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

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

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

## **A. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

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

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

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

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

## **B. DEFINITIONS**

### **Acceptance List**

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

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

Entered doubles teams who are ranked lower than the Direct Acceptances into Main Draw and Qualifying under the applicable System of Merit and can fill any vacancy as detailed in the applicable System of Merit before the Withdrawal Deadline. After the Withdrawal Deadline, Alternates remain on one list and have the priority for acceptance over On-Site Alternates. Alternates can sign-in at a different Tournament subject to Regulation F5 (One Tournament) and if any vacancies are created

by withdrawals or no shows, then an Alternate will fill those vacancies in order of the applicable System of Merit.

**Applicant**

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

**Committed**

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

**Covered Person(s)**

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

**Direct Acceptances**

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

**Entry**

A request by a player/team to register for a Tournament. All entries must be made on the official entry or withdrawal form in writing and submitted via email to the relevant entry authority as stated on the Fact Sheet. The player/team must make their Entry before the Entry Deadline.

**Entry Deadline**

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

**Entry List**

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

**Fact Sheet**

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

**Late Withdrawal**

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

**Lucky Loser (LL)**

A doubles team who has lost in the final round of the Qualifying competition but who achieves a place in the Main Draw as a late substitute following a Withdrawal (see also Regulation G5 (Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes)). If more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, doubles teams who have lost in the previous Qualifying round(s) may be eligible.

**Main Draw**

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

**National Association**

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

**On-Site Alternates**

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

**Qualifiers (Q)**

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

**Qualifying / Qualifying Draw**

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

**Sign-in**

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

**Sign-in Deadline**

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

**System of Merit**

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

**Tournament**

A Tournament on the Junior Tour. Each Tournament has an applicable System of Merit for accepting doubles teams into that Tournament.

**Tournament Organiser**

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

**Wild Card (WC)**

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

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

Wild Cards for the Junior World Championships and Junior World Cup will be determined by the ITF. Full details of the Wild Card selection process will be published on the ITF website prior to the tournament.

### **Withdrawal**

When a player/doubles team withdraws from a Tournament in accordance with the Regulations. Withdrawals shall be made by completing and submitting the official withdrawal form to the relevant authority as stated on the Fact Sheet prior to the relevant Sign-In Deadline. Withdrawals are permitted without penalty up until the Withdrawal Deadline. Withdrawals after the Withdrawal Deadline are Late Withdrawals and will incur a penalty in accordance with the Junior Tour Code of Conduct.

### **Withdrawal Deadline**

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

## **C. THE COMPETITION**

### **1. Title**

The Competition, an international Girls' and Boys' Doubles competition, shall be called the "ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour" ("Junior Tour").

### **2. Rankings**

Doubles Rankings, issued by the ITF, shall be called the "ITF Beach Tennis Junior World Doubles Rankings" ("Junior World Doubles Rankings") for the boys' and girls' Competition.

Rankings shall be compiled on the basis of points earned for success in boys' and girls' doubles play in Tournaments on the Junior Tour, respectively.

The Junior World Doubles Rankings are completely separate from the ITF Beach Tennis World Rankings and the points earned in each are non-transferable.

A player eligible to compete in both Junior and World Tour Tournaments will appear in both World Rankings lists.

### **3. Ownership**

The Junior Tour shall be owned and managed by ITF. Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF, commercial exploitation of the Junior World Rankings, international sponsorship of the Junior World Rankings and internet coverage. See Appendix C for further details.

The Junior World Rankings shall be owned and managed by ITF.

#### 4. Players Eligible

Only players who are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the Junior Tour. Tournaments are open to male and female doubles teams – boy's events are open only to male players; girl's events are open only to female players.

The ITF may request from the player at any time a copy of their current, valid passport as proof of nationality.

Players wishing to make a request to change their nationality on the ITF website should send a copy of their current passport for the nation to which they wish to change their nationality to the ITF.

In the event that a request is made where:

- the player was born in the nation to which they wish to change their nationality;
- that nation does not issue its own separate passports, and its citizens are issued a passport from another nation; and
- the player holds a valid passport from that other nation which confirms the player's place of birth as in the nation to which they wish to change their nationality;

the player should send a copy of the passport recording their place of birth to the ITF and make a request to the ITF to change their nationality on the ITF's website to the nation where they were born. If the player complies with the requirements in this paragraph, the ITF will process the change of nationality and update the ITF's website.

In the event that a player does not hold a current passport for the nation to which they wish to change their nationality, the player must provide:

- A copy of their current passport (if one is held);
- A written explanation setting out:
  - why they are seeking to change their nationality;
  - why they do not hold a current passport for the nation to which they wish to change their nationality;
  - any dates they held nationality in the nation to which they seek to change their nationality, providing copies of expired passports and/or ID cards where available;
  - the nature of their ties and affiliation(s) with the nation to which they seek to change their nationality including, but not limited to:
    - familial connections;
    - period(s) of time spent visiting and/or residing in that nation;
    - their commitment to life and tennis in that nation; and
  - details of any second or previous nationalities, including in relation to their tennis participation at an international level.

On receipt of the information detailed above, the request will be considered by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP) in accordance with the Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings before an Internal Adjudication Panel Convened Under ITF Rules, to determine, in its discretion, whether the change of nationality is genuine and not intended to circumvent the application of the Regulations (i.e. a "flag of convenience"). The IAP reserves the right to ask the Player to provide and/or supply further information on request.

The IAP's first-instance decision is capable of being appealed by the Player to the Independent Tribunal.

This Regulation applies to the Junior Tour only and is without prejudice to any other regulations applicable to other competitions which may impose different criteria.

## **5. Junior Eligibility**

The Junior Tour is open to players aged between thirteen (13) and eighteen (18). A player is eligible to compete on the Junior Tour provided they have turned thirteen (13) years of age before the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year they intend to compete. A player can continue competing on the Junior Tour until the end of the year in which they turn eighteen (18) years of age.

## **6. Rules to be Observed**

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



contractual disputes or claims) to arbitration pursuant to Regulation C6 of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**c. Sanctions**

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

**d. Appeals**

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- i. decisions made by the ITF Supervisor under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);
- ii. subject to the preceding paragraph (i) above, decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules (in particular, the section applicable to the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appeal panel);
- iii. decisions of the Independent Tribunal (sitting as a first instance tribunal) may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules.

Such appeals may only be brought by one of the following persons:

- i. the person or Nation or entity that is the subject of the decision sought to be appealed;
- ii. any Nation that is directly affected by the decision sought to be appealed; and/or
- iii. the ITF.

A Nation will not be 'directly affected' pursuant to Regulation (ii) above based solely on it or its players being a competitor of the person or Nation or entity that is the subject of a decision sought to be appealed.

'Related Person' is defined as any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player, or any other person who receives accreditation at a Tour tournament at the request of the player or any other Related Person.

## **D. MANAGEMENT**

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

#### a) Management

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

#### b) Duties

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

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

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

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

- a. to guide the strategy for and monitor the management of the Junior Tour and the Junior World Cup;
- b. to recommend changes to and to ensure the uniform application of these Rules and Regulations and the Junior Tour Code of Conduct;
- c. to administer the approved funds of the Junior Tour and Junior World Cup within the financial framework of the ITF;
- d. to report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters;
- e. to impose penalties laid down in these Regulations;
- f. to submit regular reports to the Board of Directors;
- g. to approve the venues and dates for the events on the Junior Tour;
- h. to decide the Entry Fee and allocation of any prizes for the Junior Tour.

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

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

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

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

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

## **2. Publicity and Promotion**

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

Notwithstanding 2(b) and (c) above, it is prohibited for any Covered Person to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of junior players (being players who are under 18 years of age), unless they are the parent or legal guardian of the player, without the express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of i) the parent or legal guardian of the player, and ii) the ITF Supervisor. Images and/or recordings taken with permission under this Regulation must be exclusively of beach tennis matches, practice or the presentation of trophies. Please see the ITF's [Process For ITF Tournament Supervisors, Coaches and Parents on Video Recording of Junior Matches For Performance Analysis](#).

