

**2024 WOMEN'S AND MEN'S
ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR REGULATIONS
Summary of Key Rule Changes
(Version: 13 December 2023)**

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2024 Women's and Men's Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full Regulations are on the ITF website in the Tour Regulations section [here](#).

Changes made from the previous year (2023) made for the start of 2024 are shown in underlined text.

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Section I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

- A. Women's ITF World Tennis Tour** comprises all Women's Tournaments offering \$15,000, \$25,000, \$40,000, \$60,000, and \$100,000 in prize money including events providing complimentary hospitality ("H"). These tournaments are referred to as "W15", "W35", "W50", "W75" and "W100".

Women's rule items have been adjusted to include the addition of the removal of the W80 category and the renaming of the W25, W40 and W60 categories to W35, W50 and W75 respectively. This now aligns the tournament naming the with points awarded to the Winner. Except for the removal of the W80/\$80,000 category all other prize money amounts remain the same.

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- B. Classification of Women's and Men's Tournaments**

ITF Team Competitions are Billie Jean King Cup, Junior Billie Jean King Cup, Hopman Cup and other such team events sanctioned or supported by the ITF, including the Olympics and Continental Games

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7. WTA Play-Down Rules

Players with a WTA ranking of 1-50 in Singles twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week cannot Enter, accept a Wild Card and/or compete in Singles or Doubles in any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments.

Players with a WTA ranking of 1-150 in Singles twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week cannot Enter, accept a Wild Card and/or compete in Singles or Doubles in any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour W15 or W35 Tournaments.

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B. Category of Tournaments

1. ITF World Tennis Tour W15, W35, W50, W75 or W100 Tournaments will award WTA ranking points

Any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments, listed below, that comply with the criteria laid down in these Regulations are eligible for inclusion of their results on the WTA Rankings as specified in Section XIII, WTA Rankings. Such Tournaments fall into the following groups:

- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR W15
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR W35
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR W50
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR W75
- WOMEN'S ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR W100

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F. Balls

2. W35/M25 Tournaments

In the Singles Qualifying competition, a minimum of four (4) new balls of the same brand and type must be provided for the match. Where there is a Chair Umpire on court then a minimum of four (4) new balls of the same brand and type are to be changed at a maximum of nine (9) games and thereafter every eleven (11) games in each match

In the Singles Main Draw or Doubles, a minimum of four (4) new balls of the same brand and type are to be changed at a maximum of nine (9) games and thereafter every eleven (11) games in each match. More frequent ball changes are acceptable at the discretion of the ITF Supervisor.

A minimum of three (3) used balls of the same brand and type as the match balls must be available for practice per day, free of charge, to each player accepted into the Tournament, from the day prior to the commencement of the respective draw until she is eliminated from the Tournament. Players must return practice balls after each practice to the Tournament staff.

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I. Wild Cards

Wild Cards for Singles must be named at the time the Qualifying or Main Draw is made and are subject to the restrictions of the WTA Age Eligibility Rule (see Appendix C.). It is the responsibility of the player to ensure they are eligible to receive a Wild Card.

J. Special Exempt (SE)

2. Qualified Tournament for Special Exempt

- a) For W15-W35 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week;
- b) For W50 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour W35 Tournament or higher or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week;
- c) For W75 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour W35 Tournament or higher or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week;
- d) For W100 Tournaments: the Singles event of any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour W75 Tournament or higher or any WTA Tournament within the same region in the preceding week.

For the purposes of Special Exempts, there are five (5) regions: Africa, Asia/Oceania, Europe, North America/Central America, and South America.

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K. Sign-In

2. Qualifying

Players accepted into the Singles Qualifying Draw are not required to Sign-In with the ITF Supervisor. Players must be on-site and available to play their first-round match as scheduled.

Wild Cards do not have to Sign-In with the ITF Supervisor.

Sign-In Procedure

Entered Alternate players (who wish to compete), must Sign-In by contacting the on-site ITF Supervisor, either in person or by telephone. Entered Alternates that do not Sign-In either in person or by telephone will not be considered for inclusion in the draw.

Sign-in has been removed for players who have been accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw at the Freeze Deadline. All entered Alternates and on-site alternates who wish to be considered for inclusion in the draw will need to sign-in before the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline as Normal.

L. Vacancies/Substitutions

3. At the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline:

Vacancies in the Main Draw Acceptance list (created by Late Withdrawals, unused Special Exempt positions, and Main Draw Wild Card positions not to be used as confirmed by the Tournament Organiser) shall be filled by players who appear on the Qualifying Draw Acceptance list or have Preserved Eligibility for Main Draw by contacting the ITF Supervisor (see Rule K.2.B. above) and shall be selected in accordance with the Section V.L. Vacancies/Substitutions and in accordance with the applicable Singles System of Merit.

