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SECTION I
REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF SENIORS CIRCUIT TOURNAMENTS AND
THE YOUNG SENIORS/SENIORS/SUPER-SENIORS WORLD INDIVIDUAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following Regulations apply to all Seniors Tournaments in Grades A, 1 – 5 and, with some exceptions, to those in Grade RC (Regional Closed Championships), National Closed Championships, as well as Grade C (Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and other international team competitions). These exceptions are given in Section II (ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships), together with additional clauses in Appendix I and II for National Closed and Regional Closed Championships.

For all other Seniors Tournaments without an ITF sanction, whether listed in the Seniors Calendar or not these Regulations are to be regarded as guidelines to be followed in order to achieve desirable standards and uniformity for the benefit of Seniors players worldwide.

I. THE COMPETITION

1. Title

The Competition, an international singles, doubles and mixed doubles competition, shall be called the “ITF Seniors Circuit”.

2. Mission Statement

The ITF Seniors Circuit seeks to promote the growth, development and continuing interest in Seniors tennis through the conduct of international competitions at different locations throughout the world, which engenders good will between nations. The ITF Seniors Circuit is comprised of the best international seniors tournaments staged by its member nations worldwide including the annual ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team and Individual Championships. National Associations are responsible for proposing tournaments for inclusion in the Circuit, subject to the final approval of the ITF Seniors Committee who govern the geographical distribution and grading of Circuit tournaments.

The ITF Seniors Circuit provides a platform for seniors players to measure their standard against players from other nations and by reference to the ITF Seniors World Individual ranking and ITF Seniors World Team ranking, which determine the ITF Year-End No.1 player and nation in each of the recognised age groups.

3. Ownership

The Competition shall be owned and managed by ITF Limited, hereinafter referred to as the "ITF".

Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF; commercial exploitation of the event; television and radio, film and video recordings; plus new media and internet coverage. In the case of the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, which are conducted by and under the direction and control of the International Tennis Federation, the Board of Directors may assign all or any rights to the host nation in accordance with detailed guidelines issued by the ITF consistent with these regulations.

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 2016 ITF Seniors Circuit. They must be in "good standing" with their national association as defined in Appendix V of the ITF Seniors Regulations.

5. International Player Identification number (IPIN)

In order to enter ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments, players must have registered for a Seniors IPIN membership (and pay the appropriate annual fee). All players entering ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to accept the related terms and conditions.

Players will not be allowed to enter and/or compete until the IPIN registration is complete and the payment option has been selected.

6. Events and Age Groups

Until otherwise determined by the ITF, the age groups to which ITF Seniors World Individual ranking points will be awarded shall be:

Men		Women	
35 years and over	65 years and over	35 years and over	65 years and over
40 years and over	70 years and over	40 years and over	70 years and over
45 years and over	75 years and over	45 years and over	75 years and over
50 years and over	80 years and over	50 years and over	80 years and over
55 years and over	85 years and over	55 years and over	85 years and over
60 years and over		60 years and over	

The following events can be organised at any of the age groups listed above at Seniors Circuit tournaments:

Singles

Doubles

Mixed Doubles

7. Rules to be Observed

a) The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the Constitution of the ITF Limited, the ITF Rules of Tennis and the approved Code of Conduct.

b) In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations.

c) In submitting an entry to a tournament sanctioned by the ITF as a constituent tournament of the circuit, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by and be bound by the above Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct.

8. Final ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking (Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles)

The final rankings, issued at the end of each calendar year shall be compiled on the basis of points earned for success in singles and doubles play in both individual and team events, as well as points earned for success in mixed doubles play in individual events.

II. MANAGEMENT

9. Board of Directors

a) Management

The ITF Seniors Circuit shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the ITF.

b) Duties

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- i) to approve and adopt the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct for the Circuit;
- ii) to register in the name of the ITF any trademarks in connection with the Circuit and to protect such trademarks;
- iii) to appoint every two (2) years a Seniors Committee, which shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members as determined necessary.

10. Seniors Committee

The duties and powers of the Seniors Committee shall be:

- (a) to manage the day to day administration of the Circuit;
- (b) to ensure uniform application of, and compliance with, the Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct;
- (c) to administer the funds of the Circuit within the financial framework of the ITF;
- (d) to report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters;
- (e) to undertake other duties as laid down in these regulations;
- (f) to submit regular reports to the Board of Directors,
- (g) to decide any appeals or disputes in whatever manner they deem to be appropriate and whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

III. RULES OF THE CIRCUIT

11. Tournament Application and Approval

Applications for inclusion in the Circuit, giving full details of new or existing tournaments, are to be sent to the ITF, or as otherwise directed by the ITF, in accordance to the following:

a) Applications from tournaments taking place from January to May must be received by 30 June of the previous year. Applications from tournaments taking place from June to December must be received by 31 August of the previous year. Applications for upgrades must also be made by these deadlines. Only the official application form shall be accepted.

b) Only tournaments sanctioned by the host National Association concerned will be considered for inclusion.

c) All tournaments awarded ITF status will start at Grade 5 level in their first year on the Circuit.

d) The ITF reserves the right to refuse any application or to insist on an alternative date. This rule applies in particular if a tournament conflicts with the ITF Young Seniors, Seniors or Super-Seniors World Championships, especially when such tournament occurs within the same continent or holds a Regional Closed or Grade A status.

e) If a tournament is included in the calendar and subsequently withdraws within 15 weeks of the scheduled first day of play, that tournament shall be subject to the Tournament Offences provision as set out in Article V of the Code of Conduct. These tournaments must still pay the full amount of the sanction fee, as outlined in Section I, Rule 13 below.

f) Application to host the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships:

Any National Association wishing to stage the above Events shall submit its application in writing on the approved form provided by the ITF.

The ITF will consider bids offering to host either the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and/or the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-

Seniors World Individual Championships in the same year, in two consecutive weeks, in the same nation.

12. Public Liability Insurance

The applicant is responsible for taking out a suitable insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which 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. "ITF Ltd" and "ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd" must be named in the policy and on the certificate of insurance, and a copy should be provided to the ITF on request.

13. Sanction Fees

All tournaments on the ITF Seniors Circuit must pay the relevant fee below in order to be included on the Calendar.

Grade RC1	\$ 915
Grade A	\$815
Grade 1	\$ 715
Grade RC2	\$ 680
Grade 2	\$ 480
Grade C2	\$ 410
Grade RC3	\$ 560
Grade 3	\$ 360
Grade C3	\$ 330
Grade 4	\$ 245
Grade 5	\$ 175

14. ITF Responsibilities

The ITF is responsible for the overall administration of the circuit and shall do its utmost to ensure that the calendar is widely publicised.

The ITF shall process results from all the tournaments on the Seniors Circuit and shall issue on a weekly basis latest world individual ranking points for singles, doubles and mixed doubles accumulated by competitors. These shall be published on the ITF Seniors website: www.itftennis.com/seniors

15. Tournament Responsibilities

All tournaments must be played in accordance with these Regulations, the Seniors Circuit Code of Conduct, the Constitution of the ITF Limited and the ITF Rules of Tennis. See also Section V, Organisational Requirements.

16. Insurance

Each player is responsible for ensuring that he/she (as well as any accompanying person) is fully and adequately covered by medical and travel insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in ITF Seniors Circuit events and ITF Young Seniors, Seniors & Super-Seniors World Individual Championships. The ITF Ltd, the host association and the host site cannot accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

17. Tournament Grading

Tournaments shall be graded based mainly on a computer evaluation of the standard of participants competing in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles events of the previous year's tournament. A geographical balance should be maintained wherever possible.

18. Method of Ranking

To be ranked on the ITF Seniors World Individual ranking in singles, doubles and/or mixed doubles a player must have registered and paid for a valid IPIN membership.

A player may in the course of a year, but not during one ITF Seniors Circuit tournament play in more than one singles age group and therefore may appear in more than one singles age group ranking.

To be ranked in singles, doubles and mixed doubles a player must reach a round where points are available (see points table in Section I, Rule 20 below). The number of points available will vary dependent upon the grading of the tournament and the round reached.

The official published ITF seniors world individual rankings in singles, doubles and mixed doubles will be calculated on a 52-week rollover system. At any given time, however, only the latest ITF Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors World Individual and Team Championships (WC, C1) and the latest Regional Closed Championships (RC) will count for ranking purposes. This may lead to the points from a previous year's grade WC, C1 or RC1 event not being included in a player's ranking for the entire 52 weeks or the points staying in the player's ranking longer than 52 weeks depending on the dates of the respective tournaments in the calendar.

The best four singles results in ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments listed in Grade WC, Grade RC, Grade A, Grade C and Grades 1-5 will be taken into consideration for the Singles World Individual Ranking.

The best four doubles results in ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments in Grade WC, Grade RC, Grade A, Grades 1-5 and Grade C will be taken into consideration for the Doubles World Individual Ranking.

The best four mixed doubles results in ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments in Grade WC, Grade RC, Grade A and Grades 1-5 will be taken into consideration for the Mixed Doubles World Individual Ranking.

If two or more players receive the same number of points, their ranking will follow the number of points they scored in Grade WC tournaments, if these figure among the players' best four results. If two or more players are still equal, their ranking will follow the number of points they scored in Grade RC1 tournaments, if these figure among the players' best four results. If two or more players are still equal, their ranking will follow the number of points they scored in Grade A tournaments and so on down to Grade 5 tournaments, excluding Grade C1, C2 and C3 (Team Competitions).

When players qualify for a new age group, they shall carry over all ranking points to the new age group, so that they are included in their 'Own Age Group' (OAG) ranking points. These players shall be marked as "*bis*" on all ranking lists. "*Bis*" will continue to be displayed until points won in the previous age group no longer count towards the player's ranking.

In the case of a player moving from Young Seniors to Seniors and Seniors to Super-Seniors World Championships, only points won at the latest ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual and Team Championships shall count for ranking purposes for the player's own age group.

19. Allocation of Points

World Individual Ranking points for singles, doubles and mixed doubles will be awarded as set out in the points table in Section I, Rule 20 below.

- i) Points shall be awarded for main draw singles, doubles and mixed doubles events. At the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, points will also be awarded in singles consolation and singles qualifying events. At Grade RC1 and Grade A tournaments, points will be awarded in singles qualifying events.
- ii) No points will be awarded to a player until he/she has won a round. A Walkover will be counted as a match won.
- iii) Singles knock-out draws shall have a minimum of 8 players to enable players to qualify for points except when an event has 5 players and fewer than 5

days of play, when a knock-out draw may be played instead of a Round Robin.

- iv) Doubles and mixed doubles knock-out draws shall have a minimum of 4 teams to enable players to qualify for points.

If too few entries are received then tournament organisers should choose to either:

- a) Amalgamate age groups to enable a knock-out to be played. (see Section I, Rule 46 regarding amalgamations)
 - b) Hold a Round Robin competition in the relevant age groups.
- v) Should a player win ranking points in more than one (1) doubles or mixed doubles events at the same tournament, he/she will receive ranking points for one event only. Points will be awarded for the event in which the player reached the furthest round.
 - vi) If a tournament is abandoned, players will receive points for the round reached up to that point.
 - vii) Should any age group be amalgamated with a lower age group, and players in the former obliged to play down, then those players shall be awarded points in their own age group.
 - viii) Should a tournament not offer a specific age group and a player of that age group participate in a lower age group, this player shall be awarded points in his/her own age group. In Singles, this does not apply to players who deliberately enter a lower age group in a tournament where their own age group is offered.
 - ix) Any player who 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 official tournament doctor), will forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that tournament and be subject to the penalties set forth in the Code of Conduct, specifically Article III, P. Leaving the Tournament.