## **3. Data Rights**

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

## Data Protection

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

### **4. Sanction Fees**

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

Sanction Fees are non-transferable and will not be refunded due to cancellation unless there are exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the ITF.

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

### **5. Tournament Responsibilities**

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

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

If a Tournament is accepted for inclusion on the Junior Tour and subsequently withdraws within sixty (60) days of the scheduled first day of play, the Applicant shall be subject to forfeiture of all sums previously paid or due, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred and/or denial of subsequent applications and/or a penalty under the Junior Tour Code of Conduct.

#### a. Tournament Fact Sheet

The official Fact Sheet must be submitted by email to the ITF Beach Tennis Department ([Beach@itftennis.com](mailto:Beach@itftennis.com)) at least eight (8) weeks (56 days) before the Tournament start date for all Tournaments to enable such information to be provided for the benefit of players.

b. If required, Tournaments shall assign to the ITF, free of charge, one (1) page in the Official Tournament Programme for an ITF editorial or advertisement.

c. If required, Tournaments shall display an ITF Beach Tennis banner on their main court.

d. The ITF Supervisor, on conclusion of the Tournament shall send to the ITF, by email the completed draw sheets for the doubles main draw and qualifying, if applicable. This must include each player's full name, nationality and match results. The ITF Supervisor shall also submit a completed ITF Supervisor Report.

### **6. Non-Compliance**

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

## **7. Insurance**

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

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

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

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

## **8. ITF Responsibilities**

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

The ITF will publish events and the relevant Tournament Fact Sheets on the Junior Tour calendar on the ITF Beach Tennis website [www.itftennis.com/beachtennis](http://www.itftennis.com/beachtennis).

The ITF shall process results from all Tournaments on the Junior Tour and shall issue, on a two-month basis or as otherwise determined by the ITF, the latest ranking points accumulated by competitors. These shall be published on the ITF Beach Tennis website, [www.itftennis.com/beachtennis](http://www.itftennis.com/beachtennis).

## **9. Tournament Visitor Accreditation**

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

Furthermore, each National Association is responsible for ensuring that any Tournament Organiser sanctioned by that National Association fully complies with the terms of these Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, in such circumstances the National Association remains ultimately responsible for the proper organisation and running of the Tournament.

Any Covered Person, as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy (Appendix I) or Tournament Visitor, as defined below, attending a Junior Tour event must report to the Tournament Organiser upon arrival and request accreditation for the full duration of his/her stay.

For the purposes of the accreditation the full name of the attendee and the organisation he/she represents must be provided. Tournament Visitor Accreditation does not entitle the visitor to access private players' areas, such as the locker rooms or player lounge. Where possible, tournament visitors should be provided with photo identification guest passes that are clearly distinguishable (e.g. by colour) from player identification passes.

Note: Tournament Visitor includes, but is not limited to, the following groups: Any prospective or current agent, suppliers, sports manufacturers, the media, recruitment organisations, or training, development and academic institutions of any description. For the avoidance of doubt, it does not include anyone visiting an event solely as a tennis spectator.

### 10. Rankings and Allocation of Points

A player's World Doubles Ranking will be based on his/her best four (4) doubles results calculated on a 12-month rollover system (with points expiring on the ranking release that immediately follows the 12-months being reached) except that ranking points earned at the World and Regional Cup and Championships will remain active until the end of the next respective editions of those events.

To receive ranking points a player must reach a round where points are available.

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

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

### 11. Categories of Tournament

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

Junior World Championships (Individual competition)
Regional Junior Championships (Individual competition)
Junior World Cup (Team competition)
Junior Regional Cup (Team competition)
BTJ100 (U18s)

The Junior Tour comprises one official Tournament category: BTJ100 (under-18s). See Regulation C5 (Junior Eligibility) for age eligibility criteria.

Tournaments are permitted to hold other age category events within an ITF sanctioned Junior Tour event (U14s & U16s), however, these shall not be eligible for Junior World Ranking points. Should national ranking points be awarded at these unofficial age category events, these shall not count towards the players' Junior World Ranking. See Appendix E for age eligibility criteria to be observed for these non-official age category events.

## **12. Tournament Week**

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

## **13. System of Merit**

Teams entered in Junior Tour Tournaments (with the exception of the Junior World and Regional Cups) will be accepted at the Entry Deadline in accordance with the latest Junior World Rankings as published by the ITF.

See Regulation H (Junior World Cup Regulations) for entry system for World Cup. The entry system for the Regional Cups and the Sand Series Final shall be communicated separately.

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

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

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

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

Breaking Ties

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

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

## **14. Streaming**

Except for the rights granted directly below, the National Association does not have any rights to carry out or authorize Live Streaming of a tournament.

The National Association may conduct and/or authorize third parties to conduct Live Streaming of the tournament in its domestic territory subject to the following:

- a) the prior written approval of the ITF in its sole discretion;



- b) such Live Streaming not being transmitted or made available with a less than 30 second delay between the action taking place at the tournament and the Live Streaming being available to viewers;
- c) such Live Streaming being satisfactorily geoblocked to within the domestic territory of the Tournament;
- d) the Live Stream being available to the ITF free of charge and in a timely manner on request for publication on its own digital channels;
- e) such Live Streaming not being made available for gambling or betting purposes, or in any way associated with gambling or betting; and
- f) the National Association granting, or procuring that the producer of the Live Stream grants, all copyright in the Live Stream to the ITF at the conclusion of the tournament.

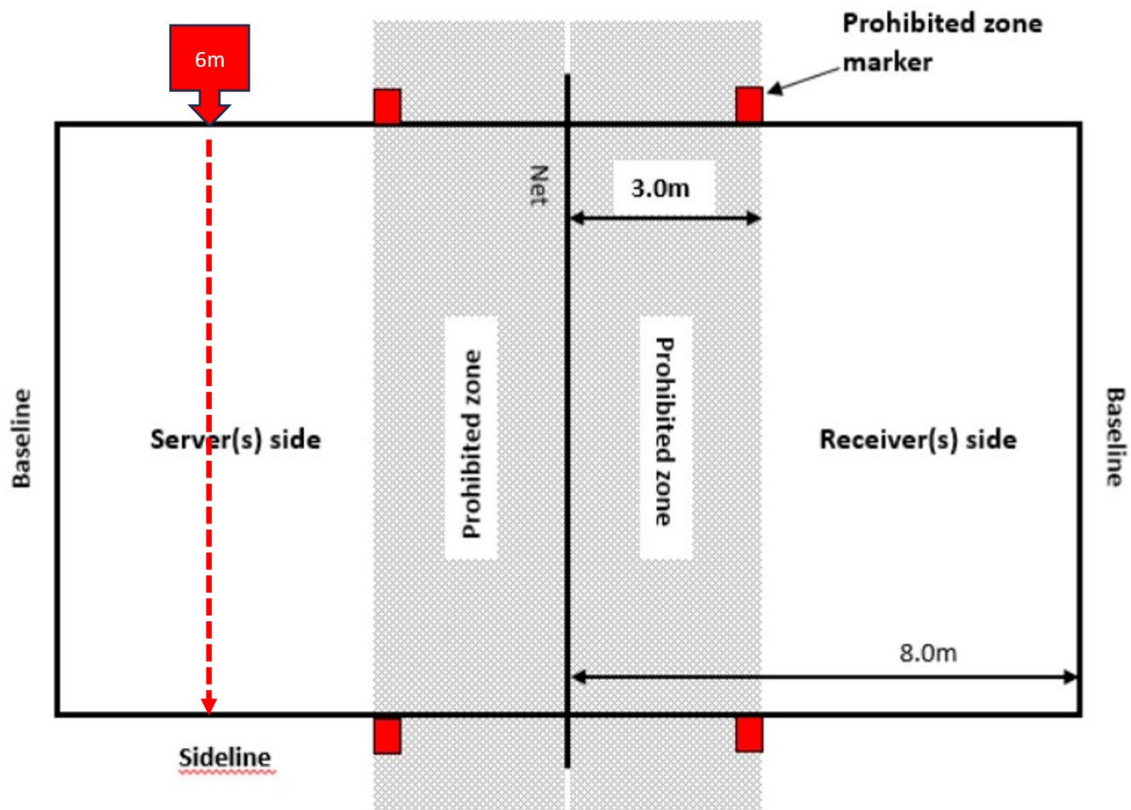
For the purposes of this provision, “**Live Streaming**” means the transmission and/or making available of coverage from a tournament through a live audio-visual signal by means of the internet, mobile wireless technology or mobile broadcast technology or any similar or derivative technologies.

