 1 (highest), with all numbers appearing to two (2) decimal places. For example, 16.49.

#### **How will my WTN be used for ITF Masters Tour acceptance lists?**

The ITF Masters ranking will continue to be the primary measure for determining singles acceptance lists within the ITF Masters Tour.

The WTN is used as part of the singles acceptance criteria for all ITF Masters Tour tournaments taking place.

Where players do not have an ITF Masters Ranking, a player's singles WTN will be used as the secondary measure to determine tournament acceptance. Further details can be found in the [ITF Masters Regulations – Regulation 27 – Criteria for Acceptances](#)

#### **Which WTN will be used?**

A player's singles WTN as of the Monday before the entry deadline will be used for the singles acceptance process. The WTN is updated weekly, occurring each Wednesday. A player's singles WTN must be verified in order to be applied to the ITF Masters acceptance process.

#### **Where can I find my ITF World Tennis Number?**

There are three ways to find out your WTN:

- 1. ITF Website**

WTN can be found on your ITF player profile at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com). Please note that only players who have recorded an ITF Masters match result will have a player profile on itftennis.com

- 2. IPIN Online Service**

Players can view their WTN through the IPIN Online Entry system.

- 3. Through your National Association**

ITF World Tennis Numbers are available for all ITF Member Nations. Players from all nations that are using the WTN (see list [here](#)) will begin to see Numbers displayed on their websites and, tournament management systems in 2022. If you believe you have results from the ITF Masters Tour and you need to know your ITF World Tennis Number, please contact the WTN team with the following link:

<https://wtm.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/requests/new>

### **What is a verified World Tennis Number?**

The WTN algorithm applies a confidence level to the rating of each player. This is calculated based on frequency of play as well as when the matches have been played. I.e., The more recent the match(es) and the more matches you play will help improve the confidence level of your WTN. A player's confidence level can increase over a short period of time. As a guide, a player with little or no results history could achieve a verified WTN if they compete in 5 or more matches in a 5-week period.

A verified WTN is an assurance that sufficient match result data has been received to calculate an accurate rating. Results data processed by the ITF may include results from ITF tournaments, Regional Associations and/or National Associations. Unverified WTN's will not be applied to the Masters acceptance process.

### **What does the tick next to the ITF World Tennis Number indicate?**

WTN's with an acceptable level of confidence will be used for acceptance. This is denoted by the blue or grey tick in your player profile at [itftennis.com](http://itftennis.com).

Players can check their WTN Rating and Confidence Level in their IPIN profile. This can be found under the Ranking History tab on their IPIN profile.

**Blue tick** – The algorithm has a high degree of confidence that the number is accurate and the WTN is therefore verified. The singles WTN will be applied to ITF Masters acceptance lists.

**Grey tick** – The algorithm has a lower degree of confidence, and a more up to date results history is required. The WTN will not be used for ITF Masters acceptance lists.

### **Why don't I have a World Tennis Number?**

An ITF World Tennis Number can be allocated to a player who has played in a match in the ITF World Tennis Number database since 2016. If you have played matches but have no WTN, this may be because your national and/or regional association has not contributed data or results data. The ITF are actively working with each National and Regional association to on-board more results data as soon as possible.

You can see if your National Association is part of WTN [here](#).

### **My ITF Masters ranking is the same as another player but our WTNs are different. Why is this?**

The WTN uses results from an extended period, back to 2016, as well as results from national, regional and ITF tournaments, to make sure it's an accurate representation of the player's playing standard. Therefore, it is likely that players who have the same ITF Masters ranking will have different WTNs.

### **Can my WTN change within an acceptance list after the entry deadline?**

A player's WTN at the time of the entry deadline shall remain the same throughout the acceptance process for any ITF Masters tournament.

### **I don't have an ITF Masters Ranking or an ITF WTN, how does the acceptance criteria work?**

Where players do not have either an ITF ranking or verified singles WTN, the existing method of acceptance will remain in place, as per [Regulation 27 of the ITF Masters Regulations](#).

### **Is WTN used for doubles acceptance lists?**

WTN is used for Singles acceptance only. The acceptance criteria for doubles remains unchanged. For the avoidance of doubt, WTN will not be applied to doubles acceptances.

### **Will the Selection of Seeds change?**

WTN will not be used for seeding at ITF Masters events in 2022. However, it may be a consideration as part of seed exempt decisions at the discretion of the tournament seeding committee.

### **The ITF and my National Association are displaying different WTNs for me. Why is this and what can I do?**

Some National Associations display either no decimal place, or one decimal place. However, the ITF World Tennis Masters Tour uses and displays the WTN to 2 decimal places.

Due to the hundreds of thousands of players in the WTN database, there is a possibility that some players have duplicate WTN accounts between their National Association and ITF. The ITF has developed systems to mitigate against duplicate WTNs and is working closely with each National Association to further avoid duplicate accounts. However, it is conceded that duplicate accounts may occur due to the vast size of the database, and the ability for a player to create a new email and new account.

If a player identifies that they have a duplicate WTN account, they can contact the WTN team to request a merge of the two accounts with the following link: <https://wtn.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/requests/new>  
Merge requests must be received by the WTN department no later than 10 working days prior to the entry deadline, to allow time for the change to be processed. No changes will be made to the WTN of a player after the respective entry deadline.

### **How long will it take to enter events after I sign up to IPIN?**

When signing up for an IPIN account, please note you will need to do this 10 days before entering your first ITF event. If you already have a WTN and are signing up to IPIN for the first time, please ensure your personal details such as Name, Date of Birth, Nationality and Gender match the details on your existing WTN. It will take 10 days for your existing WTN to be eligible to enter events.

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### **Who can I contact with questions?**

Please contact the relevant ITF department if you require specific support on how the WTN will be applied to ITF tournaments. If you have questions relating to the ITF World Tennis Number, please contact the WTN team with the following link: <https://wtn.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/requests/new>