

Sony Ericsson WTA TOUR

The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour 2006 Official Rulebook

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INTRODUCTION

THE SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR

I. INTRODUCTION

A. DESCRIPTION

The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour (the “WTA Tour” or “Tour”) is an international award competition open to all female players, with year long competition in over 60 Tournaments and 33 countries. Including the Grand Slams and the Fed Cup, the WTA Tour offers total prize money of more than \$60 million. The Tour is indisputably the number one international women’s sporting circuit.

Tournaments on the Tour are connected by a points system in which players earn ranking points based on the Tier level of the Tournament and their performance at each Tournament.

B. ADMINISTRATION

The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour is administered and governed by WTA Tour, Inc., a U.S. registered corporation whose members are the players, its recognized Tour Tournaments worldwide, and the International Tennis Federation (ITF). The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the WTA Tour is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Tour. The Board of Directors of the WTA Tour is comprised of three representatives of the players, three representatives of the Tournaments, one representative of the ITF and the CEO. The Board is responsible for establishing the long-term strategic plan for the WTA Tour. Alternates for the players, Tournaments and ITF, and representatives of the Grand Slams may also attend Board of Directors meetings as determined by the CEO.

C. RULES

In accordance with these Rules which follow, the WTA Tour selects and schedules Tournaments and is responsible for the resolution of any matter of dispute pertaining to the Tour, including imposition of penalties on players, Tournaments, Tournament officials, player relatives and representatives, coaches and other credentialed persons.

Many of the provisions set forth in these Rules have been excerpted in whole or part from the ITF Rules of Tennis, to which reference is hereby made for a comprehensive statement of the rules of play.

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The Rules set forth herein may be altered, amended or repealed by the WTA Tour pursuant to its by-laws.

Any action of the WTA Tour pursuant to these Rules or otherwise with respect to the Tour shall be deemed effective only when the parties affected thereby shall have been sent a written notice of the action, or, in the case of any action of general applicability, notice thereof shall have been published in a manner that will ensure wide circulation.

The Tour may impose appropriate sanctions, including monetary sanctions, upon any person or entity subject to these Rules who participates in or aids and abets any violations of these Rules. In determining monetary sanctions, the Tour may, where appropriate, be guided (but not limited) by the level of the player fines set forth in the Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Rule (refer to section D.18 of the Code of Conduct). Before imposing any sanction, the Tour through its CEO will give the person or entity involved an opportunity to present its views, either in writing or orally, at the Tour's discretion.

All monetary terms are in United States dollars unless otherwise stated herein.

D. TOURNAMENT ACCEPTANCES

Entries and acceptances for all Tournaments shall be the responsibility of the WTA Tour. With the exception of the Grand Slam tournaments and unless otherwise provided for hereunder, the WTA Tour is obligated to provide players by formula set forth in section VII of these rules ("Player Commitment Formula").

E. TOUR YEARS

For the purposes of these Rules, the Tour has been organized into Tour years. The Tour year commences the day immediately following the final Tour Tournament of the calendar year and extends through the day of the final Tour Tournament of the following calendar year (the "Tour Year").

F. WORLD CHAMPION

The ITF World Champion will be determined by the ITF in consultation with the WTA Tour. Selection will be based primarily

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on the WTA Rankings and will take into account performances in the Fed Cup and, in a summer Olympics year, the Olympic tennis event.

G. WTA TOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors

Steve Simon (Tournament Class Director)
Micky Lawler (Tournament Class Director)
Peter-Michael Reichel (Tournament Class Director)
Leslie Allen (Player Class Director)
Mark Benerofe (Player Class Director)
Brenda Perry (Player Class Director)
Juan Margets (Federation Class Director)
Larry Scott (Chief Executive Officer)

Alternate Directors & Observers

Kevin Livesey (Tournament Class Alternate)
Erika deLone (Player Class Alternate)
Francesco Ricci Bitti (Federation Alternate)
Bill Babcock (Grand Slam Observer)

Tentative 2006 Meeting Schedule for Board of Directors

- March 23-24, 2006
- June 28-29, 2006
- August 30-31, 2006
- November 13-14, 2006

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II. GOLD/SILVER EXEMPT PLAYERS

Select WTA Tour players will be chosen prior to the Tour Year as Gold Exempt and Silver Exempt players (collectively “Exempt Players”). Exempt Players have certain rights and obligations, including the option to enter into Player Commitment Contracts with the Tour and the obligation to commit to a specific number and level of Tour Tournaments (see section II.C.1 herein) during the Tour Year.

A. GOLD EXEMPT PLAYERS

1. Composition and Order of Gold Exempt List (“GEL”)

- a. The Gold Exempt List shall consist of up to twenty-two (22) players comprised as follows:
 - i. The 1-20 Gold Exempt List will be determined using a hybrid formula determined 50% by WTA Tour Ranking (Monday after US Open including Special Rankings) and 50% by Marquee Value to create a Blended GEL. Marquee Value shall be based on a vote of the Tier I, II, and III Tournaments. The Tour shall manage the voting process, including all vote tabulation and results. Any tie-breakers shall be determined by awarding the higher listing on the Blended GEL to the player with the higher ranking on the WTA Tour Rankings (Monday after US Open).
 - ii. The Tournaments shall have the option of adding up to two (2) additional players to the Gold Exempt List as wild cards in the 14-20 grouping, provided the player satisfies one of the following three criteria:
 - (a) She was among the top 50 ranked singles players as of the WTA singles Rankings produced immediately following the previous year’s U.S. Open;
 - (b) She was among the top 10 ranked singles players as of the WTA year-end Rankings from any prior year; or

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- (c) She is the winner of a Grand Slam tournament singles title.

The Tournaments must notify the Tour no later than two (2) weeks after the conclusion of the previous year's US Open, if they intend to add the additional players to the GEL for the next Tour Year.

- b. A player's position on the Blended GEL may not be more than five (5) spots lower than her position on the WTA Tour Ranking list (Monday after US Open). There is no limit on the number of spots a player may be elevated.
- c. Although qualified by ranking, a player may not be named a Gold Exempt player until the year of her seventeenth (17) birthday. (See page 201.)
- d. The Worldwide Tournament Directors must complete the Gold Exempt List voting no later than two (2) weeks after the conclusion of the previous year's U.S. Open.
- e. Tournament voting will determine who is the #4 listed player on the Blended GEL will be regionally from among the players who are listed 4-6 on the Blended GEL, provided the Player Commitment Contract compensation for GEL Players 4-6 are equal.

2. Gold Exempt Emeritus Status

- a. In addition to those players named to the Gold Exempt List, the Tour and the Worldwide Tournament Directors may, in their discretion, in consultation with the Player Board Representatives, agree to confer Gold Exempt Emeritus status ("GEE") for the Tour Year on one or more players who satisfy the following criteria:
 - i. The player has won a minimum of 3 Grand Slam singles and/or Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships singles titles;
 - ii. The player has provided at least 14 years of service to the Tour;

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- iii. The player has obtained a number 1 WTA Tour singles Ranking at any time during her career; and
 - iv. The player has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment and excellence on the Tour over an extended period of time.
- b. A player who has been conferred GEE status shall be entitled to receive for the Tour Year:
- i. Unlimited Wild Cards in both Singles and Doubles;
 - ii. The Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card spot at Tournaments an unlimited number of times, regardless of her ranking;
 - iii. Late entry to Tournaments (per standard Gold Exempt procedures) according to her ranking at the entry deadline; and
 - iv. An exemption from the minimum commitment requirements of the Tour.
- c. A player who has been conferred GEE status shall not be eligible to enter into a Player Commitment Contract with the Tour, and her participation at Tournaments shall not be used for the purposes of determining if a Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been satisfied.

3. Changes to Gold Exempt List

- a. When a Gold Exempt player has been physically unable to play for a period of six (6) consecutive weeks ("Long Term Injury"), solely for the purposes of the Tournament Player Commitment Formula, each player listed on the GEL in a position which is equal to or below the injured/ill player shall be elevated one position on the GEL and remain in that position for so long as the injured/ill player remains unable to play. While temporarily elevated, a GEL player's minimum commitment requirements, contract compensation, forfeitures and other exempt player rules such as play down restrictions and ACES obligations shall not vary from her player Commitment Contract terms;

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however, temporarily elevated GEL player's Incentive Payments for playing Tournaments for which the Player Commitment Formula has not been met, shall be paid at the compensation levels applicable to the GEL player's temporarily elevated GEL position.

- b. If a player is nominated to the Gold Exempt List but was unable to enter into a Player Commitment Contract due to a Long Term Injury, returns to competitive play at any point during the Tour Year, the Worldwide Tournament Directors, the Tour and the Player Board Representatives may mutually agree to add that Player to the Gold Exempt List.
- c. Except as set forth in sub-section (a) above, if a Gold Exempt player's position changes on the Gold Exempt List during the Tour Year, or if a player who was not on the Gold Exempt List is added to it pursuant to these Rules, the Tour and the affected player(s) will negotiate in good faith the terms of a new or amended Player Commitment Contract if applicable, based on the player's new Gold Exempt position. Such new or amended Player Commitment Contract shall take into account the number of weeks that remain on the calendar for the Tour Year as well as the player's existing schedule. Upon execution of such new or amended Player Commitment Contract(s), the player's new Gold Exempt position will be used for the purposes of determining all other rights and obligations under the Rulebook, including her Minimum Commitment Requirement, play down rule, fines, and Super Hard Designations, as well as for the purposes of determining if a Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been satisfied.

B. SILVER EXEMPT PLAYERS

1. Composition of Silver Exempt List

The Silver Exempt List shall consist of thirty-two (32) players comprised as follows:

- a. Silver Exempt Players 21-30. The ten (10) highest ranked singles players as of the WTA Rankings produced immediately following the previous year's U.S. Open

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(including Special Rankings), who have not been selected to the Gold Exempt List; and

- b. Silver Exempt Players 31-50. The twenty (20) highest ranked singles players as of the WTA Rankings produced immediately following the previous year's U.S. Open (including Special Rankings), who have not been selected to the Gold Exempt List or Silver Exempt 21-30 list; and
- c. Two (2) wild card players to be chosen by the Worldwide Tournament Directors, provided the player was among the top 100 ranked singles players as of the WTA singles Rankings produced immediately following the previous year's U.S. Open.

Although qualified by ranking, a player may not be named a Silver Exempt player until the year of her sixteenth (16th) birthday. (See page 202)

2. Order of Silver Exempt List

The order of the Silver Exempt List will be determined strictly according to the WTA singles Rankings produced immediately following the previous year's U.S. Open. The Silver Exempt wild card players shall be the last two players listed on the Silver Exempt List.

3. Changes to Silver Exempt List

- a. The Worldwide Tournament Directors may mutually agree with the Tour, in consultation with the Player Board representatives, to name a replacement to the Silver Exempt List when a Silver Exempt player (i) retires, or (ii) has been upgraded to Gold Exempt status. The replacement will be the highest ranked player at the time, who is not currently on the Silver Exempt List.
- b. When a Gold Exempt or Silver Exempt player has been physically unable to play due to a Long Term Injury, solely for the purposes of the Tournament Player Commitment Formula, each player listed on the SEL shall be elevated one position on the exempt list and shall remain in that position for so long as the injured/ill player remains unable to play. While temporarily elevated, an SEL player's

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minimum commitment requirements, contract compensation, forfeitures and other exempt player rules such as play down restrictions and ACES obligations shall not vary from her Player Commitment Contract terms; however, temporarily elevated SEL player's Incentive Payments for playing Tournaments for which the Player Commitment Formula has not been met, shall be paid at the compensation levels applicable to the SEL player's temporarily elevated exempt position.

- c. If a player is nominated to the Silver Exempt List but was unable to enter into a Player Commitment Contract due to a Long Term Injury, returns to competitive play at any point during the Tour Year, the Worldwide Tournament Directors, the Tour and the Player Board Representatives may mutually agree to add that Player to the Silver Exempt List.
- d. Except as set forth in sub-section (b) above, if a Silver Exempt player's position changes on the Silver Exempt List during the Tour Year, the Tour and the affected player(s) will negotiate in good faith the terms of a new or amended Player Commitment Contract if applicable, based on the player's new Silver Exempt position. Such new or amended Player Commitment Contract shall take into account the number of weeks that remain on the calendar for the Tour Year as well as the player's existing schedule. Upon execution of such new or amended Player Commitment Contract(s), the player's new Silver Exempt position will be used as the basis to enter into a new or amended Player Commitment Contract, if applicable, and for the purposes of determining all other rights and obligations under the Rulebook, including her Minimum Commitment Requirement, play down rule, and fines, as well as for the purposes of determining if a Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been satisfied.

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C. EXEMPT PLAYER MINIMUM COMMITMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Gold Exempt Players

a. Minimum Commitment Requirement

Gold Exempt Players must commit to specific Tour Tournaments, exclusive of the Grand Slams and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships (“Minimum Commitment Requirement” as outlined below). Exceptions will be made by the WTA Tour, if necessary to fulfill a Tournament’s Player Commitment Formula.

Gold Exempt Players	Commitment
1-6	13 Tier I or II Tournaments (6 Tier I inclusive of Mandatory Tier I Tournament)
7-10	12 Tier I or II Tournaments (6 Tier I inclusive of Mandatory Tier I Tournament) and 1 Tier III Tournament
11-13	11 Tier I or II Tournaments (6 Tier I inclusive of Mandatory Tier I Tournament) and 2 Tier III Tournaments
14-20	Mandatory Tier I Tournament 3 Tier III Tournaments

b. Mandatory Tier I Tournament

All players who by ranking (including Special Rankings) qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of the Mandatory Tier I Tournament, will be entered automatically.

All players who by actual ranking qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of any Grand Slam Tournament, will be entered automatically.

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c. Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships

If a Gold Exempt player earns entry into the singles or doubles competition of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, the Championships will become an additional Tournament to be added to her Minimum Commitment Requirement.

d. Years of Service

Any Gold Exempt player listed 1-13 who has obtained a year end singles ranking of 250 or better for a minimum of 12 years on the Tour is eligible for an optional one (1) Tournament reduction in the overall number of Tournaments in her Minimum Commitment Requirement (e.g. a 1-6 Gold Exempt Player may reduce her total commitment to 12 Tier I or II Tournaments, but will still be required to commit to 6 Tier I Tournaments).

e. Super Hard Designations

i. Gold Exempt players (1-20) shall be subject to one (1) Super Hard Designation ("SHD").

ii. SHDs for Gold Exempt players 1-13 shall be used for Tier I Tournaments as a priority, however the Tour will not be restricted from using for players listed 1-13 on the Gold Exempt List SHDs for Tier II Tournaments if and when the Tour is satisfied that it has done everything reasonably possible to satisfy the Tier I Tournament's Player Commitment Formula. In addition, the Tour will not be restricted from using SHDs for Tier III Tournaments if and when the Tour is satisfied that it has done everything possible to satisfy the Tier I and II Tournament's Player Commitment Formula.

iii. SHDs for Gold Exempt players 14-20 shall be used for Tier IIIs.

iv. To provide transparency in the use of SHDs within the player commitment system, a committee made up of one Player Board representative and one Tournament Board representative will be consulted by the Tour with respect to the implementation of this policy.

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- v. Failure or refusal to participate in a Tournament where a player is designated by a SHD shall result in the following fines:
 - (a) Gold Exempt players 1-10: \$50,000 (unless failure to adhere is the result of a Bona Fide Injury or Illness (as defined in section IV of this Rulebook), in which case the fine shall be reduced to \$25,000);
 - (b) Gold Exempt players 11-13 \$10,000 (unless failure to adhere is the result of a Bona Fide Injury or Illness (as defined in section IV of this Rulebook), in which case the fine shall be reduced to \$5,000);
 - (c) Gold Exempt players 14-20 \$5,000 (unless failure to adhere is the result of a Bona Fide Injury or Illness, in which case the fine shall be reduced to \$2,500).

Such SHD fines shall be additional to any forfeiture a player might incur under her Player Commitment Contract, but shall replace any applicable withdrawal fine under section IV of this Rulebook.

- vi. If the Tour collects money as a fine from a Gold Exempt player for failing to play a Tournament subject to a SHD, the SHD fine money will be distributed:
 - (a) To the Tournament for which the SHD was designated, if that particular Tournament's Player Commitment Formula was not satisfied; or
 - (b) To all such Tournaments whose Player Commitment Formulas were not satisfied, according to a distribution established by the Tournament Council as defined in the WTA Tour By-Laws, if the Tournament for which the SHD was designated did receive its Player Commitment Formula.

f. Long Term Injury

If a Gold Exempt Player is unable to compete due to Long Term Injury and a player's SHD is scheduled during the

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time period that the player is out of competition due to her Long Term Injury, the player will be excused from her SHD Tournament. Upon return to play, the Player will be obligated to one SHD to be identified at the Tour's discretion.

g. First Time Champions

It is recommended that, when consistent with WTA Tour Rules, First Time Champions defend their titles at Tier I or II Tournaments won the year prior. If a player is a First Time Champion at more than one event, it is recommended that she defend a maximum of two titles.

h. Two New Tournaments

It is recommended that, when consistent with WTA Tour Rules, Gold Exempt players commit to two (2) Tournaments in which they have not participated during the previous two (2) years.

2. Silver Exempt Players

a. Minimum Commitment Requirement

Silver Exempt players 21-30 must commit to four (4) Tournaments during the Tour Year and Silver Exempt players 31-52 must commit to three (3) Tournaments during the Tour Year as their Minimum Commitment Requirement as follows:

Silver Exempt Players	Commitment
21-30	Mandatory Tier I Tournament 3 Tier III Tournaments
31-52	Mandatory Tier I Tournament 2 Tier IV Tournaments

b. Mandatory Tier I Tournament

All players who by ranking (including Special Rankings) qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of the Mandatory Tier I Tournament, will be entered automatically.

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All players who by actual ranking qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of any Grand Slam Tournament, will be entered automatically.

c. Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships

If a Silver Exempt player earns entry into the singles or doubles competition of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, the Championships will become an additional Tournament to be added to her Minimum Commitment Requirement.

d. First Time Champions

It is recommended that, when consistent with WTA Tour Rules, First Time Champions defend their titles at Tournaments won the year prior. If a player is a First Time Champion at more than one event, it is recommended that she defend a maximum of two titles.

D. EXEMPT PLAYER MINIMUM COMMITMENT SIGNING DEADLINES

1. Timing

Exempt Players are required to submit their Minimum Commitment Requirement Tournaments, using an Exempt Player Entry Form, to the WTA Tour at the following signing deadlines:

- a. October 15, for Tournaments scheduled in the following Tour Year from January 1 through June 30.
- b. April 1, for Tournaments scheduled in the second half of the Tour Year, on or after July 1.

In the event a deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the due date for such Exempt Player Entry Form shall be the following Monday.

Once a Gold Exempt Player commits to/enters a Tournament in writing, she may not withdraw that entry to enter another Tour Tournament in that same week without Tour approval.

If a Silver Exempt Player withdraws from a Tournament (i) which she identified on her Exempt Player Entry Form as a Tournament fulfilling

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her minimum commitment requirement, and (ii) which she has been accepted into the Main Draw, in addition to any other penalties or fees which may apply, the Silver Exempt Player may not enter and play in another Tournament scheduled during the same week, whether it is a Tour or ITF event.

2. Failure to Sign Contract or Meet the Signing Deadlines.

If an Exempt player does not enter into a Player Commitment Contract with the Tour, or if she fails to commit to the required number and Tier Levels of Tournaments as outlined as her Minimum Commitment Requirements by the signing deadlines listed above, she will continue to be bound by the obligations of an Exempt Player and she will be subject automatically to the following penalties and provisions:

- a. She will forfeit all rights to any monies available under a Player Commitment Contract with the WTA Tour.
- b. She must enter all Tour Tournaments by the official entry deadline.
- c. She may not receive a Wild Card into any Tour Tournament.
- d. Gold Exempt Players will be subject to the following withdrawal fines based on her position on the Gold Exempt List. Such fines will not be reduced or eliminated even if there are bona fide medical reasons for the withdrawal. The fine will be reduced by 50% if the Player Commitment Formula is satisfied for that Tournament.

Listing	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
Gold Exempt 1-3	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$10,000
Gold Exempt 4	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Gold Exempt 5-6	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Gold Exempt 7-10	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Gold Exempt 11-13	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Gold Exempt 14-20			\$ 5,000

E. EXEMPT PLAYER PLAY DOWN RULE

The following Play Down rules shall apply to all Exempt players whether they are playing singles or doubles. For the purposes of

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the Play Down rule, if Player Commitment is met for the higher tiered tournament as of either (a) the date that Player Commitment is released (November 15 for tournaments in the first half of the Tour Year; and May 1 for tournaments in the second half of the Tour Year) or (b) the entry deadline (in either case, the "Play Down Deadline"), then players may thereafter play down in the accordance with the guidelines below.

1. Open Weeks

In an Open Week (defined as a week where there is no Grand Slam, WTA Tour Championships, Tier I or II Tournament) scheduled opposite a Tier III or IV Tournament:

- a. Gold Exempt players may play in Tier III Tournaments.
- b. Gold Exempt players 1-10 may not play in Tier IV Tournaments.
- c. Gold Exempt players 11-20 and Silver Exempt players 21-30 may not play down in a Tier IV opposite a Tier III Tournament unless the Tier III Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been met as of the Play Down Deadline.

2. Non-Open Weeks

In a Non-Open Week (defined as a week in which there is a Tier I or II Tournament scheduled in the same week as a Tier III or IV Tournament):

- a. Gold Exempt players listed 1-6 may not play down opposite a Tier I or II Tournament.
- b. Gold Exempt players listed 1-10 may not play down in a Tier IV Tournament.
- c. Gold Exempt Players listed 7-10
 - i. May not play down opposite a Tier I Tournament.
 - ii. May not play down in a Tier III Tournament opposite a Tier II Tournament unless:

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- (a) the Tier II Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been met as of the Play Down Deadline; or
 - (b) if the Tier III Tournament is the player's required Tier III Commitment Tournament if, at any time prior to the entry deadline, the Tier II Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been met.
- d. Gold Exempt Players listed 11-20
- i. May play down opposite a Tier I or II Tournament in a Tier III or IV Tournament.
 - ii. May not play down in a Tier IV opposite a Tier III Tournament unless the Tier III Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been met as of the Play Down Deadline.
- e. Silver Exempt Players listed 21-30 may not play down in a Tier IV Tournament opposite a Tier III Tournament unless the Tier III Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been met as of the Play Down Deadline.

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Play Down Rule Chart

Exempt Listing	May Play Down Opposite a Tier I?		May Play Down Opposite a Tier II?		May Play Down In an Open Week? (no Tier I, II scheduled)	
	In a Tier III?	In a Tier IV?	In a Tier III?	In a Tier IV?	In a Tier III?	In a Tier IV?
#1-6	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
#7-10	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
			If the Tier II Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has been met as of the Play Down Deadline. or If the Tier III Tournament is the player's required Tier III Commitment Tournament and the Tier II's Player Commitment Formula was met at anytime prior to the Tier II entry deadline.			
GE #11-20 SE #21-30	YES	YES*	YES	YES*	YES	YES*

*If a Tier III Tournament is scheduled in the same week, the Tier III must have received its player commitment as of the Play Down Deadline.

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F. EXEMPT PLAYER ENTRY RULES

1. Gold Exempt Players

- a. Entries On or Prior to the Entry Deadline
 - i. Gold Exempt players 1-13 will be accepted into the Main Draw of any Tournament entered by the entry deadline if her singles ranking (or Special Ranking) is 35 or better.
 - ii. Gold Exempt players 14-20 will be accepted into the Main Draw of any Tier III Tournament entered by the entry deadline no matter what her singles ranking, but accepted into all other Tournaments by her singles ranking at the time of the entry deadline.
- b. Entries After The Entry Deadline
 - i. All Gold Exempt players may enter Tournaments late after the official entry deadline up until the Qualifying sign-in deadline or if no Qualifying, by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time the Friday prior to the start of the Tournament. If a player withdraws from a Tournament, a Gold Exempt player waiting to get into the Tournament will move in first above all other players waiting if her singles ranking (actual or Special Ranking) is 35 or better provided, however, that if there are no Gold Exempt players ranked 35 or better waiting to get into the Tournament, the highest ranked singles player waiting to get in will move in first.
 - ii. If more than one Gold Exempt player is waiting to get into a Tournament, and a player withdraws, the highest listed Gold Exempt player will move in first provided, however, that if they share the same Gold Exempt Listing, the higher ranked player will move in first.
 - iii. Top 13 Gold Exempt players may enter a Tournament late after Qualifying has started, but before the Main Draw has been made. If there is a withdrawal, the Gold Exempt player will move in first, ahead of a Lucky Loser, if such player is the highest ranked Alternate for

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the Main Draw. If the Top 13 Gold Exempt player is not the highest ranked Alternate, she will not move in, and the spot will go to a Lucky Loser.

- iv. Gold Exempt players may also be accepted into a Tournament, first before all other players, up until the start of play of the Main Draw if such entries are necessary towards satisfying the Tournament's Player Commitment Formula. Once the Player Commitment Formula is satisfied and Qualifying has commenced, all openings in the Main Draw will be filled by Lucky Losers, except as described above in relation to Top 13 Gold Exempt player Late Entries.

2. Silver Exempt Players

- a. Entries On or Prior to the Entry Deadline
 - i. Silver Exempt Players 21-30 will be accepted into the Main Draw of their three (3) Tier III Commitment Tournaments no matter what their ranking. They are accepted into all other Tournaments based on their singles ranking at the time of the entry deadline.
 - ii. Silver Exempt players 31-52 will be accepted into the Main Draw of their two (2) Tier IV Commitment Tournaments no matter what their ranking. They are accepted into all other Tournaments based on their singles ranking at the time of the entry deadline.
- b. Entries After The Entry Deadline
 - i. Silver Exempt players may enter Tier III or IV Tournaments late after the official entry deadline up until the Qualifying sign-in deadline, or if no Qualifying, by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time the Friday prior to the start of the Tournament, and will be placed on the alternate list in accordance with the ranking used for player acceptance.
 - ii. If a Silver Exempt player is ranked in the Top 20 on the ranking used for the player acceptance, she may enter any Tier Level Tournament late.

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- iii. Silver Exempt players 21-30 may also be accepted into a Tournament, first before all other players, up until the start of play of the Main Draw, if such entries are necessary towards satisfying the Tournament's Player Commitment Formula.

3. Wild Cards

- a. One position in the Main Draw at each Tournament may be given as a Gold/Silver Exempt Wildcard to an Exempt player.
- b. Gold Exempt Players
 - i. With the exception of any player who has Gold Exempt Emeritus status, Gold Exempt players must be ranked in the Top 100, at the entry deadline or anytime up until acceptance of the wildcard, in order to receive the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card spot, unless their entry is needed to fulfill a Tournament's Player Commitment Formula.
 - ii. Gold Exempt players may receive unlimited Wild Cards in both singles and doubles during the Tour year.
 - iii. Gold Exempt players listed 14-20 may only receive the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card spot three (3) times during the Tour Year.
- c. Silver Exempt Players
 - i. Silver Exempt players must be ranked in the Top 100, at the entry deadline or anytime up until acceptance of the wildcard, in order to receive the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card spot, unless their entry is needed to fulfill commitment at a Tier III Tournament or meet the Tour's best efforts obligation to provide 3 Silver Exempt players.
 - ii. Silver Exempt players may receive a total of 7 Wild Cards in singles and 7 Wild Cards in doubles during the calendar year with a maximum of 5 Wild Cards in the Main Draw in each of singles and doubles.
 - iii. Silver Exempt players may only receive the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card spot three (3) times during the Tour Year.

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4. Changes to Tournaments

In the event a Tournament selected by a player on her Exempt Player Entry form is approved by the Tour to change its week, surface or venue to a location outside the original Related Geographical Area, the player shall have a period of seven (7) days after official announcement of the change to remove the Tournament from her Exempt Player Entry Form and replace it with another Tournament without incurring a Late Withdrawal Penalty; however, such withdrawal shall not reduce a player's Minimum Commitment Requirement. If the Tournament was a player's Super Hard Designation, she may still cancel within the timeframe set out above; however, the Tour shall have the right to assign another Super Hard Designation for the player.

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III. PLAYER COMMITMENT CONTRACTS

A. GENERAL

Each Exempt Player shall have the option to enter into a Player Commitment Contract ("PCC") with the Tour, on or before October 15 prior to the start of the Tour Year covered by the PCC, which shall provide for compensation to the Player for playing in certain Tournaments. An Exempt Player's rights and obligations under a PCC, including the level of compensation, will vary depending on her place on the Gold or Silver Exempt List.

If an Exempt Player does not enter into a Player Commitment Contract, she shall continue to be bound by the obligations of an Exempt player and she will be subject to the penalties and provisions described in section II.D.2 of this Rulebook.

B. PLAYER COMMITMENT CONTRACT TERMS

1. Minimum Commitment Requirement

Each PCC shall set forth the Player's Minimum Commitment Requirement, as set forth in section II.C of this Rulebook. The PCC will require the Player to identify and submit to the Tour her Commitment Tournaments, using an Exempt Player Entry Form, by the deadlines set forth in section II.D.

If one of the Player's Commitment Tournaments is cancelled after she has identified and submitted her Commitment Tournament list to the Tour, the Player and the Tour shall immediately consult in good faith to mutually agree on a suitable Tournament to replace the cancelled Tournament as one of her Commitment Tournaments, if feasible, taking into consideration the number of weeks remaining on the calendar for the Tour Year as well as the player's existing schedule.

2. Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships

The PCC shall provide that if the Player earns entry into the singles or doubles competition of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, the Championships will become an additional Commitment Tournament to be added to her Minimum Commitment Requirement.

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3. Super Hard Designation

The PCCs for Gold Exempt players 1-20 shall indicate when the Tour will notify the Player of her Super Hard Designation (“SHD”), as set forth in II.C.1.e of this Rulebook. If the Tour intends to apply the SHD to a Tournament from January 1 through June 30, it must be designated on or before the previous November 15. If the Tour intends to apply the SHD to a Tournament on or after July 1, it must be designated on or before the previous May 1 of such Tour Year.

If the SHD designated by the Tour is already one of the Player’s Commitment Tournaments, there will be no change to her entry form. However, if the SHD designated by the Tour is not one of the Player’s Commitment Tournaments (i) the Tournament to which the SHD applies will become one of the Player’s Commitment Tournaments, and (ii) the Player will have 48 hours from notification of the SHD to cancel her entry from one of her original Commitment Tournaments without penalty.

If for any reason Player refuses to accept or is unable to play her Super Hard Designated Tournament, she will be fined \$50,000 (for Gold Exempt Players 1-10), \$10,000 (for Gold Exempt Players 11-13) or \$5,000 (for Gold Exempt Players 14-20). Such fine will be reduced to \$25,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500, respectively, if Player is unable to play her Super Hard Designated Tournament due to a Bona Fide Injury (as defined in section IV of this Rulebook).

Super Hard Designation Fines collected will be paid out by the Tour as described in section II of this Rulebook.

4. Compensation

The PCC shall indicate the amount of compensation the Player will receive for fulfilling her Minimum Commitment Requirement and meeting her other obligations under the PCC. The compensation will be as follows:

Exempt Listing	Amount of Compensation
1-3	\$500,000
4-6	\$300,000
7-10	\$200,000
11-13	\$100,000

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14-20	\$35,000
21-30	\$12,000
31-52	\$4,000

The Tournament Council, in consultation with the Tour and the Player Board representatives, may make reasonable increases to the total amount of PCC contracts offered, and/or make reasonable adjustments to individual player contract amounts and/or groupings of players within the top 6 Gold Exempt Listed players, as part of electing the gold/silver exempt list.

5. Forfeitures

The PCC shall provide that, if for any reason, including illness or injury, Player is unable to play one or more of her Commitment Tournaments, she will forfeit part or all of her Commitment Compensation. The forfeitures for each Commitment Tournament missed (“Forfeitures”), calculated as a percentage of the Player’s original Commitment Compensation, will be as follows:

Commitment Tournament Missed	Position on Exempt List	Amount of Forfeiture
Mandatory Tier I	Gold Exempt 1-20	25%
	Silver Exempt 21-30	25%
	Silver Exempt 31-52	33.3%
Tier I	Gold Exempt 1-13	25%
Tier II	Gold Exempt 1-13	12.5%
Tier III	Gold Exempt 7-10	10%
Tier III	Gold Exempt 11-13	8%
Tier III	Gold Exempt 14-20	25%
Tier III	Silver Exempt 21-30	25%
Tier IV	Silver Exempt 31-52	33.3%

Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, if a Player is not able to play in a Commitment Tournament because she was not sufficiently ranked to gain entry, there shall be no Forfeiture. Under such circumstances, the Player will be obligated to use her best efforts to make up the missed Tournament by entering a comparable Tournament during the balance of the Tour Year.

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6. Championships Fine

If, for any reason, a qualified Player does not play the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, she will be fined \$125,000 for singles and \$25,000 for doubles (per team) (the “Championships Fine”). Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if the Player is unable to play the Championships due to a Bona Fide Injury or Illness (as defined in section IV.B.2.d of this Rulebook), the Player shall be relieved of the obligation to pay the applicable Championships Fine, provided she attends the Championships and participates in the media/promotion activities designated in writing by the Tour in advance of the Championships.

7. Incentive Payments

a. General

The PCC shall provide that when Exempt Players are notified by the Tour that a Tournament’s Player Commitment Formula has not been met and the Player’s entry is needed for player commitment at that Tournament, the Player shall have the right to earn extra money (“Incentive Payments”) by playing in Tournaments that are not part of her Commitment Tournaments.

b. Availability

Incentive Payments are only available to the Player if (i) the non-Commitment Tournament’s Player Commitment Formula has not been met at the time of Player’s entry, or (ii) the non-Commitment Tournament’s Player Commitment Formula was met at the time of Player’s entry, but as a result of another player’s withdrawal, Player has become the player who fulfills the non-Commitment Tournament’s Player Commitment Formula (in either case a “Non-Commitment Tournament”).

c. Calculation

Incentive Payments are to be calculated as follows:

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Non-Commitment Tournament Added	Position on Exempt List	Amount of Incentive
Tier I	Gold Exempt 1-13	12.5%
Tier II	Gold Exempt 1-13	6.25%
Tier III	Gold Exempt 7-10	5%
Tier III	Gold Exempt 11-13	4%
Tier III	Gold Exempt 14-20	12.5%
Tier III	Silver Exempt 21-30	12.5%

d. Multiple Players Vying for Incentive Payments

If two or more players enter the same Non-Commitment Tournament and would be eligible for an Incentive Payment, the Incentive Payment shall be distributed as follows:

- i. If notification from the Tour occurs more than seven days prior to the first day of the main draw of the Non-Commitment Tournament, to the highest listed Exempt Player who enters the Tournament within 48 hours of notification from the Tour, provided, however, that if the players involved share the same Exempt listing, the Incentive Payment shall be distributed to the player ranked highest on the WTA singles Rankings; or
- ii. If notification occurs seven days or less prior to the first day of the main draw of the Non-Commitment Tournament, to the player who enters first.

8. Withdrawal Fines

Notwithstanding any provision in the PCC or this section of the Rulebook, all players (including Exempt Players) will continue to be subject to applicable Late Withdrawal Fines, as described in section IV of this Rulebook.

9. Educational Activities

The PCC shall provide that in addition to the Player's Diamond Aces obligations in this Rulebook, Player shall attend one (1) day of educational activities during the Tour Year. The Tour shall schedule full day educational classes on-site at two (2) Tournaments to be designated by the Tour. In addition, the Tour may, at its sole discretion, schedule a third day on-site or at the Tour offices at a

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time and place to be designated by the Tour. If a Player fails to attend such activities, she will forfeit an amount calculated as 5% of her original Commitment Compensation.

Any Gold Exempt player listed 1-13 who has obtained a year end ranking of 250 or better for a minimum of 12 years on the Tour, shall not be subject to the foregoing Educational Activities forfeiture.

C. CALCULATION AND PAYMENT

Any payments to an Exempt Player pursuant to the terms of her PCC will be made in one lump sum (net of any Forfeitures and Incentive Payments) upon the conclusion of the Tour Year. Payments will be made on or before November 30.

The amount payable by the Tour under a Player's PCC shall be calculated as the sum of her Commitment Compensation, plus any applicable Incentive Payments, less any applicable Forfeitures. By earning Incentive Payments, Player's total compensation under the PCC could exceed her original Commitment Compensation amount. However, if the amount payable by the Tour under a Player's PCC is a negative number, other than any fines owing under the PCC (i.e., SHD Fine or Championships Fine), the Player shall not be obligated to pay the Tour any sum.

D. FUNDING OF PLAYER COMMITMENT CONTRACTS

The collective amount of Commitment Compensation offered to Exempt Players in PCC will be \$4,023,000. Of the \$4,023,000 in Commitment Compensation offered in PCCs, the Tournaments shall contribute in accordance with the schedule set forth below and the Players shall contribute \$1,056,225 (the "Commitment Compensation Pool"). Each Tournament's minimum share of the Tournament contribution will be as follows:

Tier Level	Minimum Tournament Contribution
Tier I (Miami)	\$183,000
Tier I (Indian Wells)	\$195,000
Tier I	\$183,000
Tier II	\$32,500
Tier III	\$3,000
Tier IV	\$0

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If a Tournament increases prize money over the applicable minimum prize money for its Tier, a specific portion of the increase will be allocated to the Commitment Compensation fund, as follows:

Tier Level	Amount of Additional Contribution
Tier I	50% of any increase above \$1,340,000 prize money
Tier IIA	50% of any increase up to \$150,000 (maximum of \$75,000 in additional contribution)
Tier IIB	50% of any increase up to \$120,000 (maximum of \$60,000 in additional contribution)
Tier III	50% of any increase up to \$20,000 (maximum of \$10,000 in additional contribution)\$3,000
Tier IV	50% of any increase up to \$20,000 (maximum of \$10,000 in additional contribution)

With respect to that portion of PCC Commitment Compensation offered to Exempt Players in excess of the Commitment Compensation Pool, and payable to Exempt Players at the conclusion of the Tour Year, such amount shall be paid by the Tour. In the event that less than the Commitment Compensation Pool is earned at the conclusion of the year by Exempt Players pursuant to PCCs, two-thirds (2/3) of the difference shall be returned to Tournaments and one-third (1/3) shall be provided to Players.

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IV. ENTRIES / WITHDRAWALS / DRAWS /SCHEDULING

A. ENTRIES AND ACCEPTANCES

1. Tour Responsibility

The WTA Tour is responsible for processing all player applications for any Tour Tournament, including Grand Slam events and notifying individual Tournaments of their player field in a timely fashion. (Individual Grand Slam events may also require players to sign their individual Tournament entry forms prior to playing their first match.)

2. Eligibility

a. Gender Verification

The Tour shall be comprised of women's tennis Tournaments open to female tennis players only. If there is any question as to the eligibility of an applicant for entry into a Tournament, including Wild Cards and Qualifying based on the applicant's sex, the WTA Tour shall have the right to require a player to submit to gender verification to determine sexual status. In the event that the gender of a player is questioned, the medical delegate (or equivalent) of the WTA Tour shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the gender of a player. The results of any tests conducted will not be made public, but will be reported to the Chief Legal Officer of the WTA Tour who shall advise the Board of Directors of the gender of the player concerned. Failure by a player to submit to testing upon the request of the Tour shall subject the player to immediate suspension from the competition until such time as the appropriate testing is carried out in accordance with this rule. All tests will be at the expense of the player.

b. Transsexuals

Any individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female before puberty are regarded as girls and women (female), while those undergoing reassignment from female to male before puberty are regarded as boys and men (male).

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Individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female after puberty are eligible for participation in WTA Tour Tournaments under the following conditions:

- i. Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes including gonadectomy.
- ii. Legal recognition of the female gender has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities.
- iii. Hormonal therapy appropriate for the female sexual assignment has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimize gender-related advantages in sport competitions.
- iv. Eligibility should begin no sooner than two years after gonadectomy.

In all instances, a confidential case-by-case evaluation will occur.

3. WTA Tour Entry Form

a. Mandatory Player Form

A player must complete the mandatory player form prior to playing her first match in each Tour Year. The mandatory player information form must be completed with the following information:

- i. Player's address, phone numbers, birth date and email address
- ii. Player's agent and coach information
- iii. Player Agreements signature
- iv. Anti-Doping Program signature
- v. Minor Medical Release information and signature, if under the age of 18
- vi. Proof of identity and birth date by attaching to the Mandatory Player Form, a copy of the player's passport or if a player does not have a valid passport, a copy of her birth certificate and a photographic ID, if not already filed at the WTA Tour office.
- vii. Must indicate whether Player is playing as an amateur or professional.

Under no circumstances will a player be able to participate in a Tour event or receive prize money until she has

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completed and returned the Mandatory Player Form including the required copy of her passport or birth certificate to the WTA Tour for that Tour Year.

It shall be the Player's responsibility to assure the Tour office has a current copy of the Player's passport at all times.

b. Entries

A player must complete and submit to Tour Operations a WTA Tour entry to gain entry into WTA Tour Tournaments. Official entries may be submitted on one of the following:

- i. Official WTA Tour Entry Form
 - ii. WTA Tour Change of Commitment Form
 - iii. WTA Tour Extranet Entry Form submitted electronically.
- c. An Entry Form and the Mandatory Player Form must be completed and signed prior to the start of play by Wild Cards and by those players who are competing only in the doubles event.
- d. The WTA Tour will accept entries from players and/or designated coaches and agents. Regardless of whom a player designates to act upon her behalf, ultimately the player is responsible for all of her entries and withdrawals.
- e. Players may enter Tournaments on more than one entry form. However, if more than one entry form is used, one entry form does not supersede another. If a player has entered a Tournament, she is obligated to withdraw from any Tournament she does not plan to play and will be subject to late withdrawal penalties as outlined in section IV.B.2.
- f. No entry will be valid unless and until the player's participation in the Tournament complies with the Age Eligibility Rule.
- g. All outstanding fines from prior Tour Years must be paid in full by the Player before a Player can enter or compete in a Tour event in the current Tour Year.

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- h. If any non-Tour members are required to subscribe to the Tour Service Line internet web link to receive information and status on Tournaments, the fee shall be \$50 per calendar year and payment shall be due at time of entry into a Tournament which triggers the subscription requirement. Such entries will not be accepted without payment in full of the subscription fee.

4. Nationality

A player's nationality shall be based on the issuing country of the valid passport provided by the player to the Tour with her Mandatory Player Form, provided the player is a national of that country (as defined below) has lived in that country for twenty-four (24) consecutive months at some time, and has not represented any other country (as defined below) during the previous 36 months. If the player does not have a passport and a birth certificate is provided in lieu of a passport, then the country of birth set forth on the birth certificate shall be used to determine a player's nationality.

A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a country and such a country is divided into two or more countries, the player shall immediately be eligible to represent any of those countries. A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a country and such country is absorbed in whole or in part by another country, shall immediately be eligible to represent such other country.

The following shall determine the country for which a player is considered a national: (a) in the case of a player who has represented a country, the country which she last represented; or (b) in all other cases, the country for which the player is, for the time being, qualified to represent.

A player shall be deemed to have represented a country if she shall have been nominated and shall have accepted the nomination to play in the Olympic Games Tennis Event or in any International Team Competition recognized by the ITF. A player who represented a country under the ITF Rules in force in 1994 or prior thereto, shall continue to be eligible to represent that country even if she is no longer qualified to do so under the terms hereof.

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5. WTA Tour Administrative Fee for Non-Members of the WTA Tour/Women's Tennis Benefit Association

Any player who is not a member of the WTA Tour and the Women's Tennis Benefit Association will be charged a \$150 administrative fee for each WTA Tour Tournament she plays inclusive of Grand Slam events.

6. Entry Deadlines - Singles

- a. Entry Deadlines on the WTA Tour Entry Form are designated 6 weeks prior to the start of the Main Draw of each Tournament. This deadline shall not apply to the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, where entry shall be automatic.
- b. All entry deadlines will close on Mondays, and all references to entry deadlines refer to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (New York, U.S.A. Time) unless specified differently. (See Gold/Silver Entries for exceptions – page 28 & 29)

7. Late Entries - Singles

Non-Exempt players may not enter Tournaments after the entry deadline (See Gold and Silver Exempt Late Entries page 28 & page 29 for exceptions)

8. First Time Champions

It is recommended that when consistent with WTA Tour Rules, First Time Champions defend their titles at Tournaments won the year prior. If a player is a First Time Champion at more than one Tournament, she is only required to make best efforts to defend a maximum of two titles.

9. Composition of Acceptance Singles

A player may enter an unlimited number of Tournaments (subject to Age Eligibility Rule). Tournament acceptances are based on the timely WTA Tour Ranking following the official entry deadline. Tournament acceptance lists consist of:

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Main Draw List:	Those players accepted into the Main Draw.
Main Draw Only: Alternates	Those players who entered to play in the Main Draw only and who have not entered Qualifying and who have not been accepted into the Main Draw.
Qualifying List:	Those players accepted into the Qualifying Draw.
Qualifying Alternate List:	Those players not accepted into Qualifying and who are waiting to get into Qualifying.

Once a player has been accepted into a Tournament, she will not be removed from the list unless she officially withdraws from the Tournament.

10. Singles Tournament Acceptance and Seeding Procedure if Rankings Tied

If players' rankings are tied at the time of Tournament acceptances (or Tournament seeding), the following tie-break procedures will be used in the following order:

- a. Player with the highest ranking from the previous week;
- b. Player with the fewest number of Tournaments played over the previous 52-week period (including any Mandatory Play Tournaments, if the player qualified for acceptance.)

11. Gold and Silver Exempt Player Entries/Acceptances

(Refer to section II –pages 28 & 29.)

12. Special Rankings

(See Special Ranking Rule – page 194).

13. Mandatory Tier I Tournament Entries

All players who by ranking (including Special Rankings) qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of the Mandatory Tier I Tournament, will be entered automatically.

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All players who by actual ranking qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of any Grand Slam Tournament, will be entered automatically.

14. Main Draw Only Entries

a. Singles

Any player who enters a Tournament Main Draw Only or who has entered a Tournament with no Qualifying and is on the Next-In Main Draw Alternate List must reconfirm her intention to play the Tournament by contacting (either in person or by a telephone conversation) a WTA Tour Operations Department staff person or the on-site Supervisor on the day prior to the start of Qualifying by 4.00 p.m. tournament local time (or, if there is no Qualifying, on the Friday prior to the start of the Main Draw by 4.00 p.m. tournament local time) tournament local time. The player must leave her contact number with the Tour Operations Department staff member or Supervisor with whom she speaks. If a player fails to sign-in on the requisite day by 4.00 p.m. tournament local time, her entry will be automatically withdrawn from the Next-In Main Draw Alternate List. (Cross Reference Main Draw Only Tournaments – page 56)

b. Singles and Doubles

A player who enters 'Main Draw Only' may not enter Qualifying after the singles entry deadline or the doubles sign-in deadline has passed.

15. Alternates

Alternates are those players who have entered a Tournament but who have not been accepted into either the Main Draw or into the Qualifying Draw.

16. Feed-Up Schedule/ITF Women's Circuit Events*

a. Main Draw

The WTA Tour provides Feed-Up opportunities from the ITF Women's Circuit \$50,000 and \$75,000 Tournaments throughout the year in which the winner feeds into the Main Draw of designated WTA Tour Tier III or IV Tournaments, at

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the discretion of the WTA Tour and the ITF. If the winner does not take the Feed-Up place, or moves into that WTA Tour Tournament on her own merit (i.e., based on her ranking), the spot will revert to the finalist only. In the event of a Feed-Up Tournament being cancelled, best efforts will be made to amend the schedule accordingly.

b. Qualifying

The WTA Tour provides Feed-Up opportunities from most ITF Women's Circuit \$25,000 Tournaments throughout the year in which the winner feeds into the Qualifying draw of designated WTA Tour Tier III or IV Tournaments, at the discretion of the WTA Tour and the ITF. If the winner does not take the Feed-Up place, or moves into that Tour Tournament on her own merit, the spot will revert to the finalist only. In the event of a Feed-Up Tournament being cancelled, best efforts will be made to amend the schedule accordingly.

c. Intention to Play

Any eligible Feed-Up player must indicate her intention to play the Feed-Up Tournament by signing an official WTA Tour Entry form and the Mandatory Player Form (if she has not already done so) no later than seven (7) days prior to the start of the Main Draw of the Feed-Up Tournament. If the Feed-Up player does not notify the Tour's Florida office by this deadline, she will automatically lose her right to the Feed-Up spot. If a Feed-Up player has confirmed her acceptance of the Feed-Up spot into a Tour event applicable to the ITF Feed Up and she has been officially accepted into the draw, she will be subject to penalties (as outlined on page 57) if she withdraws after the withdrawal deadline or fails to sign-in for the Qualifying.

* Contact the WTA Tour's Florida Office or the ITF for the Feed-Up Schedule.

17. Distribution of Acceptance Lists

The initial Tournament acceptance lists are distributed on-site to Tournaments, Tour Supervisors and to individual Tournament Directors immediately upon their availability and will be posted on

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the “Players Lounge (for members), the Service Line (for non-members), and the Tournament Arena (for Tournament Directors).”

18. Tournament Status

Players may contact the WTA Tour Florida or on-site Supervisors to find out their position in Tournaments. It is the player’s own individual responsibility to find out what her status is for any Tournament entered.

19. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists

a. Player Omitted

If an administrative error has been made in a Tournament player acceptance list resulting in a player being omitted from the list, the player will be placed at the top of the Next-In Lists for Main Draw and/or Qualifying based on the appropriate ranking used for player movement.

b. Too Many Players Accepted

Refer to On-site Procedures for Administrative Errors - page 70 (Singles), page 73 (Doubles)

20. One Week Decision Deadline (after the release of the acceptance lists)

After the entry deadline has closed for each Tournament, players have a decision time period of one (1) week in which to withdraw from the Main Draw of a Tournament without penalty. (The decision deadline is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, New York, USA, one (1) week after acceptances have been produced and released whichever is later). After this one week time period, a player may not withdraw from the Main Draw of any Tour Tournament to play another Tournament the same week (or for any other reason*), and she will be subject to late withdrawal fines. The foregoing withdrawal period does not apply to Exempt Player’s Commitment Tournaments including the Mandatory Tier I Tournament.

* A player may not withdraw from a Main Draw after the One Week Decision Deadline to accept a Wild Card into another Tour Tournament. However, a player may withdraw from the Qualifying of a Tour Tournament up until one week prior to the start of the

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Tournament to accept a Wild Card into another Tournament, including an ITF Circuit event.

21. More than One Tournament Per Week

If a player (excluding Gold Exempt Players and Silver Exempt players where relating to their Commitment Tournaments) enters more than one (1) WTA Tour Tournament per week, the following rules apply:

a. Indicating Preferences

The player must list a preference. If she fails to do so, she will be entered according to the highest tier level; however, if two Tournaments entered are at the same tier level, she will be entered in those Tournaments in the order they appear on the official entry form and all applicable withdrawal rules will apply.

b. Entering Two Tournaments in One Week

When the initial acceptance lists are produced, a player will not be accepted into 2 Main Draws or 2 Qualifying lists.

At the Entry Deadline, if a player is accepted into:

The Main Draw of 1st Preference

If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of her first preference Tournament, she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments she entered that week.

The Main Draw of 2nd Preference

If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of her 2nd preference Tournament and the Qualifying or Alternate list of her 1st preference Tournament, she will remain on both Tournament lists for one week. Monday, one week after the entry deadline (Decision Deadline), she must decide if she will play the Main Draw of her 2nd preference Tournament or play the Qualifying of her 1st preference Tournament. After the Decision Deadline, a player may not remain on both lists. If she is in a Main Draw after this deadline, she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments that week.

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The Qualifying of 1st Preference

If a player is not accepted into the Main Draw of either her first or second preference Tournament, but is accepted into the Qualifying of her first preference Tournament, she will automatically be changed to Main Draw Only on her 2nd preference Tournament.

The Qualifying of 2nd Preference

If a player is accepted into the Qualifying of her 2nd preference Tournament and on the Alternate list of her first preference Tournament, she may remain on both lists until two weeks prior to the Tournament at which time she must make a decision as to which Tournament she will play (Two Weeks Prior to Alternate Deadline). If at any time prior to two weeks she moves into the Qualifying of her first preference Tournament, she will automatically be changed to Main Draw Only in her second preference Tournament.

Alternate For Both Tournaments

If a player is not accepted into Qualifying of either her 1st or 2nd preference Tournament, she may remain on both Alternate lists until two weeks prior to the Tournament.

c. Entering 3 Tournaments in One Week

When the initial acceptance lists are produced, a player will not be accepted into 3 Main Draws or 3 Qualifying lists, nor will she be accepted into 2 Main Draws or 2 Qualifying lists.

At the Entry Deadline, a player is accepted into:

The Main Draw of 1st Preference

If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of her first preference Tournament, she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments she entered that week.

The Main Draw of 2nd Preference

(Main Draw 2nd preference, Qualifying of 1st and 3rd preferences)

If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of her 2nd preference Tournament and the Qualifying of her 1st and 3rd preference Tournaments, she will remain on the Main Draw of her 2nd preference Tournament and the Qualifying of her

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1st preference Tournament for one week. She will be placed on the Main Draw only list for her 3rd preference Tournament. Monday, one week after the entry deadline (Decision Deadline), she must decide if she will play the Main Draw of her 2nd preference Tournament or play the Qualifying of her 1st preference Tournament or wait to get into the Main Draw of her 3rd preference Tournament. After the Decision Deadline, a player may not remain on all lists. If she is in a Main Draw after this deadline, she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments that week.

(Main Draw 2nd preference, Qualifying of 3rd, Alternate of 1st)
If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of her 2nd preference Tournament, the Qualifying of her 3rd preference Tournament, and the Alternate list of her 1st preference Tournament, she will remain on the Main Draw list of her 2nd preference Tournament, the Alternate list of her 1st preference Tournament, and be placed on the Main Draw Only list for her 3rd preference Tournament for one week. She must then make a decision as to which Tournament she will play at the Decision Deadline. If she is in a Main Draw after this deadline, she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments that week.

Main Draw of 3rd Preference

(Main Draw 3rd preference, Qualifying of 1st and 2nd)
If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of her 3rd preference Tournament and the Qualifying of her 1st and 2nd preference Tournaments, she will remain on the Main Draw list of her 3rd preference Tournament, the Qualifying of her 1st preference Tournament, and remain on the Main Draw Only list of her 2nd preference Tournament for one week. At the Decision Deadline, one week after the entry deadline, she must make a decision as to which Tournament she will play. If she is in a Main Draw after this deadline, she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments that week.

(Main Draw 3rd preference, Qualifying of 2nd, Alternate of 1st)
If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of her 3rd preference Tournament and the Qualifying of her 2nd preference Tournament and the Alternate list of her 1st

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preference Tournament, she will remain on all 3 lists until one week after the entry deadline. At that time she must make a decision as to which Tournament she will play. If she is in a Main Draw after this deadline, she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments that week.

The Qualifying of 1st Preference

If a player is not accepted into the Main Draw of her first, second or 3rd preference Tournaments, but is accepted into the Qualifying of her first preference Tournament, she will automatically be changed to Main Draw Only on her 2nd and 3rd preference Tournaments.

The Qualifying of 2nd Preference

If a player is accepted into the Qualifying of her 2nd preference Tournament, the Alternate list of her 1st preference Tournament, and the Qualifying or Alternate list of her 3rd preference Tournament, she may remain in the Qualifying list of her 2nd preference Tournament and on the Alternate of her 1st preference Tournament, but will be made Main Draw Only for her 3rd preference Tournament. At two weeks prior to the Tournament, she must make a decision as to which Tournament she will play (Two Weeks Prior Alternate Deadline). If at any time prior to two weeks before the Tournament she moves into the Qualifying of her first preference Tournament, she will automatically be changed to Main Draw Only in her second preference Tournament.

The Qualifying of 3rd Preference

If a player is accepted into the Qualifying of her 3rd preference Tournament, and is on the Alternate lists of her 1st and 2nd preference Tournaments, she may remain on all 3 Tournament lists. At two weeks prior to the Tournament, she must make a decision as to which Tournament she will play (Two Weeks Prior Alternate Deadline). If at any time prior to two weeks she moves into the Qualifying of her first preference Tournament, she will automatically be changed to Main Draw Only in her 2nd and 3rd preference Tournaments. If at any time prior to two weeks before the Tournament she moves into the Qualifying of her 2nd preference Tournament, she will be

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withdrawn automatically be made Main Draw Only for her 3rd preference Tournament.

Alternate For All 3 Tournaments

If a player is not accepted into Qualifying of either her 1st, 2nd, or 3rd preference Tournaments, she may remain on all Alternate lists up until two weeks prior to the Tournament.

d. Changing Preferences

A player may change her preference after the entry deadline has passed only if the player is an alternate on all lists scheduled in the same week. In this case, she may change her preference up until two (2) weeks prior to the Tournament. At that time she must make a choice. If she does not contact the WTA Tour with her choice, she will remain on the Alternate list of her first preference and be removed from her 2nd and 3rd preference Tournaments.

e. Main Draw Only

i. If a player has entered Main Draw Only for all Tournaments occurring in the same week and if after the One Week Decision Deadline a player is on the Next In Main Draw Alternate Lists for all Tournaments entered that week, she must play the first Tournament she moves into regardless of her preference.

ii. If a player has entered more than one Tour Tournament in the same week as "Main Draw Only", she must make a decision one (1) week prior to the start of the respective Tournaments as to which Tournament she intends to play. If no decision is made she will remain on her first preference list and removed from her 2nd and 3rd preference Tournaments.

f. Second Week of a Grand Slam

A player is allowed to play in an ITF Women's Circuit Tournament only during the second week of a Grand Slam, or a combined 10-day Tour Tournament, provided the player has been eliminated from the singles and doubles of the above-mentioned Tournaments. A player will not be permitted to withdraw from these Tour Tournaments to play an ITF event and players will be subject to ITF late

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withdrawal fines if forced to withdraw from the ITF event due to continued participation in the Tour Tournament.

g. Playing Two Singles Tournaments in One Week

A player is not allowed to compete in singles in two (2) Tournaments held in one week and will be withdrawn from the second Tournament by the appropriate entry authority (i.e., a player may not play the Qualifying of a Tour Tournament, lose, and then play the Main Draw of an ITF Women's Circuit Tournament in the same week). If a player does play two (2) singles Tournaments in one (1) week, upon the first occurrence the player will receive the lesser of the Ranking points earned from the two (2) Tournaments. Upon the second and subsequent occurrences, the player will not be awarded any Ranking points and she will be subject to a fine.

h. Playing Two Doubles Tournaments in One Week

A player is not allowed to compete in doubles in two (2) Tournaments where ranking points are awarded held in the same week. If a player does play two (2) doubles Tournaments in one (1) week, upon the first occurrence the player will receive the lesser of the Ranking points earned from the two (2) Tournaments. Upon the second and subsequent occurrences, the player will not be awarded any Ranking points and she will be subject to a fine.

i. Playing Singles/Doubles Same Week in Different Tournaments

A player is allowed to play Singles of one Tournament and Doubles in another Tournament played the same week, provided the player has been eliminated from one Tournament prior to playing in the other Tournament. A player may not participate in both Tournaments at the same time.

For the purposes of the Age Eligibility Rule, each Tournament in which a player earns WTA Ranking points will count towards her allotment of Tournaments under the Age Eligibility Rule.

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22. Main Draw Only Tournaments – Next In List

Players on the Next In List for a Main Draw Only Tournament must reconfirm their intention to play the Tournament by contacting (either in-person or by a telephone conversation) a WTA Tour Operations staff person or the on-site Supervisor on the Friday prior to the start of Main Draw by 4.00 p.m. tournament local time. The player must leave her contact number with the Tour Operations Department staff member or Supervisor with whom she speaks. If a player fails to sign-in on the requisite day by 4.00 p.m. tournament local time, her entry will be automatically withdrawn from the Next In Main Draw Alternate List.

B. WITHDRAWING FROM A TOURNAMENT

1. Withdrawal Requirements

- a. No withdrawal from a Tournament will be effective unless the player submits the withdrawal in writing to the Tour Operations Department, using a Change of Commitment Form and/or Medical Information Form, as applicable. Withdrawals from the next week's Tournament, which are made after work hours from Friday through to Sunday, must also be sent to the Supervisor on-site.
- b. A player must provide the reason for her withdrawal at the time of her withdrawal, as well as a suitable quotation. The WTA Tour may release this reason and quotation to the media and public.
- c. The WTA Tour will accept withdrawals from players and/or designated coaches and agents. Regardless of whom a player designates to act upon her behalf, ultimately the player is responsible for all of her entries and withdrawals.
- d. A player will not be withdrawn from any WTA Tour acceptance list unless the Tour has received written notification from the player of her withdrawal, with the exception of the rules that apply when a player enters more than one Tournament per week (see page 50). A player will not be automatically withdrawn from any WTA Tour event due to her participation in an ITF event that same or the following week.

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- e. If a player is unable to arrive at the qualifying of a Tour Tournament for her first scheduled match due to her participation in the previous week's Tour Tournament or Fed Cup play, provided the Tour Supervisor at the previous week's Tournament (or the Referee in the case of Fed Cup) confirms that such player is unable to arrive in time, her withdrawal from the Tournament will not be considered a late withdrawal as long as the player fills out the proper Change of Commitment Form indicating the reason for withdrawal and has such form approved in writing by such Tour Supervisor (or Referee in the case of Fed Cup).
- f. If a Player (by ranking, including Special Ranking, where applicable) is automatically entered into the Main Draw of a Mandatory Tier I Tournament or Grand Slam Tournament, the Player must follow the procedures set forth in this section to withdraw from such Tournament and the Player shall be subject to the withdrawal fines set out in Section B.2.b below.

2. Main Draw Late Withdrawal Fines

- a. Except as otherwise provided below, all players (including Exempt Players) will be subject to mandatory withdrawal fines for withdrawing late from the main draw of a Tournament. A Late Withdrawal shall be:
 - i. For Gold Exempt Players, withdrawing from a Tournament after entering the Tournament;
 - ii. For Silver Exempt Players, withdrawing from a Commitment Tournament after entering the Tournament; for all other entries, withdrawing from a Tournament anytime one week or later after the entry deadline;
 - iii. For all other Players, withdrawing from a Tournament anytime one week or later after the entry deadline.
- b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a player, who by ranking, (including Special Rankings) qualifies for acceptance into the Main Draw of the Mandatory Tier I Tournament,

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withdraws at anytime, she will be subject to the Late Withdrawal Fine set out below.

- c. The amount of the mandatory Late Withdrawal fine is dependent on the player's ranking at the time of the withdrawal, as well as the number of Main Draw Late Withdrawals the player already has made in the Tour Year. The fine is to be determined as follows:

Ranking	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd and Subsequent
1-10	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
11-25	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
26-50	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
51-100	\$ 500	\$1,000	\$2,000
101+	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$1,000

- d. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, any two (2) Late Withdrawals by a player during the Tour Year that are substantiated by the player as being medical withdrawals for a bona fide injury or illness shall not count as Late Withdrawal offense and shall not subject the player to a Late Withdrawal fine. To constitute a bona fide injury or illness ("Bona Fide Injury"), Player must do the following:
- i. Within ten (10) days of the event, submit to the Tour's Operations Department a WTA Tour Medical information form, which must be written in English, and completed by an accredited physician, indicating the nature of the injury or illness and verifying that she is unable to play in the Tournament from which she was forced to withdraw.
 - ii. Attach copies of the records of the clinical visit to the Physician, including the Physician's notes/ documentation and all relevant laboratory tests.
 - iii. Personally sign the Medical Information Form, warranting that she is unable to play in the Tournament from which she was forced to withdraw.