Vacancies in the Qualifying Acceptance List (created by Late Withdrawals, players being moved to the Main Draw as above or Qualifying Wild Card positions not to be used as confirmed by the Tournament Organiser) shall be filled by players who have Signed-In for the Qualifying event in accordance with the applicable Singles System of Merit.

4. From the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline until the Order of Play is released. From the time the Order of Play is released until the Commencement of the Qualifying Competition:

Any Special Exempt places held for extenuating circumstances (e.g. Tournaments delayed due to weather) or vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled by players who have signed in for the Qualifying event, selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit until the Order of Play is released. From this point until the Commencement of the Qualifying Competition any vacancy in the Qualifying will be filled by players who have signed-in for the Alternates List on the following day. The Qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.

N. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists

All preliminary matches for singles will be played as best of three sets with two (2) tie-break sets, and if the score reaches one set all, one match tie-break game (10 points) shall be played to decide the match, and for doubles as best of three sets with two (2) tie-break sets, and if the score reaches one set all, one match tie-break game (10 points) shall be played to decide the match. No-ad scoring must be used.

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C. Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed from the Qualifying/Main Draw shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled in accordance with Section V.L. Vacancies/Substitutions.

If the withdrawal occurs after the release of the Order of Play for the first day of Qualifying/Main Draw then withdrawal shall be filled directly by an eligible Alternate/Lucky Loser (as applicable).

XI. DATA RIGHTS

B. Protection of Tournament Data

Each Tournament shall not allow or authorise the dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any match score or related statistical data from the grounds of the Tournament.

The use of laptop computers, mobile phones or other handheld electronic devices to collate, collect, use, store, reproduce, onward supply or make available any Official Data (as defined in Appendix F) for purposes relating to gambling or betting within the confines of the Tournament match courts (spectator areas) shall be prohibited and each Tournament shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition (including without limitation by means of venue and spectator regulations, ticket conditions and accreditation terms). Continual use of laptops, mobile phones or other handheld electronic devices within the confines of the Tournament match courts (spectator areas) is prohibited. The exception to this provision is Tournament credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

D. Hospitality

Singles

iv) Singles Lucky Losers must also receive the same minimum number of nights and same accommodations as all other Main Draw players from the time they are officially added to the draw.

Doubles

iv) Doubles Alternates must also receive the same minimum number of nights and same accommodations as all other Doubles players from the time they are officially added to the draw.

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D. Hospitality

1. Hospitality (+H) at W50 and W75 Tournaments

Hospitality is defined as one individual complimentary room, plus breakfast, for the use of each player accepted into the Singles Main Draw and/or Doubles (single or double occupancy, to be decided by the Tournament). Hospitality must be of the same standard for Singles and Doubles players.

a) Singles:

- i) Rooms are to be available to each Singles player for a minimum of three (3) nights.
- ii) Accommodation must be available one (1) day before the commencement of the Main Draw, although a player can have accommodation start the day the Main Draw commences if they request it from the Tournament Director.
- iii) Accommodation continues through to include the night that she plays her last match or until her three (3) night minimum has been provided, whichever is later.
- iv) Successful Qualifiers must be afforded the same accommodations as Main Draw players. Nights spent in accommodation during Qualifying shall count towards the minimum number of nights to which Main Draw players are entitled.
- v) Singles Lucky Losers must also receive the same minimum number of nights and same accommodations as all other Main Draw players from the time they are officially added to the draw.

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APPENDIX D

Women's ITF World Tennis Tour

Junior Accelerator Programme (Girls)

Junior Accelerator positions (AP) are available in the Singles Main Draw of Women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments. These positions are allocated to the Top 20-ranked junior players that receive an ITF year-end junior ranking in 2023. An eligible player shall be entitled to use their AP allocation to gain direct entry to the Main Draw of the applicable tournament where they would not otherwise gain entry on the basis of their WTA / ITF World Tennis / National ranking. The ITF allocates only 1 AP position per tournament.