20. ITF Points Tables for Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Rankings

a) Knock-out Events

Grade	World Championships (WC)	Regional Championships (RC1)	Grade A	Grade 1	Grade RC2	Grade 2	Grade RC3	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
	Main Draw									
Winner	330	<u>240</u>	<u>210</u>	180	150	120	90	80	60	40
Runner-Up	<u>250</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>150</u>	120	100	80	65	60	30	20
Semifinalist	<u>165</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>100</u>	80	60	50	35	30	20	10
Quarterfinalist	<u>125</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>	50	40	30	25	20	10	5
Loser in R16	<u>105</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>50</u>	30	25	20	15	10	5	
Loser in R32	<u>70</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	10	5	5		
Loser in R64	40	30	<u>20</u>	10						

At Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Championships, points will also be awarded in Consolation events as follows:

Winner	40
Runner-Up	20
Semifinalist	10
Quarterfinalist	5

When applicable, points will be awarded in Qualifying events as follows:

	WC	<u>RC1</u>	<u>A</u>
Qualifier	25	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
Loser in final round	20	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>

b) Round Robin Events

Final Position	Grade									
	<u>WC</u>	<u>RC1</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>RC2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>RC3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Winner	330	240	<u>210</u>	180	150	120	90	80	60	40
Runner-Up	250	180	<u>150</u>	120	100	80	65	60	30	20
Runner-up in Round Robin	165	120	<u>100</u>	80	60	50	35	30	20	10
3 rd /4 th in Round Robin	125	90	<u>70</u>	50	40	30	25	20	10	5

Full points will only be awarded if the player has won a minimum of 2 singles, doubles or mixed doubles matches. If the player has won 1 singles, doubles or mixed doubles match only, 50% of the points will be awarded.

d) Team Championships

1. World Individual Singles Ranking

Full points will only be awarded if the player has won a minimum of 2 singles matches. If the player has won 1 singles match only, 50% of the points will be awarded.

i) C1 – Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships (for World Individual Singles Ranking)

Final Team Position	Player			
	NO.1	NO.2	NO.3	NO.4
1 st	180	160	130	130
2 nd	150	130	110	110
3 rd	120	105	90	90
4 th	100	85	75	75
5 th	90	75	65	65
6 th	80	65	55	55
7 th	70	55	45	45
8 th	60	45	35	35
9 th	55	40	30	30
10 th	55	40	30	30

11 th	50	35	25	25
12 th	50	35	25	25
13 th	40	25	15	15
14 th	40	25	15	15
15 th	40	25	15	15
16 th	40	25	15	15
17 th	35	20	10	10
18 th	35	20	10	10
19 th	35	20	10	10
20 th	35	20	10	10
21 st	35	20	10	10
22 nd	35	20	10	10
23 rd	35	20	10	10
24 th	35	20	10	10
25 th	30	15	5	5
26 th	30	15	5	5
27 th	30	15	5	5
28 th	30	15	5	5
29 th	25	10	5	5
30 th	25	10	5	5
31 st	25	10	5	5
32 nd	25	10	5	5

ii) C2 – Regional Team Championships (for World Individual Singles Ranking)

Final Team Position	Player			
	NO.1	NO.2	NO.3	NO.4
1 st	90	80	65	65
2 nd	75	65	55	55
3 rd	60	53	45	45
4 th	50	43	38	38

5 th	45	38	33	33
6 th	40	33	28	28
7 th	35	28	23	23
8 th	30	23	18	18
9 th	28	20	15	15
10 th	28	20	15	15
11 th	25	18	13	13
12 th	25	18	13	13
13 th	20	13	8	8
14 th	20	13	8	8
15 th	20	13	8	8
16 th	20	13	8	8
17 th	18	10	5	5
18 th	18	10	5	5
19 th	18	10	5	5
20 th	18	10	5	5
21 st	18	10	5	5
22 nd	18	10	5	5
23 rd	18	10	5	5
24 th	18	10	5	5
25 th	15	8	3	3
26 th	15	8	3	3
27 th	15	8	3	3
28 th	15	8	3	3
29 th	13	5	3	3
30 th	13	5	3	3
31 st	13	5	3	3
32 nd	13	5	3	3

iii) C3 – Regional Team Championships with restricted participation (for World Individual Singles Ranking)

Final Team Position	Player			
	NO.1	NO.2	NO.3	NO.4
1 st	60	53	43	43
2 nd	50	43	37	37
3 rd	40	35	30	30
4 th	33	28	25	25
5 th	30	25	22	22
6 th	27	22	18	18
7 th	23	18	15	15
8 th	20	15	12	12
9 th	18	13	10	10
10 th	18	13	10	10
11 th	17	12	8	8
12 th	17	12	8	8
13 th	13	8	5	5
14 th	13	8	5	5
15 th	13	8	5	5
16 th	13	8	5	5
17 th	12	7	3	3
18 th	12	7	3	3
19 th	12	7	3	3
20 th	12	7	3	3
21 st	12	7	3	3
22 nd	12	7	3	3
23 rd	12	7	3	3
24 th	12	7	3	3
25 th	10	5	2	2
26 th	10	5	2	2
27 th	10	5	2	2

28 th	10	5	2	2
29 th	8	3	2	2
30 th	8	3	2	2
31 st	8	3	2	2
32 nd	8	3	2	2

2. World Individual Doubles Ranking

Points for the World Individual Doubles Ranking will be awarded per win.

Grade	Points per win (including Knock-out stages)
Grade C1	30
Grade C2	20
Grade C3	10

IV. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

21. Variations to Regulations

If a tournament committee wishes to vary any of the following regulations, written application shall be made to the ITF, giving full reasons for the request. Such application must be received prior to the approval of the fact sheet.

22. One tournament per week

For each Tournament week, players may enter in a maximum of one (1) tournament.

Once a player is committed to an ITF Seniors tournament he/she may not compete in any other ITF Seniors Circuit tournament that same week.

A player may not compete in an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament if he/she has competed in another tennis tournament in the same tournament week.

Violation of this section shall result in a default by the ITF Referee and forfeiture of all Seniors World Individual Ranking points and the player may be subject to the Code of Conduct procedures as stated in Section V, II, B.(4)

All tournaments shall be open to all eligible players of the appropriate age group, except National Closed and Regional Closed Championships that may apply alternative criteria for acceptance as stated in Appendix I and II respectively.

23. Number of events per week

At all ITF Seniors Circuit tournament and Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, a player may enter a maximum of three (3) events.

A player may compete in one (1) Singles event only.

Tournament Organisers may further limit the number and type of events that a player can enter at their tournament and publish this on the official ITF Seniors Circuit Fact Sheet.

24. Tournament Types

There are three (3) tournaments types:

- **Type 1A:** Singles entries close at the Entry Deadline. Doubles entries are possible online and on-site. On-site entries close at a Doubles Sign-in Deadline defined by the tournament.
- **Type 1B:** Singles and Doubles entries close at the Entry Deadline. Doubles players can match online until the Freeze Deadline. There is no doubles entry possible on-site.

- **Type 1C:** Singles entries close at the Entry Deadline. There is a Singles (reconfirmation) sign-in on site for all entered players. Doubles entries are possible online and on-site and entries close at a Doubles Sign-in Deadline defined by the tournament.

25. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments (Grade WC, A, 1-5), the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships (Grade C1) and Grade C2, C3 events are open for players from all countries affiliated to ITF, provided they fulfil the IPIN and Age Eligibility rules as set out in the regulations. National Closed Championships and Regional Closed Championships (RC) may apply their own criteria for acceptances, as per Appendix I and II respectively.

To be eligible to participate in any age group, a player shall have reached the minimum age limit by 31st December of the year in which the competition is held.

i) All Singles entries and withdrawals are made online at www.itftennis.com/ipin, or in exceptional circumstances by fax or by email, as an attachment, to ITF Seniors Department on the official Entry Form or Withdrawal Form. Entries and Withdrawals submitted on the official forms must be signed by the player and must contain all required information.

A Player may enter and compete in one (1) Singles event in a tournament. This does not have to be in his/her own age group, but could be a younger age group.

A player applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into Main Draw or Qualifying of the tournament.

ii) A player may enter a maximum of three (3) Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles events. However, if a player chooses to enter one (1) Singles event, he/she may compete in a maximum of two (2) Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles events. A player may enter without a partner but this entry will be deemed incomplete until a partnership is confirmed. A player may enter in a Doubles event of a lower age group. Doubles teams may consist of players from different nations. For the World Championships, please refer to the official Fact Sheet for confirmation of number of Doubles/Mixed Doubles events permitted.

iii) The Entry Deadline is at 14.00 GMT on the Wednesday nineteen (19) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week. A Tournament Organiser may choose to extend the Doubles/ Mixed Doubles Entry Deadline by holding a sign-in on-site, details of which shall be published in the official Fact Sheet. Doubles teams that fully completed

their entry online, are not required to reconfirm by signing in. If there are changes to an entered doubles team, the players must inform the Referee before the sign-in deadline of such change.

It is the player's responsibility to check the correct Entry Deadline on the official tournament Fact Sheet published within the IPIN online service. It is also a player's responsibility to check that any online entry made has gone through and that a confirmation email has been received.

iv) The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14.00 GMT on the Friday ten (10) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week.

Players accepted to a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance list at the Withdrawal Deadline are deemed to be committed to play the event and subject to the penalties set out in the Code of Conduct.

Any withdrawal made after the Withdrawal Deadline will be considered a Late Withdrawal. A player's first two (2) Late Withdrawal offences within a calendar year will be excused* and the player will not be penalised, providing the withdrawal is received by the ITF (and by the Referee, if submitted after the Freeze Deadline) prior to the draw being published.

(*an excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above, and notifies the ITF about the second week's late withdrawal by the last day of the tournament).

It is not necessary to provide a medical certificate in case of a Late Withdrawal.

iii) The Freeze Deadline is at 11:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week.

A player who wishes to withdraw after the Freeze Deadline must submit an official Withdrawal Form to both the ITF and the ITF Referee otherwise he/she shall be subject to the penalties provided for a No Show entry offence.

26. Criteria for Acceptances

Singles

For singles, following the Entry Deadline, all entered players are listed in ranking order according to the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking using the latest rankings at the time of the Entry Deadline. Tied players (with the same number of ranking points) will be randomised by the entry system.

Players without ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking will be positioned according to the following criteria:

- Firstly, unranked players from outside the tournament zone will be drawn at random into positions.
- Secondly, unranked players from outside the tournament region will be drawn at random into positions.
- Thirdly, unranked players from the tournament region including the unranked players from the host country will be drawn at random into positions.

Zones and Regions are defined as follows:

Regions: (Asia) (Oceania) (Europe) (Africa) (South America) (Central America) (North America)

Zones: (Asia/Oceania) (Euro/Africa) (The Americas)

Recalculated OAG points

For acceptance purposes, a player that enters a Singles event in a lower age group than his/her own shall have his/her ITF Seniors World Individual ranking points recalculated as follows:

A player playing down 1 age group: 30% deduction from their own age group ranking points

A players playing down 2 age groups: 60% deduction from their own age group ranking points

A players playing down 3 age groups: 90% deduction from their own age group ranking points

A players playing down 4 age groups or more: 100 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

This total shall be known as recalculated OAG (own age group) points.

When Singles events are amalgamated, recalculated OAG points shall be used as required to establish the Acceptance List.

For the purpose of acceptance, a player that is ranked in more than one age group on the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Rankings, will always use the ITF Seniors Singles World Individual Ranking points of his/her own age group.

Doubles

Teams are selected according to the following method:

- Teams composed of two ranked players in either the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or the ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable). The combined ranking points of the two players (using best of singles or doubles ranking) shall be added together and the total used to determine the direct acceptances.
- Teams composed of one player in either the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or the ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable) and one unranked player. The ranking points of the ranked player (using best singles or doubles ranking) shall be used to determine the direct acceptances.
- Teams composed of players, neither of them have a ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable) - Such teams will be drawn by lot.

If two or more teams are tied within any of these combinations, the order shall be drawn by lot.

For the purpose of the above selection method, the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles ranking points of the player's own age group (OAG) shall be used.

A team of two ranked players will always be accepted ahead of a team where only one player is ranked, even if the latter have higher ranking points.

For Doubles Draws with additional on-site doubles entries (Tournament Types 1A,1C), acceptance rankings are based on the latest available ITF Seniors World Individual Singles and Doubles/Mixed Doubles Rankings at the Freeze Deadline.

When a doubles team enters a lower age group event, or when one of the partners in a doubles team is from a higher age group, for acceptance purposes the following percentage is deducted from their ranking points:

Players playing down 1 age group: 30 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

Players playing down 2 age groups: 60 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

Players playing down 3 age groups: 90 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

Players playing down 4 age groups and more: 100 % deduction from their own age group ranking points

For acceptance purposes, a player that holds a Singles ranking in more than one age group will always be listed in the tournament with Singles ranking of his/her own age group (OAG).

