

# Short-Length Tournaments

The ITF Masters Tour welcomes the addition of shorter-length events and/or tournaments, typically held over 3 days or fewer. Shorter-length tournaments require are likely to attract players of all ages, in particular working professionals. This concept is encouraged because it requires less organisational and time commitment, and is likely to prove attractive to players of all ages – but particularly working professionals. In turn, the lesser court and day requirements can be more viable for venues to allow the hosting of international tournaments. The guidance is designed to better inform organisers about the benefits and requirements of these events.

## Grading

New applicants can expect to be awarded an MT100 grade in their first year, and subject to an annual evaluation thereafter. In exceptional cases, for example an applicant with considerable experience of ITF Masters tournament delivery, the ITF may award MT200.

## Finance

The recommended entry fee for shorter-length tournaments is \$25 for Singles and \$15 per player for Doubles. A higher (or lower fee) can be charged, by organiser discretion, dependent on factors such as location and facility costs (indoor courts required).

MT100 tournaments are required to pay an ITF sanction fee of \$50 for each age group & gender event that is held, e.g. 45+ Women's Doubles. Additional sanction fees are charged at higher grades or for more events in line with the ITF Masters Regulations.

**Example Tournament** (which may be scaled up or down, e.g. 4 events on 6 courts)

Events	Men's Singles 30+ and Women's Singles 40+ only
Number of days	3 days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
Number of courts	4 courts
Ranking Points	MT100 grade. 100 points to winning player in each event
No. of matches	40 approx. 16 Draw for each event = 30 Main Draw matches + consolation matches for first round losers
Entry Fee per player	\$25.00 (USD) per player
Entry income	\$800 (16 Men + 16 Women x \$25.00 each)
Estimated costs	ITF Sanction fee (\$100), Referee fee for 2.5 days (\$250), Balls (\$100), medals/certificate (\$50), remainder retained by organiser/venue or to pay court fees, if hired.

## Organisational Requirements: Courts, Officials & Facilities

- An ITF White Badge Referee is recommended. However, national referees may be selected at MT100 tournaments.
- Shorter events will often require fewer courts, dependent on entries.
- New balls must be provided for each main draw match (Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles). Used balls possible for consolation.

## Draw & Scoring Formats

- Round Robin or Elimination Draws with optional consolation are possible dependent on entries received.
- Flexible scoring formats are possible dependent on age group and grade.

These include:

- Best of 3 tie-break sets
- Two tie-break sets and a 10 point match tie-break can be used in MT100, MT200 and MT400 singles events, and all grades of doubles events.
- Two short-sets and a 10 point match tie-break (3rd set) can be used in all doubles events, and 30+ to 60+ singles.
- If a shorter scoring format is used, multiple singles matches, with suitable rest times between, can be played on the same day for 30+ to 60+ age groups. Details on which scoring formats are permitted for each age group and grade can be seen in Rule 40.

This document is an overview guideline only. All tournaments must comply in full with the [ITF Masters Regulations](#).

## Example Tournament Schedule

This table shows a proposed schedule for the example tournament:

Friday PM & Saturday AM	Round 1 Main Draw 8 matches Friday PM, 8 matches Saturday AM	16 Matches
Saturday PM	Round 2 Main Draw and Round 1 Consolation (1st round losers)	12-14 Matches
Sunday AM	Main Draw Semi-Final and Consolation Semi-Final/Final	6-8 Matches
Sunday PM	Main Draw Finals and possible Consolation Final(s)	2-4 Matches