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- iv. If requested by the Tour, provide a suitable quotation relating to her inability to play in the event and authorize the Tour to publicly release the quotation along with the basis for her withdrawal.
- e. A player's withdrawal fine will be doubled if her withdrawal occurs after the Qualifying competition has started (if withdrawing from Main Draw).
- f. A player who is entered in a Tournament and fails to show up to the Tournament will have committed a No Show Offense. A No Show Offense shall be considered as a Late Withdrawal and subject the Player to Late Withdrawal fines, except that a player will not be relieved of her Late Withdrawal fine for a No Show Offense if the no show was the result of a Bona Fide Injury.
- g. The Late Withdrawal fines for doubles shall be based on 25% of the equivalent singles' fine.
- h. All Late Withdrawal and No Show Offense fines shall be retained by the Tour.

3. Qualifying Withdrawal Fines

- a. A player may withdraw from Qualifying:
 - i. By the Monday, two (2) weeks prior to the start of the Main Draw without penalty.
 - ii. If a player withdraws within two (2) weeks prior to the Tournament, the automatic withdrawal fine is \$150 at Tier I & Tier II events and \$100 at Tier III & IV events.
 - iii. If a player does not withdraw from a Tournament and is a No Show at the Qualifying sign-in she will receive an automatic fine of \$600 at Tier I & II events and \$500 at Tier III & IV events. A medical reason will not be cause for a No Show fine dismissal.
 - iv. If, less than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the Main Draw, a player changes her alternate status to Main Draw Only and the player is not subsequently accepted

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into the Main Draw, the player will remain subject to the late withdrawal fine.

- b. Alternates waiting to get into Qualifying who are accepted into Qualifying anytime up until the 4:00 p.m. tournament local time Qualifying sign-in deadline are obligated under these rules to play the Tournament. A player who is accepted into the Qualifying and who does not sign-in at the 4:00 p.m. tournament local time deadline will be fined \$600 at Tier I & II events and \$500 at Tier III & IV events as a No Show.
- c. The late Qualifying withdrawal fine for doubles shall be based on 25% of the equivalent singles fine per player.

4. On-Site Medical Withdrawals

If a Player is on-site at a Tournament and is forced to withdraw, retire or default from a match (or from the Tournament prior to a match) due to an injury or illness, the withdrawal will not count as a Late Withdrawal and the player may be relieved of the obligation to pay a Late Withdrawal Fine provided she:

- a. Meets the on-site PHCP and Tournament Physician for an evaluation and assessment of the injury or illness prior to the player leaving the Tournament city;
- b. Submits a copy of a signed WTA Tour Medical Information Form and Change of Commitment Form to the on-site Supervisor, stating the reason for withdrawal and authorizing the Tour to release such reason to the media and public; and
- c. If the player has retired prior to or during the first round, completes a First Round Retirement form with the PHCP and the Supervisor.
- d. Completes the Mandatory Attendance Activities set forth in section V.A.5.a.viii.

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5. Consecutive Medical Withdrawals

A Player's withdrawal from consecutive Tournaments due to a Bona Fide Injury or following an On-Site Medical Withdrawal, will be considered as one withdrawal.

6. Personal Emergency/Extraordinary Circumstances

In an extreme personal emergency or under other extraordinary circumstances (e.g. a death in the family or a serious illness or life-threatening situation for the player or her family), a player has the right to appeal a late withdrawal fine to the WTA Tour. Such personal emergencies/extraordinary circumstances must be substantiated by documentation.

7. Retirement / Defaults

- a. Matches Scheduled Same Day
 - i. A player who withdraws from singles may be allowed to play doubles as long as the doubles has not been scheduled and the match called on the same day as the singles withdrawal.
 - ii. A player will be allowed to withdraw from doubles prior to the singles being played when both matches are scheduled for the same day.
- b. Default due to Disciplinary Reasons
 - i. If the defaulting of a player from the singles event has been administered for disciplinary reasons, said player may be defaulted automatically from all events in that Tournament.
 - ii. If a doubles team is defaulted through the Code for disciplinary reasons, both players may be subject to automatic default from all other events in that Tournament if either player received two or more Code violations or the Code violation resulting in a default. (Cross-reference Defaults - page 123)
- c. The Following Week's Tournament

A player may only enter and compete in one WTA Tour or ITF Circuit Tournament per Tournament week. Once a player enters and is accepted into the Main Draw of singles or doubles, signs in or enters the Qualifying competition,

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she is committed to play that Tournament to completion or elimination for the week, unless released by the WTA Tour.

A player who has lost in a Tournament (Week 1) may play the Qualifying for a Tournament scheduled for the next week (Week 2).

A player may not withdraw or retire from any draw of Week 1 to play in any other Tournament in Week 2. However if a player is forced to withdraw or retire from a draw in Week 1 due to medical reasons, and she is entered in a Tournament in Week 2, that player must receive a medical examination from the Tournament Physician/ PHCP from Week 1 and submit her medical examination to the Tournament Physician / PHCP for Week 2. To be eligible to compete in this Tournament the player must receive a medical examination by Tournament Physician and PHCP in week 2.

Any player will automatically be withdrawn from Week 2 if:

- i. she has withdrawn or retired from a draw in Week 1 without cause or for unprofessional reasons; or
- ii. she fails to provide proof of medical examination from the Tournament Physician /PHCP from Week 1 to the Tournament Physician / PHCP of Week 2; or
- iii. she fails to receive a medical examination for Week 2 from the Tournament Physician / PHCP.

Any player who is discovered to have contravened this rule shall not receive WTA Tour Ranking points for Week 2. The player will also be subject to a fine as permitted under these WTA Tour Rules. This rule does not apply to a player whose partner in doubles has been forced to withdraw or retire from their match.

d. Requirements for all Withdrawals / Retirements

Prior to retiring from a match, a player is required to call for the PHCP and the Supervisor to give the reason for the retirement. Once a player has withdrawn on-site, retired or defaulted from a match she is required to meet with the on-site PHCP and, at the discretion of the PHCP and the Tournament Physician for an evaluation and assessment of

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the injury or illness prior to leaving the Tournament city. Failure to meet the above requirements may result in a fine to the player.

- i. If it is a first round withdrawal/retirement, the player must; (1) must submit a copy of the signed WTA Tour Medical Information Form and the Change of Commitment Form to the on-site Supervisor, stating her reason for withdrawal and giving authorization for public release; (2) complete the First Round Retirement Form only.
- ii. If it is a retirement in a match other than a first round, the player must see the PHCP as above, and submit all required documentation to the Supervisor.

e. Unprofessional

If the player's withdrawal is reported to the Tour as being for unprofessional reasons, or is damaging to the image of the Tour, the player will be subject to a disciplinary review and/or penalties by the WTA Tour.

8. Withdrawal of Seeds

(See procedures for Withdrawal of a Seed – page 88.)

C. DRAWS

1. Singles Main Draw

a. Composition

The Main Draw will consist of some or all of the following:

- i. Direct Acceptance — those players accepted direct into the draw by virtue of their past performance as determined by the WTA Rankings (unless exception is authorized by the WTA Tour via a Special Ranking), and those players with Gold or Silver Exempt status.
- ii. Qualifiers — those players accepted into the draw due to their success in the Qualifying competition. Following are the number of Qualifiers based on the draw size.

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Main Draw Size	Qualifying Size	No. of Qualifiers
28/30/32	16	4
28/30/32	32	4
28	48	6
48	16	4
56	16	4
56	32	8
56	48	12
96	48	12

The number of Qualifiers at Grand Slam tournaments will be as follows:

Australian Open (96 Qual.)	12 Qualifiers
Roland Garros (96 Qual.)	12 Qualifiers
Wimbledon (96 Qual.)	12 Qualifiers
US Open (128 Qual.)	16 Qualifiers

- iii. Wild Card Nominations — those players named Wild Cards by the Tournament Director to fill their designated spots in the draw. Tournaments are required to submit a tentative list of Wild Card nominations to the Florida office one week prior to the start of the Main Draw. The WTA Tour or the Supervisor must receive final Wild Card nominations by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time, the day of Qualifying Sign-In. If there is no Qualifying event, Wild Card nominations must be made in writing by Friday, 4:00 p.m. tournament local time the week preceding the Tournament, or by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time the day before the draw is made, whichever comes first. The Tour must approve all Wild Card nominations in regards to the Age Eligibility Rule and other rule limitations. (Cross-reference to Wild Cards – page 78)
- iv. Byes - those positions allocated in the draw to byes based on the draw size of the Tournament. Byes will be given to seeded players in descending order. If applicable, remaining byes shall be allocated to the

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highest ranked players in descending order. (See the Byes on page 84 for number of byes in a draw.)

- v. WTA Tour Feed-Up Spots — those spots designated in the draw to winners (or finalists) of ITF Women’s Circuit Feed Up Events as determined by the WTA Tour. Refer to ITF Women’s Circuit Events. (Cross reference page 47).
- vi. Lucky Losers - A Lucky Loser is defined as a player who loses in the Qualifying competition and who is eligible for a second chance to play in the Main Draw. The criterion for determining Lucky Loser status is determined first by the highest ranked players (in descending order) who have lost in the final round of Qualifying. (The ranking used to determine the Lucky Loser order is the same ranking used to determine the Qualifying seeding.) If more Lucky Losers are required, the same procedure is followed for players who have lost in the second to last round of Qualifying, in descending rank order.

NOTE: A player’s Special Ranking may not be used to determine her Lucky Loser position or status. Only actual rankings will be used to determine a player’s Lucky Loser status.

(Cross-reference Special Ranking Rule – page 194)

- b. Openings in the Main Draw
 - i. Before Qualifying Begins — by Next-In Main Draw Alternates based on the WTA Tour Ranking currently used for alternate status.
 - ii. After the Qualifying begins and Player Commitment has been met, openings in the Main Draw will be filled by Lucky Losers except in the case of:
 - (a) A Late Entry by a Gold Exempt 1-13 player (who enters before the start of the Main Draw);
 - (b) An Alternate Wild Card replacement; or
 - (c) The correction of an administrative error.

(Cross-reference Wild Cards page 78; Gold Exempt Late Entries page 28.)

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- iii. A player who is not entered and has not competed in Qualifying cannot be considered for a Lucky Loser status.
- iv. Lucky Loser positions in the Main Draw will not be released until the completion of the Qualifying event, unless Qualifying has not been completed by the time the Schedule of Play is released. In that event, the Supervisor may release a player's position where necessary and schedule players who have been accepted into the Main Draw.

Procedures

- If there are withdrawals from the Main Draw after Qualifying has begun and before Qualifiers have been drawn to the Main Draw, Qualifiers and Lucky Losers will be drawn together by lot to determine their positions in the Draw. *
- At Tournaments where the last round of Qualifying and the first round of Main Draw are played on the same day and there is a withdrawal in the Main Draw matches scheduled for the cross over day, all Qualifiers shall be drawn by lot to the Qualifier spots and all other openings in the draw shall be drawn by lot and filled by Lucky Losers.
- When the last round of Qualifying and the first round Main Draw are played on the same day, Lucky Losers must sign-in no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last Qualifying match.
- If a Main Draw spot becomes available prior to the start of the last match of the day (singles or doubles), the Lucky Loser will be determined by the sign-in for that day. However, where there are no Lucky Losers signed-in and the match affected by the withdrawal is not scheduled for that day, the following day's sign-in will be used to fill the vacant spot. If the spots become available after the start of the last match of the day/night (singles or doubles),

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the spot will be filled by the highest ranked player or team who signs in the following day.

* Alternate Wild Card replacement: before the Main Draw has started, if a Wild Card withdraws, an Alternate Wild Card may be named by the Tournament Director (Refer to page 78). In this case, the Alternate Wild Card does not need to be named prior to the Wild Card nominations deadline.

v. If a player is forced to retire or withdraws from the Qualifying, she may retain her right to Lucky Loser status for the duration of the Tournament provided that:

- she signs-in with the Supervisor by the lucky loser deadline each day;
- she receives a medical examination from the Tournament Physician and PHCP;
- the Main Draw match is not scheduled for the same day she retired/withdrew from her Qualifying match. *

* A player may take a lucky loser position and be moved into the draw the same day that she retired/withdrew from the qualifying as long as the match was not scheduled for that day. If the open lucky loser position is on the schedule the same day as the retirement/walkover, the position will go to the next eligible lucky loser for that day.

vi. If a Lucky Loser is currently involved in or scheduled for another event/match pertaining to the Tournament, then the Lucky Loser's match or other scheduled match may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Supervisor. Where Qualifying has not been completed or a Lucky Loser is unable to be determined, the match may be rescheduled.

vii. The first Lucky Loser or Alternate must be ready to play a match within fifteen (15) minutes of the original No Show or default. If the first on-site Lucky Loser/Alternate fails to be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes, the next on-site Lucky Loser/Alternate must

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be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time her match is called. Any subsequent on-site Lucky Loser/Alternate must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time her match is called. If a Lucky Loser or an Alternate chooses not to sign in one day, she may still sign in the next day. However, if she signs in, her match is called and she fails to show for the match (for any reason), she forfeits her Lucky Loser or Alternate status for the duration of the Tournament.

- viii. With the exception of the Alternate Wild Card Replacement Rule, a Late Entry Gold Exempt 1-13 player or the correction of a Tour Administrative error, once the Qualifying begins and before the Main Draw has started, all vacancies in the Main Draw will be filled by Lucky Losers, not Main Draw only players. (Cross-reference – Gold Exempt Late Entries page 28 & Wild Cards page 78)

NOTE: The default procedure set forth in this section also applies to Lucky Losers.

- c. Openings in Qualifying or Main Draw Only Events

On-Site Alternates

On-site Alternates are those players waiting to get into the Main Draw or Qualifying who have:

- i. signed an official WTA Tour Entry Form, and entered the Tournament by the official deadline; and
- ii. signed in with the Supervisor or the Tour Operations staff by the 4:00 p.m. tournament local time Qualifying sign-in deadline the day prior to the start of Qualifying (or if there is no Qualifying, on the Friday prior to the start of the Main Draw by 4.00 p.m. tournament local time).

Additional Wild Cards

At Tournaments where there are no on-site Alternates, openings in the draw may be filled by additional

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Tournament Wild Cards. Players/teams waiting to get into the draw, as additional Tournament Wild Cards must:

- i. sign-in with the Supervisor or the Tour Operations staff by the 4.00 p.m. tournament local time Qualifying sign-in deadline the day prior to the start of Qualifying;
- ii. request to the Tournament Director and be approved as an additional Qualifying Wild Card;
- iii. sign-in with the Supervisor / Referee thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of play each day to be eligible for any openings in the draw that day.

(Cross-reference Wild Cards – page 78)

Sign-In Procedures

- i. Alternates sign-in deadline is 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play for the day.
- ii. An Alternate or Lucky Loser is not required to sign-in one day to be eligible as an Alternate/Lucky Loser another day. (This applies to singles & doubles Alternates and to Lucky Losers.)
- iii. An on-site Alternate is eligible to substitute for all 1st round matches and for 2nd round matches when the player or team has had a 1st round bye.
- iv. The first Lucky Loser / on-site Alternate must be ready to play within fifteen minutes of being called for a match. If the first on-site Alternate fails to be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes, the next on-site Alternate must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time her match is called. Any subsequent on-site Alternate must be ready to play within (5) minutes of the time her match is called. Matches will not be held for Alternates still competing in another ITF or WTA Tour Tournament. If an on-site Alternate fails to show for a match, they will be considered a no-show.

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NOTE: The Alternate Update Ranking determines the order of on-site Alternates.

d. On-Site Draw Procedure for Administrative Error – Preliminary Match

If an administrative error has been made in a Tournament player acceptance list and too many players have been accepted into the Tournament, the following procedures will be followed: the last two (2) players accepted into the Tournament based upon the most current updated entry list regardless of whether the draw has been made (excluding Wild Cards, Qualifiers and Gold and Silver Exempt players needed for player commitment) will play a preliminary match for one (1) spot in the draw. The loser of the preliminary match will receive 1st round prize money, 1st round Tour Championship Points and 1st round WTA Tour Ranking points. Prize money payment to the loser of the preliminary match will not constitute an additional expense to the Tournament; the WTA Tour will pay it. A player who wins the preliminary match but then loses in the 1st round will receive 1st round prize money, 1st round Tour Championship Points plus 25% of 2nd round prize money (paid by WTA Tour) and 35% of 2nd round WTA Tour Ranking points.

The Tour will reimburse per diem expenses to the losers of the Preliminary match per WTA Tour Rules.

e. Late Gold Exempt Entries - Preliminary Match

If a Gold Exempt player enters and is accepted in order to meet Player Commitment into a Tournament after the draw has been made, if necessary the draw will be re-seeded and the same procedure for an administrative error will be followed. See above Preliminary Match.

(Cross-reference Gold Exempt Players – page 28.)

2. Singles – Qualifying Draw

a. Minimum Draw Size

Minimum number of places in the Qualifying competition will be 16.

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b. Composition

i. Direct Acceptance

Those players accepted based on the WTA Tour Ranking at the time of entry deadline or unless an exception is authorized via a Special Ranking.

ii. Wild Card Nominations

Those players named Wild Cards by the Tournament Director to fill designated spots in the draw. (See Wild Cards – page 78)

Tournament Directors must name and notify the WTA Tour of their final Wild Card nominations in writing by the Qualifying sign-in deadline.

If there are open spots in the draw and no on-site Alternates, the open spot will revert to the Tournament Director as Additional Wild Card spots. These Wild Cards will count towards a players' yearly allotment of Wild Cards.

c. Sign-In Deadlines

i. All Qualifiers must sign-in by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time the day prior to the start of Qualifying. If a player does not sign in at this time she will not be placed in the draw. The sign-in must be done by contacting (either in person or by a telephone conversation) the on-site Supervisor, a Supervisor at an event at which a player is competing or the Tour Operations Department in Florida or the European Headquarters.

ii. On-site Alternates must have signed in as on page 68. If an Alternate has not been accepted into the Qualifying draw, she must sign-in with or contact the Supervisor before 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play each day. An on-site Alternate is eligible to substitute for all first round matches and for second round matches when there are first round byes. A player (Alternate or Lucky Loser) will not lose her Alternate/Lucky Loser status if she chooses not to sign-in each day.

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- d. Openings in the Qualifying Draw
 - i. Before 4:00 p.m. tournament local time Sign-In: filled by Next-in Qualifying Alternates based on the WTA Tour Computer Ranking used for alternate status.
 - ii. After the Qualifying Sign-In: by On-Site Alternates based on the Acceptance Ranking. Where spaces still remain in the draw and unranked on-site Alternates are waiting, acceptance will be based on:
 - (a) the player's tentative ranking as determined by the computer record of a player who has played one (1) or two (2) Tournaments. The player with the higher total points will be accepted first, (Ranking used is the Acceptance ranking); or
 - (b) national, regional, or section ranking if the players involved are all from the same country; or
 - (c) by drawing names out by lot when players are of different nationalities or do not qualify in any of the above categories.
 - iii. The first on-site Alternate must be ready to play within fifteen minutes if being called for a match. Matches will not be held for Alternates still competing in another ITF or WTA Tour Tournament.

3. Doubles Main Draw

a. Entries

All Doubles Only players must sign an official WTA Tour Entry Form prior to the commencement of the doubles event. This requirement shall not apply to the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, where entry shall be automatic.

b. Deadlines

- i. All teams must sign-in by the 12:00 noon tournament local time. Doubles deadline is the day before the start of the singles Main Draw. The sign-in must be done in person or, if necessary, by a telephone conversation

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either with the on-site Supervisor, the Supervisor from the previous week's WTA Tour Tournament or the Tour Operations Department. (Exceptions to the doubles entry deadline will be stated on the official WTA Tour Tournament Fact Sheets.)

- ii. All Doubles Special Ranking entries must be submitted to the Supervisor in writing.
(Cross-reference Special Ranking Rule – page 194).
- c. Acceptance
- i. Doubles acceptance will be based on the WTA Tour Doubles Rankings the week prior to the start of play (the same date rankings used for the singles seeding). For Doubles Tournaments that begin late in the week, the current Rankings (i.e., rankings from the week prior to the start of play must still be used for acceptance and/or seeding purposes.
 - ii. Entry cut offs and seeding will be determined by the highest combined ranking of the teams entered. If teams are tied, the tie-break procedure will be in the following order:
 - (a) Team with the greatest combined total points.
 - (b) Team with the highest combined ranking from the previous week.
 - (c) Team with the fewest combined number of Tournaments played over the previous 52-week period.
 - iii. For entries and seeding, unranked players will be assigned a rank of one (1) plus the lowest player listed on the most current ranking used for the acceptances.
 - iv. A player who enters the doubles must stipulate if she is not willing to play in the Qualifying (i.e. MDO).
- d. Preliminary Matches

If it becomes necessary to play a doubles preliminary match in the Main Draw, the last two (2) doubles teams accepted into the Tournament based upon the most current ranking used for seeding (excluding Wild Cards and Qualifiers) will

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play a preliminary match for one (1) spot in the draw. The losers of the preliminary match will receive first round prize money; first round Tour Championship points and first round WTA Tour Ranking points. Prize money payment to the loser of the preliminary match will not constitute an additional expense to the Tournament; it will be paid by the WTA Tour. A doubles team who wins the preliminary match but then loses in the 1st round will receive 1st round prize money plus 25% of 2nd round prize money (paid by WTA Tour); first round Tour Championship Points and 35% of 2nd round WTA Tour Ranking points plus Quality points from the preliminary match.

The Tour will reimburse per diem expenses to the losers of the Preliminary match per WTA Tour Rules.

e. **Composition**

i. Direct Acceptance

Those teams accepted based on the WTA Tour Doubles Rankings consistent with the ranking update used for the singles seeding and/or other Tour doubles event played the same week or through a Special Ranking authorized by the WTA Tour.

ii. Wild Card Nominations

Those teams named Wild Cards by the Tournament Director to fill designated spots in the draw. (See Wild Cards, page 78) Final Wild Card nominations must be named in writing by 12:00 p.m. tournament local time the day of the Doubles Sign-In deadline. The Tour must approve all Wild Card nominations in regard the Age Eligibility Rule and other rule limitations.

iii. Qualifiers

Those teams accepted by virtue of their success in the Qualifying competition.

iv. Wild Cards

A minimum of one Wild Card spot will be available to Tournaments irrespective of the size of their Doubles Draw (except in the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships).

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f. Openings in the Main Draw

Openings in the Main Draw will be filled:

- i. Before the Qualifying begins: by the team with the next highest combined ranking at the time of the sign-in deadline. This may be a team in Qualifying or a Team who signed in as a Main Draw only.
- ii After Qualifying begins: by the highest ranked Lucky Loser team. The Lucky Loser must have signed in no later than thirty (30) minutes before the first scheduled doubles for that day or as determined by the on-site Supervisor/Referee and indicated on the order of play. For openings that occur prior to the Qualifying being completed see Qualifying Doubles on page 76.
- iii. No Qualifying: Before or after Main Draw begins: by the Alternate team with the next highest combined ranking at the time of the sign-in deadline. If openings occur on a day other than day of sign-in deadline, the team in order to be eligible must have signed in as an Alternate or contacted the Supervisor 30 minutes before the first scheduled doubles for that day or as determined by the on-site Supervisor/Referee and indicated on the order of play.
- iv. A player already in the draw with one (1) partner is not allowed to enter with another player once the Doubles sign-in has closed.

NOTE:

- See Withdrawal of Seeds, page 88, for procedure if a seed withdraws.
- If spots become available prior to the start of the last match of the day (singles or doubles), the Lucky Loser will be determined by the sign-in for that day. If the spots become available after the start of the last match of the day/night (singles or doubles), the spot will be filled by the highest ranked team who signs in the following day.
- A player/team's Special Rankings may not be used to determine her/their Lucky Loser position or

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status. Only actual rankings will be used to determine a player/team's Lucky Loser status.

4. Qualifying Doubles

a. Entry and Acceptance

Entry and acceptance procedures are listed as per Doubles Main Draw above.

b. Composition

i. Direct Acceptance

Those teams accepted based on the WTA Tour Doubles Rankings consistent with the ranking update used for the singles seeding and/or other Tour doubles event played the same week or through a Special Ranking authorized by the WTA Tour.

ii. Wild Card Nominations

Those teams named Wild Cards by the Tournament Director to fill designated spots in the draw. (See Wild Cards – page 78) Wild Card nominations must be named in writing by 12:00 p.m. tournament local time the day of the Doubles Sign-In deadline.

c. Openings in the Qualifying Draw

Openings in the Qualifying Draw will be filled before or after Qualifying Begins: by the next highest ranked team at the time of the sign-in deadline. If the opening occurs on a day other than that of the sign-in, then to be eligible as an Alternate, the team must have signed-in in person or have contacted the Supervisor as an Alternate 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play that day.

d. Format

- i. All WTA Tour Tournaments will be required (weather and courts permitting) to hold a Doubles Qualifying. All Tournaments will be required to hold a four (4) team doubles Qualifying.* Under special circumstances, the Supervisor has the authority to adjust draw sizes or cancel doubles Qualifying if necessary.

*10 Day Combined Tour Tournaments will hold an eight (8) team doubles Qualifying.

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- ii. Doubles Qualifying will begin as soon as possible following the Doubles sign-in deadline. No doubles qualifying matches will be delayed for travel, conflict with other Tournaments, etc. Only for a reason of conflict with a Singles match of the same Tournament, will rescheduling of Doubles Qualifying be permitted.
- iii. A minimum of one Wild Card spot will be available to Tournaments irrespective of the size of their Doubles Qualifying Draw.
- iv. The last round of Doubles Qualifying will be a best of three (3) set match and a minimum of a Chair Umpire is required. For all previous rounds or in the case of fewer than four (4) teams having participated in the Doubles Qualifying, an eight (8) game pro-set will be played, with a tie-break played if the score reaches eight all.

When last round of Qualifying Doubles has not been played and there is a withdrawal from the Doubles Main Draw:

- (a) If the Main Draw withdrawal does not affect the schedule of play, the last round of Qualifying Doubles shall be played. The winners shall receive Qualifier QLFR Points and the Qualifiers and the Lucky Losers will be drawn together by lot to determine their positions in the draw;
 - (b) If the Main Draw withdrawal does affect the schedule of play, the last round of Qualifying Doubles shall not be played; the QLFR Points will be split evenly between the last two teams (finalists) and a coin toss will determine which team takes the "Qualifier" spot and which teams takes the Lucky Loser spot.
- v. Ranking points If the last round is a best of three (3) set match (as above) and a minimum of four (4) teams have competed in the qualifying, then the Qualifying team will receive QLFR Ranking points. There will be

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no ranking points awarded if fewer than four (4) teams participated in the doubles Qualifying draw (or if for reasons of weather/time an eight (8) game pro set in the final round is played).

- vi. If possible the same surface as the Main Draw should be used to play the Doubles Qualifying.
- vii. If the Main Draw (singles or doubles) of the Tournament has begun and it is not possible to start the Qualifying Doubles, the highest ranked team on the next in list (which may include a 'Main Draw Only' team), will take the open "Qualifier" spot in the Main Draw. If Qualifying matches have been played and the Qualifying doubles must be cancelled, whether or not a complete round has been played, the highest ranked team remaining in the Qualifying will take the open Qualifying spot in the Main Draw.
- viii. Six (6) balls will be used when playing a pro set. When playing a best of 3 sets, six (6) balls will be used, changing every seven (7) and nine (9) games.
- ix. All players will be expected to wear match clothes for doubles Qualifying. (Cross-reference Clothing and Equipment – page 114.)

5. Wild Cards

Wild Cards are those players chosen by the Tournament Director to fill designated spots in the draw. The only restrictions on Wild Cards are those for players who have already used the maximum number of Wild Cards allowed in a Tour Year, and those players who are ineligible to receive a Wild Card due to restrictions set forth in the WTA Tour Age Eligibility Rule. By reason of the foregoing, Wild Cards are not considered official until approved by the Tour. A Wild Card may be seeded, based on WTA Tour seeding procedures.

a. Main Draw Singles

Each Tour Tournament, exclusive of the Grand Slams and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, will receive an additional Wild Card spot to be called the "Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card," based on the following: If a

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Tournament's Player Commitment Formula has not been met prior to the start of the Tournament, the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card will be first used by the Tour to move a Gold Exempt player into the Main Draw of a Tournament to satisfy the Player Commitment Formula. If the Tour does not use the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card, the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card may be used by the Tournament Director to be awarded only to a Gold or Silver Exempt player who must be ranked in the Top 100 singles Ranking at the entry deadline or any time up until acceptance of the Wild Card. If the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card is not used by the Tour and no Gold/Silver Exempt player accepts the Wild Card, for Tier I and II Tournaments, this Wild Card reverts to the next player waiting to get into the draw; for Tier III and IV Tournaments, this Wild Card may be awarded by the Tournament to any player, subject to Age Eligibility restrictions and Exempt Player Wild Card limitations.

- i. The Tournament Director must provide a tentative list of all wild card nominations seven days prior to the start of the main draw of the Tournament.
- ii. The Tournament Director must advise the WTA Tour or the Supervisor in writing of the singles Wild Card nominations and Alternate Wild Card nominations by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time, the day of Qualifying Sign-In. If there is no Qualifying event, Wild Card nominations must be made in writing by Friday, 4:00 p.m. tournament local time the week preceding the Tournament, or by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time the day before the draw is made, whichever comes first. Wild Cards named by the Tournament Director prior to the deadline will be tentative until the Qualifying Sign-in deadline. If at any time prior to the scheduled start of Qualifying, a Wild Card or Wild Card team is accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw based upon her or their computer ranking or if a tentative Wild Card has withdrawn from the Tournament and an Alternate Wild Card or Wild Card team was named prior to the Wild Card deadline, the Tournament Director will be allowed to fill the vacated Wild Card spot with his Alternate Wild Card.

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NOTE: If a Main Draw Wild Card withdraws before the start of the Main Draw and after the Qualifying sign-in deadline, the Tournament has reasonable time until the start of the Main Draw to name an Alternate Wild Card. In this case the Alternate Wild Card does not have to be named prior to the wildcard nominations deadline. The new Wild Card cannot be a player participating in the Qualifying. If the Tournament does not name another Wild Card, a Lucky Loser will fill the open spot.

If the ranking of the Alternate Wild Card (current ranking used to determine seeding) is high enough to be seeded, the seeds will be adjusted accordingly. (See Openings in Main Draw – page 65.)

NOTE: At Tournaments where there are no on-site Alternates, openings in the draw may be filled by additional Tournament Wild Cards. Players/teams waiting to get into the draw, as additional Tournament Wild Cards must:

- (a) sign-in with the Supervisor or the Tour Operations staff by the 4.00 p.m. tournament local time Qualifying sign-in deadline the day prior to the start of Qualifying;
- (b) request to the Tournament Director and be approved as an additional Qualifying Wild Card;
- (c) sign-in with the Supervisor / Referee thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of play each day to be eligible for any openings in the draw that day.

(Cross reference Wild Cards – page 78)

- iii. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the maximum number of Wild Cards any player may receive into a WTA Tour singles Tournament (including Grand Slams) during a Tour Year is six (6) with a maximum of three (3) allowed in the Main Draw. Players will forfeit any ranking points earned at Tour Tournaments and Grand Slam events by the acceptance of Wild Cards above this limit. Wild Cards accepted into ITF Women's Circuit events count separately.

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b. Doubles

- i. Except as otherwise set forth, the maximum number of Wild Cards a player may receive into a WTA Tour doubles Tournament (including Grand Slams) during a Tour Year is six (6) with a maximum of three (3) allowed in the Main Draw. Players will forfeit any ranking points earned at Tour Tournaments and Grand Slam events by the acceptance of Wild Cards above this limit.
- ii. One Wild Card in either a 16 or 28 doubles draw will be a “Gold Exempt Wild Card” in which one player on the team must be a Gold Exempt player in order for the team to receive the nomination.

c. Exceptions

The following exceptions apply to both singles and doubles Wild Cards where indicated:

- i. Gold Exempt players may receive an unlimited number of Wild Card nominations in Singles and/or Doubles. Any Doubles Wild Card that a Gold Exempt Player receives with a non Gold Exempt partner under the “Gold Exempt Wild Card Rule” for Doubles will not count toward the maximum number of Wild Cards the non Gold Exempt player can receive in the year. This does not apply to Players under the Age Eligibility Rule.
- ii. Silver Exempt players may receive a total of seven (7) singles and seven (7) doubles Wild Cards. A maximum of five (5) singles and five (5) doubles may be used in a Main Draw in both singles and doubles. Players will forfeit any ranking points earned at Tour Tournaments and Grand Slam events by the acceptance of Wild Cards above this limit.
- iii. Players who have competed in professional Tour Tournaments for ten (10) years or more (not necessarily consecutively) will be allowed three (3) additional Wild Cards, either in Main Draw or in Qualifying, in both singles and doubles.
- iv. Any player who is a past singles champion of a Grand Slam or Tour Championship will be allowed an unlimited number of Singles Main Draw Wild Card nominations, including the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild

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- Card nomination, if such player is a Gold or Silver Exempt player.
- v. Any player who is a past champion of a Grand Slam or the Championship Women's Doubles title will be allowed an unlimited number of Doubles Wild Card nominations, including the Gold Exempt Doubles Wild Card nomination, if such player is a Gold Exempt player.
 - vi. Pursuant to the Age Eligibility Rule, players under the age of 18 are restricted in the number and level of Wild Cards they may receive. (See section XV.A.g).
 - vii. As to the Gold/Silver Exempt Wild Card spot, eligible Gold Exempt players #14-20 and Silver Exempt players may only be awarded the Exempt Wild card a maximum of three (3) times during a Tour Year (this limit does not apply to Gold Exempt Emeritus Players).
 - viii. In order for a Gold/Silver Exempt player to be eligible for the Exempt Wild Card, she must be ranked in the Top 100 (actual or special) singles on the ranking used for player movement.
 - ix. Under extraordinary circumstances, the WTA Tour has the sole discretion to select the 8th player in the singles draw of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.
 - x. A Player may not be awarded more than one singles Wild Card in any calendar week.

WILD CARD REFERENCE CHART

Draw Size	Singles		Doubles	
	*Main Draw	**Qualifying	Main Draw	Qualifying
4/8***	1			1
16	1	2	2****	1
24,28,30 or 32	3	4	3****	1
48	4	6	4	1
56	4	6	4	1
64	5	8	4****	1
96	9	8	4	1
128	8	9		1

* Total includes one (1) Gold or Silver Exempt Wild Card except at the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour

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Championships, 16 draw singles and Grand Slam events.

- ** Any openings in the singles draw due to no on-site Alternates available to move in will revert back to the Tournament Director as Additional Wild Cards.
- *** Under extraordinary circumstances, the Tour has the sole discretion to select the 8th player in the singles draw of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.
- **** Each individual Grand Slam shall determine their number of Wild Cards, which may differ from WTA Tour Rules.
- ***** One Wild Card in either a 16, 28, or 32 doubles draw will be a “Gold Exempt Wild Card” in which one player in the team must be a Gold Exempt player in order for the team to receive the nomination.

6. Making A Draw

a. Place

The draw, which the public will be allowed to attend, is to be made by the Supervisor or the Official Referee (a person so designated by the Tournament and approved by the WTA Tour) at a site selected by the Tournament Director in consultation with the Supervisor. All draws should have a player present to witness the making of the draw.

b. Time

The Singles Main Draw will be made no earlier than the Qualifying Sign-in deadline and it is recommended that it be made on first day of Qualifying. (Any exception must have the approval of the WTA Tour.)

c. Singles Qualifying

The Singles Qualifying Draw will be made immediately after the Qualifying sign-in closes or if deemed necessary may be delayed by the Supervisor. The Doubles Main and

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Qualifying Draws will be made after the doubles sign-in closes.

d. Tournaments

All Tournaments will have a seeded draw. (Cross-reference Seeding Procedure – page 85).

e. Byes

i. Byes will be given automatically to the seeded players in descending order prior to the draw being made.

(a) Once byes have been given to the seeds in any size draw, the remaining byes will be evenly distributed in each quarter of the draw. When there are more designated byes than seeds, the remaining byes shall be drawn and distributed evenly into each quarter of the draw.

(b) Once the draw is made and there are withdrawals and no Alternates to fill the spots, further byes will be assigned to the line from which a player withdrew and not to the remaining seeds in descending order.

(c) In Qualifying, if a player's opponent withdraws and there is no Alternate to fill her spot, the player will be assigned a first round bye for ranking purposes, not a default. (Cross-reference Byes under Prize Money – page 170.)

ii. Byes are awarded as follows:

<u>Main Draw Size</u>	<u>Byes</u>
16/32/64/128	Nil
24	8
28	4
30	2
48	16
56	8
96	32

Note: If there are 32 seeds, the 32 byes will go to the seeded players in descending order. If there are 16

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seeds, sixteen (16) byes will go automatically to the seeded players in descending order and the remaining byes must be drawn and distributed evenly into each sixteenth of the draw.

7. Seeds

- a. Seeding Procedures
 - i. All Main and Qualifying Draws will have a seeded draw.
 - ii. All Qualifying Draws will be drawn in sections.
 - iii. Seeding will be based on the WTA Rankings the week prior to the Monday start of the Tournament in question, with the exception of Tournaments which start on a Wednesday or later in the week, in which case, the current week's Ranking shall be used.
 - iv. Wild Card nominations are eligible for seeding.
 - v. Seeding will not be official until the draw is made.
 - vi. The number of players to be seeded will be as follows:

Main Draw Size	Qualifying Size	Main Draw Seeds	Qualifying Seeds	Number of Qualifiers
28/30/32	16	8	8	4
28/30/32	32	8	8	4
28	48	8	12	6
48	16	16	8	4
56	16	16	8	4
56/64	32	16	16	8
56	48	16	24	12
96	48	32	24	12
128*	96	32	24	12
128*	128	32	32	16

- * The Grand Slams have the option to seed 16 or 32 players.

See Championships Singles and Doubles draw – page 167 for exceptions.

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- vii. Seeds shall be placed or drawn as set out below.
- b. Seeding Procedures For All Main Draws
 - i. Place Seed 1 on line 1 and Seed 2 on line 32 (32 draw), 64 (64 draw) or line 128 (128 draw).
 - ii. To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (Seeds 3 and 4), groups of four (Seeds 5-8, 9-12, 13-16) or groups of eight (Seeds 17-24 and 25-32) from top to bottom as follows.

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	16 Draw (4 seeds)	32 Draw (8 seeds)	64 Draw (16 seeds)	128 Draw (16 seeds)	128 Draws (32 seeds)
Seeds	5	9	17	33	33
3,4	12	24	48	96	96
Seeds	4	8	16	32	32
5,6,	8	16	32	64	64
7,8	9	17	33	65	65
	13	25	49	97	97
Seeds			9	17	17
9,10			25	49	49
11,12			40	80	80
			56	112	112
Seeds			8	16	16
13,14,			24	48	48
15,16			41	81	81
			57	113	113
Seeds					9
17,18					24
19,20					41
21,22					56
23,24					73
					88
					105
					120
Seeds					8
25,26,					25
27,28					40
29,30					57
31,32					72
					89
					104
					121

* In a 96 Main Draw the top 32 seeds will receive a bye.

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c. Seeding Other Odd Numbered Draws

The WTA Tour will determine number of seeds.

d. Seeding Procedures For All Qualifying Draws

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section; the second shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line of each section.

The number of sections and seeds shall be determined by the number of Qualifiers. There shall be two seeds per section and one section per Qualifier.

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 of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom of each section.

e. Seeding Procedures for the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships

(Cross-reference Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships – page 167)

f. Withdrawal Of A Seed

Main Draw

Prior to the Release of the Schedule of Play

In the Main Draw, in case of the withdrawal of a seed prior to the release of the schedule of play, the day preceding the start of play in that event (singles or doubles), the procedure below applies with the exception that if more than one of the top four (4) seeds withdraws prior to the release of the schedule of play, the day prior to the start of play, the draw must be re-made:

i. 16/28/30/32 Draw

- (a) If seed number one (1) or two (2) withdraws the third (3rd) seed will take that spot and the fifth (5th) seed takes the open third seeded position and the next player to be seeded takes the open fifth (5th) seed position. The next eligible player into the

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draw takes the position created by this move. In the case of a 16 draw, the next to be seeded takes the third (3rd) seeded spot and the next eligible player into the draw takes the position created by this move.

- (b) If seed number three (3) or four (4) withdraws the fifth (5th) seed takes the open seeded position and the next player to be seeded takes the open fifth (5th) seed position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the position created by this move.
 - (c) If the withdrawal is among seeds five (5) through eight (8), the next player eligible to be seeded takes the open seed position and the next eligible player into the draw takes the position created by this move.
- ii. 48/56, 64 Main Draws (16 seeds)
- (a) If seed number one (1) or two (2) withdraws the third (3rd) seed will take that spot and the fifth (5th) seed takes the open third seeded position. The ninth (9th) seed takes the fifth (5th) seeded position, and the thirteenth (13th) seed takes the ninth (9th) seeded position. The next player to be seeded will take the open thirteenth (13th) seed position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position created by this move.
 - (b) If seed number three (3) or four (4) withdraws, the fifth (5th) seed will take that spot and the ninth (9th) seed takes the fifth (5th) seeded position. The thirteenth (13th) seed takes the ninth (9th) seeded position and the next player to be seeded takes the open thirteenth (13th) seeded position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position.
 - (c) If the withdrawal is among seeds five (5) through eight (8), the ninth (9th) seed fills the open seed position, and the thirteenth (13th) seed takes the ninth (9th) seeded position. The next player eligible

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to be seeded takes the open thirteenth (13th) seed position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position.

- (d) If the withdrawal is among seeds nine (9) through twelve (12), then the thirteenth (13th) seed fills the open seed position. The next player eligible to be seeded takes the thirteenth (13th) seed position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the spot created by her move.
 - (e) If the withdrawal is among seeds thirteen (13) through sixteen (16), then the next eligible player to be seeded takes the open seed position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the spot created by her move.
- iii. 96 and 128 Main draws (32 Seeds)
- (a) If seed number one (1) or two (2) withdraws the third (3rd) seed will take that spot and the fifth (5th) seed takes the open third (3rd) seeded position. The ninth (9th) seed takes the fifth (5th) seeded position, and the thirteenth (13th) seed takes the ninth (9th) seeded position. The seventeenth (17th) seed takes the thirteenth (13th) seeded position, and the twenty-fifth (25th) seed takes the seventeenth (17th) seeded position. The next player to be seeded will take the open twenty-fifth (25th) seeded position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position created by this move.
 - (b) If seed number three (3) or four (4) withdraws, the fifth (5th) seed will take that spot and the ninth (9th) seed takes the fifth (5th) seeded position. The thirteenth (13th) seed takes the ninth (9th) seeded position. The seventeenth (17th) seed takes the thirteenth (13th) seeded position, and the twenty-fifth (25th) seed takes the seventeenth (17th) seeded position. The next player to be seeded will take the open twenty-fifth (25th) seeded position. The next

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eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position created by this move.

- (c) If the withdrawal is among seeds five (5) through eight (8), the ninth (9th) seed fills the open seed position, and the thirteenth (13th) seed takes the ninth (9th) seeded position. The seventeenth (17th) seed takes the thirteenth (13th) seeded position, and the twenty-fifth (25th) seed takes the seventeenth (17th) seeded position. The next player to be seeded will take the open twenty-fifth (25th) seeded position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position created by this move.
- (d) If the withdrawal is among seeds nine (9) through twelve (12), then the thirteenth (13th) seed fills the open seed position and the seventeenth (17th) seeds takes the thirteenth (13th) seeded position. The twenty-fifth (25th) seed takes the seventeenth (17th) seeded position and the next player to be seeded will take the open twenty-fifth (25th) seeded position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position created by this move.
- (e) If the withdrawal is among seeds thirteen (13) through sixteen (16), then the seventeenth (17th) seed fills the open seed position and the twenty-fifth (25th) seed takes the seventeenth (17th) seeded position. The next player to be seeded will take the open twenty-fifth (25th) seeded position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position created by this move.
- (f) If the withdrawal is among seeds seventeen (17) through twenty-four (24), then the twenty-fifth (25th) seed fills the open seed position and the next player to be seeded will take the open twenty-fifth (25th) seeded position. The next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position created by this move.

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- (g) If the withdrawal is among seeds twenty-five (25) through thirty-two (32), the next player to be seeded fills the open seed position and the next eligible player into the draw takes the remaining position created by this move.

Qualifying

Prior to the Release of the Schedule of Play

In the Qualifying (singles or doubles), in case of withdrawal of a seed prior to the release of the schedule of play, the day preceding the start of play in that event, the following procedure applies:

- i. 16/32 Draw (8 Seeds: 4 Qualifiers)
If the withdrawal is among seeds one (1) through four (4), the fifth (5th) seed will take that open spot, the next player eligible to be seeded will take the open fifth (5th) seeded position and the next eligible Alternate into the draw takes the spot created by her move.
- ii. 32 Draw (16 Seeds: 8 Qualifiers)
If the withdrawal is among seeds one (1) through eight (8), the ninth (9th) seed will take that open spot, the next player eligible to be seeded will take the open ninth (9th) seeded position and the next eligible Alternate into the draw takes the spot created by her move.
- iii. 48 Draw (12 Seeds: 6 Qualifiers)
If the withdrawal is among seeds one (1) through six (6), the seventh (7th) seed will take that open spot, the next player eligible to be seeded will take the open seventh (7th) seeded position and the next eligible Alternate into the draw takes the spot created by her move.
- iv. 48 Draw (24 Seeds: 12 Qualifiers)
If the withdrawal is among seeds one (1) through twelve (12), the thirteenth (13th) seed will take that open spot, the next player eligible to be seeded will take the open thirteenth (13th) seeded position and the next eligible Alternate into the draw takes the spot created by her move.

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Main Draw and Qualifying

After the Release of the Schedule of Play

If a seed withdraws from the Main Draw or Qualifying after the release of the schedule of play, the day preceding the start of the event (singles or doubles), up until the commencement of the first match of the event involved, the next eligible seed takes the open spot and a Qualifier/Lucky Loser (or an Alternate Wild Card if the withdrawal was from a Wild Card) takes the spot created by her move. Once play has commenced, an Alternate in Qualifying or a Qualifier/ Lucky Loser in Main Draw fills the open spot vacated by the seed.

D. SCHEDULING

1. The Supervisor in consultation with the Tournament Director is responsible for match scheduling. All match time requests must go through the Supervisor.
2.
 - a. Players will be expected to play when scheduled. Players may be required to play both singles and doubles any day of a Tournament.
 - b. Players may also be required to play several night matches in both singles and doubles during a Tournament week.
 - c. Gold Exempt players are required to play a minimum of two (2) singles night matches during a Tournament if requested to do so.
 - d. At the request of the Tournament Director, best efforts will be made by the Supervisor to provide two singles matches during night sessions Monday through Friday (provided the session is scheduled to begin by 7.30 p.m. tournament local time), taking into account relevant factors including television contracts, the possibility and timing of day matches the following day, the actual start time for the night matches, and other relevant factors.
 - e. When weather or other unavoidable circumstances cause a disruption in the schedule, a player may not be expected to play more than three (3) matches in a day without her consent. (This does not apply to Qualifying doubles).
3. Previous Tournament commitments, acute injury or illness are the primary considerations in granting late start requests. If a request is due to acute injury or illness, the player must be

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evaluated by the PHCP and Tournament Physician. A request made due to acute injury, illness or loss of luggage does not guarantee a player a late start.

4. When a Tournament is televised the television commitments will be taken into scheduling consideration.

5. A player must be available to play on the first day of a Tournament unless she played in the singles or doubles final or was competing on the final day of play of a Tournament ending the preceding day. In this case, players should be allowed one (1) day for rest and travel whenever possible, however, to alleviate scheduling problems, players who were in the finals of the previous weeks Tournament, may be required to play doubles the first day of the next Tournament due to scheduling demands. Prior to finalizing this schedule, the Supervisor must receive Tour approval and must have verbally notified the player(s) involved.

6. All players must be prepared to play doubles on the first day of play, regardless of whether or not they have received a bye in singles.

7. Players may be required to play doubles before singles if necessary due to scheduling difficulties in completing the Tournament in time. However, there must be a minimum of two (2) matches scheduled in between the doubles and singles. In no case may there be less than one (1) hour in between matches unless all players agree.

8. Players in Qualifying doubles may be required to play Qualifying doubles before a Main Draw or Qualifying singles match.

9. Postponement of First Round Qualifying

a. Tour Tournaments

i. A player may sign in for Qualifying of any Tour Tournament (Tier I to IV) while she is still involved in another Tournament (i.e. WTA Tour Tournament or ITF Women's Circuit event) the week prior to that Tournament.

ii. A player is eligible to play the Qualifying of a Tier I to IV only if she has been eliminated or has withdrawn

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consistent with these Rules from both the singles and doubles of the prior week's Tournament.

- iii. If eligible, a player's first round match may be postponed one day (until the second scheduled day of Qualifying) due to her singles or doubles participation in the previous week's Tour or \$75,000 through \$25,000 ITF Women's Circuit Tournament. Qualifying matches will not be postponed for players participating in ITF \$10,000 events (applicable to all Tiers) and \$25,000 events (applicable to Tier I and II Tournaments only). A player who is still competing in another tournament at the qualifying sign-in deadline and not eligible for postponement of her first round of qualifying will not be accepted into the draw. The match must be scheduled on the second day of Qualifying by 12:00 noon tournament local time or the first scheduled match, whichever is later, and the player may be required to play two matches on the second day of Qualifying. *

* The 12.00 noon tournament local time / second day of qualifying deadline for first round Qualifying matches and the intent to complete two matches on the second day of Qualifying may be waived at any Tour Tournaments which start qualifying on a Friday, at the discretion of the Supervisor.

NOTE: If a player loses in the previous week's tournament on the Qualifying sign-in day, she shall be expected to play on the first day of Qualifying in the next week's Tour Tournament.

- iv. In the case of the same player potentially being on two Tournament schedules of play for the same day (i.e. singles or doubles Semi-finals of one Tournament and singles Qualifying of another Tournament), the player must have a reasonable chance of meeting the Qualifying deadline as outlined above in order to remain eligible for the Qualifying event. If at the time the schedule is released and the player is not reasonably able to meet the Qualifying schedule deadline, she will be withdrawn from the Qualifying event. No special

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consideration or postponement of matches will be made for weather conditions.

- v. A player receiving a first round bye or default will not be eligible for any postponement of her second or subsequent round Qualifying match and must be ready to play when scheduled on the second day of the Qualifying.
- b. Grand Slam Qualifying
- i. A player on the qualifying acceptance list will be included in the draw automatically, provided that she has been eliminated from the singles and doubles events at the previous week's tournament prior to 4.00 p.m. tournament local time on the day before qualifying event is scheduled to begin.
 - ii. First round Qualifying matches will not be postponed at any Grand Slam.
 - iii. Any player will automatically be withdrawn from a Grand Slam if:
 - (a) she has withdrawn or retired from the WTA Tour Tournament / ITF event (Week 1) the week prior without cause or for unprofessional reasons; or
 - (b) she fails to provide a Medical Examination from the Tournament Physician /PHCP from Week 1 to the Tournament Physician / PHCP of the Grand Slam; or
 - (c) she fails to receive a medical examination for the Grand Slam from the Tournament Physician / PHCP.

Any player who is discovered to have contravened this rule at a Grand Slam shall not receive WTA Tour Ranking points for that Grand Slam. The player will also be subject to a fine as permitted under these WTA Tour Rules. This rule does not apply to a player whose partner in doubles has been forced to withdraw or retire from their match.

(Cross-reference Retirement/Defaults – page 56)

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10. Rescheduling of Matches

- a. Under extenuating circumstances, a match may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Director.
- b. Matches may not be rescheduled due to illness, injury or loss of luggage.
- c. A player who personally and directly notifies the Supervisor or Referee of her impending tardiness sufficiently in advance in the opinion of the Supervisor or Referee, may at the latter's discretion secure a release from reporting within 15 minutes of her match being called and not be subject to default and penalties.

11. Rescheduling of Finals

If, due to rain or extraordinary circumstances, a Tournament cannot be completed on the final day as scheduled, the Tournament shall be required to extend for one day to complete the Singles and/or Doubles events unless the Tournament, players and Tour all agree to abandon the Tournament on the day the Final was originally scheduled to be played (the event must be extended even if only one entity wants to play the final). No further extension will be permitted without the approval of the WTA Tour.

Tour Events scheduled the week prior to a Grand Slam shall schedule their finals no later than Saturday. The Tournament may be extended by one day, only if all players in the Finals are not scheduled to compete the first day of the Grand Slam or if all players in the Final agree to extend the Tournament by one day.

An additional fine of \$5,000 shall be assessed to any player who fails to play a postponed final match in singles or doubles on the day following the originally scheduled final day of the Tournament concerned.

Where a Tournament cannot be completed outdoors, and where a suitable indoor facility exists, the Tournament should be played to completion. If Tournament play is interrupted or postponed, players will be required to play on the day following the originally scheduled final day of the Tournament. Any final scheduling decisions will be made by the Supervisor who has the authority (in consultation with

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the Tournament Director) to move a match to another court, indoors or outdoors, regardless of surface.

12. Changing Courts / Surface

If it is deemed necessary to move a match, the Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Director, has the authority to delay the start of the match or to move a match to another court, indoors or outdoors, regardless of surface. The Referee, in consultation with the Supervisor, may decide if a match shall be moved to another court if circumstances so require.

During the course of a match, if conditions or circumstances merit, players may be required by the Supervisor or Referee to move to another court.

13. Light and Weather

The Referee, in consultation with the Supervisor, shall decide when play will be halted in view of weather conditions or bad light.

14. Stadiums with Retractable Roofs

If, due to weather conditions, the Supervisor and Tournament Director of an outdoor WTA Tour Tournament agree to close the roof at any time during the day, then the roof shall remain closed until the Supervisor and Tournament Director deem it acceptable to re-open the roof using the following as guidelines:

- a. Once a match has started under a closed roof, it will finish under a closed roof.
- b. Play may start or resume on the outside courts while the roof is still closed.
- c. Weather permitting, the roof shall be re-opened during the day or night session at the discretion of the Supervisor and Tournament Director.
- d. The schedule of matches for that day may be subject to change based upon the decision to close the roof.

15. Time Between Matches

Players are entitled to a minimum of thirty (30) minutes between matches when their singles and doubles matches are consecutive

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and one (1) hour when consecutive singles matches must be played.

16. Interruptions and Breaks

a. Interruptions

If Tournament play is interrupted or postponed, players must be prepared to play when play is resumed. If play is interrupted or postponed the period of re-warm-up shall be as follows:

<u>Delay</u>	<u>Re-Warm-Up</u>
0-15 minutes	No re-warm-up
15-30 minutes	Three (3) minutes re-warm-up
30 or more minutes	Five (5) minutes re-warm-up

b. Breaks

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 first serve is struck for the next game. If such first serve is a fault, the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. 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 game until the time the first serve is struck for the next game. 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.

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V. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES / ON-COURT RULES AND PROCEDURES

A. DIAMOND ACES POLICY

1. **Overview** - All Main Draw singles and doubles players must make themselves available for media/sponsor/Tour related activities at each Tournament. All activities shall be arranged by the Tour's Communications and Marketing Departments.
2. **ACES Time Commitments** - Specific Diamond ACES ("ACES") player time commitments per Tournament are as follows:
 - a. Seeded players receiving a first round bye - 3 hours or 4 activities;
 - b. Unseeded players and seeded players with no first round bye - 90 minutes or 3 activities;
 - c. Grand Slams and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships - 3 hours or 4 activities.
3. **Division/Usage of ACES** – The division and usage of ACES activities shall be as follows: (a) 50% for use by and to be decided upon by each individual Tournament and (b) 50% for use by and to be decided upon by the Tour, it being understood that all the Tour Championships and at Tier I and II Tournaments, the All-Access Hour shall count towards the Tour's ACES allotment. For any player that is required to perform an odd number (e.g., 3 activities) of ACES activities, the Tour and Tournament shall mutually agree upon the best use of the remaining ACE after utilizing all other ACES per the formula described above.
4. **ACES Fines** - If a player (a) fails to appear for or (b) is materially late to, a mandatory or previously agreed upon ACES activity, the appropriate Communications Manager will notify the Tour's Chief Legal Officer and supply the necessary documentation and details.

The player will then be issued a fine notice by the Tour's Chief Legal Officer. The fine will be deducted from the player's prize money at the next appropriate Tournament.

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ACES fines are determined based upon a player's Exempt listing as follows:

<u>Player Ranking</u>	<u>1st and 2nd Offenses</u>	<u>3rd and Subsequent</u>
1-4	\$5,000	\$10,000
5-6	\$3,750	\$7,500
7-10	\$2,500	\$5,000
11-13	\$2,000	\$4,000
14-20	\$1,875	\$3,750
21+	\$1,000	\$2,000

Each ACES violation will result in a separate fine under the following guidelines:

- a. Specific failure to appear at or material lateness to a mandatory or previously agreed upon activity.
- b. Failure to fulfill the total required ACES time commitment if activities are requested.

5. Mandatory and Optional ACES Activities

a. Mandatory Attendance Activities

The following is a list of activities which are designated mandatory by the WTA Tour for all Tour Tournaments, the Tour Championships and Grand Slams. When a Communications Manager requests one of the following activities, it shall be considered mandatory.

- i. All-Access Hour - At the Championships, all players will be required to conduct an "All-Access Hour" media roundtable. At Tier I and II Tournaments, seeded players with first round byes, will be required to conduct an All-Access Hour media roundtable. The All-Access Hour media roundtable shall normally be held (a) on Tuesday at all indoor 28-singles draw Tournaments, the Championships and multi-week Tournaments, and (b) mid-afternoon on Monday for all other Tournaments; unless Players are otherwise notified by the Tour.

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- ii. Media Roundtables/Teleconferences - All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in media roundtables and media teleconferences. The media roundtable attendees will be selected by the Communications staff and limited to no more than 8 per session. Teleconferences may involve more participants.
- iii. Tournament/Tour Sponsor Autograph Sessions and Hospitality Visits - All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in hospitality visits, autograph sessions or other similar sponsor-related activities.
- iv. Satellite TV/Radio Tours - All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in satellite television and radio tours.
- v. One-on-One Interviews - All players shall be required, if requested, to conduct a minimum of six (6) one-on-one interviews per year. Each such one-on-one media interview shall be jointly decided by the Tour and the player.
- vi. Photo Opportunities - All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in a minimum of (2) two photo opportunities per year. Each such photo opportunity shall be jointly decided by the Tour and player.
- vii. Sponsor/Tour Special Events and Tour Awards Ceremony - All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in a minimum of one (1) sponsor/Tour special event or Tour awards ceremony. The Tour shall provide at least 60 days advance notice of the date and location of the Tour Awards Ceremony.
- viii. Tournament Withdrawal, Default and Retirement Press Conferences and Public Relations Appearances - When a player withdraws from a Tournament prior to its start, she will be required to do a media teleconference or live press conference if on-site. If a player defaults or retires after the start of a Tournament, she will be required to do a press conference as well as complete any public address

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announcements, tournament public relations appearances or media appearances reasonably requested by the Tour and/or Tournament to announce her withdrawal, provided her medical condition does not prevent such appearances.

- ix. Grand Slam / Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships Champion Media/Sponsor Day - All Grand Slam singles champions and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships champion will be required to do a media/sponsor day (3 hour minimum) the Sunday and/or Monday following the final (at the Tour's discretion). This post-Tournament activity is in addition to the time/activity commitment required during a Grand Slam or the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships under ACES.
- x. Grand Slam Defending Champions - Defending Grand Slam winners are required, if requested, to conduct a media activity (i.e.: roundtable, press conference or teleconference) within thirty (30) days of the start of the event.
- xi. Grand Slam Singles Finalists - The singles finalists at each Grand Slam tournament are required to conduct press conferences the day before the final, if requested by the WTA Tour communications department and only in those instances where the finalists are not playing a singles match that day.
- xii. Additional Mandatory Activities - During the year, the Tour may also designate other activities as mandatory including but not limited to:
 - Tournament special dedication ceremonies or events
 - Sponsor and Tour related off-court activities, such as award ceremonies, player parties and sponsor special events

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b. Optional Activities

All other Tour and Tournament ACES requests made of players shall be considered optional activities. Such activities include but are not limited to:

- i. One-on-one print, television and radio media interviews and open photo shoots above the minimum required under mandatory activities.
- ii. Publicity event and charity activities (i.e. hospital visits, celebrity photo opportunities).

Players have the right to decline any of these requests as long as they fulfil their required ACES time commitment via other ACES opportunities. For those players who have not fulfilled their ACES time commitment, they must agree to at least one out of every three of the optional activities which are proposed by the Tour or a Tournament.

Once a player has committed to an optional event, it becomes an “arranged activity” and falls under the same requirements as mandatory attendance activities.

When possible, players will be notified by letter or e-mail of all confirmed requests surrounding a given Tournament no later than two weeks prior to the Tournament. Please note that due to unknown play schedules, requests may continue to arise during the Tournament.

6. Exceptions

Players who do not appear for or are materially late to mandatory or pre-arranged activities will be exempt from “failure to appear” fines under the following circumstances with appropriate notice:

- a. Schedule of play change creates timing conflict – it being understood that practice time is not an excusable absence.
- b. Player has been eliminated from the Tournament and has left the event market.
- c. Withdrawal from Tournament due to injury or illness – it being understood that if commitment is still achievable via telephone, player is expected to fulfil.

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- d. Extenuating circumstances including delayed/cancelled flights – it being understood that every attempt must be made to reschedule commitments upon arrival.
- e. Failure of the Communications staff or a Tournament to provide reasonable notice of an activity that the Tour would designate as “mandatory”.

7. Player ACES Rewards Program

In recognition of players’ ACES commitment, the Tour and Tournaments shall institute the following Player ACES Rewards Program:

- a. The Tour shall award each month a gift package (which may include gifts from Tour Sponsors) to two players who have demonstrated the greatest commitment to the ACES program for such month. The Tour Communications staff shall determine which players are selected each month, in consultation with the Tournaments held during such month.
- b. Each Tournament shall award a gift package (which may include gifts from Tournament sponsors) to two players who have demonstrated the greatest commitment to the ACES program during such Tournament. The Tour Communications staff and Tournament shall jointly determine which players are selected each week.
- c. The Tour and Tournaments shall jointly award a year-end gift package to the player who has demonstrated the greatest commitment to the ACES program for the year. The Tour and Tournaments shall jointly determine which player is selected.

8. Miscellaneous

- a. All players receiving byes must be available for ACES activities in the Tournament city by 12 noon tournament local time on Monday for the All Access Hour, unless otherwise designated by the Tour, and/or any other ACES activities scheduled at the Tournament on Monday (see Diamond Aces Policy on page 101). Finalists from the

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immediately preceding tournament will be expected to participate in the All Access Hour at a rescheduled time. If a player cannot be in attendance on Monday, she must arrange with the Tour and the Tournament, prior to the Tournament, acceptable alternative measures to help the Tour and Tournament with promotion either before the Tournament or once she arrives. Expenses associated with such appearances or activities, such as player travel if necessary, are the responsibility of the Tournament.