## **15. Prohibited Zone**

The prohibited service return zone (“prohibited zone”) is the area between the net and an imaginary line parallel to, and three (3.0) metres from, the net and extending indefinitely beyond the sidelines. The intersection of the imaginary line and each sideline shall be clearly indicated by a marker placed on or immediately outside the sideline. No additional lines or markers shall be placed within the court area.

In 2025 the prohibited service zone for the serving team for men and junior boys (u18) competition will be six (6.0) metres from the net and extending indefinitely beyond the sidelines. The intersection of the imaginary line and any sideline shall be clearly indicated by a marker placed on or immediately outside the sideline.

No player(s) of the serving or receiving team shall touch any part of the court within the prohibited zone until the ball is in play.



## F. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

### 1. Entry

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

Players are not permitted to change doubles partners after the Entry Deadline except when in accordance with Regulation F4 (Vacancies) below.

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

### 2. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

All Entries and Withdrawals must be submitted using the official entry or withdrawal form and submitted via email as stated on the Fact Sheet to be received before the relevant Entry or Withdrawal Deadline.

Notwithstanding Regulation F4 (Vacancies) below and the Junior Tour Code of Conduct, which may impose penalties, a Withdrawal must be submitted as follows, depending on the time at which the player is Withdrawing:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Submission Method</b>	<b>Submitted to</b>
Before the Withdrawal Deadline	Official Entry Form (with player signature)	Email Official Form (as an attachment) before deadline	Tournament Organiser (see Fact Sheet for contact details).
After the Withdrawal Deadline	Official Withdrawal Form (with player signature)	Email Official Form (as an attachment)	Tournament Organiser (see Fact Sheet for contact details).

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

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

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

Entries received after the Entry Deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser. Acceptance priority shall be given to teams that enter before the Entry Deadline.

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

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

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

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

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

If a player has entered multiple events, he/ she should remove himself/herself from all events he/ she no longer wishes to compete in before the Withdrawal Deadline.

### **4. Vacancies**

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

- a. not already been accepted into any doubles event due to take place during the same time period following the Entry Deadline; or

- b. been accepted into the same event but who is eligible under this rule to enter again due to the injury or unavoidable circumstances of his/her partner.

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

For avoidance of doubt, if both players in the new team had been previously accepted, the position of the player from the lowest ranking team shall be used. The new entry must be submitted as soon as is practicable after the Withdrawal so as to not delay the making of the Draw.

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

## **5. One Tournament**

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

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

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

### **a) Qualifying**

All doubles teams must Sign-In onsite with the ITF Supervisor by 6.00pm (18:00 hours) local time the day before the start of play in the Qualifying competition.

### **b) Main Draw**

All doubles teams must sign-in onsite with the ITF Supervisor by 6.00pm (18:00 hours) local time the day before the start of play in the Main Draw competition.

For both Qualifying and Main Draw, one member of a doubles team may Sign-in for the team. Sign-in by telephone is accepted.

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

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

If too many doubles pairs are accepted into the Tournament (i.e. on a Tournament Acceptance List) who then arrive on-site and Sign-In to play the Tournament, the last two doubles pairs on the Acceptance List based on the correct updated Acceptance List (excluding Wild Cards and Qualifiers where applicable) will play for one (1) spot in the appropriate Draw.

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

The loser of the preliminary match will receive first round Junior World Ranking points. The team who wins the preliminary match will receive ranking points in accordance with E, Regulation E10 (Rankings and Allocation of Points). If that team loses in the first round it will receive 1<sup>st</sup> round plus 25% of second round ranking points.

## **8. Waiver of Claims**

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

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

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

## **G. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

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

### **1. Variations to Regulations**

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

### **2. Format of Draw**

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

Qualifying events with fewer than nine (9) entered teams may use a knock-out or a round robin format, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, as detailed in these Regulations. If there are nine (9) or more entered teams in the qualifying event, a knockout format must be used.

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

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

### 3. Knock-out Draws

All Tournaments must offer a minimum Main Draw size of sixteen (16) for both boys' and girls' doubles teams.

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

#### a) Composition of Draws

##### I. Qualifying

Draw Size	8	16	24	32	48
Wild Cards	1	2	4	6	7
Direct Acceptances	7	14	20	26	41

\*Qualification draw size of 48 is only permitted in the World Championships

##### II. Main Draw

Draw Size	16	24	32
Wild Cards	2	2	4
Qualifiers	2	4	8
Direct Acceptances	12	18	20

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

#### b) Seeds

##### I. Number of Seeds

The Number of Seeds shall be as follows:

##### i. Qualifying

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

##### ii. Main Draw

32 draw: 8 seeds

24 draw: 8 seeds

16 draw: 4 seeds

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

##### II. Selection of Seeds

Seeding shall be based on the latest combined Junior World Ranking of each team available at the time of the Draw. Ties shall be drawn randomly. Teams where both players do not have a Junior World Ranking shall not be given a combined ranking and shall not be seeded.

c) Making the Draw

I. Qualifying

i. Sections and Seeds

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

ii. Placing of Seeds

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

iii. Byes

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

iv. Vacancies/Substitutions

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

II. Main Draw

i) Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw

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

ii) Placing of Seeds

Taking into account the provisions of Regulation G3b (Seeds), seeds shall be placed or drawn as follows:

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

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

iii) Byes

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

iv) Drawing of Qualifiers/Lucky Losers

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

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

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

v) Remaining Doubles Teams

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

vi) Vacancies/Substitutions

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

Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows:

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



#### 4. Round Robin

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

##### a. Round Robin of 3-5 teams

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

##### b. Round Robin of 6-8 teams

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

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

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

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

##### d. Making the Draw

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

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

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

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

In Round Robin events the following rules apply:

- The standings calculation will only include the results of matches played amongst the players/teams who completed all matches in the round robin group. Retired matches count

as completed for this purpose. All matches for a team that concedes 1 or more walkovers shall not be included for the purpose of the standings calculation.

- Doubles teams are awarded one (1) point for winning a match.

The standings in the group are determined by:

- Highest number of points;
- If the number of points is equal for two (2) teams:
  - the head-to-head result;
- If the number of points is equal for three (3) or more teams, for these teams only:
  - the percentage of sets won from sets played against all teams in the group;
    - if, after this calculation, only two teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two teams will be used to break the tie;
  - the percentage of games won of games played against all teams in the group;
    - if, after this calculation, only two teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two teams will be used to break the tie;
  - if, after this, there are still teams that remain tied, then final standing shall be drawn by lot.

#### **f. Distribution of Ranking Points**

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

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

#### **g. Qualifying Draw Format**

The format for round robin groups in Qualifying shall be the same as for round robin groups in the Main Draw. The number of Qualifiers will be in accordance with the Regulation G3, (Format of Knock-out Draws – Main Draw).

#### **h. Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw**

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

## 5. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes

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

## 6. Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds

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

## 7. Suspension, Postponement, and Abandonment

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

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

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

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

## 8. Hospitality

All tournaments must comply with the hospitality requirements set out in the Junior Tour Organisational Guidelines (as may be amended from time to time).

If official hospitality is offered, the conditions of such hospitality must be equal for the boys' and girls' events at Tournaments.

Where hospitality is offered it is defined as a complimentary room and breakfast at the official hotel for the use of each pair beginning at least one (1) day before the start of Main Draw until the day following the last day of the Tournament. When unable to provide a complimentary room and breakfast at the hotel, prior approval must be obtained from the ITF.