Organiser Window

Singles

The 'Organiser Window' is open from Friday 11.00 GMT two days after the Entry Deadline until Monday 14.00 GMT five days after the Entry Deadline, during which the Tournament Organisers have the opportunity to view the tournament's entry lists online via a web link.

During the Organiser Window the Tournament Organiser must decide the following for each event:

- Whether all entered players can be accepted as Direct Acceptances (DA) into the Main Draw;
 - o In the event that not all entered players can be accepted as Direct Acceptances, the Tournament Organiser must inform the ITF office of the number of players that will be accepted into the Main Draw of each event.
 - o Players not accepted as Direct Acceptances into the Main Draw will be given Qualifying Acceptance (QA) status. If no Qualifying event will be played, then those players are to be given Alternate (ALT) status.

- Whether any age group events are to be amalgamated and inform the ITF office. See Section I, Rule 46 for the ITF recommendations for amalgamation of draws.

Should the Tournament Organiser fail to contact the ITF, on completion of the Organiser Window, the decisions above will be taken by the ITF.

Doubles

During the Organiser Window the Tournament Organiser must decide the following for each event:

For 1B tournaments:

- Whether all entered Doubles and Mixed Doubles teams can be accepted as Direct Acceptances (DA) into the Doubles and Mixed Doubles draws of the respective age categories.
- Decide if any age group Doubles event is to be amalgamated and what Age Group range the amalgamated category will include.

If the tournament has chosen an on-site Sign-in Deadline (i.e., 1A and 1C tournaments) the Tournament Organiser must;

- define the size of each Doubles and Mixed Doubles draw. Adjustments can be made at the time of the Sign-in Deadline once the number of participating teams has been finalised.
- Confirm Wild Cards given to entered or non-entered Doubles Teams (these can also be given until the draw is made).
- Amalgamation of Doubles events will not be made at this stage.

Composition of draws

Depending on the draw size, events are composed as follows:

Singles Main Draw

Position	8 draw	16 draw	24 draw	32 draw	48 draw	64 draw	96 draw	128 draw
DA	6	12	18	16 (-24)*	30 (-38)*	44 (-52)*	74 (-82)*	104 (-112)*
WC**	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	8	8	8	8

*The DA number in brackets applies to events where Q positions are not used because no Qualifying event is played.

Singles Qualifying Draw

Position	16 draw	24 draw	32 draw	48 draw	64 draw	96 draw
QA	12	19	26	41	56	86
WC**	4	5	6	7	8	10

** The number of Wild Cards that are allowed for each event is determined by the number of entries received for each event at the Entry Deadline.

Should two events be amalgamated after the Entry Deadline, the number of available Wild Cards of the two original events can be combined for the amalgamated event.

Should a tournament have fewer than six (6) entered players in a Singles event, the Tournament Organiser can apply to the ITF for a maximum of four (4) additional Wild Cards in an event. Such additional Wild Cards require the written approval of the ITF.

A Singles Qualifying Draw may never be larger than its respective Main Draw. For Singles Main Draws of 24 players and below, no Qualifying Draw may be held.

Doubles

Doubles draws are composed as follows and must be defined in size by the Tournament Organiser following the Organiser Window:

Draw size	8 teams	12 teams	16 teams	24 teams	32 teams	48 teams	64 teams
DA	6	9	12	18	24	36	50
WC*	2	3	4	6	8	12	14

* The number of Wild Cards allowed for each event is determined by the number of entries received for each event at the entry deadline.

There are no Doubles Qualifying draws.

27. Publication of Acceptance lists

The Singles Acceptance Lists are published on www.itftennis.com/seniors on the Tuesday six (6) days after the entry deadline. Entry and Acceptance lists are not available publicly during the entry process and Organiser Window.

For 1B tournament Doubles events, an Alphabetical Entry List, including incomplete doubles entries, will be published on the Tuesday six (6) days after the Entry Deadline.

28. Administrative error on an Acceptance list

If an administrative error is made on a tournament Acceptance list and a player is not included or too many players are accepted into the tournament, the Acceptance list will be corrected at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the criteria for acceptances.

29. Entry Definitions

A player's status in a tournament shall not be official until the Entry Deadline and publication of the tournament Acceptance List on the ITF website. Any arrangement,

including travel, made by a player to participate in a tournament prior thereto is made at his/her own risk.

Players who don't fulfil the entry fee payment obligation to the tournament they entered as specified on the official ITF Fact Sheet on the ITF Seniors website at www.itftennis.com/seniors may be denied participation by the Tournament Committee.

Direct Acceptances (DA)

Entered players accepted directly into the Singles Main Draw by virtue of their ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or the acceptance method described below for the applicable Age Group.

Qualifying Acceptances (QA)

Entered players accepted directly into the Singles Qualifying event by virtue of their ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or the acceptance method described below for the applicable Age Group.

Alternates (Alt)

Entered players not accepted into the Singles Main Draw or Qualifying event by virtue of their ITF Seniors World Singles Ranking or the acceptance method described below for the applicable Age Group any time after the Entry Deadline. If there is no Qualifying event, Alternates shall fill any vacant places in the Singles Main Draw, in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. For vacancies that occur after the Order of Play has been released for the first day of play, the selection shall be made from the players who have signed-in for each day as applicable.

Wild Cards (WC, QWC)

Players included in the draw at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. Entered or non-entered players may be named as Wild Cards. Wild Cards must be named prior to the draw being made.

Players should retain written confirmation of the Wild Card request or offer and its acceptance.

Singles Main Draw Wild Cards must not have competed in the Singles Qualifying draw.

Wild Cards that withdraw cannot be replaced with another Wild Card after the applicable draw has been made. A Wild Card who does not show for their match can be substituted by a Lucky Loser or Alternate as the case may be.

Qualifiers (Q)

Players who are included in the Main Draw by virtue of their success in the Qualifying Draw.

Lucky Losers (LL)

Players who have lost in the final round of the Qualifying Draw or, if more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, those players that have lost in the previous rounds of the Qualifying Draw.

30. Vacancies and Substitutions

Singles

From the Withdrawal Deadline until the Freeze Deadline:

Vacancies in the Main Draw (and Qualifying if applicable) shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

For 1A and 1B tournaments:

From the Freeze Deadline until the draw is made:

Vacancies created between the Freeze Deadline and when the draw is made shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

When a Qualifying Draw is held:

- 1) If player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw prior to the first ball being struck, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.
- 2) If a player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw after the commencement of play, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. Such a player must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of being called. If such player is replacing a previously seeded player in the Qualifying draw, the other seed positions remain unaffected.
- 3) If a player withdraws from Main Draw prior to the first ball being struck in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. Such players are then removed from the Qualifying Draw.
- 4) If a player withdraws from Main Draw after the commencement of play in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies shall be filled by players who have played and lost in

the Qualifying Draw (Lucky Losers). The order of Lucky Losers is established as described below*.

For 1C tournaments:

Vacancies created between the Freeze Deadline and the Sign-in Deadline shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

Following the Sign-in Deadline, vacancies shall be filled by signed in players, in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.

When a Qualifying Draw is held:

- 1) If a player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw prior to the first ball being struck, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List.
- 2) If a player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw after the commencement of play, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. Such a player must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of being called. If such player is replacing a previously seeded player in the Qualifying draw, the other seed positions remain unaffected.
- 3) If a player withdraws from Main Draw prior to the first ball being struck in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. Such players are then removed from the Qualifying Draw.
- 4) If a player withdraws from Main Draw after the commencement of play in the Qualifying Draw, vacancies shall be filled by players who have played and lost in the Qualifying Draw (Lucky Losers). The order of Lucky Losers is established as described below*.

***Lucky Losers**

Lucky Losers are those players who have lost in the final round of Qualifying. If additional Lucky Losers are needed they shall be selected from losers in the previous round(s) in the same manner. Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows: The order of players with an ITF Seniors ranking shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked players shall be randomly drawn.

The order so established is also used for the Lucky Loser Sign-in lists used on the first day(s) of the Main Draw as long as there are still players to play their first match, whether this is in the first round or subsequent rounds. For such days, the Lucky Loser

Sign-in closes 30 minutes before the scheduled start of play in the event and shall open at least 30 minutes before.

Once called, a Lucky Loser must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes. If a Lucky Loser is called to play but is not ready within fifteen (15) minutes, the player will be moved to the bottom of the Lucky Loser list for that day, but will keep his/her original position on the list any for further days.

Withdrawal of Seeds

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the draw has been made up until 4.00 p.m. (1600 hours) on the day before the start of that event, may be filled by the next highest ranked player in the main draw eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of the Qualifying competition or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of the Qualifying competition. Should no Qualifying be played, then the vacated position shall be filled by the next player on the Alternates list.

Doubles

All references in this section to Doubles will also be valid for Mixed doubles unless explicitly mentioned otherwise.

From the Withdrawal Deadline until the Freeze Deadline:

For all tournament types, if a player of a doubles team is forced to withdraw, the entire team must be replaced. For 1B tournaments only, the open position will be filled by the next eligible team in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. The other player of the withdrawing team may team up with another eligible player already entered in the tournament (any singles or doubles event). For 1A and 1C tournaments, the other player of the withdrawing team may choose another partner and sign-in on-site.

From the Freeze Deadline until the Sign-in (if applicable) or until the draw is made:

If a doubles team is forced to withdraw, the entire team must be replaced. The open position will be filled by the next eligible team in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. The other player of that team may team up with another eligible player already entered in the tournament (any singles or doubles event) or any player that has signed in if there is an on-site sign-in.

After the draw has been made:

If a doubles team is forced to withdraw, the open position will be filled by the next eligible team in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. The Alternates sign-in list will be available daily until 30 minutes before all teams have started their first doubles match. The other player of the withdrawing team may not team up with another player.

After the start of the event:

If a doubles team is forced to withdraw, or does not show for a match, the open position will be filled by the next eligible team in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. The Alternates sign-in list will be available daily until 30 minutes before start of play in doubles until all teams have started their doubles match. The other player of the withdrawing team may not team up with another player.

31. Sign-in/Registration

Should a tournament choose to hold a sign-in, players must sign-in as follows:

a) Qualifying

Players who appear on the Singles Qualifying Acceptance list at the time of the Freeze Deadline are committed to play in the Qualifying event and to sign-in in person with the Referee before 18.00 hours local time on the day before start of the Qualifying event. The Qualifying sign-in Deadline shall open at least two (2) hours earlier.

Players on the Alternate list may also sign-in. Players shall, if required, present his/her Passport or National ID to the Referee to verify their Date of Birth and Nationality prior to the start of the competition.

Exceptions for signing-in on-site in person

Entered players who appear on the Singles Qualifying Acceptance list and have lost in the previous week's tournament on the ITF Pro Circuit or ITF Seniors Circuit on the day of the Singles Qualifying Sign-on or one day earlier may be signed-in by the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline through the Supervisor/Referee of the previous week's tournament, who must verify the schedule of the player. The player must be able to be on-site and play his/her first round match by the end of the first round of Qualifying of that event.

Players who appear on the Singles Qualifying Acceptance list may sign-in on-time by telephone to the Referee to preserve eligibility for known vacant positions in the Singles Main Draw (e.g. following confirmed withdrawals after the Freeze Deadline). Such players will be moved into the Main Draw list following their sequence on the

Qualifying Acceptance list. NB. Should such position not become available the player may not play in the Qualifying event and is subject to No-show suspension points.

b) Main Draw

Entered players who appear on the Singles Main Draw Acceptance list at the time of the Freeze Deadline are committed to play in the Singles Main Draw event and to sign-in in person with the Referee before 18.00 hours local time on the day before start of the Singles Main Draw event (or the Singles Draw, as applicable). The Main Draw sign-in Deadline shall open at least two (2) hours earlier.

Entered players who were signed-in to preserve eligibility for the Main Draw during the Qualifying sign-in and who were moved to the Singles Main Draw must also sign-in at this time.

Players shall, if required, present his/her Passport or National ID to the Referee to verify their Date of Birth and Nationality prior to the start of the competition.