- b. Tournaments are required to begin the scheduling of ACES activities at least 2 months in advance of the Tournament.
- c. Previously scheduled personal player sponsor commitments cannot override Tour-designated "mandatory" activities as long as the player has been notified of the mandatory activity two weeks in advance.
- d. All ACES activities must be organized through the WTA Tour Communication Department. If a Tournament arranges activities directly with a player, they are not enforceable under the ACES Policy.
- e. To maximize the effectiveness of the ACES program and make the best use of player time, (i) the Tour in consultation with Tournaments and players shall develop a list of "high impact" and "low impact" activities, and (ii) the Tour in consultation with players shall develop a list of player activity preferences, and the Tour and the Tournaments shall seek to customize activities to match up with such preferences where possible. The Tour's goal for completion of these lists for 2006 shall be by March 1, 2006.

9. Non-ACES Program Mandatory Activities

It is understood and agreed that players are required to perform additional non-ACES program mandatory activities as set forth in this Rule Book, including but not limited to activities set forth in section V.B and section X.B.

10. Appeals

Players may appeal ACES Fines to the Code of Conduct Committee (Page 300) pursuant to the "Player Request for Hearing" Procedure.

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B. MEDIA / SPONSOR / PUBLIC RELATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. In addition to ACES requirements, following are the required player responsibilities for all levels of Tournaments for all players:

- a. Post-Match Interviews - Players are required to be available for a minimum of 25 minutes to do post-match interviews, win or lose (which must include at least (i) one (1) host broadcaster television interview per post-match, (ii) one (1) Tour TV Production interview for use on the Tour's website and video news releases, (iii) one (1) interview with a broadcaster of the player's country of origin and (iv) one (1) radio interview). The radio interview shall be optional provided the player has fulfilled the other media requests in (i) – (iii) above. A player is required to do her singles post-match interview within thirty (30) minutes following her match unless she is scheduled for another match within one (1) hour following her first match or is scheduled to play two singles matches on the same day, unless extended by a member of the WTA Tour Communication staff. In this case or under extenuating circumstances, as determined by the WTA Tour staff, a player may choose to give the required interview immediately following her second match. However, if a player is involved in both the singles and doubles final, she will be required to do 15 minutes of post match interviews following the singles final (win or lose) and prior to the doubles final.
- b. Pre-Match Interview - Players shall be required to conduct one (1) pre-match host broadcaster television interview which shall be coordinated by the Tour. Such interview shall be no more than three (3) minutes in length and shall be conducted at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the match, provided that in the event that a Player desires the pre-match interview to be conducted less than one (1) hour prior to her match, the Tour and broadcaster shall seek to accommodate such request. Where feasible, such Pre-Match Interviews shall be conducted at the practice courts or another mobile location.
- c. Grand Slam Host Broadcaster Interview - Players shall be required to conduct one (1) host broadcaster interview of

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no greater than 15 minutes in length at each Grand Slam. This interview shall be in addition to the post-match interview requirements set forth above in sub-section (a).

- d. A player's violation of sub-sections (a) – (c) above will subject the player to an ACES fine in the amounts set forth in section V.A.4.
- e. At the conclusion of each match all players are requested to leave the court together.
- f. Photo and broadcast media shall be able to film on-site practices, provided such media remain off-court.
- g. Best efforts to participate in official Tour Public Relations and Charity Programs, unless designated as 'mandatory' under the Diamond ACES Policy.
- h. Pro-Am / Clinics - Best efforts to participate in the Tournament's Pro-Am or to conduct teaching clinics in connection with the Tournament. Appropriate attire is required at such Pro-Ams and teaching clinics. Any Tournament Director wishing to hold such an event must advise the Communications staff at least six (6) weeks in advance of the Tournament. The Supervisor prior to players committing to participate must approve the format, the length of time of participation and the fees for such an event. Following is a fee schedule for player participation in a Pro-Am:

1 hour	\$100
2 hours	\$150
3 hours	\$200
4 hours	\$250

If the number of entries into such an event exceeds the needed amount, then the Tournament Director may select half the number needed. The remaining entries will be randomly drawn. All players who lose in the first round or are entered in doubles only are expected to participate in the Pro-Am event.

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- i. Tour Patches - The Tour reserves the right to require players to wear a WTA Tour or WTA Tour / sponsor patch (within defined sponsor region, if a regional sponsor) at all Tournaments.
 - i. The patch must be worn and be visible on the sleeve, chest or front collar of her shirt or dress in every match played, except as provided in section (ii) below. The WTA Tour / sponsor patch may be worn in addition to the maximum allowable number of manufacturer or commercial patches. The patch may be incorporated by the apparel manufacturer into the design and color scheme of the shirt or dress, subject to Tour approval of the visibility of the patch, and shall be three square inches in area. This rule applies in every situation where the player's contract with her apparel manufacturer permits any identification other than that of the manufacturer.
 - ii. If a player has an apparel manufacturer contract that prohibits the wearing of any identification (other than manufacturer's) on the sleeve, chest or front collar of her shirt or dress:
 - (a) She may comply with the rule by wearing a hat or headband ("headwear") that displays the WTA Tour / sponsor patch on the front of the headwear, or on the side (over the ear) if the manufacturer's logo is on the front. The patch must be two (2) square inches in size. The player does not have to wear a hat or headband, but if she does, the WTA Tour / sponsor patch must be displayed -- (except at Grand Slams which prohibit writing on headwear). The WTA Tour / sponsor patch may be incorporated by the manufacturer into the design and color scheme of the hat or headband, subject to Tour approval of the visibility of the patch.
 - (b) Where the apparel manufacturer's contract prohibits any identification other than that of the manufacturer on the shirt or dress, the Tour prefers that compliance with the rule be achieved under section ii.a., i.e., by the player wearing a hat or

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headband displaying the WTA Tour / sponsor patch. If however a player does not consistently wear such a hat or headband throughout her matches or if the apparel manufacturer's contract prohibits any identification other than that of the manufacturer on the hat or headband, the Tour may require her to provide the sponsor and/or the Tour with benefits commensurate with the value of wearing the patch. Such benefits may include, for example, one or more full days of Tour / sponsor appearances when the player is not at a Tournament, participation at the sponsor's request in one or more pro-ams or clinics when the player is not at a Tournament, or appearances/endorsements in one or more sponsor advertisements, provided that the sponsor does not directly compete with products endorsed by the player. The performance of such commitments shall not entitle the player to any compensation from the Tour and/or the sponsor and shall be in addition to the player's Diamond ACES commitments. The benefits provided to the Tour and/or the sponsor may also include (unless precluded by the apparel manufacturer's contract) wearing the WTA Tour / sponsor patch – as partial compliance with the rule – in less prominent places such as on the player's shorts, skirt, strap and/or wristband.

- (c) Any player who does not wear a WTA Tour / sponsor patch throughout a WTA Tour Tournament match must also -- in connection with that match -- participate in the WTA Tour identification program. Where contractually permitted, such participation may include wearing the WTA Tour / sponsor patch on her shirt during post-match press appearances and commitments, or carrying a WTA Tour water bottle or towel (subject to individual Tournament approval), or wearing a headband or hat conforming to section ii.a onto court before matches, and during post-match press appearances and commitments.

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- (d) No player may enter into any arrangement or agreement that prohibits or incentives her (by financial or other provisions) from wearing hats or headbands bearing the WTA Tour / sponsor patch. If a player enters into such an agreement or arrangement, her failure to wear the patch-bearing hat or headband in any match will be viewed as a separate violation of this rule.
- iii. Violation of any provision of this patch rule will subject a player to the following sanctions (which accrue on an annual Tour Year basis):

First Violation	Official Warning
Second Violation	\$100
Third Violation	\$500
Fourth + Violation	Fine up to \$25,000 in the Tour's discretion
Not wearing the patch for the duration of the match	\$100 (after 5 warnings)
Violation in any televised match from quarterfinals on, regardless of whether there have been prior violations.	Fine up to \$50,000 in the Tour's discretion

Failure to provide the benefits specified in section ii.b will subject a player to the fines specified above for each match at which she does not wear the patch. It is the responsibility of the player to have the patch visible and properly adhered to her clothing for the entirety of her match. Tour staff are not responsible for delivering patches to players on-court, but may elect, at their discretion to do so.

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2. Media Responsibilities of Grand Slam Winners

(See section V.A.5 for Media Responsibilities related to the Grand Slams.)

3. Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships Media Responsibilities

(See section X.B for Media Responsibilities related to the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.)

4. Media Obligation Upon Withdrawal

Any player who withdraws from an event after the initial acceptance date may be requested by the WTA Tour or Tournament Director to give a minimum fifteen (15) minute, to a maximum thirty (30) minute press conference or phone interview within twenty four (24) hours of her withdrawal. Failure to comply will subject the player to the appropriate fines as follows:

<u>Player Category</u>	<u>Fine</u>
Gold Exempt and Seeded	\$6,000
Gold Exempt	\$3,000
Seeded	\$2,000
All other	\$500

5. Tournament Payment for Additional Services

Tournaments are responsible for player fees for media/ sponsor/ promotional services rendered in addition to the above detailed player responsibilities. The fee shall be determined based upon the value of a given player in a given market.

6. WTA Tour Commercial Benefits, Promotions and Endorsements

Each player who participates on the WTA Tour agrees that the WTA Tour, its sponsors and the Tournaments may use or grant to others the right to use her name, photograph, likeness, biography, logo, art work, voice or other identification, alone or in conjunction with the name, photograph, likeness, biography, logo, art work, voice or other identification of others, for the purpose of promoting the WTA Tour, newspapers, magazines, motion pictures, programs, player and Tournament yearbooks, broadcasts and telecasts, educational materials, and all other publicity and promotional materials and

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media, including publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product, as long as such publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product is directly related to the publicity and promotion of the WTA Tour or the Tournaments comprising the WTA Tour and does not constitute a direct individual endorsement of such commercial product.

This includes but is not limited to the Tournaments, Grand Slam events (subject to their prior approval) and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships that comprise the WTA Tour. Each player also conveys to the WTA Tour any television rights she may own in all WTA Tour approved events in which she participates.

C. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

1. General

a. Matches

For Tournament matches all players will be expected to dress and present themselves in a professional manner. A player shall wear appropriate and clean tennis attire and shall not wear sweatshirts, sweat pants, t-shirts, jeans, or cut-offs during matches. A player may be asked to change if the Referee deems it necessary. Failure to do so may result in default from a Tournament and or a fine.

b. Pro-Ams

In a Tournament Pro-Am all players will be expected to wear match clothes unless otherwise agreed.

c. Practice

At official Tournament practice courts a player shall dress and present herself in a professional manner. If a player is in doubt regarding permissible apparel, she should check with the Referee or the Supervisor, who may direct a change of attire.

2. Identification on Players' Clothing and Equipment

No identification is permitted on players, their clothing or equipment on court, during a match or a Tournament ceremony except as follows:

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- a. Shirts, Sweaters, Jackets
- i. Sleeves — One (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (or 19.4 sq. cm.) in size, plus one (1) manufacturer's standard logo on each sleeve, neither of which shall exceed two (2) square inches (12.9 sq. cm.) in size. A third patch may be worn on the sleeve or front of the garment if and only if it is a WTA Tour / sponsor patch. The WTA Tour / sponsor patch shall not exceed three (3) square inches (or 19.4 sq. cm.).
 - ii. Sleeveless — If a garment does not have sleeves, then the two (2) commercial (non-manufacturers) identifications permitted on the sleeves above, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (or 19.4 sq. cm.) in size, may be placed on the front of the garment. A third patch may be worn on the front of the garment if and only if it is a WTA / sponsor patch. The WTA / sponsor patch shall not exceed three (3) square inches (or 19.4 sq. cm.).
 - iii. Front, Back and Collar — Two (2) standard logos of the manufacturer only, neither of which shall exceed two (2) square inches (12.9 sq. cm.) may be placed in any location (front, back and/or collar) or the option of one (1) three (3) sq. inch (or 19.4 sq. cm.) manufacturer's logo which may be placed in any one of the locations.
 - iv. Other – A logo of the apparel manufacturer, without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing, may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed twelve (12) square inches (77.42 sq. cm.) in one of the following positions:
 - On each of the shirt sleeves (if a manufacturer's logo is not on the sleeves pursuant to section V.C.2.a.i); or
 - Down the outer seams (sides of torso) of the shirt

Any player who chooses to have the logo of an apparel manufacturer appear in either area must wear the WTA

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Tour or WTA Tour/sponsor patch on her shirt as required in section V.B.1.i., without exception.

b. Skirts, Shorts or Track Suit Pants

Two (2) standard logos of the manufacturer only, neither of which shall exceed two (2) square inches (or 12.9 sq. cm.) in size, or the option of one (1) three square inches (or 19.4 sq. cm.) manufacturer's logo will be allowed on the skirt. Compression shorts may be worn during a match under a skirt, dress, or shorts. If the player wears compression shorts, one (1) two square inch manufacturer's logo on compression shorts will be allowed. One manufacturer's logo not to exceed three square inches (or 19.4 sq. cm.) will be allowed on track pants. No commercial or manufacturers logos are allowed on the front or back of regular tennis panties.

Note: A dress for the purposes of permissible identification shall be treated as a combination of a skirt and shirt (dividing dress at waist).

c. Socks and Shoes

Standard manufacturer's logos on each sock and on each shoe. The logos on the socks on each foot shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) square inches (or 12.9 sq. cm.) in size.

d. Racquet

Standard logos of the manufacturer of the racquet and/or strings will be allowed on the strings.

e. Hat, Headband or Wristband

One (1) standard logo of the manufacturer, which may contain writing not to exceed two (2) square inches (or 12.9 sq. cm.) in size.

Note: Hats, headbands and wristbands at Tour Tournaments with the WTA Tour / sponsor patch shall not exceed two (2) square inches (12.9 sq.cm.).

Please see following pages for illustrated guidelines for patch sizes.

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f. Bags, Towels or Other Equipment or Paraphernalia

Standard logos of the tennis equipment manufacturers or the WTA Tour logo on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm.).

g. Other Tennis Events

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any tennis circuit, series or tennis exhibition, tennis special event or Tournament other than the WTA Tour may not appear on the player, her clothing or equipment at any Grand Slam, at all Tier Tournaments and at the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships unless approved in advance by the WTA Tour.

h. Sponsorship Restrictions

Products that are distasteful or embarrassing to WTA Tour members, including, but not limited to tobacco, firearms, pornographic materials or similar items shall be prohibited as a Player sponsor, without prior approval of the Tour.

i. General

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

For the purpose of this rule, the manufacturer means the manufacturer of the clothing or equipment in question. In addition, the size limitation of two (2) square inches (or 12.9 sq. cm.) or three (3) square inches (19.4 sq. cm.) where applicable shall be ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to a player's clothing without regard to the color of the same. In determining the area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle shall be drawn around the same and the size of the patch for the purpose of this rule shall be the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be. When a solid color patch is the same color

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as the clothing, then in determining the area, the size of the actual patch will be based on the size of the logo identification.

For the purposes of this section V.C.2, "identification" shall mean any sort of identification associated with, or intended to be associated with, a commercial sponsor, an apparel manufacturer, or any other person or entity, regardless of the trademark registration status of the identification, and shall include any and all forms of writing.

j. Penalty

Any player who violates this section on identification may be ordered by the Chair Umpire, Referee or Supervisor to change her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such an order may result in a fine and/or default from a Tournament.

k. Taping Patches

The taping over of patches on clothing or hats is not allowed.

l. 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 the players obtain the approval of the Referee or Supervisor prior to wearing this clothing during a match.

m. Grass Court Shoes

In Tournaments played on grass courts, no shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players.

Special grass court shoes shall not be used without the express approval of the WTA Tour; such shoes shall not be approved unless they comply with the following specifications:

The pimples or studs on the base of the sole shall have a maximum top diameter of three (3) millimeters and a minimum top diameter of two (2) millimeters. The maximum height of the pimples or studs shall be two (2) millimeters

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with a maximum of 10-degree angle slope between the base and the top of the pimple. The durometers shall be between 58 and 63 based on a shore A scale. The pimple top diameter compared to its respective pimple density per square inch shall be within the following guidelines:

Pimple top Diameter	Pimple Density Per Square Inch
2.00 mm	32
2.25 mm	28
2.50 mm	24
2.75 mm	21
3.00 mm	18

Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted.

The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

Players desiring approval of special grass court shoes shall submit a sample shoe to the WTA Tour at least thirty (30) days in advance of the grass court Tournament at which they seek to wear such shoes.

n. **Clay Court Shoes**

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The Supervisor has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe sole does not conform to such customs and standards and may prohibit its use at any Tour Tournament. Grass court shoes may not be worn during a match on a clay court.

o. A player who violates this section and is not defaulted, shall be subject to the following fines:

- i. Commercial Identification: Violations of the provisions with respect to commercial identification shall result in a fine of \$1,000.
- ii. Tennis Equipment Manufacturer's logo: Violations of the provisions with respect to standard logos of manufacturers shall result in a fine of \$500.

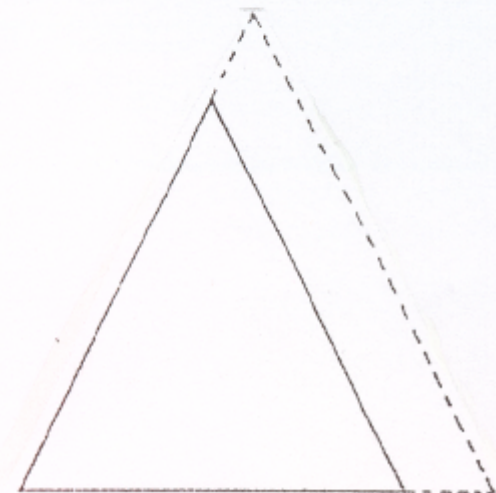
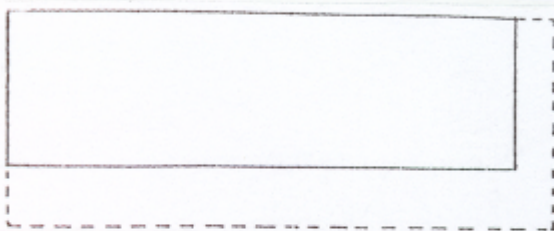
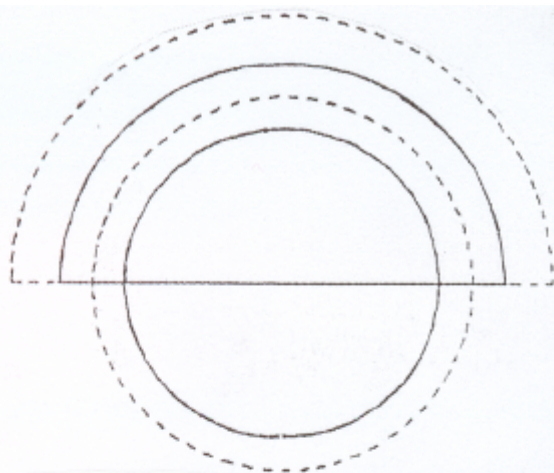
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- iii. Other Tennis Event: Violations of the provisions with respect to the name of an event other than the WTA Tour shall result in a fine up to \$2,500.
- iv. Unacceptable Attire: Violation of the provisions with respect to Unacceptable attire shall result in a fine of up to \$500.

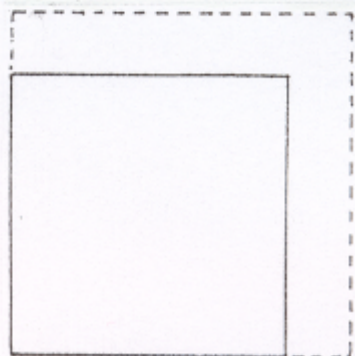
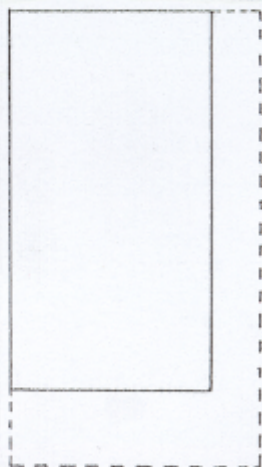
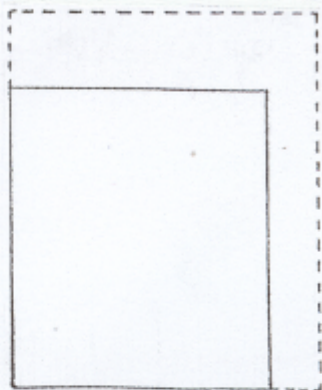
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12.9 SQ. CM. (2 SQ. IN.)

DOTTED FIGURES ARE
19.4 SQ. CM. (3 SQ. IN.)



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D. 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. If a toilet break is taken during a set, it must be taken before the player's own service game. In singles, each player is entitled to a maximum of two (2) breaks per match and in doubles 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 authorized 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 authorized 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 authorized breaks. Additional breaks will be authorized but will be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time. The Referee and/or 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 Referee and/or Supervisor as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules. A player may not take a toilet break / change of attire break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the Referee/Tour Supervisor. A player may change her attire during a toilet break.

Players will be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule for any abuse of this rule.

(Cross-reference Officials/Officiating – page 317)

(Cross-reference Supervisors – page 330)

E. WTA TOUR MEDICAL RULE

(See Medical Conditions – page 337.)

F. CODE OF CONDUCT

(For full information see Code of Conduct – page 269)

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On-Court Codes

An offense, under the Code of Conduct, may be declared by the Chair Umpire acting on his or her own or by either the Supervisor or Referee instructing the Chair Umpire to so act.

G. DELAY OF PLAY

Any delay of play resulting in the ball not being struck within twenty (20) seconds between points, or after ninety (90) or one hundred and twenty (120) seconds at change of ends and set breaks respectively, shall subject a player to a Time Violations warning for the first offense and a Time Violation loss of point for all subsequent infractions thereafter. However, when a violation is a result of a medical condition or refusal to play after being ordered to do so by the Chair Umpire, a Penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. Any continual distraction of regular play, such as grunting, shall be dealt with as follows: for the first offense, a let should be called and the player should be told that any such hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate. Any hindrance caused by a player that is ruled deliberate will result in the loss of a point. Monetary fines are not applicable.

H. HINDRANCE RULE

If a player hinders her opponent it can be ruled as either involuntary or as deliberate.

1. A let should be called the first time a player has created an involuntary hindrance (ball falling out of pocket, hat falling off, etc.), and the player should be told that any such hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.
2. Any hindrance caused by a player that is ruled deliberate will result in the loss of a point.

I. DEFAULTS

1. Any player who is defaulted as per Code of Conduct may be fined up to the prize money won at the Tournament in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident.

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- a. The Chair Umpire may declare a default for either a single violation of the Code of Conduct or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out in the Code of Conduct.
- b. Upon appeal by a player, the Referee, in consultation with the Supervisor, shall have the discretion to affirm or set aside an immediate default and his or her decision shall be final.
- c. The Referee, in consultation with the Supervisor, may default a player for any violation of this Code and such decision shall be unappealable.
- d. Penalties - refer to Code of Conduct page 269.
Cross-reference Medical section – page 333.
Cross-reference Withdrawals – page 56.

2. In addition, any player who is defaulted for a single violation of the Code of Conduct which causes or could have caused an immediate default as per Code of Conduct may be defaulted from all other events, if any, in that Tournament, except when the offending incident involves only a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions or as a result of a medical condition, or when her doubles partner commits the Code Violation which causes the default. (Cross-reference Retirements/Defaults – page 61)

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VI. TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES

The Tournament categories are comprised of Grand Slam Events, the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships and Tier Tournaments as follows:

A. GRAND SLAM EVENTS

The official Championships of Australia, France, Great Britain, and the United States of America:

- Australian Open - Melbourne, Australia
- Roland Garros - Paris, France
- The Championships - Wimbledon, England, Great Britain
- United States Open - Flushing Meadows, New York, USA

B. SEASON-ENDING CHAMPIONSHIPS (SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS)

The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships Tournament held in November with Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) prize money.

C. TIER TOURNAMENTS

All Tournaments other than Grand Slams and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships consisting of:

Mandatory Tier I (mandatory play event with minimum prize money of \$3,450,000)

There is one mandatory play Tier I Tournament with minimum prize money of \$3,450,000:

- NASDAQ-100 Open - Miami, Florida, USA

Tier I (minimum prize money of \$1,340,000)

Tournaments having minimum prize money of One Million Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$1,340,000) and approved in this Tier by the WTA Tour. The following are the Tier I Tournaments:

- Toray Pan Pacific Open - Tokyo, Japan
- Pacific Life Open - Indian Wells, California, USA
- The Family Circle Cup - Charleston, South Carolina, USA
- Qatar Total German Open 2006 - Berlin, Germany

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- Campionati Internazionali d'Italia Rome, Italy
- Acura Classic - San Diego, California, USA
- Rogers Cup - Montreal, Canada
- Ladies Kremlin Cup - Moscow, Russia
- Zurich Open - Zurich, Switzerland

Tier II (minimum prize money of \$600,000)

Tournaments having minimum prize money of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) and approved in this Tier by the WTA Tour. There are fifteen 15 Tier II Tournaments:

The following Tier II Tournaments receive the same Ranking points (subject to certain increases above the minimum prize money level). However, the Tournaments in group (A) receive player commitment Tier II (A) as outlined in section VII.A of the Rules and the Tournaments in group (B) receive player commitment Tier II (B) as outlined in section VII.A of the Rules.

Tier II (A)

- Medibank International - Sydney, Australia
- Proximus Diamond Games - Antwerp, Belgium
- Dubai Duty Free Women's Open - Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Qatar Total Open – Doha, Qatar
- Bausch & Lomb Championships - Amelia Island, Florida, USA
- J & S Cup - Warsaw, Poland
- The Hastings Direct Int'l Championships - Eastbourne, Great Britain
- Bank of the West Classic - Stanford, California, USA
- JP Morgan Chase Open - Los Angeles, California, USA
- China Open - Beijing, China
- FORTIS Championships Luxembourg - Luxembourg
- Porsche Tennis Grand Prix - Stuttgart, Germany

Tier II (B)

- Open Gaz de France - Paris, France
- Pilot Pen Tennis presented by Michelob Ultra - New Haven, Connecticut, USA

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- Generali Ladies Linz presented by Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberoesterreich - Linz, Austria

Tier III (minimum prize money of \$175,000)

Tournaments having minimum prize money of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) and approved in this Tier by the WTA Tour.

- Mondial Australian Women's Hardcourts - Gold Coast, Australia
- Bangalore Open – Bangalore, IND
- Regions Morgan Keegan Championships & the Cellular South Cup - Memphis, Tennessee, USA
- Copa Colsanitas Seguros Bolivar - Bogota, Colombia
- Abierto Mexicano TELCEL presentado por HSBC - Acapulco, Mexico
- Internationaux de Strasbourg - Strasbourg, France
- Istanbul Cup – Istanbul, Turkey
- DFS Classic - Birmingham, Great Britain
- Ordina Open - 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
- Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open – Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
- Wismilak International - Bali, Indonesia
- Sunfeast Open 2006 - Kolkata, India
- Guangzhou International Women's Open 2006 - Guangzhou, China
- AIG Japan Open Tennis Championships 2006 - Tokyo, Japan
- Thailand Open - Bangkok, Thailand
- Gaz de France Stars – Hasselt, Belgium
- Bell Challenge - Quebec City, Canada

Tier IV (minimum prize money of \$145,000)

Tournaments having minimum prize money of One Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) and approved in this Tier by the WTA Tour.

- ASB Classic - Auckland, New Zealand
- Moorilla Hobart International – Hobart, AUS
- Richard Luton Properties Canberra International – Canberra, AUS

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- Pattaya Open - Pattaya, Thailand
- Estoril Open - Estoril, Portugal*
- ECM Prague Open 2006 - Prague, Czech Republic*
- Grand Prix S.A.R. La Princesse Lall Meryem – Rabat, Morocco*
- Internazionali Di Modena – Modena, ITA
- Internazionali Femminili di Palermo - Palermo, Italy
- Budapest Grand Prix - Budapest, Hungary
- Nordea Nordic Light Open – Stockholm, Sweden*
- Forest Hills Women’s Tennis Classic – Forest Hills, NY, USA
- Banka Koper Slovenia Open - Portoroz, Slovenia*
- Hansol Korea Open Tennis Championships - Seoul, Korea*
- Tashkent Open – Tashkent, Uzbekistan*
- Anda Open, Tel Aviv, ISR

* Denotes Conditional Tournament Class Members. These Members receive ½ the Sponsor Benefit Payment (as described in section XIII, WTA Tour Financial Responsibilities to Tournaments, page 185)

The Tournament category for each Tournament will be stated on the WTA Tour Entry Form and the Calendar published by the WTA Tour.

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VII. COMMITMENT

A. PLAYER COMMITMENT FORMULAS

A Tournament's Player Commitment Formula is dependent on its Tier status as a WTA Tour Tournament. The following table sets forth the applicable Player Commitment Formulas. The Player Commitment numbers in the right column refer to the Gold Exempt player list (not to individual player rankings):

Tier/Minimum Prize Money	Player Commitment Formula
Mandatory Tier I Tournament \$3,450,000	All players who by ranking (including Special Rankings) qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw.
Tier I \$1,340,000	1 of the Top 3, and 2 of the Top 6, and 3 of the Top 10, and 1 more of Top 13 If the Tournament receives 6 of the Top 10, as stated above, then player commitment is fulfilled.
Tier IIA \$600,000	1 of the Top 4, and 2 of the Top 10, and 1 of Top 13 If 3 of the Top 4 or 2 of the Top 3 play, then player commitment is fulfilled.
Tier IIB \$600,000	1 of the Top 4, or 2 of the Top 6 and 1 of the Top 10, and 1 of Top 13. The number 4 player may be different on a regional basis, USA vs. Europe vs. ROW. If 2 of the Top 4 play, then player commitment is fulfilled.
Tier III \$175,000	1 of the Top 10 (or 2 of 11-20* and 2 of 11-30**) If 1 of the Top 10 plays, then player commitment is fulfilled.
Tier IV \$145,000	Best efforts to provide 3 Silver Exempts

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*if a Player is ranked in the Top 20 singles Rankings as of the entry deadline of a Tournament (six weeks prior), such player may count towards Player Commitment as one (1) of two (2) of 11-20 Gold Exempt players for any Tier III Tournament.

**if a Player is ranked from 21-30 in the singles Rankings as of the entry deadline of a Tournament (six weeks prior), such player may count towards Player Commitment as one (1) of the two (2) 11-30 players for any Tier III Tournament.

NOTES: If after a WTA Tour Year calendar is approved by the WTA Tour Board of Directors, a Tournament is allowed by the Tour to change its week, venue or surface for such Tour Year, other than at the request of the Tour, then the WTA Tour shall not be obligated to provide Player Commitment for that Tournament for such Tour Year, unless the request is only a change of venue (not week or surface) and that request for change of venue is considered to be a Related Geographical Area. For purposes of this paragraph, Related Geographical Area shall be considered a radius of approximately 125 miles from the original venue for those countries having multiple Tour Tournaments.

The WTA Tour has no obligation to fulfill the Player Commitment Formula of a Tournament which has not met its obligations to the WTA Tour pursuant to these Rules.

B. TOURNAMENT MISSED PLAYER COMMITMENT

If a Tournament's Player Commitment Formula is not met, the affected Tournament shall be paid such amount(s) detailed on the chart below.

Tournament Tier	Player Commitment Formula	% to Tournament of Forfeiture Amount Applicable to Such Player
Mandatory Tier I Tournament	GEL Players 1-6	50%
	GEL Players 7-20 and SEL Players	25%
Tier I	1 of 3 GEL Players	50%

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	2 of 6 3 of 10 1 of 13	50% 25% 25%
Tier IIA	1 of 4 GEL Players 2 of 10 1 of 13	50% 25% 25%
Tier IIB	1 of 4 or (2 of 6) 1 of 10 1 of 13	50% 25% 25%
Tier III*	1 of 10 or 2 of 11-20 2 of 21-30	50% 25%

*If 1 of 10 plays, then player commitment is fulfilled. However, if one of these Tournaments loses that Top 10 commitment player and does not receive its full Player Commitment Formula (2 of GEL 11-20 and 2 of SEL 21-30), then compensation will be 50% of the Top 10 player forfeiture amount.

C. TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION OF PLAYER COMMITMENT

As applicable, Tournaments will receive written notification of the Exempt Players that have committed to enter their events on or before (i) November 15 for Tournaments that take place the following Tour Year from January 1 through June 30, and (ii) May 1 for Tournaments that take place in the second half of the Tour Year on or after July 1.

Tournaments shall not make any announcement of their player fields more than 120 days in advance of the first day of the Main Draw of their Tournament, except for any Tournament held between January 1 and March 21 which may announce its player field immediately upon notification.

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VIII. TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS

A. TOUR CALENDAR

The Appendix to these Rules contains the Calendar for the current Tour Year which may be changed as necessary by the WTA Tour.

B. APPLICATION FOR A NEW TOURNAMENT ON THE SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR

Before a new application can be considered by the Tour, the prospective owner of a new Tournament must meet all the obligations of a prospective owner as follows:

1. Complete the WTA Tour application form by February 28 in the year prior to the Tour Year in which the Tournament is to be conducted.
2. Submit to the Tour a non-refundable application fee in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and an irrevocable Letter of Credit (or other financial vehicle approved by the WTA Tour) which must be valid for three (3) years with three (3) annual draws in the amount of the event's annual prize money pursuant to the Financial Security Requirements in section XII.C. The Letter of Credit will be canceled should the Tour Board not approve its application, or should the Tournament not be held in accordance with provisions of section VIII.E.
3. The WTA Tour application must be complete in order to ensure that the applicant is in good standing. No application will be acted upon until the WTA Tour has received all information, along with the applicable deposit.
4. A new Tournament applicant should make every effort to contact and seek approval from their National Tennis Association or Federation. However, this approval is not required for acceptance onto the WTA Tour.
5. Be immediately available, upon request of the WTA Tour, to organize a site check of the proposed venue for hosting the new Tournament, which site check shall be completed prior to the consideration by the Tour Board of the application. If the site check

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is deemed necessary by the WTA Tour, the applicant shall pay the cost of a WTA Tour site check (including travel, lodging, food, and other reasonable expenses).

6. Pay the cost of a security risk assessment(s) prepared by the WTA Tour's professional security consulting firm, if one is deemed necessary by the WTA Tour.

7. Upon approval of the application, the Tournament must pay a one-time sanction fee to the WTA Tour (information regarding the amount to be provided by the WTA Tour), and must abide by Financial Security requirements for a new Tournament. The sanction fee for a Conditional Tier IV shall be \$50,000.

8. Upon approval and finalization of the Calendar, the WTA Tour will send to the Tournament, a Letter of Agreement executed by an officer of the WTA Tour indicating approval of the Tournament and the terms and conditions which must be signed by the Tournament and returned before approval will be final.

9. Applicants for new Tournaments are advised that the WTA Tour will grant a new Tier IV sanction only if, in the Tour's sole discretion, the new Tournament is geographically and temporally appropriate and otherwise serves the best interests of the WTA Tour.

C. ANNUAL PROCEDURES FOR AN EXISTING WTA TOUR TOURNAMENT

Annual/Information forms for existing Tournaments must be submitted no later than February 28 prior to the start of the applicable Tour Year on the form published by the WTA Tour. Any Annual Information forms submitted after the February 28 deadline, must be accompanied by a One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) late fee. Annual/Information forms shall be distributed annually by the WTA at least sixty (60) days before the deadline.

Upon approval and finalization of the Calendar, the WTA Tour will return a copy of the Annual/Information form executed by an officer of the WTA Tour indicating formal approval of the Tournament on the terms and conditions set forth in the form.

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1. Each Tournament must comply with the following provisions regarding prize money (these provisions are subject to change, revised provisions, if any, will be distributed by the WTA Tour):

- a. Prize money listed in Tournament applications shall be expressed in U.S. dollars.
- b. Prize money must be paid in U.S. dollars in the amount stated on the applications and approved by the WTA Tour. However, a Tournament may pay its prize money in non-U.S. dollars if a written request is made to the WTA Tour at least three (3) months in advance of the Tournament. The WTA Tour reserves the right to deny the request based upon factors including the stability of the currency against the U.S. dollar, the international popularity of the currency, the players' convenience in converting that currency to U.S. dollars or other currency and the efficiency of the banking system upon which the prize money checks are drawn.
- c. Upon approval of the Tournament's request to pay prize money in a non-U.S. currency the WTA Tour will confirm the authorized rate of exchange to that Tournament based on the six (6) month average exchange rate to the U.S. dollar as listed at the Internet site:
http://www.oanda.com/converter/cc_table:

Tournament Beginning

Exchange Rate as of the previous:

January 1 – March 31

October 1

April 1 – June 30

January 1

July 1 – September 30

April 1

October 1-December 31

July 1

If there is a fluctuation of five percent (5%) or more, up or down, seven (7) days prior to the first day of the Tournament, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted up or down, as the case may be, by five percent (5%). If there is a fluctuation of ten percent (10%) or more, up or down, seven (7) days prior to the first day of the Tournament, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted up or down, as the

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case may be, by a percentage equal to one-half the percentage fluctuation (e.g., if the currency fluctuates 11% from the authorized exchange rate as of seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Tournament, the authorized exchange rate will be adjusted by 5.5%).

Each Tournament paying on-site prize money in a specific non-U.S. currency shall obtain from the WTA Tour the official rate for the Tournament as provided above prior to the start of the qualifying of the Tournament, and shall use same. Round by round prize money breakdowns shall be prominently posted on-site and shall include a reference to the corresponding breakdown in U.S. dollars.

2. In addition to the above requirements, each Tournament must comply with the following:

- a. Tournament must comply with Product Exclusivities as set forth in section IX.A.
- b. Tournament must pay the cost of a security risk assessment(s) prepared by the WTA Tour's professional security consulting firm, if the WTA Tour, in its sole discretion, deems that a security risk assessment is appropriate.

3. Financial Security Requirements for Tournaments on the WTA Tour for three (3) years or less will apply (see section XII.C).

D. LATE APPLICATIONS

Applications received after the due date may be entitled to consideration:

- a. As replacements for any approved Tournaments, which have canceled or have been disqualified as provided in these Rules;
- b. If deemed necessary to fulfill playing opportunities; or
- c. If it fulfills a geographic market goal of the Tour.

E. NO RELEASE

After sanction and assignment of a place on the Calendar by the WTA Tour, a Tournament Class Member may only be released from

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its obligation to conduct its Tournament, under the following circumstances:

1. If the Tournament Class Member provides the WTA Tour with a written request to be released from conducting its Tournament on or before October 1st of the previous Tour Year for Tournaments from January 1 through June 30, or on or before March 15th for Tournaments from July 1 through the end of the Tour Year (the "No Release Deadline") and provided such request includes the reason for the request and is accompanied by payment to the WTA Tour of the amount of the Tournament's prize money as set forth on the Application or Annual Information Form (as applicable) (the "Announced Prize Money"), the WTA Tour shall approve the request for release. However, nothing herein shall exempt or absolve the Tournament Class Member from its obligation to pay the Announced Prize Money to the WTA Tour or otherwise exempt or absolve the Tournament Class Member from its other financial obligations set forth in the WTA Tour Rules. If the Tournament Class Member complies with the foregoing requirements, it shall retain its Membership and shall be entitled to conduct a Tournament in the following Tour Year without a change in its status or Tier level. The foregoing shall only apply to the first time a Tournament Class Member requests a release, thereafter, the provisions set out below in sub-section 2 shall apply.

2. If a Tournament Class Member provides the WTA Tour with a written request to be released from conducting its Tournament either (i) after the No Release Deadline, or (ii) for the Tournament Class Member's second or subsequent time, provided such request includes the reason for the request and is accompanied by payment to the WTA Tour of the Tournament's Announced Prize Money, the WTA Tour shall approve the request for release. However, the following conditions shall apply:

- a. The Tournament Class Membership shall be automatically suspended and the Tournament Class Member shall have no right to operate a Tournament on the WTA Tour until its Membership is reinstated by the Board.
- b. Within thirty (30) days of the suspension of the Membership, the Tournament Class Member may make a written application for reinstatement to the Tour Board of Directors. The Tour Board of Directors may accept or

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reject an application for reinstatement in its sole and absolute discretion.

- c. If a Tournament Class Member's request for reinstatement is denied by the Tour Board of Directors, or if the Tournament Class Member fails to apply for reinstatement in the designated timeframe, the Tournament Class Member shall have a limited opportunity to sell its Membership, provided each of the following conditions are met:
 - i. the proposed transfer is for the entire Tournament Class Membership (partial sales, leases and management agreements are not permitted);
 - ii. the proposed transfer is a bona fide arm's length transaction with an unrelated or unaffiliated third party;
 - iii. with the exception of the applicable Transfer Fee (which is addressed in subpart (v) below), the proposed transfer complies in all respects with WTA Tour Rules relating to transfer of ownership, including the Tour's approval rights and the Tour's right of first refusal. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall be construed (a) to alter or amend the Tournament Class Member's obligation to seek and obtain the Tour's prior approval for any tournament transfer according to the WTA Tour Rules, (b) limit or restrain WTA's rights to approve, deny, or match a proposed tournament transfer according to WTA Rules, or (c) be construed as requiring the WTA Tour to approve any proposed transfer of the Membership;
 - iv. the proposed transfer is complete and consummated, including approval by the Tour Board of Directors (if any), prior to the following year's No Release Deadline;
 - v. the proposed transfer shall be subject to a Transfer Fee calculated at the maximum scheduled Transfer Fee percentage, regardless of the Tournament Class Member's tenure with the Tour.

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- vi. the proposed transferee warrants that it shall conduct the Tournament in the week on the calendar in the following Tour Year designated for the Tournament by the Tour Board of Directors.

In the event any of the preceding six (6) conditions is not met, the Tournament Class Membership shall be forfeited. Upon forfeiture, a Tournament Class Member shall have no future rights or privileges with the WTA Tour and shall lose the right to conduct a Tournament of any Tier level on the Tour. Under extenuating circumstances, the Tournament Class member may apply to the Tour Board of Directors for an extension of the deadline in sub-section E.2.c.vi above, which application the Tour Board of Directors may accept or reject in its sole and absolute discretion. The Tour Board of Directors may attach conditions to the acceptance of such an application including, without limitation, a requirement that the Tournament Class member pay the Announced Prize Money for the following Tour Year.

3. In the event a fire, flood, act of war, terrorist act or similar event, which is outside the control or prevention of the Tournament, results in a request for cancellation before or after the deadline, the Tournament Class Member may appeal to the Tour Board of Directors for a waiver or reduction of the requirements and penalties set forth above; however, the decision to grant such waiver or reduction shall be in the sole discretion of the Tour Board of Directors.

4. The WTA Tour shall not make any payments to a Tournament Class Member that does not conduct its Tournament in a Tour Year, including payments for commercial benefits, television rights or any other financial payments which would have been due from the WTA Tour to the Tournament Class Member for such Tour Year.

5. All prize money collected in connection with the No Release Rule will be divided evenly between the WTA Tour and the Women's Tennis Benefit Association.

6. In the event a Tournament Class Member fails to conduct its Tournament for any reason and fails to comply with the release requirements set out above, the Tournament Class Member's membership shall be immediately forfeited. Upon forfeiture, a

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tournament Class Member shall have no future rights or privileges with the WTA Tour and shall lose the right to conduct a Tournament of any Tier level on the Tour.

F. QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION APPROVAL

- 1.** The Tournament agrees to abide by and be bound by the WTA Tour Rules, Code of Conduct, WTA Tour By-Laws, Tour Contracts and any other relevant agreements.
- 2.** The Tournament agrees to the minimum prize money levels as indicated in section VI of these Rules.
- 3.** The Tournament is open to all categories of female players without discrimination.
- 4.** The Tournament agrees to a minimum draw for singles and doubles as set forth in these Rules and as determined in the sole discretion of the WTA Tour.
- 5.** The Tournament signs and agrees to abide by the terms and provisions of the WTA Tour application.
- 6.** The Tournament abides by any Product Exclusivities as set forth in section IX.A of these Rules.

G. REASONS FOR REJECTION

Any one of the following shall be a valid and adequate reason for not sanctioning an applicant, or for not assigning to a Tournament the class of WTA Tour Tournament or Calendar dates requested:

- 1.** Failure to meet the above qualifications for approval; or
- 2.** Failure to accept or abide by these Rules and the Tournament Commitment herein set forth; or
- 3.** Previous failure to meet its financial commitments or comply with these Rules; or
- 4.** Lack of space on the WTA Tour Calendar; or

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- 5.** Direct or indirect ownership by a person or entity of more than five (5) Tournaments (see section VIII.J.6); or
- 6.** Other good causes clearly and demonstrably contrary to the integrity of tennis or the WTA Tour.

H. GUIDELINES FOR PRIORITY

In sanctioning, rescheduling the Calendar, or approving new Tournaments for inclusion in the Calendar, Grand Slam tournaments, the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, Tier I and II Tournaments shall be accorded traditional dates or other necessary scheduling priority. The following guidelines shall be applied by the WTA Tour:

- 1.** Whether an applicant has filed a timely application in full compliance with the requirements published by the WTA Tour.
- 2.** Geographical practicality and balance in view of:
 - a. The travel convenience of players;
 - b. The need for mobility between WTA Tour categories of Tournaments; and
 - c. As it serves to preserve the international concept and growth of the WTA Tour.
- 3.** The history of the applicant, including such factors as the number of years that the applicant or its predecessor has operated a Tournament at the location or in the market where it is currently located; its promotion of the Tour sponsor's interest; its status as a national title event; its record as a women's Tournament administered by the WTA Tour; its record of financial responsibility; its compliance with the WTA Tour Rules and Code of Conduct. In the case of a new applicant, its involvement with Exhibitions/Non-Tour Events.
- 4.** Television exposure and whether there exists a finalized television commitment or a substantial prospect for same.

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- 5.** The relative quality of playing and spectator facilities, including whether the type of playing surface helps to maintain the desirable balance between the variety of playing surfaces in the game.
- 6.** Marketing consideration consistent with the obligations to and objectives of the WTA Tour.
- 7.** Exposure adequate to promote the objectives and goals of the Tour and women's tennis.
- 8.** Which application, in the judgment of the WTA Tour, best serves the interest of the sport as a whole.
- 9.** The applicant's participation in or aiding and abetting violations of these Rules.

I. TERMINATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The WTA Tour may disqualify any Tournament from participation in the Tour upon thirty (30) days written notice (by email, certified mail or fax) if the Tournament commits any of the following acts:

- 1.** The Tournament fails to meet the prize money commitments or fails to provide the commercial identification required pursuant to all relevant agreements.
- 2.** The Tournament fails to demonstrate financial responsibility to conduct a Tournament or has failed to pay all expenses or prize money of a Tournament it has conducted.
- 3.** The Tournament fails to fulfill in a timely manner its financial obligations or breaches any other term or condition of the WTA Tour Rules, including Standards of Performance Requirements, or any relevant agreement.

NOTE: The 30 day notice provision does not apply when a Tournament has already been advised that it will not be able to hold its Tournament at the time it has been appointed.

In lieu of disqualification for any of the above financial failures, the WTA Tour, in its sole discretion, may require a Tournament to post a Letter of Credit in the full amount of the Tournament's prize money upon 30 days' written notice. Failure to post a satisfactory

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Letter of Credit will result in disqualification from participation in the Tour.

J. TOURNAMENT OWNERSHIP

1. Definition of Ownership

Ownership of a Full Tournament Class Membership is a continuing right, provided the Tournament is in good standing. Each Tournament on the WTA Tour has the following Tournament ownership rights:

- a. The right to a week on the Calendar; it being understood that the WTA Tour establishes each Tournament's week subject to consideration of the Tournament's longevity on the Tour, longevity in the same city, Tier Level, traditional Calendar week(s), venue (indoors and outdoors), court surface, geographical location and the orderly flow of Tournaments.
- b. The right to a level of player participation determined by the WTA Tour (Player Commitment); it being understood that there shall be no downgrade of a Tournament's Tier status without a mutually agreed upon compensation plan (financial or otherwise) between the Tournament owner and the WTA Tour. If such agreement does not emerge through mutual discussions, the parties shall submit the issue of adequate compensation to binding arbitration by a single arbitrator subject to the Commercial Arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association or other rules as may be agreed.
- c. The WTA Tour must approve all proposed transfers of Tournament location, all proposed changes to player commitment, as well as all proposed new Tournaments. As a general rule, it is contemplated that no such transfers will be approved to, and no new Tournaments will be established in, locations within 125 miles of existing Tournaments.
- d. The exclusive right to organize, promote and exploit the Tournament and to retain any and all proceeds derived there from, subject to the Tournament's obligations to

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make such payments (e.g. prize money and fees) as may be provided in the WTA Tour Rules, the governing agreements among the Tour's constituents and resolutions of the Board of Directors regarding the pooling of foreign television rights. This grant of rights shall include but not be limited to revenue derived from tickets, sponsorships, television (foreign and domestic), radio, licensing, merchandising, film, video, publications, or any other form(s) of media hereafter discovered.

- e. It shall be understood that the Tour sponsor(s) shall be entitled to a negotiated benefits package, which may preclude Title Sponsorship of any Tournament in one product category for the Tour Sponsor. With regard to any exclusive Tour Sponsor product category, it is agreed that conflicting, pre-existing, Title and Presenting Sponsors will be grandfathered. In addition, Tour Sponsorship agreements may not vitiate any Tournament's conflicting, pre-existing sponsorship or exposure agreements, but may preclude the renewal of any such agreements except Title and Presenting Sponsorship agreements.
- f. The right to advertise and promote the Tournament's association with the Tour and the right to advertise and promote the participants entered in the Tournament, subject to the Rules.
- g. The right to transfer or lease ownership subject to the guidelines in the Rules.
- h. The above rights shall be subject to the Tournament's satisfactory compliance with the WTA Tour's By-Laws, Certificate of Incorporation and Rules, including the Tournament Standards of Performance, which are a part of the Rules. Those Standards include, without limitation, the obligation to pay prize money and fees to the Tour; a preclusion of unauthorized use of the names and likenesses of the players; and the obligation to promote the Tour.

2. Transfer of Ownership

No individual's or entity's holding, in whole or in part, in a WTA Tour Tournament Class membership (whether full or conditional)

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(collectively referred to as “member”) shall, directly or indirectly, be sold, transferred, assigned, conveyed or otherwise disposed of, in whole or in part, whether by operation of law or otherwise (each a “Transfer”), except in accordance with and subject to the following provisions:

- a. No later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTA Tour Board of Directors, the member wishing to apply for a Transfer shall submit a written request for approval of the Transfer to the CEO. The CEO shall have the right to require the member making the request to furnish (and that member shall furnish) any information the CEO deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. The name and address of each party to the Transfer and each officer, director and beneficial owner of each of those parties;
 - ii. A written statement certifying the material terms of the proposed Transfer;
 - iii. If the Transfer is a sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance or other disposition:
 - an executed copy of the bona fide written offer that the member proposes to accept (the “Offer”);
 - a statement of the amount and the terms and conditions of the purchase price or other consideration offered for the membership interest;
 - evidence of the proposed purchaser’s ability (financial or otherwise) and experience to own and operate the member’s Tournament or to acquire the membership interest subject to the Transfer; and
 - a binding offer (the “Right of First Refusal Offer”) to sell the membership to the WTA Tour for a purchase price equal to the amount to be paid in cash by the proposed purchaser solely for the membership interest (without regard to any

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employment, consulting or other arrangements and subject to the WTA Tour's right to pay the purchase price as and when it would have been due from the proposed purchaser); and

- iv. copies of any other agreements relating to the Transfer.
- b. Upon receipt of the information required under paragraph VIII.J.2.a above, the CEO shall conduct such investigation as he deems appropriate and shall submit the proposed Transfer and the Right of First Refusal Offer to the WTA Tour Board of Directors for its approval, acceptance or other action except that if the proposed Transfer will not result in the transferee possessing, directly or indirectly, a membership interest of 25% or more, the CEO shall have the power to approve or disapprove the proposed Transfer or accept the Right of First Refusal Offer without submitting it to the Tour Board for approval or acceptance. The Tour Board or CEO, as the case may be, shall have the right to disapprove a Transfer in its or his sole discretion; however, such approval or acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- c. If the WTA Tour elects to accept the Right of First Refusal Offer upon the terms set forth in sub-paragraph VIII.J.2.a.iii, the WTA Tour shall notify that Tournament Class member in writing of its acceptance within thirty (30) days after the next regularly scheduled Tour Board meeting following the furnishing to the CEO of all information required under paragraph VIII.J.2.a., provided that all such information was provided to the WTA Tour corporate headquarters at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to such Tour Board meeting (the "Right of First Refusal Period"). If the WTA Tour exercises its Right of First Refusal, the WTA Tour and the seller shall thereafter fix a mutually acceptable date for the consummation of the transaction. If the WTA Tour does not notify the seller of its intention to exercise the Right of First Refusal during the Right of First Refusal Period, during the period of sixty (60) days following the expiration of the Right of First Refusal Period the seller may sell its membership interest to the proposed purchaser upon the terms of the offer, but if the sale is not consummated with

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the proposed purchaser within that sixty (60) day period, then the provisions of this section VIII.J.2 shall apply again.

- d. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraphs VIII.J.2.a-c, in the event a Tournament Class member wishes to transfer its membership interest in such Tournament, but has no satisfactory bona fide prospective purchaser, the member may at any time request that the WTA Tour solicit prospective purchasers on its behalf. A request under this paragraph VIII.J.2.d shall be made in writing to the CEO.

The member shall have no obligation to accept any offer that may be obtained by the WTA Tour on its behalf and the member may withdraw its request under this paragraph at any time.

- e. At any time that a Tournament Class member consummates a Transfer with respect to a membership interest, the applicable transfer fee percentage (set forth below) - assessed to the value of the consideration provided by the Tournament buyer to the seller - shall be imposed by the WTA Tour Board of Directors:

<u>Number of Years with Sanction on Tour*</u>	<u>Transfer Fee Percentage</u>
Up to One	20%
Two to Three	15%
Up to Four	10%
Up to Seven	5%
Eight or More	3%

*The above fee schedule applies equally to both Full and Conditional Tournament Class Members (as defined in the WTA Tour By-Laws). Also, a Conditional Tournament Class Member that becomes a Full Member shall be fully credited with the number of years such Member was of Conditional status.

NOTE: The WTA Tour Board of Directors retains the discretion to assess a lesser fee where appropriate, as determined in its sole discretion. The relevant transfer fee

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will be waived for transfers that take place among members of the same immediate family should the transfer be approved pursuant to the provisions of section VIII.J. of the WTA Tour Rules.

- f. If the purchaser of a membership interest in a WTA Tour Tournament member is not currently promoting or operating any WTA Tour Tournament(s) or is not a WTA Tour Tournament Class member, as a precondition to approval of any Transfer under this section VIII.J.2., the purchaser must agree in writing that it will deposit or provide a letter of credit guaranteeing payment of 100% of the first year's prize money. Payment will be made under this letter of credit in the event the Tournament is not held; if the Tournament is held, payment will be made under the letter of credit only to the extent of a shortfall in prize money payments. Any payment under the letter of credit will be non-refundable.
- g. Any attempted Transfer in violation of this section VIII.J.2 shall be void.

3. Request for Change

All proposed changes to location, date or other Tournament information as set forth on the Application or Renewal form must be approved by the WTA Tour. All requests that would impact the WTA Calendar for the next Tour Year, must be submitted to the WTA Tour for approval no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Tour Board Meeting at which such calendar is to be reviewed and approved. If any Tournament or prospective new owner seeks a change it must:

- a. Register a notice requesting the change with the WTA Tour no later than four (4) months (unless otherwise agreed by the WTA Tour in its discretion) after the conclusion of the previous year's Tournament (Request for Change forms are available from the WTA Tour);
- b. Furnish the WTA Tour with full details of the proposed change, as determined by the WTA Tour;

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- c. Pay the cost of a site check (travel, lodging, food and other reasonable expenses) if one is deemed necessary by the WTA Tour;
- d. Pay the cost of a security risk assessment prepared by the WTA Tour's professional security consultant, if one is deemed necessary in connection with the requested change by the WTA Tour; and
- e. Be subject to Financial Security Requirements and a loss of Player Commitment, as set forth herein.

4. Simultaneous Transfer of Ownership and Location

A request for a transfer of location made in conjunction with a request for a transfer of ownership must be made simultaneously, and those requests will be considered jointly. The Tour reserves the right to deny the transfer of ownership request unless and until it is satisfied with the transfer of location request.

5. WTA Tour Action

- a. If ownership is transferred, the new owner will succeed to the rights and obligations of the former owner. However, if change of location is involved, the new owner's rights and obligations will be the same as the owner of a new Tournament.
- b. Regarding proposed changes of location, if the WTA Tour approves such a change in connection with a transfer of ownership, it will make best efforts to assign an appropriate date, and the Tournament will then become part of the WTA Tour.

6. Limitations on Ownership

- a. No person or entity (or group of persons or entities acting in concert) shall, directly or indirectly, own or control (by contract or otherwise) an "ownership interest" in more than five (5) WTA Tour Tournaments, of which no more than two (2) may be multi-week combined women's and men's events of the same or similar Tier status (e.g., NASDAQ-100 Open, Pacific Life Open). Additionally, no person or entity (or group of persons or entities acting in concert) shall

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directly or indirectly own or control (by contract or otherwise) an ownership interest in more than:

- i. 45% of WTA Tour Tournaments in the European Geographic Region or the US Geographic Region or the Rest of the World Geographic Region (as these Regions are defined by the Tour for the purposes of Player Commitment); and/or
 - ii.
 - (a) 25% of all WTA Tour Tier I Tournaments; or
 - (b) 25% of all WTA Tour Tier II Tournaments; or
 - (c) 40% of all WTA Tour Tier III Tournaments; or
 - (d) 40% of all WTA Tour Tier IV Tournaments.
- b. Any entity having ownership interests in WTA Tour Tournaments that exceed any of the limitations set forth in paragraph VIII.J.6.a. of this Rule as of June 23, 1999, will be grandfathered as to any such Tournaments above such limitations. However, if such entity sells its ownership interest in a WTA Tour Tournament, it will thereafter not have the right to purchase or obtain an ownership interest in any additional WTA Tour Tournament without Tour approval, if such entity has ownership interests at or above any of the limitations set forth in paragraph VIII.J.6.a. of the Rule
- c. "Ownership Interest"
For purposes of this Rule, the words "ownership interest" shall mean:
- i. Any direct or indirect proprietary interest in a Tournament other than an interest of 5% or less in any call of the equity or debt securities of a member whose shares are traded on an internationally recognized securities exchange (a "proprietary interest"); or
 - ii. With respect to any Tournament in which the relevant person, entity or group does not have a proprietary interest, the right to:
 - (a) exercise the Tournament's voting rights;
 - (b) apply to the Tour for a change in the venue or geographic location of the Tournament;

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- (c) serve as or appoint the Tournament's designated representative; or
 - (d) transfer any of the rights described in this clause VIII.J.6.c.ii.(a)-(c), or to apply to the Tour for approval to Transfer any direct or indirect proprietary interest in the Tournament.
- d. Without limiting the generality of section VIII.J.6.c.i., a person or entity shall be deemed to have an ownership interest in a Tournament if it has a direct or indirect interest in the proceeds resulting from the sale of that Tournament or in the operating income or losses of that Tournament, but a person or entity providing services or guaranteed payments to a Tournament in consideration of an interest in the operating income or losses of that Tournament during the period it is providing those services or payments shall not be deemed to have an ownership interest in the Tournament, provided the CEO has approved the terms of any such agreement between any such person or entity and any Tournament. Such agreement shall not be approved if it is found to be an attempt to circumvent section 1 of this Rule.
- e. Discovery & Sanctions for Noncompliance:
If the Tour has reason to believe that a person or entity may own or control multiple WTA Tour Tournaments in addition to those already disclosed to the Tour, it may request such person or entity to provide information that will confirm or negate the existence of such ownership or control. If the person or entity fails to provide such information in a timely fashion or provides inaccurate or incomplete information, the Tour may, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, (a) consider such noncompliance in determining whether to impose sanctions and/or (b) conclude – based on such noncompliance – that the person or entity does in fact have an ownership interest in the Tournament or Tournaments in question.

K. TOURNAMENT MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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- 1.** Each Tournament shall obtain and maintain General Liability insurance in the amount of not less than US \$5,000,000 with an insurance carrier acceptable to the Tour.
 - a. The liability insurance shall include bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, participant legal liability and contractual liability coverage.
 - b. The Tournament liability insurance shall name the WTA Tour, Inc., its Directors and Officers, employees and agents (the "Insured Parties") as additional Named Insureds with respect to any claims or suits brought against the Insured Parties, regardless of the court of jurisdiction, arising out of the negligent act or omission of the Tournament, its directors or representatives.
- 2.** Each Tournament is responsible for determining whether applicable worker's compensation statutes apply to injuries sustained by volunteers, sub-contractors, on-court officials or ball persons. In the absence of a worker's compensation coverage requirement, it is recommended that the Tournament purchase Excess Medical Insurance for the event, to provide medical payments coverage to injured volunteers, on-court officials or ball persons involved in the event. It is also recommended that the General Liability policy be modified to include volunteers, on-court officials and ball persons as additional insureds.
- 3.** All such insurance may not be cancelled or reduced below the requirements set forth above, without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Tour.
- 4.** Each Tournament shall furnish the Tour, no later than sixty (60) days prior to such Tournament, a certificate of insurance from such insurance carrier certifying compliance with the above requirements.

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IX. TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES/ BENEFITS TO WTA TOUR

A. WTA TOUR SPONSOR PRODUCT CATEGORY EXCLUSIVITIES

All Tournaments will have certain responsibilities relating to their sponsorship activities, and must act in compliance with the Rules of the WTA Tour.

Tour Sponsorship agreements may not vitiate any Tournament's conflicting, pre-existing sponsorship or exposure agreements, but may preclude the renewal of any such agreements except Title and Presenting Sponsorship Agreements.

Conflicting, pre-existing, Title and Presenting Sponsors will be grandfathered in connection with this rule.

A Tournament shall be required, upon request by the Tour, to immediately supply any pre-existing contract with a Tournament sponsor that conflicts with a Tour sponsorship. The Tournament shall be entitled to conceal any competitively sensitive financial information in such a pre-existing contract prior to disclosure to the Tour.

As set forth herein, the WTA Tour will pay the Tournament a Commercial Benefit payment in exchange for certain commercial benefits.

B. COMMERCIAL BENEFITS GRANTED TO WTA TOUR

1. WTA Tour Identification

Each Tournament shall clearly and prominently identify itself to the public as being part of the WTA Tour and give their full cooperation to the WTA Tour in furthering general public awareness of the competition.

2. WTA Tour Name and Logo

The WTA Tour shall receive identification via the WTA Tour name and/or logo (including the name of any title or presenting sponsor, if applicable) on all printed Tournament promotional materials and

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informational signage where a Tournament's title and/or presenting sponsor is identified, including but not limited to: official notices, all advertising, press releases, posters, program covers, tickets, counter cards, direct mail pieces, display materials, brochures, announcements, invitations, credentials/ accreditation badges, ticket brochures/offers, stationery (letterhead, envelopes, etc.), interview backdrops, draw boards, sponsor boards, welcome entry signs, etc. Each Tournament must also identify the WTA Tour on its website using a standardized link to www.sonyericssonwtatour.com, which, at a minimum, should be placed in the area of the Tournament website devoted website links. All Tournament use of the WTA Tour name and/or logos (including the name and logos of any Tour sponsors, whether composite or stand alone) must conform to the WTA Tour and sponsor trademark guidelines.

The size and shape of WTA Tour (including the name of any title or presenting sponsor, if applicable) must be no less than thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the size and one-third prominence of the title of the Tournament.

In all public address announcements in which the Tournament is identified, it will be identified as a part of the WTA Tour and or sponsor.