Official coaches must be nominated by a National Association by the Freeze Deadline in order to be given hospitality. No other coaches shall be guaranteed hospitality.

Any official coach nominated by his/her National Association to receive hospitality must have registered for an annual Player Support Team ID at this website: <http://playersupport.itftennis.com>.

The Player Support Team ID must be communicated to the tournament by the National Association when nominating the official coach. Any coach without a valid Player Support Team ID will not be entitled to hospitality.

## **9. Courts**

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

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

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

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

## **10. Tournament Administrator/Tournament Director**

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

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

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

## **11. ITF Supervisor**

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

- a) ensuring the uniform administration and interpretation of the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Regulations, ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Code of Conduct, ITF Rules of Beach Tennis, Duties and Procedure for Officials and the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Requirements*;
- b) making the Draw;

- c) ensuring that all Junior Tour players' passports/photo IDs are checked for date of birth and that any discrepancies are reported to the ITF; and
- d) on conclusion of the Tournament sending to the ITF the full draws and results, the ITF Supervisor Report Form, including details of any penalties imposed under the Junior Code of Conduct. A list of any penalties imposed shall be posted during the tournament on the competitors' notice board, and shall be updated on a daily basis.

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

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

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

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

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

## **13. Match Format**

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

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

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

## **15. Conditions of Play**

### **a) Between Tournaments**

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

### **b) Between Matches**

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, members of a doubles team shall be scheduled for a maximum of four (4) matches per day.

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

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

iii. Played more than 1½ hours: 1½ hours rest

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

## 16. Entry Fee

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

	Max. Entry Fee (per team) *
World Championships	US\$75
Regional Championships	US\$50
Junior Tour (U18s)	US\$25

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

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

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

Entry fees should be payable in cash or, by bank transfer, or by card.

## 17. Facilities

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

## 18. Balls

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

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

## 19. Artificial Lighting

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

## 20. Related Regulations

To the extent not covered herein The Constitution of ITF Limited 2023, the 2023 ITF Rules of Beach Tennis and the 2023 Duties and Procedure for Officials shall be applicable to all Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of the Tournaments to promulgate and enforce their own special regulations insofar as they are consistent with the applicable provisions of these Rules and Regulations and have been approved by the ITF.

## H. JUNIOR WORLD AND REGIONAL CUPS REGULATIONS

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

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

### 1. The Competition

#### a. Title

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

#### b. Ownership

The Competition shall be owned by and under the direction and control of the ITF.

Regional Association(s) will deliver Regional Cups [on behalf of the ITF] unless otherwise confirmed by the ITF.

#### c. Nations Eligible

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

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

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

#### Replacement System

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

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

If one or more regional place(s) remains unallocated, and there are more entered Nations than place(s) available, any remaining place(s) will be allocated based on additional criteria as defined by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee, such as the length of existence of a Junior Beach Tennis program in each entered Nation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **f. Format**

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

#### **g. Entry Fee**

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

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



## **h. Rankings**

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

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

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

## **i. Approval/cancellation**

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

## **2. Composition of Teams**

Each team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of three (3) boys and a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of three (3) girls. Each Nation must nominate an additional non-playing Captain.

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

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

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

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

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

## **4. Change of Nomination**

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

of nomination. The nomination of a non-playing Captain may be changed up to one (1) hour before the Draw.

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

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

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

## **5. Passports**

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

## **6. The Captain**

### **a. Expectations**

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

### **b. Disciplinary**

The Referee shall have the following power and discretion in relation to the Captain:

- i. he/she may give a formal warning and, after two warnings, may remove him/her from his/her duties for the match in course and/or for any and all of the remaining matches of that Tournament, in which case the Captain may only be replaced by a member of the nominated team. The Referee may remove the Captain without a formal warning for a single incident of misconduct, if in his/her discretion, it is warranted; and/or
- ii. remove the Captain's accreditation, order his/her removal from the site, and/or order continued denial of access for a specified period of time or for the remainder of the Tournament. However, prior to removal of accreditation, removal from the site and/or denial of access to the site, the Referee must use his/her best efforts to obtain the approval of the ITF Executive Director.

In addition to removal, the Captain may be subject to the applicable provisions and penalties under the Code of Conduct.

The Captain must be a minimum of twenty-four (24) years of age prior to the end of the calendar year in which the Competition is played (unless approved by the ITF in writing).

## **7. Eligibility**

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

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

## **8. Withdrawals and Disqualifications**

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

Any team that:

- a. withdraws its entry less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the scheduled first day of play; or fails to play all its matches, including consolation or placement ties; or
- b. is disqualified for an offence committed under the Beach Tennis Code of Conduct or Welfare Policy during a Junior Regional Cup or the Junior World Cup, will be referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel for disciplinary action in accordance with Regulation H9 below.

Withdrawals shall be replaced in accordance with the replacement system at Regulation H1(d) above.

If a team that otherwise would have qualified for the Junior World Cup is disqualified for an offence committed in a Junior Regional Cup then that team shall be replaced in the Junior World Cup in accordance with the replacement system at Regulation H1(d).

## **9. Failure to abide by the Regulations**

Regulation C7, "Enforcement of Regulations and Resolution of Disputes" shall apply in circumstances where a Nation or Player fails to abide by the Regulations.

In accordance with Regulation C7, where a matter is referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations, the Panel may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

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

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

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

Each tie shall consist of three (3) doubles and shall be played consecutively on the same court, except as provided in Regulation H10.b. directly below.

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

The order of matches in each tie shall be Girls' Doubles followed by Boys' Doubles followed by Mixed Doubles. The Girls' Doubles match may be played first if both Captains are in agreement, and they notify the Referee in person a minimum of sixty (60) minutes before the tie is scheduled to start.

Matches shall directly follow each other, with a maximum time of fifteen (15) minutes between matches.

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

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

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

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

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

### **e. Substitutions**

If a player is unable to play his/her match due to health or injury or bereavement following notification of his/her name to the Referee, a substitution may be made by the Captain from the final nominated team providing the official Competition doctor/trainer is in agreement that the player's case is legitimate and the Referee authorises such a substitution. In all cases the Referee's decision to allow or not allow a substitution is final.

### **f. Match Format**

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

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

### **g. Seeding**

The number of seeded nations shall be confirmed by the Beach Tennis Committee following the receipt of all entries.

Seeding shall be determined by the combined ranking of the top two (2) boys and top two (2) girls in each team using the latest available Rankings at the time of the Draw.

The ITF reserves the right to use a hybrid ranking model including both World Ranking and Junior Ranking. The ranking model to be used will be confirmed annually before the nomination deadline.

#### **h. Team Identification**

All players in a team must wear predominantly the same colour during all matches.

In any ITF Team Cup or Regional Team Competition, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in National colours, OR substantially the same colours with the competitors names on the back.

At all other official ITF Tournaments, doubles pairs should make the best effort to be dressed in substantially the same colours.

#### **i. Wild Card**

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

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

## APPENDIX A - THE PLAYERS

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

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

A National Tennis Association shall determine a player to be in Good Standing where he/she:

(a) is free from a suspension for breach of a code of conduct or other disciplinary regulations imposed by his/her National Tennis Association, the ITF, or by another relevant organisation enforcing a code of conduct that the ITF considers is relevant to a player’s Good Standing;

(b) is accepted by his/her National Tennis Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which his/her National Tennis association has selected him/her;

(c) makes himself/herself available for selection for Regional Championships and/or Junior World Cup and Junior Regional Cups and accepts the jurisdiction of his/her National Tennis Association while competing in events for which they have selected him/her;

(d) respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times;

(e) accepts the conditions of entry of the Tournaments he/she enters, including the conditions of any Code of Conduct adopted for those Tournaments and the published terms and conditions in place at the time of entry

(f) agrees to undergo any medical control, and/or other tests, which are in operation at any event which he/she enters;

(g) has not been convicted by a competent court of a country of an offence:

(i) in respect of which an unsuspended sentence of at least 12 months was imposed; or

(ii) which involved any act or omission which would reasonably be considered to compromise the integrity of tennis, his/her National Tennis Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending a Tournament, including Junior Regional Championships, the Junior World Championships, the Junior World Cup and the Junior Regional Cups; and

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

(defined collectively as the ‘**Good Standing Criteria**’).