Exceptions for signing-in on-site in person

Entered players who appear on the Singles Main Draw Acceptance list and have lost in the previous week's tournament on the ITF Pro Circuit or ITF Seniors Circuit on the day of the Singles Main Draw Sign-on or one day earlier may be signed-in by the Main Draw Sign-in Deadline through the Supervisor/Referee of the previous week's tournament, who must verify the schedule of the player. The player must be able to be on-site and play his/her first round match by the end of the first round of Main Draw in that event.

Players who signed-in onsite for the Qualifying event and were subsequently moved to the Main Draw are considered signed in and are not required to sign-in again.

c) Wild Cards

Wild Cards are not required to sign-in, but must reconfirm their participation by contacting the Referee before their respective event's Sign-in Deadline.

Doubles Sign-In

All references in this section to Doubles will also be valid for Mixed doubles unless explicitly mentioned otherwise.

The Doubles sign-in for Additional On-Site Doubles Entries is conducted by the Referee and closes at a time announced at the tournament venue or confirmed on the official factsheet. Only incomplete doubles entries, changed doubles teams and new doubles

team entries must sign-in.

After the Doubles Sign-in Deadline:

Following the Doubles Sign-in Deadline the Referee and the Tournament Director must establish if any Doubles or Mixed Doubles draws must be amalgamated and if all entered doubles teams can be accepted. If a player enters two (2) Doubles or two (2) Mixed Doubles events which are subsequently amalgamated and the Referee has no possibility of making contact, the player in both events will remain in the Acceptance List for their own age group.

Teams not selected as Direct Acceptances for the Doubles Draw are moved to an Alternates List, with the option to sign-in daily to replace any further vacancies in the draw.

The Doubles Draw shall be conducted immediately thereafter. For seeding and draw procedures, see below.

32. Draws

Public Draws

All draws shall be conducted by the Referee using Tournament Planner Software (Seniors TP). If possible, two player representatives shall be present to witness the process, one of which shall be of a different nationality to that of the host nation. Once a draw has been made there shall be no change unless a seeded player withdraws as described below.

Depending on the Entry Deadline and the doubles procedures chosen by the Tournament Organiser the following deadlines apply until when draws must have been made and the Order of Play published:

- **Normal Entry Deadline with Additional Entry on Site for Doubles (Tournament Type 1A):**

The Tournament Organiser may let the Referee conduct the Singles Draw and publish the Order of Play immediately after having received the tournament data from the ITF office after the Freeze Deadline, on Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

The Singles Draw and the Order of Play must be published on the ITF website at least 48 hours before the start of the tournament

The Doubles Draw must be made immediately after the Doubles Sign-in Deadline, or at another time to be announced on the official ITF Fact Sheet.

- **Early Entry Deadline without Additional Entry on Site for Doubles (Tournament Type 1B):**

The Tournament Organiser may let the Referee conduct the Singles Draw and publish the Order of Play immediately after having received the tournament data from the ITF office after the Freeze Deadline, on Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

The Singles and Doubles Draw and the Order of Play must be published on the ITF website at least 48 hours before the start of the tournament.

- **Normal Entry Deadline with Additional Entry on Site for Doubles and Reconfirmation Sign-In for Singles (Tournament Type 1C):**

The Singles Qualifying Draw must be made immediately after closure of the Singles Qualifying Draw sign-in, The Singles Main Draw must be made immediately after the Singles Main Draw Sign-in Deadline.

The Doubles Draw must be made immediately after the Doubles Sign-in Deadline, or at another time to be announced on the official ITF Fact Sheet.

33. Singles Seeding Criteria

Singles Seeding Process

Singles seeding shall be based on the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking points on the Monday of the week of the Freeze Deadline and strictly in world ranking order.

The number of seeds in Knock-out draws shall be as follows:

<u>For a draw of 128:</u>	<u>32 seeds</u>
<u>For a draw of 96:</u>	<u>32 seeds</u>
<u>For a draw of 64:</u>	<u>16 seeds</u>
<u>For a draw of 48:</u>	<u>16 seeds</u>
<u>For a draw of 32:</u>	<u>8 seeds</u>
<u>For a draw of 24:</u>	<u>8 seeds</u>
<u>For a draw of 16:</u>	<u>4 seeds</u>
<u>For a draw of 8:</u>	<u>2 seeds</u>

The number of seeds in Round Robin draws shall be as follows:

3 players:	0 seeds
4-6 players:	2 seeds
7 players:	3 seeds

Except for Seed Exempt positions as specified below, players without an ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking shall not be seeded.

Seed Exempts

If found necessary by the tournament committees of the World Championships, Grade RC, A and 1-5 events, the following number of players can be included in the seeding as Seed Exempts as indicated below:

For a draw-size of 128	-	up to 4
For a draw-size of 64	-	up to 4
For a draw-size of 48	-	up to 3
For a draw-size of 32	-	up to 2
For a draw-size of 24	-	up to 2
For a draw-size of 16	-	up to 2
For a draw-size of 8	-	up to 2

These players could be either ranked or unranked in the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking. Seed Exempts should only be used in **extreme** cases.

In order to determine their position within the seeding list, the following shall be considered: players' head to head results, players' national rankings and/or any other relevant information available to the tournament committee. If requested, the Tournament Organiser must provide an explanation of the selection of Seed Exempts and their order within the seeding list.

34. Seeding in Amalgamated Draws

For amalgamated draws the better of the recalculated ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking points of the player's own age group ("recalculated OAG points") and the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking points of the age group he/she is competing in shall be used.

35. Players playing in lower age groups

When a ranked player is entered in a lower age group in which he/she has no ranking, for the purpose of seeding, recalculated OAG points will be applied. When player is ranked in more than one age group, for the purpose of seeding, the better of the recalculated OAG points or the ranking points of the age group in which he/she is entered shall be used.

36. National Closed Championships

National Closed Championships may choose to implement their own criteria for seeding, in accordance with the regulations of the National Association in whose jurisdiction the tournament is held (see Appendix I).

37. Doubles and Mixed Doubles Seeding criteria

Normal Doubles seeding process

Doubles and Mixed Doubles Seeding at Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships (WC), Grade 1-2 and Grade RC1-RC2 shall be based on the latest available ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable) on the Monday of the week of the Freeze Deadline.

Grade 3-5 and Grade RC3 Doubles and Mixed Doubles events shall be based on the latest available ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking as well as the ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable) on the Monday of the week of the Freeze Deadline.

Teams are seeded according to the following seed order:

1. Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, Grade 1-2 and Grade RC1-RC2 Tournaments only:
Doubles: The combined ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles ranking points of the two players shall be added together and the total used to determine the seed order.
Mixed Doubles: The combined ITF Seniors World Individual Mixed Doubles ranking points of the two players shall be added together and the total used to determine the seed order.
2. If one player of a team is unranked, that team shall be seeded below any other teams which have the same number of ranking points.

If two or more teams are tied otherwise, the order shall be drawn by lot.

Grade 3-5 & RC3 Tournaments Only:

3. **Doubles:** The combined ranking points of the two players, using each players' best ITF Seniors World Individual Singles or World Individual Doubles ranking shall be added together and the total used to determine the seed order.

Mixed Doubles: The combined ranking points of the two players, using each players' best ITF Seniors World Individual Singles or World Individual Mixed Doubles ranking shall be added together and the total used to determine the seed order.

4. If one player of a team is unranked, that team shall be seeded below any other teams which have the same number of ranking points.

If two or more teams are tied otherwise, the order shall be drawn by lot.

The number of seeds in knock-out draws shall be as follows:

4-7 teams: 2 seeds

8-16 teams: 4 seeds

17-47 teams: 8 seeds

48-64 teams: 16 seeds

The number of seeds in Round Robin draws shall be as follows:

3 teams: 0 seeds

4-6 teams: 2 seeds

7 teams: 3 seeds

For Doubles seeding, other than for a limited number of exempt seeds as described below, Doubles teams must not be seeded unless one of the players has got an ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking or an ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles/Mixed Doubles Ranking (depending on event as applicable).

38. Exempt Seeds

If found necessary by the tournament committees of both World Championships, Grade 1-5 and Grade RC1-RC3 events, the following number of Doubles Teams can be included in the seeding as **exempt seeds** as indicated below:

For a draw-size of 128 - up to 4

For a draw-size of 64 - up to 4

For a draw-size of 48 - up to 3

For a draw-size of 32 - up to 2

For a draw-size of 24 - up to 2

For a draw-size of 16 - up to 2

For a draw-size of 8 - up to 2

Both players of these Doubles Teams could be either ranked or unranked in the ITF Seniors World Individual Singles Ranking, ITF Seniors World Individual Doubles Ranking/ITF Seniors World Individual Mixed Doubles Ranking.

In order to determine their position within the seeding list, the following should be considered: players' ITF Seniors World Doubles Ranking/players' ITF Seniors World Mixed Ranking, players' ITF Seniors World Singles Ranking, players' head to head results, players' national rankings and/or any other relevant information available to the tournament committee. If requested, the tournament committee must provide an explanation of the selection of exempt seeds and their order within the seed list.

39. Seeding in amalgamated draws

For amalgamated draws the recalculated ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking points of the players' own age group ("recalculated OAG points") shall be used.

40. Players playing in lower age groups

When a ranked player is entered in a lower age group in which he/she has no ranking, for the purpose of seeding, recalculated OAG points will be applied.

41. National Closed Championships

National Closed Championships may choose to implement their own criteria for seeding, in accordance with the regulations of the National Association in whose jurisdiction the tournament is held (see Appendix I).

42. Singles Main Draw, Doubles & Mixed Doubles Draws, and World Championships Consolation Draws

Seed positions

Draw size	8 draw	16 draw	24 draw 32 draw	48 draw 64 draw	96 draw 128 draw
Based on Draw chart	8 pos	16 pos	32 pos	64 pos	128 pos
Seed 1	Line 1	Line 1	Line 1	Line 1	Line 1
Seed 2	Line 8	Line 16	Line 32	Line 64	Line 128
Seed 3-4	Draw to lines <u>3, 6</u>	Draw to lines 5, 12	Draw to lines 9, 24	Draw to lines 17, 48	Draw to lines 33, 96
Seed 5-8			Draw to lines 8, 16, 17, 25	Draw to lines 16, 32, 33, 49	Draw to lines 32, 64, 65, 97
Seed 9-16				Draw to lines 8, 9, 24, 25, 40, 41, 56, 57	Draw to lines 16, 17, 48, 49, 80, 81, 112, 113
Seed 17-32					Draw to lines 8, 9, 24, 25, 40, 41, 56, 57 72, 73, 88, 89 104, 105, 120, 121

Distribution of players from the same nation

Seeded players from the same nation shall be distributed throughout the draw based on the seeding order of merit.

For doubles, only teams where both players are from the same nation are considered for such distribution.

Seeded players from the same country shall be distributed as follows:

- No. 1-2 seeds shall be drawn to different halves of the draw.
- No. 3-4 seeds shall be drawn to different quarters of the draw, not previously occupied by another player/team from that nation.
- No. 5-8 seeds shall be drawn to different eights (1/8th) of the draw, not previously occupied by another player/team from that nation.
- No. 9-16 seeds shall be drawn to different sixteenths (1/16th) of the draw, not previously occupied by another player/team from that nation.
- No. 17-32 seeds shall be drawn to different thirty-seconds (1/32th) of the draw, not previously occupied by another player/team from that nation.

The remaining players from a nation shall be distributed as much as technically possible across the draw without regard to ranking.

If there is an insufficient number of players to fill all the positions in the draw, byes shall be awarded to seeded players in descending order. Any further byes shall then be drawn by lot.

Withdrawal of seeds

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the draw has been made up until 4.00 p.m. (1600 hours) on the day before the start of that event, may be filled by the next highest ranked player in the main draw eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of the Qualifying competition or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of the Qualifying competition. Should no Qualifying be played, then the vacated position shall be filled by the next player on the Alternates list.

43. Seed numbers and positions for Singles Qualifying

Sectioned draws

The Qualifying draw shall be made in sections, and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw.

If four (8) qualifiers are required, there shall be four (8) sections; each section shall have two seeded players.

- For a draw with 8 sections: 16 seeds

The first seed shall 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 all sections have one (1) seed 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 all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line of each section.