The WTA Tour / sponsor shall also receive references in message board announcements and exposure in player introductions (i.e., "currently ranked 'x' on the WTA Tour").

3. Banners On-Court

At each Tournament the WTA Tour shall be entitled to two (2) three (3) feet (.91 m.) by seven (7) feet (2.12 m.) on-court banners on all courts used for television broadcasts. One banner must be in direct television view to be located either (i) on the backdrop, or (ii) between the service line and the backdrop (on the side with maximum television exposure). As notified by the WTA Tour, the banners may be used to promote either or both of the WTA Tour, or a WTA Tour Sponsor (provided there is no conflict as addressed in part IX.A above). The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of producing such signage consistent with the design, coloring and quality of the other court signage produced by the Tournament. Each Tournament is required to provide the WTA Tour with a

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schematic of the on-court banner placement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Qualifying.

4. Net Post Signs

WTA Tour / Sponsor shall receive exclusive net post signage at both ends of the net on all competition courts. The Tour will provide specifications to each Tournament prior to production deadlines. (Cross reference: Net – page 317)

5. Other On-Court Signage

Where possible and with individual Tournament approval, a WTA Tour / sponsor logo may be painted or fixed to the court surface. Costs associated with application and removal of such logo will be borne by WTA Tour.

Where possible, and with individual Tournament approval, each Tournament may place the “sonyericssonwtatour.com” logo on its back walls, sidewalls and/or scoreboards.

Where possible, and with individual Tournament approval, each Tournament may place the WTA Tour / sponsor logo on its back walls, sidewalls and/or scoreboards in order to expose its affiliation with the WTA Tour.

6. Signage Within Precincts of Center Court

Each Tournament will prominently display one (1) WTA Tour / sponsor sign or banner measuring a maximum of three (3) feet (.91 m.) by seven (7) feet (2.12 m.) bearing the name and logo of the WTA Tour as close to the precincts of center court so as to maximize its visibility to tennis patrons without dislocating any commercial or sponsor banners that have been sold by or are obligations of the Tournament Director.

7. Press Area / Interview Room

WTA Tour / sponsor shall receive exposure in the press area / interview room via a WTA Tour / sponsor banner and/or microphone flags at each Tournament.

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8. On-Site Display

At each Tournament, WTA Tour / sponsor shall have the right to a complimentary on-site display space for sampling, couponing, demonstration, promotion, sale of product or merchandise, etc. This right to on-site display space will be available at all Tournament sessions for such activities and shall be at no charge to WTA Tour / sponsor so long as the display space consists of at least a basic structure with lighting and a lockable storage area and is consistent with the equipment and services provided to other Tournament display sponsors. WTA Tour / sponsor will be liable for the cost of staffing and decoration of the on-site display. Should WTA Tour / sponsor require additional space or a specific structure, this will be negotiated with the Tournament on a case-by-case basis. In the event that WTA Tour / sponsor informs the WTA Tour that it will not use its on-site display space, the Tour may be substituted in its place.

At each Tournament, the WTA Tour may request additional on-site display space for its use. Costs shall be borne by the Tour at no greater than the Tournament's cost plus 15%.

9. Tournament Program Pages

WTA Tour / sponsor shall receive, free of charge, three (3) full color pages in total in each Tournament program. Whenever possible, the three pages should be placed in the first third of the Tournament program. Two (2) of WTA Tour's pages shall be for editorial material. The content of such editorial material will be supplied by or approved by the WTA Tour. The third page in the Tournament program will be used as a WTA Tour advertising page. (All three (3) pages can, at the Tour's discretion, be for advertising.) At the Tournament's discretion, it shall provide one (1) additional full color page for use by the WTA Tour to identify its sponsors, licensees and international television broadcasters. Each Tournament may also offer the WTA Tour additional pages if available, the cost of which will be borne by the Tour at no greater than the Tournament's cost plus 15%.

10. Seats/Tickets

WTA Tour / sponsor shall receive, at no charge, at least six (6) box seats and six (6) reserved seats in a prime location for every session of the Tournament.

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WTA Tour / sponsor shall also receive two hundred (200) upper level stadium tickets to one evening session early in the week of each Tournament provided that the stadium seating capacity is at least 3,000. One hundred (100) of those seats may be allocated over two or three early week evening sessions. If the stadium seating capacity is less than 3,000, the Tour shall receive one hundred (100) upper level stadium tickets to an evening session early in the week.

WTA Tour / sponsor will also be given priority in purchasing additional seats in prime location at a discount.

In addition to the foregoing, each Tournament shall provide the required ticket and credentials to players, player guests, and the WTA Tour and official guests of the Tour as set out under the Tournament Responsibilities. (See Credentials / Tickets / Seating on page 308)

11. Hospitality

WTA Tour / sponsor shall have access to hospitality at all sessions for the six (6) box seat holders. If the Tournament does not have VIP hospitality, they shall offer the six (6) box seat holders the same hospitality, free of charge, as they offer their other box seat holders.

In addition, WTA Tour / sponsor shall receive a complimentary hospitality area for a minimum of two sessions.

Food and beverage costs and special tentage and decor costs shall be borne by WTA Tour or sponsor in North America.

12. Credentials and Parking

WTA Tour / sponsor representatives shall receive six (6) credentials for access to the following areas: Press Room, Operations, Hospitality, Players' Lounge, etc.

WTA Tour / sponsor shall also receive eight (8) VIP parking passes.

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13. Pro-Ams

WTA Tour / sponsor shall receive six (6) spots in the Tournament Pro-Am where available or a clinic for twelve (12) hosted by players during the Tournament week.

14. Awards Ceremony

A WTA Tour executive and a sponsor representative shall be entitled to inclusion and recognition in on-court Tournament award presentations.

15. Press Releases

The WTA Tour (in connection with its sponsors) has the right to produce and distribute press releases about or relating to the Tour at each and all of the Tournaments provided that press releases relating to a particular Tournament will be approved by that Tournament prior to distribution.

16. Video/Film Rights

Each Tournament shall make available to the WTA Tour five (5) minutes of film footage as long as it is used for non-commercial purposes with the exception that film footage may be used for commercial purposes if it is to promote the WTA Tour (e.g., television highlight shows, vignettes, video news releases, etc.). The WTA Tour will be responsible for duplication and shipping costs.

17. Race to the Championships Billboard

Each Tournament shall post a "Race to the Championships" billboard in a prominent location on site. The Tour will provide specifications to each Tournament prior to production deadlines.

C. FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMMERCIAL BENEFITS

Failure to provide all or a portion of the above Commercial Benefits granted to the WTA Tour will be considered a breach of the WTA Tour Tournament Standards of Performance and will be subject the Tournament to, among other things, a reduced Sponsor Benefit Payment as determined by the Standards of Performance Committee. Additional penalties may be imposed in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Breach of Tournament

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Standards of Performance set out on Page 327. Before the reduction of any Commercial Benefits payment, every effort will be made by the Tour and the Tournament to cure the breach.

D. SPONSORSHIP RESTRICTIONS

In addition to the sponsorship restrictions set forth above, products that are distasteful or embarrassing to WTA Tour members, including, but not limited to, tobacco, firearms, pornographic material or similar items will not be permitted as sponsors on the Tour, without prior approval of the WTA Tour.

E. INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION RIGHTS POOL

The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, each Tier I Tournament and each Tier II Tournament that is requested to participate must participate in the official WTA Tour International Television Rights Pool consistent with the rights and obligations established by the WTA Tour Board of Directors.

F. PRE-TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Each Tournament must complete a Tournament Fact Sheet and return it to the Tour Operations Department no later than one (1) week prior to the official player entry deadline (eight weeks prior to each Tournament).

Each Tournament must complete the Tournament Physician Information Sheet and Massage Therapist Information Sheets and return to the Manager, Sport Sciences and Medicine Department, no later than 12 weeks prior to the Tournament.

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X. SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Tour culminates with the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships at the end of the Tour Year.

The format of the Championships is as follows (the WTA Tour reserves the right to change the format of the Championships, in whole or in part):

The players earn entry into the singles competition of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships based on Ranking points accumulated from the first through last Tournament (prior to the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships). In doubles, it is a team's combined Ranking points accumulated as a team from the first through the last Tournament (prior to the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships) that earns a team acceptance into the doubles competition of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships. In accordance with the WTA Tour Rules, the number of players who qualify to participate in the singles competition of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships will be the seven (7) players (or such different number agreed upon by the WTA Tour and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships' Organizers) with the highest number of Ranking points accumulated at Tour Tournaments during the Tour Year. Such players are automatically entered into the Championships and withdrawals, if any, must be provided to the Tour in writing. A player may not make any public announcement concerning her participation without first providing the information to the Tour in writing.

At their sole discretion and taking into account extraordinary circumstances, the WTA Tour may select the 8th player for participation in the singles draw. If the Tour does not exercise its option to select the 8th player, the 8th spot in the draw will be awarded to the player who is 8th in Ranking points and such player shall be automatically entered into the Championships. Four (4) doubles teams (or such different number agreed upon by WTA Tour and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships' Organizers) will qualify (as teams) to compete in the doubles competition of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.

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Players who qualify for the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships must comply with the player responsibilities as detailed in this section.

A. DRAW - ELIGIBILITY

1. Singles Draw

The draw will be comprised of eight (8) players. If two or more players have the same number of Ranking points, the player who has played the most WTA Tour Tournaments during the Tour Year will be given priority. If replacement players are required, they shall be selected in descending order of total WTA Tour Ranking points earned in that year.

After the field has been determined, the next two players who would be accepted into the Championships, based on total WTA Tour Ranking points in that year, shall be the alternates.

The Alternates are required to be in the Tournament city from Monday of the Championships week and are required to attend mandatory functions. The Alternates are required to be on-site and available to play from the start of the Tournament through to the completion of the round robin format, at which point they shall be released, if they have not been accepted into the Championships.

The Alternates shall receive per diem beginning the Monday of the Championships week until she is released.

2. Doubles Draw

The draw will be comprised of four (4) teams. In order to be eligible, teams with the highest number of Ranking points (as teams) must have played in a minimum of two (2) Tour Tournaments together (inclusive of Grand Slams). Such players are automatically entered into the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, provided however, a partner not chosen (as described below) shall not be automatically entered. Any player who may be eligible to qualify for the Doubles Championship with more than one (1) partner may choose the partner with whom she wishes to qualify and compete. The partner not chosen is ineligible to play unless she has qualified with another partner.

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3. Byes

If byes are to be awarded in singles or doubles, they will go to the seeds in descending order.

4. Seeding

Players or teams will be seeded based on the WTA Rankings current the week prior to the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.

If prior to 4:00 p.m. tournament local time on the day before the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships begins, seed one (1) or two (2) withdraws from the singles or the doubles, the draw will be remade. In singles, if seed three (3) or four (4) withdraws, the fifth seed will fill the vacated spot, the next eligible seed will fill the fifth seed's vacated spot and the next player into the draw will fill the open spot created by the next eligible seed's move. If the withdrawal is from seeds 5-8, the next eligible seed will fill the open seed's spot, and the next player into the draw will fill the open spot created by the next eligible seed's move.

If any seed (1-8) from singles and seed (1-2) in doubles withdraws after 4:00 p.m. tournament local time on the day before the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships begin, the next eligible seed will fill the open seed's spot and the next player into the draw will fill the open spot created by the next eligible seed's move.

5. Scoring

The Tour Championship Singles and Doubles Finals shall be the best of three (3) tie-break sets with no rest period.

6. Prize Money

Prize money for the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships shall be Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000).

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles (per Team)</u>
Winner	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Finalist	\$500,000	\$125,000
Semi Finalist	\$250,000	\$ 62,500
Round Robin 3rd	\$130,000	

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Round Robin 4th	\$100,000
Alternates	\$ 20,000

7. Administrative Error

See page 166 for procedures to follow in the event of administrative error affecting a player or team's acceptance in the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.

8. Ranking Points

In accordance with the Tour's Ranking points, in the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships singles event, Round of 16 Round Points will be awarded to 4th place in the Round Robin and in Doubles, Semi Final Round Points will be awarded to first round losers.

B. MEDIA RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, players will be responsible for all of the aforementioned media/sponsor/promotional functions as detailed in section V, including Diamond ACES commitments. In addition to ACES and non-ACES activities set forth in section V, players shall be required to perform the following media/sponsor/promotional activities at the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.

1. On or before September 15 of each Tour Year, the Tour will designate four players, each of whom is required to do a full media day in advance of the Championships. The media days will be selected by the end of the US Open, and the days will be agreed upon by the player, the Tour and the player's representative. Additionally, the Tour may designate as many as three other players who must be available for a media activity such as a conference call, web chat or interview.

While these activities do not count toward a player's ACES requirements, violation of this provision will subject a player to a fine as prescribed in the Diamond ACES program.

2. During the week of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, all players must be available for television, print media and promotional activities as outlined in the ACES program. All Main Draw singles and doubles players are required to

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participate in a media availability session on the day prior to the start of play. The session is mandatory under the ACES policy and will not exceed one hour in length.*

3. In addition to ACES commitments, players must be available for the following:

- a. Both Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships finalists must be available to attend media and sponsor functions immediately following the final as well as the evening of the final match.
- b. The singles winner of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships is required to be available for media and sponsor functions, on the day following her victory.
- c. All players qualifying for the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships are required to attend a Tournament Banquet. The Banquet will be held one evening during the week of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.*

*The fine for non-attendance at each mandatory activity/function at the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships set forth above in sub-sections (2) and (3) shall be \$10,000 for all players. Doubles Players are required to be in the Tournament city by Thursday of the Tournament week and must attend all mandatory functions during this time.

C. TOURNAMENT STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

Refer to Tournament Standards of Performance, page 303, for on-site requirements.

D. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

A player who qualifies for entry into the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships (singles and/or doubles) must attend and compete in the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships. Prior to the Championships, the Tour will alert players who qualify for entry, to mandatory activities that will take place. Any qualified player who does not compete in the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships must attend the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships for a minimum of two (2) full days and participate in the Tournament on both of those days (for at least three (3) hours per day unless the

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player agrees to participate for a longer period of time) on a promotional basis for the benefit of the WTA Tour and/or the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships. Promotional participation includes, but is not limited to, participation in media and sponsor activities, autograph sessions, photo opportunities, video news releases and charity activities.

Qualified players who do not play but attend the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships on a promotional basis shall be entitled to one (1) round trip, first class ticket to the Tournament city and per diem for each day of promotional attendance and participation but shall otherwise be responsible for all costs associated with their attendance. *

Qualified players who fail to attend and compete or fail to attend and promote shall be subject to a \$125,000 fine for singles and a \$25,000 fine for doubles.

Under extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the CEO of the WTA Tour, the Tour shall have the discretion to waive or reduce these fines.

* The WTA Tour will determine whether promotional participation should be deferred to a later date for qualified doubles players.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR REGARDING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

If an administrative error has been made in the calculation of Ranking points such that one or more players or doubles teams is disadvantaged, the WTA Tour, in its sole discretion, may require the last two players or teams accepted into the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships based upon the most current Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships Point Standings, regardless of whether the draw has been made (excluding Wild Cards) will play a preliminary match for one spot in the draw. The loser of the preliminary match will receive Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships 1st round prize money and the applicable 1st round WTA Ranking points. Prize money payment to the loser of the preliminary match will be paid by the WTA Tour. The player or team who wins the preliminary match but then loses in the applicable 1st round will receive 1st round prize money plus 25% of 2nd round

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prize money (paid by the WTA Tour) and 35% of applicable 2nd round WTA Tour Round Points.

F. SEEDING PROCEDURES FOR THE SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Singles

- a. Place seed 1 in Group A and seed 2 in Group B
- b. To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs as follows:
 - Seeds 3 and 4 (place first drawn seed in Group A, remaining seed in Group B)
 - Seeds 5 and 6 (place first drawn seed in Group A, remaining seed in Group B)
 - Seeds 7 and 8 (place first drawn seed in Group A, remaining seed in Group B)

2. Doubles

Place Seed 1 on Line 1 and Seed 2 on Line 4.

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XI. PRIZE MONEY

A. DISTRIBUTION

1. Payment of the same Prize Money must be available to all competitors without discrimination.
2. The Tournament shall be responsible for distribution of the Prize Money consistent with all laws concerning withholding taxes. The Prize Money shall be distributed directly to the players. Tournaments must make best efforts to supply tax forms to the players when they collect their Prize Money check. If tax forms are not available, players should be told when they will receive them, and whom they can contact from the Tournament if they have a problem. Players must receive their Tournament tax forms by the last day of the Tour year.
3. Summary of distribution. (See Accounting page 303)

B. AMATEUR PRIZE MONEY

All prize money won above and beyond an amateur's expenses at a WTA Tour Tournament will be divided evenly between the WTA Tour and that Tournament.

C. AMATEUR EXPENSES

Any player who receives Prize Money at a Tournament or from the WTA Tour Bonus Pool will be considered to be a professional. However and subject to any non-WTA Tour guidelines regarding amateur status that may apply to a particular player, if a player chooses to retain her amateur status, she may not receive Prize Money, but may receive only reasonable, actual and necessary expenses substantiated by receipts and as documented on a signed WTA Tour Amateur Reimbursement Form (this Form may be obtained from the on-site Supervisor). In no case may an amateur player be reimbursed her actual and necessary expenses in an amount greater than the Prize Money the amateur would have won during the Tournament if she were playing as a professional. Reasonable expenses include transportation, housing and board, providing such expenses are actual and necessary under the circumstances.

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Expenses for one (1) chaperone of an amateur eighteen (18) years of age or younger may also be reimbursed as outlined above, providing the chaperone accompanies the player throughout the player's stay at the Tournament. A player and/or her chaperone shall be reimbursed only for those days she participates in the Tournament plus one day preceding the start of the Tournament. Any unpaid Prize Money (due to amateur player participation) will be divided evenly between the WTA Tour and the Tournament, which must make payment to the WTA Tour within thirty (30) days of conclusion of the Tournament.

If an amateur chooses to turn professional, she must declare herself a professional before the start of the Tournament, whether that means before Qualifying if she is in Qualifying, or before the Main Draw if she is in the Main Draw. She must also complete and return a form to the WTA Tour Operations Department, providing written confirmation of her change in status.

D. DEFAULTS, WITHDRAWALS AND BYES

If a player or team withdraws in the semi-finals or finals, their Prize Money is calculated per the round they withdrew less 50% of the difference between that round and the previous round. Such 50% shall be retained by the Tournament. If a player withdraws prior to the semi-final round, she shall receive the loser's prize money and WTA Tour Ranking points for reaching the round in which she withdrew, except that:

- 1.** A Qualifier withdrawing in first round of Qualifying: receives no Prize Money and the Tournament shall not count on her record.
- 2.** A Qualifier who has not played a match in the qualifying draw and advances to the main draw will not receive QLFR points.
- 3.** A Qualifier withdrawing in first round of Main Draw: receives Prize Money equal to last round Qualifying Prize Money.
- 4.** A player or team accepted directly into the Main Draw who withdraws in first round will receive no prize money and the Tournament shall not count on their record.
- 5.** If a player or Team receives a walkover in the 1st round and there is no Alternate or Lucky Loser to take the spot, or if a player or

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team receives a walkover in a subsequent round without having yet played a match, the walkover will be treated as a bye for ranking data purposes.

6. A player or team who receives a walkover in any Round except the 1st round after having played and won a match shall be awarded Round points for a walkover from an opponent. For any disciplinary default occurring in a Tournament after the match begins, the advancing player or team will be awarded Round points over her opponent or team.

7. If a player or team withdraws from the finals, and the Tournament Director so desires, a substitute player or team will play a best of three set exhibition match against the Tournament winner. The substitute receives sixty percent (60%) of the money not paid to the withdrawing player (i.e. the other 50% of the difference between the loser's share in the semi final and the loser's share in the final). Forty percent (40%) of the Prize Money not paid to the withdrawing player is retained by the Tournament.

8. If a player or team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and loses her/their first match played, 1st round losers' points will be awarded and the player or team shall receive Prize Money for the round reached.

9. If a player or team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and defaults her/their next round, no ranking points shall be awarded, the Tournament will not count on her/their record and no Prize Money shall be paid out.

10. Any Tournament whose prize money or draw does not fall into one of the breakdowns contained herein, should contact the WTA Tour for an approved breakdown.

11. Players or teams who receive Wild Cards are awarded the same Round points as any other player.

E. SINGLES & DOUBLES CANCELLATIONS

If the singles or doubles event of a Tournament is cancelled due to poor weather and there has been no play, first round Prize Money will be paid out to the players. If play has commenced and been terminated before the Tournament is concluded, players will be paid

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loser's Prize Money for the individual round reached. Additionally, if the first round has been completed, all player/teams will receive their Round Points earned through the last completed round only and the Tournament will count as a Tournament played.

If a Tournament is officially terminated and the finals have not been completed, the finalists will each receive finalist's Prize Money and Ranking points. The difference between the winner and finalist Prize Money will revert back to the Tournament.

(Cross reference Rescheduling of Finals page 97)

F. IMPROPER PAYMENTS

Except as outlined in the Amateur Expenses – page 169):

- 1.** No Tournament shall make a contribution toward travelling expenses of competitors. However, in exceptional circumstances to make a Tournament viable, the WTA Tour will authorize a contribution of air tickets or expenses by a Tournament toward travelling of competitors, provided such tickets or expenses are available to all competitors equally and without discrimination.
- 2.** No Tournament or player shall make or accept payments either directly or indirectly with respect to the participation of any player in a Tournament.

If a Tournament chooses to offer any enhancements to prize money such as sponsor products to the winner or any player(s), prior written approval must be obtained from the WTA Tour.

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G. PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS

Total Commitment	\$ 3,450,000		\$ 2,100,000		\$ 1,340,000
Tournament Fee to Tour	\$ 276,300		\$ 220,300		\$ 120,750
Bonus Pool Contribution	\$ 183,000		\$ 195,000		\$ 183,000
On-Site Prize Money	\$ 2,990,700		\$ 1,684,700		\$ 1,036,250
Draw Size	96/48/32		96/48/32		56/32/28
			96/48/28		56/32/28
					28/32/16
Doubles					
Winner	\$ 533,350	\$ 332,000	\$ 196,900	\$ 196,900	\$ 196,900
Finalist	\$ 266,675	\$ 163,000	\$ 99,850	\$ 100,000	\$ 105,800
Semi Finalist	\$ 134,400	\$ 80,000	\$ 50,600	\$ 51,000	\$ 56,800
Quarter Finalist	\$ 70,930	\$ 39,375	\$ 25,650	\$ 26,050	\$ 30,485
Round 16	\$ 37,400	\$ 19,350	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,285	\$ 16,370
Round 28/30/32	\$ 19,730	\$ 9,475	\$ 6,590	\$ 6,775	\$ 8,790
Round 48/56/64	\$ 10,350	\$ 4,650	\$ 3,340	\$ 3,455	\$ 4,790
Round 96	\$ 5,560	\$ 2,325	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,715	\$ 2,335
Qualifying					\$ 4,720
3rd Round					\$ 2,535
2nd Round	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,360
1st Round	\$ 1,250	\$ 585	\$ 865	\$ 900	\$ 1,360
Doubles					
Winner	\$ 137,700	\$ 91,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 59,000
Finalist	\$ 72,000	\$ 45,500	\$ 29,940	\$ 30,000	\$ 31,750
Semi Finalist	\$ 37,940	\$ 22,500	\$ 15,180	\$ 15,315	\$ 17,050
Quarter Finalist	\$ 20,400	\$ 11,255	\$ 7,700	\$ 7,800	\$ 9,150
Round 16	\$ 10,900	\$ 5,650	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,980	\$ 4,900
Round 28/32	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,675	\$ 1,970	\$ 2,030	\$ 2,630
Round 48					
	Miami	Indian Wells	Montreal	Charleston Berlin Rome San Diego	Pan Pacific Moscow Zurich

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Total Commitment				
Tournament Fee to Tour	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
Bonus Pool Contribution	\$ 65,100	\$ 65,100	\$ 65,100	\$ 65,100
On-Site Prize Money	\$ 107,500	\$ 57,500	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500
	\$ 827,400	\$ 527,400	\$ 502,400	\$ 502,400
Draw Size	28/32/16	28/32/16	56/32/16	28/32/16
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Singles				
Winner	\$ 159,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 95,500	\$ 95,500
Finalist	\$ 84,500	\$ 53,650	\$ 48,900	\$ 51,000
Semi Finalist	\$ 45,150	\$ 28,750	\$ 25,060	\$ 27,300
Quarter Finalist	\$ 24,085	\$ 15,400	\$ 12,860	\$ 14,600
Round 16	\$ 12,850	\$ 8,230	\$ 6,575	\$ 7,820
Round 28/30/32	\$ 6,850	\$ 4,400	\$ 3,370	\$ 4,175
Round 48/56/64			\$ 1,725	
Round 96				
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Qualifying				
3 rd Round	\$ 3,650	\$ 2,360	\$ 885	\$ 2,230
2 nd Round	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,265	\$ 455	\$ 1,195
1 st Round	\$ 1,040	\$ 680		\$ 640
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Doubles				
Winner	\$ 49,300	\$ 31,350	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Finalist	\$ 26,280	\$ 16,680	\$ 15,440	\$ 16,120
Semi Finalist	\$ 14,000	\$ 8,950	\$ 7,920	\$ 8,620
Quarter Finalist	\$ 7,480	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,060	\$ 4,610
Round 16	\$ 3,990	\$ 2,560	\$ 2,080	\$ 2,465
Round 28/32				
Round 48				
	Dubai	Stuttgart	Amelia Island Los Angeles	Sydney Paris Antwerp Luxembourg Doha Warsaw Beijing Eastbourne

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Total Commitment	\$ 225,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 180,000
Tournament Fee to Tour	\$ 23,250	\$ 23,250	\$ 23,250	\$ 23,250	\$ 23,250
Bonus Pool Contribution	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 5,500
On-Site Prize Money	\$ 188,750	\$ 163,750	\$ 163,750	\$ 163,750	\$ 151,250
Draw Size	30/16/16	56/32/16	30/32/16	32/32/16	32/32/16
Singles					
Winner	\$ 35,000	\$ 31,000	\$ 30,500	\$ 30,500	\$ 27,970
Finalist	\$ 19,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,450	\$ 16,400	\$ 15,000
Semi Finalist	\$ 10,300	\$ 8,220	\$ 8,840	\$ 8,750	\$ 7,820
Quarter Finalist	\$ 5,615	\$ 4,230	\$ 4,745	\$ 4,680	\$ 4,135
Round 16	\$ 3,050	\$ 2,180	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,485	\$ 2,275
Round 28/30/32	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,320
Round 48/56/64		\$ 580			
Round 96					
Qualifying					
3 rd Round	\$ 900	\$ 300	\$ 735	\$ 700	\$ 675
2 nd Round	\$ 490	\$ 155	\$ 395	\$ 375	\$ 365
1 st Round			\$ 215	\$ 200	\$ 200
Doubles					
Winner	\$ 10,500	\$ 9,250	\$ 9,150	\$ 9,100	\$ 8,340
Finalist	\$ 5,700	\$ 4,760	\$ 4,900	\$ 4,850	\$ 4,480
Semi Finalist	\$ 3,100	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,625	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,330
Quarter Finalist	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,270
Round 16	\$ 915	\$ 650	\$ 760	\$ 740	\$ 675
Round 28/32					
Round 48					
	Bali	Birmingham	Istanbul	Bangkok	Acapulco

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Total Commitment	\$	175,000	\$	175,000	\$	175,000
Tournament Fee to Tour	\$	23,250	\$	23,250	\$	23,250
Bonus Pool Contribution	\$	3,000	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
On-Site Prize Money	\$	148,750	\$	148,750	\$	148,750
Draw Size		30/32/16		32/16/16		30/16/16
Singles						
Winner	\$	28,000	\$	28,000	\$	28,000
Finalist	\$	15,000	\$	14,650	\$	14,750
Semi Finalist	\$	7,730	\$	7,900	\$	8,250
Quarter Finalist	\$	4,270	\$	4,050	\$	4,550
Round 16	\$	2,260	\$	2,200	\$	2,525
Round 28/30/32	\$	1,340	\$	1,300	\$	1,400
Round 48/56/64						
Round 96						
Qualifying						
3 rd Round	\$	650	\$	650	\$	650
2 nd Round	\$	350	\$	350	\$	350
1 st Round	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200
Doubles						
Winner	\$	8,250	\$	8,250	\$	8,250
Finalist	\$	4,400	\$	4,350	\$	4,450
Semi Finalist	\$	2,350	\$	2,350	\$	2,400
Quarter Finalist	\$	1,250	\$	1,250	\$	1,300
Round 16	\$	670	\$	650	\$	725
Round 28/32						
Round 48						
Strasbourg			Gold Coast		Kolkata	s-Hertogenbosch
			Memphis		Guangzhou	
			Bogota			
			Cincinnati			
			Tokyo			
			Hasselt			
			Quebec City			
			Bangalore			

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Total Commitment	\$ 170,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 74,800
Tournament Fee to Tour	\$ 19,725	\$ 19,725	\$ 19,725	\$ -
Bonus Pool Contribution	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
On-Site Prize Money	\$ 140,275	\$ 125,275	\$ 125,275	\$ 74,800
Draw Size	32/32/16	32/32/16	32/16/16	16/-/-
Singles				
Winner	\$ 25,650	\$ 22,900	\$ 22,925	\$ 22,000
Finalist	\$ 13,825	\$ 12,345	\$ 12,450	\$ 12,000
Semi Finalist	\$ 7,450	\$ 6,650	\$ 6,765	\$ 6,300
Quarter Finalist	\$ 4,015	\$ 3,580	\$ 3,670	\$ 3,400
Round 16	\$ 2,165	\$ 1,925	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,825
Round 28/30/32	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,085	
Round 48/56/64				
Round 96				
Qualifying				
3 rd Round	\$ 630	\$ 555	\$ 590	
2 nd Round	\$ 340	\$ 300	\$ 320	
1 st Round	\$ 185	\$ 175		
Doubles				
Winner	\$ 7,530	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,760	
Finalist	\$ 4,050	\$ 3,640	\$ 3,670	
Semi Finalist	\$ 2,180	\$ 1,960	\$ 1,990	
Quarter Finalist	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,080	
Round 16	\$ 630	\$ 565	\$ 590	
Round 28/32				
Round 48				
	Pataya	Auckland	Budapest	Tashkent
		Hobart	Portoroz	
		Rabat	Seoul	
		Prague	Modena	
		Estoril	Tel Aviv	
		Palermo		
		Stockholm		
		Canberra		
				Forest Hills

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XII. TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

A. TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Each Tournament is obligated to pay:

- On-site Prize Money (must be paid in US Dollars unless authorized by the Tour).
- WTA Tour Fees.
- WTA Tour Player Commitment Contract Funds (Tier I, II and III as applicable).

Each Tier I, II and III must participate in Tournament Financial Disclosure. Tournaments that fail to comply will be subject to a fine and / or other disciplinary action.

All payments must be directed to:

Vice President of Finance

WTA Tour

One Progress Plaza, Suite 1500

St Petersburg, FL, USA 33701

Tel: +1 727 895 5000

Fax: +1 727 822 9470

Wire Transfer Info:

WTA Tour, Inc.

JP Morgan Chase

New York, New York 10017

SWIFT: CHASUS33

ABA # 021000021

Acct # 134636732

B. TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL COMMITMENT – FOR TOURNAMENTS ON THE TOUR 4 YEARS OR MORE

Tour Fees go toward funding Tour Operations and Player Services. Tour Fees are deducted from each Tournament's minimum prize money, as is the Tournament portion of the Player Commitment Contract funds from Tier I, II and III Tournaments. On site prize money is paid to the players at the site of the Tournament during the week of the Tournament. For round-by-round breakdown amounts, see breakdowns herein.

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Tournaments will receive an invoice approximately 30-45 days before each payment is due. The obligation amounts and payment schedules are as follows:

Due Date	Financial Requirement	Amount in cash, USD				
		Tier IV	Tier III	Tier II	Tier I	Tier I Combined
October 15 year prior or 6 months prior to the start of the Main Draw	Tour Fee 1- Installment	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$12,000	\$22,500	\$22,500
No later than 30 days prior to the start of the Main Draw	Tour Fee 2- Installment	\$16,725	\$18,750	\$53,100	\$98,250	\$197,800 - I Wells \$253,800 - Miami
	PCC Funds**	--	\$3,000	\$32,500	\$183,000	\$195,000 - I Wells \$183,000 - Miami

** If a Tournament offers increased prize money above the minimum required at its Tier Level, additional player commitment contract funds will be required from the increased prize money. See chart in the Funding of Player Commitment Contracts section starting on Page 38.

C. FINANCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise determined by the WTA Tour, each existing WTA Tour Tournament that has owned its sanction for three (3) years or less, and all new or transferred sanctions for the first three (3) years, must submit to the WTA Tour within 30 days after approval on the calendar, an approved Irrevocable Letter of Credit ("L/C") (or other financing vehicle approved by the WTA Tour), in form and substance satisfactory to the WTA Tour for 100% of announced prize money. Unless otherwise determined by the WTA Tour, failure to provide financial security within the deadline specified will result in cancellation of the Tournament, forfeiture of all fees paid to date and possible revocation of the Tournament sanction.

All L/C's must conform to the following format and shall not be amended unless approved by the WTA.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF CREDIT

Issue Date:

Letter of Credit Number:

Applicant Reference Number:

Please utilize the following information to instruct your bank to issue an IRREVOCABLE Letter of Credit in our favor. If there are any questions regarding these instructions, please contact us immediately.

A: Advising Bank: JPMorgan Chase Bank
SWIFT: CHASUS33
c/o JP Morgan Treasury Services Standby Letter of Credit
Department
4- Floor
10420 Highland Manor Drive
Tampa, Florida, 33610 USA

Required to request Advising Bank (JPMorgan Chase Bank) to add its confirmation

B: Applicant: < insert legal name and full address >

C: Beneficiary: WTA Tour, Inc.
One Progress Plaza, suite 1500
Bank of America Tower
St. Petersburg, FL, 33701 USA

Wire To: JPMorgan Chase Bank
SWIFT: CHASUS33

D: Currency: United States Dollars: < insert amount in numbers and words >

E. Transfer: The Credit is Not Transferable.

F: Bank Charges: All bank charges inside/outside of Beneficiaries country are for Applicant's account.

G: Required Documents: See below.

H. Expiration Date: <insert date – not less than 30 days after final match of 3 year>

We hereby establish this Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. _____ in favor of the above mentioned Beneficiary for an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount indicated above, expiring at <our/ our Advising Bank> counters with our close of business on <insert expiry date>.

This Irrevocable Letter of Credit is available with <insert Advising Bank>, against presentation of beneficiary draft at sight drawn on Advising Bank, when accompanied by the documents indicated herein.

Beneficiary's dated statement purportedly signed by its Chief Executive Officer indicating this Irrevocable Letter of Credit number and reading as follows:

We certify that Applicant has failed to pay, in whole or in part, on-site prize money to players or any required WTA sanction or Tour fees.

Multiple drawings permitted. Single drawing not to exceed total under section D. Currency above.

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We hereby agree with the Beneficiary that any draft under and in compliance with the terms and conditions of this letter of credit will be duly honored.

This Irrevocable Letter of Credit is issued subject to the international standby practices 1998, International Chamber Publication 590 (ISP 98).

The number and date of our credit and the name of our bank must be quoted on all drafts required.

Irrevocable Letter of Credit is to be issued in English.

D. TOURNAMENTS PAYING PRIZE MONEY IN EXCESS OF THE MINIMUM PRIZE MONEY LEVEL

Each Tournament may submit a request to the WTA Tour to pay prize money in excess of the minimum prize money level for that Tournament's Tier, but this requirement must be no later than six (6) months in advance of the Tournament (unless otherwise agreed by the WTA Tour). Any excess Prize Money must be awarded proportionately according to the established Prize Money breakdown formulas and consistent with the PCC Rules. Requests should be made at the time the Tournament Application is submitted for the following year. The WTA Tour will respond to requests as soon as possible after they are received.

E. GRAND SLAM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Each Grand Slam has agreed to deduct \$150,000 plus seven per cent (7%) of its total women's singles and doubles prize money including qualifying (after the \$150,000 deductions) as its Tour Fee (using currency conversion standards set forth herein). Payment is due in full by the start of the Main Draw. Payment shall be made in local currency. The WTA Tour will notify each Grand Slam with banking instructions.

F. CONDITIONS

Payment of all fees and deposits is a continuing condition for inclusion in the WTA Tour. Each Tournament must comply with all Government, Federal, State and Local laws, regulations and ordinances affecting the facility and the conduct of that Tournament.

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G. LATE PAYMENTS

In the event any payment is not timely, the WTA Tour is under no obligation to provide Player Commitment to the offending Tournament or to further hold the dates of the Tournament.

If any payment (by a Tournament or the WTA Tour) is not made on or before the respective due date, the aggrieved party shall be entitled to a late penalty of \$200 per week. Said fines begin to accrue within seven (7) days after notice (email, fax or registered letter) by the aggrieved party. This penalty shall apply when the required Tour Fees are not paid by a Tournament.

The fines apply singularly to each category of payment that is in arrears. In cases of disputes, it is desirable (but not obligatory) that before any litigation or arbitration is instituted, the dispute be brought to the WTA Tour for consideration and discussion.

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XIII. WTA TOUR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO TOURNAMENTS

A. COMMERCIAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS.

In consideration of the commercial benefits granted to the WTA Tour by all Tournaments, the WTA Tour will pay to the Tournaments according to the payment schedule below:

WTA Tour Tournament Sponsor Benefits	
Tournament Category	Projected Minimum Allocation per Tournament
Miami	\$68,700
Tier I	\$45,800
Tier II	\$22,900
Tier III	\$9,700
Tier IV	\$7,000
Tier IV Conditional	\$3,500

B. PAYMENT DATES.

The WTA Tour will make payments directly to each Tournament according to the schedule below:

WTA Tour Tournament Sponsor Benefit Payment Schedule		
Tournament Completion	Subsequent July 15	Subsequent Dec. 15
June 30	50%	50%
November 30	-	100%

For payment, Tournaments must have been on the published Calendar at the end of the previous Tour Year and be in good standing with the WTA Tour. Tournaments eligible for WTA Tour Sponsor Benefit Payments are listed in section VI.

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XIV. WTA RANKING SYSTEM

A. WTA RANKINGS

The Sony Ericsson WTA Rankings is the worldwide computer ranking for women's professional tennis. It's a ranking system that reflects a players' performance in tournament play. The ranking system is a 52-week, cumulative system in which the number of tournament results that comprise a player's ranking is capped at seventeen (17) Tournament results for Singles and eleven (11) Tournament results for Doubles. The results used to determine the players' rankings are the tournaments that have yielded the players' highest Ranking points over the past fifty-two (52) weeks including their ranking points from the Mandatory Tier I Tournament and the Grand Slam Tournaments, if the player qualifies. The rankings determine player acceptances and seeding for all Tournaments. The Sony Ericsson WTA Rankings are computed and published weekly by the WTA Tour from its U.S. Headquarters office in St Petersburg, Florida, USA.

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SINGLES and DOUBLES ROUND POINTS

---- Description ----	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	QLFR	Q3	Q2	Q1
Grand Slam (Singles)	700	492	314	174	96	62	38	2	31	25	15	2
Grand Slam (Doubles)	700	492	314	174	96	62	2	-	24	-	-	-
Tour Championships	525	369	235	130	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tier I (128) \$3,000,000	350	246	157	87	48	31	19	1	15.5	-	7.5	1
Tier I (32) \$3,000,000	350	246	157	87	48	1	-	-	21.5	-	-	-
Tier I (128) \$2,000,000	325	228	146	81	45	28	16	1	11	-	6.25	1
Tier I (32) \$2,000,000	325	228	146	81	45	1	-	-	20	-	-	-
Tier I (64) \$1,340,000	300	210	135	75	42	25	1	-	10.5	-	5.75	1
Tier I (32) \$1,340,000	300	210	135	75	42	1	-	-	18.5	10.5	5.75	1
Tier I (16) \$1,340,000	300	210	135	75	1	-	-	-	19	-	-	-
Tier II (32) \$650,000	220	154	99	55	29	1	-	-	13.25	7.75	4.5	1
Tier II (16) \$650,000	220	154	99	55	1	-	-	-	13	-	-	-
Tier II (64) \$600,000	195	137	88	49	25	14	1	-	6.75	-	4	1
Tier II (32) \$600,000	195	137	88	49	25	1	-	-	11.75	6.75	4	1
Tier II (16) \$600,000	195	137	88	49	1	-	-	-	11.75	-	-	-
Tier III (32) \$225,000	145	103	66	37	19	1	-	-	8.5	4.5	2.75	1
Tier III (32) \$225,000	145	103	66	37	19	1	-	-	4.5	-	2.75	1
Tier III (16) \$225,000	145	103	66	37	1	-	-	-	9.5	-	-	-
Tier III (64) \$175,000	120	85	55	30	16	9	1	-	3.75	-	2.25	1
Tier III (32) \$175,000	120	85	55	30	16	1	-	-	7.25	3.75	2.25	1
Tier III (32) \$175,000	120	85	55	30	16	1	-	-	3.75	-	2.25	1
Tier III (16) \$175,000	120	85	55	30	1	-	-	-	7.5	-	-	-
Tier IV (32) \$145,000	95	67	43	24	12	1	-	-	5.5	3.5	2	1
Tier IV (32) \$145,000	95	67	43	24	12	1	-	-	3.5	-	2	1
Tier IV (16) \$145,000	95	67	43	24	1	-	-	-	6.25	-	-	-
ITF \$75,000 + H (32)	65	46	29	16	8	1	-	-	2.5	2	1.5	1
ITF \$75,000 + H (16)	65	46	29	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$75,000 (32)	55	38.5	24.5	14.5	7	1	-	-	2.5	2	1.5	1
ITF \$75,000 (16)	55	38.5	24.5	14.5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$50,000 + H (32)	45	31.5	20	11.5	5.5	1	-	-	2.5	2	1.5	1
ITF \$50,000 + H (16)	45	31.5	20	11.5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$50,000 (32)	35	24.5	15.5	8.5	5	1	-	-	2.5	2	1.5	1
ITF \$50,000 (16)	35	24.5	15.5	8.5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 (32)	25	17	11.5	7	3.5	1	-	-	1.50	-	.5	.25
ITF \$25,000 (16)	25	17	11.5	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$10,000 (32)	6	4	2	1.5	1	-	-	-	.75	-	-	-
ITF \$10,000 (16)	6	4	2	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

+H indicates that Hospitality is provided

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- All players who qualify by ranking (including Special Ranking) for acceptance into the Main Draw of the Mandatory Tier I (\$3,000,000) Tournament will be entered automatically. The ranking points earned by any player who qualifies for acceptance in the Main Draw of the Tier I (\$3,000,000) Tournament must count on a player's ranking as one of her best seventeen (17) Tournament results. Any player who is originally accepted into the Main Draw of the Tier I (\$3,000,000) Tournament, or becomes a direct acceptance and subsequently withdraws and therefore fails to play the Mandatory Tier I Tournament, will automatically receive "0" points for the Tournament and it will count on that player's ranking as one of her best 17 Tournament results.
- All players who qualify by ranking for acceptance into the Main Draw of a Grand Slam Tournament, will be entered automatically. The ranking points earned by any player who qualifies for acceptance in the Main Draw of a Grand Slam Tournament must count on a player's ranking as one of her best seventeen (17) Tournament results. Any player who is originally accepted into the Main Draw of a Grand Slam Tournament, or becomes a direct acceptance and subsequently withdraws and therefore fails to play the Grand Slam Tournament, will automatically receive "0" points for the Tournament and it will count on that player's ranking as one of her best 17 Tournament results.
- With the exception of the Grand Slams and the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, all singles and doubles 1st round losers in Tournaments with prize money of \$25,000 and higher receive one (1) Round point regardless of draw size. Players receive two (2) Round points for a 1st round loss at Grand Slams (in singles, doubles and qualifying singles). In the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships singles event, players are awarded Round of 16 Round points for fourth place in the round robin competition and in the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships doubles event players are awarded Semi Finals Round points for a 1st round loss. See chart above for details.

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- For the purposes of awarding Ranking points, in all ITF tournaments with prize money of \$25,000 or greater, the round of 32 will be considered to be the FIRST round of Qualifying and all rules will apply as if that were the first round of play. In these ITF tournaments, the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour will only award Round Points in Qualifying starting in the round of 32 and play in any round prior to the round of 32 will not be considered as having taken place for ranking purposes.
- All prize money totals in the chart above represent the Minimum prize money that will be awarded.

B. GENERAL RULES

1. Rankings

Players are ranked on the basis of their total points.

2. Processing of Rankings

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Tournaments (Mandatory Tier I through IV) plus ITF \$75,000 and \$50,000 events (as long as completed by the Sunday of that week) are processed on a weekly basis. ITF \$5,000 through \$25,000 events are processed a minimum of one (1) week following the completion of the Tournament. Points stay valid for fifty-two (52) weeks from the week in which a Tournament is included in the Ranking Totals.

3. Eligibility

Players must have at least three (3) valid Tournaments to appear on the Rankings. Players under the age of fourteen (14) cannot obtain a computer ranking. If a player under the age of fourteen (14) plays singles or doubles in a Tournament, that Tournament and the points acquired during play will not be counted for ranking purposes for that player. If a player plays singles or doubles in a Tournament that exceeds the number permitted to be played under the Age Eligibility Rule, that Tournament and the points acquired during play will not be counted for ranking purposes for that player.

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4. Byes/Defaults/Withdrawals

- a. If a player or team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and loses her/their first match played, 1st round losers' points will be awarded and the player or team shall receive Prize Money for the round reached.
- b. If a player or team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and withdraws from her/their first match, no ranking points shall be awarded, the Tournament will not count on her/their record and no Prize Money shall be paid out.
- c. If a player or team receives a walkover in the 1st round and there is no Alternate or Lucky Loser to take the spot, or if a player or team receives a walkover in a subsequent round without having yet played a match, the walkover will be treated as a bye for ranking data purposes.
- d. A player or team who receives a walkover in any round except the 1st Round after having played and won a match shall be awarded Round points for the walkover from their opponent. For any disciplinary default occurring in a Tournament after the match begins, the advancing player or team will be awarded Round points over her opponent or team.
- e. Players or teams who withdraw from a Tournament before playing their 1st match will not have the Tournament count on their record.
- f. Players or teams who receive Wild Cards are awarded the same Round points as any other player.
- g. If the Singles or Doubles event of a Tournament is cancelled due to poor weather and there has been no play, first round Prize Money will be paid out to the players. If play has commenced and been terminated before the Tournament is concluded, players will be paid loser's Prize Money for the individual round reached. Additionally, if the first round has been completed, all players/teams will receive their Round Points earned through the last completed round only and the Tournament will count as a Tournament played. If a Tournament is officially terminated

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and the finals have not been completed, the finalists will each receive finalist's Prize Money and Ranking points. The difference between the winner and finalist Prize Money will revert back to the Tournament.

- h. When two or more players have the same number of Ranking points, the tie for the ranking position will be decided according to the following priorities:
 - i. The player with the most total points from Grand Slams, WTA Tour Tier I Tournaments and the Championships;
 - ii. The player with the most total points from all WTA Tournaments;
 - iii. The player with the fewest number of Tournaments in a 52-week period (including any Mandatory Play Tournaments, if the player qualified for acceptance);
 - iv. The highest number of points from one single Tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, and so on.

If the results of all of these tie-breaks are the same, the Rank for such players will be considered to be the same or tied for that Ranking Position. Last Name followed by First Name will list the players who are tied in the Ranking Alphabetically. If both the First and Last Names are the same, the players will be listed according to whichever one is encountered first during the ranking process.

- i. If a player qualifies but is unable to play the Main Draw for any reason, she will receive last round Qualifying prize money and QLFR points.

5. Singles

- a. Players are awarded Round points for the highest round they reach.
- b. In Tournaments where prize money is \$25,000 or greater:
 - Qualifiers earn Main Draw Round points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw plus the Round points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column.

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- Qualifiers who lose in the 1st round of the Main Draw are awarded only the Round points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column.
 - Lucky Losers earn Main Draw Round points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw unless they lose in the 1st round of the Main Draw in which case they receive only the Round and Quality points earned in Qualifying.
- c. In Tournaments where prize money is less than \$25,000, no Qualifying Round points are awarded to Qualifiers or Lucky Losers. With regard to the Main Draw: Qualifiers who lose in the 1st round of the Main Draw are awarded only the points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column. However, Qualifiers earn Main Draw Round points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw plus the points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column. Lucky Losers earn only Main Draw Round points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw.
- d. Entries and seeding are determined by highest rank. In the event of a tie, the 1st tie-break procedure is the highest ranking from the previous week. The 2nd tie-break procedure is the player with the fewest number of Tournaments played over the previous 52-week period (including any Mandatory Play Tournaments, if the player qualified for acceptance).

6. Doubles

- a. Players are awarded Round points for the highest round they reach.
- b. In Tournaments where prize money is \$110,000 or greater in which there is a minimum of 4 teams playing in the Qualifying, and the last round of Qualifying is played as a best of 3 sets match, Qualifiers earn Main Draw Round points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw plus the Round points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR), however, Qualifiers who lose in the 1st round of the Main Draw are awarded only the Round points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column.

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- c. Doubles Qualifying points shall be awarded to the qualifying team(s), if a minimum of four (4) teams have played in the Doubles Qualifying and a best of three (3) set match has been decided. If the last round is not played due to a Main Draw withdrawal the (QLFR) points shall be split evenly between the finalist teams.
- d. Entries and seeding are determined by highest combined rank. In the event of a tie, the 1st tie-break procedure is the team with the highest combined Total points. The 2nd tie-break procedure is the team with the highest combined ranking from the previous week. The 3rd tie-break procedure is the team with the fewest combined number of Tournaments played over the previous 52-week period. See the Grand Slam Rulebook for Grand Slam entry procedures.
- e. For entries, unranked players will be assigned a rank equal to one (1) plus the rank of lowest player on the latest rankings. Teams who receive Wild Cards are awarded the same Round points as any other team.
- f. Lucky Losers who lose in the Main Draw are awarded Main Draw Round points only.

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C. WTA TOUR SPECIAL RANKING RULE

1. Criteria and Guidelines

All Injury Special Ranking applicants must complete a Special Ranking Application form and submit to the Tour within six (6) months after their last professional tournament played before being out of competition. The date for calculations will be the last day of that tournament. The signed Special Ranking Application form with

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public release statement along with medical documentation including the diagnosis of condition, a copy of clinical visit, Physicians notes/documentation and all relevant laboratory tests and applicable surgical reports, must be submitted to the Tour Operations Department for the approval of a Special Ranking status. Subsequent medical status reports may be requested by the Tour, and if a player fails to promptly comply with such requests, the Tour may revoke her Special Ranking status. If a player is requesting a Special Ranking due to more than one injury, every one of these injuries must be documented. All medical documentation will be turned over to the Sport Sciences and Medicine Department to be kept in the player' confidential medical file.

- a. A player must have been out of competition a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of two (2) years to be eligible for a WTA Tour Special Ranking.
- b. In singles, only players ranked in the top 300 on the WTA Rankings at the time they stopped playing will be eligible for a WTA Tour singles Special Ranking using the Ranking she earned immediately after the last tournament she played.
- c. In doubles, only players ranked in the top 200 on the WTA Rankings at the time they stopped playing will be eligible for a doubles Special Ranking using the Ranking she earned immediately after the last Tournament she played.
- d. A player has one (1) year from the time she returns to competition to use the Special Ranking Tournaments granted by the WTA Tour. The latest a player may use her Special Ranking is at a tournament scheduled the same calendar week in which the Special Ranking expires.

"Return to competition" is defined as a player playing any event where Ranking points are awarded, and using either her "Actual" Ranking, her Special Ranking or a Wild Card to gain entry into that Tournament.

Doubles and Singles "return to competition" dates shall be treated as the same date using the event that is played first (either singles or doubles). A player will have 52 weeks in

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which to use her singles and doubles Special Ranking from date of return.

- e. A player's Special Ranking will be the Ranking she earned immediately after the points of the last Tournament she played has been added to the WTA Tour Rankings.
(Cross-reference Processing of Rankings page 190)
- f. A player may not be seeded using her Special Ranking, however a player may be seeded using her Actual Ranking even if she has been accepted into the Tournament using her Special Ranking.
- g. A player may use her Special Ranking and Actual Ranking interchangeably; however, once a player has used her Special Ranking to enter a Tournament, after the entry deadline, she may not change her entry status to use her Actual Ranking. The Actual Ranking supersedes the Special Ranking for acceptance purposes. If a player has been accepted into a Tournament using her Special Ranking, she may not accept a Wild Card into the same event. A player accepted into the Qualifying of a Tournament using her Special Ranking may accept a Wild Card into the Main Draw up until 4:00 p.m. tournament local time the day of the Qualifying Sign-In.
- h. The number of Special Ranking Tournaments a player will be granted is eight (8). To be eligible for a Special Ranking, the six (6) months mandatory time off the Tour is calculated by:
 - i. The last tournament a player played, whether it was in singles or in doubles. The date for calculations will be the last day of that tournament;
 - ii. The first tournament a player plays upon her return, whether she uses her Special Ranking, Actual Ranking, or she receives a Wild Card (see Note below). The earliest a player may return to competition is at a tournament scheduled during the same calendar week in which the six (6) month period expires;
 - iii. If a player has been accepted into an event using her Special Ranking but withdraws from the tournament before she plays her first match in that event, it will not

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count as a Special Ranking tournament. A player will, however, be responsible for any fines assessed for late withdrawals or no-shows.

Note: Upon her return, it is the player's responsibility to report to the WTA Tour the first tournament she actually plays, whether she is accepted into an ITF or WTA Tour Tournament using her Special Ranking, Actual Ranking or a Wild Card. From the time a player plays her first tournament (using either her Special Ranking, Actual or by Wild Card), she will have twelve (12) months to use her eight Special Ranking Tournaments.

- i. Grand Slams: A player who misses a minimum of three (3) Grand Slams during her time off the Tour may enter a maximum of one (1) Grand Slam using her Special Ranking as part of her eight (8) Special Ranking Tournaments.
- j. Maternity and injury/illness Special Ranking requests will be governed by the same rules, however, as for absences due to maternity leave, for a player to be eligible for a Special Ranking such player must be ready to play her first tournament within twelve (12) months of the birth of her child.
- k. All Special Ranking requests for use in WTA Tour or ITF Women's Circuit events must be made through the Operations Department of the WTA Tour by the Tour entry deadline or at least one (1) week prior to the entry deadline of an ITF Women's Circuit event. No requests after the entry deadlines will be considered.

If Special Ranking privileges are abused, the player's Special Ranking will be automatically revoked.

NOTE: A Special Ranking may not be used to gain entry into the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships.

NOTE: If a player uses her Doubles Special Ranking to enter a doubles Qualifying, it will count as a doubles Special Ranking Tournament used, regardless of whether or not the team qualifies for the Main Draw.

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NOTE: A player's Special Ranking will not be used to determine her Lucky Loser position or status. Only a player's Actual Ranking will be used to determine the Lucky Loser order.

NOTE: Mixed Doubles at a Grand Slam will count towards a player's doubles allotment under the Special Ranking Rule. If a player uses her Doubles Special Ranking to enter a Doubles Main Draw and/or Qualifying and the Mixed Doubles at a Grand Slam, it will count as 1 Doubles Grand Slam Special Ranking if she is eligible to enter the Doubles Grand Slam event using her Special Ranking.

NOTE: Gold and Silver Exempt players who have been awarded a Special Ranking may use their Special Ranking to enter Tournaments late as one of their privileges outlined in the Player Commitment section, page 33).

The Tour reserves the right to review and amend this rule during the year, if changes are in the best interest of the players and the Tour.

- l. It will be the Player's responsibility to track the number of tournaments in which she uses her Special Ranking. Players will forfeit any Ranking points earned at Tour Tournaments and Grand Slams in which a Special Ranking was used, if she exceeds the limits set forth in this section.
- m. If a player qualifies with her Special Ranking for acceptance into the Main Draw of the Mandatory Tier I Tournament and the player does not play because she has not yet returned to competition, the Mandatory Tier I Tournament will not count as part of her eight (8) Special Ranking Tournaments.

D. RETIRING FROM THE WTA TOUR

If a player has decided to retire, she must submit a written request to the Tour in order to have her name removed from the Rankings.

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XV. AGE ELIGIBILITY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PART A: AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE

Professional Development and the Age Eligibility Rule are applicable to competition in professional tennis Tournaments worldwide (including all WTA Tour Tournaments and ITF Women's Circuit events that receive WTA Ranking points).

Competition in a professional tennis Tournament is defined as participation in the singles or doubles Main Draw, or the singles or doubles Qualifying Draw of a WTA Tour or ITF Women's Circuit Tournament. Each Tournament in which a player earns WTA Tour Ranking points (singles and/or doubles) counts towards a player's allotment of Tournaments under the Age Eligibility Rule. However, participation in the Draws of ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments in which a player does not earn WTA Ranking points does not constitute competition in a professional tennis Tournament under this rule.

For the purposes of this rule, a player's age is determined by her age as of the date of start of a Tournament's Main Draw.

A player 18-years-old or older is no longer subject to Part A of the Age Eligibility Rule but is required to continue participating in Professional Development (Part B) until she receives notification of graduation from Professional Development from a Tour representative

1. WTA Tour, ITF Women's Circuit and Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Participation

a. Players Under 14 Years of Age

A player who has not yet reached the date of her fourteenth (14th) birthday may not participate in any professional tennis Tournament on the WTA Tour or ITF Women's Circuit.

b. 14 Years Old

i. Between the date of a player's fourteenth (14th) birthday and the day before her fifteenth (15th) birthday

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a player may participate in a maximum of seven (7) ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments, only four (4) of which may be for prize money of greater than \$10,000, plus Fed Cup. The number of ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments a player may participate in will be reduced if the player receives a Wild Card into or accepts a Feed-Up position into a WTA Tour Tier I-IV Tournament as provided in section 1.b.ii and section 3.

- ii. These players are permitted to receive a maximum of three (3) Wild Cards as follows: one (1) Wild Card into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of any WTA Tour Tier I-IV or ITF Women's Circuit Tournament, and two (2) Wild Cards into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of any ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments.
 - iii. These players may earn a WTA Tour Ranking; however, these players may not participate in WTA Tour Tournaments, including the Championships, by direct Ranking acceptance.
- c. 15 Years Old
- i. Between the date of a player's fifteenth (15th) birthday and the day before her sixteenth (16th) birthday a player may participate in a maximum of nine (9) professional Tournaments plus the Championships (if she qualifies), plus Fed Cup.
 - ii. These players are permitted to receive a total of three (3) Wild Cards as follows: two (2) Wild Cards into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draws of any WTA Tour Tier I-IV Tournament or ITF Women's Circuit event, and one (1) Wild Card into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of any WTA Tour Tier III-IV or ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments.
- d. 16 Years Old
- i. Between the date of a player's sixteenth (16th) birthday and the day before her seventeenth (17th) birthday a player may participate in a maximum of eleven (11) professional Tournaments plus the Championships (if she qualifies), plus Fed Cup.

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- ii. These players may receive a maximum of four (4) Wild Cards into WTA Tour and/or ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments; provided, however, that players do not exceed the WTA Tour and/or ITF Women's Circuit maximum limits for singles or doubles, Main Draw or Qualifying Wild Cards.
- e. 17 Years Old
 - i. Between the date of a player's seventeenth (17th) birthday and the day before her eighteenth (18th) birthday a player may participate in a maximum of fifteen (15) professional Tournaments plus the Championships (if she qualifies), plus Fed Cup.
 - ii. These players are permitted to receive a maximum of eight (8) Wild Cards into any WTA Tour or ITF Women's Circuit Tournament; provided, however, that players do not exceed the WTA Tour and/or ITF Women's Circuit maximum limits for singles or doubles, Main Draw or Qualifying Wild Cards.
- f. 18 Years Old and Older
 - i. Players eighteen (18) years of age or older may participate in an unlimited number of professional Tournaments on the WTA Tour and/or ITF Women's Circuit.
 - ii. Once a player reaches the age of eighteen (18), the number of Wild Cards she is allowed to receive pursuant to the WTA Tour's Wild Card rule as outlined in the WTA Tour Rules is calculated over the course of the Tour Year in which she turned eighteen (18) (i.e., any Wild Cards used under the Age Eligibility Rule by the player in that Tour Year prior to turning eighteen (18) will count toward the total number of Wild Cards permitted under the WTA Tour Rules).
- g. Exempt Players
 - i. Because Gold Exempt players must commit to a minimum number of Tournaments, a player may not be classified as Gold Exempt until the Tour Year during which she will reach her seventeenth (17th) birthday. In order to be named Gold Exempt, a player under the

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age of eighteen (18) years old must be ranked in the Top 50 of singles at the time of selection.

- ii. Because Silver Exempt players must commit to certain levels and numbers of events, a player may not be classified as Silver Exempt until the Tour Year during which she will reach her sixteenth (16th) birthday. In order to be named Silver Exempt, a player under the age of eighteen (18) must be ranked in the Top 100 of singles at the time of selection.
- iii. Prior to the beginning of the Tour Year during which she will be classified as Exempt and prior to determining her Player Commitment schedule, a player is required to meet with representatives of the Tour Operations and Professional Development departments for the purpose of developing and agreeing upon the player's schedule for the upcoming Tour year. Once the player has met with representatives from both staffs, completed her Professional Development requirements, participated fully in Professional Development, and acknowledged in writing that she has a full understanding of the Exempt player and Professional Development programs, then she will be permitted to benefit from her Exempt Status. If the player does not complete any of the above requirements, then she will not be permitted to benefit fully from her Exempt Status.
- iv. During the calendar year of being named to Exempt status, a player will be allowed to participate in up to one (1) additional Tournament only if her participation in that Tournament is necessary for her to meet her Player Commitment requirements.
- v. A Gold Exempt player under the Age Eligibility Rule (AER) will be allowed up to eight (8) Wild Cards, a maximum of five (5) in the Main Draw on the WTA Tour, and the remaining into Qualifying.
- vi. A Silver Exempt player under the AER rule will be allowed:

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- (a) In the calendar year of her 17th birthday – Up to eight (8) Wild Cards, a maximum of four (4) in the Main Draw on the WTA Tour, and the remainder in Qualifying.
 - (b) In the calendar year of her 16th birthday – up to four (4) Wild Cards (can be used in Main Draw or Qualifying on the WTA Tour)
- vii. During the calendar year of her 16th and/or 17th birthday, an Exempt player may not be subject to a Super Hard Designation for any Tournament.
- h. Grand Slams

If a player aged 15-17 has completed her Professional Development requirements prior to competing in a Grand Slam (via direct acceptance or a Wild Card), then her participation in that Grand Slam is in addition to her allotted number of tournaments under the Age Eligibility Rule. However, if a player is 14 years of age, or if a player aged 15-17 has not completed her Professional Development requirements prior to competition in the Grand Slam then participation in the tournament is counted toward her total allotment of tournaments.

All players, regardless of age, who by ranking qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of a Grand Slam Tournament, will be entered automatically. Accordingly, players who are subject to the Age Eligibility Rule, are responsible for completing their Professional Development requirements and planning their competition schedules to include these mandatory play Tournaments within their allotment of Age Eligibility tournaments. Players who have reached their maximum number of professional tournaments under the Age Eligibility Rule prior to any Grand Slam Tournament for which they qualify for entry into the Main Draw, will not be allowed to exceed their tournament allotment to play the Grand Slam Tournament. The failure to play a Grand Slam Tournament, even if due to ineligibility under the Age Eligibility Rule, will result in a '0-pointer' in the Ranking for such player as further described in section XIV.A.