A National Association shall make an initial determination of whether a player meets the Good Standing Criteria (an ‘NA Determination’).

An NA Determination can only be reviewed where:

- i) It relates only to Good Standing Criteria (a), (g) and/or (h);
- ii) The player has exhausted any internal National Tennis Association appeal mechanisms (if the review is sought by the player); and
- iii) The request for a review is lodged no later than 21 days after the party requesting the review receives notice of a final NA Determination.

A review by a player or the ITF of an NA Determination shall be heard by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP). The IAP may set aside the NA Determination only where it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances to deny or allow (as applicable) the player eligibility to represent their nation, including but not limited to:

- i. Where the NA Determination was so unreasonable as to be manifestly excessive or manifestly prejudicial to the player;
- ii. Whether the proceedings that resulted in the NA Determination were procedurally unfair or contrary to natural justice, having regard to all the circumstances; or
- iii. Where the reputation of the competition or the ITF would suffer serious prejudice if the player were to participate.

Any decision of the IAP made under this Appendix shall be final and binding. For the avoidance of doubt, the IAP shall not act as a further appeal body for, nor have any powers to dismiss or modify any disciplinary suspension or sanction that falls within Good Standing Criteria (a), and appeals against any such decision shall be handled in accordance with the procedural rules applicable to that decision.

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

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

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

- (b) he/she has obtained or procured the right to remain permanently or has been granted humanitarian protection in that nation.
- 2 A National Association may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel to nominate a player or captain who is not eligible under the above Regulations on the basis that the full circumstances of the player's case demonstrate he/she has a sufficient, genuine connection or commitment to life and tennis in the nation that he/she wishes to represent. The complete application and all supporting materials must be received by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel at least two months prior to the competition for which the National Association wishes to nominate the Player/Captain.
- 3 If:
- (a) a player/Captain is, or may be, qualified under Regulation 1 to represent more than one nation, and the National Association of one of those nations wishes to nominate him/her to represent that nation; or
- (b) a nation applies to nominate a player or Captain under Regulation 2 and that player/Captain is, or may be, eligible to represent another nation(s);
- the National Association wishing to nominate the player/Captain must submit the nomination/application to the ITF at least two months prior to the event for which they wish to nominate the player or Captain. The ITF will notify the other nation(s) concerned, which shall be entitled to comment within 15 days of receipt, should it wish to do so.
- 4 If a player/Captain is nominated without an application being made under Regulation 2, the ITF Executive will decide on the eligibility of the player/Captain having taken into account all relevant matters. The decision of the ITF Executive may be appealed to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which will consider the matter as an appeal in accordance with its Procedural Rules. The appeal must (i) be made in writing, (ii) detail the basis of the appeal, and (iii) be filed with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel within 14 days of notification of the decision of the ITF Executive. There is no right to appeal or challenge the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision.
- 5 If an application to nominate a player/Captain is made under Regulation 2, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will decide on the application having taken into account all relevant matters.
- 6 In exceptional circumstances, the other nation(s) concerned may not be notified before the player/Captain's eligibility is considered by the ITF Executive or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel. In such circumstances, the ITF Executive or ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall reach a provisional view under Regulation 4 or 5 respectively, subject to any subsequent comments received from the other nation(s). If the provisional view is to approve the eligibility of the player/Captain to represent the nominating/applying nation, and the nation wishes to proceed with the nomination and/or application, the other nation(s) concerned will then be notified of the nomination/application that has been received by the ITF and will have 15 days from receipt to comment should it wish to do so. The ITF Executive or ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will then reach its decision having considered any comments from the other nation(s) concerned, in accordance with Regulation 4 or 5 above.
- 7 The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel has the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player or captain is qualified to represent that nation.



- 8 A player or captain who has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a nation and such a nation is divided into two or more nations shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those nations.
- 9 A player or captain who has represented or has been eligible to represent a nation and such nation is absorbed in whole or in part by another nation, shall immediately be eligible to represent such other nation.
- 10 A player shall be deemed to have represented a nation if he/she shall have been nominated at the time of the draw.

#### TRANSGENDER POLICY

The ITF will deal with any cases involving transgender and non-binary players in accordance with the principles set out in the ITF Transgender Policy, which can be found on the ITF website:

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

## APPENDIX B - TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND RANKING POINTS

### Junior Tour Tournaments

The following ranking points will be awarded at U18 Junior Tour tournaments:

#### a) Knockout Competitions

Tournament Category	Winner	Final	Semi Final	Quarter Final	R16	R32
World Championships	200	120	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 96 4 <sup>th</sup> : 72	36	18	9

Tournament Category	Winner	Final	Semi Final	Quarter Final	R16	R32
Regional Championships	100	60	36	18	9	5
BTJ100	100	60	36	18	9	5

#### b) Round Robin Competitions

Tournament Category	Winner	Final	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
World Championships	200	120	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 96 4 <sup>th</sup> : 72	36
Regional Championships	100	60	36	18
BTJ100	100	60	36	18

### Junior Tour World Cup Ranking Points

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

Nation's Position	Ranking points
17th	30
18th	29
19th	28
20th	27
21st	24
22nd	23
23rd	22
24th	21
25th	18
26th	17
27th	16
28th	15

13th	42
14th	40
15th	38
16th	36

29th	12
30th	11
31st	10
32nd	9

### Junior Regional Cup Ranking Points

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

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

## APPENDIX C - DATA RIGHTS

### 1. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following ascribed meanings:

<b>“DATA RIGHTS”</b>	shall mean the right to in any way use or create or assemble official data including without limitation the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all official data including but not limited to the live scoring rights.
<b>“MATCH PERIOD”</b>	shall mean in respect of each match the period commencing at the start of that match and expiring 30 seconds after conclusion of the last game in said match.
<b>“LIVE SCORING RIGHTS”</b>	shall mean the right to exercise data rights during the applicable match period.
<b>“OFFICIAL DATA”</b>	shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring (including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incident such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc.) And/or other statistical information relating to the competition, any match and/or the participants therein, howsoever generated and including without limitation PAT data;
<b>“PAT DATA”</b>	shall mean player performance analysis data and/or other data or information (and any analysis derived from that data or information) that is collected (a) during a match in a tournament, and (b) by means of any system of Player analysis technology that is approved by ITF for use in the Competition, whether or not it is collected by or in co-operation with the ITF, a nation or the Player.

### 2. Data rights

The ITF will have the exclusive right to exercise the data rights including without limitation the live scoring rights in respect of any and all matches and/or any and all elements of the competition. Each host organiser will assist the ITF in its efforts to exercise the data rights.

ITF hereby confirms that each host organiser may on a royalty free basis use official data by the following means:

- (a) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data in official publications and on official websites, mobile applications and/or other media outlets provided that any such use takes place after the applicable match period and is for non-gambling purposes;
- (b) the right to supply the official data excluding PAT data to official sponsors provided that any such supply takes place after the match period and is for non-gambling purposes; and
- (c) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data for in-venue purposes (including by way of example and not limitation on in-venue scoreboards) before the expiry of the match period for non-gambling purposes;

In addition the host organiser of an event and (if applicable) the licensees of traditional broadcast television in the host country may use official data in their live and/or delayed transmissions of that event provided that (i) such use is an integral part of the transmission of the television signal of the event; (ii) the official data is not used in connection with gambling or for gambling purposes; and (iii) the official data used relates only to the event which is being broadcast.

In addition, ITF confirms that where ITF provides a live score centre of any match on the ITF website the host organiser may request ITF's permission to incorporate a link on their respective official websites that enables viewers to access and view such live score centre. ITF will not unreasonably refuse any request to incorporate such a link provided that the link is incorporated in accordance with ITF directions.

All other rights to use or create or assemble official data or in any way to exercise the data rights are reserved exclusively to ITF and may be exploited by ITF at its sole election.

### 3. Data rights protection

Host organiser shall not allow or authorise the dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data from the venue.