If there is an insufficient number of ranked players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seeds shall not have a second seeded player. There are no exempt seeds in qualifying.

If there is an insufficient number of players to fill all the positions in the draw, byes shall be awarded to seeded players in descending order.

Distribution of players from the same nation

Seeded players from the same nation shall be distributed throughout the draw based on the seeding order of merit.

Seeded players shall be distributed as follows:

- The top group of seeded players (corresponding to the number of sections in the draw) from one country shall be drawn to different sections of the draw.
- The next group of seeded players (corresponding to the number of sections in the draw) from one country shall be drawn to different sections of the draw.

The remaining players from a nation shall be distributed as much as technically possible across the sections without regard to ranking.

Withdrawal of seeds

If a seeded player withdraws - or is moved from Qualifying to the Main Draw – the remaining seeded players shall stay in their positions and the replacing player inserted in the vacated position.

44. Match Formats Singles

Matches must be played over the best of three Tie-Break sets on a Knock-out basis. In the men's and women's 80 and 85 age groups, should the score reach one set all, a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break game will be played to determine the winner. In this case, no 10 minute break shall be taken after the second set.

All Tie-Breaks shall be played as Change of Ends Tie-Breaks, with players changing ends after the first point and thereafter after every four (4) points.

In the event of unavoidable disruption to a tournament, such as bad weather, should the score reach one set all, the Tournament Organiser may decide that a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break shall be played or alternatively adopt any of the approved alternative methods of scoring as per the ITF Rules of Tennis.

45. Match Formats Doubles and Mixed Doubles

The tournament organiser may choose between match formats for Doubles and Mixed Doubles events as per the ITF Rules of Tennis.

The chosen format must be published on the official ITF Fact Sheet and once published, may only be changed subject to approval of the ITF.

In the men's and women's 80 and 85 age groups, a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break game may be played when the score is one set all. No 10 minute break shall be taken after the second set.

46. Round Robin/Knock-out draws/Amalgamation of Age Groups

In Singles events, a Round Robin must be played for any event where there are less than eight (8) players' entered. A Round Robin event must contain a minimum of three (3) players.

If an event with five (5) players is to be played over five (5) days, a Tournament Organiser has the authority to choose a Round Robin or Knock-out format.

In Doubles and Mixed Doubles events, if three (3) teams have entered a Round Robin must be played. When four (4) to seven (7) teams have entered, the Tournament Organiser has the authority to choose a Round Robin or a Knock-out format.

When there are eight (8) or more teams a Knock-out draw must be played.

Amalgamation of Age Groups

The ITF recommends that organisers consider amalgamation when an event has three (3) players/teams or less. The ITF recommends that a maximum of two (2) age groups are amalgamated.

An age group containing two (2) players/teams or less must be amalgamated with the age group immediately higher or lower. Multiple age groups can be amalgamated if necessary.

Tournament Organisers are responsible for immediately notifying all entered players if their age group is amalgamated, regardless of when the decision to amalgamate occurs. Amalgamations must be confirmed before the draw is made.

Cancellation of an age group is not recommended by the ITF and should only occur if absolutely necessary. Any decision to cancel an age group must be immediately communicated by the Tournament Organisers to all players in the cancelled age group and to the ITF.

Format of Play of Round Robin events

3-5 players/teams

One (1) Round Robin group shall be played.

Round Robin of 6-7 players or teams

Two (2) Round Robin Groups shall be played.

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

Number of seeded players/Teams and seed positions

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

The top two seeded players shall be placed in separate Round Robin groups. All other players 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.

Distribution of players from the same nation

Players from a nation shall be distributed as much as technically possible across the Round Robin groups.

Rules for Round Robin events

In the Round Robin groups the following rules apply:

Players/doubles teams are awarded one (1) point for winning a match. The final standings in a Round Robin group are determined by the number of aforementioned points won by each player/team.

If the number of points is equal for two (2) players/doubles teams, head-to-head results shall determine the final standings.

If the number of points is equal for three (3) or more players/teams, the following criteria shall determine the final standings;

1. The percentage of sets won of sets played against all players/doubles teams in the group,
2. If, after this calculation, only two players/doubles teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two players/doubles teams will be used to break the tie
3. The percentage of games won of games played against all players/doubles teams in the group
4. If, after this calculation, only two players/doubles teams remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two players/doubles teams will be used to break the tie
5. If there are still players/doubles teams that remain tied, then the World Individual ranking points of the players/doubles teams used for seeding in the event will be used to break the tie*.
6. If there are still players/doubles teams that remain tied, then drawn by lot.

*The ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking Points used for seeding in the event are determined as per Section I, Rule 33 for Singles and Section I, Rule 37 for Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

If a player withdraws or is a no-show for the entire tournament, the player is defaulted from the event and all his/her results from matches played are void and not to be considered.

47. Consolation Events

Time and court availability permitting, the Tournament Organiser shall make every effort to hold a Consolation Singles event for each age group for all players that lose their first match in either the first or second round of Main Draw. When necessary, the amalgamation of age categories is possible.

Consolation events will not be eligible for ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking Points, except at the World Individual Championships.

Consolation at World Individual Championships

Consolation draws at World Individual Championships shall be played as two Tie-Break sets and a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break instead of a third set, unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee. They shall follow the same seeding provisions as all other ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

Advancement to the second round by virtue of a Bye in a player's first Main Draw match shall not count as a match won for the purpose of eligibility to participate in the Consolation event.

Advancement to the second round by virtue of a Walkover in a player's first match shall count as a match won for the purpose of the Consolation event at the ITF World Individual Championships only. If the player loses his/her second round match, the player may choose to forfeit the ITF Seniors World Individual Ranking points gained due to advancement to the second round by virtue of a Walkover and thus become eligible to participate in the Consolation event.

48. Daily Order of Play

Once the ITF Referee has determined the following day's Order of Play, it should be released by the ITF Referee, both online via ITF Tournament Planner program (Seniors TP) and on-site with print outs from the ITF Tournament Planner program (Seniors TP), as soon as possible, but no later than 22:00 hours local time.

Once officially released, the Order of Play shall not be amended unless the ITF Referee deems it necessary and/or appropriate.

It is each player's responsibility to ascertain his or her times of play and when their match is called.

49. Suspension and Postponement

The Chair Umpire or the Referee may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any such suspension by the Chair Umpire must be reported immediately to the Referee. The Referee must, however, make all decisions on the postponement of a match until a later day. Unless and until the Referee postpones a match, the players, Chair Umpire and all on-court officials must remain ready to resume the match.

Upon suspension of a match, the Chair Umpire shall record the time, point, game and set score, and the name of the server, the sides on which each player was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match.

If suspension is due to darkness it should be after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress or at the end of a set. There shall be five (5) minutes of warm-up before a match. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

0 – 15 minutes delay	-	no warm-up
More than 15 minutes, but less than 30 minutes	-	three (3) minutes of warm-up
30 or more minutes of delay	-	five (5) minutes of warm-up

50. Continuous Play

a) Between Qualifying and Main Draw:

Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his/her first round match in the Singles Main Draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his/her final Qualifying match.

b) Between matches:

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of two matches per day, which shall not be scheduled less than twelve (12) hours after completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day.

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, it is recommended that players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) Singles match per day.

However, if entered into three (3) events at the same tournament, players must be prepared to play three (3) matches a day.

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless he/she is in a Singles and Doubles final to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

- i) Played less than one (1) hour – half ($\frac{1}{2}$) an hour rest
- ii) Played between one (1) hour and one and one half ($1 \frac{1}{2}$) hours – one (1) hour rest
- iii) Played more than one and one half ($1 \frac{1}{2}$) hours – one and one half ($1 \frac{1}{2}$) hours rest

If play has been interrupted for thirty (30) minutes or more due to rain or other warranted delay, the length of match time would be assessed from the moment play resumes following the delay.

If play is interrupted for less than thirty (30) minutes, match time would be considered continuous from the moment the first ball of the match was put into play.

The above rule applies to Main Draw matches and when possible to Consolation matches.

c) Between sets:

A ten-minute rest period shall be taken after the second set unless the players concerned agree otherwise. Players may leave the court during the ten-minute rest period. Players may interact with their support team members and tournament visitors during the ten-minute rest period.

The above does not apply in the case of a deciding ten (10) point Match Tie-Break, in which case play should be continuous.

When a ten-minute rest period is taken, the players concerned shall immediately inform the Chair Umpire, or where there is no Chair Umpire, the Referee or Assistant Referee, so that he/she may determine the exact time for play to resume. Any failure by one or more of the players to return and commence play at the agreed time shall subject the player to Time Violations as set out in the Code of Conduct.

51. Duties of the Referee

The Referee shall:

- a) Be present at all times during the playing of matches.
- b) Prior to the event, conduct such training sessions and meetings as may be necessary to familiarise thoroughly all officials with all applicable Rules and procedures.
- c) Ensure the eligibility of the players.
- d) Be responsible for all aspects of play.
- e) Be the final authority for on court disputes in respect of the Code of Conduct and interpretation of the Rules of Tennis; the Referee's decision shall be final;
- f) Appoint (or approve the assignment of) all Umpires for matches, and replace any Umpire whenever he/she decides it is necessary to improve the officiating of a match.
- g) Prior to making the draws, obtain the Wild Cards from the tournament committee and consult with the tournament committee to determine the final entry list
- h) Make the draws for all events.
- i) Designate the official visible timepiece at a fixed location as the official clock of the tournament.
- j) Prepare the daily order of play and ensure that it is posted on the official notice board, that should be in a highly visible place in a general player's area.
- k) Ensure that all courts are fit for play;
- l) Ensure that each court, net, net posts and singles sticks conform to the specifications in the Rules of Tennis and that each court is equipped with singles sticks, a Chair Umpire's chair, players' chairs, water cups and a measuring device.
- m) Decide if a match shall be moved to another court.
- n) Decide when play should be postponed or stopped because of weather conditions, inadequate light or other conditions.
- o) Ensure that all results are accurately recorded on the official draw sheet;
- p) Use Tournament Planner Software (Seniors TP) before and during the tournament
- q) Notify the ITF (through Seniors TP reports) of all money collected from on-site IPIN cash payments.
- r) Upload results daily using the Tournament Planner Software (Seniors TP).
- s) Be responsible for investigating Code of Conduct violations, issuing penalties and/or suspension points and ensuring delivery whenever possible to every player cited for an on-site offence a copy of the relevant Code of Conduct form.
- t) On conclusion of the tournament, send to the ITF the ITF Referee's Report form, including details of all the penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct (through Seniors TP reports).

52. Settlement of On-Site Disputes

The Referee shall decide on any on-site disputes or interpretation of the Tournament Rules and Regulations and Rules of Tennis. He/she shall also be the final arbiter for penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct (see Section V) unless the Code provides for an appeal to the ITF for that offence.

At the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships the ITF Representative shall be the final on-site arbiter for any appeal against a decision of the Referee, other than the subjects of the Rules of Tennis or the Code of Conduct.

53. ITF Representatives

For the venue staging the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, the ITF shall appoint one or more Representative(s) who shall arrive at least one day prior to the start of the Competition or as available depending on attendance at the Team Competition.

The ITF Representative shall be consulted on all matters and his/her duties shall include:

- a) Verification that the seedings have been correctly implemented.
- b) Liaison between the organising committee and the ITF.
- c) Determining matters of policy in the conduct of the Competition; and
- d) Acting as the on-site representative of the ITF in all matters.

The position of the ITF Representative on site is one of final authority on any decision taken in respect of any change in the agreed programme of events including change of surface due to bad weather conditions.

The Referee is solely responsible for decisions on court regarding the Rules of Tennis and the Code of Conduct, but any interpretation of the Seniors Rules must be referred to the ITF Representative.

V. ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

54. Tournament Fact Sheets

All relevant information on arrangements for the tournament must be made available to the players in the form of the ITF standard Fact Sheet.

The Fact Sheet must be submitted to the ITF for approval no later than fifteen (15) weeks before the official start of the tournament.

Any other programme or flyer for the tournament shall publicise and correctly describe the approved grade of the event. A copy must be sent to the ITF as soon as it is produced. The ITF Seniors Department (seniors@itftennis.com) must be copied on important organisational email messages sent out to players.