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i. Merited Tournament Increases

A player who reaches a Singles Ranking of fifty (50) or better within her 16th or 17th birth year has the option to apply, in writing, to the WTA Tour for up to two (2) additional Tournaments at 16-years-old, and up to one (1) additional Tournament at 17-years-old. Eligible players should contact the WTA Tour Professional Development department for an application form.

In order to be eligible for and participate in the additional event(s), a player must meet other minimum development criteria, including:

- (a) Completion of all current Professional Development requirements (including those required of coaches, agents and parents, i.e., Coach/Parent/Agent Orientation and attendance at Coach Symposium);
- (b) Demonstration that she is continuing her formal education and is on the path to completing secondary school
- (c) Participation in a meeting at a mutually agreed upon location with the WTA Tour CEO to discuss responsibilities and expectations of undertaking these additional events and participation on the WTA Tour.
- (d) Participation in an interview and assessments with CEO, Professional Development representative and any other professional (AER Panel member, psychologist, internist, etc.) deemed necessary to review the player's physical, cognitive and emotional development.
- (e) Agreement to a set schedule, within and outside the WTA Tour, including exhibitions, Fed Cup, etc. for a minimum of one year but through the completion of her 18th birth year.
- (f) Participation of player and her team (coach, parent(s) agent, personal trainer, etc.) in advanced Professional Development programming at a mutually agreed upon site
- (g) All team members must be in good standing with the WTA Tour.

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- (h) Agreement to consult with SS&M team and change schedule in the event player incurs injury during this time.
- (i) Participation in educational programs offered through Pro U.

Consideration of all of the above will be taken into account when determining whether a player will be granted the additional one (1) or two (2) events (two events available to 16 year olds only).

2. Wild Cards

- a. Wild Cards received at separate Tournaments count toward a player's total allotment, regardless of whether the Wild Card is singles or doubles. However, if a player receives both a singles and doubles Wild Card at the same Tournament, it will count as only one Wild Card. The singles Wild Card will be used to determine how it is counted (Main Draw or Qualifying).
- b. In the event a player is accepted into the singles draw (Main or Qualifying) by direct acceptance and receives a Wild Card into the doubles draw, that doubles Wild Card will not count towards her allotment permitted under the Age Eligibility Rule. If player does not earn points in the singles draw then such a doubles Wild Card will count towards her Age Eligibility Rule allotment.
- c. In the event a player wins a pre-qualifying event/circuit that awards a Wild Card into a Tier I - IV Tournament, the player will be permitted to accept the Wild Card if:
 - i. The pre-qualifying event/circuit has been accredited by the Tour (please contact the Tour's Legal Affairs or Professional Development departments for full details and guidelines regarding accredited events); and
 - ii. Acceptance of the Wild Card does not result in the player exceeding her allotment of Wild Cards permitted under the Age Eligibility Rule.

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Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to exceed the Tour and/or ITF Women's Circuit maximum number of Wild Cards for singles or doubles.

- d. In order to qualify for any Wild Card into any WTA Tour Tournament, a player must have completed the WTA Tour Mandatory Player form, the Official Entry form, and submitted all requisite documentation (i.e., proof of identity-copy of player's passport or birth certificate) and be current with all of her Professional Development requirements.

3. Mandatory Tier I Tournament

As set forth in section IV.A.13, all players, regardless of age, who by Ranking (including Special Rankings) qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of the Mandatory Tier I Tournament, will be entered automatically. Accordingly, players who are subject to the Age Eligibility Rule, are responsible for planning their competition schedules to include this mandatory play Tournament within their allotment of Age Eligibility tournaments. Players who have reached their maximum number of professional tournaments under the Age Eligibility Rule prior to the Mandatory Tier I Tournament, will not be allowed to exceed their tournament allotment to play the mandatory event. The failure to play the Mandatory Tier I Tournament, even if due to ineligibility under the Age Eligibility Rule, will result in a fine and a '0-pointer' in the Ranking for such player as further described in section XIV.A.

4. Feed-Up/ITF Women's Circuit Events

If a player between the ages of fourteen and seventeen (14 - 17) wins an ITF Women's Circuit event that has been designated a Feed-Up into a WTA Tour Tournament, the player will be allowed to accept the Feed-Up position into the WTA Tour Tournament. This will be counted in her allotted number of Tournaments under the Age Eligibility Rule. Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to exceed the Tour maximum number of Tournaments permitted under the Age Eligibility Rule.

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5. Fed Cup Participation

- a. Players under the age of fourteen (14) years may not participate in any level of Fed Cup competition.
- b. Players fourteen (14) years of age and older may participate in all levels of Fed Cup competition.
- c. Participation in Fed Cup competition by players between the ages of fourteen (14) and seventeen (17) will not require players to reduce the number of professional Tournaments in which they are permitted to participate.

6. Olympic Participation

The Age Eligibility restrictions with respect to the Women's Tennis Competition for the Summer Games of 2008 (Beijing, China) will be published in a subsequent edition of the WTA Tour Rules, but prior to such Games. However, the ITF may be contacted directly for those who wish to inquire into general Olympic Eligibility requirements.

7. Exhibition/Non-Tour Events

There are no age-based restrictions on a player's participation in the Exhibitions/Non-Tour Events. However, all players are subject to the WTA Tour Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Rule.

8. Evening Play Limitation

The WTA Tour and WTA Tournaments shall use best efforts not to schedule any player under the age of sixteen (16) years for a match after 9:00 p.m. tournament local time

9. Media Requirements and Limitations

Players under the age of eighteen (18) years are not permitted to engage in an excess of four (4) total hours of media requests and engagements per Tournament. This time is to include one-on-one media requests, WTA Tour requests and Tournament functions. Player's personal endorsement commitments are at the discretion of the player but must not conflict with her match schedule, professional appearance obligations of the aforementioned and/or physiological limitations.

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PART B: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- 1.** Players under the age of 18 and players who are still subject to Professional Development requirements (regardless of age) are required to check-in at each WTA Tour Tournament with the Professional Development representative on the first day of Main Draw, one hour prior to play (or at an alternate date and time as set by the Tour in advance), to participate in PRO U™ and their respective weekly Professional Development activities.
- 2.** Rookie Phase begins when a player eighteen (18) years of age or younger participates:
 - a. In two (2) or more WTA Tour Main Draw singles events in a 52 week period, or
 - b. In a Grand Slam singles (Main Draw or Qualifying)
- 3.** Rookie Phase participants must complete the following:
 - a. WTA Tour professional orientation, which includes:
 - i. Completing the player handbooks ('The Inside Scoop') and passing a written examination covering the material in the handbook.
 - ii. Fulfilling "Rookie Hours".
 - b. At least one (1) parent or guardian/chaperon of each player under the age of eighteen (18) who has qualified to meet all the requirements of participation on the WTA Tour is required to complete the parent handbook and pass a written examination covering the material in the handbook.
 - c. Each player under the age of eighteen (18) must have met (or continue to meet) the minimum educational requirements of her country of legal residence. Upon request, players must submit to the WTA Tour a certificate verifying that they have met or are continuing to meet the minimum educational requirements of their countries of residence.
 - d. Each player under the age of eighteen (18) years must undergo an annual medical examination as specified by the WTA Tour. This medical examination must be submitted to the WTA Tour for continued approval to participate in

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professional Tournament tennis. This information will be kept confidential and on file with the WTA Tour Sport Sciences and Medicine Department.

- e. Upon request, coaches and agents of players under the age of eighteen (18) must:
 - i. Participate in an orientation session with a Professional Development representative within three (3) months of notification.
 - ii. Register with the WTA Tour by (a) providing information about their qualifications (i.e. certifications, licensures, etc.), and (b) agreeing in writing to abide by the WTA Tour Rules.
- f. Coaches must also:
 - i. Agree, in writing, to abide by the WTA Tour Code of Ethics for Coaches.
 - ii. Sign-in at the WTA Tour office on-site prior to the beginning of the Tournament.

It is the player's responsibility to advise the WTA Tour if there is a change in a coach or agent.

- g. Players must participate in educational programs offered through PRO U™.
- 4.** Elite Phase begins when a player eighteen (18) years of age or younger moves into the Top 100 of singles on the WTA Tour Ranking. Elite Phase participants are required to complete the following:

Players:

- a. Participate in the Mentor Program- "Partners for Success".
- b. Continuation of annual Athlete Physical Exam.
- c. Continuation of providing proof that minimum educational requirements of country of residence are being met (or have been completed).
- d. Participate in educational programs offered through PRO U™.
- e. Participate in the Career Development Program.
- f. Complete Advanced Media Training, to be conducted at designated Tournament sites throughout the calendar year.

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- g. Review and agree upon annual Tournament schedule with a Professional Development representative and a Tour Operations Representative.
- h. Participate in a meeting with the CEO of the WTA Tour.

Coaches:

- a. Continue to sign Code of Ethics for Coaches.
- b. Continue to Sign-in at WTA Tour Tournaments.
- c. Participate in Coach Registration program, including
 - i. Attend one on-site WTA Tour Coach Education Symposium per year
 - ii. Pass the WTA Tour Rules test
 - iii. Provide proof of and maintain coaching certification from a National Federation or other organized body

Parents:

Parents to participate in Parent Orientation and complete all aspects of the Parent program with a Professional Development representative, until notification of graduation is received.

NOTE: Players must continue to participate and fulfil the requirements of Professional Development until notification of graduation.

- 5. Premier Phase begins when a player eighteen (18) years of age or younger reaches a Singles Ranking of fifty (50) or better. Premier participants must meet minimum criteria, including:
 - a. Completion of all current Professional Development requirements (including those required of coaches, agents and parents, i.e., Coach/Parent/Agent Orientation and attendance at Coach Symposium);
 - b. Demonstration that she is continuing her formal education and is on the path to completing secondary school
 - c. Participation in a meeting at a mutually agreed upon location with the WTA Tour CEO to discuss responsibilities and expectations of undertaking these additional events and participation on the WTA Tour.
 - d. Participation in an interview and assessments with CEO, Professional Development representative and any other professional (AER Panel member, psychologist, internist, etc.) deemed necessary to review player's physical, cognitive and emotional development.

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- e. Agreement to a set schedule, within and outside the WTA Tour, including exhibitions, Fed Cup, etc. for a minimum of one year but through the completion of her 18th birth year.
- f. Participation of player and her team (coach, parent(s) agent, personal trainer, etc.) in advanced Professional Development programming at a mutually agreed upon site
- g. All team members must be in good standing with the WTA Tour.
- h. Agreement to consult with SS&M team and change schedule in the event player incurs injury during this time.
- i. Participation in educational programs offered through PRO U™.

PART C: PLAYER PENALTIES

In the event a player plays in a Tournament that exceeds the number and/or level permitted to be played under this rule, or enters a Tournament that in any way conflicts with this rule, that Tournament will not be counted for Ranking points for that player. Additionally, players who do not comply with any of the provisions of this Age Eligibility Rule or the requirements of Professional Development are subject to a fine of up to \$25,000 and to being barred from competing in WTA Tour and ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments and Fed Cup for up to six months.

For any questions relating to Professional Development, including the Age Eligibility Rule, please contact the Professional Development or Legal Affairs departments in the Florida office.

Professional Development - Age Eligibility Tournament Chart

Age	WTA Tour ¹	ITF Women's Circuit ¹	Wild Cards ³	Fed Cup	Olympics	Exhibition / Non-Tour Events ⁴
18	Unlimited	Unlimited	According to WTA Tour Rules	Yes	Yes	Unlimited subject to Exhibition/Non- Tour Event Rule
17 ⁶	15 + Champs ²		Up to 8 total	Yes	Yes	Unlimited subject to Exhibition/Non- Tour Event Rule
16 ⁶	11 + Champs ²		4	Yes	Yes	Unlimited subject to Exhibition/Non- Tour Event Rule
15	9 + Champs ²		3 (maximum of 2 into a WTA Tour I-IV, remainder must be Tier III-IV and/or ITF Women's	Yes	Yes	Unlimited subject to Exhibition/Non- Tour Event Rule

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			Circuit)			
14	0, except by Wild Card or Feed Up	7 ⁵	3 (maximum of 1 into a WTA Tour I -IV, remainder must be ITF Women's Circuit)	Yes	No	Unlimited subject to Exhibition/Non- Tour Event Rule
13	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ For the purposes of the Age Eligibility Rule and this Tournament Restriction Chart, a Tournament is defined as any singles or doubles Main Draw, or singles or doubles Qualifying Draw of any WTA Tour Tournaments or ITF Women's Circuit event for which the player receives WTA Ranking points. However, if a player participates in the Qualifying Draw and qualifies for the Main Draw, it will count as only one Tournament. Similarly, if a player is competing in both the singles and doubles draws, it will count as only one Tournament.

² If a player aged 15-17 has completed her Professional Development requirements prior to competing in a Grand Slam (via direct acceptance or a Wild Card), then her participation in that Grand Slam is in addition to her allotted number of tournaments under the Age Eligibility Rule. However, if a player is 14 years of age, or if a player aged 15-17 has not completed her Professional Development requirements prior to competition in the Grand Slam then participation in the tournament is counted toward her total allotment of tournaments.

³ In order to qualify for any Wild Card into any WTA Tour Tournament, a player must have completed the WTA Tour Mandatory Player form and WTA Tour Official Entry form and be current with all of her Professional Development requirements. Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to exceed the Tour and/or ITF Women's Circuit maximum number of Wild Cards for singles or doubles.

⁴ There are no age-based restrictions on a player's participation in the Exhibitions/Non-Tour Events. However, all players are subject to the WTA Tour Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Rule.

⁵ Players between the ages of fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) are permitted to compete in a maximum of seven (7) ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments, no more than four (4) of which may be for prize money of greater than \$10,000. The number of ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments a player may participate in will be reduced if the player receives a Wild Card into or accepts a Feed-Up position into a WTA Tour Tier I-IV Tournament.

⁶ Exempt Players (Gold and/or Silver) must refer to the current Rule Book and contact a representative of the Professional Development department in the Florida office for specific details on the number of Wild Cards and Tournaments allowed under the Age Eligibility Rule.

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A. Introduction

- A.1 The purpose of this Tennis Anti-Doping Program (the "Program") is to maintain the integrity of tennis and to protect the health and rights of all tennis players.
- A.2 Intentionally omitted.
- A.3 The Program, which includes the appendices hereto, encompasses:
 - A.3.1 incorporation of the doping offenses identified in the World-Anti-Doping Code (the "Code") based on the List of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods that is published and regularly updated by WADA, as described in Article 4.1 of the Code (the "Prohibited List");
 - A.3.2 Testing of Samples collected both In-Competition and Out-of-Competition;
 - A.3.3 review by an independent Review Board of Adverse Analytical Findings and other evidence of possible offenses under this Program, to ensure that there is a case to answer before anyone is charged with commission of such an offense;
 - A.3.4 the hearing and determination of any such charges by an independent Anti-Doping Tribunal, with the right to appeal from the decision of such tribunal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland; and
 - A.3.5 where it is found that a doping offense has been committed under the Program, imposition of Consequences of the nature and scope specified in the Code.
- A.4 Italicized terms in this Program shall bear the meaning ascribed to them in section B Definitions. Capitalized but non-italicized terms shall bear the meanings ascribed to them at the point they are first mentioned in the Program.
- A.5 The effective date of this Program is 1 January 2006. This Program shall not apply retrospectively to matters pending prior to that date.

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- A.6 The Board of Directors of the WTA TOUR may amend this Program from time to time.

B. Covered Players and Events

- B.1 Any player who enters or participates in a Competition, Event or activity organized, sanctioned or recognized by the WTA TOUR or who is an WTA TOUR member or who has a WTA TOUR ranking (a "Player") shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of this Program, including making herself available for Testing both In-Competition and Out-of-Competition.
- B.2 Events recognized by the WTA TOUR for the purpose of this Program include (without limitation) Grand Slam tournaments, Fed Cup ties, the Olympic Tennis event, WTA TOUR tournaments and ITF Women's Circuit tournaments ("Covered Events").
- B.3 Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, Covered Events staff, official or medical or Para-medical personnel working with or treating a Player ("Player Support Personnel") shall also be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of this Program.
- B.4 It is the sole responsibility of each Player and each Player Support Personnel to acquaint himself or herself with all of the provisions of the Program.
- B.5 A Player shall continue to be bound by and required to comply with the Program unless and until the Player is deemed under the rules applicable to him or her to have retired from the sport.

C. Doping Offenses

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the following (each, a "Doping Offense"):

- C.1 The presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Player's Specimen, unless the Player

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establishes that the presence is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted in accordance with Article E.

- C.1.1 It is each Player's personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters her body. A Player is responsible for any Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found to be present in her Specimen. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing Use on the Player's part be demonstrated in order to establish a Doping Offense under Article C.1; nor is the Player's lack of intent, fault, negligence or knowledge a defense to a charge that a Doping Offense has been committed under Article C.1.
- C.1.2 Excepting those substances for which a quantitative reporting threshold is specifically identified in the Prohibited List, the detected presence of any quantity of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Player's Specimen shall constitute a Doping Offense under Article C.1, unless the Player establishes that such presence is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted in accordance with Article E.
- C.1.3 As an exception to the general rule of Article C.1.2, the Prohibited List may establish special criteria for the evaluation of Prohibited Substances that can also be produced endogenously.
- C.2 Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method, unless the Player establishes that the Use or Attempted Use is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted in accordance with Article E.
 - C.2.1 The success or failure of the Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not material. For a Doping Offense to be committed, it is sufficient that the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method was Used or Attempted to be Used.
 - C.2.2 Notwithstanding Article C.2.1, however, Use of a substance Out-of-Competition that is not one of those Prohibited Substances specified for testing in Out-of-Competition

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Testing (see Article G.1.3) shall not constitute a Doping Offense under Article C.2.

- C.3 Refusing or failing, without compelling justification, to submit to Sample collection after notification of Testing as authorized in this Program, or otherwise evading Sample collection.
- C.4 Failure to comply with the requirements regarding Player availability for Out-of-Competition Testing, including failure to provide the required whereabouts information as set out in Article G.2.3.
- C.5 Tampering, or Attempting to tamper, with any part of Doping Control.
- C.6 Possession of Prohibited Substances and/or Prohibited Methods.
 - C.6.1 Possession by a Player at any time or place of a Prohibited Substance that is tested for in Out-of-Competition Testing or of a Prohibited Method is a Doping Offense under Article C.6, unless the Player establishes that the Possession is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted in accordance with Article E or other acceptable justification.
 - C.6.2 Possession by Player Support Personnel of a Prohibited Substance that is tested for in Out-of-Competition Testing or of a Prohibited Method in connection with a Player, Event or training is a Doping Offense under Article C.6, unless the Player Support Personnel establishes that the Possession is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted to a Player in accordance with Article E or other acceptable justification.
- C.7 Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.
- C.8 Administration or Attempted administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method to any Player, unless the Player establishes that the administration or Attempted administration was pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted in accordance with Article E; or

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assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other type of complicity involving a Doping Offense or any Attempted Doping Offense.

- C.8.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the prohibition in Article C.8 of 'covering up or any other type of complicity involving a Doping Offense' does not extend to a positive obligation to report suspicions or evidence regarding the commission of Doping Offenses by others.
- C.9 Failure or refusal to comply with any other provision of this Program.

D. Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods

- D.1 Incorporation of the Prohibited List.
 - D.1.1 This Program incorporates and is based upon the Prohibited List.
 - D.1.2 A copy of the Prohibited List effective as of 1 January 2006 is set out Page 259. WADA has the ability to amend the Prohibited List as set out in Article 4.1 of the Code. Unless provided otherwise by WADA, amendments by WADA to the Prohibited List shall come into effect under this Program automatically three months after publication of such amendments by WADA on its website, without the need for any further action by the WTA TOUR.
 - D.1.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of Article D.1.2, the WTA TOUR shall take reasonable steps to publicize any amendments made by WADA to the Prohibited List.
- D.2 Criteria for Including Substances and Methods on the Prohibited List.

The criteria for including substances and methods on the Prohibited List are set out in Article 4.3 of the Code. As provided in Article 4.4.3 of the Code, WADA's determination of the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods that will be included on the Prohibited List shall be final and shall not be subject to challenge by a Player or other Person.

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- D.2.1 Many of the substances on the Prohibited List may appear either alone or as part of a mixture within medications and/or supplements that may be available with or without a physician's prescription. Players are reminded that, as set out in Article C.1.1 of this Program, they are strictly liable for any Prohibited Substances detected in Samples given by them. Players must ensure that Prohibited Substances do not enter or come to be present in their bodies and that Prohibited Methods are not used.
- D.3 Intentionally omitted.

E. Therapeutic Use Exemptions

- E.1 The International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions issued by WADA sets out the circumstances in which Players may claim an exemption to Use one or more Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods to treat documented medical conditions. In order to rely upon such an exemption to excuse the Use, the presence in a Sample or the Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method that would otherwise amount to a Doping Offense under this Program, a Player must obtain a therapeutic use exemption ("TUE") prior to such Use, presence or Possession.
- E.2 As soon as there is a medical recommendation for a Player to use a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method, the Player's physician should submit a request for a TUE to the TUE Committee, c/o the APA. The request must be accompanied by all of the information specified in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, and the TUE Committee may require that further information be provided as necessary.
- E.3 The TUE Committee shall promptly evaluate a TUE request in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and shall render a decision on such request based on that International Standard, which shall be the final decision under the Program. The TUE Committee will process the request as quickly as is reasonably practicable, but Players should note that the

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procedure normally takes at least seventy-two hours from receipt of the request, and may take significantly longer. Any Player who uses the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in issue prior to the TUE Committee approving the Player's request for a TUE does so entirely at her own risk.

- E.4 The TUE Committee shall notify the APA of the approval or denial of the TUE request, and the APA shall notify the Player and her physician, as well as WADA. If the request is approved, the TUE will become effective as of the date of receipt of the request by the APA.
- E.5 WADA, at the request of a Player or on its own initiative, may at any time review the TUE Committee's approval or denial of any request for a TUE. If WADA determines that the TUE Committee's approval or denial of a TUE did not comply with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions in force at the time, then WADA may reverse that decision.
- E.5.1 If WADA reverses the granting of a TUE, that reversal shall not apply retroactively, but rather only from the point that the Player receives notice of the reversal. Therefore the Player's results obtained from the date that the TUE came into effect until the date that the Player receives notice of WADA's reversal of the TUE shall not be Disqualified, nor shall the Player be subject to any other Consequences based on her Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question during such period.
- E.6 Decisions by WADA further to Article E.5 may be appealed pursuant to Article O.3.

F. In-Competition Testing

- F.1 Players shall be subject to In-Competition Testing by the WTA TOUR or its designee at WTA TOUR-sanctioned or recognized Events. The selection of the Events at which In-Competition Testing is to take place shall be made by the APA and approved by the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer , and shall remain confidential except to those Persons with

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a reasonable need to know of such selection in order to facilitate the Testing procedures.

- F.2 A Player may be notified that she has been selected for In-Competition testing in conjunction with an Event in which she is participating at any time from the moment the first ball in the first match of the main draw (or the qualifying draw, if she is participating in the qualifying draw) of the Competition in question is hit through and including immediately following the completion of the Player's last match in the Competition.
- F.3 The actual timing of the In-Competition Testing at a selected Event, and the selection of Players to be tested at that Event, shall be at the discretion of the APA. For the avoidance of doubt, the APA may select Players for Target Testing so long as such Target Testing is not used for any purpose other than legitimate Doping Control purposes.
- F.4 Any Player who retires, is a no-show, is defaulted from a match or withdraws from the main draw or qualifying draw after the first match of such draw has commenced must submit to In-Competition Testing at the time of the retirement/no show/default/withdrawal if requested to do so. If the Competition in question was a doubles Competition, then her doubles partner must also submit to In-Competition Testing at the same time if requested to do so. If the Player in question is not on-site at the time of the request, the APA may (subject to the approval of the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer) require that the Player appear for testing at a specified time and location, in which case the Player may be required to contribute to the cost of the test in an amount not exceeding US\$5,000.
- F.5 In-Competition Testing shall be conducted on behalf of the WTA TOUR by qualified persons so authorized by the WTA TOUR. Such testing shall be conducted in accordance with the International Standard for Testing issued by WADA.
- F.6 Players must report for In-Competition Testing within one hour of the time that they are notified that they have been selected for testing, and in the interim they must allow

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themselves to be chaperoned at all times by the person who notified them of their selection. If a Player fails or refuses to submit to In-Competition Testing when selected, then the matter shall be referred to the Review Board to determine (pursuant to Article J.3) whether the Player has a case to answer under Article C.3 of the Program.

G. Out-of-Competition Testing

- G.1 Ambit of Out-of-Competition Testing.
 - G.1.1 All Players shall be subject to Out-of-Competition Testing under this Program, including No Advance Notice Out-of-Competition Testing, at any time and place.
 - G.1.2 Any notice provided to a Player regarding her selection for Testing other than that provided pursuant to Article F shall be considered notice that the Player has been selected for Out-of-Competition Testing.
 - G.1.3 Samples collected during Out-of-Competition Testing shall only be analyzed to detect the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods specified in “Substances and Methods Prohibited In and Out of Competition” section of the Prohibited List.
 - G.1.4 A reasonable effort will be made to avoid inconvenience to a Player who is subjected to Out-of-Competition Testing. However, the WTA TOUR shall not be liable for any inconvenience or loss caused to the Player as a result of the Out-of-Competition Testing.
- G.2 Whereabouts Pool.
 - G.2.1 The Tour may designate and notify from time to time any Player or Players, who upon such designation and notification for such period as designated by the Tour shall be deemed to be included in a pool of Players to be known under the Program as the “Whereabouts Pool.”
 - G.2.2 Players in the Whereabouts Pool are required, in relation to any two consecutive weeks (Saturday to Sunday) in which there is no day that they are entered to compete in an

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Event at which In-Competition Testing may take place, to advise the WTA TOUR, in the manner specified by the WTA TOUR for that purpose, of the locations and times where the Player will be residing and training during those weeks. Players shall update this information as necessary so that it is current at all times.

- G.2.3 Where a Player in the Whereabouts Pool fails to submit the whereabouts information required by Article G.2.2 after receipt of three formal written warnings from the WTA TOUR to do so in the preceding twelve months, the matter shall be referred to the Review Board to determine whether the Player has a case to answer under Article C.4 of this Program.
- G.2.4 Where a Player in the Whereabouts Pool is unavailable for Testing on three attempts during any period of twelve consecutive months, the matter shall be referred to the Review Board to determine whether the Player has a case to answer under Article C.3 of this Program. For a Player to be deemed “unavailable” under this Article, the authorized person assigned to conduct the test must have visited all locations specified by the Player during the times specified by the Player for that date pursuant to Article G.2.2, and must have stayed at least one hour at each location. In addition, for an attempt to be counted as an “unavailable” attempt under this Article, the Player must subsequently be given notice of attempt to test her and an opportunity to explain her unavailability for such testing. Such explanation (if any) shall be provided to the Review Board for consideration if and when the matter is referred to it pursuant to this Article.
- G.2.5 A Player in the Whereabouts Pool shall continue to be subject to the requirements of this Article G unless and until (a) further to Article B.5, the Player is deemed under the rules applicable to her to have retired from the sport; or (b) the Player is notified that she no longer satisfies the criteria established by the WTA TOUR pursuant to Article G.2.1 for inclusion in the Whereabouts Pool.

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G.3 Selection of Players to be Tested Out-of-Competition.

The timing of Out-of-Competition Testing and the selection of Players to be tested shall be at the discretion of the APA, subject to the approval of the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer, and acting by reference to the International Standard for Testing issued by WADA. For the avoidance of doubt, the APA may select Players for Target Testing so long as such Target Testing is not used for any purpose other than legitimate Doping Control purposes. Decisions relating to timing and selection of Players for Out-of-Competition Testing shall remain confidential except to those with a reasonable need to know of them in order to facilitate the Testing procedures.

G.4 Out-of-Competition Testing shall be conducted on behalf of the WTA TOUR by qualified persons so authorized by the WTA TOUR. Such Testing shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines for Out-of-Competition Testing set out in the International Standard for Testing.

G.5 If a Player fails or refuses to submit to Out-of-Competition Testing when selected, then the matter shall be referred to the Review Board to determine (pursuant to Article J.3) whether the Player has a case to answer under Article C.3 of the Program.

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H. Sample Analysis

Samples collected pursuant to this Program shall be analyzed in accordance with the following principles:

- H.1 Use of Approved Laboratories.
 - H.1.1 The WTA TOUR shall send urine Samples for analysis only to WADA-accredited laboratories. The choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory or laboratories used for the Sample analysis shall be determined exclusively by the WTA TOUR or its designee.
 - H.1.2 Blood Samples may be tested either at a WADA-accredited or approved laboratory or (in the case of In-Competition Testing) on a mobile testing unit, for screening purposes (i.e., to determine whether the Player's corresponding urine Sample should be tested).
- H.2 Substances Subject to Detection.
 - H.2.1 Subject to Article G.1.3, Doping Control Samples shall be analyzed to detect Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods identified on the Prohibited List and other substances as may be directed by WADA pursuant to the monitoring program described in Article 4.5 of the Code.
- H.3 Restrictions on Use of Samples.
 - H.3.1 All Samples provided by a Player for the purposes of Doping Control under this Program shall be the property of the WTA TOUR, and the WTA TOUR shall be entitled to determine all matters regarding the analysis and disposal of such Samples.
 - H.3.2 No Sample may be used for any purpose other than the detection of Prohibited Substances (or classes of Prohibited Substances) or Prohibited Methods, or as otherwise identified by WADA pursuant to the monitoring program described in Article 4.5 of the Code.

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- H.4 Standards for Sample Analysis and Reporting.
 - H.4.1 Laboratories shall analyze Doping Control Samples and report results in conformity with the International Standard for Laboratories.
 - H.4.2 Subject to Article F.4, the WTA TOUR shall pay the costs of analysis of Samples under this Program.
 - H.4.3 The results from all analyses of Samples collected by or on behalf of the WTA TOUR (including Samples collected by WADA on behalf of the WTA TOUR) shall be sent to the APA in a report signed by an authorized representative of the laboratory conducting the analyses. The report shall include a documentation package enclosing all of the information required by the International Standard for Laboratories.
 - H.4.4 Any Adverse Analytical Findings reported by the laboratory shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article J.2 of this Program.

I. Investigations

- I.1 In addition to conducting the Doping Controls referenced at Articles F and G of this Program, the WTA TOUR shall have the power to conduct investigations in whatever manner it thinks fit into the activities of any Participant that the WTA TOUR believes may have committed a Doping Offense. Such investigations may be conducted in conjunction with, and/or information obtained in such investigations may be shared with, other Signatories and/or other relevant authorities. The WTA TOUR shall have discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by other Signatories and/or other relevant authorities.
- I.2 Participants must cooperate fully with investigations conducted pursuant to this Article. Failure or refusal to do so without acceptable justification shall constitute conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis and/or 'Aggravated Behavior' within the meaning of the Codes of Conduct applicable to the Events with which the Participant

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in question is involved, and shall render the Participant liable to the sanctions applicable under said Codes for such conduct.

- I.3 Where, as the result of such investigation, the WTA TOUR forms the view that a Doping Offense may have been committed, the WTA TOUR shall refer the matter to the Review Board, to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article J.3 of this Program.

J. Review Board

- J.1 Responsibilities of the Review Board.
- J.1.1 The Review Board shall carry out the functions assigned to it under this Article J and elsewhere in this Program.
- J.1.2 In a case involving an Adverse Analytical Finding, at no point should the APA advise the Review Board of the identity of the Player involved. Subject thereto, where necessary, where a matter is referred to the Review Board under this Program the Review Board may request that the WTA TOUR provide additional information for the Review Board's consideration.
- J.1.3 There shall be no obligation for the Review Board to meet in person to deliberate. Any decision by the Review Board that the Participant has a case to answer under Article C of this Program must be unanimous.
- J.2 Review of Adverse Analytical Findings.
- J.2.1 Upon receipt of an Adverse Analytical Finding in relation to an A Sample, the APA shall, without delay:
- (a) identify three Review Board members (who shall include one technical, one legal and one medical expert) to consider the matter; and
 - (b) where it appears that the Prohibited Substance in question may be covered by a TUE previously granted to the Player, in the first instance only the Laboratory's certificate of analysis of the A Sample and anonymised

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copies of the TUE application and decision shall be sent to the three Review Board members. However, if there is no potentially applicable TUE, or if the Review Board decides, pursuant to Article J.2.2(a), that a potentially applicable TUE does not in fact explain the Adverse Analytical Finding, the APA shall send the entire A Sample laboratory documentation package to the three Review Board members. In either case, a copy of the relevant documentation must also be sent to the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer.

J.2.2 The three Review Board members shall conduct a review to determine whether:

- (a) The presence of the Prohibited Substance that led to the Adverse Analytical Finding is pursuant to a TUE granted in accordance with Article E; or
- (b) there has been a departure from the International Standard for Testing or the International Standard for Laboratories in force at the time of Testing or analysis of the Specimen in question that undermines the validity of the Adverse Analytical Finding.

J.2.3 If the Review Board determines that either (a) or (b) in Article J.2.2 applies, then it shall advise the APA that there is no case to answer and (subject to Article O.2) the matter shall not proceed any further.

J.2.4 If the Review Board determines that neither (a) nor (b) in Article J.2.2 applies, the Review Board shall advise the APA either that there is a case to answer or (where applicable) that additional investigations should be conducted to determine whether there is a case to answer. The APA shall promptly notify the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer of the identity of the Player, and shall notify the Player and the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer in writing of:

- (a) the Adverse Analytical Finding; and
- (b) where necessary, the additional investigation that will be conducted to determine whether there is a case to

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answer; OR (where no additional investigation is required)

- (c) the Doping Offense alleged to have been committed;
- (d) the date upon which, unless the Player admits the Doping Offense, the analysis of the B Sample shall take place;
- (e) the right of the Player and/or the Player's representative to attend the B Sample opening and analysis; and
- (f) the Player's right to copies of the A Sample laboratory documentation package.

J.2.5 If the Player admits the Doping Offense alleged, the Player shall be deemed (a) to have waived her right to have the B Sample analyzed; and (b) to have accepted the A Sample analytical results. Otherwise, the B Sample shall be analyzed on the date specified, without delay.

J.2.6 The Player and/or her agent or representative shall be entitled to be present at the analysis of the B Sample scheduled further to Article J.2.4(d), at the Player's cost. A representative of the WTA TOUR may also be present. In the event that no such person attends the B Sample analysis, the laboratory shall appoint an independent witness, in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories, to witness the opening of the B Sample.

J.2.7 If the B Sample tests negative for the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method that was found in relation to the A Sample, the entire test shall be considered negative and the Player and the WTA TOUR shall be so informed. In such circumstances, no further action shall be taken against the Player in regard to an analytical positive for that Prohibited Substance in that sample, save that he or she may subsequently be made the subject of Target Testing.

J.2.8 If the report of the analysis of the B Sample confirms to the satisfaction of the APA that the B Sample tests positive for the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method that was found in the A Sample, then the matter shall proceed to a

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hearing in accordance with the provisions of Article K of this Program. If the APA has any doubt in the matter, then he or she shall refer the issue to the Review Board members who reviewed the position in relation to the corresponding A Sample (subject to availability) and they shall make the decision.

- J.2.9 If a follow-up investigation is required into an Adverse Analytical Finding, then the APA shall conduct such follow-up investigation and then shall report the findings of that investigation to the Review Board, which shall then decide whether there is a case to answer under Article C of the Program. If the Review Board concludes that there is a case to answer under Article C of the Program, the matter shall proceed in accordance with Article J.2.4, above.
- J.3 Referrals to the Review Board that involve evidence other than Adverse Analytical Findings.
 - J.3.1 Where a matter is referred to the Review Board that involves evidence of a Doping Offense other than an Adverse Analytical Finding:
 - (a) the APA shall identify three Review Board members who have the expertise required by the nature of the particular case, to review the evidence to determine whether there is a case to answer under Article C of the Program; and
 - (b) the APA shall send the entire dossier of evidence to each of those three Review Board members.
 - J.3.2 Where they consider it appropriate to do so, the three Review Board members may give the Participant(s) implicated in the alleged Doping Offense an opportunity, subject to a strict timetable set by the Review Board, to make any submissions that he or she may wish to make, and shall take such submissions (if any) into account in making its determination. A formal hearing is not required to be held; the Review Board shall determine how the submissions should be made, such as (for example) in writing, or by telephonic conference.

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- J.3.3 Where the Review Board concludes that there is no case to answer under Article C of the Program, no further action shall be taken.
- J.3.4 Where the Review Board concludes that there is a case to answer under Article C of the Program, the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article K of the Program.
- J.4 No Provisional Suspension.
 - J.4.1 For the avoidance of doubt, unless and until a Player has admitted pursuant to Article K.1.3, or an Anti-Doping Tribunal has found that a Player has committed, a Doping Offense under this Program, such Player (a) shall not be deemed to have committed such an offense and (b) shall not be deemed Ineligible.
 - J.4.2 Intentionally omitted.
 - J.4.3 Intentionally omitted.
- J.5 Intentionally omitted.
- J.6 Results Management for Tests Initiated by a National Anti-Doping Organization.
 - J.6.1 Where a National Anti-Doping Organization (“NADO”) tests a Player under its own rules, and that test results in an Adverse Analytical Finding, or if that NADO uncovers other evidence of a Doping Offense by such Player, it shall be responsibility of that NADO to pursue the matter, including bringing charges, if appropriate, under its rules.

K. Due Process

- K.1 Commencing proceedings before the Anti-Doping Tribunal
 - K.1.1 When the Review Board determines, pursuant to Article J.2.4 or Article J.3.4, that the Participant in question has a case to answer under Article C or where a matter arises pursuant to Article J.5, the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer shall appoint an Anti-Doping Tribunal to hear the matter

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and shall send a written notice to the Participant (the "Notice"), with a copy to the person designated as the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal, setting out the following:

- (a) the Doping Offense(s) alleged to have been committed, including the specific Article(s) of this Program alleged to have been infringed, and a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;
- (b) the Consequences prescribed under the Program if it is found that such Doping Offense has been committed; and
- (c) the Participant's entitlement, if she so elects, to have the matter determined by the Anti-Doping Tribunal, at a hearing conducted in accordance with this Article K.

K.1.2 The Notice referred to in Article K.1.1 shall also specify that, if the Participant wishes to exercise her right to a hearing before the Anti-Doping Tribunal, she must submit a written request for such a hearing so that it is received by the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer as soon as possible, but in any event within ten (10) days of the Participant's receipt of the Notice. The request must also state how the Participant responds to the charge in the Notice and must explain (in summary form) the basis for such a response. If the Participant fails to file a written request for such a hearing by such deadline, the Participant shall be deemed:

- (a) to have waived her entitlement to a hearing;
- (b) to have admitted that she has committed the Doping Offense(s) specified in the Notice; and
- (c) to have acceded to the Consequences specified in the Notice.

In such circumstances, a hearing before the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall not be required. Instead, the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal (having consulted with his or her fellow tribunal members, as necessary) shall promptly issue a decision confirming the commission of the Doping

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Offense(s) alleged in the Notice, and ordering the imposition of such Consequences (including, where this Program specifies a range of possible Consequences, specifying what the Consequences should be in that particular case).

- K.1.3 The Participant shall be entitled at any stage to admit that she has committed the Doping Offense(s) specified in the Notice and to accede to the Consequences specified in the Notice. In such circumstances, a hearing before the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall not be required. Instead, the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal (having consulted with his or her fellow tribunal members, as necessary) shall promptly issue a decision confirming the commission of the Doping Offense(s) specified in the Notice, and ordering the imposition of such Consequences (including, where this Program specifies a range of possible Consequences, specifying what the Consequences should be in that particular case). Where a range of possible Consequences is specified in the Program, written submissions may be made by or on behalf of the Participant in mitigation at the time of admission of the Doping Offense, and the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall be entitled to take those submissions, as well as any rebuttal submitted by the WTA TOUR, into account in determining what Consequences should apply.
- K.1.4 If the Participant exercises her right to ask for a hearing before the Anti-Doping Tribunal within the deadline specified in Article K.1.2, the Participant shall be advised of the identities of the appointed members of the Anti-Doping Tribunal (if that information has not already been provided in the Notice) and asked if she has any legitimate objection to any of them sitting on the Anti-Doping Tribunal in her case. Any unjustified delay in raising any such objection shall constitute a waiver thereof. If any objection is made, the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall rule on its legitimacy, unless the objection is as to the Chairman, in which case the other members of the Anti-Doping Tribunal appointed to hear the particular case shall rule on its legitimacy.
- K.1.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article K.1.4, if the Doping Offense identified in the Notice involves only one or more of the specified substances identified in Article M.3,

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below, then if requested by the Player the Chairman may in his/her discretion hear the matter sitting alone.

- K.1.6 If, because of a legitimate objection or for any other reason, a member of the Anti-Doping Tribunal appointed to hear a particular case is or becomes unwilling or unable to hear the case, then the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal may, at his/her absolute discretion rule that a replacement member of the Anti-Doping Tribunal be appointed, in which case the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer shall appoint the replacement; or (b) authorize the remaining members appointed to hear the case on their own.
- K.1.7 The Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall convene a meeting with the WTA TOUR and its legal representatives, and the Participant to whom the Notice was sent and her legal representatives, to take place as soon as possible and (save in exceptional circumstances) no more than 21 days after the date of the Notice. The purpose of the meeting shall be to take jurisdiction formally over the matter and to address any pre-hearing issues. The meeting may be held in person or by telephone conference call. The non-attendance of the Participant or her representative at the meeting, after proper notice of the meeting has been provided, shall not prevent the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal from proceeding with the meeting in the Participant's absence, whether or not any written submissions are made on the Participant's behalf. In particular (but without limitation), the Chairman shall:
- (a) determine the date(s) (which must be at least twenty-one days after the meeting, unless the parties consent to a shorter period) upon which the hearing shall be held. Subject to the foregoing sentence, the hearing shall be commenced as soon as practicable after the Notice is sent, and ordinarily within sixty (60) days of the date that the Participant requests a hearing. It shall be completed expeditiously;
 - (b) establish dates reasonably in advance of the date of the hearing at which:

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- i. the WTA TOUR shall submit a brief with argument on all issues that the WTA TOUR wishes to raise at the hearing, a list of the witnesses that the WTA TOUR intends to call at the hearing (with each witness's address, telephone number and a summary of the subject areas of the witness's anticipated testimony) and enclosing copies of the exhibits that the WTA TOUR intends to introduce at the hearing;
 - ii. the Participant shall submit an answering brief, addressing the WTA TOUR's arguments and setting out argument on the issues that the Participant wishes to raise at the hearing, as well as a list of the witnesses that the Participant intends to call at the hearing (with each witness's address, telephone number and a summary of the subject areas of the witness's anticipated testimony) and enclosing copies of the exhibits that the Participant intends to introduce at the hearing; and
 - iii. the WTA TOUR may submit a reply brief, responding to the Participant's answer brief and listing any rebuttal witnesses or exhibits; and
- (c) make such order as the Chairman shall deem appropriate in relation to the production of relevant documents and/or other materials between the parties; provided that save for good cause shown no documents and/or other materials shall be ordered to be produced in relation to the laboratory analysis resulting in an Adverse Analytical Finding beyond the documents that are required, pursuant to the International Standard for Laboratories, to be included in the laboratory report pack.

K.2 Conduct of Hearings Before the Anti-Doping Tribunal.

- K.2.1 Subject to the Anti-Doping Tribunal's discretion to order otherwise for good cause shown, hearings before the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall be conducted on a confidential basis. Save where the Chairman orders otherwise for good cause

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shown by a party, the in-person hearings shall take place in St. Petersburg, Florida.

- K.2.2 The Participant has the right to be present and to be heard at the hearing. The Participant also has the right (at the Participant's expense) to be represented at the hearing by legal counsel of the Participant's choosing. The Participant may choose not to appear in person at the hearing, but rather to provide a written submission for consideration by the Anti-Doping Tribunal, in which case the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall consider the submission in its deliberations. However, the non-attendance of the Participant or her representative at the hearing, after proper notice of the hearing has been provided, shall not prevent the Anti-Doping Tribunal from proceeding with the hearing in her absence, whether or not any written submissions are made on her behalf.
- K.2.3 The procedure followed at the hearing shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal, provided that the hearing is conducted in a fair manner with a reasonable opportunity for each party to present evidence (including the right to call and to question witnesses), address the Anti-Doping Tribunal and present his, her or its case.
- K.2.4 Save where the Chairman orders otherwise for good cause shown by a party, the hearing shall be conducted in English, and certified English translations shall be submitted of any non-English documents put before the Anti-Doping Tribunal. The cost of translation shall be borne by the party offering the document(s). If required by the Chairman, the WTA TOUR shall make arrangements to have the hearing recorded or transcribed (save for the private deliberations of the Anti-Doping Tribunal) and the Participant shall have the right to receive upon demand a recording or transcription of the proceedings, at the WTA TOUR's expense. If requested by the Participant, the WTA TOUR shall also arrange for an interpreter to attend the hearing, at the WTA TOUR's expense.

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K.3 Burdens and Standards of Proof.

K.3.1 The WTA TOUR (which may be represented by legal counsel at the hearing) shall have the burden of establishing that a Doping Offense has been committed. The standard of proof shall be whether the WTA TOUR has established the commission of the alleged Doping Offense to the comfortable satisfaction of the Anti-Doping Tribunal, bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation that is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

K.3.2 Where this Program places the burden of proof upon the Participant alleged to have committed a Doping Offense to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability.

K.4 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions.

The Anti-Doping Tribunal shall not be bound by judicial rules governing the admissibility of evidence. Instead, facts relating to a Doping Offense may be established by any reliable means, including admissions. The following rules of proof shall be applicable at the hearing:

K.4.1 WADA-accredited laboratories shall be presumed to have conducted Sample analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories. The Participant may rebut this presumption by establishing, from the information that the laboratory is required to produce in accordance with the International Standard or otherwise, that a departure from the International Standard occurred. In such an event, the WTA TOUR shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding.

K.4.2 Departures from the International Standard for Testing that did not cause an Adverse Analytical Finding or the factual basis for another Doping Offense shall not invalidate such evidence. If the Player establishes that departures from the International Standard occurred during Testing, then the

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WTA TOUR shall have the burden to establish that such departures did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding or the factual basis for the Doping Offense.

K.5 Decisions of the Anti-Doping Tribunal.

K.5.1 Once the parties have completed their respective submissions, the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall retire to deliberate in private as to whether a Doping Offense has been committed. Any decision that a Doping Offense has been committed must be made unanimously, with no abstentions. Where Article M of this Program specifies a range of possible sanctions for the Doping Offense found to have been committed, the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall also fix the sanction within that range for the case at hand, after considering any submissions on the subject that the parties may wish to make.

K.5.2 The Anti-Doping Tribunal shall not make any verbal announcement of the decision but instead shall issue its decision in writing within 14 days after the conclusion of the hearing (or where, exceptionally, that deadline cannot be met, as soon thereafter as possible). Such decision will be sent to the parties and (subject strictly to the confidentiality provisions of Article P.4) to WADA with the player's name and other identifying information redacted in the event the player is found to have not committed a doping offense, and to any other party that has a right, further to Article O of this Program, to appeal the decision. The decision shall set out and explain:

- (a) the Anti-Doping Tribunal's findings as to what Doping Offense(s), if any, has/have been committed;
- (b) the Consequences applicable (if any) as a result of such findings, and shall specify the date that such Consequences shall come into force and effect, pursuant to Article M.8 of the Program; and
- (c) the rights of appeal applicable pursuant to Article O of the Program.

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- K.5.3 The WTA TOUR shall pay the costs of convening the Anti-Doping Tribunal and of staging the hearing. The Anti-Doping Tribunal does not have the power to award costs or make any costs order against a Participant or the WTA TOUR; each party bears its own costs, legal, expert and otherwise.
- K.5.4 Subject only to the rights of appeal under Article O of the Program, the Anti-Doping Tribunal's decision shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the case and will be binding on all parties. If the decision is that a Doping Offense has been committed, (a) the decision shall be publicly reported in full without delay, and in any event no later than 20 days after its issue; and (b) the WTA TOUR may also publish such other parts of the proceedings before the Anti-Doping Tribunal as the WTA TOUR shall think fit. If the Participant is exonerated of any Doping Offense, then the decision shall not be published (save as set out in Article K.5.2 of this Program) and its confidentiality shall be strictly maintained by all parties.

L. Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results

- L.1 A Doping Offense committed by a Player in connection with or arising out of an In-Competition test automatically leads to Disqualification of the individual result obtained by the Player involved in that Competition with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, titles, computer ranking points and prize money (without deduction for tax) obtained in that Competition.
- L.2 Where results obtained by a Player in a doubles Competition or Competitions are Disqualified pursuant to Article L.1, M2 and/or M.7 because of that Player's Doping Offense:
- L.2.1 That Player shall be required to forfeit half of the prize money (without deduction for tax) that was awarded to the doubles pair in which he or she competed in such Competition(s);
- L.2.2 Where results obtained by the Player in the doubles Competition are Disqualified pursuant to Article L.1, the

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result of the Player's doubles partner in that doubles Competition shall also be Disqualified, with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, titles, computer ranking points and prize money (without deduction for tax), unless the Player who committed the Doping Offense establishes that she bears No Fault or Negligence for the Doping Offense and that the result in the doubles Competition was not likely to have been affected by his or her Doping Offense.

- L.2.3 Where results obtained by a Player in a doubles Competition are Disqualified pursuant to Article M.1 because of that Player's Doping Offense in relation to a singles Competition at that Event, the result of the Player's doubles partner in that doubles Competition shall also be Disqualified, with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, titles, computer ranking points and prize money (without deduction for tax), unless the Player who committed the Doping Offense establishes that she bears No Fault or Negligence for the Doping Offense and that the result in the doubles Competition was not likely to have been affected by his or her Doping Offense.
- L.2.4 Where results obtained by a Player in doubles Competition(s) subsequent to the Competition that produced the positive Sample are Disqualified pursuant to Article M.7 because of that Player's Doping Offense, the result of the Player's doubles partner(s) in such subsequent Competition(s) shall not be Disqualified unless the doubles partner(s) is/are found by Anti-Doping Tribunal to be implicated in the first Player's Doping Offense.
- L.3 There will be no readjustment of prize money, Ranking points or title for any Player who lost to a Player subsequently found to have committed a Doping Offense except where provision is made for such readjustment by the regulations of the relevant Competition.

M. Sanctions on Individuals

- M.1 Disqualification of Results in Event During which a Doping Offense Occurs.

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- M.1.1 Subject to Article M.1.2, where a Player is found to have committed a Doping Offense in relation to a Competition in an Event where the Player also participated in other Competitions (for example, the Doping Offense was committed in relation to the doubles Competition and the Player also participated in the singles Competition at that Event), then in addition to the consequences set out at Article L (in relation to the Disqualification of results obtained in the particular Competition with respect to which the Doping Offense was committed), the Doping Offense will also lead to Disqualification of all of the Player's individual results obtained in the other Competitions in the Event with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, titles, computer ranking points and prize money (without deduction for tax).
- M.1.2 If the Player establishes that he or she bears No Fault or Negligence for the Doping Offense, the Player's individual results obtained in the Competition(s) other than the Competition in relation to which the Doping Offense occurred shall not be Disqualified unless the WTA TOUR establishes that the Player's results in the other Competition(s) were likely to have been affected by the Player's Doping Offense.
- M.2 Imposition of Ineligibility for Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods.

Except where the substance at issue is one of the specified substances identified in Article M.3, the period of Ineligibility imposed for a violation of Article C.1 (presence of Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers), Article C.2 (Use or Attempted Use of Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method) or Article C.6 (Possession of Prohibited Substances and/or Prohibited Methods) shall be:

First offense: Two (2) years' Ineligibility.

Second offense: Lifetime Ineligibility.

However, the Participant shall have the opportunity in each case, before a period of Ineligibility is imposed, to establish

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the basis for eliminating or reducing this sanction as provided in Article M.5.

M.3 Lesser Sanction for Specified Substances.

The Prohibited List may identify specified substances that are particularly susceptible to unintentional anti-doping rules violations because of their general availability in medicinal products or that are less likely to be successfully abused as doping agents (a "Specified Substance"). Where a Player can establish that the Use of such a Specified Substance was not intended to enhance sport performance, the period of Ineligibility found in Article M.2 shall be replaced with the following:

First offense: At a minimum, a warning and reprimand and no period of Ineligibility from future Events, and at a maximum, one (1) year's Ineligibility.

Second offense: Two (2) years' Ineligibility.

Third offense: Lifetime Ineligibility.

However, the Participant shall have the opportunity in each case, before a period of Ineligibility is imposed, to establish the basis for eliminating or reducing (in the case of a second or third offense) this sanction as provided in Article M.5.

M.4 Ineligibility for Other Doping Offenses.

The period of Ineligibility for other Doping Offenses shall be as follows:

- M.4.1 For Doping Offenses under Article C.3 (refusing or failing to submit to Sample collection), Article C.5 (Tampering with Doping Control), or Article C.9 (refusing or failing to abide by any other provision of this Program), the Ineligibility periods set out in Article M.2 shall apply.

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- M.4.2 For Doping Offenses under Article C.7 (Trafficking) or Article C.8 (administration of Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method), the period of Ineligibility imposed shall be a minimum of four (4) years up to lifetime Ineligibility. A Doping Offense involving a Minor shall be considered a particularly serious offense and, if committed by Player Support Personnel in relation to Doping Offenses other than those involving Specified Substances, shall result in lifetime Ineligibility for such Player Support Personnel. In addition, Doping Offenses that also violate non-sporting laws and regulations may be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.
- M.4.3 For Doping Offenses under Article C.4 (Whereabouts Violations or Missed Tests) the period of Ineligibility shall be:
- First Offense: Three (3) months to one (1) year Ineligibility.
- Second Offense: Two (2) years' Ineligibility
- M.5 Elimination or Reduction of Period of Ineligibility Based on Exceptional Circumstances.
- M.5.1 If the Player establishes in an individual case involving a Doping Offense under Article C.1 (presence of Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers) or Article C.2 (Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method) that he or she bears No Fault or Negligence for the offense, the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility shall be eliminated. When the case involves a Doping Offense under Article C.1 (presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers), the Player must also establish how the Prohibited Substance entered her system in order to have the period of Ineligibility eliminated. In the event that this Article is applied and the period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable is eliminated, the Doping Offense shall not be considered a Doping Offense for the limited purpose of determining the period of Ineligibility for multiple Doping Offenses under Articles M.2, M.3 and M.6.

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- M.5.2 This Article M.5.2 applies only to Doping Offenses involving Article C.1 (presence of Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers), Article C.2 (Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method), Article C.3 (failing to submit to Sample collection), Article C.8 (administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method) or Article C.9 (refusing or failing to abide by any other provision of this Program). If a Player establishes in an individual case involving such offenses that he or she bears No Significant Fault or Negligence, then the period of Ineligibility may be reduced, but the reduced period of Ineligibility may not be less than one-half of the minimum period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is a lifetime, the reduced period under this section may be no less than eight years. When the Doping Offense involves Article C.1 (presence of Prohibited Substance or its Markers or Metabolites), the Player must also establish how the Prohibited Substance entered her system in order to have the period of Ineligibility reduced.
- M.5.3 The Anti-Doping Tribunal may also reduce the period of Ineligibility in an individual case, either at the time of its original decision or subsequently (by reconvening) where the Participant has provided substantial assistance to the WTA TOUR that results in the WTA TOUR discovering or establishing a Doping Offense by another Person involving Possession under Article C.6.2 (Possession by Player Support Personnel), Article C.7 (Trafficking), or Article C.8 (administration to a Player). The period of Ineligibility after such reduction may not, however, be less than one-half of the minimum period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is a lifetime, the reduced period under this Article may be no less than eight years.
- M.6 Rules for Certain Potential Multiple Offenses.
- M.6.1 For purposes of imposing sanctions under Article M.2, M.3 and M.4, a second Doping Offense may be considered only if the WTA TOUR can establish that the Participant committed the second Doping Offense after the Participant received notice, or after the WTA TOUR made a reasonable attempt to give notice, of the decision of the Anti-Doping

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Tribunal that the Participant has committed the first Doping Offense. If the WTA TOUR cannot establish this, the Doping Offenses shall be considered as one single first Doping Offense, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the Doping Offense that carries the more severe sanction.

- M.6.2 Where a Player, based on the same Doping Control, is found to have committed a Doping Offense involving both a Specified Substance and another Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, the Player shall be considered to have committed a single Doping Offense, but the sanction imposed shall be based on the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method that carries the most severe sanction.
- M.6.3 Where a Player is found to have committed two separate Doping Offenses, one involving a Specified Substance and the other involving a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method governed by the sanctions set out in Article M.2 or a Doping Offense governed by the sanctions in Article M.4.1, the period of Ineligibility imposed for the second offense shall be at a minimum two years' Ineligibility and at a maximum three years' Ineligibility. Any Player found to have committed a third Doping Offense involving any combination of Specified Substances under Article M.3 and any other Doping Offense governed by the sanctions set out under Article M.2 or M.4.1 shall receive a sanction of lifetime Ineligibility.
- M.6.4 For the avoidance of doubt, where a Player is found to have committed two or more separate Doping Offenses, the Ineligibility periods for the separate offenses shall run sequentially, not concurrently.
- M.7 Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection.

In addition to the automatic Disqualification, pursuant to Article L, of the results in the Competition that produced the positive Sample, all other competitive results obtained from the date a positive Sample was collected (whether In-Competition or Out-of-Competition) or other Doping Offense occurred through to the date of commencement of

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any Ineligibility period shall, unless the Anti-Doping Tribunal determines that fairness requires otherwise, be Disqualified with all of the resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, titles, computer ranking points and prize money (without deduction for tax).

M.7.1 The lack of any evidence that the Player's performance was illegitimately enhanced during subsequent Competitions shall not of itself be sufficient to trigger the Anti-Doping Tribunal's discretion under Article M.7.

M.8 Commencement of Consequences.

Any Consequences set out in the decision of an Anti-Doping Tribunal shall come into force and effect on the date that the decision is issued, save that:

M.8.1 For purposes of forfeiture of computer ranking points, the decision shall come into effect at midnight on the Sunday nearest to the date that the decision is issued.

M.8.2 The Anti-Doping Tribunal shall have discretion, where fairness requires, to establish an installment plan for repayment of any prize money forfeited pursuant to Articles L and/or M of this Program. For the avoidance of doubt, the schedule of payments pursuant to such plan may extend beyond any period of Ineligibility imposed upon the Player.

M.8.3 The period of Ineligibility shall start on the date that the decision is issued, provided that:

(a) any period during which the Player demonstrates she has voluntarily foregone any form of involvement in Competitions (including, but not limited to playing, coaching and/or acting in any capacity at such Competitions) shall be credited against the total period of Ineligibility to be served; and

(b) where required by fairness, such as in the case of delays in the hearing process or other aspects of Doping Control not attributable to the Player, the Anti-Doping Tribunal may start the period of Ineligibility at an

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earlier date commencing as early as the date of Sample collection.

M.9 Status During Ineligibility.

M.9.1 No Participant who has been declared Ineligible may, during the period of Ineligibility, participate in any capacity in an Event or activity (other than authorized anti-doping education or rehabilitation programs) authorized or organized by the WTA TOUR. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such Participant shall not be given accreditation for, or otherwise granted access to, any Event to which access is controlled by the WTA TOUR. Furthermore, the WTA TOUR shall take all necessary steps to have the Ineligibility recognized and enforced by all Signatories.

M.9.2 Where an Event that will take place after the period of Ineligibility has an entry deadline that falls during the period of Ineligibility, the Player may submit an application for entry in the Event in accordance with that deadline, notwithstanding that at the time of such application he or she is Ineligible.

M.9.3 If a Participant commits a Doping Offense during a period of Ineligibility, this shall be treated as a separate Doping Offense under the Program.

M.10 Reinstatement Testing.

M.10.1 As a condition to regaining eligibility at the end of a specified period of Ineligibility, a Player must make herself available for Out-of-Competition Testing by the WTA TOUR during any period of Ineligibility, and must, if requested by the WTA TOUR Chief Legal Officer, provide current and accurate whereabouts information as specified in Article G.2.2 above.

M.10.2 In addition, immediately prior to the end of the period of Ineligibility, a Player must submit to Testing for the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods identified in the Prohibited List for Out-of-Competition Testing.

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- M.10.3 The WTA TOUR may also make reinstatement subject to the review and approval of a Player's medical condition by the Review Board in order to establish the Player's fitness to be reinstated.
- M.10.4 Once the period of a Player's Ineligibility has expired, and the Player has fulfilled the conditions of reinstatement, then provided that the Player has paid all forfeiture penalties in full due under Articles L, M.1, M.7 and/or M.8.2, above, and has satisfied in full any award of costs made against the Player by the Court of Arbitration for Sport following any appeal made pursuant to Article O.2 below, the Player will become automatically re-eligible and no application by the Player for reinstatement will be necessary. If, however, further forfeited amounts become due after a Player's period of Ineligibility has expired (as a result of an installment plan established pursuant to Article M.8.2), then any failure by the Player to pay all outstanding amounts on or before their respective due dates shall entitle the WTA TOUR to deny the Player access to further Covered Events until all amounts due are paid in full.

N. Consequences to Teams

The consequences to a team entered in a Competition of the commission of a Doping Offense by a Player in her capacity as the member of that team shall be as set out in the rules relating to that Competition.

O. Appeals

- O.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal.

Decisions made under this Program may be appealed as set out in this Article O. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise.

- O.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Doping Offenses and Consequences.

A decision that a Doping Offense has been committed, a decision imposing Consequences for a Doping Offense, a

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decision that no Doping Offense has been committed, and/or a decision that the WTA TOUR lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged Doping Offense or its Consequences, may be appealed by any of the following parties exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS"), in accordance with CAS's rules relating to Appeal Arbitration Hearings:

- (a) the Participant who is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- (b) the WTA TOUR.
- (c) WADA.

O.3 Appeals from Decisions Granting or Denying a Therapeutic Use Exemption.

O.3.1 Decisions by WADA further to Article E.6, reversing the grant or denial of a TUE exemption by the Review Board, may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the Player or the WTA TOUR in accordance with CAS's rules relating to Appeal Arbitration Procedures.

O.3.2 The denial of a TUE by the Review Board, if not reversed by WADA, may be appealed by the Player to CAS.

O.5 Time for Filing Appeals.

The deadline for filing an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings that led to the decision subject to appeal:

- (a) Within ten (10) days from notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request from the body having issued the decision a copy of the record on which such body relied;
- (b) If such a request is made within the ten-day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-

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one (21) days from receipt of the record to file an appeal to CAS.

O.6 Other Aspects of Appeal Procedure

- 0.6.1 All appeals before CAS pursuant to this Article O shall take the form of a re-hearing de novo of the issues raised by the case and the CAS Panel shall be able to substitute its decision for the decision being appealed where it considers that decision to be erroneous or procedurally unsound.
- 0.6.2 In all appeals to CAS pursuant to this Article O, the governing law shall be English law and the arbitrators shall be conducted in English, unless the parties agree otherwise.
- 0.6.3 The decision of CAS shall be final and binding on all parties, and no right of appeal shall lie from the CAS decision.