The use of laptop computers, mobile phones or other handheld electronic devices within the venues to collate, collect, use, store, reproduce, onward supply or make available any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data or for purposes relating to gambling shall be prohibited and each host organiser national association shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition (including without limitation by means of venue regulations, ticket conditions and accreditation terms), save for incidental use within editorial reporting. The exception to this provision is host organiser and/or ITF credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

The host organiser shall co-operate with the ITF in relation to:

- Any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the exercise, collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> party) of live scoring rights;
- Any measures that the ITF takes to protect the exclusivity of live scoring rights and the prevention of any unauthorised collation, collection, use, storage, reproduction, onward supply or making available of official data.

The ITF and the host organiser shall at all times co-operate with and comply with the requirements of the tennis anti-corruption program.

### 4. PAT data exploitation

The ITF has, subject to the rules of tennis, agreed that players using approved PAT systems may collect, collate, assemble and store PAT data from matches played in the competition subject to the following conditions:

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

- ii. Each host organiser coach and player shall and undertakes to procure that any technology provider or service operator involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT data at any time shall:
- a) Not publish, use or otherwise exploit any PAT data or supply any PAT data or analysis derived therefrom to third parties for any purposes other than as described in 4(i) above or that have otherwise been pre-approved in writing by ITF and shall take such steps as ITF may reasonably require to prevent any unauthorised access to and/or use of such PAT data, in particular but without limitation no PAT data or analysis or product derived therefrom shall be used or supplied to any third party for any purpose related to betting and/or gambling;
  - b) Ensure that ITF shall be able to access free of charge any and all such PAT data live and/or delayed at the venue of the match and/or such other point as may be agreed and ITF shall be free to use such PAT data and authorise third parties to use such PAT data for any purposes;

In the event that such PAT data is accessed by unauthorised third parties and/or ITF reasonably believes that PAT data and/or PAT equipment and/or services are being used for any purposes in breach of these regulations ITF shall be entitled to rescind its approval and the coaches and players will immediately cease use of the PAT system pending resolution.

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

### MEDICAL

#### a. Medical Condition

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

#### Treatable Medical Conditions

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

#### Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

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

#### b. Medical Evaluation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment.

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

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

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

#### **Note:**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

#### **e. Penalty**

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

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

#### **f. Bleeding**

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

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

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

#### **g. Vomiting**

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

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

#### **h. Incapacity**

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

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

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

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

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

## **EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

### Extreme Weather Conditions

#### a. Definitions

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

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

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

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

Air temperature											
	21.1° C 70°F	23.9° C 75°F	26.7° C 80°F	29.4° C 85°F	32.2° C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8° C 100°F	40.6° C 105°F	43.3° C 110°F	46.1° C 115°F	48.9° C 120°F
<b>Relative humidity</b>	<b>Heat Index</b> (combined index of air temperature and relative humidity)										
<b>0%</b>	17.8° C 64°F	20.6° C 69°F	22.8° C 73°F	25.6° C 78°F	28.3° C 83°F	30.6° C 87°F	32.8° C 91°F	35°C 95°F	37.2° C 99°F	39.4° C 103°F	41.7° C 107°F
<b>10%</b>	18.3° C 65°F	21.1° C 70°F	23.9° C 75°F	26.7° C 80°F	29.4° C 85°F	32.2° C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8° C 100°F	40.6° C 105°F	43.9° C 111°F	46.7° C 116°F
<b>20%</b>	18.9° C 66°F	22.2° C 72°F	25°C 77°F	27.8° C 82°F	30.6° C 87°F	33.9° C 93°F	37.2° C 99°F	40.6° C 105°F	44.4° C 112°F	48.9° C 120°F	54.4° C 130°F
<b>30%</b>	19.4° C 67°F	22.8° C 73°F	25.6° C 78°F	28.9° C 84°F	32.2° C 90°F	35.6° C 96°F	40.1° C 104.2°F	45°C 113°F	50.6° C 123°F	57.2° C 135°F	64.4° C 148°F
<b>40%</b>	20°C 68°F	23.3° C 74°F	26.1° C 79°F	30°C 86°F	33.9° C 93°F	38.3° C 101°F	43.3° C 110°F	50.6° C 123°F	58.3° C 137°F	66.1° C 151°F	
<b>50%</b>	20.6° C 69°F	23.9° C 75°F	27.2° C 81°F	31.1° C 88°F	35.6° C 96°F	41.7° C 107°F	48.9° C 120°F	57.2° C 135°F	65.6° C 150°F		
<b>60%</b>	21.1° C 70°F	24.4° C 76°F	27.8° C 82°F	32.2° C 90°F	37.8° C 100°F	45.6° C 114°F	55.6° C 132°F	65°C 149°F			
<b>70%</b>	21.1°C 70°F	25°C 77°F	29.4°C 85°F	33.9°C 93°F	41.1°C 106°F	51.1°C 124°F	62.2°C 144°F				
<b>80%</b>	21.7°C 71°F	25.6°C 78°F	30°C 86°F	36.1°C 97°F	45°C 113°F	57.8°C 136°F					
<b>90%</b>	21.7°C 71°F	26.1°C 79°F	31.1°C 88°F	38.9°C 102°F	50°C 122°F						

#### b. Measurement Procedure

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

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

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

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

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

c. Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play

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

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

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

d. Modification of Play Procedures

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

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

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

i. During the 10-minute break:

a. No coaching is allowed.

b. A Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment is not allowed, unless approved by the ITF Supervisor. This would normally be restricted to requests for the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist that are made on-court to the Chair Umpire, or were already agreed before the end of the second set (in a best of 3 sets match). However, a player is allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or medical advice from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist during the 10-minute break.

ii. Immediately following the 10-minute break:

a. Any delay in resumption of play will subject a player to Time Violations (Warning, Point Penalties only apply).

b. No re-warm up is allowed.

- c. A player is not allowed to receive a Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment, unless approved by the ITF Supervisor.

### iii. Consecutive Breaks

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

- e. Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play

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

- f. Lightning

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

### **TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## APPENDIX E - JUNIOR AGE ELIGIBILITY

### 1) Junior Tour (U18s)

Only boys and girls who were born between the below dates may compete and receive Ranking points in any of the Tournaments that comprise the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour (U18s):

Category	Age	Date of Birth (D.O.B)
BTJ100	13 to 18	<u>1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011</u>

### 2) World & Regional Championships

The below age category table defines the age eligibility for players competing at junior events at the ITF Beach Tennis Junior World Championships, Junior Regional Championships, Junior World Cup and Junior Regional Cups.

Category	Age	Date of Birth (D.O.B)
U-18	13 to 18	<u>1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011</u>

### 3) Other Non-official Age Categories

U14 and U16 categories are additional promotional junior categories, not sanctioned by ITF Beach Tennis.

Tournaments wishing to hold additional age category events to the U18s are recommended to use the below age category table for these. Please note that such additional age category events are not eligible for ITF Ranking points.

Category	Age	Date of Birth (D.O.B)
U-14	11 to 14	<u>1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013</u>
U-16	13 to 16	<u>1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012</u>

Players born outside of the dates specified in the tables above are not eligible to play in any given category.

## **APPENDIX F - ITF BEACH TENNIS JUNIOR TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT 2024**

### **ARTICLE I: GENERAL**

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

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

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

#### **A. PURPOSE**

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) promulgates this Code in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by junior players, Related Persons, Covered Persons (for the purposes of Article IV) and the organisers of all ITF Beach Tennis World Junior Tour Tournaments, regional championships and international team competitions included in the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour, and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the Sport of Beach Tennis. All references to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall mean the ITF Limited.

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

This 2023 Code shall be the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any player, Related Person, Covered Persons (for the purposes of Article IV) or Tournament in the ITF sanctioned Beach Tennis World Junior Tour tournaments including the Junior World Cup and Junior Regional Cups (“**Tournament**”), and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the sport of Beach Tennis, except to the extent that disciplinary jurisdiction is established in relation to such tournaments under (i) the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme; and/or (ii) the ITF Welfare Policy.