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.

In the case of the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships, all information must be submitted to the ITF by the host nation by a date to be agreed with the ITF.

55. Entry Fees

a) Grade A, 1-5 and RC1-3 ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments

The tournament committee shall determine a reasonable entry fee. The entry fee, payment instructions and a deadline for payment shall be published in the official fact sheet. A tournament committee has the authority to officially withdraw any entered player that has not paid the entry fee according to the payment instructions and deadline published in the fact sheet.

b) ITF World Individual Championships

Entry fees for the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships shall be as follows:

- (1) The entry fee shall be \$125.00. The conditions of payment, including a deadline, shall be published in the fact sheet. Failure to meet these conditions of payment may result in the player's official withdrawal from the tournament.
- (2) The conditions of refund shall be published in the fact sheet. A full refund will be made to an entered player that makes an official withdrawal prior to the Withdrawal Deadline. An official withdrawal is made online at www.itftennis.com/ipin or by completing and signing an official Withdrawal

Form, sending it to the ITF office. If the official withdrawal is made after the Withdrawal Deadline, a refund will be made only for reasons of health and/or injury supported by a medical certificate, or bereavement. A player that withdraws after the draw has been made is not eligible for a refund.

56. Results, Report Forms & Tournament Software

The ITF will provide free of charge to the Referee a licensed copy of the Seniors Tournament Planner (Seniors TP) software.

The tournament shall have internet access on-site for use by the ITF Referee.

It is also mandatory that the Referee has a working email account and immediate access to a phone open for international calls and fax on-site.

Following conclusion of the tournament, the Tournament Director shall send/email to the ITF the Tournament Report form. The report must be submitted on the official form provided by the ITF (or Tennis Europe, for European tournaments).

57. Prize Money/ Player Hospitality Money

Should prize money be awarded, it must be equally distributed by gender and equally distributed across all age groups at the tournament.

The amount of prize money for Doubles and Mixed Doubles may differ from the amount of prize money for Singles, but the criteria of equality by gender and across all age groups must be adhered to for Doubles and Mixed Doubles also.

If, due to low participation figures, a round robin draw is played at an event instead of an elimination draw, then the advertised prize money may be reduced by up to a maximum of 50%.

Player hospitality money may be offered at Grade A, RC and 1-5 tournaments at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

58. Officials

a) Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships

The Referee shall, as a minimum, be a certified Silver Badge Referee. Chair Umpires shall be provided for the main draw finals. In addition the Organising Committee shall make every effort to provide Chair Umpires in the main draw semifinals. There must be a minimum of one Court Supervisor/Off-court Umpire for each four match courts.

b) Grade RC, A & 1-5 Tournaments

The Referee shall be, as a minimum, a White Badge certified Referee unless otherwise approved in writing by the ITF.

It is recommended that, wherever possible, there shall be a Chair Umpire for each match from the semifinals onwards and for the earlier stages of the tournament there should be a Court Supervisor for each four match courts.

For Grade RC1 and A tournaments, there must be a minimum of one Court Supervisor/Off-court Umpire for each five match courts.

It is further recommended that for tournaments with more than 200 participants, an Assistant Referee, fluent in the English language, should also be appointed.

59. Doctor on call/ Sports Medicine Trainer

All ITF Seniors tournaments must have a doctor on-call.

It is strongly recommended that all ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments arrange for a Sports Medicine Trainer to be on-site for the duration of the event (see Appendix III).

If there is no Sports Medicine Trainer on site at a tournament, a person who is qualified in first aid and resuscitation must always be on site.

60. Courts

All match courts for each event shall be played on the same surface throughout the tournament. However, in the event of bad weather, play may be moved to another surface, either under cover or not.

The surface of the courts to be used at the World Championships shall be subject to the approval of the Seniors Committee.

It is also recommended that in tournaments with foreign participation, on-site player announcements be made in English as well as the local language.

61. Practice Facilities

If practice courts are available at an event, they shall be made available to all participants, free of charge.

62. Banner

Tournaments shall display an ITF Seniors Circuit banner on their main court. The banner shall be provided free of charge by the ITF. The tournament report shall include a photograph of the banner in place.

63. Scoreboards

Scoreboards must be displayed on-court at all Grade A events. Scoreboards should be used wherever possible at Grade 1-5 events.

64. Balls

a) The balls to be used in the Competition must conform to the specifications in Rule 3 of the Rules of Tennis and must have been approved by the ITF.

b) In singles, doubles and mixed doubles main draw and qualifying there shall be a minimum of three new balls for each match. Another three new balls shall be provided for any third set at Grade 1 and Grade 2 tournaments.

c) Balls shall be provided for practice, but it is not obligatory to give new balls for this purpose.

d) At the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Championships (Grade WC) four new balls will be provided for each match and for any third set played, excluding consolation draws.

65. Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct for Seniors tournaments shall be prominently displayed on the official notice board at all tournaments (see also Section V).

66. Publicity and Promotion

Each player grants and assigns to the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their agents the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself, his/her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such promotional activities by the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their agents shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

67. Waiver of Claims

In submitting an entry into an ITF Seniors event, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that 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 Seniors event, against the ITF, the National Association or the Regional Association sanctioning such events.

68. International Sponsorship

The ITF retains the right to secure sponsors (Title & International) for the Competition. A Title Sponsor or International Sponsor will have the right to exposure at select events of the Competition, and it will be the responsibility of the ITF to negotiate an agreement with each Host Organiser of these events with regards to this exposure. The ITF grants all Host Organisers of events the right to secure domestic sponsors.

The ITF insists that there should be no Tobacco organisations, hard liquor products or betting companies secured as sponsors for any events.

The ITF retains the exclusive right for net branding at each event of the Competition. The Host Organiser of each event of the Competition is not allowed to place branding on the net unless agreed otherwise in writing with the ITF.

The ITF will have the right to instruct individual tournaments on the ITF Senior Circuit to use the balls of the Official Ball manufacturer providing that the balls are given to the tournament free of charge.

The ITF accepts that certain tournaments may have existing agreements in place with ball manufacturers and in such circumstances, the ITF will waive the right to require the use of the Official Ball at these tournaments for the duration of the existing agreement.

Should the ITF inform a tournament on the ITF Seniors Circuit of the intention to use an Official Ball, that tournament agrees that once their current agreement has expired, no new agreement with a ball manufacturer will be entered into.

The Host Organisers of the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships will receive a Sponsorship Manual from the ITF in relation to all sponsorship issues.

69. Related Regulations

To the extent not covered herein The Constitution of ITF Limited and the Rules of Tennis shall be applicable to all ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of the ITF Seniors Circuit 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.

SECTION II
REGULATIONS FOR THE ITF YOUNG SENIORS/SENIORS/SUPER-SENIORS WORLD
TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. THE COMPETITION

1. Title

The Competition shall be called “The ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships”. The ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships’ Cups are as follows:

a) Official Team Competitions of the ITF:

Italia Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 35 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Tony Trabert Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 40 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Dubler Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 45 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held
Fred Perry Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 50 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Austria Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 55 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Von Cramm Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 60 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Britannia Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 65 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Jack Crawford Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 70 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Bitsy Grant Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 75 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.

Gardnar Mulloy Cup	For men who have reached or will reach the age of 80 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Suzanne Lenglen Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 35 years on or before the 31 st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Young Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 40 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Margaret Court Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 45 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Maria Esther Bueno Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 50 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Maureen Connolly Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 55 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Alice Marble Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 60 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Kitty Godfree Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 65 years on or before the 31 December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Althea Gibson Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 70 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
Queens' Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 75 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the Competition is held.

b) Other Team Competitions:

Doris Hart Cup	For women who have reached or will reach the age of 80 years on or before the 31 st December in the year in which the Competition is held.
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2. Ownership

The Competition shall be owned by and under the direction and control of the International Tennis Federation, hereinafter referred to as the “ITF”.

Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF; commercial exploitation of the event; television and radio, film and video recordings, plus new media and internet coverage. The Board of Directors may assign all or any rights to the host nation in accordance with detailed guidelines issued by the ITF consistent with these Regulations.

3. Format

The Competition shall be played at one venue unless the Seniors Committee decides to approve an application to play in zones. The Competition shall be played under a Round Robin format in the initial stages after which a knock-out principle can be adopted to produce the final list of all teams.

4. Nations Eligible

The Competition shall be open to Class B and Class C members of the ITF and only players who are eligible to represent a nation in accordance with Section II, Rule 25 (Eligibility of a Player to Represent a Nation) may be nominated members of the team of that country.

5. Prize Money

No prize money shall be awarded unless approved by the ITF.

6. Trophies

A list of trophies donated by National Associations can be found on the ITF Seniors website.

7. Trophies for the Other Team Competitions

THE DORIS HART CUP, presented annually to the winning team of the ITF Super-Seniors World Team Championships women in the 80 Age Group. First presented by the United States Tennis Association in honour of Doris Hart in 2011.

The ITF will present prizes to the members of the winning team, the finalists and the third placed teams in all Team Championships.

8. Rules to be Observed

The Competition shall take place in accordance with these regulations, the Constitution of the ITF Limited, the Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF and the approved Code of Conduct.

In submitting an entry, a National Association and its team members, including the Captain, automatically undertake to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations.

Any National Association and its team members, including the Captain, failing to honour this undertaking shall be subject to penalties.

In submitting an entry, a National Association, its officers, directors, employees and its team members agree, as a condition of entry, that for themselves, their executors, administrators, theirs 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 the Competition, against the ITF, the Host Nations, the Regional Associations and Sponsors of the Competition.

9. International Player Identification number (IPIN)

To play in the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships, a player must have registered for a Seniors IPIN membership (International Player Identification Number) and have paid the annual IPIN fee.

10. Sponsorship

The ITF retains the right to secure sponsors (Title & Domestic) for the Competition. The host nation will receive a Sponsorship Manual from the ITF in relation to all sponsorship opportunities.

II. MANAGEMENT

11. Board of Directors

a) Management

The Competition shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the ITF in co-operation with the National Association(s) of the country or countries where the Competition is played.

b) Duties

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- (i) To appoint a Seniors Committee which shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members, as determined necessary. The Chairman, or his nominee subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall also serve as Chairman of the Competition.
- (ii) To appoint a Manager who shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the event.
For the Competition a Tournament Committee shall be formed, to include the following:
 - 1. Chairman, or other representative of the Seniors Committee
 - 2. Manager of the Competition
 - 3. Referee for the Competition
 - 4. Tournament Director from the host nation
- (iii) To register in the name of the ITF any trademarks in connection with the Competition, and to protect such rights.
- (iv) To select the venues and decide the dates for the Competition.
- (v) To decide the entry fee and allocation of any prizes.
- (vi) To administer the funds of the Competition within the financial framework of the Competition.
- (vii) To suspend from the Competition for such period of time as it may determine, any tennis player, captain, umpire or official who, in its opinion, does not maintain at all times the ideals of the Competition.

- (viii) To impose penalties laid down in these Regulations.
- (ix) To refuse the entry of any National Association, or refuse the further participation of such National Association in the Competition, if in its opinion the participation of the said nation may result in the Competition being endangered.

12. Seniors Committee

The duties of the Seniors Committee shall be:

- (i) To oversee the management and presentation of the Competition.
- (ii) To approve the appointment by the host nation of a Tournament Director for the Competition.
- (iii) To approve the appointment of the Referee for the Competition by the host nation.
- (iv) To recommend to the Board of Directors the venue and dates for the Competition, the entry fee and allocation of any prizes.
- (v) To impose penalties laid down in these Regulations.
- (vi) To undertake other duties as laid down in these Regulations.

III. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

13. Application to Stage the Competition

Any National Association wishing to stage the Competition shall submit its application in writing on the approved form provided by the ITF.

The ITF will give priority to bids offering to host both the ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships in the same year, in two consecutive weeks, in the same country.

14. Financial Arrangements for On-Site Organisation

The financial arrangements for the on-site organisation shall be negotiated between the ITF and the host nation.

15. Entries

Entries from National Associations shall be sent to the ITF to arrive no later than twelve (12) weeks before the Competition begins, or such earlier date as may be decided and announced in advance by the ITF.

The list of entries shall be forwarded to the Organising Committee after the Entry Deadline.