P. Confidentiality

- P.1 Details of all Testing carried out under this Program, i.e. date of test, name of player being tested, and whether the test was In-Competition or Out-of-Competition, shall be entered onto the WADA Database, and made available via that database to WADA and other Anti-Doping Organizations that have jurisdiction to test Players, so that duplication of anti-doping efforts may be avoided.
- P.2 All communications with the laboratory in relation to Testing carried out under this Program must be conducted in such a way that the results of the analyses are confidential, with any information that could identify the Players involved having been redacted.
- P.3 The WTA TOUR shall use its reasonable endeavors to ensure that Persons under its control do not publicly identify Players whose Samples have resulted in Adverse Analytical Findings, or who are alleged to have committed a Doping Offense under this Program, unless and until the Anti-Doping Tribunal has determined that a Doping Offense has been committed, or such hearing has been waived and/or the Doping Offense has been admitted. However,

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the WTA TOUR in its discretion may at any time disclose to other organizations such information as the WTA TOUR may consider necessary or appropriate to facilitate administration or enforcement of this Program, provided that each organization provides assurance satisfactory to the WTA TOUR that the organization will maintain all such information in confidence.

- P.4 Subject strictly to Article P.3, the WTA TOUR shall send a copy of the Notice referred to in Article K.1.1 to both WADA and the Player's National Anti-Doping Organization (if any). Thereafter, the WTA TOUR may provide information to WADA and/or the Player's National Anti-Doping Organization (if any) in relation to the status of the case under Article K. WADA and the Player's Anti-Doping Organization (if any) shall keep the contents of that Notice, and any further information supplied to them pursuant to this clause, strictly confidential unless and until a decision that a Doping Offense has been committed is published pursuant to Article K.5.4 of this Program; provided that, if the decision exonerates the Player, that confidentiality shall be strictly maintained unless and until the decision is overturned on appeal.
- P.5 Subject strictly to Article P.3, the WTA TOUR may release information about the Program for public consumption, including but not limited to the names of Players who have been tested and the frequency with which they have been tested; the numbers of tests conducted on Players within certain ranking groups or categories; and the identity of Events where Testing has been carried out.
- P.6 Intentionally omitted.

Q. Recognition of Decisions Made by Other Organizations

- Q.1 The Testing, TUE decisions and hearing results or other final adjudications of any Signatory to the Code which are consistent with the Code and this Program and are within the Signatory's authority shall be recognized and respected by the WTA automatically upon receipt of notice of same, without the need for any further formality. The WTA shall

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take all steps available to it to enforce and give effect to such decision.

- Q.2 The Testing, TUE decisions and hearing results or other final adjudications of other bodies that have not accepted the Code shall also be recognized and respected by the WTA if the WTA is satisfied that the rules of those bodies are otherwise consistent with the Code and this Program.

R. Statute of Limitations

No action may be commenced under this Program against a Player or other Person for a Doping Offense under this Program unless such action is commenced within eight years from the date that the Doping Offense occurred.

S. General

- S.1 The Program shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of the Code. The comments annotating various provisions of the Code may, where applicable, assist in the understanding and interpretation of this Program.
- S.2 section headings within this Program are for the purpose of guidance only and do not form part of the Program itself. Nor do they inform or affect the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- S.3 Subject to Article S.1, this Program is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with New York law. Disputes relating to the Program shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the State and Federal courts of New York.

T. National Associations

Regulations regarding National Associations, specifically applied by the ITF, can be found in section T of the ITF Program (www.itftennis.com).

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Adverse Analytical Finding. A report from a laboratory or other approved Testing entity that identifies in a Specimen the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the Use of a Prohibited Method.

Anti-Doping Organization. A Signatory that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the Doping Control process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other Major Event Organizations that conduct Testing at their Events, WADA, International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations.

Anti-Doping Program Administrator ("APA"). A person appointed by the WTA TOUR to be responsible for the overall operation and administration of the Tennis Anti-Doping Program. References to the APA shall be deemed to encompass any designee of the APA.

Anti-Doping Tribunal. A panel of three persons appointed by the WTA TOUR consisting of a Chair (who shall be legally qualified), and other lawyers and/or a medical expert and/or a technical expert with experience in anti-doping, to perform the functions assigned to the Anti-Doping Tribunal under the Program. Each member of the Anti-Doping Tribunal shall be independent of the ATP, which may provide reasonable compensation and reimbursement of expenses to such members.

Anti-Doping Working Group. A committee consisting of representatives from the ATP, WTA TOUR and ITF, each bearing responsibility for anti-doping matters for the organization that he or she represents.

APA. See Anti-Doping Program Administrator.

Attempt. Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of a Doping Offense. Provided, however, that there shall be no Doping Offense based solely on an Attempt to commit a

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Doping Offense if the Person renounces the Attempt prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the Attempt.

Competition. Any stand-alone part of an Event, such as a singles competition or a doubles or mixed doubles competition.

Consequences. A Doping Offense may result in one or more of the following: (a) Disqualification means the Player's results in a particular Competition or Event are invalidated, with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, computer ranking points and prize money (without deduction for tax); and (b) Ineligibility means the Participant is barred for a specified period of time from participating in any Competition or other activity, as provided in Article M.9.

Disqualification. See Consequences above.

Doping Control. The process including test distribution planning, Sample collection and handling, laboratory analysis, results management, hearings and appeals.

Event. A series of individual Competitions conducted together under one organizing body.

In-Competition. For purposes of differentiating between In-Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing, unless provided otherwise in the rules of the entity responsible for Testing, an In-Competition test is a test where a Player is selected for testing in connection with a specific Competition.

Independent Observer Program. A team of observers, under the supervision of WADA, who observe the Doping Control process at certain Events and report on observations. If WADA is testing In-Competition at an Event, the observers shall be supervised by an independent organization.

Ineligibility. See Consequences above.

International Event. An Event where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a Major Event Organization or another international sport organization is the ruling body for the Event or appoints the technical officials for the Event.

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International Standard. A standard adopted by WADA in support of the Code, as revised from time to time. Compliance with an International Standard (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the International Standard were performed properly. The International Standards are set out on WADA's website. WADA's Executive Committee may approve revisions to an International Standard at any time, and such revisions shall become effective in relation to this Program on the date specified therein, without the need for any further action by the WTA TOUR.

WTA TOUR Executive Consultant, Medical. An appointee of the WTA TOUR with supervisory responsibilities in relation to the Program.

Major Event Organizations. The continental associations of National Olympic Committees and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other International Event.

Marker. A compound, group of compounds or biological parameters that indicates the Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

Metabolite. Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

Minor. A natural Person who has not reached the age of majority as established by the applicable laws of her country of residence.

National Anti-Doping Organization. The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of Samples, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings, all at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's National Olympic Committee or its designee.

National Association. A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognized by the WTA TOUR as the entity governing the sport of tennis in that nation or region.

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National Olympic Committee. The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term National Olympic Committee shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical National Olympic Committee responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

No Advance Notice. A Doping Control that takes place with no advance warning to the Player and where the Player is continuously chaperoned from the moment of notification through Sample provision.

No Fault or Negligence. The Player establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that he or she had Used or been administered the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

No Significant Fault or Negligence. The Player establishing that her fault or negligence, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for No Fault or Negligence, was not significant in relationship to the Doping Offense.

Out-of-Competition. Any Doping Control which is not In-Competition.

Participant. Any Player or Player Support Personnel.

Person. A natural Person or an organization or other entity.

Possession. The actual, physical possession, or the constructive possession (which shall be found only if the Person has exclusive control over the Prohibited Substance/Method or the premises in which a Prohibited Substance/Method exists); provided, however, that if the Person does not have exclusive control over the Prohibited Substance/Method or the premises in which a Prohibited Substance/Method exists, constructive possession shall only be found if the Person knew about the presence of the Prohibited Substance/Method and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, that there shall be no Doping Offense based solely on possession if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the Person has committed a Doping Offense, the Person has taken

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concrete action demonstrating that the Person no longer intends to have Possession and has renounced the Person's previous Possession.

Prohibited Method. Any method so described on the Prohibited List.

Prohibited Substance. Any substance so described on the Prohibited List.

Review Board. A standing panel proposed by the APA and appointed by the Anti-Doping Working Group, consisting of a Chair and eight other members with medical, technical and/or legal experience in anti-doping, to perform the functions assigned to the Review Board in the Program. All members of the Review Board panel shall be otherwise independent from the WTA TOUR. Each panel member shall serve a term of four years, which may thereafter be renewed.

Sample/Specimen. Any biological material collected for the purposes of Doping Control, such as urine and/or blood. The terms "A Sample" and "B Sample" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the International Standard for Testing.

Signatories. Those entities signing the Code and agreeing to comply with the Code, including the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, International Paralympic Committee, National Olympic Committees, National Paralympic Committees, Major Event Organizations, National Anti-Doping Organizations and WADA.

Tampering. Altering for an improper purpose or in an improper way; bringing improper influence to bear; interfering improperly to alter results or prevent normal procedures from occurring.

Target Testing. Selection of Players for Testing where specific Players or groups of Players are selected on a non-random basis for Testing at a specified time.

Testing. The parts of the Doping Control process involving test distribution planning, Sample collection, Sample handling, and Sample transport to the laboratory.

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Trafficking. To sell, give, administer, transport, send, deliver or distribute a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method to a Player either directly or through one or more third parties, but excluding the sale or distribution (by medical personnel or by Persons other than Player Support Personnel) of a Prohibited Substance for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes.

TUE Committee. A panel designated by the WTA TOUR and composed of at least three physicians with experience in the care and treatment of Players and a sound knowledge of clinical and exercise medicine. In all cases involving a Player with a disability, one of the physicians must have experience with the care and treatment of Players with disabilities.

Use. The application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

WADA. The World Anti-Doping Agency.

WADA Database. An on-line database, with a state-of-the-art security system, maintained by WADA for purposes of collating anti-doping information.

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C. THE PROHIBITED LIST

EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 JANUARY 2006

SUBSTANCES AND METHODS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES (IN- AND OUT-OF-COMPETITION)

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

S1. ANABOLIC AGENTS

Anabolic agents are prohibited.

1. Anabolic Androcienic Steroids (AAS)

a. Exogenous* AAS, including:

1-androstendiol (5 α -androst-1-ene-3 β ,17 β -diol); 1-androstendione (5 α -androst-1-ene-3,17-dione); bolandiol (19-norandrostenediol); bolasterone; boldenone; boldione (androsta-1,4-diene-3,17-dione); calusterone; clostebol; danazol (17 α -ethynyl-17 β -hydroxyandrost-4-eno[2,3-d]isoxazole); dehydrochlormethyltestosterone (4-chloro-17 β -hydroxy-17 α -methylandrosta-1,4-dien-3-one); desoxymethyltestosterone (17 α -methyl-5 α -androst-2-en-17 β -ol); drostanolone; ethylestrenol (19-nor-17 α -pregn-4-en-17-ol); fluoxymesterone; formebolone; furazabol (17 β -hydroxy-17 α -methyl-5 α -androstano[2,3-c]-furazan); gestrinone; 4-hydroxytestosterone (4,17 β -dihydroxyandrost-4-en-3-one); mestanolone; mesterolone; metenolone; methandienone (17 β -hydroxy-17 α -methylandrosta-1,4-dien-3-one); methandriol; methasterone (2 α , 17 α -dimethyl-5 α -androstane-3-one-17 β -ol); methyldienolone (17 β -hydroxy-17 α -methylestra-4,9-dien-3-one); methyl-1-testosterone (17 β -hydroxy-17 α -methyl-5 α -androst-1-en-3-one); methylnortestosterone (17 β -hydroxy-17 α -methylestr-4-en-3-one); methyltrienolone (17 β -hydroxy-17 α -methylestra-4,9,11-trien-3-one); methyltestosterone; mibolerone; nandrolone; 19-norandrostenedione (estr-4-ene-3,17-dione); norboletone; norclostebol; norethandrolone; oxabolone; oxandrolone; oxymesterone; oxymetholone; prostanazol ([3,2-c]pyrazole-5 α -etioallocholane-17 β -tetrahydropyranol); quinbolone; stanozolol; stenbolone; 1-testosterone (17 β -hydroxy-5 α -androst-1-en-3-one);

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tetrahydrogestrinone (18 α -homo-pregna-4,9,11-trien-17 β -ol-3-one); trenbolone and other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s).

b. Endogenous** AAS:

androstenediol (androst-5-ene-3 β ,17 β -diol); androstenedione (androst-4-ene-3,17-dione); dihydrotestosterone (17 β -hydroxy-5 α -androstan-3-one) ; prasterone (dehydroepiandrosterone, DHEA); testosterone

and the following metabolites and isomers:

5 α -androstane-3 α ,17 α -diol; 5 α -androstane-3 α ,17 β -diol; 5 α -androstane-3 β ,17 α -diol; 5 α -androstane-3 β ,17 β -diol; androst-4-ene-3 α ,17 α -diol; androst-4-ene-3 α ,17 β -diol; androst-4-ene-3 β ,17 α -diol; androst-5-ene-3 α ,17 α -diol; androst-5-ene-3 α ,17 β -diol; androst-5-ene-3 β ,17 α -diol; 4-androstenediol (androst-4-ene-3 β ,17 β -diol); 5-androstenedione (androst-5-ene-3,17-dione); epi-dihydrotestosterone; 3 α -hydroxy-5 α -androstan-17-one; 3 β -hydroxy-5 α -androstan-17-one; 19-norandrosterone; 19-noretiocholanolone.

Where an anabolic androgenic steroid is capable of being produced endogenously, a Sample will be deemed to contain such Prohibited Substance where the concentration of such Prohibited Substance or its metabolites or markers and/or any other relevant ratio(s) in the Player's Sample so deviates from the range of values normally found in humans that it is unlikely to be consistent with normal endogenous production. A Sample shall not be deemed to contain a Prohibited Substance in any such case where a Player proves that the concentration of the Prohibited Substance or its metabolites or markers and/or the relevant ratio(s) in the Player's Sample is attributable to a physiological or pathological condition.

In all cases, and at any concentration, the Player's sample will be deemed to contain a Prohibited Substance and the laboratory will report an Adverse Analytical Finding if, based on any reliable analytical method (e.g. IRMS), the laboratory can show that the Prohibited Substance is of exogenous origin. In such case, no further investigation is necessary.

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If a value in the range of levels normally found in humans is reported and the reliable analytical method (e.g. IRMS) has not determined the exogenous origin of the substance, but if there are serious indications, such as a comparison to reference steroid profiles, of a possible Use of a Prohibited Substance, further investigation shall be conducted by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization by reviewing the results of any previous test(s) or by conducting subsequent test(s), in order to determine whether the result is due to a physiological or pathological condition, or has occurred as a consequence of the exogenous origin of a Prohibited Substance.

When a laboratory has reported a T/E ratio greater than four (4) to one (1) and any reliable analytical method (e.g. IRMS) applied has not determined the exogenous origin of the substance, further investigation may be conducted by a review of previous tests or by conducting subsequent test(s), in order to determine whether the result is due to a physiological or pathological condition, or has occurred as a consequence of the exogenous origin of a Prohibited Substance. If a laboratory reports, using an additional reliable analytical method (e.g. IRMS), that the Prohibited Substance is of exogenous origin, no further investigation is necessary and the Sample will be deemed to contain such Prohibited Substance.

When an additional reliable analytical method (e.g. IRMS) has not been applied and a minimum of three previous test results are not available, the relevant Anti-Doping Organization shall test the Player with no advance notice at least three times within a three-month period. If the longitudinal profile of the Player that is subject to the subsequent tests is not physiologically normal, the result shall be reported as an Adverse Analytical Finding.

In extremely rare individual cases, boldenone of endogenous origin can be consistently found at very low nanograms per milliliter (ng/mL) levels in urine. When such a very low concentration of boldenone is reported by a laboratory and any reliable analytical method (e.g. IRMS) applied has not determined the exogenous origin of the substance, further investigation may be conducted by a review of previous tests or by conducting subsequent test(s). When an additional reliable analytical method (e.g. IRMS) has not been applied, a minimum of three no advance notice tests in a period of three months shall be conducted by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization. If the longitudinal profile of the Player who is subject to

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the subsequent tests is not physiologically normal, the result shall be reported as an Adverse Analytical Finding.

For 19-norandrosterone, an Adverse Analytical Finding reported by a laboratory is considered to be scientific and valid proof of exogenous origin of the Prohibited Substance. In such case, no further investigation is necessary.

Should a Player fail to cooperate in the investigations, the Player's Sample shall be deemed to contain a Prohibited Substance.

2. Other Anabolic Agents, including but not limited to:

Clenbuterol, tibolone, zeranol, zilpaterol.

For purposes of this section:

* "exogenous" refers to a substance which is not ordinarily capable of being produced by the body naturally.

** "endogenous" refers to a substance which is capable of being produced by the body naturally.

S2. HORMONES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES

The following substances, including other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s), and their releasing factors, are prohibited:

- 1. Erythropoietin (EPO);**
- 2. Growth Hormone (hGH), Insulin-like Growth Factors (e.g. IGF-1), Mechano Growth Factors (MGFs);**
- 3. Insulin;**
- 4. Corticotrophins.**

Unless the Player can demonstrate that the concentration was due to a physiological or pathological condition, a Sample will be deemed to contain a Prohibited Substance (as listed above) where the concentration of the Prohibited Substance or its metabolites and/or relevant ratios or markers in the Player's Sample so exceeds the range of values normally found in humans that it is unlikely to be consistent with normal endogenous production.

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If a laboratory reports, using a reliable analytical method, that the Prohibited Substance is of exogenous origin, the Sample will be deemed to contain a Prohibited Substance and shall be reported as an Adverse Analytical Finding.

The presence of other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s), diagnostic marker(s) or releasing factors of a hormone listed above or of any other finding which indicate(s) that the substance detected is of exogenous origin, will be deemed to reflect the use of a Prohibited Substance and shall be reported as an Adverse Analytical Finding.

S3. BETA-2 AGONISTS

All beta-2 agonists including their D- and L-isomers are prohibited. As an exception, formoterol, salbutamol, salmeterol and terbutaline, when administered by inhalation, require an abbreviated Therapeutic Use Exemption.

Despite the granting of any form of Therapeutic Use Exemption, a concentration of salbutamol (free plus glucuronide) greater than 1000 ng/mL will be considered an Adverse Analytical Finding unless the Player proves that the abnormal result was the consequence of the therapeutic use of inhaled salbutamol.

S4. AGENTS WITH ANTI-ESTROGENIC ACTIVITY

The following classes of anti-estrogenic substances are prohibited:

- 1. Aromatase inhibitors including, but not limited to, anastrozole, letrozole, aminoglutethimide, exemestane, formestane, testolactone.**
- 2. Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators (SERMs) including, but not limited to, raloxifene, tamoxifen, toremifene.**
- 3. Other anti-estrogenic substances including, but not limited to, clomiphene, cyclofenil, fulvestrant.**

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S5. DIURETICS AND OTHER MASKING AGENTS

Masking agents include but are not limited to:

Diuretics^{*}, epitestosterone, probenecid, alpha-reductase inhibitors (e.g. finasteride, dutasteride), plasma expanders (e.g. albumin, dextran, hydroxyethyl starch).

Diuretics include:

acetazolamide, amiloride, bumetanide, canrenone, chlorthalidone, etacrynic acid, furosemide, indapamide, metolazone, spironolactone, thiazides (e.g. bendroflumethiazide, chlorothiazide, hydrochlorothiazide), triamterene, and other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s) (except for drosperinone, which is not prohibited).

^{*} A Therapeutic Use Exemption is not valid if a Player's urine contains a diuretic in association with threshold or sub-threshold levels of a Prohibited Substance(s).

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PROHIBITED METHODS

M1. ENHANCEMENT OF OXYGEN TRANSFER

The following are prohibited:

- a. Blood doping, including the use of autologous, homologous or heterologous blood or red blood cell products of any origin.
- b. Artificially enhancing the uptake, transport or delivery of oxygen, including but not limited to perfluorochemicals, efaproxiral (RSR13) and modified haemoglobin products (e.g. haemoglobin-based blood substitutes, microencapsulated haemoglobin products).

M2. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL MANIPULATION

- a. Tampering, or attempting to tamper, in order to alter the integrity and validity of Samples collected during Doping Controls is prohibited. These include but are not limited to catheterisation, urine substitution and/or alteration.
- b. Intravenous infusions are prohibited, except as a legitimate acute medical treatment.

M3. GENE DOPING

The non-therapeutic use of cells, genes, genetic elements, or of the modulation of gene expression, having the capacity to enhance athletic performance, is prohibited.

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SUBSTANCES AND METHODS PROHIBITED IN-COMPETITION

In addition to the categories S1 to S5 and MI to M3 defined above, the following categories are prohibited In-Competition:

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S6. STIMULANTS

The following stimulants are prohibited, including both their optical (D- and L-) isomers where relevant:

Adrafinil, adrenaline*, amfepramone, amiphenazole, amphetamine, amphetaminil, benzphetamine, bromantan, carphedon, cathine**, clobenzorex, cocaine, cropropamide, crotetamide, cyclazodone, dimethylamphetamine, ephedrine***, etamivan, etilamphetamine, etilefrine, famprofazone, fenbutrazate, fencamfamin, fencamine, fenetylline, fenfluramine, fenproporex, furfenorex, heptaminol, isometheptene, levmethamphetamine, meclofenoxate, mefenorex, mephentermine, mesocarb, methamphetamine (D-), methylenedioxyamphetamine, methylenedioxymethamphetamine, p-methylamphetamine, methylephedrine****, methylphenidate, modafinil, nikethamide, norfenefrine, norfenfluramine, octopamine, ortetamine, oxilofrine, parahydroxyamphetamine, pemoline, pentetrazol, phendimetrazine, phenmetrazine, phenpromethamine, phentermine, prolintane, propylhexedrine, selegiline, sibutramine, strychnine and other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s)****.

* Adrenaline associated with local anaesthetic agents or by local administration (e.g. nasal, ophthalmologic) is not prohibited.

** **Cathine** is prohibited when its concentration in urine is greater than 5 micrograms per milliliter.

*** Each of **ephedrine** and **methylephedrine** is prohibited when its concentration in urine is greater than 10 micrograms per milliliter.

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**** The following substances included in the 2006 Monitoring Program (bupropion, caffeine, phenylephrine, phenylpropanolamine, pipradol, pseudoephedrine, synephrine) are not considered as Prohibited Substances.

S7. NARCOTICS

The following narcotics are prohibited:

buprenorphine, dextromoramide, diamorphine (heroin), fentanyl and its derivatives, hydromorphone, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, pentazocine, pethidine.

S8. CANNABINOIDS

Cannabinoids (e.g. hashish, marijuana) are prohibited.

S9. GLUCOCORTICOSTEROIDS

All glucocorticosteroids are prohibited when administered orally, rectally, intravenously or intramuscularly. Their use requires a Therapeutic Use Exemption approval.

Except as indicated below, other routes of administration require an abbreviated Therapeutic Use Exemption.

Topical preparations when used for dermatological, aural/otic, nasal, buccal cavity and ophthalmologic disorders are not prohibited and do not require any form of Therapeutic Use Exemption.

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SPECIFIED SUBSTANCES*

“Specified Substances”* are listed below:

- All inhaled Beta-2 Agonists, except Clenbuterol;
- Probenecid;
- Cathine, cropropamide, crotetamide, ephedrine, etamivan, famprofazone, heptaminol, isometheptene, levmethamphetamine, meclofenoxate, p-methylamphetamine, methylephedrine, nikethamide, norfenefrine, octopamine, ortetamine, oxilofrine, phenpromethamine, propylhexedrine, selegiline, sibutramine;
- Cannabinoids;
- All Glucocorticosteroids;
- Alcohol;
- All Beta Blockers.

* “The Prohibited List may identify specified substances which are particularly susceptible to unintentional anti-doping rule violations because of their general availability in medicinal products or which are less likely to be successfully abused as doping agents.” A doping violation involving such substances may result in a reduced sanction provided that the “...Player can establish that the Use of such a specified substance was not intended to enhance sport performance...”

CODE OF CONDUCT

XVII. CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR WOMEN PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYERS

ADMINISTERED BY THE WTA TOUR IN EFFECT AT ALL WTA TOUR APPROVED TOURNAMENTS

A. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

It is the purpose of this Code of Conduct (Code) to serve as a guide for the acceptable professional behavior of players and Tournament Directors and Owners as it relates to the promotion of the positive image of women's professional tennis.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. A player shall be accepted into a Tournament if she has applied in writing to play in that Tournament and the WTA Tour has accepted her application in writing, whether or not the player has received written notice of that acceptance.
2. The term automatic as it relates to fines refers to fines for violations set forth in sections D2, D3 and D6 which if determined to have occurred, the fine is assessed without consideration of any mitigating or other circumstances and is non-appealable.
3. Chair Umpire shall have the meaning used in the Official ITF Rules of Tennis.
4. The Code of Conduct Committee shall refer to the body comprised of WTA Tour staff members, player representatives and Tournament representatives to hear appeals of Code of Conduct violations and consider changes to the Code of Conduct. The composition of the committee hearing violations and appeals under this Code depends upon the nature of the matter. When the committee is considering changes to the Code of Conduct, a representative from the ITF is added to the committee.

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5. The Board of Directors shall refer to the Board of Directors of the WTA Tour.
6. A Gold Exempt Player is a player designated to have such status in the Rules.
7. A Silver Exempt Player is a player designated to have such status in the Rules.
8. An exhibition or non-Tour event is regarded as any tennis competition between two (2) or more players who compete in professional tennis Tournaments whether or not the players receive remuneration for their participation in the event, which is not a part of the WTA Tour or ITF Women's Circuit and is not recognized on the WTA Tour or ITF Women's Calendar. These events include single-day, multiple-day, week-long, seasonal team competitions and charity events.
9. All fines are established and payable in United States dollars.
10. Official Rules of Tennis shall refer to the rules of tennis from time to time promulgated by the International Tennis Federation as modified in the Rules.
11. Player means any professional or amateur woman tennis player, whether a member of the WTA Tour/Women's Tennis Benefit Association or not, who applies to enter a Tournament.
12. For purposes of this Code, a Player's Ranking shall be determined as of the date she is accepted into a Tournament.
13. Referee shall mean any official so designated by the WTA Tour and/or Tournament at which this Code is in effect.
14. Rules means the rules applicable to a Tour of Tournaments from time to time promulgated by the WTA Tour.
15. All times are local time at the Tournament site, unless otherwise noted and the official WTA Tour Clock located in the on-site Tour office shall determine the time.

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- 16.** Supervisor shall mean any official so designated or approved by the WTA Tour at any Tournament at which this Code is in effect.
- 17.** Tournament means any singles or doubles tennis competition administered by the WTA Tour, or approved as a WTA Tour Ranking Event by the WTA Tour.
- 18.** Tournament Director or Tournament Owner means the person or persons so designated by the Tournament.
- 19.** Withdraw means the written communication by a player after her acceptance into a Tournament of the player's inability or unwillingness to play given to any staff member of the Tour Operations Department or Rules and Competitions Department. If a player has to withdraw from a Tournament because her participation in a Tournament the preceding week causes her to withdraw she shall not be deemed to have made a late withdrawal.
- 20.** WTA Tour Players' Committee shall refer to the body of players appointed by the Tour from various ranking categories to make recommendations regarding the creation of rules, policies and standards. The Players' Committee assists the WTA Tour in setting policy and procedure for the players.

C. APPLICABILITY

1. APPLICABLE AT ALL TOURNAMENTS.

This Code, from time to time amended, shall apply in all professional tennis matches of any Tournament administered by the WTA Tour, and in all WTA Tour ranking events.

2. APPLICABLE TO ALL PLAYERS.

All players shall at all times be subject to this Code and the Official Rules of Tennis, as may be adopted by the WTA Tour. Each player who is accepted to play in a Tournament (singles or doubles including Wild Cards) must have signed an entry form prior to commencement of play in the Tournament. The entry form will provide that acceptance of this Code, the Rules and the Official Rules of Tennis, then in effect, are binding on the player.

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3. APPLICABLE TO ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND OWNERS.

As specified herein, this Code, from time to time amended, shall to all Tournament Directors and Tournament Owners as so designated by recognized Tournaments on the WTA Tour.

4. CODE AVAILABLE TO ALL PLAYERS AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND OWNERS.

A copy of the Code will be provided to any player, Tournament Director or Tournament Owner requesting one. A copy of the Code shall also be available on site at every Tournament.

D. RULES AND PENALTIES

1. ENTRY.

All players shall abide by the rules for entries set forth in the Rules. For Tournaments not subject to the Rules and Regulations, all players shall abide by the rules for entries published for such Tournaments.

2. WITHDRAWALS.

Any withdrawal by a player from a Tournament for reasons other than her two medical or extreme special circumstances withdrawal (such as a withdrawal due to a personal emergency) shall constitute a violation of the Code automatically punished by the fines listed in this Code.

- a. Gold and Silver Exempt Player Penalties. See section IV.B for Gold and Silver Exempt Player Withdrawal Penalties.
- b. Withdrawal Fines. See section IV.B, page 56 for Withdrawal Fines.
- c. Medical Withdrawal. See section IV.B, page 60 for Medical Withdrawal Procedure.

3. PLAYER ON-COURT BEHAVIOR.

(except at Grand Slam events which apply Grand Slam rules and procedures)

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Point Penalty Schedule

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for Code Violations is as follows:

First Offense	Warning
Second Offense	Point Penalty
Third and Subsequent Offenses	Game Penalty

However, after the third Code Violation, the Supervisor/ Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offense shall constitute a default.

Any player in violation of an on-site offense may, after paying all fines, appeal to the Code of Conduct Committee for review of a determination of guilt and the penalty assessed, provided their appeal is lodged within ten (10) days of the offense.

(Cross-reference Officials/Officiating – page 317)

Player On-Court Offenses

a. Visible obscenity

i. Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the Tournament site. Visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$2,500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

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b. Audible Obscenity

i. Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precincts of the Tournament site. 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.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$2,500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

c. Abuse of racquet or equipment

i. Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the Tournament site. For the purposes of this rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixture during a match out of anger.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$350 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty schedule. The player will also be liable for the repair or replacement of destroyed or damaged Tournament property.

d. Abuse of balls

i. Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick, or throw a tennis ball while on the grounds of the Tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). For the purposes of this rule, abuse of balls

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is defined as the intentionally or recklessly hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with disregard of the consequences.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty schedule.

e. Physical Abuse

i. Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator other person within the precincts of the Tournament site. For purposes of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, opponent, and spectator or other person.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

f. Verbal Abuse

i. Players shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or any other person within the precinct of the Tournament site. Verbal abuse is defined as any statement about an official, opponent, spectator or any other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty

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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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

g. Coaching and Coaches

i. Players shall not receive coaching during a match (including warm-up). Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach may be construed as coaching. Player shall also prohibit their coaches on-site from (a) using an audible obscenity or making obscene gestures of any kind, (b) abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person, verbally or physically (c) engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news, media that unreasonably attack or disparage a Tournament, sponsor, player, official, or the Tour. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreements with the Tour policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonable know, will harm the reputation or financial best interest of a Tournament, players, sponsor, official or the Tour are expressly covered by this section.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised 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, the Supervisor/Referee shall have the authority to relocate the position of a coach if there is reasonable belief that coaching is occurring or the Supervisor/Referee may order the Coach to be removed from the match site or Tournament site and upon his/her failure to comply with such order, may declare an immediate default of such player.

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h. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

i. Players 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. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the success of a Tournament, the Tour and/or the Sport. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the Tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty schedule. 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

i. Best Efforts

i. A player shall use her best efforts during a match when competing in a Tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation.

ii. For the purposes of this rule, the Supervisor/Referee and/or Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalize 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

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j. Leaving the Court

i. A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire or Supervisor/Referee.

ii. Violations of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$1,500 for each violation. In addition, the player may be defaulted and shall be subject to the additional penalties for Failure to Complete Match.

k. Failure to Complete Match

i. A player must complete a match in progress unless she is reasonably unable to do so.

ii. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$2,500. Violation of this section shall subject a player to immediate default and shall also constitute the Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

l. Punctuality

Players shall be ready when their matches are called.

i. Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after her match is called shall be fined \$150.

ii. Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after her match is called may be fined up to an additional \$500 and shall be defaulted unless the Supervisor, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

NOTE:

- Monetary fines do not apply for Code violations received due to loss of physical conditioning or as a result of medical treatment not being complete within the allocated time, unless it is interpreted by the Referee/Supervisor as gamesmanship.
- If a player's on-court behavior is reported to the WTA Tour by a player, umpire, or Tournament official, a

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player is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, even if a warning was not issued during play.

- A player can also be reported to the WTA Tour for inappropriate off-court behavior within the precincts of the Tournament site or if a player's behavior or obscene language during a match is not observed or heard by on-court officials, but causes a negative impact to the image of the game because it is seen on television.
- The WTA Tour shall determine the fine, which may be appealed to the Code of Conduct Committee.
- Player fines will be automatically deducted from player prize money at the Tournament at which the fine is levied.

4. MEDIA OBLIGATIONS - Refer to page 101 for details on media/ promotional/ sponsor responsibilities with which each player must comply.

5. HINDRANCE RULE - Refer to page 123 for Hindrance Rule.

6. TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK - Refer to page 122 for Toilet/Change of Attire Rules.

7. DEFAULTS - The Supervisor /Referee 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 Supervisor/Referee shall be final and unappealable.

8. WTA TOUR MEDICAL RULE - Refer to page 337 for the WTA Tour Medical Rule and Penalties.

9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT – Refer to page 114 for the WTA Tour Clothing and Equipment Rule and Penalties.

10. DELAY OF PLAY – Refer to page 123

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11. DISHONORABLE OR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- a. A player shall at all times, but particularly during a Tournament or event into which her entry has been accepted, whether at the Tournament site or not, conduct herself in a manner becoming of a professional tennis player, and in a manner which will reflect favorably on the game of tennis and her fellow players. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, failure to comply with any one of the following shall constitute a violation of this section and shall subject the offending player to a fine not to exceed the amounts set forth below, default according to the procedures provided for in section XVII.D.3 and suspension from participating in professional tennis for a specified period of time as determined by the Board of Directors:

Per Tour Year

Each Offense

Fine

From \$250 up to \$5,000

A player shall pay all of her just debts incurred in connection with her travel to and from, housing at, and participation in, Tournaments, including telephone, food, medical and racquet stringing charges. In addition to a player being responsible for paying all unauthorized phone charges made during a Tour Tournament, at a Tournament site, a Tournament hotel or at a private home, the player will also be assessed a fine of \$250 regardless of the dollar amount of the unauthorized calls. These charges and fine may be deducted from the offending player's prize money. A player shall be assessed a fine of \$20.00 if she fails to pay her racquet stringing bill before leaving the city.

A player shall not address criticism of Tournament personnel, fellow competitors, or facilities to the media or public. All such complaints should be forwarded to the Supervisor, Player Relations or Tour Operations Department.

A player shall dress and present herself in a professional manner at all times on the Tournament site or any official practice site.

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b. Aggravated Behavior

No player at any Tour Tournament shall engage in Aggravated Behavior which is defined as follows:

i. One or more incidents of Behavior designated in this Code as constituting Aggravated Behavior.

ii. One incident of Behavior that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or is singularly egregious.

iii. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute Aggravated Behavior, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the Tour Tournaments.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$25,000 or the amount of prize money won at the Tournament, whichever is greater, and/or suspension from play in a Tour Tournament or event for a minimum period of twenty-one (21) days and a maximum period of one (1) year. The suspension shall commence on the Monday after the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be filed, or, in case of appeal, commencing on the Monday after a final decision on appeal.

c. The WTA Tour shall have sole authority to declare a players' violation under this section acting upon a formal and substantiated complaint. The WTA Tour decision may be appealed to the Code of Conduct Committee, with the exception of appeals of major offenses, such as suspension from the Tour, in which case the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision

d. If not already deducted, upon four (4) weeks' notice, all fines levied on a player for violations under the Code may be automatically deducted from the player's winnings at a WTA Tour Tournament.

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12. DISHONORABLE AND UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT OWNERS AND DIRECTORS

- a. The favorable public reputation of the WTA Tour, its Tournaments and players is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all WTA Tour members. Accordingly, it is an obligation for Tour sanctioned WTA Tour Tournaments, Owners and Directors to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news media, which unreasonably attack or disparage a Tournament, sponsor, player, official or the WTA Tour. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with the WTA Tour policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a Tournament, player, sponsor, official or the WTA Tour are expressly covered by this section. Violation of this section shall subject a Tournament to a fine of up to \$25,000, and/or loss or change in membership status, and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the Tour.
- b. Complaints under this section may be filed with the Code of Conduct Committee and will be adjudicated by a subcommittee comprised of two WTA Tour staff members and two Tournament representatives. The CEO will cast the tie-breaking vote if necessary. Upon written request no later than three weeks after the Code of Conduct Committee renders its written decision, any Tournament owner, promoter, operator or representative has the right to appeal any decision of the Code of Conduct Committee to the Board of Directors.

13. COACHES, PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES, PLAYER RELATIVES

- a. No coach, representative or relative of a player may at any time, particularly during a Tournament or an event into which the player's entry has been accepted, conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect unfavorably on

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the WTA Tour, its Tournaments, any player, official or the game of tennis.

- b. Abusive conduct, including conduct directed toward any player, Tournament, WTA Tour or on-court official, or spectator, shall be considered a violation of this rule.
- c. Violations may result in (i) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all Tournaments on the Tour, or (ii) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the Board of Directors may decide to impose. Before any sanction is imposed (other than the exclusion of a person from an event at which that person has been abusive) the WTA Tour will give the person involved an opportunity to present his or her views, either in person or in writing at the WTA Tour's discretion. The Board of Directors shall then determine whether any sanction shall be imposed; the provisions of section E of the Code of Conduct shall not be applicable to the imposition of such sanctions.

14. CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES

a. Introduction

The Code of Ethics for Coaches is intended to provide standards of professional conduct for coaches of players who compete in WTA Tour Tournaments. The primary goal of the Code is to promote the welfare and protection of professional female tennis players. This Code is not intended to establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe appropriate behavior for coaches in every aspect of their profession. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct of coaches in situations that may have ethical implications.

b. Elements of the Code

i. Competence

(a) A coach should provide services only within the boundaries of his or her competence, based on his or her education, training, supervised experience or appropriate professional experience.

(b) A coach should strive to increase his or her level of proficiency and skill by remaining current and seeking

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continuing education and certification (e.g., by one or more recognized tennis professional associations) on safety, health and training developments relevant to tennis, and should seek advice and counsel of colleagues and experts whenever such consultation is in the best interests of the player.

(c) A coach should strive to protect the health and safety of a player under his or her direction by ensuring that all of the activities under his or her control are conducted for the player's psychological and physical welfare.

(d) A coach should be familiar with, and agree to abide by, the WTA Tour Rules.

ii. Unfair and/or Discriminatory Conduct

(a) A coach should not engage in unfair or unethical conduct including any attempt to injure, disable or intentionally interfere with the preparation or competition of any player.

(b) A coach should not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.

iii. Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct

(a) A coach should not abuse his or her position of authority or control, and should not compromise the psychological, physical or emotional well being of any player.

(b) A coach should not engage in abusive conduct, either physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed toward any player, Tournament official, Tour staff member, on-court official, coach, parent, spectator or member of the press/media.

iv. Sexual Conduct

(a) advance toward, or have any sexual contact with, any player who is (1) under the age of 17, or (2) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the conduct takes place or where the player resides.

(b) A coach should not have any non-consensual sexual contact with a player of any age.

(c) A coach should not engage in sexual harassment - for example, by making unwelcome advances,

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requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

- v. Criminal Conduct - A coach should comply with all relevant criminal laws, as further detailed below. This obligation is violated if a coach has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment involving (a) an offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, (b) an offense involving sexual misconduct, harassment or abuse, or (c) an offense involving child abuse. Further, this obligation may be violated if, depending upon the nature of the crime, a coach has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to an offense that is a violation of any law specifically designed to protect minors.
 - vi. Anti-Doping Activity - A coach should not aid or abet in any way a player's violation of the Tour's Anti-Doping Program.
 - vii. Conduct in General - A coach should not conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect unfavorably on the Tour, its Tournaments, any player, official or the game of tennis.
- c. Violations/Procedures
- i. Any individual who believes that a coach of a player who participates on the WTA Tour has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Code may file a written complaint with the CEO of the Tour. That complaint should be signed and should state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct. Upon receipt of such a signed complaint, the CEO shall promptly initiate a review of the matter. The CEO may also initiate an investigation on the basis of a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against a coach by a national federation or other tennis organization.
 - ii. Upon review of the complaint and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the CEO may determine that the complaint does not merit further action, or may

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refer the complaint and findings of the investigation to the Board of Directors for action as set forth in section D.13 of the Tour's Code of Conduct. Violations of this Code of Ethics for Coaches may result in (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all Tournaments on the Tour, or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the Board may decide to impose. Before any sanction is imposed (other than the exclusion of a person from an Tournament at which that person has been abusive) the Tour, through its CEO, will give the person involved an opportunity to present his or her views, either in person or in writing, at the Tour's discretion. The Board of Directors shall then determine whether any sanction shall be imposed.

15. CREDENTIALLED PERSONS

No person who has been given a credential by a WTA Tour Tournament, including members of the media, may at any time during the Tournament engage in abusive conduct directed toward any player, official, spectator or Tournament or WTA Tour staff. Violations of this rule may result in (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all Tournaments on the Tour, or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the Board of Directors may decide to impose. Before any sanction is imposed (other than the exclusion of a person from an Tournament at which that person has been abusive) the WTA Tour will give the person involved an opportunity to present his or her views, either in person or in writing at the WTA Tour's discretion. The Board of Directors shall then determine whether any sanction shall be imposed; the provisions of section E of the Code of Conduct shall not be applicable to the imposition of such sanctions.

16. WAGERING AND CORRUPTION

- a. Covered Players and Events
 - i. For the purposes of this section, a "Player" shall mean any player who enters or participates in any competition, event, or activity organized, sanctioned or recognized by the WTA or who is a WTA member or who has a WTA Ranking.

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- ii. For the purposes of this section, the terms “Events” shall mean all tennis matches and other tennis competitions, whether women’s or men’s, amateur or professional, including, without limitation, all WTA Tournaments, ITF Women’s tournaments and ITF Junior’s tournaments.
 - iii. For the purposes of this section, the term “Player Support Personnel” shall mean any coach, trainer, manager, agent, family member, tournament guest or other similar associate of any Player.
 - iv. For the purposes of this section, the term “Tournament Support Personnel” shall mean any Tournament owner, operator, director, or designated agent of the WTA Tour Tournament.
 - v. For the purposes of this section, the term “Wager” shall mean the act or attempt, whether directly or indirectly, to wager money or anything else of value (“Consideration”) or to enter into any other form of financial speculation.
- b. Offenses
- i. A player shall not associate with or have dealings with persons whose activities, reflect adversely upon the integrity of the game of tennis.
 - ii. No Player, Player Support Personnel nor Tournament Support Personnel shall, directly, indirectly, Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or solicit, induce, entice, persuade, encourage or facilitate any other person to Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event.
 - iii. No Player, Player Support Personnel nor Tournament Support Personnel shall, directly or indirectly, solicit, induce, entice, persuade, encourage or facilitate any Player not to use her best efforts in any Event.

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- iv. No Player or any other Player support personnel shall, directly or indirectly, solicit, request, receive, accept or agree to receive or accept any Consideration, either (i) with the intention of influencing the Player's efforts in any Event, or (ii) that could otherwise bring the Player or the game of tennis into disrepute.
 - v. No Player, Player Support personnel or Tournament Support Personnel shall, directly or indirectly, offer, promise, provide or agree to provide any Consideration to any Player, either (i) with the intention of influencing the Player's efforts in any Event, or (ii) that could otherwise bring the Player or the game of tennis in disrepute.
 - vi. No Player, Player Support Personnel or Tournament Support Personnel shall, directly or indirectly, solicit, request, receive, accept or agree to receive or accept any Consideration for the provision of any information concerning the weather, players, court conditions, status, outcome or any other aspect of any Event (other than the provision of information to a reputable media organization not affiliated with wagering on Events for disclosure to the general public).
 - vii. No Player, Player Support Personnel or Tournament Support Personnel shall, directly or indirectly, offer, promise, provide, or agree to provide any Consideration to any Player for the provision of any information concerning the weather, players, court conditions, status, outcome or any other aspect of any Event.
- c. Additional Provisions
- i. Each Player shall inform her Player Support Personnel of all of the provisions of this section and shall instruct her Player Support Personnel to comply therewith.
 - ii. Each Player shall be held responsible for any prohibited conduct by any of her Player Support Personnel, if such Player had knowledge of, or otherwise assisted, encouraged, aided, abetted, covered up or was

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otherwise complicit in, such prohibited conduct. In such case, the Tour shall have right to impose sanctions on the Player to the same extent as if the Player herself had engaged in the prohibited conduct.

- iii. Each Tournament shall inform its Tournament Support Personnel of all of the provisions of this section and shall instruct its Tournament Support Personnel to comply therewith.
- iv. Each Tournament shall be held responsible for any Prohibited Conduct by any of its Tournament Support Personnel. In such case, the Tour shall have the right to impose sanctions on the Tournament to the same extent as if the Tournament had engaged in the prohibited conduct.
- v. Players and Tournaments must report promptly to the WTA Tour any known or suspected violations of the rules enumerated in this section.

d. Sanctions

- i. With respect to any Player violating any of the rules in this section, the Player may be subject to (a) a fine in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 plus an amount equal to any Consideration received by such Player or her Player Support personnel in connection with the violation; and (b) a suspension from eligibility to participate in any WTA Tour events for a period of up to three (3) years; and (c) permanent ineligibility for any violations of this section D.16.
- ii. With respect to any Player Support Personnel violating any of the rules in this section, such individual may be subject to (a) suspension of credentials and access to any WTA Tour event for a period of not less than one (1) year, and (b) with respect to any violation of this section D.16, permanent revocation of such credentials and access.
- iii. With respect to any Tournament or Tournament Support Personnel violating any of the rules in this

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section, such Tournament may be subject to (a) a fine in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 plus an amount equal to any Consideration received in connection with the violation; (b) a loss or change in membership status; and (c) a forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the Tour.

e. Procedures

- i. The CEO may investigate whether a violation under this section D.16 has occurred by making a factual finding and recommendation to the WTA Tour Board of Directors.
- ii. During the course of the CEO's investigation, the Player, Player Support Personnel, Tournament and the Tournament Support Personnel may make written submissions to the CEO and may appear personally.
- iii. The CEO findings and recommendations shall be provided to the violating party, as well as to the WTA Tour Board of Directors.
- iv. After the CEO's has submitted findings and recommendations to the WTA Tour Board of Directors, the violating party may make written submissions to the WTA Tour Board of Directors and may appear personally.
- v. The WTA Tour Board of Directors may accept or reject the CEO's findings and recommendations in whole or in part. The WTA Tour Board of Directors shall make final decisions regarding violations of the Wagering and Corruption Rule, and regarding fines and other sanctions that may be imposed as a result of any violations under section D.16.
- vi. All Player and Tournament fines will revert to the WTA Tour. The legal costs of any investigation will be borne by the WTA Tour.

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17. GUARANTEES OR OTHER IMPROPER PAYMENTS

- a. No player (or agent, coach, family member) shall accept and no owner(s), operators, sponsor(s) or agent(s) of a WTA Tour approved Tournament shall offer, give or pay money or anything of value that is given from any source, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player's appearance in any WTA Tour approved tournament, other than prize money and permitted amateur expenses, unless authorized by the WTA Tour.
- b. In the event the WTA Tour believes a player or a Tournament may be violating this rule, the player and/or Tournament must furnish copies of all records relating in any way to the alleged guarantee or an affidavit setting forth facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the WTA Tour.

Violation of the above, including failure to cooperate with the investigation, shall subject the player or the Tournament to an automatic fine of \$50,000 plus the amount or value of such payment and may result in up to three months' suspension from play on the Tour for the player and loss of Player Commitment or membership for the Tournament.

- c. The CEO may investigate whether a guarantee or other improper payment has been made by making a factual finding and recommendation to the WTA Tour Board of Directors.
 - i. During the course of the CEO's investigation, the player and the Tournament Owner and/or Director may make written submissions to the CEO and may appear personally.
 - ii. The CEO's findings and recommendations shall be provided to the player and the Tournament, as well as to the WTA Tour Board of Directors.
 - iii. After the CEO has submitted findings and recommendations to the WTA Tour Board of Directors, the player and the Tournament may make written submissions to the WTA Tour Board of Directors and may appear personally.

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- iv. The WTA Tour Board of Directors may accept or reject the CEO's findings and recommendations in whole or in part. The WTA Tour Board of Directors shall make final decisions regarding violations of the Guarantee Rule, and regarding fines and other sanctions that may be imposed as a result of any violations.
- v. All player and Tournament fines will revert to the WTA Tour. The legal costs of any investigation will be borne by the WTA Tour.

18. EXHIBITION/NON-TOUR EVENT RULE

- a. A player is permitted to play in an exhibition or non Tour event during an "open week" on the Calendar but must comply with all conditions of this Rule (D.18). An "open week" is defined as a week in which there are no Tournaments scheduled in the following categories: Grand Slams, the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, Tier I or II.
 - i. A player shall not play in an exhibition or non-Tour event in the same city (or within 125 miles/200 kilometers, measured linearly, of the site of the Tournament) or in the same generally recognized market area 60 days before the commencement of any WTA Tour Tournament, while a Tournament is in progress, or 30 days after a Tournament.
 - ii. A player shall not play in an exhibition or non-Tour event the same week as a Grand Slam, Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships or a week in which one or more Tier I or II WTA Tour Tournaments are scheduled.
 - iii. A player shall not play in an exhibition or non-Tour event, which is televised live in a city where a Tournament is being played at the same time.
 - iv. A player shall not play in an exhibition or non-Tour event during the week in which a Tournament is conducted from which she has withdrawn or defaulted or was eliminated unless she has received prior written approval from the WTA Tour.

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- b. The following exceptions apply to 18.a:
- i. Players over 35 years old will be exempt from the Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Rule; except as it pertains to the conditions of the Charity Rule in ii.b.2 of this section.
 - ii. A player is permitted to participate in one (1) CHARITY EXHIBITION per Tour Year in the same week as a Tier II Tournament, providing the following conditions are satisfied:
 - (a) Limited to a maximum of eight (8) professional players.
 - (b) The eight (8) players are limited to include:
 - (1) one player listed 1-4 on the Gold Exempt player list.
 - (2) one player listed 5-10 on the Gold Exempt player list, including any player over the age of 35 otherwise exempt from the Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Rule.
 - (c) Length of exhibition limited to two (2) days.
 - (d) Must have a Pro-Am or Pro-Celebrity format. Cannot include a singles match between two (2) professional players.
 - (e) Consistent with the existing rule, the Charity Exhibition may not be played within 125 miles/200 kilometers, measured linearly, of any Tournament, or in the same generally recognized market area either 60 days before, while a Tournament is in progress or 30 days after a Tournament.
 - (f) The Tier II Tournament opposite the Charity Exhibition must have received Player Commitment at the conclusion of the previous Tour Year WTA Tour Championships.

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- (g) Proper documentation that exhibition proceeds benefit a charity must be submitted to the WTA Tour from the charity for approval at least three (3) months prior to the exhibition.
 - iii. A player is permitted to play an exhibition on the Monday night of a Tier I or II Tournament provided that:
 - (a) Such player plays in such Tournament and is able to arrive at such Tournament in time to play her first scheduled match; and
 - (b) The site of the exhibition is not scheduled within a 200-mile radius of such Tier I or II Tournament.
- c. A player in violation of the Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Rule shall be automatically fined in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Exempt player listing</u>	<u>Fine</u>
Gold 1-4	\$100,000
Gold 5-8	\$50,000
Gold 9-20	\$25,000
Silver Exempt or Top 50	\$12,500

- i. If a player participates in more than one (1) exhibition or non-Tour event during the same week as a Grand Slam, the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, Tier I or II Tournament, she will be fined only once (in the highest amount applicable).
- ii. If the date of a Tier I or II Tournament changes for the following year after the start of the Main Draw of the US Open, thereby causing a player who otherwise would not be fined to be in conflict with this rule, the stated fine will not be assessed against that player.
- iii. A player designated as Gold Exempt for the Tour Year shall remain subject to these fines and penalties even if she does not play a full schedule to qualify for the WTA Tour Bonus Pool and thus is replaced by another player on the Gold Exempt List.

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- iv. The above fines shall apply only to Gold and Silver Exempt Players and players ranked 1-50 in singles on the WTA Rankings three months prior to the exhibition or non-Tour event (based on the Rankings published three months prior to the Monday of the week in which the exhibition takes place).

NOTE: Gold and Silver Exempt players will be fined according to their Listing on the applicable Exempt player List. Non-Exempt players ranked in singles in the top 50 will be fined, when applicable, according to their WTA Tour Ranking.

- v. Exhibition Fines will be shared equally between the WTA Tour and the aggrieved Tournament(s) (as determined by the Tournaments' Constituency).
 - vi. A player shall not be subject to the applicable Exhibition Fine if her entry would not have been accepted into the respective Tournament by virtue of her singles Ranking at the time the initial acceptance Main Draw list was produced (6-7 weeks prior to the Tournament).
- d. The WTA Tour may consider the application of this Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Rule depending upon the individual circumstances presented. In considering whether or not to waive this Rule, the WTA Tour may take into account, among other factors, the potential impact of the player's participation in the proposed exhibition on the Tournament(s) within the radius and temporal restrictions set forth in 18.a.i as well as the potential impact on the WTA Tour in general. As a general rule, waivers may be granted more freely at times and in areas where player fields are strong, and less freely at times or in areas (not limited to those set forth in section 18.a.i where the fields are less strong and/or there is a substantial risk that Player Commitments may not be met).
 - e. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in sections 18.a through 18.d, as long as a player is not competing in a WTA Tour Tournament in the week preceding a Grand Slam, she may participate in a special event or exhibition on

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the Saturday or Sunday prior to the commencement of the Grand Slam Main Draw if that special event or exhibition is promoted by the Grand Slam.

- f. Participation in Exhibition/Non-Tour Events by players under the age of 18 is subject to the Age Eligibility Rule, set forth at page 199.

19. TOUR AFFILIATED EVENTS - FED CUP

- a. The international team competition known as Fed Cup, administered by the ITF, is a Tour affiliated event. Fed Cup is played during three weeks.
- b. No Tier I Tournaments shall be scheduled during any of the weeks in which Fed Cup is played. No Tier II Tournaments shall be scheduled during the first two Fed Cup weeks. Up to two Tier II through Tier IV Tournaments may be scheduled during the third Fed Cup week, provided only one of the two Tournaments is a Tier II and the location of the Tier II is subject to reasonable ITF approval, which in no case shall be held in Belgium, France, Russia, or the United States.
- c. Players who are subject to the Exhibition/Non-Tour Event Rule or who, for any reason, decline an invitation to compete in Fed Cup may not participate in any exhibition or non-Tour event during those three weeks, except as specifically set forth below.
- d. A player who is competing in the Fed Cup may participate in an exhibition or non-Tour event occurring on the Monday and/or Tuesday of those respective weeks, provided that advance written approval of her Fed Cup Team Captain is obtained.
- e. Players who are not eligible or selected to participate in the final week of Fed Cup may participate in (i) a WTA Tour event, or (ii) an exhibition or non-Tour event occurring Monday through Friday of that week, so long as such exhibition or non-Tour event does not occur on the same continent as the Fed Cup Final.

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- f. Players from countries that are competing in the World Group Semi-Finals during the second Fed Cup week, who want to compete in a WTA Tour event during the third Fed Cup week (the Fed Cup finals), must apply in writing to the Tour for approval.

E. PROCEDURES FOR PLAYERS AND TOURNAMENT VIOLATIONS

1. ON-COURT ADJUDICATION

Any violation of this Code that must by its nature be adjudicated prior to continuation of Tournament play shall be decided immediately by the official or officials given that authority under this Code. Any appeal from such decisions shall be made to the official making the decision and the official's judgment shall be final in all cases.

2. COMPLAINT

- a. Reporting a player's violation of this Code may originate with the WTA Tour, any player or Tournament official. Complaints shall be directed to the WTA Tour. Complaints must be received by the WTA Tour within thirty (30) days of the alleged conduct and must be acted upon prior to the time of the next scheduled Code of Conduct Committee meeting. No complaint, except for violations of sections D.16 and D.18 herein, lodged more than thirty (30) days following knowledge or reason to know of the incident or activity allegedly in violation of the Code may be considered by the WTA Tour.
- b. Reporting a Tournament Owner's or Director's violation of this Code may originate with the WTA Tour, any player or Tournament official. Complaints shall be directed to the WTA Tour. Complaints must be received by the WTA Tour within thirty (30) days of the alleged conduct and must be acted upon at the next scheduled Code of Conduct Committee (or, if appropriate, Standards of Performance Committee) meeting.

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3. REVIEW BY WTA TOUR AND CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE.

- a. The WTA Tour shall conduct a thorough investigation of all complaints of player violations under the Code and may do so either prior or subsequent to notification being given to the player involved.

Discretionary Fines. As to all misconduct for which the fine is discretionary the Tour shall issue a report of the results of its investigation to the player and to the WTA Tour Code of Conduct Committee.

- b. The Code of Conduct Committee (or, if appropriate, Standards of Performance Committee) shall conduct a thorough investigation of all complaints of Tournament Owner and Director violations under the Code and may do so either prior or subsequent to notification being given to the party involved.

Discretionary Fines. As to all misconduct for which the fine is discretionary the Code of Conduct Committee (or Standards of Performance Committee) shall issue a report of the results of its investigation to the party involved and the CEO.

Automatic fines. As to all player misconduct for which the fine is automatic the Code of Conduct Committee shall have sole authority to determine whether such conduct occurred and such decision shall be final and binding on the player.

- c. The WTA Tour and Code of Conduct Committee shall keep accurate records of all complaints and the disposition thereof and shall be responsible for recording all penalties imposed upon players during any Tour Year.
- d. NOTICE TO PLAYER. If the WTA Tour determines that there are grounds for the complaint of misconduct under this Code the player so charged shall thereupon be notified orally if possible and in writing specifying the provisions which she is charged as having violated and the penalty such a violation carries if so specified in the Code. If the

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penalty is not so specified the player shall be advised that the penalty will be determined by the WTA Tour. This notification and any other in the course of a disciplinary proceeding shall be delivered to the player in person or sent to her by registered or certified mail, overnight delivery with confirmed delivery or by cable at her address as shown in the records of the WTA Tour or on the most recent Tournament entry application submitted by the player prior to the notification. All such notices shall be deemed given five (5) days after mailing or cabling.

- e. NOTICE TO TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL. If the Code of Conduct Committee (or Standards of Performance Committee) determines that there are grounds for the complaint of misconduct under this Code the Tournament Owner or Director so charged shall thereupon be notified orally if possible and in writing specifying the provisions which he/she is charged as having violated and the penalty such a violation carries if so specified in the Code. If the penalty is not so specified the Tournament Owner or Director shall be advised that the penalty will be determined by the Code of Conduct Committee (or Standards of Performance Committee). This notification and any other in the course of a disciplinary proceeding shall be delivered to the Tournament Owner or Director in person or sent to him/her by registered or certified mail, overnight mail with confirmed delivery or by cable at him/her address as shown in the records of the WTA Tour. All such notices shall be deemed given five (5) days after mailing or cabling.
- f. PLAYER RESPONSE. After receipt of notification of the charges and the potential penalties in which to respond in writing to the allegations a player charged with misconduct for which a fine is not automatic shall have four (4) weeks to respond from where the notice is sent. Failure to respond to the charges within the time limit cited above will subject the charged player to the imposition of the fines as determined by the WTA Tour if the WTA Tour determines that the player committed the violation with which she is charged, and such player fails to appeal to the Code of Conduct Committee as outlined in this Code.

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- g. **TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RESPONSE.** After receipt of notification of the charges and the potential penalties in which to respond in writing to the allegations a Tournament Owner or Director charged with misconduct for which a fine is not automatic shall have four (4) weeks to respond. Failure to respond to the charges within the time limit cited above will subject the charged party to the imposition of the fines as determined by the Code of Conduct Committee (or Standards of Performance Committee).
- h. **PLAYER REQUEST FOR HEARING.** Any player sanctioned for an offense for which the fine is not automatic may request a hearing before the Code of Conduct Committee or, in the case of a major offense potentially resulting in suspension from the Tour or other sanction of similar magnitude, a player may request a hearing before the Board of Directors. The WTA Tour must receive a request for a hearing within four (4) weeks following notification to the player of the complaint against her.
- i. **TOURNAMENT REQUEST FOR HEARING.** Any Tournament Owner or Director charged with an offense for which a sanction was levied may request a hearing before the Board of Directors. The WTA Tour must receive a request for a hearing within four (4) weeks following notification to the Tournament Owner or Director of the sanction.
- j. **HEARINGS.** A player or Tournament Owner or Director requesting a hearing, as outlined in sections E.3.h and E.3.i., shall be given at least ten (10) days notice of the time and place of the hearing, and at the hearing, he/she may call witnesses testifying on his/her behalf and examine witnesses testifying against him/her. He/she may, if he/she chooses, be represented by counsel at the hearing. (It is intended that the hearing requested take place as soon as possible. If he/she wishes to shorten the time required for notice, the Code of Conduct Committee (or Standards of Performance Committee) or Board of Directors will cooperate in good faith.) The Code of Conduct Committee (or Standards of Performance Committee) or Board of Directors, as appropriate, shall make a determination, which shall be supported by written findings. The Code of

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Conduct Committee (or Standards of Performance Committee) or Board of Directors may determine that an interpreter is required in the interest of fairness. If so, they may retain such person at the expense of the WTA Tour.

- k. MEETINGS OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE. The Code of Conduct Committee shall be scheduled to meet in person or by teleconference at least two (2) times per year, at least one meeting of which shall be scheduled to be held outside the United States, unless there are no matters scheduled to be heard at the time of any such meeting. All expenses of the Code of Conduct Committee shall be borne by the WTA Tour.
- l. DECISIONS. Within thirty (30) days of its decision, the Code of Conduct Committee or Board of Directors shall give written notice to the player of its decision and the penalty to be imposed, if any, regardless of whether or not a hearing was requested. The decision of the Code of Conduct Committee shall be final.
- m. PAYMENT OF FINES. Any fine imposed must be paid to the WTA Tour within thirty (30) days of final imposition, unless written extension of time is granted by the WTA Tour. All unpaid fines at the end of the year will be subject to a penalty of 15% interest on the outstanding balance.

The Supervisor at the Tournament at which the violation occurs without prior notice to the player may collect automatic fines levied against players. All fines for violations under the ACES Program will be deducted from the player's Prize Money at the next appropriate WTA Tour Tournament. If the fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, it will be collected by the WTA Tour out of a player's Prize Money in any Tournament until the full amount is paid. Outstanding fines will be collected at any WTA Tour Tournament, including Grand Slam events. If outstanding fines are not paid by the end of the year, the WTA Tour has the right to deny a player's entry into Tournaments until such fines are paid in full.

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A. TOURNAMENT STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

All Tournaments on the WTA Tour must be staged in a first-class professional manner. Standards are required unless otherwise noted or approved. Tournaments must apply to the Tour at least six (6) months in advance for an exemption from any Tournament Standard of Performance.

No experimental procedures or products can be used or offered to the players without prior written approval from the Tour.

1. Accounting

Within fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the Tournament, the Tournament shall submit to the WTA Tour a full report of the Tournament from all aspects including a copy of the prospectus, a completed program and a statement showing all monies disbursed for Prize Money and traveling expenses allowed under section XI.