#### **C. ITF SUPERVISOR**

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



## **ARTICLE II: ENTRY OFFENCES**

### **A. APPLICABILITY**

This Article shall only apply to ITF Beach Tennis World Junior Tour Tournaments.

### **B. ENTRY OFFENCES**

#### **1. Late Withdrawal**

A player who has entered and been accepted as a Direct Acceptance into the Main Draw or Qualifying and not timely withdrawn therefrom, shall appear for play. Any withdrawal from a player accepted into Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal.

#### **2. No-Show**

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

- a) the team is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying and fails to sign in by the relevant Sign-In Deadline; or
- b) the team is accepted into the Main Draw of a Tournament and fails to arrive on-site for his/her first match in the Tournament. The ITF Supervisor may waive the No-Show offence for a player who arrives on-site after the scheduled commencement time for the team's first match, and penalise the team for the On-Site Offence of Punctuality instead.

A player that commits a No-Show violation may not use an on-site medical certificate to appeal a penalty.

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

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

#### **3. On-Site Medical Withdrawal**

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

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

Players/teams who complete their final match of the Tournament after the Qualifying Sign-in of the following week's Tournament must obtain a Medical Certificate before leaving the site and must inform the following week's ITF Supervisor as soon as possible.

- c) A valid ITF Medical Certification form will excuse a late withdrawal penalty for any subsequent Tournament until the player next competes in any tennis event, provided a withdrawal form for each Tournament is submitted prior to the relevant sign-in deadline.

#### **4. One Tournament**

- a) No player who has entered and been accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Tournament shall play in any other ITF Beach Tennis Tournament during the period of such Tournament except as hereinafter provided.
- b) Participation by a player in an alternative Tournament is permitted in the following specific circumstances, provided the player first submits an official withdrawal for the Tournament he/she was originally committed to, prior to the Sign-in Deadline:
  - i) A player is nominated to represent his/her country in an official Team competition recognised by the ITF;
  - ii) Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card offering higher event status (i.e. moving from a Qualifying event to a Main Draw);
  - iii) A player is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw or Qualifying of a Pro Tour Tournament,
- c) No player who has played in the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Junior Tour Tournament shall play in any other Tournament, including national and regional Tournaments, during the period of such Tournament, except in the following circumstances:

A player may represent his/her country in an official Team competition recognized by the ITF in the same period as he/she has competed in a Junior Tour Tournament in which he/she has competed, provided the player has already lost in the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Tournament prior to being nominated for the team competition.

A player may represent his/her country in a Team Competition in the same week as he/she has competed in an official Team competition recognized by the ITF, if the Junior Tour Tournament finished before the start of the Team Competition.

Any player who is found to have played in another tennis Tournament in the same Tournament period in which they have played an ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Tournament will not receive ranking points for the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Tournament.

### **C. WILD CARDS**

No player or Related Person directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section by a player shall result in disciplinary procedures.

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

### **D. FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION**

Should a player submit documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence, including but not limited to documents pertaining to Tournament Entry and Withdrawal and Code appeals, the player shall be subject to disciplinary procedures.

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

### **E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF or ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all Entry Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the Suspension Points to be imposed in line with Article III ‘X - Suspension Points’ and/or other punishment therefore and where possible notify the player.

### **F. APPEALS**

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

Please note that appeals made more than fourteen (14) days following the notification to a player of an Entry Offence will not be accepted.

## **ARTICLE III: ON-SITE OFFENCES**

### **A. GENERAL**

Every player, and in relation to team competitions the team Captain, team members, extra players, coach, trainer, other medical personnel, relative, parent or guardian, or other support personnel of the participating teams (“**Team Member**”) shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of a Tournament and while engaged in activities directly related to the Tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply to each player’s and/or Team Member’s conduct while engaging with Officials preparing for and running a tournament in which a Covered Person is entered/involved, and/or while within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

## **B. PUNCTUALITY**

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

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

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

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

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

## **C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

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

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

### **1. Unacceptable Attire**

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

#### **a) Footwear**

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

### **2. Doubles Teams**

In an official ITF or regional team competition, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours. At other Tournaments members of a doubles team should make best efforts to be dressed in substantially the same colours.

In any ITF Team Cup or Regional Team Competition, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in National colours, OR substantially the same colours with the competitors names on the back.

At all other official ITF Tournaments, doubles pairs should make the best effort to be dressed in substantially the same colours.

### 3. Identification/Advertising/Slogans

Manufacturer's and non-manufacturer's identification are allowed on clothing, accessory (such as hat, wristband, headband and face coverings) and equipment. No identification shall be permitted on player's clothing or equipment that promotes/displays betting companies, tobacco or e-cigarette products, alcohol products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour, or that, in the opinion of the ITF Supervisor, shares a clear visual likeness with any such entity so that the identification could reasonably be mistaken for such entity.

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

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

### 4. Warm-up Clothing

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

## D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds shall elapse from when the last player arrives to his/her seat on court until the players are ready for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire. This will be followed immediately by the warm-up period. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match. Any player not ready in time for the warm-up or ready to play after the warm-up period is subject to a Code Violation for Delay of Game.

Following the expiration of the warm-up period play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

A maximum of twenty (20) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the first serve of the next point. If such serve is a fault then the second serve must be struck by the server without delay.

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 set until the time the first serve is struck for the next set.

If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set.

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready. A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty (20) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:

- Server           The Time Violation shall result in a "fault"
- Receiver        The Time Violation shall result in a "point penalty"

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

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

#### **E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY (AOB)**

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

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

#### **F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY (VOB)**

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

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

#### **G. VERBAL ABUSE (VA)**

Players and Team Members shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the Tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

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

#### **H. PHYSICAL ABUSE (PhA)**

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

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

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

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the Tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up) the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as 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 negligent disregard of the consequences.

#### **J. ABUSE OF RACQUETS OR EQUIPMENT (RA)**

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the Tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

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

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

Players shall not receive on-court coaching during a match (including the warm-up) (except in team competitions by the captain as permitted by the Rules of Beach Tennis and the regulations). Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and an off-court individual (includes representative or relative of player) may be construed as on-court coaching. Off-court coaching (“OCC”) shall be permitted on the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour, subject to the conditions set out in the 2025 Off-court coaching procedures (available via: <https://www.itftennis.com/media/13673/2025-bt-off-court-coaching-procedures.pdf>)



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

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

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

#### **L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (UnC)**

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

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

#### **M. BEST EFFORTS (BE)**

A player shall use his/her best efforts to win a match when competing in an ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Tournament.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Any player that leaves a Tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, or retires from a Tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the Tournament doctor), will forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that Tournament and be subject to the penalties set forth in *Article III, X. Suspension Points*.

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

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

#### **Q. CEREMONIES (CER)**

A player participating in the finals of an ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Tournament event must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he is reasonably unable to do so.

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

#### **R. MEDIA CONFERENCE (MC)**

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the post-match media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended or otherwise modified by the ITF Supervisor for good cause.

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

#### **S. POINT PENALTY SCHEDULE**

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

FIRST offence

WARNING

SECOND offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT offence	GAME PENALTY

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

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

## T. DEFAULTS

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

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

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

- a. Loss of all points earned for that event at that Tournament, and
- b. At the ITF Supervisor's discretion, default from all other events, if any, in that Tournament

The exceptions to the additional penalties set out above are:

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

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

## U. DOUBLES EVENTS

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

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

## V. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the Suspension Points to be imposed in line with Article III 'X - Suspension Points' and/or other punishment, other than under the Point Penalty Schedule, and give written notice thereof to the player.

## W. APPEALS

Any player found to have committed an On-Site Offence may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under Article III. V. Determination and Penalty (but not any point penalties or defaults) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF

Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing using the form prescribed by the ITF and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the player is notified of the violation (the “**Notice of Appeal**”). The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player wishes to submit.