Junior Accelerator positions will be allocated according to the following criteria:

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2023 year-end ITF Junior Ranking	Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments
1	<u>Three (3) Tournament up to and including W100</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u>
2	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W100</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W75</u>
3	<u>One (1) Tournaments up to and including W100</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u> <u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50</u>
4-5	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W75</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W50</u>
6-10	<u>Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50</u> <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including W35</u>
11-20	<u>One (1) Tournaments up to and including W50</u> <u>Four (4) Tournaments up to and including W35</u>

College Accelerator Programme (Women)

The top five year-end ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranked – NCAA Division 1 Womens, plus the Winner and Finalist of the Division 1 NCAA Championships are eligible to apply for direct entry into the Main Draw of up to a maximum of five (5) Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments (dependent on a player returning or not returning to College in Autumn, under the ITF College Accelerator Programme.

Allocation

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NCAA Top 5 – Not Returning	One (1) Tournament up to and including W75 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W35
NCAA Top 5 - Returning	One (1) Tournament up to and including W75 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50
NCAA Champ Finalists – Not Returning	One (1) Tournament up to and including W75 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W35
NCAA Champ Finalists – Returning	One (1) Tournament up to and including W75 Two (2) Tournaments up to and including W50

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APPENDIX K
WTA / ITF WORLD TENNIS RANKING POINT TABLES

A. WTA Ranking points

WTA Ranking points will be awarded for tournaments played in 2024 at all Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments in Singles and Doubles as follows:

Category (Draw Size)	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	QFR	FQR	Q2	Q1
ITF W100 (48S, 32Q,24Q)	100	65	39	21	12	7	1	-	5	3	-	-
ITF W100 (32S,32/24Q)	100	65	39	21	12	1	-	-	5	3	-	-
ITF W100 (16D)	100	65	39	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF W75 (48S, 32Q,24Q)	75	49	29	16	9	5	1	-	3	2	-	-
ITF W75 (32S,32/24Q)	75	49	29	16	9	1	-	-	3	1	-	-
ITF W75 (16D)	75	49	29	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF W50 (48S, 32Q)	<u>50</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-
ITF W50 (32S,32/24Q)	<u>50</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-
ITF W50 (16D)	<u>50</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF W35 (48S, 32Q)	35	23	14	8	4	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
ITF W35 (32S, 48/64Q/32/24Q)	35	23	14	8	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
ITF W35 (16D)	35	23	14	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF W15 (32S, 48/64Q/32/24Q)	15	10	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF W15 (16D)	15	10	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

QFR= Qualifier, FQR-Qualifying Finalist, Q2-Second Round of Qualifying, Q1-First Round of Qualifying.

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ARTICLE II: Entry OFFENCES

4. Playing Another Event / One Tournament Per Week (Concurrency)

vi A player accepted into Qualifying of a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour W50 or above is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw or Qualifying of a Junior Grand Slam or the Main Draw only of a J500 or J300 tournament.

vii A player accepted into Main Draw of a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour W50 or above is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw or Qualifying of a Junior Grand Slam tournament.

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2. No Show

A player will have Committed a No Show Offence if:

She/He is accepted into the Qualifying and fails to arrive on-site for his first match in the Tournament without validly withdrawing from the Tournament in advance of the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline.

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ARTICLE V-1: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (COVERED PERSON)

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

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

In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation, a Covered Person shall comply with the Protocols and the provisions set out in Article V-1: A – D below shall apply.

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ARTICLE VI: MAJOR OFFENCES

A. Determination and Penalty

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

ARTICLE VIII: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES

G. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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

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

In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation, a Tournament shall comply with the Protocols. . Any failure to comply with the Protocols shall amount to a violation of this Article VIII.G. Violation of this Article VIII.G shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$5,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid or due to the ITF, an order for reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred by Covered Person, withdrawal of its sanction and/or denial of subsequent applications to host.

H. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article VIII.H, the ITF forms the view that a Tournament has a case to answer for commission of a Tournament Offence, the ITF shall send a written notice to the Tournament (the "Notice of Charge"), with a copy to the Chairman of the Independent Tribunal, setting out:

ARTICLE IX: RECIPROCITY & INFORMATION SHARING

Defined terms used in this Article are:

(a) Tennis Organisation means any organisation involved in the governance, regulation, sanctioning, organization, or administration of tennis, including but not limited to the Women's Tennis Association, Association of Tennis Professionals, the Grand Slam Board, and each member national association;

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

(c) Reciprocate means the affirmation, modification or extension of a Disciplinary Sanction;

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

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

i. Whether the Disciplinary Sanction was so unreasonable as to be manifestly excessive or unduly lenient;

ii. Whether the disciplinary proceedings that resulted in the Disciplinary Sanction were procedurally unfair or contrary to natural justice, having regard to all the circumstances.

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

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

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