2. Animals

No animals will be allowed in the Player Restaurant, Locker Room, Treatment/Training Room or Tour Office. Animals on-site must be restrained (either by leash or carry case). Facility rules regarding animals on-site shall be enforced.

3. Ball Persons

It is recommended that a coordinator be appointed to recruit and assign Ball Persons. There shall be a minimum of six (6) ball persons per match in the Main Draw and a minimum of four (4) per match in Qualifying however it is recommended that there be a minimum of six (6) ball persons per match in Qualifying. Dark-colored uniforms for ball persons are preferred.

4. Balls

- a. At all Tier levels for both Qualifying Singles and Main Draw Singles and Doubles six (6) balls shall be used and changed after the first seven (7) games and there after every nine (9) games for all matches. The same shall apply in the final

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round of Doubles Qualifying when a best of three (3) set match is played. In Doubles Qualifying in which pro sets are played, six balls shall be used with no change.

- b. Balls of the make to be used in the Tournament are to be available at least one day prior to the commencement of the qualifying for players in both the Main Draw and Qualifying until they are eliminated. Main Draw Players are entitled to practice balls as stated in the following chart:

	Practice Balls per day
Tier I	Six (6) New Balls while in the Tournament. Three (3) New Balls once eliminated.
Tier II	Six (6) New Balls while in the Tournament. Three (3) New Balls once eliminated.
Tier III	One (1) can or minimum of three (3) New Balls while competing.
Tier IV	One (1) can or minimum of three (3) New Balls while competing.

- c. ITF Approved Type 2 balls are to be used at all WTA Tour Tournaments unless otherwise approved by the Tour. Failure to comply may result in a Tournament Standards Violation and/or other sanctions. High altitude balls are not to be used unless conditions require, and such use must be approved by the WTA Tour and must be stated on the Tournament Fact Sheet. It is requested that Tournaments use the Tour's recommended ball list when selecting a Tournament ball.
- d. Tour Tournaments, which are played the week before a Grand Slam, are required to use the same brand of balls as that Grand Slam.
- e. Pressurized balls only will be used on the Tour.
- f. It is recommended that if the practice courts are located off-site, practice balls are provided at the practice site.

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5. Chairs / Umbrellas

Chairs must be provided on court for players to use during the change of ends. At outdoor Tournaments, umbrellas must be provided to shade the players' chairs.

6. Court

a. Court Specifications

Surface

- i. Tournaments must be played on a surface that is approved by the WTA Tour.
- ii. The surface must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Supervisor/Referee.
- iii. If a new surface is being considered, approval must be given by the WTA Tour. If the Tournament fails to utilize the surface recommended by the WTA Tour, individual players may refuse to participate in the Tournament in which case the WTA Tour is not responsible for such action by a player and is not subject to any penalties.
- iv. Tournaments must ensure that the same surface is used for Main Draw and Qualifying. If there are circumstances beyond the control of the Tournament Director, Qualifying matches may be held on a different surface only with approval of the WTA Tour. A minimum of one practice court must be on-site and be of the same surface as the Main Draw match court(s).

Court Measurements

- i. There must be at least twelve (12) feet or 3.66 m. at each side of the doubles sideline and twenty-one (21) feet or 6.40 meters behind each baseline (this does not include the publicity/advertising placed around the line umpires' chairs). At indoor Tournaments, the ceiling must be a minimum of forty (40) feet or 12.19 meters in height.
- ii. Court Dimensions must comply with those set out under the ITF Rules of Tennis. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure, upon final preparation of the tennis courts before the Tournament commences, that all court specifications, including court measurements, comply with the standards set forth on Page 350.

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b. Courts - Match and Practice

All Tournaments must provide the following minimum number of match and practice courts:

Outdoor Tournaments		
Draw Size	Number of Match Courts	Number of Practice Courts
28, 30 or 32/32/16	3	3*
48, 56 or 64/32/28	5	4*

* Must include 1 on-site court of the same surface as the match courts, which can be used for matches in case of rain.

Indoor Tournaments		
Draw Size	Number of Match Courts	Number of Practice Courts
28, 30 or 32/32/16	2	3*

* Must include 1 on-site court of the same surface as the match courts, which can be used for matches if needed.

NOTE: For all combined Tournaments with the ATP, minimum numbers of match and practice courts must be approved by the Tour at least six (6) months prior to the Tournament.

c. Signage behind Court

i. On the Court Surface

- There can be no commercial identification on the surface of the court, except that the name of the court surface and the Tournament's host locality (as further described below) is permitted to be placed on the court surface with prior approval from the WTA Tour.
- Tournaments may place on-court the name of their host locality, which may include one of the following: city, region (i.e. state or county), country. The position, size and font of the Host Locality Signage shall be standardized as directed by the

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WTA Tour. Only one Host Locality Signage shall be permitted on each court.

- Signage approved for the court surface must be consistent with the texture and feel of the court surface so as not to affect play or to be a safety hazard. Two identifications of the court manufacturer (max. 20.13 square feet/1.87 square meters) may be permitted on the side of the court surface parallel to the side lines. Such logo must be placed at least 1.5m from the doubles side line.

ii. Behind the Court

- There can be no banners with white or yellow backgrounds behind the ends of the court. Half tones on dark backgrounds are recommended, but non-glare white or yellow lettering on a dark background is permissible.
- It is recommended that all spectators' chairs behind the end of the court and box seats be dark in color.

d. Preparation of Court

Clay and loose surface courts must be swept, watered and lines cleared if the WTA Tour Supervisor or Referee deems it necessary, before the start of all matches. Clay courts may also need to be watered and/or swept between sets if requested by the WTA Tour Supervisor or the Referee.

e. Fan Friendly Seating

Spectators above the lowest tier of seating will be allowed to move freely to and from their seats at any time during play. The Tournament Director and Tour Supervisor at each Tournament will determine this lowest tier of seating. Where there is no clear break, the Tournament Director and Tour Supervisor will determine the most logical designation for spectator movement during play.

(Cross-reference - Supervisor, page 330)

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f. Smoking

Except, where prohibited by law, smoking shall not be permitted within the lower level of seating around the courts.

7. Credentials/Tickets/Seating

Each Tournament will provide the following:

- a. One (1) credential to each player, two (2) player guest/coaches credentials and two (2) tickets for each day for which she remains in the Tournament. It is recommended that a seating area be reserved for players and guests in addition to the match box. It is recommended that the two player match boxes be located at opposite ends of the court to each other.
- b. One (1) credential to each WTA Tour staff member and local Massage Therapist, one (1) credential for each Tour sponsor and one (1) credential for any official guest of the WTA Tour, at the request of the Tour (provided such requests are reasonable and access is limited as appropriate for security).
- c. One (1) seat for the WTA Tour Supervisor, one (1) seat for the WTA Tour Primary Health Care Provider (PHCP) and one (1) seat for the WTA Tour Communications Manager close to the entrance of the Court during all televised, semifinal and final matches.
- d. Ten (10) tickets per session in a preferred location will be made available to the WTA Tour.
- e. Players who are not playing in the Tournament but are members of the WTA Tour are allowed on site access but are not permitted to use the site amenities and practice facilities without the Tournament Director's permission. Registered Coaches of the WTA Tour are allowed on-site access at all Tour Tournaments.
- f. WTA Tour Tournament Directors are allowed access on-site to all Tour Tournament sites.

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- g. Each Tournament will provide a designated area in the grandstand for players and players' coaches and relatives to sit and watch matches at all sessions. Best efforts should be made for a minimum of ten (10) seats.

NOTE: The above allocation does not include requirements for Commercial Benefits granted to the WTA Tour, please refer to section IX.B.10 for sponsor's ticket allocation.

Credentials / Tickets / Seating		
	Credentials	Tickets
WTA Tour Players	One (1) Player and two (2) Player Guest / Coach Badge	Two (2) each day while competing
WTA Tour Staff	One (1) per Staff Member and local Massage Therapist	One (1) Ticket for any official guest
WTA Tour	See above	Ten (10) tickets in a preferred location
WTA Tour Sponsor	One (1) per Sponsor	-
WTA Tour Members	On-site Access	-
WTA Tour Registered Coaches	On-site Access	-
WTA Tour Tournament Directors	On-site Access	-
<p>Note: A designated area must be allocated in grandstand for players, players' coaches and guests for all sessions. It is recommended that match boxes be allocated at opposite ends of the court.</p>		

8. Fitness Center

Access to a complimentary fitness center is required at all Tier levels, located within reasonable proximity to the site or the Tournament hotel. Fitness center should include a variety of cardiovascular equipment (bicycles, treadmills, stair-steppers) and strengthening equipment (free weights, nautilus and swiss balls), flexibility and relaxation area (stretching mats).

9. Food and Beverage Selections

Each Tournament must provide complimentary food and drinks, during playing hours until one hour after the last match, for all

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players (Main Draw and Qualifying) plus a minimum of one guest per player to be provided from the first day of the qualifying until the player is eliminated. If the Tournament hosts a night session, it is acceptable to provide complimentary food only to players scheduled for that night, as well as players involved in delayed day session matches. Bottled non-carbonated water must be provided at all times in the restaurant area, locker room, player lounge and on the practice and match courts. Player food should be prepared simply, with few sauces or spices. All food and beverages must be properly stored and maintained at an appropriate temperature, which complies with local health regulations. The following is a list of recommended food groups:

- a. Carbohydrates (60% of total calorie intake)
 - i. Breads and Starches
Assorted multi-grain breads and rolls, bagels, crackers, low-sugar cereals, pasta (with all sauces on the side), baked (white and sweet) potatoes (with selection of toppings) and rice (preferably brown or wild).
 - ii. Fruits and Vegetables
Assorted fresh fruit salad, dried fruits, whole fresh fruits, and fresh cut raw vegetables. Salad bar: tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce (variety), cucumbers, sprouts, mushrooms, carrots, peas, beans, etc. with oil and vinegar-based dressings on the side.
- b. Proteins (15% of total calorie intake)
Chicken (white meat), turkey (white meat), fish (assorted variety), soft low-fat cheeses, low fat cottage cheese, low-fat yogurt, hard-boiled eggs, tofu, non-fat milk. Additional recommendations are soymilk and assorted nuts.
- c. Beverages
Bottled, non-carbonated water, mineral water, fruit juices, Tour approved sports drink (in connection with the Tour's Anti-Doping Program) and a selection of coffees, teas, and soft drinks (decaffeinated preferred).
- d. Miscellaneous
 - i. Broth-based soups, e.g. minestrone, chicken noodle, vegetable.

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- ii. All sauces should be served on the side (in a warmer if necessary).
 - iii. Low-fat cooking methods should be used (baked, broiled, roasted, with limited butter and oils).
 - iv. Seasonings should be light; offer extra salt, pepper, garlic, etc. on the side.
- e. Daily Meal Planning
- i. When providing meals, a variety of food choices are preferred on a daily basis.
 - ii. In addition to daily meals, snacks should be provided throughout the day and evening (e.g. fruits, breads and rolls, cheeses, yogurts, nuts, crackers and raisins, Tour approved Energy Bar [in connection with the Tour's Anti-Doping Program], etc.).
 - iii. If morning practices and matches are played, breakfast items should also be available (e.g. cold cereals, bagels and breads, yogurt, fruit.).
 - iv. Suggested lunch and dinner menus should include Carbohydrates (bread/pasta/potatoes/rice) and at least two protein selections (one chicken and the other fish, meat, turkey or tofu).
 - v. Practice hours and match schedule will determine when meals and/or snacks are served. Allow for during playing hours, and up to 1 hour after match play has been completed.
- f. Each Tournament may contact the WTA Tour Sport Sciences and Medicine Department for menu recommendations and/or review.

10. Hotel Rooms / Per Diem - Player

- a. Each player shall be entitled to a single room (or the cost of a single room) including room taxes, at the official hotel/s under the per diem rule and the player may designate a family member, coach, trainer, or agent to stay in their per diem room.
- b. If a player does not make her hotel reservation by the deadline stated on the Tournament Fact sheet she is not guaranteed a room or any discounted rate. It is requested

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that WTA Tour Registered Coaches be offered the player rate at the official hotel (or alternate, if provided).

- c. Per diem nights will be counted from the day prior to the first day of the Tournament's Main Draw or the day that the player registers whichever is later. *

* In the case of a player's early elimination from the Tournament, complimentary rooms should be available two nights prior to the first day of main draw, to ensure the minimum nights' requirements may be met.

- d. A player is responsible for all hotel charges over and above those for the room rate and tax (single room or single room cost).
- e. Tournaments will establish an official hotel that meets the standard requirements of the WTA Tour. Hotels must be located in a secure and safe area. Motels or any accommodations that require entrance to rooms from the street or public outdoor walkways are not acceptable. Transport must be provided to and from the official hotel to the Tournament site.
- f. If the official hotel designated by the Tournament does not meet the standard requirements, the WTA Tour may request an upgrade in accommodations to a hotel of that rating. If the Tournament is unable or refuses to comply with this rule, then the WTA Tour may choose the \$150 per day per diem in lieu of hotel accommodations at the Tier I or II Tournaments for a player, who is entitled to a complimentary room.
- g. Each Tournament should use its best effort to arrange for discounted or complimentary accommodations. If the official hotel rate at Tier I & II Tournaments is higher than U.S. \$125.00 per day (\$100.00 at Tier III & IV Tournaments) then an alternative player hotel must be provided with a rate of \$125.00 per day (\$100.00 at Tier III & IV Tournaments) or less. The official hotel rates must be provided to all players and registered coaches. Rates should be available the day before Qualifying commences until the conclusion of the Tournament. The alternate hotel

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should be no more than 10-15 miles (or 10-15 minutes) from the Tournament site. Tournament transportation must be provided from the alternate hotel. Tournaments may apply to the Tour for relief from these hotel rate standards, which may be granted by the Tour on a case by case basis, depending upon local considerations which make compliance with such standards impractical and unrealistic.

- h. The WTA Tour Supervisor should be notified by the Tournament of all housing arrangements.
- i. WTA Tour player hotel room/per diem (singles and doubles) at back-to-back and combined events shall be consistent with the ATP per diem rules, except in the case where WTA Tour per diem is greater, in which case the WTA Tour per diem rule for singles shall apply.
- j. At Tournaments where hotel rooms/ per diem are provided for qualifying players, successful qualifiers shall be afforded the same accommodation as main draw, however nights used under the qualifying per diem shall count towards the minimum number of nights a player is entitled to under the main draw per diem rule.

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	Main Draw Singles	Main Draw Doubles
Tier I	Minimum of five (5) nights continuing through the night of player's last match. Maximum of seven (7) nights.	Minimum of four (4) nights continuing through the night of player's last match. Maximum of seven (7) nights.
Tier II	Minimum of four (4) nights continuing through the night of player's last match. Maximum of seven (7) nights.	Minimum of four (4) nights continuing through the night of player's last match. Maximum of seven (7) nights.
Tier III/ IV	Minimum of three (3) nights continuing through the night of player's last match. Maximum of seven (7) nights.	Minimum of three (3) nights continuing through the night of player's last match. Maximum of seven (7) nights.

11. Hotel Rooms - Staff

- a. Tournaments are required to provide two (2) complimentary hotel rooms for the WTA Staff plus a third room (if the Massage Therapy program is in place) for a WTA Tour Core Massage Therapist at the official hotel from at least the day before the Main Draw starts through the final day of the Tournament, to be allocated by the WTA Tour as communicated to the Tournament by the Tour Supervisor.
- b. Incidental expenses are the responsibility of the WTA Tour. Taxes are the responsibility of the Tournament.

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12. Lighting

a. Measurements

Lighting must be evenly distributed on the court with the minimum and recommended standards as stated in the following chart. Measurements should be taken approximately three (3) feet (0.914m) above the court. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure, upon final preparation of the tennis courts before the Tournament commences, that all court specifications, including lighting measurements, comply with the standards set forth on Page 351.

	Required	Recommended
LIGHT MEASUREMENTS		
LUX	807	1076
Foot Candles	75	100
	Averaged over 15 readings	
Ratio between Highest / Lowest Reading	1 x 2.0	1 x 1.5
LIGHT POLE HEIGHTS		
All courts		40 feet
or no lower than other non-show court lights at the facility		

The Supervisor has the authority to suspend play on any court if the intensity of illumination, in his/her judgment, is insufficient for professional tennis.

b. Second Court for Outdoor Night Matches

If an outdoor Tournament holds night sessions, a second match court with lighting that meets the Tour's standards will be required at all Tier levels.

13. Locker Room

- a. Each Tournament must provide a secure "Players Only" locker room facility adjacent to the Tournament site, suitable for women's use, to which only players and Tour staff will be admitted. The locker room must include changing and bathing rooms and afford privacy to the players. Toiletries should be provided, including dispensed

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soap and paper towel for sanitary purposes for players' use. Additionally, it is requested that shampoo, tampons and Kotex pads be provided for the players' use. The locker room must be kept clean and sanitary and towel bins must be provided. A female attendant must be in charge and there must be sufficient security to prevent unauthorized entry and to protect the players' personal belongings from the start of play until the completion of play. The locker rooms should have good ventilation and temperature control. Showers must have hot/cold water with appropriate reserves for players' use. Lockers or other similar storage units must be provided in order for the players to lock up and secure their belongings. Towel must be provided near the showers in the locker room.

- b. Tournaments should make best efforts to provide locker room facilities for both female and male coaches.

14. Media Facilities

All Tournaments and the Championships must provide adequate media facilities to include:

- a. Media working area.
- b. Separate interview room.
- c. Separate media lounge, where appropriate.

A telephone line and two (2) high speed internet lines access as well as access to a fax machine must be provided for the use of the Communications staff at all Tier I and II Tournaments and the Championships. At all Tier III Tournaments, a telephone line and one (1) high speed internet access line as well as access to a fax machine must be provided for the use of the Communications staff. All media facilities must be ready by 12.00 noon tournament local time, the Saturday prior to the Main Draw beginning.

For all Tier III & IV Tournaments it is recommended that adequate media facilities be provided including a media working area, separate interview room and a separate media lounge (where appropriate). A telephone line and modem line must be provided at Tier III Tournaments for the Communications Manager as well as access to a fax machine in the media work area.

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15. Net

The net, posts, cord, cable, strap, singles sticks and band must all be to the requirements of the Rules of Tennis. The net band shall be cloth or canvas (not plastic or vinyl), and the net shall extend to the ground. WTA Tour / sponsor net post signage must be erected consistent with the specifications provided by the Tour. There shall be no advertisement on the strap, band or singles sticks. Advertising is permitted on the net as long as it is placed on the part of the net that is within three (3) feet (.914 meters) from the center of the net posts and is produced in such a way that it does not interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions (as per the Rules of Tennis). This advertising may not contain white or yellow. (See also Net Post Signs, page 155)

16. Officials and Officiating

a. Referee

The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships and all Tier I and II Tournaments are required to appoint a Referee to work in conjunction with the WTA Tour Supervisor. Tier III & IV Tournaments are recommended to appoint a Referee.

The WTA Tour Supervisor may serve as the Tournament Referee, at Tournaments where there is no requirement for the Tournament to appoint a referee.

The Referee shall:

- i. Be fully conversant with the ITF Rules of Tennis, and the WTA Tour Rules and, together with the WTA Tour Supervisor, ensure that they are observed.
- ii. Be readily available to resolve any on-court dispute without delay, supervise Medical Time Outs and enforce the Code of Conduct.
- iii. In consultation with the WTA Tour Supervisor, decide if a court is fit for play.
- iv. Appoint and replace or reassign, when necessary, Chair Umpires, Line Umpires and Net Umpires. The appointing of these officials (but not their replacement) may be delegated to the Chief Umpire, but the Referee has final say on all assignments in consultation with the WTA Tour Supervisor.

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- v. Liaise with the Chief Umpire and decide on the competence of officials.
- vi. If necessary, conduct a clinic for local Chair Umpires and Line Umpires.
- vii. In the absence of the WTA Tour Supervisor, be responsible for all matters of tennis law. His/her decision is final. (Cross reference Supervisor - page 330)
- viii. Be familiar with the Code for Officials as set out on Page 354.

b. Chief Umpire

The Chief Umpire shall:

- i. Be conversant in the local language and in English.
- ii. In consultation with the Tournament Director have hired sufficient Chair Umpires and Line Umpires prior to the Tournament.
- iii. In consultation with the Referee, assign Chair Umpires, Line Umpires and Net Umpires.
- iv. Liaise with the Referee and decide on the competence of the Chair Umpires, Line Umpires and Net Umpires.
- v. Be familiar with the Code for Officials as set out on Page 354.

c. Chair Umpire

The Chair Umpire shall:

- i. Have available at all times the official ITF Rules of Tennis and the WTA Tour Rules.
- ii. Ensure that the rules are observed by the players, Line Umpires and Ball Persons. He / She must control the match in all respects. He/She can be overruled by the Referee only in matters of interpretation of law, not in matters of fact.
- iii. Keep the score and record before play begins when balls are to be changed.
- iv. Take charge of all Line Umpires.
- v. Take charge of all Ball Persons.
- vi. In the absence of a Net Umpire, be responsible for the calling of net cord service lets.
- vii. Ensure that play is continuous within the Rules; maintain the 90 and/or 120 second changeover, while having the authority to delay the resumption of play until the completion of the 90 and/or 120-second

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changeover during televised matches (when requested, the Chair Umpire shall hold players for 70 seconds during the 90 second changeover (or 100 seconds during the 120 second changeover) to help ensure resumption of play does not begin until the completion of the 90 (or 120) second changeover; maintain the 20 seconds between points with the authority to issue time violations if a player fails to play within 20 seconds because of unintentional crowd noise or authorized crowd movements; observe an approved warm-up rule.

- viii. Give the result of the match and make a report, which shall include time of commencement of play (when ball for first point of match is put into play) and of cessation of play, to the Referee immediately upon completion of the match.
- ix. If necessary overrule a line umpire and must do so when an obvious error has been made and must give a decision when a line umpire is unsighted. Provide a detailed report on any Code of Conduct penalty issued in connection with the relevant match/(es).

d. Line Umpires

i. Responsibilities

The responsibilities for Line Umpires shall be as follows:

- (a) Base, Side, Center Service and Service Line Umpires call “Out” and “Fault” for their respective lines.
- (b) Base, Side, and Center Service Line Umpires call “Foot Fault” on their respective lines.
- (c) The Net Umpire calls all “Net” balls and assists with measuring the net and ball changes.
- (d) To give the recognized safe signal to acknowledge that a ball is good.
- (e) To give the recognized unsighted hand signal when their view of the ball landing is obstructed.
- (f) To correct his/her call immediately on realizing they have made a mistake.
- (g) To report immediately to the Chair Umpire any breach of the WTA Tour Code of Conduct.
- (h) To defer questions from players to the Chair Umpire. A Line Umpire shall not enter into any discussions with players.

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Note: Line Umpires may not wear any white or yellow clothing or accessories.

ii. Numbers of Line Umpires per Match

It is recommended, where possible, the minimum number of Line Umpires per match should be seven (7). The Tournament is required to provide the following minimum number of Line Umpires per match:

	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III/IV
Qualifying	5	5	4
Main Draw Through QF	7	7	6
Main Draw SF & Finals	10*	10*	10*

* Nine (9) Line Umpires may be used at Tournaments using the Trinity Net System

e. Standards of Officiating

Following are the minimum recommended standards of Officiating, except that at the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, Tier I and Tier II Tournaments the minimum standards are required for each Tournament. All officials must be ITF certified and approved by the WTA Tour. The WTA Tour in agreement with the Tournament Directors will designate the Officials for all Tournaments. These designations will take into account requests, availability, location and itinerary of officials. If only one of the two positions, Certified Referee or Certified Chief of Umpires, is to be fulfilled at a Tier IV event then that position should be the position of Certified Referee.

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Tournament Category	Singles Draw Size	Referee	Chief of Umpires	Chair Umpire
Championships	16	1 ITF Gold Badge	1 ITF Certified	3 ITF Gold Badge
Tier I	28	1 ITF Gold Badge	1 ITF Certified	2 ITF Gold and 2 ITF Silver Badge
Tier I	56	1 ITF Gold Badge	1 ITF Certified	2 ITF Gold and 4 ITF Silver Badge
Tier I	96	1 ITF Gold Badge	1 ITF Certified	4 ITF Gold and 6 ITF Silver Badge
Tier II	28	1 ITF Gold Badge	1 ITF Certified	1 ITF Gold and 3 ITF Silver Badge
Tier II	48 / 56	1 ITF Gold Badge	1 ITF Certified	2 ITF Gold and 4 ITF Silver Badge
Tier III	30	1 ITF Silver Badge	1 ITF Certified	2 ITF Silver and 2 ITF Bronze Badge
Tier III	56	1 ITF Silver Badge	1 ITF Certified	4 ITF Silver and 2 ITF Bronze Badge
Tier IV	32	1 ITF Silver Badge	1 ITF Certified	1 ITF Silver, 1 ITF Bronze and 2 ITF White Badge

f. Chairs - Chair Umpire

The Chair Umpire's Chair is recommended to be a minimum of six (6) feet (1.82 meters) and a maximum of eight (8) feet (2.44 meters) in height. The chair shall be centered along an extension of the net approximately three (3) feet (0.9 meters) from the net post.

The Chair Umpire's microphone must have an on/off switch and must be easily adjustable and not hand held. The on-court announcer's microphone, if any, must also have an on/off switch.

For outdoor Tournaments there should be a sunshade available.

17. On-Court Supplies

Each court must have a cooler supplied with non-carbonated, bottled water, plastic bags and ice for players' medical needs at all times throughout play. It is recommended that these items are routinely checked and re-stocked prior to each match. It is

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recommended that Tour approved sports drinks (in connection with the Tour's Anti-Doping Program) are provided on-court. In extreme heat conditions, fans and buckets of ice water, with towels placed in bucket, are required to reduce players body temperature and implement safety precautions.

18. Parking

Each Tournament should provide a reserved parking area for the players convenient to the locker room.

19. Personnel

The Tournament shall provide the personnel necessary for the proper conduct of a Tennis Tournament.

20. Physician

The Tournament Director must appoint a Chief Tournament Physician in accordance with section XVIII.C.4.

21. Player Lounge

Each Tournament must provide a furnished players' lounge (i.e., sofas, tables). Snacks and beverages should be provided throughout the day and evening in a designated area for the players, such as the Player Restaurant, Players Lounge or Locker Room (see Daily Meal Planning, Page 309). It is recommended that magazines, newspapers and a television be provided in the players' lounge. It is also recommended that there be a telephone somewhere on-site (other than the WTA Tour telephone lines) which players can use to charge calls. A computer with access to the Internet for players' use must be provided at Tier I and II Tournaments and is strongly recommended at Tier III and IV Tournaments.

Recommended members of the International Tennis Writer's Association (ITWA) will be permitted access to WTA Tour players lounges at Tier I, II, and III events. Exceptions to this rule may be made at Tournaments where limited space or security concerns (general or specific to an individual) are present and those exceptions will be determined by the WTA Tour Staff and the Tournament Director. In some cases, access may be limited on a

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time basis or on a number basis, i.e. – a limited number of ITWA members in a player lounge at one time.

22. Player Services / Welcome Desk

A Player Services / Welcome Desk should be provided where players can seek assistance with practice court bookings and other general Tournament information (i.e. pick up meal tickets, tennis balls, match and guest tickets). All necessary Tournament telephone numbers and Tournament information should be provided for players prior to the start of Qualifying. The Tournament should provide an English-speaking representative to distribute the information and to host this area, when not in an English speaking country.

23. Player Treatment Area

(See page 334 for the requirements of the Player Treatment Area.)

24. Practice

- a. Each Tournament must provide practice facilities for players during the stated hours to be arranged with the WTA Tour Supervisor. Practice courts must be the same surface as used for matches and preferably should be on-site. (Cross-reference Court Specifications, page 305)
- b. Tournaments are strongly recommended to provide Tournament personnel to allocate and supervise practice bookings, working in liaison with the Tour Supervisor.
- c. Practice courts should have net straps and adequate running room surrounding the court.
- d. All practice courts at indoor events should be heated and ventilated.
- e. Off-site practice balls – (see Balls, section XVIII.A.4)

25. Scoreboards / Video Screens

Scoreboards must be provided on all match courts. The scoreboard will be placed at the corner or side of the court and must not obscure the playing visibility. The scoreboard must be a dark color.

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Scoreboards and video screens may be placed a minimum of 40 feet (12.12 meters) above the court surface, as long as it does not interfere with play and/or present a distraction to the players.

26. Scoring System

- a. All Singles (Main Draw and Qualifying) and Doubles (Main Draw and last round Qualifying) matches in all Tour Tournaments are to be the best of three (3) sets. The Tour has the right to authorize the use of alternative scoring systems at Tour Tournaments and to award appropriate rankings points. An eight (8) game Pro Set will be used in Doubles Qualifying, except in the Final Round, where a best of three (3) set match will be played, unless fewer than four (4) teams have competed in which case all Doubles Qualifying matches will be played using the eight (8) game Pro Set.
- b. The ITF Official tie-break system is to be used. If there is to be a variation of this, it must be approved by the WTA Tour. The organizing committee of each Grand Slam tournament will decide which scoring system will be used at each Grand Slam.
- c. There will be no rest period before the final set except when the Extreme Weather Condition Rule is in effect. (See Extreme Weather Condition Rule, section XVIII.C.6)
- d. The Rules of Tennis will apply in their entirety except where noted in these Rules.

27. Seating - Minimum

	Tier I/Champs	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV
Indoor	6000	3000	1500	1500
Outdoor	7000	3500	1500	1500

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28. Security

The WTA Tour has considered Tournament security issues and has determined that the Tournaments and players are the appropriate parties to bear the responsibility for Tournament security. Each Tournament shall be responsible for providing on-site security for players, Tournament staff, officials and spectators and shall, if requested, promptly provide the Tour with detailed information about security plans. Players shall cooperate with Tournament security measures.

29. Tour Office

- a. The WTA Tour Supervisor shall be provided with a private and secure office with a desk from which the Supervisor can base him/herself in order to carry out his/her duties. Players and associated people should be able to conveniently access the Supervisor and Tour Information in the Tour office. It is also a place for Officials and Tournament staff to meet, when necessary.
- b. Each Tournament must provide the WTA Tour Supervisor with a printer and three (3) telephone lines in the WTA Tour Office, one for the telephone and one for a fax machine and one for an Internet connection operational by noon tournament local time the day of Qualifying sign-in. The internet connection must be a high speed line unless approved in advance by the Tour Supervisor. It is requested that telephone and fax numbers be available at the time the Tournament Fact Sheet is published. Telephone and fax numbers must be available prior to the qualifying sign-in day. A photocopy machine should also be available in the Tour Office (or in a nearby convenient location). Two working positions must be prepared for the Tour Supervisors and /or the Player Relations representative if on-site.
- c. The Office should have adequate wall/table space or bulletin boards available for Tour Information and must have a Live Score Monitor/TV, or a radio system for court updates during play. A locking drawer or a cabinet should also be provided for the Supervisor's use and is required if the Tour Office is not private or secure.

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30. Internet Communication

In each instance in the rules where a high speed Internet connection is required, it shall consist of an always-on high speed internet connection with a recommended speed of 1Mb/sec or greater and a minimum acceptable speed of 512Kb/sec, unless otherwise approved by the Tour. User access via Ethernet or WiFi is recommended.

31. Tournament Director

The Tournament Director shall be approved in advance by the WTA Tour and shall be responsible for the overall conduct and organization of the Tournament and other such personnel as necessary for the proper conduct of a tennis Tournament including, but not limited to the Tournament Physician, Referee, Chief Umpire, Chair Umpires, Line Umpires and Ball Persons.

32. Towels and Sheets

Each Tournament must provide an adequate supply of bath-size absorbent (already washed) towels that will accommodate all locker room (shower) needs, Sport Sciences & Medicine Department staff (Primary Health Care Provider and Massage Therapist) and on court needs. Each Massage Therapist will require a minimum of 30 sheets and 30 towels per day.

33. Transport

Tournaments are required to provide transportation for players between the official hotel (and alternative hotel, if provided) and the Tournament site and practice facility on a regular basis, beginning the day before qualifying starts. It is requested that WTA Tour Registered Coaches are provided with transport to and from Tournament site from the official hotel (and alternative hotel, if provided) for purposes of practice and match, with or without the accompaniment of player. If housing is provided, the Tournament has the responsibility to advise players of the transportation available, if any. The WTA Tour Supervisor should be advised of any other available local transportation. It is recommended that all Tournaments arrange for a player discount with a local car rental agency.

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NOTE: Unless otherwise agreed upon by the WTA Tour, airport transportation must be provided to Qualifying and Main Draw players beginning the day before Qualifying starts (provided 24 hour notice is given to the Tournament) until the morning following the final day of the Tournament.

34. Walkie Talkies

Each Tournament must provide a walkie talkie for each Tour Supervisor, PHCP, Communications Manager, Referee, Chief Umpire, Tournament Physician and where possible, each match court. A separate channel is required for the collective use of the Tour Supervisor, officiating staff and PHCP to ensure direct and private communication for on-court matters among them.

35. Breach of Tournament Standards of Performance:

a. General

The provisions of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall be strictly applied by the Tour. Each Tour sanctioned Tournament must follow, abide by and conform to all Tour Tournament Requirements as set forth in the Tournament Standards of Performance unless otherwise approved in writing by the WTA Tour. Tournaments seeking an exemption from any of the Tournament Standards of Performance must request the exemption from the Tour at least six (6) months in advance of the Tournament. Exemption requests must be sent in writing to the Tour.

Breaches of the WTA Tour Tournament Standards of Performance and/or a Tournament's chronic unwillingness to make recommended changes and/or an apparent lack of ability to solve documented problems affecting the quality of the presentation of the Tournament may result in an investigation and hearing that could lead to a disciplinary fine and/or loss or change in a Tournament's status as provided herein.

b. Determination and Imposition of Penalty.

- i. The Tour's Standards of Performance Committee shall investigate all facts concerning any alleged violation of the Tournament Standards of Performance

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requirements and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the Tournament involved. The Tournament shall be given at least five (5) days to provide to the Standards of Performance Committee with such evidence, as the Tournament deems relevant to the investigation. The Standards of Performance Committee in consultation with the applicable Supervisor shall conduct the investigation. Upon the completion of its investigation, the Standards of Performance Committee shall determine the potential wrongfulness of the conduct of the Tournament involved and, if necessary, shall state in writing the facts as found by them, their conclusions and their recommendations regarding the penalty to be imposed on the Tournament. A copy of the decision of the Standards of Performance Committee shall promptly be delivered to the Tournament and to the CEO. In the event that the Standards of Performance Committee recommends imposing a fine on the Tournament, in order to be imposed, the amount and imposition of the fine shall be affirmed by the CEO, who, in his sole discretion, may affirm, reject or modify the recommended fine. The determination of the CEO shall be evidenced by a written decision, a copy of which shall be promptly delivered to the Tournament. Moreover, the CEO will cast any tie-breaking vote of the Standards of Performance Committee if necessary.

- ii. All fines for breaches of the Tournament Standards of Performance Requirement shall be paid by the Tournament to the Tour by delivery, to the attention of the Vice President of Business Affairs, within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of written notice thereof.
- iii. Violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance requirements may subject a Tournament to one or more of the following: a warning, being placed on "Probationary" status, a fine of up to \$50,000, loss or change in membership status, forfeiture of all sums, if any, paid to the Tour and/or any other reasonable penalties as may be approved by the CEO.

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- iv. Subsequent violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance requirements by a Tournament previously placed on Probation may result in a revocation of its Tour Sanction in accordance with the procedures set forth in section b.vi. directly below and as permitted under section VIII.I of the WTA Tour Rules hereof.
 - v. In the event that the Standards of Performance Committee recommends that the penalty imposed on the Tournament should be the loss of the Sanction of the Tournament, such recommendation shall be reviewed by the Tour Board of Directors, prior to the imposition of the penalty and the Tour Board of Directors may affirm, modify or reverse the recommendation of the subcommittee.
- c. Review

Any Tournament found to have committed a breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance requirements may, after paying all fines as provided above, petition the CEO for discretionary review by the Tour Board of Directors (see Code of Conduct D.12.b of the determination of and the penalty imposed. This petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the CEO within twenty-one (21) days after notice of the penalty is received by the Tournament from the CEO or his designee. Such petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the petition, the CEO shall review such petition and shall determine in his sole discretion whether or not the Tour Board of Directors shall hear the appeal. In the event that the CEO determines that the Tour Board of Directors should consider the appeal, he shall designate a date, time and place for the hearing of such appeal by the Tour Board, if he deems appropriate, otherwise he shall provide the written petition to the Tour Board for its consideration and the CEO or his designee shall so notify the Tournament of the same. At such hearing, the Tournament and the Standards of Performance Committee shall present to the Tour Board their respective positions on the facts. On appeal, the Tour Board may affirm, reverse or modify the decisions of the subcommittee and the CEO.

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B. WTA TOUR REPRESENTATIVES

The WTA Tour may have representatives, including, but not limited to, a Tour Supervisor (Supervisor), a PHCP, a Massage Therapist, and Communications representative present at all times during a Tournament to ensure it is conducted pursuant to the terms of these Rules. The Rules of Tennis will be enforced on site by the Supervisor with any modifications previously approved by the WTA Tour.

1. Supervisor

- a. The Supervisor has final authority on-site. The Supervisor shall:
 - i. Know, understand and be conversant with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the WTA Tour Rules and in conjunction with or in the absence of the Referee, ensure that they are observed, as well as enforce the Code of Conduct. (Cross-reference Referee – page 317)
 - ii. Make the draws for all Tournaments in accordance with the Rules.
 - iii. Oversee the inspection of the facilities - All features of the facilities and the playing area, including lighting and the press facilities, shall be subject to inspection by the Supervisor and must be in operation by the morning of the commencement of Tournament play (which includes Qualifying), and the approval of the Supervisor or the Referee shall be a condition precedent to commencement of play.
 - iv. In consultation with the Tournament Director, liaise on television issues and scheduling, draw up a daily order of play by arranging the first matches on various courts at a specified time, and subsequent matches on a followed by basis.
 - v. In consultation with the Referee and the Tournament Director, determine the lowest tier of seats that surround the playing area at the courts in which spectators will be allowed to move freely during play.
 - vi. Determine and notify competitors of the conditions of play (number of balls, type of balls, type of surface, and other items of interest) prior to the commencement of the Tournament and/or Qualifying competition.

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- vii. Act as Practice Liaison. (Cross-reference Practice – page 323)
 - viii. Act as final arbiter in all on-site matters concerning the conduct of the Tournament, players and staff and shall be available to assist where an on-court dispute develops.
 - ix. Oversee arrangements for any Pro-Ams, exhibitions, clinics and practice court sign-ups.
 - x. In conjunction with the Tour Operations Department, notify the Tournament Director of changes to his or her player field for each Tournament.
- b. Whenever the Supervisor is not available for a particular WTA Tour Tournament, the duties above will be assigned to the WTA Tour Representative or the designated WTA Tour Tournament Referee.
- c. The Supervisor may serve as Tournament Referee at Tournaments where there is no requirement for the Tournament to appoint a referee. (Cross reference Referees – page 317)

2. Primary Health Care Provider / Massage Therapist

The WTA Tour will provide a Primary Health Care Provider for the Qualifying, Main Draw singles, doubles and mixed doubles of all Tournaments. The PHCP is a licensed Physical Therapist and a Certified Athletic Trainer (or the international equivalent) who specializes in sports medicine. The PHCP will provide on-site medical/health care services for the players beginning one hour before match play each day until the completion of all matches, with the assistance of the local Tournament Physician. Players are treated on a first-come, first served basis, with priority given to players getting ready for matches. The PHCP and the local Physician will be available after hours for emergency care, throughout the Tournament.

The WTA Tour will provide one (1) licensed and formally trained Massage Therapist for the Qualifying and Main Draws of all Tier I and Tier I Tournaments and at designated Tier III & IV Tournaments. At Tier III Tournaments not assigned a WTA Tour Core Massage Therapist, the WTA Tour will provide a licensed and formally trained local Massage Therapist for the Qualifying and Main Draws. Tier IV

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Tournaments must provide a local English speaking Massage Therapist who is formally trained with a minimum of two (2) years experience in sports massage. All Massage Therapists must be available throughout match play each day to provide massage therapy services to the players on a daily sign-up basis. All documentation for massage therapy shall be written in English and provided to the Sport Sciences and Medicine Department upon completion of the Tournament.

3. Communications Manager

The WTA Tour will provide Communications staff for the Main Draw of all Tier I and II Tournaments, and certain Tier III Tournaments.

On site, the Communications staff will escort players to post-match interviews, provide local media with information on the WTA Tour and its players, including player bios, current rankings and statistics, arrange one-on-one interviews, compile and distribute match notes, send out results via fax-on-demand and e-mail to the Tour's international list, and coordinate player appearances at sponsor and Tournament functions as outlined under the Tour's Diamond ACES Policy. No later than six (6) weeks prior to the Tournament, the Communications Manager will be responsible for approving the Mandatory Party, Pro-Am and Clinics, and the Draw Ceremony in cooperation with the Supervisor.

4. Player Relations

The WTA Tour will provide Player Relations staff at various Tier Level Tournaments throughout the calendar year.

Player Relations serve as the on-site communications liaison with the players, educating them on Tour, player and administrative issues. Player Relations staff assist the Supervisor with on-site operations functions at the Tournaments and provide feedback from the players to the Tour administration and staff.

5. Professional Development Representative

The WTA Tour will provide Professional Development staff at various Tier Level Tournaments throughout the calendar year.

Professional Development representatives serve as on-site facilitators of the programs of the Professional Development Department. These programs enhance the development of

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professional skills and educate the WTA Tour players and their support teams (parent, agent, coach, mentor) about all aspects of WTA Tour life. Professional Development representatives on-site provide guidance and assistance to all levels of WTA Tour players to enable them to develop professional skills & coping mechanisms in order that they can fully participate in all their professional responsibilities. The programs of the Professional Development Department include the following: the Age Eligibility Rule, Orientation sessions for player, coaches, parents, agents and mentors, Mentor/Protégé functions, Athlete Assistance, Media Training, Coach Registration activities, Career Development and any other on-site educational activities such as interactive seminars and instructional training.

It is required that, if requested by the Tour, a private space, with a desk, three chairs, a phone line and a high speed internet connection be made available for the Professional Development staff members either near the WTA Tour office or in the player treatment area (e.g. discreet corner area of the player lounge). Any such request will be made with a minimum of three (3) months notice to the Tournament; specific locations will be recommended when possible.

C. MEDICAL SECTION

1. Mandatory Annual Medical

Each player participating in a WTA Tour Tournament must undergo an annual medical examination as specified by the WTA Tour. Medical and disability examinations will be at the expense of the player if the exam is not performed by the WTA Tour Sport Sciences & Medicine staff. The completed medical examination paperwork (provided by the Tour) must be submitted to the Sport Sciences & Medicine Department by March 31 of the current Tour Year. If the examination is not completed by the deadline, the player may be subject to a \$500 fine and if the player has purchased disability insurance from the WTA Tour, the player will not be eligible for disability coverage under the WTA Tour Plan. This and all medical information will be maintained in a secure and confidential file with the WTA Tour's Sport Sciences & Medicine Department.

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2. Player Treatment Area / Training Room

Each Tournament must provide a secure, private medical treatment area. The following size specifications are recommended based on draw sizes: 450 square feet (50 square meters) at 32/30 draw size Tournaments, 600 square feet (68 square meters) for 56/64 draw, 900 square feet (100 square meters) for 96 draw and 900 square feet (100 square meters) for 128 draw. This area should be easily accessible to the locker room and the match courts.

This area is for treatment of players only and must be large enough to accommodate the WTA Tour Sport Sciences & Medicine staff, and the massage therapist(s). This area should be easily accessible to the locker room and the match courts for the WTA Tour Sport Sciences & Medicine staff. A separate area for physician examinations should be provided, equipped with padded treatment table, desk and chair. Access to a telephone/fax machine is required for necessary confidential correspondence and consultations.

The Tournament must also supply one (1) padded treatment table per PHCP in good repair and sanitary condition (it is requested that at Grand Slams and at Tier I, II and III, that adjustable (electric or hydraulic) treatment tables are provided). At the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, one padded treatment table per PHCP at both the official hotel and on-site must be provided. A desk, tables or a counter top for medical supplies, chairs and/or rolling stools and a lockable cupboard must be provided. Additionally, it is recommended that a large mirror be available in the training room. An adequate supply of towels, sheets, ice and not-carbonated water must be provided to be used during medical treatments. Each Massage Therapist will also require a separate supply of towels (minimum of 30 per day) and a minimum of 30 sheets per day. In the massage therapy area, easy access to proper hand washing and toilet facilities is requested. A desk or lockage cupboard, waste bins, chairs for players and one rolling stool per Massage Therapist is requested. For all Tournaments the WTA Tour will provide Tour approved Massage Therapy lotion to be used by the Massage Therapist/s in order to be compliant with the Tennis Anti-Doping program. The treatment room should have good ventilation and temperature control as well as a sink for sanitary purposes. A two-way radio with adequate reception is required for each PHCP and for the Tournament Physician. It is requested that

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a live TV score monitor or a radio system be provided for court updates during match play. The Tournament must also provide the PHCP with a secure long distance phone line for emergency purposes and a high speed internet connection (preferably in the Training Room and Massage Room; however, if the Training Room and Massage Room are in the same proximate area, one internet connection can be shared). It is recommended that Tournaments provide metal waste bins with lids and be pedal controlled in order to reduce the handling of infected waste. Additionally, dispensed soap and paper towels are needed in the training room for proper hand washing. These requirements must be operable and ready by 12.00 noon tournament local time the day of Qualifying sign-in (day before Qualifying matches begin).

Treatment in the official WTA Tour locker room or player treatment area / training room will only be given by the WTA Tour approved personnel.

Where space is available at Tier I and II Tournaments a private room/area with a partition and treatment table should be provided for players to receive treatment from their personal health care providers and fitness professionals. The room/area should be accessible and professional (i.e., not under stairwells, player lounges, hallways, general gym areas, Tournament staff areas). This area should be set up by the first day of qualifying.

Locker room and training room areas must be accessible to players and WTA Tour personnel and the massage therapist(s) only. Security must be provided at all times, from qualifying through to the completion of the Tournament, outside the training room and locker room. The training room should be locked or secured when the Tournament is not in session. No animals are permitted in the Player Treatment Area, Training Room, or Locker Room.

3. Treatment On-Court

Only WTA Tour approved personnel are permitted to provide treatment on-court. Unauthorized personnel shall not be allowed on court during a match, Medical Time Out, or when a player is being treated by a PHCP and/or Tournament Physician.

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4. Physician

The Tournament Director must appoint a Chief Tournament Physician to coordinate the local medical team. There should be no more than two (2) assistant physicians. The Tournament Physician may assist in providing medical care for spectators and Tournament staff; however the priority will be to care for the WTA Tour Players. Therefore, it is recommended that separate medical staff, such as first aid or paramedics, be appointed to care for spectators and Tournament staff. It is required that all Tournament Physicians participate in a pre-tournament telephone orientation with the Manager, Sport Sciences and Medicine Department at least 2 weeks prior to the start of an event. Tournament Physicians are required to submit a copy of licensure for their jurisdiction and professional liability insurance coverage prior to the start of the event. During the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships, an Internal Medicine/Primary Care Physician and an Orthopedic Surgeon must be appointed to provide medical coverage for the entire Tournament. The Tournament Physician must be available on-call after hours in case of emergency. The Tournament Physician shall be on-site at all times during play for both Qualifying and Main Draw matches at all Tier level Tournaments. A Tournament Physician must be on-site thirty (30) minutes before matches begin however it is recommended that the Physician is on-site one hour before matches begin.

The Tournament Physician must specialize in orthopedic, internal medicine or primary care sports medicine, and have specialized knowledge in sports medicine and tennis and should have a local referral list of other medical specialists available during the Tournament. The Tournament Physician must be prepared to perform the required duties established by the WTA Tour and will be evaluated by the WTA Tour's Vice President of Sport Sciences and Medicine and Professional Development Department and the Medical Advisor. The Tournament Physician must be fluent in both English and the local language. The Tournament Physician must have the standard medical supplies and equipment that are required by the Sports Science & Medicine Department and communicated to the Tournament Physician in advance of the Tournament. All medical supplies must be within their expiration date. Medical procedures undertaken by the Tournament Physician must comply with the Tennis Anti-doping Program. The Tournament Physician will be required to submit Tournament

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Physician evaluation and treatment documentation, in English, upon completion of each day to the PHCP. Additionally, all off site testing or treatment procedure documentation referred by the Tournament Physician must be submitted to the PHCP upon completion of the Tournament. Treatment provided by the Tournament Physician to the players on-site must be free of charge. Players are responsible for the payment of off-site treatment, medical testing or prescriptions, if they are necessary.

5. Medical Conditions

a. Medical Time-Out

In the event that a player sustains a medical condition during the match or warm-up or she believes that a medical evaluation and treatment are required for a medical condition, the player may request through the Chair Umpire to see the PHCP. The PHCP may authorize a one-time three (3) minute medical time-out for that condition. The player may make this request at any time during a match or warm-up.

Medical evaluation and treatment of a player's condition will be made only by the PHCP. At the request of the PHCP, the Tournament Physician may assist in the evaluation and treatment. The time-out begins after the completion of the evaluation of the medical condition by the PHCP and, if required, the Tournament Physician.

At the discretion of the PHCP and, if required, the Tournament Physician, the evaluation and/or treatment can take place off-court.

The PHCP may treat heat related physical conditions if determined to be appropriate. However, a player will be allowed only one medical time-out per match for any and all cramping conditions.

b. Medical Treatment

A player may, within any ninety (90) second changeover or one hundred twenty (120) second set break, receive on-court medical evaluation, treatment and supplies from the PHCP (who may request assistance from the Tournament

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Physician). The player must make this request to the Chair Umpire.

As a guideline, this medical treatment should not exceed two changeovers, which need not necessarily be consecutive.

c. Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

Players may not receive treatment at any time during a match (including the warm-up) for the following conditions:

- i. Any illness or medical condition, as determined by the PHCP, that cannot be appropriately treated or will not be improved by medical treatment available;
- ii. Pre-existing conditions not aggravated during play;
- iii. General player fatigue; or
- iv. Any condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetics with prior medical certification who may be allowed to use devices off-court to check blood sugar and administer subcutaneous injections of insulin if needed. Written medical certification must be obtained from a primary care physician or endocrinologist; must document medical necessity for insulin use and must be submitted in writing to the Anti-Doping Program Administrator.

d. Time-out Procedures

i. During the Warm-up

If a player sustains a medical condition during the warm-up that prevents the player from starting the match as scheduled, the player can receive either a medical time-out or a ninety (90) second treatment period at the end of the warm-up prior to the start of the match. If it is clear that a player is not physically able to compete after receiving a medical time-out or treatment, then the match should not begin. Any medical condition incurred during the warm-up shall be deemed to be a pre-existing condition once the match begins.

ii. During the Match

A player may make the request and receive a medical time-out either: immediately, or on the next change of

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ends, or at the set break (in such case, the time-out is in addition to the time allowed for that change of ends or set break), or when the PHCP arrives, evaluates and is prepared to give treatment. If play is stopped until the PHCP arrives, then when treatment or consultation is completed (prior to the completion of the time-out), play will resume immediately except in the case of a re-warm-up.

In addition, the Chair Umpire may stop play and call for the PHCP and/or Tournament Physician, who may advise that continued play is detrimental to the player's health. In that case, the Supervisor/Referee may retire the player from the match.

e. Penalty

After completion of a medical treatment or as a result of the medical treatment not being complete within the three (3) minute medical time-out, any delay shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. No monetary fine will be issued, unless it is interpreted by the Referee/Supervisor as gamesmanship.

f. Physical Incapacity

Where, because of player injury or illness, the quality of a scheduled Tournament match is jeopardized to the extent that the Supervisor/Referee believes it would not be in the best interest of professional tennis for the match to be played, the Supervisor/Referee has the authority to rule a player ineligible to compete. The Supervisor/Referee shall use this power with great discretion and shall seek medical advice from the Tournament Physician and the PHCP and shall seek any other appropriate information in all such cases. Pursuant thereto, it is the responsibility of each Tournament to have a Tournament Physician available on-site at all times.

(Cross-reference Physician – page 322)

6. Extreme Weather Condition

a. Extreme Weather Conditions

Extreme weather conditions shall be defined at such time that heat stress, as measured by a Heat Stress Monitor,

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meets or exceeds a heat stress index of 28 degrees Celsius/82 degrees Fahrenheit. If a Heat Stress Monitor is not available, extreme weather conditions are then defined by the danger zone, which is equal to or above the apparent temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit, illustrated on the chart below. Heat stress is measured by Wet Bulb Global Temperature (WBGT) which is calculated as $(0.7 \text{ Wet Bulb} + 0.2 \text{ Global Temperature} + 0.1 \text{ Dry Bulb} = \text{WBGT})$.

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Apparent Temperature											
	Air Temperature (° F)										
RELATIVE HUMIDITY %	70°	75°	80°	85°	90°	95°	100°	105°	110°	115°	120°
0%	64	69	73	78	83	87	91	95	99	103	107
10%	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	111	116
20%	66	72	77	82	87	93	99	105	112	120	130
30%	67	73	78	84	90	96	104	113	123	135	148
40%	68	74	79	86	93	101	110	123	137	151	
50%	69	75	81	88	96	107	120	133	150		
60%	70	76	82	90	100	114	132	149			
70%	70	77	85	93	106	124	144				
80%	71	78	86	97	113	136					
90%	71	79	88	102	122						
100%	72	80	91	108							

The PHCP and the Supervisor have the authority to determine if the Extreme Weather Condition rule will go into effect during a Tournament. If it is so determined, a ten (10) minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets. There may also be a delay in the starting time of the matches scheduled for play that day. When possible, this decision to delay the start of matches due to Extreme Weather Conditions should be made prior to the scheduled start of play.

b. Measurement and Monitoring of Weather Conditions

The PHCP will monitor weather conditions by taking measurements a minimum of three (3) times and a maximum of five (5) times during the day. The readings will

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be determined prior to the start of play, by the PHCP and the Tour Supervisor and will be posted in the Supervisor's office.

The minimum of three readings will be taken:

- (1) ½ hour before match play begins for the day;
- (2) middle of the scheduled day;
- (3) prior to beginning of the last match of the day or prior to the start of the first night session match.

c. Implementation of the Rule

In the event that during the day there is a change in weather conditions as determined by this periodic monitoring, the Extreme Weather Condition Rule can be put into effect at any time on all courts, including matches already in progress. Once notified that the Extreme Weather Condition Rule is in effect, the Chair Umpire must inform the Players at the next Change Over. If there is a sudden change in weather conditions and the Rule is lifted, those matches already in progress will continue under the Extreme Weather Condition Rule. In the case of rain or interruption to play, the Supervisor and PHCP can reassess the Extreme Weather Condition Rule.

d. Conditions of the 10-Minute Break

If it is a mutual agreement between the players not to take a ten (10) minute break, then play will continue. However, if one player requests it, the official ten-minute break will be taken.

During the ten-minute break, no coaching or treatment will be allowed with the exception of an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or advice from the PHCP. However, the Referee/Tour Supervisor in their discretion may approve a MTO during the Extreme Weather Condition break.

Following the ten (10) minute break, no re-warm-up will be allowed. This rule applies in addition to the two (2) bathroom and/or change of attire breaks allowed during the match.

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A player may not take a 10-minute break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the Referee/Tour Supervisor.

e. Penalties

After completion of the Extreme Weather Conditions ten (10) minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets, any delay in returning to the court shall subject a player to Time Violations.

7. Medical Withdrawals

(See Withdrawals – page 60.)

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8. MEDICAL PROCEDURES

a. Medical Time-Out (MTO)

In the event that a player sustains a medical condition during the match or warm-up, or she believes that medical evaluation and treatment are required for a medical condition, the player may request, through the Chair Umpire only, to see the WTA Tour Primary Health Care Provider. The PHCP may authorize a one-time three (3) minute MTO for that condition. The player may make this request at any time during the match or warm-up.

Should the player decline the MTO immediately following the evaluation, the MTO for this medical condition will be forfeited for the remainder of this match. However, the PHCP will be allowed to treat the player on two (2) additional changeovers, not necessarily consecutive, for this medical condition.

Medical evaluation and treatment of a player's condition will be made only by the PHCP. At the request of the PHCP, the Tournament Physician may assist in the evaluation and treatment. The MTO begins after the completion of the evaluation and diagnosis of medical condition by the PHCP and, if required, the Tournament Physician.

Evaluations by the PHCP shall be of reasonable time (recommended not to exceed three (3) minutes). Should a further evaluation be required by the Tournament Physician, this shall be a separate evaluation, also of reasonable time.

The MTO will not exceed three (3) minutes and be timed from when the PHCP is ready to commence treatment. For reasons of privacy and modesty, evaluations and MTO's may be taken off-court in the most private location nearest the court. The Chair Umpire and/or Supervisor shall be responsible for notifying the PHCP of time remaining. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute off-court treatment, the player will immediately return to the court.

A player will be allowed a maximum of two (2) consecutive MTO's if more than one injury is sustained at the same time.

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The PHCP may treat heat related physical conditions if determined to be appropriate. However, a player will be allowed only one MTO per match for any and all cramping conditions.

When a player calls the PHCP to court due to illness, the PHCP will determine if a MTO is necessary. If after evaluation the PHCP determines that the MTO is not necessary, the PHCP will be allowed to provide WTA Tour-approved medication following the evaluation. If necessary, the PHCP may treat the player for this medical condition for a further two changeovers which need not be consecutive.

b. Medical Treatment

A player may receive on-court medical evaluation, treatment and supplies from the PHCP (who may request assistance from the Tournament Physician) within any ninety (90) second changeover or one hundred and twenty (120) second set break. On court medical evaluation, treatment or supplies shall include: adjustment of medical support or tape, providing Tour approved sports drinks or Tour approved medication or supplies for contact lenses. All requests must be made through the Chair Umpire. This treatment should not exceed two changeovers, which need not be consecutive. During a warm-up if adjustment of medical equipment is necessary it must be done after "Time" is called.

A pre-existing condition (an injury/illness which occurs prior to the match or during the warm-up) may only be treated on a changeover or set break. Should a pre-existing condition be aggravated (not necessarily witnessed by the Chair Umpire) during the match, the player may request and receive a MTO for that condition.

Any non-medical equipment (i.e. Hair accessories, food, drinks etc) requested by a player while on court must be given to an on-court official to be delivered to the player.

Diabetics with prior medical written certification obtained from a primary care physician or endocrinologist and submitted to the Anti-Doping Program Administrator, may be allowed to use devices off-court to check blood sugar during the reasonable time evaluation period, and administer subcutaneous injections of insulin (if needed) during the MTO.

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c. Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

Players may not receive treatment at any time during the match (or warm-up) for the following conditions:

- i. Any illness or medical condition, as determined by the PHCP, that cannot be appropriately treated or will not be improved by medical treatment available.
- ii. Pre-existing conditions not aggravated during play.
- iii. General player fatigue; or
- iv. Any condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetics as stated above.

d. Medical Time-Out Procedures

All requests for Medical Evaluation and/or Treatment must be made through the Chair Umpire. The Supervisor (or Referee) should go to the court for all PHCP requests. The PHCP will begin the evaluation when he/she arrives on court and commences communication with the player.

Once a player has requested to see the PHCP, the Chair Umpire may ask the player if she is able to continue playing, however the player is under no obligation to do so.

The player has the option to:

1. Continue play until the PHCP arrives on court
2. Stop play and wait until the PHCP arrives
3. Wait until the next changeover to see the PHCP

During the warm-up

If a player sustains a medical condition during the warm-up that prevents the player from starting the match as scheduled, the player can receive either a MTO or ninety (90) second treatment period at the end of the warm-up, prior to the start of the match. If it is clear that the player is not physically able to compete after receiving treatment, then the match should not begin. Any medical condition incurred during the warm-up shall be deemed to be pre-existing once the match begins. If the MTO is taken during the warm-up, the 5-minute warm-up shall be suspended until the conclusion of the MTO.

During the match

- The Chair Umpire shall begin to time the evaluation once the PHCP commences communication with the player.

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- If the evaluation takes less than three (3) minutes, the PHCP will inform the Chair Umpire when treatment is to begin.
- If evaluation takes place on a changeover, prior to “Time” being called, the Chair Umpire will ask the PHCP if they are continuing the evaluation. The PHCP will indicate:
 - (1) If yes, the PHCP will clearly state if they are continuing the evaluation, or if they are starting the MTO.
 - (2) If no, the Chair Umpire will call “Time” at 60 seconds (changeover) or 90 seconds (set break). Once “Time” is called, the player has 30 seconds in which to resume play.
- At the commencement of the MTO the Chair Umpire will announce publicly “Miss/Mrs. will be taking a Medical Time-Out” and start timing.
- The Chair Umpire will announce to the players and PHCP the following:
 - “Two minutes remaining”
 - “One minute remaining”
 - “30 seconds remaining”
 - “Time” (Publicly)
- Should the MTO take less than the permitted 3 minutes, the PHCP shall inform the Chair Umpire when treatment has finished and the Chair Umpire shall announce: “Treatment complete, Time”
- When treatment takes the full 3 minutes the Chair Umpire shall announce “Treatment Complete, Time”. After announcing “treatment complete”, if needed the player should be given the time necessary to put her socks and shoes on before “Time” is called.
- If a player is unable to play after 30 seconds, then the player will be subject to a Code Violation (in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule).
- At the conclusion of the MTO, the PHCP shall leave the court. The player may receive further treatment on two changeovers, which need not be consecutive, for each MTO taken.
- When a PHCP is called to court at a changeover, the Chair Umpire shall notify the PHCP and Supervisor (or Referee) of a player’s request to see the PHCP and time the changeover (or set break) as the usual 90 (or 120) seconds.

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- If the PHCP completes the evaluation before “Time” has been called on a changeover (or set break) the PHCP may begin the MTO with the remaining time of the changeover being added to the 3 minutes for the MTO.
- Should a player require 2 consecutive MTO’s, the PHCP shall advise the Chair Umpire who will count down the MTO’s separately, making appropriate announcements for the commencement of each MTO. (e.g. “Miss/Mrs.... is taking a second MTO).

If during an on-court evaluation or MTO the PHCP deems it medically-warranted for the player to change her shirt, the PHCP could include this during the MTO (performed off-court at closest/most private location) otherwise shirt change may only be taken at the end of a set.

In the event there are simultaneous court calls, the PHCP will go to the first request unless otherwise advised of a medical emergency.

If there are two court calls on the same court:

- i. the PHCP will go to the first request or medical emergency, administer a complete evaluation and MTO, if indicated: then
- ii. go to the second request and administer a complete evaluation and MTO, if indicated.
- iii. PHCP will rotate treatments on the change of ends, if necessary, beginning with the player who had the first request until the process is complete.

The Chair Umpire will suspend play and call for the WTA Tour PHCP when there are Biohazardous Materials (blood or vomit) present on the court. Play is suspended until the court is cleaned by the appropriate Tournament Personnel, with proper disposal of Biohazardous Materials, and until bleeding is controlled. If within ten (10) minutes of the PHCP being called to court, the bleeding is not controlled; the PHCP may advise that continued play is detrimental to the player’s health. In that case, the Supervisor/Referee may retire the player from the match.

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e. Physical Incapacity

The Chair Umpire may stop play and call for the PHCP and Supervisor, if it is determined that continuing play without medical treatment could be physically detrimental to the player's health.