#### **X. SUSPENSION POINTS**

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

	<b>Suspension Points</b>
a) Late withdrawal	
13-7 days (14:00 GMT) before Monday of Main Draw week	1
7 days before the Monday of Main Draw week to Freeze Deadline	2
After Freeze Deadline	3
After Qualifying Sign-in Deadline	4
b) No Show/Failure to sign in at a Tournament	6
c) For first warning given	1
d) For warning + point penalty	2
e) For warning + point penalty + first game penalty	3
f) For warning + point penalty + second game penalty	4
g) For any subsequent game penalty	+1
h) Default after any of the above	+1
i) Any Default for a single violation of the Code (Immediate Default)	6
j) Any Default for punctuality	1
k) Missing a Ceremony or Media Responsibilities	1
l) Leaving the Tournament	5

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

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

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

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

Supervisors of ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Tournaments shall be in breach of the regulations governing these Tournaments if they allow any player appearing on the suspension list sent to them by the ITF to participate in a tournament. (Such players will be red flagged in the Tournament Planner system, when it will become available).

## **ARTICLE IV: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (COVERED PERSONS)**

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

The ITF reserves the right at any time to reintroduce an obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols. The ITF’s decision to reintroduce an 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 an obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols, the provisions in Article IV. A, B and C below shall apply.

### **A. MINIMUM STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR**

A Covered Person shall comply with the Protocols Any failure to comply with the Protocols shall amount to a violation of this Article IV. Violation of this Article IV may result in the following sanctions:

- (i) For a player: one or more point penalties in accordance with the Suspension Points Schedule pursuant to Article III.X (Suspension Points) or an Immediate Default and six (6) suspension points in accordance with Article III.T (Defaults). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule at Article III.S.
- (ii) One violation of this Article IV.A that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or is singularly egregious, or a series of two (2) or more violations of this Article IV.A within a twelve (12) month period which when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the tournament may also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”
- (iii) For a Related Person or any other Covered Person: immediate revocation of accreditation and denial of access to the tournament. One or more violations which are singularly or collectively flagrant or egregious or detrimental or injurious to the tournament may also result in permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF tournaments, competitions and events as determined by the ITF.

### **B. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

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

### **C. APPEAL**

Any Covered Person found to have committed an offence under Article IV.A may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under section A. above (but not any

Immediate Default issued to a player) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing, using the form prescribed by the ITF and must be filed with the ITF by 17:00 (5.00pm) GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the Covered Person is notified of the violation. The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the Covered Person as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the Covered Person wishes to submit.

## **ARTICLE V: MAJOR OFFENCES**

### **A. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR**

No player, Related Person or team Captain at any Tournament shall engage in “Aggravated Behaviour” which is defined as follows:

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

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

Any player who, directly or indirectly, receives money in exchange for his/her participation in a Tournament shall be in violation of this section.

Violation of this section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF Tournament, event or circuit and ITF Beach Tennis team competitions organised by the ITF or any Regional Association.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF Tournament, event or circuit and ITF Beach Tennis team competitions organised by the ITF or any Regional Association.

### **B. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME**

No player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Beach Tennis. If a player or Related Person is convicted of a violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Beach Tennis and the ITF Executive Director may provisionally suspend such player from further participation in any ITF Tournament, event or circuit and ITF Beach Tennis team competitions organized by the ITF or any Regional Association pending a final determination in *Article V, C*. In addition, if a player or Related Person has at any time behaved in a manner severely

damaging to the reputation of the sport, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this section.

Violation of this section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF Tournament, event or circuit and ITF Beach Tennis team competitions organised by the ITF or any Regional Association.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF Tournament, event or circuit and ITF Beach Tennis team competitions organised by the ITF or any Regional Association.

### **C. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

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

Where, as the result of an investigation under this *Article V.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"), setting out:

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

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

commission of the Major Offence(s) and the imposition of the specified consequences, and shall send a copy of the decision to the Player or Related Person.

### **Provisional Suspension**

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

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

(a) at his/her election, to make an application to the Chair of the Independent Tribunal convened to hear his/her case, either immediately or at any time prior to the full hearing, for an order that the Provisional Suspension should not be imposed (or, if the Provisional Suspension has been imposed, that it should be vacated). The Chair of the Independent Tribunal, sitting alone, will rule on the application as soon as reasonably practicable; and

(b) to have the proceedings before the Independent Tribunal expedited so that the hearing is held, and the charge against him/her is determined, as soon as possible, consistent with the requirements of due process.

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

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

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

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

## Hearing

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

## D. APPEAL

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

## E. COMMENCEMENT OF PENALTY

A suspension imposed on a Player for a Major Offence shall take effect from the later of the following, unless specified otherwise by the Independent Tribunal or the ITF when issuing the suspension:

- a) the date of notification by the ITF or Independent Tribunal;
- b) if the player is participating in a Tournament on the date of the notification, the day after he/she finishes competing in that Tournament.

The revocation of accreditation or denial of access to all ITF Tournaments, events or circuits imposed on a Related Person shall take effect immediately upon notification.

Any breach by a player or Related Person of the terms of their sanction under this Article V shall be referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and dealt with pursuant to clause 5 of the Procedural Rules governing an Internal Adjudication Panel convened under ITF Rules.

## ARTICLE VI: MEDICAL CONTROL - ANTI-DOPING POLICY

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

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



## **ARTICLE VII: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES**

### **A. APPLICABILITY**

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

### **B. GUARANTEES**

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of a Tournament shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall such a Tournament permit any other person or entity to offer, give or pay money or anything of value to a player, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player’s appearance at a Tournament. Violation of this Section shall subject the Tournament to disqualification and loss of sanction. In the event the ITF Executive Director believes that a Tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the Tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Executive Director or his agent access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating in any way to such alleged guarantee, or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the ITF Executive Director.

### **C. WILD CARDS**

No Tournament, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a maximum fine of US\$1,000, downgrade and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

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

No Tournament, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport. Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a maximum fine of US\$1,000, downgrade and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

### **E. ITF BEACH TENNIS TOUR JUNIOR REGULATIONS**

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

### **F. LATE CANCELLATION**

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

Violation of this section shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$1,000, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred, downgrade and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

## **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 an obligation for Tournaments to comply with the Protocols. The ITF's decision to reintroduce an 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 VII.G. Violation of this Article VII.G shall subject the Tournament to a fine of up to \$1,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid or due to the ITF, an order for reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred by Covered Persons, withdrawal of its sanction and/or denial of subsequent applications to host.

## **H. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

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

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

Where, as the result of an investigation under this *Article VII.G*, 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") setting out:

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

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

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

### **Hearing**

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

### **I. PAYMENT OF FINES**

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

### **J. APPEALS**

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

## **ARTICLE VIII: WELFARE POLICY**

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

## **ARTICLE IX: RECIPROCITY & INFORMATION SHARING**

Defined terms used in this Appendix are:

- (a) Tennis Organisation means any organisation involved in the governance, regulation, sanctioning, organization, or administration of tennis, including but not limited to the Women's Tennis Association, Association of Tennis Professionals, the Grand Slam Board, and each member national association;
- (b) Disciplinary Sanction means a suspension, ineligibility or other sanction issued against a Covered Person (as defined in Appendix G - ITF Welfare Policy) pursuant to a conduct or disciplinary process, under a code of conduct or disciplinary policy (including where some or all of the sanction is suspended, but strictly excluding monetary fines);
- (c) Reciprocate means the affirmation, modification or extension of a Disciplinary Sanction;

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE X: INTERPRETATIONS**

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

## **ARTICLE XI: NOTICE**

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

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

Fax: (44) 20 8392 4737

**A. PLAYER**

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

**B. TOURNAMENT**

Service of any document on a Tournament as required by this Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the Tournament Director.

**ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

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

The Board of Directors may grant dispensation from, modify, waive or otherwise alter this ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Code of Conduct or its application in extraordinary circumstances.

## APPENDIX G - WELFARE POLICY

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

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

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

### **Section A.**

Criminal Conduct – illegal drugs and substances

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

### **Section B.**

Children Safeguarding Policy

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

**Section C.**

Adult Safeguarding Policy

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**Section D.**

Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures

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## **APPENDIX H - CONTACTS**

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