16. Entry Fee

The entry fee of US \$375.00 per team, as decided by the ITF, shall be due to the ITF upon receipt of an invoice following the Entry Deadline. If a National Association misses the Entry Deadline, it may still enter a team. For 24 hours after the stated Entry Deadline, the entry fee for a team will be twice the standard entry fee (\$375 x 2 = \$750). Between 24 and 48 hours after the stated Entry Deadline, the entry fee will be three times the standard entry fee (\$375 x 3 = \$1125). 48 hours after the Entry Deadline, no further entries will be accepted.

17. Default in Payment

Any default in payment in respect of its team's participation in a previous Competition, shall render the nation liable to have its entry refused for any future Competitions until such payment has been made in full.

18. Withdrawals

Once a team has been officially entered by a National Association, i.e. a signed and stamped Entry Form is received at the ITF office, the entry fee of \$375 must be paid.

After the Entry Deadline, if a team is withdrawn by the National Association, the entry fee must still be paid.

Any team that withdraws its entry later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the scheduled first day of play in the Competition may have its entry refused for the following year's Competition and shall be liable to a fine up to four (4) times the amount of the entry fee.

Any team that;

- i) is a 'no show',
- ii) fails to play all its ties, including placement ties; or
- iii) is disqualified for an offence committed in the Competition,

may have its entry refused for the following year's Competition and shall be fined. This fine shall be not greater than four (4) times the amount of the entry fee.

If a player is injured and wishes to leave the tournament site prior to the end of the Championships, the player must obtain a medical certificate from the tournament doctor and submit it to the ITF onsite.

19. Number of Entries

A maximum of 32 teams shall compete in the Competition.

If more than 32 entries are received preliminary rounds shall be arranged whenever possible.

20. Facilities

The host nation shall provide sufficient facilities for the Competition to be completed over a period within which:

- a) a maximum of seven (7) days shall be allocated for the purpose of conduct of matches within the Competition, unless decided otherwise by the ITF;
- b) practice courts for a maximum of three (3) days prior to the commencement of play shall be available to competing nations.

For the purpose of these Regulations, the Competition shall be deemed to commence on the first day of the period agreed between the host nation and the Federation.

21. Composition of Teams

Each team must consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) players, one of whom is designated Captain. Alternatively a non-playing Captain can be nominated in addition.

22. Nomination of Teams

Nominations of individual players, not more than four (4) and not fewer than two (2), in order of merit for singles, must be received by the ITF no later than six (6) weeks before the scheduled first day of play of the Competition, or such an earlier date as may be decided and announced in advance by the ITF.

National Associations shall take into account the position of their players in their national ranking list, current year regional and national championship results, as well as head to head records, when deciding the order of merit so that this accurately reflects the strengths of the players.

The Order of Merit submitted by National Associations must reflect the standard of the players and ensure that the best player is included at No1 regardless of National and/or ITF rankings.

National Associations shall be prepared to justify to the ITF office the Order of Merit, producing supplementary data, current national rankings and other relevant documentation to substantiate their order.

23. Changes to Nominations and Order of Merit

Nominations

Changes or additions to team nominations may be made no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled first day of play of the Competition. Thereafter no change may be made except for exceptional circumstances including reasons of health, injury or bereavement and any such changes must be authorized by the ITF.

Changes to team nominations due to exceptional circumstances may be made at the Captains' Meeting and must be supported by written documentation from the relevant National Association. Such changes must be submitted to the ITF Representative attending the Meeting for approval.

Order of Merit

Changes to a team's Order of Merit may be made at the Captains' Meeting and must be supported by written documentation from the relevant National Association.

Any change to the Order of Merit must be based on recent tournament results and will be subject to the approval of the ITF.

Captains of teams shall be prepared to justify to ITF at or before the Captains' Meeting the Order of Merit, producing supplementary data, current national rankings and other relevant documentation to substantiate their order. The ITF Representative

attending the Meeting must change any clear mistake in an Order of Merit and has the final authority to adjust any Order of Merit. The ITF Representative must take such changes into account when determining the final seeding of the teams.

24. Passport

The Captain shall present passports of all team members, including that of the Captain, 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.

25. Eligibility of a Player to Represent a Nation

- (a) Any tennis player who is in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with the Appendix V shall be qualified to represent that nation if he/she has not represented any other nation during the period of 36 months immediately preceding the event and:
- i. is a citizen of that nation and has 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 place of birth as that nation; or
 - iii. if after a consecutive period of 2 years (24 months) residence in that nation can provide a genuine reason for being unable to hold a current 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.

In cases where a passport is not held, the National Association wishing to nominate the player shall submit an application to the ITF. Such application must be received by the ITF Manager at least three months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated. The ITF will forward a copy to any other National Association concerned, which shall be entitled to comment

within 15 days of receipt. The ITF Manager will give a ruling having taken into account all relevant known facts.

(b) A player 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.

A player 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.

(c) A player shall be deemed to have represented a nation if he/she shall have been nominated and shall have accepted the nomination to play in the Olympic Games Tennis Event or in any International Team Competition recognised by the ITF and listed in Bye-law 2.1(a), as well as the Doris Hart Cup.

(d) A National Association may appeal to the Seniors Committee to nominate a player who is not eligible under the above Regulations and the said Committee may agree to approve the application. Such application must be received by the ITF Manager at least three months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated.

(e) The Seniors Committee and/or the Organising Committee of the event, have the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player is qualified to represent that nation.

(f) The Seniors Committee can only approve exceptions for players to participate in the competitions under the control of that Committee.

Note: A player who represented a nation under the Rules of the Federation in force in 1994 or prior thereto, shall continue to be eligible to represent that nation even if he is no longer qualified to do so under the amended terms of this Regulation.

26. Waiver of Claims

In submitting an entry into an ITF Seniors event, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that 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 Seniors event, against the ITF, the National Association or Regional Association sanctioning such events.

27. Insurance

National Associations are responsible for ensuring that all members of their team(s), and any accompanying officials in their delegation, are fully and adequately covered by medical and travel insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in the event. The ITF, the title sponsor, the host association and the host venue cannot accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

28. Publicity and Promotion

Each player grants and assigns to the ITF the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself, his/her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such promotional activities by ITF shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

29. Related Regulations

To the extent not covered herein The Constitution of ITF Limited and the Rules of Tennis shall be applicable to the Competition.

30. Decisions and Appeals

The ITF Executive Director shall make all decisions and interpretations concerning the Regulations. Any appeal against the decision or interpretation of the ITF Executive Director shall be referred to the Seniors Committee whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties. Any appeal shall be in writing and shall be received by the Seniors Committee not later than one month after the decision has been received by the appellant. The Seniors Committee shall conduct any appeal in whatever manner it deems to be appropriate.

31. Failure to Abide by the Rules and Regulations

Any competing nation that fails to conform to the Rules and Regulations may be immediately disqualified and/or shall be liable to have its entry refused for future Competitions until assurances of compliance with the Regulations are given, and subject to any further penalties set out in these Regulations.

For offences, which do not justify disqualification, the ITF may decide that a fine be imposed.

IV. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

32. Conduct of Event – Local Organising Committee

An Organising Committee shall be appointed which shall be approved by the National Association of the country where the Competition is played (the host nation). The Organising Committee shall keep the ITF informed of the arrangements for the event.

33. The Captain

The Captain shall qualify as defined in Section II, Rule 24.

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 the net to the opposite side of the court. The Captain is the only member of the team permitted to talk to the Chair Umpire and, in case of an appeal on a question of tennis law, only the Captain may request to talk to the Referee. If the Captain is unable to fulfil his/her duties on court he/she may be replaced only by one of the nominated players who shall be allowed to sit on court and who shall under these circumstances be permitted to talk to the Chair Umpire and/or request to talk to the Referee.

34. Captains' Meetings

An initial Captains' Meeting shall be held on the day preceding the commencement of match play at which the ITF Representative shall be Chairman. He/she shall state the seedings and ensure that all appropriate announcements are made by the Host Nation's representatives and shall also direct the Draw. Without prior approval of the ITF Representative, only Captains or their appointed delegates may attend the Captains' Meeting. Additional Captains' Meetings shall be arranged at the discretion of the ITF Representative.

Should the Captain of a team or the appointed delegate fail to attend the Captains' Meeting without having notified the ITF in advance, the team shall be fined half the amount of the entry fee.

35. Arbitration

a) Settlement of On-Site Disputes

The Referee shall decide on any on-site disputes or interpretation of the Rules of Tennis. He or she shall also be the final arbiter for penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct unless the Code provides for an appeal to the ITF for that offence.

The Seniors Committee or ITF Representative shall be the final on-site arbiter for any appeal against a decision of the Referee, other than the subjects of the Rules of Tennis or the Code of Conduct.

b) Final Arbiter

The Seniors Committee shall be the final arbiter in any dispute, and shall decide any appeals.

36. Officials

The Host Nation shall appoint a Referee and an Assistant Referee, for each venue, the exact number to be confirmed with the ITF.

The Referee shall as a minimum be certified as a White Badge Referee, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

The Referee shall be ITF qualified, fully conversant with the Rules of Tennis and the regulations for the organisation and running of Seniors events as itemised in the Seniors Regulations. He/she must also be fully conversant in the English language.

The Host Nation must provide Chair Umpires for the 1st and 2nd place playoffs and 3rd and 4th place playoffs. The host nation shall make every effort to provide a Chair Umpire for each match in the earlier rounds.

The Host Nation must provide a minimum of one Court Supervisor/Off-court Umpire for each four match courts.

Duties of the Referee

The Referee shall:

- a) use Tournament Planner software (ITF Seniors Team Event Planner (TEP)) before and during the Championships
- b) upload results daily on the ITF Seniors website using the Tournament Planner software (ITF Seniors TEP)
- c) send the ITF office regular backups of the ITF Seniors TEP files during the event as well as on completion of the event
- d) prior to the event conduct such training sessions and meetings as may be necessary to familiarise thoroughly all officials with all applicable Rules and Procedures
- e) ensure the teams' eligibility
- f) be responsible for all aspects of play
- g) assist the ITF Representative in conducting the Captains Meeting and make the Draw for all events
- h) prepare the daily order of play and ensure that it is posted on the official notice board
- i) ensure that all courts are fit for play

- j) ensure that all courts are equipped with singles sticks, a Chair Umpire’s chair, players’ chairs, linespersons chairs, water cups and a measuring device
- k) decide if a match shall be moved to another court
- l) decide when play should be postponed or stopped because of weather conditions, inadequate light or other conditions
- m) be the final authority for on court disputes in respect of the Code of Conduct and interpretation of the Rules of Tennis;
- n) be responsible for arranging the consolation event and draw
- o) ensure that all results are accurately recorded on the official draw sheet
- p) designate the official visible timepiece at a fixed location as the official clock of the tournament, and
- q) be present at all times during the playing of matches.

Notes:

The position of the ITF Representative on site is one of final authority on any decision taken in respect of any change in the agreed programme of events including change of surface due to bad weather conditions.

The Referee is solely responsible for decisions on court regarding the Rules of Tennis, but any interpretation of the Seniors Rules must be referred to the ITF Representative.

The Captain of any competing nation may appeal to the ITF Representative if he/she considers any act or decision of the Referee to be inconsistent with these Regulations.

37. Seeding

The number of seeds shall be as follows:

Size of Entry	Seeds
4	2
5	2
6	2
7	3
8	4
9	3
10	4
11	5
12	4
13	5
14	6
15	7

16	8
17	7
18	6
19	9
20	8
21	7
22	8
23	9
24	8
25	9
26	10
27	11
28	12
29	13
30	14
31	15
32	16

The selection of seeds shall be based on the latest Seniors World Team Ranking of each age group as defined in Section II, Rule 52.

If found necessary by the tournament committee, the following number of teams can be moved as 'Seed Exempts' up or down within the seeding order of merit:

For formats of play with up to 6 seeds: no more than 2 Seed Exempts.

For formats of play with between 7-12 seeds: no more than 3 Seed Exempts.

For formats of play with between 13-16 seeds: no more than 4 Seed Exempts.

A direct swap of two teams in the seeding order of merit shall count as one Seed Exempt used.