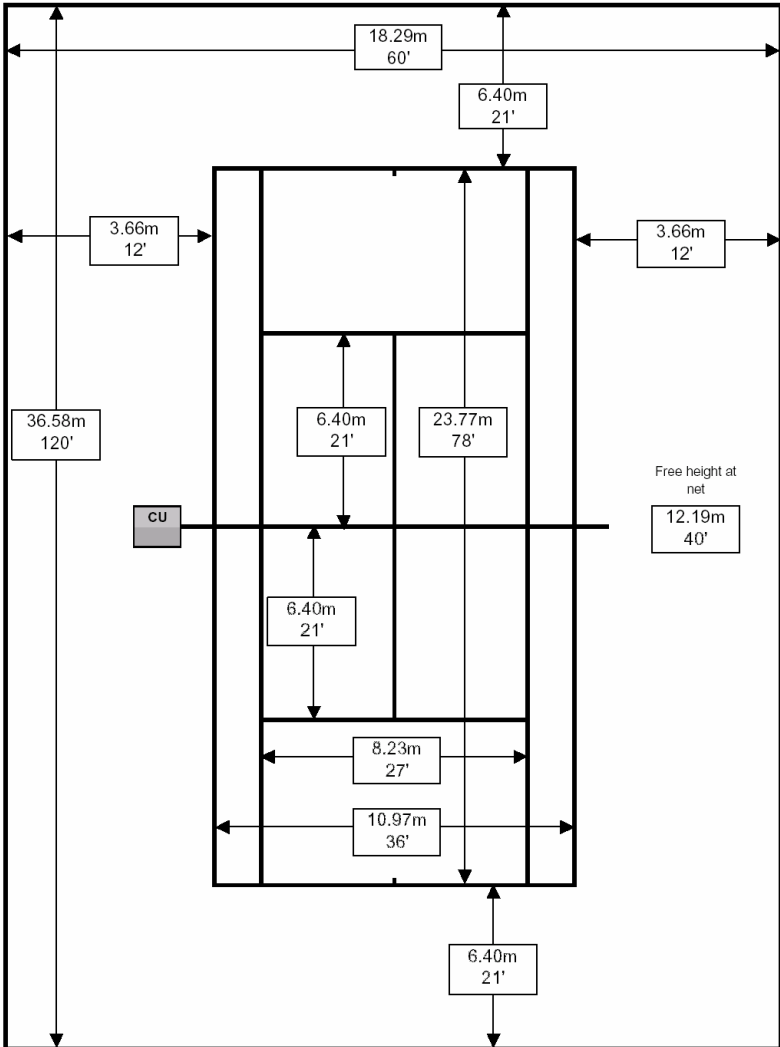
The Supervisor / Referee in consultation with the PHCP / Tournament Physician may retire a player from a match or determine that a match should not begin, if upon evaluation by the PHCP/Physician it is determined that starting or continuing a match would be unprofessional or would put the player's health at extreme risk. If the Supervisor believes it is not in the best interest of professional tennis for the match to be continued or played, the Supervisor has the authority to rule a player ineligible to compete. The Supervisor shall use this power with great discretion and shall seek any other appropriate information in all such cases. Pursuant thereto, it is the responsibility of each Tournament to have a Tournament Physician available on-site at all times.

f. Consecutive Breaks

A Bathroom/Change of Attire break and Extreme Weather Condition ten-minute break may not be taken consecutively. A player may not receive a Medical Time-out after an Extreme Weather condition break, unless approved by the Referee/Tour Supervisor.

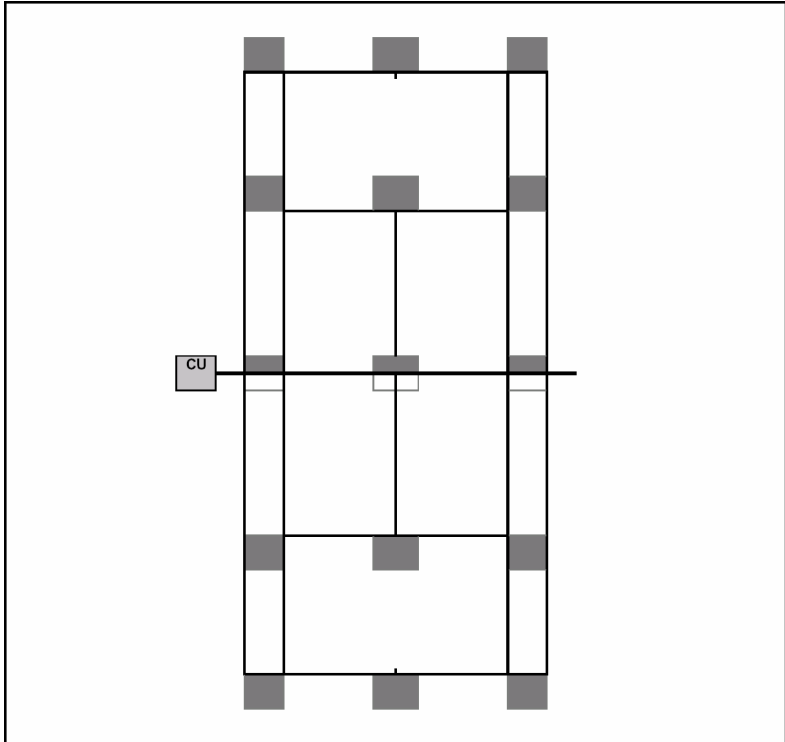
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D. COURT MEASUREMENTS



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E. LIGHT MEASUREMENTS



AVERAGE AND RATIO	Lux	Ft Cd	Fulfilment of Rules
Average, 15 readings:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Average, Required minimum:	807	75	
Average, Recommended minimum:	1076	100	
Ratio between highest/lowest reading:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Ratio, Required maximum:	2.0		
Ratio, Recommended maximum:	1.5		

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F. WTA TOUR TELEVISION STANDARDS

1. Host Broadcaster's Responsibilities

Each Tournament must incorporate the following terms within their Host Broadcaster contract.

a. Host Broadcaster and all International Broadcasters must graphically identify the broadcast with the WTA Tour's logo at the commencement of each broadcast and during the broadcast no less than once a set, each occurrence lasting no less than five (5) seconds, so as to make clear that the Tournament being played is an official WTA event.

b. Host Broadcaster must supply WTA Tour, or a WTA Tour designee with two international dirty Beta SP or Digi Beta tapes (which ever format is requested by the WTA) of no less than both semi final matches and the final match. Recordings must be available to the WTA Supervisor or a WTA Communication Manager on-site immediately after signing off-the-air or sent to a WTA office promptly after the Tournament.

c. All Tournament agreements with Host Broadcasters must comply with, and shall be subject to, all WTA Tour Rules as amended from time to time.

2. Technical Requirements

Each Tournament must incorporate the following technical terms within their Host Broadcaster contract. These conditions represent the minimum technical standards necessary to produce a quality broadcast.

3. Cameras

No less than five (5) cameras must be used on stadium court (and no less than three [3] cameras on other courts) for an acceptable tennis broadcast.

Camera 1: Tripod camera high up in the stands (Center Court line).

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Camera 2: Tripod camera approximately three (3) rows lower than Camera 1 (Center Court line). (Example 1)

Cameras 3 and 4: Camera objective lens height approximately 1.00 m (see attached charts for camera positions). Used for player close-ups for cutting into coverage and isos. These cameras may be positioned on the same or opposite side from where the players sit down.

Camera 5: Low angle camera on court behind the baseline usually aligned with sideline (see attached chart, Camera 5c).(Example 2)

Note:

Cameras 1, 2, 3, and 4 need to be on secure tripods with fully rotating camera mounts, and remotely controlled irises.

Lenses

Lenses for Camera 1 should be 18:1. Lenses for Cameras 2, 3, and 4 should be 50:1.

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G. CODE FOR OFFICIALS

The ITF, ATP and WTA Tour require a high standard of professionalism from all certified officials and other officials working at ITF, ATP and WTA Tour events. These standards are as follows:

1. Officials must be in good physical condition.
2. Officials must have natural or corrected vision of 20-20 and normal hearing. In addition, International Chair Umpires must submit an eye test form each year to ITF Officiating and all certified officials must submit an eye test form every two years to ITF Officiating.
3. Officials must be on time for all matches assigned to them.
4. Officials must understand the Rules of Tennis, the Duties and Procedures for Officials and all ITF, ATP and WTA Tour Tournament Regulations and Codes of Conduct for events at which they are officiating.
5. Officials should maintain personal hygiene and should maintain a professional appearance at all times.
6. Officials must not drink any alcoholic drinks before any match on the day they are to officiate, or at any time on-site while play is in progress, or while in uniform. As a guideline, officials should not drink alcoholic drinks for 12 hours before officiating.
7. Officials must maintain complete impartiality with respect to all players at all times. An official must not officiate in any match in which he/she has a relationship with one of the players that might be considered a conflict of interest. The perception of a conflict shall render an official unsuitable for such an assignment.

Officials shall not socialise with or become intimate with players, or enter into any relationship or take any action that casts doubt on his/her impartiality as a tennis official. However, officials are not prohibited from staying in the same hotels as players nor

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from attending social functions at which players may be present.

Certified officials must register any potential conflict of interest with ITF Officiating. This includes when a certified official is a professional tennis player, National Tennis Coach, a National Tennis Team Captain, a close friend, relative or coach of a professional tennis player. They should also register the fact that they work for a company that has a commercial interest in tennis, or as a Tournament Director/Organizer.

8. Officials must not criticize or attempt to explain calls or decisions by other officials to anyone other than to those officials directly, the Supervisor/Referee or the ITF, ATP and WTA Tour staff responsible for officiating.
9. Officials must not bet anything in any manner in connection with any tennis event. Officials must not induce or encourage any other person to gamble or enter into any other form of financial speculation on any match or occurrence at any tennis event. Officials must not receive any money, benefit or other reward (whether financial or otherwise) for the provision of any information concerning the weather, the players, the courts, the status of, or the outcome of, any match or occurrence at any tennis event.
10. Officials shall not have conversations with the crowd, except in the ordinary course of controlling the crowd during a match.
11. Officials must not participate in a media interview or meeting with a journalist where his/her statements relating to tennis officiating can be printed or broadcast without the approval of the Supervisor/Referee.
12. Officials must at all times conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner, giving due regard to the Supervisor/Referee, players, officials, Tournament personnel and public. International and White Badge Officials must also set a good example in their conduct to other officials.
13. Officials must make all tournament related requests to the Supervisor/Referee or Chief Umpire, rather than making requests directly to the Tournament Director or staff

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14. An official shall commit to each event he/she works until released by the Supervisor/Referee. If an official has accepted a tournament selection, he/she shall not withdraw from that tournament to officiate at another tournament at the same time, without the permission of the ITF, ATP or WTA Tour officiating representatives.

Violations of the Code for Officials must be reported by the Supervisor/Referee to the governing body of the tournament (ITF, ATP or WTA Tour). However, if a certified official commits such Violation, this must be reported immediately to the ITF, ATP and WTA Tour for the matter to be considered.

The Supervisor/Referee has the authority to release an official from a tournament for a violation of the Code for Officials, but where practical this decision should be taken together with the person responsible for officiating in the relevant organization (ITF, ATP or WTA Tour). A Supervisor/Referee may choose not to assign an official at a tournament until he/she has been able to contact the person responsible for officiating in the relevant organization.

An official who violates any of these required standards may have their certification withdrawn, or he/she may be suspended from officiating for a certain period, as decided by the ITF, ATP and WTA Tour officiating representatives.

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WTA TOUR MEMBERSHIP

1. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Full Membership - \$ 1,000: Any player who has earned a minimum of \$45,000 as her primary source of income derived from participation in WTA Tour Tournaments only (includes Grand Slams but not ITF Circuit Tournaments) in either one of the past two calendar years is eligible for full membership status. This membership entitles players to all the benefits and voting privileges available to Full Members of the WTA Tour and the Women's Tennis Benefit Association.

Associate Membership - \$ 500: Any player who has earned a minimum of \$ 500 from her participation in WTA Tour Tournaments in either one of the past two calendar years, or would have earned said sum amount except for her amateur status is eligible for Associate Membership status. This membership entitles players to all the benefits available to Associate Members of the WTA Tour and Women's Tennis Benefit Association.

Note: Associate Membership is not available to any player who qualifies for Full Membership.

2. Membership and Insurance Enrollment Period and Payment Options

Membership

All current Full and Associate Members must: pay for their Membership for the following Tour Year on-site at the US Open or with on-site Supervisor at a WTA Tour Tournament by the end of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships or return the completed and signed Membership Application Form plus payment to the WTA Tour Office in Florida, U.S.A. by December 15 prior to the start of the applicable Tour Year.

Any Associate Member who becomes eligible for Full Membership in the time period between the US Open and December 31 has until the end of her participation in the next Australian Open or her first

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WTA Tour Tournament of the next Tour Year to join as a Full Member.

New Associate Members who join at the US Open will be considered Members for the remainder of the current Tour Year and the entire next Tour Year.

New Associate Members may join at any time throughout the year by returning the completed and signed Membership Application Form plus payment to an on-site Supervisor or to the WTA Tour Office in Florida, U.S.A.

Any Associate Member who earns \$45,000 by June 12 will be eligible to pay the additional \$500 fee and upgrade to Full Member status for the remainder of such Tour Year and will then be eligible to receive all Full Member benefits for 2006.

*Any player who does not pay her Membership Dues and/or Insurance Fees by the December 15 deadline will be charged a \$100 late fee for each late payment.

Insurance

All Full and Associate Members of the WTA Tour and Women's Tennis Benefit Association have the option to purchase insurance (currently through Aetna Global PPO) as part of the membership benefit package. The insurance package for Full Members includes worldwide Medical, Dental, Vision and Disability* coverage and Full Members also have the option to purchase only Disability* Insurance. Players will need the Tour's Medical Examination form to be completed by the WTA Tour Sport Sciences & Medicine staff or personal physician by March 31 to qualify for Disability Coverage during the current calendar year. WTA Tour physicals will be offered at the Australian Open and the NASDAQ-100 Open (subject to change). The insurance package for Associate Members includes worldwide Medical, Dental and Vision coverage. Insurance coverage is for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

All current Full and Associate Members can purchase insurance on-site at the US Open or send the completed and signed Membership/Insurance Application Form plus payment to the WTA Tour Office in Florida, USA by December 15.

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Any Associate Member who becomes eligible for Full Membership in the time period between the US Open and December 31 has the option to purchase the Full Member Insurance Package at Full Member Rates (if the player has paid off the balance for her Full Membership).

* Any player who does not pay her Membership Dues and/or Insurance Fees by the December 15 deadline will be charged a \$100 late fee for each late payment.

3. Pension Plan Information

Qualifying for Pension Plan. A player must be a Full Member and have five (5) years of Vesting Service to begin receiving 100% of the money in her Pension Plan account when she turns 50 years of age.

Initial Eligibility. A Full Member is initially eligible for the Pension Plan if she has played at least twelve (12) singles (Main Draw or Qualifying) or ten (10) doubles (Main Draw or Qualifying, only if Qualifying counts for ranking points, excluding mixed doubles) at WTA Tour Tournaments (including Grand Slams) in one calendar year.

Vesting Service. After fulfilling her initial eligibility, in subsequent years, a Full Member may earn years of Vesting Service by competing in a minimum of six (6) singles (Main Draw or Qualifying) or five (5) doubles (Main Draw or Qualifying, only if Qualifying counts for ranking points, excluding mixed doubles) at WTA Tour Tournaments (including Grand Slams). Each year of Vesting Service counts toward the five (5) years of Vesting Service that are required to be eligible to begin receiving the money in her account when she turns 50 years of age.

Eligibility to Receive an Allocation from the Plan. Only Full Members who have competed in either twelve (12) singles (Main Draw or Qualifying) or ten (10) doubles (Main Draw or Qualifying, only if Qualifying counts for ranking points and excluding mixed doubles) at WTA Tour Tournaments (including Grand Slams) in one calendar year will be eligible to receive an allocation for the Pension Plan.

Allocation from Pension Plan. The amount of a player's Pension Plan allocation is based on the number of points she receives in

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each Year of Vesting Service. The player earns points at a rate of one (1) point for each WTA Tour Tournament (including Grand Slams) in which the player competed in the Main Draw, and a half-point (½) for each WTA Tour Tournament (including Grand Slams) in which the player competed only in the Qualifying event.

Maximum Allocation. The maximum amount of allocation points that can be earned in a Year are eighteen (18) for singles and fifteen (15) for doubles. Points for singles and doubles are tallied separately and will not be interchangeable.

A Full Member may receive a singles and/or doubles allocation depending upon her individual points earned in that year.

Qualifying for Distributions. A player must have five (5) years of Vesting Service to receive the amount in her Pension Plan. Payout of that money begins when a player turns 50 and, in most cases, the money is paid as a monthly annuity over 20 years. Specific exceptions, which are set forth in the Plan Document, may apply.

4. Membership Benefits

Benefits for Full and Associate members:

- Personal access to the Player Lounge, the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour's Member-only intranet site.
- Sony Ericsson WTA Tour membership card for access to all Sony Ericsson WTA Tour events.
- Important Tour information and Tournament updates via e-mail.
- Optional worldwide medical, dental and vision insurance.
- Opportunity to serve on the Players' Committee.
- Eligibility for Luxilon contract.
- Discounts on products from Whirlpool, AVIS car rentals, PING golf clubs, RADO watches, the Saddlebrook Resort, and Tennis Warehouse.
- Complimentary Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Media Guide and Rulebook.
- \$150 administration fee waived at all Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Tournaments and Grand Slams.

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Additional benefits for Full Members:

- Discounted price on optional worldwide health insurance.
- Optional Disability Insurance.
- Eligibility to participate in the Player Pension Plan.
- Opportunity to vote for or serve as a Player Council member.

5. Membership Responsibilities

- As a condition of membership in the WTA Tour, players must abide by the terms of the WTA Tour Rules including and not limited to the Tennis Anti-Doping Program and the timely payment of all monies owed to the Tour including fines.
- There will be two mandatory meetings per calendar year for all Full Members participating in the Main Draw singles or doubles of the Tournament where the meetings are held. Failure to attend will result in a fine being assessed based on the players' Ranking at the time of the Tournament as outlined below:

1-10	\$4,000
11-20	\$2,000
21-50	\$1,000
51-100	\$ 500
101 +	\$ 250

6. Membership/ Insurance / Pension Contacts Addresses and Numbers

All player questions regarding MEMBERSHIP, INSURANCE FEES and PENSION should be directed to:

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All player questions concerning DISABILITY INSURANCE should be directed to:

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E-mail: kelly@bbatlanta.com

- * To access this toll-free number when calling from outside the US, refer to an AT&T Wallet Card for the appropriate access code.

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2006 SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR CALENDAR

Week		Prize Money	Draw Size M/Q/D	S'face
Jan 2	Mondial Australian Women's Hardcourts - Gold Coast, AUS!*	\$175,000	32/32/16	HO
	ASB Classic - Auckland, NZL*	\$145,000	32/32/16	HO
Jan 9	Medibank International - Sydney, AUS!***	\$600,000	28/32/16	HO
	Moorilla Hobart International - Hobart, AUS!***	\$145,000	32/32/16	HO
	Richard Luton Properties Canberra International - Canberra, AUS!***	\$145,000	32/32/16	HO
Jan 16	Australian Open - Melbourne, AUS	TBD	128/96/64	HO
Jan 23	Australian Open - (2nd Week)*			
Jan 30	Toray Pan Pacific Open - Tokyo, JPN!***	\$1,340,000	28/32/16	CI
Feb 6	Open Gaz de France - Paris, FRA	\$600,000	28/32/16	GSI
	Pattaya Open - Pattaya City, THA	\$170,000	32/32/16	HO
Feb 13	Proximus Diamond Games - Antwerp, BEL	\$600,000	28/32/16	GSI
	Bangalore Open - Bangalore, IND	\$175,000	32/32/16	HO
Feb 20	Dubai Duty Free Women's Open - Dubai, UAE*	\$1,000,000	28/32/16	HO
	Regions Morgan Keegan Champ's & the Cellular South Cup - Memphis, TN, USA!*	\$175,000	32/32/16	HI
	Copa Colsonitas Seguros Bolivar- Bogota, COL	\$175,000	32/32/16	RCO
Feb 27	Qatar Total Open - Doha, QAT*	\$600,000	28/32/16	HO
	Abierto Mexicano TELCEL presentado por HSBC - Acapulco, MEX*	\$180,000	32/32/16	RCO
Mar 6	Pacific Life Open - Indian Wells, CA, USA	\$2,100,000	96/48/32	HO
Mar 13	Pacific Life Open - Indian Wells, CA, USA (2nd Week)*			
Mar 20	NASDAQ-100 Open - Miami, FL, USA	\$3,450,000	96/48/32	HO
Mar 27	NASDAQ-100 Open - Miami, FL, USA (2nd Week)*			
Apr 3	Bausch & Lomb Championships - Amelia Island, FL, USA	\$600,000	56/32/16	GCO
Apr 10	The Family Circle Cup - Charleston, SC, USA	\$1,340,000	56/32/28	GCO
Apr 17	FED CUP I ^			
Apr 24				
May 1	J & S Cup - Warsaw, POL	\$600,000	28/32/16	RCO
	Estoril Open - Estoril, POR	\$145,000	32/32/16	RCO
May 8	Qatar Total German Open - Berlin, GER	\$1,340,000	56/32/28	RCO
	ECM Prague Open 2006- Prague, CZE	\$145,000	32/32/16	RCO
May 15	Campionati Internazionali d'Italia - Rome, ITA	\$1,340,000	56/32/28	RCO
	Grand Prix S.A.R. La Princesse Lalla Meryem - Rabat, MAR	\$145,000	32/32/16	RCO
May 22	Internationaux de Strasbourg - Strasbourg, FRA*	\$175,000	30/32/16	RCO
	Istanbul Cup - Istanbul, TUR*	\$200,000	30/32/16	RCO
May 29	Roland Garros - Paris, FRA	TBD	128/96/64	RCO
Jun 5	Roland Garros - (2nd Week)*			

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***	= Wednesday Singles Main Draw Start
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GCO	= Green Clay Outdoors
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TBD	To be determined

Tournament Categories by Minimum Prize Money

(Expressed in US Dollars)	
Grand Slams	= TBA
WTA Tour Championships	= \$ 3,000,000
Tier I	= \$ 1,340,000
Tier II	= \$ 600,000
Tier III	= \$ 175,000
Tier IV	= \$ 145,000

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Jun 12	DFS Classic - Birmingham, GBR	\$200,000	56/32/16	GO
	Internazionali Di Modena - Modena, ITA	\$145,000	32/32/16	RCO
Jun 19	The Hastings Direct International C'ships - Eastbourne, GBR*	\$600,000	28/32/16	GO
	Ordina Open - 's-Hertogenbosch, NED!*	\$175,000	30/16/16	GO
Jun 26	The Championships - Wimbledon, GBR	TBD	128/96/64	GO
Jul 3	The Championships (2 nd Week)*			
Jul 10	FED CUP II ^			
Jul 17	Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open - Cincinnati, OH, USA	\$175,000	32/32/16	HO
	Internazionali Femminili di Palermo - Palermo, ITA	\$145,000	32/32/16	RCO
Jul 24	Bank of the West Classic - Stanford, CA, USA	\$600,000	28/32/16	HO
	Budapest Grand Prix - Budapest, HUN	\$145,000	32/32/16	RCO
Jul 31	Acura Classic - San Diego, CA, USA	\$1,340,000	56/32/28	HO
Aug 7	JP Morgan Chase Open - Los Angeles, CA, USA	\$600,000	56/32/16	HO
	Nordea Nordic Light Open - Stockholm, SWE	\$145,000	32/32/16	HO
Aug 14	Roger Cup presented by National Bank - Montreal, CAN	\$1,340,000	56/48/28	HO
Aug 21	Pilot Pen presented by Michelob Ultra - New Haven, CT, USA!*	\$600,000	28/32/16	HO
	Forest Hills Women's Tennis Classic - Forest Hills, NY, USA ***(*)	\$74,800	16/--/--	HO
Aug 28	US Open - Flushing Meadows, NY, USA	TBD	128/128/64	HO
Sep 4	US Open - (2 nd Week)*			
Sep 11	FED CUP Final ^			
	Wismilak International - Bali, INA	\$225,000	30/16/16	HO
Sep 18	China Open - Beijing, CHN	\$600,000	28/32/16	HO
	Sunfeast Open 2006 - Kolkata, IND	\$175,000	32/16/16	GSI
	Banka Koper Slovenia Open - Portoroz, SLO	\$145,000	32/32/16	HO
Sep 25	FORTIS Championships Luxembourg - Luxembourg, LUX	\$600,000	28/32/16	HI
	Guangzhou In'tl Women's Open C'ships - Guangzhou, CHN	\$175,000	32/16/16	HO
	Hansol Korea Open Tennis Championships - Seoul, KOR	\$145,000	32/32/16	HO
Oct 2	Porsche Tennis Grand Prix - Stuttgart, GER	\$650,000	28/32/16	HI
	ALG Japan Open Tennis Championships 2006 - Tokyo, JPN	\$175,000	32/32/16	HO
	Tashkent Open - Tashkent, UZB	\$145,000	32/16/16	HO
Oct 9	Ladies Kremlin Cup - Moscow, RUS	\$1,340,000	28/32/16	SI
	Thailand Open - Bangkok, THA	\$200,000	32/32/16	HO
Oct 16	Zurich Open - Zurich, SUI	\$1,340,000	28/32/16	HI
	Anda Open 2006, Tel Aviv, ISR	\$145,000	32/32/16	HO
Oct 23	Generali Ladies Linz presented by Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberosterreich - Linz, AUT	\$600,000	28/32/16	HI
Oct 30	Gaz de France Stars - Hasselt, BEL	\$175,000	32/32/16	HI
	Bell Challenge - Quebec City, CAN	\$175,000	32/32/16	HI
Nov 6	Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships - Madrid, ESP***	\$3,000,000	8/--/4	HI

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WTA TOUR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CONTACTS

WEEK OF	<u>Tournament Location</u>	<u>Tournament Contact(s)</u>
WEEK 2		
2-Jan	<p>Mondial Australian Women's Hardcourts</p> <p>Gold Coast, Australia</p> <p>\$175,000</p> <p>www.tennisaustralia.com.au</p>	<p>Liz Smylie Tennis Australia Private Bag 6060 Richmond South, Victoria 3121 Australia PH: 61-7-555-91611 FX: 61-7-555-91622 MB: 61-409-933-420 smylie@bigpond.net.au</p> <p>Melanie Rankin-Smith</p> <p>MRANKIN- SMITH@TENNISAUSTRALIA.C OM.AU</p>
2-Jan	<p>ASB Classic</p> <p>Auckland, New Zealand</p> <p>\$145,000</p> <p>ASBcentre@aucklandtennis.co.nz www.asbclassic.co.nz</p>	<p>Richard Palmer ASB Bank Tennis Centre 1 Tennis Lane PO Box 2905 Auckland New Zealand PH: 64-9-3733-623 FX: 64-9-3733-625 MB: 64-21-675-006 Richard@aucklandtennis.co.nz</p>
WEEK 3		
9-Jan	<p>Medibank International Sydney, Australia \$600,000</p>	<p>Craig Watson Sydney Int'l Tennis Centre Rod Laver Drive,</p>

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9-Jan	<p>Richard Luton Properties Canberra International</p> <p>Canberra, Australia</p> <p>\$145,000</p> <p>www.tennisact.com.au</p>	<p>Gerard Corradini Tournament Director PO Box 44, Dickson, Canberra, ACT, 2602 Phone: +61 2 6247 8804 Mobile: 0417 683 183 Fax: +61 2 6247 2029</p> <p>Peter Johnston GM Events Tennis Australia Tennis Australia Private Bag 6060 Richmond South, Victoria 3121 Australia PH: 61 -3 9286 1231 MB: 61-414 498 488 FX: 61-3 9650 2743 pjohnston@tennisaustralia.com.au</p>
9-Jan	<p>Moorilla Hobart International</p> <p>Hobart, Australia</p> <p>\$145,000</p> <p>www.tennistasmania.com.au</p>	<p>Michael Roberts Level 1,23 Racecourse Cres, Newstead, Tasmania 7250 PH: 61-3-6334-4237 FX: 61-3-6334-4564 MB: 61-411-165 919 mroberts@tennistasmania.com.au</p> <p>Francis Soyer fsoyer@tennistasmania.com.au</p> <p>Peter Johnston</p>

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WEEK 4 & 5		
16-Jan	<p>AUSTRALIAN OPEN</p> <p>Melbourne, Australia</p> <p>\$ TBA</p> <p>ausopen@tennisaustralia.com.au</p> <p>www.AustralianOpen.com</p>	<p>Paul McNamee Tennis Australia Private Bag 6060 Richmond South, Victoria 3121 Australia PH: 61-3-9286-1175 FX: 61-3-9650-1040</p> <p>pmcnamee@tennisaustralia.com.au</p> <p>Peter Johnston pjohnston@tennisaustralia.com.au</p>
WEEK 6		
30-Jan	<p>Toray Pan Pacific Open</p> <p>Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>\$1,340,000</p> <p>official@uno-tokyo.com</p> <p>www.Toray-ppo.co.jp</p>	<p>Toshio Noji UNO, Inc. Tokyo Yohfuku Kaikan Bldg, 6th Floor 13 Ichigaya Hachiman-cho, Shinjuku-ku Tokyo 162-0844 Japan PH: 81-3-5229-0266 FX: 81-3-5229-0277</p> <p>t-noji@uno-tokyo.com</p> <p>Mr. Naoki Shimada PH: 1-212-755-6825 EINASHIJ@aol.com</p>
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6-Feb	<p>Open Gaz de France</p> <p>Paris, France</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.opengazdefrance.com</p>	<p>Regis Brunet Director IMG Paris Port du Pont de St Cloud Face au 9 Quai du 4 Septembre 92100 Boulogne France PH: 33-1-46-89-44-50 FX: 33-1-46-89-44-51 rbrunet@imgworld.com</p> <p>Helen Janssen Coordinator PH: 33-1-46-89-44-66 hjanssen@imgworld.com</p>
6-Feb	<p>Pattaya Open</p> <p>Pattaya City, Thailand</p> <p>\$170,000</p> <p>www.pentanglepromotions.com</p>	<p>Geoffrey Rowe 23/56 Sorachai Bldg, 17th Floor, Soi Sukhumvit Rd Klongton Nua, Bangkok 10110 Thailand PH: 66-2-382-3491-3 MB: 66-1-443-4073 FX: 66-2-382-3490 geoffrey@pentanglepromotions.com</p>
WEEK 8		
13-Feb	<p>Proximus Diamond Games</p> <p>Antwerp, Belgium</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.proximusdiamondgames.be</p>	<p>Bob Verbeeck Schoebroekstraat 8 Paal 3583 Belgium PH: 32-11-45-99-34 FX: 32-11-45-99-10 MB: 32-475-608-517 bob.verbeeck@cis.be</p>

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13-Feb	<p>Bangalore Open 2006</p> <p>Bangalore, India</p> <p>\$175,000</p>	<p>Mr. Anirban Das Blah/Tournament Director Globosport India Pvt. Ltd. # 339 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, Cambridge Layout. Someshwarpura post. Ulsoor, Bangalore, 560 008 PH: + 91 80 2556 9380 / 90 MOB: '+91 98860 40643 FX: +91 80 2556 9375 anirban@globosportworld.com Mahesh Bhupathi MB: 91-98201-02005 maheshno1@aol.com</p>
WEEK 9		
20-Feb	<p>Dubai Duty Free Women's Open</p> <p>Dubai, United Arab Emirates</p> <p>\$1,000,000</p> <p>www.dubaitennischampionships.com</p>	<p>Salah Tahlak Tournament Director Dubai Duty Free PO Box 831 Dubai United Arab Emirates PH: 971-4-206-2437 or 2438 FX: 971-4-224-4455 MB: 971-50-625-3434 Salah.Tahlak@ddf.ae</p> <p>Bharat Godkhindi Manager PH: 971-506-522-107 FX: 971-434-43778 bplus@emirates.net.ae</p>
20-Feb	<p>Regions Morgan Keegan Championships and the Cellular South Cup</p> <p>Memphis, Tennessee, USA</p> <p>\$175,000</p>	<p>Mac Winker The Racquet Club of Memphis 5111 Sanderlin Memphis, TN 38117-4398 USA PH: 1-901-765-4400 FX: 1-901-682-4229 MB: 1-901-461-1968 Mac.Winker@racquetclubofmemphis.com</p>

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<p>20-Feb</p>	<p>COPA COLSANITAS SEGUROS BOLIVAR</p> <p>Bogota, Columbia</p> <p>\$175,000</p> <p>www.copacolsanitas.com</p>	<p>Jose Antonio Camara Tournament Director Calle 100 No. 11B – 67 / 4th Floor Bogota Columbia PH: 57-1-646-6060, ext. 3231 MB: 571 315 361 4662 FX: 57-1-523-6101 jcamara@colsanitas.com</p> <p>Margarita Maria Cebellos Quijano TD Assistant PH: 57-1-646-6060 x 3232 mcballo@colsanitas.com</p> <p>Carlos Yanez TD Assistant PH: 57-1-646-6060 x 3232 cyanez@colsanitas.com</p>
<p>WEEK 10</p>		

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<p>27-Feb</p>	<p>Qatar Total Open</p> <p>Doha, Qatar</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.qatartennis.org</p>	<p>Ayman Azmy Tournament Director</p> <p>Qatar Tennis & Squash Foundation</p> <p>PO Box 4959</p> <p>Doha Qatar</p> <p>PH: 974-440-9666 (general)</p> <p>FX: 974-483-2990 (general)</p> <p>PH: 974-440-9602 (direct)</p> <p>FX: 974-483-1972 (direct)</p> <p>MB: 201-221-068-291</p> <p>azmy@qatartennis.org</p> <p>Abdulahadi Al Mulla</p> <p>Assistant Tournament Director</p> <p>PH: 974-440-9604 (direct)</p> <p>gatartennis@qatartennis.org</p>
<p>27-Feb</p>	<p>ABIERTO MEXICANO TELCEL</p> <p>PRESENTADO POR HSBC</p> <p>Acapulco, Mexico</p> <p>\$180,000</p> <p>www.abiertomexicanodetenis.com</p>	<p>Raul Zurutuza</p> <p>Mextenis S.A. de C.V.</p> <p>Paseo de los Tamarindos #400 – A -31</p> <p>Col. Bosques de las Lomas</p> <p>05120 Mexico D.F.</p> <p>Mexico</p> <p>PH: 52-55-5261-6280</p> <p>FX: 52-55-2167-3113</p> <p>rzurutuza@mextenis.com</p> <p>Cristina López, Assistant</p> <p>PH: 52-55-2167-3121, ext. 201</p> <p>cristina@mextenis.com</p>

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WEEK 11 & 12		
6-Mar	<p>Pacific Life Open</p> <p>Indian Wells, California, USA</p> <p>\$2,100,000</p> <p>www.pacificlifeopen.com</p>	<p>Charlie Pasarell – Tournament Director PH: 1-760-200-8400 FX: 1-760-200-8441 pmsport1@aol.com</p> <p>Gavin Forbes IMG Center Suite 100 1360 East 9th Street Cleveland, OH 44114 USA PH: 1-216-522-1200 FX: 1-216-522-1145 gforbes@imgworld.com</p> <p>Steve Simon PM Sports Management 78-200 Miles Avenue Indian Wells, CA 92210 USA PH: 1-760-200-8400 FX: 1-760-200-8442 ssimon@ivtq.net</p>
WEEK 13 & 14		
20-Mar	<p>NASDAQ-100 Open</p> <p>Miami, Florida, USA</p> <p>\$3,450,000</p> <p>www.NASDAQ-100open.com</p>	<p>Adam Barrett 150- Alhambra Circle Suite 825 Coral Gables, FL 33134 USA PH: 1-305-446-2200 FX: 1-305-446-9080 abarrett@NASDAQ-100open.com</p> <p>Kim Hall khall@NASDAQ-100open.com</p> <p>Tom Knight tknight@NASDAQ-100open.com</p>
WEEK 15		
3-Apr	<p>Bausch & Lomb Championships</p>	<p>John Arrix 170 Drum Hill</p>

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	<p>Amelia Island, Florida, USA</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.blchamps.com</p>	<p>Wilton, CT 06897 USA PH: 1-203-722-9406 FX: 1-203-363-1088 john.arrix@octagon.com</p>
WEEK 16		
10-Apr	<p>Family Circle Cup</p> <p>Charleston, South Carolina, USA</p> <p>\$1,340,000</p> <p>www.familycirclecup.com</p>	<p>Robin Reynolds Executive Director Family Circle Cup 161 Seven Farms Dr. Charleston, SC 29492 USA PH: 1-843-849-3157 FX: 1-843-856-7901 MB: 1-843-367-9032 rreynolds@familycirclecup.com</p>
WEEK 17		
17-Apr	FED CUP I	
WEEK 18		
24-Apr	NO TOURNAMENTS THIS WEEK	
WEEK 19		
1-May	<p>J & S Cup</p> <p>Warsaw, Poland</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.jandscup.pl</p>	<p>STEFAN MAKARCZYK</p> <p>2 Merliniego Str Warsaw 02-511 Poland PH/FX: 48-22-844-1297 PH/FX: 48-22-646-2655 MB: 48-607-388-688 smakarczyk@jandscup.pl</p> <p>Beata Kowalska bkowalska@jandscup.pl</p>

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1-May	<p>Estoril Open</p> <p>Estoril, Portugal</p> <p>\$145,000</p> <p>www.estorilopen.net</p>	<p>Joao Lagos</p> <p>Joao Lagos Sports S. A.</p> <p>Rua Fernao Mendes Pinto, 42</p> <p>Lisbon 1400-146 Portugal</p> <p>PH: 351-21-303-4900</p> <p>MB: 351-96-464-6506</p> <p>FX: 351-21-303-4930</p> <p>joaolagos@lagossports.com</p> <p>Joao Zilhao Tournament Manager</p> <p>zilhao@lagossports.com</p>
WEEK 20		
8-May	<p>QATAR TOTAL GERMAN OPEN 2006</p> <p>Berlin, Germany</p> <p>\$1,340,000</p> <p>www.german-open.org</p>	<p>Ayman Azmy</p> <p>Qatar Tennis & Squash Foundation</p> <p>PO Box 4959</p> <p>Doha Qatar</p> <p>PH: 974 440 9666 (general)</p> <p>FX: 974 483 2990 (general)</p> <p>PH: 974 440 9602 (direct)</p> <p>FX: 974 483 1972 (direct)</p> <p>MB: 974 550 1278</p> <p>azmy@qatartennis.org</p> <p>azmy@qatar.net.qa</p>
8-May	<p>ECM Prague Open 2006</p> <p>Prague, Czech Republic</p> <p>\$145,000</p> <p>www.pragueopen.cz</p>	<p>VLADISLAV SAVRDA</p> <p>Ostrov Stvanice 38</p> <p>170 00 Prague 7 Czech Republic</p> <p>PH: 420 222 326 401</p> <p>MB: 420 605 201 979</p> <p>FX: 420 222 316 318</p> <p>savrda@cltk.cz</p> <p>Jiri FencI – Assistant</p> <p>FENCL@CLTK.CZ</p>
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15-May	<p>Campionati Internazionali d'Italia</p> <p>Rome, Italy</p> <p>\$1,340,000</p> <p>www.telecomitaliamasters.federtennis.it</p>	<p>Sergio Palmieri</p> <p>Viale dei Gladiatori 31</p> <p>Rome 00194 Italy</p> <p>PH: 39-06-3283-7204</p> <p>FX: 39-06-3263-8550</p> <p>MB: 39 335 594 6171</p> <p>s.palmieri@federtennis.it</p>
15-May	<p>Grand Prix S.A.R. La Princesse Lalla Meryem</p> <p>Rabat, Morocco</p> <p>\$145,000</p> <p>www.wtatrabat.com</p>	<p>TAKI MOHAMED</p> <p>6 Zankat Al Houceima</p> <p>B.P. 161</p> <p>Rabat MAR</p> <p>PH: 212-37-61-16-86-92</p> <p>MB: 212-37-71-35-36</p> <p>mohamed.taki@redal.co.ma</p>

WEEK 22		
22-May	<p>Internationaux de Strasbourg</p> <p>Strasbourg, France</p> <p>\$175,000</p> <p>www.internationaux-tennis-strasbourg.com</p>	<p>Pierre Staller</p> <p>Ligue D'Alsace de Tennis</p> <p>Centre Sportif de Hautepierre</p> <p>Strasbourg 67200 France</p> <p>PH: 33-3-88-26-04-16</p> <p>MB: 33-684-25-21-58</p> <p>FX: 33-3-88-26-34-12</p> <p>pierre.staller@wanadoo.fr or</p> <p>wta.strasbourg@fft.fr</p>
22-May	<p>Istanbul Cup</p> <p>Istanbul, Turkey</p> <p>\$200,000</p>	<p>Ilyas Ismanoglu Tournament Director</p> <p>TEM Otoyolu Atisalani Mevkii</p> <p>21 Towers A Blok Kat:3 Esenler</p> <p>Istanbul Turkey</p> <p>PH: 90-216-363-1302</p> <p>FX: 90-212-438-0928</p> <p>MB: 90-532-211-8340</p> <p>director@istanbulcup.com</p> <p>Ahmet Kurtulus Birader</p>

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WEEK 23 & 24		
29-May	Roland Garros Paris, France \$ TBA www.rolandgarros.com	Stephane Simian Federation Francaise de Tennis Stade Roland Garros 2 Avenue Gordon Bennett Paris 75016 France PH: 33-1-4743-4800 FX: 33-1-4651-6724 stephane.simian@fft.fr
WEEK 25		
12-Jun	DFS Classic Birmingham, England \$200,000 www.lta.org.uk/DFSClas sic	Marjory Howie The Lawn Tennis Assoc. Palliser Road West Kensington London W14 9EG UK PH: 44-20-7381-7022 FX: 44-20-7381-6050 Marjory.Howie@lta.org.uk John Feaver PH: 44-20-7381-7000 FX: 44-20-7381-5965 John.Feaver@lta.org.uk
12-Jun	INTERNAZIONALI DI MODENA Modena, Italy \$145,000	GIAN LUIGI BARBOLINI Club La Meridiana Via Fiori 23 41041 Casinalbo, Modena, Italy PH: 39-059-550153 FX: 39-059-550184 lameridiana@tin.it
WEEK 26		
19-Jun	The Hastings Direct Int'l	John Feaver

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	<p>Championships</p> <p>Eastbourne, England</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.lta.org.uk/HastingsDirectChamponships</p>	<p>The Lawn Tennis Association Palliser Road West Kensington London W14 9EG UK PH: 44-20-7381-7025 / -7041 FX: 44-20-7381-6050 MB: 44-797-1141-307</p> <p>John.Feaver@lta.org.uk</p> <p>Gavin Fletcher MB: 44-797-1141-019 Gavin.Fletcher@lta.org.uk</p>
19-Jun	<p>Ordina Open</p> <p>S'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands</p> <p>\$175,000</p> <p>www.ordina-open.nl</p>	<p>Marcel Hunze Libema Events bv Minderbroedersberg 10 LK Maastricht 6211 The Netherlands PH: 31-43-3-67-24-24 FX: 31-43-3-67-24-22 MB: 31-65-3-27-30-01</p> <p>M.Hunze@libema-events.nl info@libema-events.nl</p>
WEEK 27 & 28		
26-Jun	<p>THE CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>Wimbledon, England</p> <p>\$TBA</p> <p>www.wimbledon.org</p>	<p>Ian Ritchie The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club Church Road Wimbledon SW19 5AE UK PH: 44-20-8944-1066 FX: 44-20-8947-8752</p>
WEEK 29		
10-Jul	Fed Cup II	
WEEK 30		
17-Jul	<p>Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open</p> <p>Cincinnati, Ohio, USA</p>	<p>Bruce Flory Tennis Cincinnati, Inc. 250 East Fifth Street, Suite 1610 Cincinnati, OH 45202 USA PH: 1-513-651-3087 or 3082</p>

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	<p>\$175,000</p> <p>www.cincytennis.com</p>	<p>FX: 1-513-651-3088 pflory@cincytennis.com Paul Flory Tournament Representative PH: 1-513-651-4020 pflory@cincytennis.com</p>
17-Jul	<p>Internazionali Femminili Di Palermo</p> <p>Palermo, Italy</p> <p>\$145,000</p> <p>www.countrytimeclub.it</p>	<p>Oliviero Palma Country Time Club Viale dell'Olimpo, 5 Palermo 90149 Italy PH: 39-091-454-886 or 39-091-453-782 FX: 39-091-684-1644 countrytime@tin.it</p>

WEEK 31		
24-Jul	<p>Bank of the West Classic</p> <p>Stanford, California, USA</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.bankofthewestclassic.com</p>	<p>GUS SAMPRAS</p> <p>Vice President - IMG Tennis 1640 South Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 222 Los Angeles, CA 90025 USA PH: 1-310-473-0411 FX: 1-310-473-3914 Gsampras@imgworld.com</p>
24-Jul	<p>Budapest Grand Prix</p> <p>Budapest, Hungary</p> <p>\$145,000</p>	<p>Jeno Marky Kiralyok utja 105 Budapest H-1039 Hungary PH: 36-1-240-8616 FX: 36-1-240-8416 markyjeno@axelero.hu</p>
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<p>31-Jul</p>	<p>Acura Classic</p> <p>San Diego, California, USA</p> <p>\$1,340,000</p> <p>www.acuraclassic.org</p>	<p>Raquel Giscafne Promotion Sports, Inc. 7668 El Camino Real, Ste. 104 Box #436 Carlsbad, CA 92009 USA PH: 1-760-438-9220 FX: 1-760-438-9656 MB: 1-760-521-5357 raquel@promotionsports.org</p> <p>Jane Stratton jane@promotionsports.org</p>
<p>WEEK 33</p>		
<p>7-Aug</p>	<p>JPMorgan Chase Open presented by Herbalife</p> <p>Los Angeles, California, USA</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.JPMorganChaseOpen.com</p>	<p>William (Bill) Peterson Managing Director, The Home Depot Center 18400 S. Avalon Blvd. Carson, CA 90746 1-310-630-2002 1-310-630-2081 bpeterson@homedepotcenter.com</p>
<p>7-Aug</p>	<p>Nordea Nordic Light Open</p> <p>Stockholm, Sweden</p> <p>\$145,000</p> <p>www.nordiclightopen.com</p>	<p>JENNY LINDSTRÖM</p> <p>ATS/Nordea Nordic Light Open Box 29049 SE-100 52 Stockholm Sweden PH: 46 8 667 18 90 FX: 46 8 662 52 50 MB: 46 70 743 47 75 Jenny.lindstrom@nordiclightopen.com</p> <p>Mikael Larsson MB: 46 70 734 20 93 mikael.larsson@nordiclightopen.com</p> <p>THOMAS HOGSTEDT</p> <p>thomas.hogstedt@nordiclightopen.com</p>

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WEEK 34		
14-Aug	<p>Rogers Cup presented by American Express</p> <p>Montreal, Quebec, Canada</p> <p>\$1,340,000</p> <p>www.rogerscup.com</p>	<p>EUGENE LAPIERRE</p> <p>285, Faillon Street West Montreal, QC, H2R 2W1 Canada PH: 1-514-273-1515 FX: 1-514-276-0070 MB: 1-514-502-9866</p> <p>elapierre@tenniscanada.com</p>
WEEK 35		
21-Aug	<p>Pilot Pen Tennis presented by Michelob Ultra</p> <p>New Haven, Connecticut, USA</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.pilotpentennis.com</p>	<p>Anne Person Worcester Tournament Director Pilot Pen Tennis 45 Yale Avenue New Haven CT, 06515 USA PH: 1-203-776-7331 x 5822 FX: 1-203-772-4647 aworcester@pilotpentennis.com</p> <p>Lisa Koch Tournament Manager lkoch@pilotpentennis.com</p> <p>Eric Starelli Tournament Manager estarelli@pilotpentennis.com PH: 1-203-776-7331 x 5839</p> <p>Pierce O'Neill United States Tennis Association 70 West Red Oak Lane White Plains, NY 10604 USA PH: 1-914-696-7000 FX: 1-914-696-7057</p> <p>David Brewer United States Tennis Association</p>

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21-Aug	Forest Hills Women's Tennis Classic Forest Hills, NY, USA \$74,800	Dina Ingersole Westside Tennis Club One Tennis Place Forest Hills, New York, 11375 PH: 1-718-268-2300 ext. 115 FX: 1-718-268-2230 MB: 1-917-769-6383 westsideprotennis@yahoo.com
WEEK 36 & 37		
28-Aug	US OPEN Flushing Meadow, New York, USA \$TBA www.usopen.org	Jim Curley United States Tennis Association 70 West Red Oak Lane White Plains, NY 10604 USA PH: 1-914-696-7254 FX: 1-914-696-7019 curley@usta.com
WEEK 38		
11-Sep	Wismilak International Bali, Indonesia \$225,000	Kevin Livesey Unit 72-2 Seri Duta 1 Jalan Gallagher, Taman Duta Kuala Lumpur 50480 Malaysia PH: 60-3-2092-1450 FX: 60-3-2092-4215 kevin.livesey@kevanie.com
11-Sep	FED CUP Final	
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18-Sep	<p>China Open</p> <p>Beijing, China</p> <p>\$600,000</p>	<p>Ekkehard Rathgeber Tournament Director 48/F The Center 99 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong PH: 852-21217801 (Hong Kong) FX: 852-2186-7366 MB: 86-13901862167 (China) ekker@tomgroup.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MS. WINNIE CHAN</p> <p>winniec@tomgroup.com</p> <p>Adam Barrett abarrett@imgworld.com</p>
18-Sep	<p>Sunfeast Open 2006</p> <p>Kolkata, India</p> <p>\$175,000</p>	<p>Jaidip Mukherjea Jaidip Mukerjea Tennis Academy Fe Park, Fe block, Sector 3 Salt Lake, Kolkata 700106 India PH: 91 33 235 93300 FX: 91 33 228 10707 MB: 91 33 98 302 00669 jaidip@himalayantennis.com</p>
18-Sep	<p>Banka Koper Slovenia Open</p> <p>Portoroz, Slovenia</p> <p>\$145,000</p>	<p>Andrej Bizjak Vurnikova 2 1000 Ljubljana Slovenia PH: 386 1 430 63 90 FX: 386 5 67 10 601 FX: 386 1 430 66 95 MB: 386 41 633 994</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANDREJ.BIZJAK@BITERMO.SI</p> <p>Matjaž Pogacar info@teniska-zveza.si</p>
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<p>25-Sep</p>	<p>FORTIS Championships Luxembourg</p> <p>Luxembourg</p> <p>\$600,000</p>	<p>Danielle Koster Residence Miro II 14, rue Francois Cigrang Esch-sur-Alzette L-4068 Luxembourg PH: 352-55-7902 FX: 352-57-0631 MB: 352-21-164-180 iwtp@neacom.lu</p>
<p>25-Sep</p>	<p>Guangzhou International Women's Open 2006</p> <p>Guangzhou, China</p> <p>\$175,000</p> <p>www.gzopen.com.cn</p>	<p>Mr. Li Naizhen Guangzhou Tennis Association #299, Tiyu Xi Road, Tianhe District Guangzhou, 510620, China PH: 86-20-3879-6207 MB: 86-20-139-0224-8725 FX: 86-20-3879-6655 gzevent@hotmail.com hellolynlin@tom.com (Assistant Lynn Lin)</p> <p>Sun Wen-bing Chinese Tennis Association 9 Tiyuguan Road, Beijing 100763, China PH 86 10 671 58622 FX 86 10 6711 4096</p> <p>CHTA@PUBLIC.FHNET.CNNET</p>
<p>WEEK 41</p>		
<p>2-Oct</p>	<p>Porsche Tennis Grand Prix</p> <p>Stuttgart, Germany</p> <p>\$650,000</p> <p>www.porsche.com/tennis</p>	<p>Markus Guenthardt Porsche AG Porscheplatz 1 Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen 70435 Germany PH: 49-711-911-7069 FX: 49-711-911-5836 Markus.guenthardt@porsche.de mg@vision.es</p>

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2-Oct	<p>AIG Japan Open Tennis Championships 2006</p> <p>Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>\$175,000</p> <p>www.jta-tennis.or.jp/aigopen/e/index.html</p>	<p>Sanji Arisawa Japan Tennis Association Kishi Memorial Hall 4F, 1-1-1 Jinnan Shibuya-ku Tokyo 150-8050 Japan PH: 81-3-3481-2511 FX: 81-3-3481-2510 sarisawa@arisawa.co.jp</p>
2-Oct	<p>Tashkent Open</p> <p>Tashkent, Uzbekistan</p> <p>\$145,000</p>	<p>S. Uthrapathy Block 482, Segar Road # 16-350 Singapore 670482 PH/FX: 65 67 625 348 MB: 65 961 90762 uthraats@pacific.net.sg</p>

WEEK 42		
9-Oct	<p>Kremlin Cup</p> <p>Moscow, Russia</p> <p>\$1,340,000</p> <p>www.kremlincup.ru</p>	<p>Aleksei Selivanenko Tennis International Management Build. 1, 22/2/5, Miasnitskaya St. Moscow 101000 Russia PH: 7-095-923-9812 PH: 7-095-956-3360 FX: 7-095-924-6427 FX: 7-095-956-3361 MB: 7-095-130-7193 aleksei.selivanenko@russport.ru</p>
9-Oct	<p>Thailand Open</p> <p>Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p>\$200,000</p>	<p>Geoffrey Rowe 23/56 Sorachai Bldg, 17th Floor, Soi Sukhumvit Rd Klongton Nua, Bangkok 10110 Thailand PH: 66-2-382-3491-3 MB: 66-1-443-4073 FX: 66-2-382-3490 geoffrey@pentanglepromotions.com</p>
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16-Oct	<p>Zurich Open</p> <p>Zurich, Switzerland</p> <p>\$1,340,000</p> <p>www.zurichopen.net</p>	<p>Beat Ritschard Octagon Worldwide Limited Hardturmstrasse 132 Zurich CH-8005 Switzerland PH: 41-43-366-7000 FX: 41-43-366-7001 MB: 41-79-402-9977 ritschard@zurichopen.net</p>
16-Oct	<p>Anda Open 2006</p> <p>Tel Aviv, Israel</p> <p>\$145,000</p>	<p>Ian Froman Israel Tennis Association 2 Shitrit Street Hadar Josef 69582 PH: 1-972-9-956-8641 MB: 1-972-544-666019 froman@netvision.net.il Shahar Perkis PH: 1-972-3-649-5310 MB: 1-972-544-698065 FX: 1-972-3-6499144 rperkis@netvision.net.il</p>
WEEK 44		
23-Oct	<p>Generali Ladies Linz presented by Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberösterreich</p> <p>Linz, Austria</p> <p>\$600,000</p> <p>www.generali-ladies.at www.matchmaker.at</p>	<p>Peter Michael Reichel Sandra Reichel Matchmaker Communication GmbH & Co KG Kienzlstrasse. 13 Wels A-4600 Austria PH: 43-7242-63747 FX: 43-7242-51981</p> <p>p.m.reichel@matchmaker.at sandra.reichel@matchmaker.at</p>

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WEEK 45		
30-Oct	<p>GAZ DE FRANCE STARS</p> <p>Hasselt, Belgium</p> <p>\$175,000</p> <p>WWW.GAZDEFRANCESTARS.BE</p>	<p>Bob Verbeeck Schoebroekstraat 8 Paal 3583 Belgium PH: 32-11-45-99-34 FX: 32-11-45-99-10 MB: 32-475-608-517 bob.verbeeck@cis.be</p>
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APPENDIX E

WTA TOUR PLAYER FINES^N

All fines will be deducted from Player prize money at Tournaments to be determined by the Tour, in its sole discretion.

Category	Gold Exempt Player	Silver Exempt Player	Non-Exempt Player	Fines
Late Withdrawal (Player in Main Draw)** (IV.B.2)	After entering the Tournament	After entering the Tournament	One week after Entry Deadline	Based on Ranking at time of withdrawal 1-10 \$5,000^ 11-25 \$2,500^ 26-50 \$1,000^ 51-100 \$ 500^ 101+ \$250^
	After Qualifying for MD/After Q sign-in for Q	After Qualifying for MD/After Q sign-in for Q	After Qualifying for MD/after Q sign-in for Q	Fine doubled according to offense.
Late Withdrawal (Player in Qualifying) (IV.B.3.)	N/A	w/in two weeks	w/in two weeks	\$150 (I - II) \$100 (III-V)
		No Show	No Show	\$600 (I - II) \$500 (III-V)
Violation of Diamond Aces Rule or Championships Advance Media Day (V.4)	1-4 5-6 7-10 11-13 14-20 Below 20			<u>1st & 2nd offense</u> \$5,000 \$3,750 \$2,500 \$2,000 \$1,875 \$1,000
	1-4 5-6 7-10 11-13 14-20 Below 20			<u>3rd & Subsequent</u> \$10,000 \$ 7,500 \$ 5,000 \$ 4,000 \$ 3,750 \$ 2,000
Championships Post Finals Finalists Media Activities and Sponsor Functions (X.B)				\$10,000
Event Withdrawal Media Obligation (Failure to Comply) (V.B.4)	Gold Exempt Seeded	N/A	N/A	\$6,000
	Gold Exempt Seeded	N/A Seeded	N/A Seeded	\$3,000 \$2,000
	N/A	All Other	All Other	\$ 500

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Category	Gold Exempt Player	Silver Exempt Player	Non-Exempt Player	Fines
Required to Wear WTA Tour Patch (unless conflicting contract) (V.B.1)	First offense Second offense Third offense Fourth offense	First offense Second offense Third offense Fourth offense	First offense Second offense Third offense Fourth offense	Warning \$100 \$500 up to \$25,000 Warning \$100
Patch falls off during match: First - Fourth Offense				
Patch falls off during match - Fifth Offense				Warning \$100
On Court Match Violations*** (Code D.3)	All Players	All Players	All Players	
Visible Obscenity				up to \$2,500
Audible Obscenity				up to \$2,500
Verbal Abuse				up to \$5,000
Physical Abuse				up to \$5,000
Ball Abuse				up to \$350
Racquet Abuse				up to \$250
Coaching & Coaches				up to \$2,500
Unsportsmanlike Conduct				up to \$5,000
Best Efforts				up to \$5,000
Leaving the Court				up to \$1,500
Failure to Complete a Match				up to \$2,500
Punctuality				
- 10 minutes late				\$150
- Default				\$500
Dress & Equipment				
Commercial Identification				\$1,000
- Manufacturer's Logo				\$500
- Other Tennis Events				up to \$2,500
- Unacceptable Attire				up to \$500
Wagering and Corruption (Code D.16)	All Players	All Players	All Players	up to \$100,000
Dishonorable or Unprofessional Conduct (Code D.11)				up to \$5,000
Aggravated Behavior	All Players	All Players	All Players	up to \$25,000
Guarantees Rule Violation (Code D.17)	All Players	All Players	All Players	\$50,000
Exhibition Rule Violation (Code D.18.)	1-4 5-8 9-20		N/A	\$100,000 \$50,000 \$25,000
		Silver Exempt and Top Fifty Ranked****		\$12,500

** Including late withdrawal from Tournaments other than the Tier IV as part of Minimum Commitment for players on the Silver Exempt Player List.

*** A player will be subject to a \$250 fine only after she has accumulated a total of 5 Warnings during the Tour year; every 3 additional Warnings issued warrant an additional \$250 fine. Monetary fines do not apply for Code Violations received due to loss of physical conditioning or as a result of the medical treatment not being complete in the allocated time, unless it is interpreted by the Referee/Supervisor as gamesmanship.

**** A player who achieves a Ranking in the top 50 three months prior to the exhibition will be subject to exhibition fines based on her Ranking.

^ After the first late withdrawal offense, fines are increased for subsequent offense.

v If a discrepancy exists between this chart and the Rule language, the Rule language shall prevail.

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GLOSSARY

Alternate - Any player who has entered a Tournament but who has not been accepted into either the Main Draw or into the Qualifying Draw of that Tournament.

Breach - Violation of a rule.

Bye - A bye is used to advance a player to the second round without playing a match, either because there are a designated number of byes assigned to seeded players from the outset, or because there are vacancies in the draw and no Alternates are available to fill the spots.

Challenger Event - An ITF Women's Circuit event with prize money between \$25,000 and \$75,000. Results from these events are eligible for inclusion on the WTA Rankings.

Default – The losing player was defaulted under provisions of Code of Conduct after match had begun.

Exhibition/Non-Tour Event - A tennis competition between two (2) or more players who compete in professional Tournaments whether or not the players receive financial remuneration for their participation in the event, which is not a part of the WTA Tour or ITF Women's Circuit and is not recognized on the WTA Tour or ITF Women's Circuit Calendars. These events include single-day, multiple-day, week-long and seasonal team-oriented competitions as well as charity events.

Super Hard Designation - The process by which the WTA Tour may require an Exempt player to play a Tournament in order to secure Player Commitment.

Non-Exempt - Players not named to the Gold or Silver Exempt player Lists.

Open Week - Defined as a week where there is no Grand Slam, WTA Tour Championships, Tier I or II Tournament scheduled opposite a Tier III or IV Tournament.

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Penalty - Financial or disciplinary action taken against a player, WTA Tour or Tournament that fails to fulfill their professional obligations or violates a rule.

Player Commitment - The formula by which the WTA Tour commits and delivers Gold and Silver Exempt players to play in Tier I, II and III Tournaments.

Point - Unit of counting in the scoring of a game or contest.

Preliminary Match - If an administrative error has been made in a Tournament player acceptance list and too many players have been accepted into the Tournament the last two players accepted into the Tournament based upon the most current updated entry list regardless of whether the draw has been made (excluding Wild Cards, Qualifiers and Gold and Silver Exempt players) will play a preliminary match for one (1) spot in the draw.

Qualifier - Those players accepted into the Main Draw due to their success in the Qualifying competition.

Ranking - WTA Rankings is a system which reflects a player's 17 results for singles and 11 results for doubles that yield the highest Ranking points in Tournament play during the prior 52 week period.

Related Geographic Area - In a country which has multiple Tour Tournaments, Related Geographic Area is a radius of approximately 125 miles (200 km) from an original venue. For those countries with only one Tour Tournament, the Related Geographic Area is the entire country.

Retired - The losing player retired because of illness or injury after match had begun.

Satellite Event - An ITF Women's Circuit with prize money of \$10,000. Main Draw results from this event are eligible for inclusion in the WTA Rankings.

Tier Levels - The Tour is divided into four Tier Levels. Each Tier level has a specific prize minimum money level which ranges from \$1,340,000 to \$145,000.

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Tournament Owner - A person or entity that owns the right to organize, promote and conduct a professional women's tennis Tournament on the WTA Tour in a specific geographic region.

Tournament Director - The person or persons responsible for the overall organization and conduct of the Tournament and other personnel as necessary.

Tour Year - The Tour has been organized into Tour Years. The Tour Year commences the day immediately following the final Tour Tournament of the calendar and extends through the day of the final session of the final Tour Tournament of the following calendar year.

Waive - To make an exception to a rule or policy or dismiss charges brought against a recognized body or constituent of the Tour.

Walkover - Match did not begin because (a) losing player was ill or injured or (b) losing player was subjected to penalties of the Code of Conduct before first serve of match was struck or otherwise not permitted by the Tour or Tournament official to play. This would not be used when a Lucky Loser is substituted.

Wild Card - Players chosen by the Tournament Director to fill designated spots in the draw.

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