Such Seed Exempts shall be based on consideration of players' head to head results, the results from ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments and results of the Competition in the previous years.

38. Format of Play

All possible formats of play for the 2015 Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors World Team Championships for entry sizes from 3 to 32 teams will be published on the ITF Seniors website.

The Competition will be played on a Round Robin basis, followed by Knock-out or Round Robin in the later stages, depending on number of entries , to give complete final standings of all teams.

In the Round Robin stage of the competition, all groups shall be the same size and any byes will be drawn by lot.

If there are byes in the Knock-out stage of the draw the recipients shall be randomly drawn by lot. In the Knock-out stages, it may be necessary to position teams from the same Round Robin group in different halves (for full details please see format of plays published on the ITF Seniors Website).

39. Match Formats

Matches must be played over the best of three Tie-Break sets. The seven (7) point Tie-Break shall operate at six games all in each set.

In the Gardnar Mulloy Cup and Doris Hart Cup, should the score reach one set all, a ten (10) point Match Tie-Break game shall be played to determine the winner in all Singles and Doubles matches.

40. Draw

The Draw shall be made by the Referee, under the supervision of the ITF Representative.

The Draw shall be made in public at the venue for the Competition no later than twelve (12) hours before the commencement of the Competition. Once the draw has been made there can be no change unless a team retires or is forced to retire from the time the draw is made until the daily nomination deadline on the first day of play, the Referee in his discretion and in agreement with the ITF Representative may remake in part or in full the draw of that Cup.

41. Order of Play

The order of play shall be as follows:

First Match:	Number 2 v Number 2
Followed by:	Number 1 v Number 1
Followed by:	Doubles Match

42. Court Surface

The surface of the courts to be used shall be subject to the approval of the Seniors Committee.

43. Balls

The balls to be used in the Competition must conform to the specifications in Rule 3 of the Rules of Tennis and must have been approved by the ITF.

There shall be a minimum of four new balls for each match; another four new balls shall be provided for any third set.

Balls shall be provided for practice, but it shall not be obligatory to give new balls for this purpose.

44. Notification of Singles and Doubles Players

The Referee shall determine the time by which he/she shall receive from the Captains the daily nominations of the two (2) singles players and the doubles pairing. The doubles pairing may be altered by the Captain after the completion of the second singles match by formal application to the Referee. Failure to formally advise the Referee of a change to the doubles pairing will result in the forfeit of the doubles match.

45. Composition of the Doubles Pairing

Any two (2) members of the team may be nominated by the Captain to play any of the doubles matches.

46. Entitlement to Rest

If a player is called upon to play more than one (1) round in one day, the Referee shall decide his or her entitlement to rest.

47. 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. The Referee's decision to allow or not allow substitution shall be final.

48. Interval between Singles and Doubles

The Referee shall decide the interval between completion of both the singles matches and commencement of the doubles match, but this shall be at least thirty (30) minutes.

There shall be a break of maximum twenty (20) minutes between the singles matches. There shall be an interval of thirty (30) minutes between the singles and doubles rubbers, unless decided otherwise by the Referee.

49. Relocation of Doubles Match

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

50. Method of Determining Positions in Round Robin Events

Each tie will consist of three matches; two singles and one doubles. The nation which wins the majority of the matches in the tie shall be declared the winner and shall be awarded one point.

- If two nations score an equal number of points, the head-to-head result between these nations shall decide the winner.
- If three or more nations score an equal number of points the following procedure shall be used:
 - The number of matches won shall decide the winner.
 - If matches won are equal, the percentage of sets won of sets played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner.
 - If the percentages of sets won are equal, the percentages of games won against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner.

When three or more nations are tied, head-to-head results are never used to determine the positions in the group.

If any match is stopped and not completed for reasons of injury, etc., the full score shall be recorded. Example: Player A leads over Player B by 6-1, 2-0 when Player B is injured and unable to continue. Player A's victory shall be recorded as 6-1, 6-0.

51. Team Identification

Team Identification is strongly recommended and the Identification on Dress and Equipment Rule shall apply (see Section V, Code of Conduct).

52. C1 – Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships ranking points

1. World Individual Singles Ranking

Points will only be awarded if a player has won a minimum of 1 singles match.

For final team positions 1-4:

Full points will only be awarded if the player has won a minimum of 2 singles matches. If the player has won 1 singles match only, 50% of the points will be awarded.

Final Team Position	Player			
	NO.1	NO.2	NO.3	NO.4
1 st	180	160	130	130
2 nd	150	130	110	110
3 rd	120	105	90	90
4 th	100	85	75	75
5 th	90	75	65	65
6 th	80	65	55	55
7 th	70	55	45	45
8 th	60	45	35	35
9 th	55	40	30	30
10 th	55	40	30	30
11 th	50	35	25	25
12 th	50	35	25	25
13 th	40	25	15	15
14 th	40	25	15	15
15 th	40	25	15	15
16 th	40	25	15	15
17 th	35	20	10	10
18 th	35	20	10	10
19 th	35	20	10	10
20 th	35	20	10	10
21 st	35	20	10	10
22 nd	35	20	10	10
23 rd	35	20	10	10
24 th	35	20	10	10
25 th	30	15	5	5
26 th	30	15	5	5
27 th	30	15	5	5
28 th	30	15	5	5
29 th	25	10	5	5

30 th	25	10	5	5
31 st	25	10	5	5
32 nd	25	10	5	5

2. World Individual Doubles Ranking

Points for the World Individual Doubles Ranking will be awarded per win.

Grade	Points per win (including Knock-out stages)
Grade C1	30

53. Seniors World Team Rankings

Points for the ITF Seniors World Team Rankings will be awarded in each of the 20 World Team Championship age groups and this will enable a ranking to be generated for each age group.

The rankings will take into account the finishing position of nations in each Young Seniors and Seniors World Team Championship Cup event over a 5 year period. In the Super-Seniors age categories, rankings will take into account the finishing position of nations over a 3 year period.

The points total will be worked out over a 3-5 year period with the number of points counting towards the ranking with the following percentages:

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 80%

Year 3: 60%

Year 4: 40%

Year 5: 20%

Points allocation according to final position:

Position	Points	Position	Point	Position	Points
1	8500	12	2100	23	320
2	7500	13	1800	24	260
3	6800	14	1500	25	220
4	6100	15	1200	26	180
5	5500	16	900	27	140
6	4900	17	800	28	100

7	4300	18	700	29	80
8	3700	19	600	30	60
9	3300	20	500	31	40
10	2900	21	440	32	20
11	2500	22	380		

In addition to the above ranking points, bonus points will be awarded to any team that beats a higher-ranked team:

Nation's Ranking	Bonus Points
1-2	500
3-4	300
5-8	200
9-12	100
13-16	50

The ITF Seniors World Team Rankings will be published three times a year, following the completion of the Young Seniors, Seniors & Super-Seniors World Team Championships and published on the ITF Seniors website.

SECTION V

CODE OF CONDUCT

ITF SENIORS CIRCUIT CODE OF CONDUCT

I. GENERAL

A. Purpose

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) promulgates this ITF Code of Conduct (Code) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by any seniors players and any coach, trainer, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest or other similar associate of any player (together "Player Support Team Members) at all tournaments, continental championships, international seniors team and individual competitions included in the ITF Seniors Calendar, and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the Sport of Tennis. All references to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall mean the ITF limited.

B. Exclusive Applicability

This 2014 ITF Seniors Circuit Code of Conduct shall be the basis for disciplinary action against any player or tournament in ITF sanctioned Seniors Circuit tournaments, 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.

II. PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES

A. Applicability

This Article is applicable as stated herein to the ITF Seniors events. Any reference to players in this Code shall apply to all team members including the captain where appropriate. All players and teams shall abide by the Rules for entries set forth in the Regulations. Any National Association that withdraws from the Team Championships, other than as provided for in the Regulations, will be subject to the penalties given in Section II, Rule 18 of these Regulations.

B. Entry Offences

1. Late Withdrawal

A player in Main draw or Qualifying may withdraw from a tournament no later than 14:00 GMT on the Friday nine (9) days after the entry deadline without incurring

penalty. After this Withdrawal Deadline, a player in Main Draw or Qualifying is committed to the tournament. A player in the Alternate List may withdraw at any time prior to such time as they are moved into the Qualifying as a Direct Acceptance, from which time they are committed to the tournament.

All withdrawals must be made online or by fax. Emails are not accepted. Players are advised to keep a paper copy of any faxed withdrawal made. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure that the withdrawal has been received.

Any late withdrawal by a player from a tournament, after the two permitted withdrawals per year, shall be automatically punished by the levy of suspension points. See section X for details.

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”.

2. Permitted Late Withdrawal

Players are permitted two (2) Withdrawals per year which shall not count as Late Withdrawal Offences, providing the player withdraws prior to the Qualifying Draw of the Event being published, or prior to the Main Draw of the Event being published in an Event without Qualifying Draw.

(*an excused/permitted withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above, and notifies the ITF about the second week’s late withdrawal by the last day of the tournament).

3. On-Site Medical Withdrawal

If a player is forced to withdraw after sign-in for medical reasons, the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed (in English, French or Spanish) 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.

A player who withdraws late from a tournament will be excused a late withdrawal penalty provided:

- the player, who is still competing in a tournament at or after the time of the Qualifying sign-in deadline, is forced to withdraw/retire, is examined by that tournament’s physician and is determined to be unfit to compete at the following week’s tournament; or
- the player is on-site at the tournament when the withdrawal occurred and is determined to be unfit to compete by the tournament’s physician.

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.

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 the late withdrawal is submitted prior to the relevant sign-in deadline.

4. No-Show

Any player accepted to the Main Draw or Qualifying of a tournament who fails to sign-in, or, any player who fails to appear on-site for his first match in a tournament without sign-in, without submitting an official withdrawal to the ITF office and tournament Referee, shall be considered a 'No-Show' and shall be automatically punished by the levying of suspension points.

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".

5. One Tournament per Week

No player who has played in the Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF Seniors Circuit event shall play in any other tennis tournament, including national and regional tournaments, during the period of such tournament.

A player may not compete in an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament if he/she has competed in another tennis tournament in the same tournament week.

Violation of this Section shall result in a default by the Referee and subject to the player not receiving world individual ranking points for the ITF Seniors Circuit event.

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".

C. Wild Cards

No player, 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 an ITF Seniors Circuit 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 of Conduct appeals, the player shall be subject to disciplinary procedures.

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

E. Discretionary Review

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may appeal to the ITF Executive Director for discretionary review of the determination of guilt and penalty therefore. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00 pm GMT within fourteen (14) days after notice of the violation is received by the player.

Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit. Any player submitting fax transmission receipts when appealing a Player Entry Offence should note that all fax receipts must match exactly the fax receipt records at the ITF Office; i.e. fax transmission receipts submitted must show the originating fax number, the fax number of the ITF Office, the OK status, the number of pages transmitted, the date, the time and the transmission duration. If there is no exact match with the transmission receipt records at the ITF Office the appeal will be rejected as insufficient evidence submitted.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the ITF Executive Director shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident, and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the Offence.

III. PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. General

Every player, team captain, team members/extra players, coach, trainer, relative or official attached to a player or any participating team, as well as any other player support team member, shall during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site (including the official tournament hotel) of an ITF Seniors event, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions hereinafter set forth shall apply while within the precincts of each such site.

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 player's area as designated by the Referee.

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 Referee in his sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

C. Dress and Equipment

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

Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the Chair Umpire or Referee 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 Regulations).

1. Unacceptable Attire

Inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up). Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during the match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions.

a) Shoes

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted as proper tennis attire. Shoes shall not cause damage to the court other than what is expected during the normal course of the match or practice. Damage to a court may be considered as physical or visible, which may include a shoe that leaves mark beyond what is considered acceptable. The ITF supervisor has the authority to determine that a shoe does not meet the criteria and may order the player to change.

i) Grass Court Shoes

At ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments played on grass court, no shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players. Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at ITF Junior Circuit events played on grass courts.

ii) Clay Court Shoes

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at ITF Junior Circuit events played on clay courts.

Grass court shoes shall not be worn during a match on clay courts.

2. Identification

i) Doubles Team Identification: Ideally members of a doubles team will be dressed in substantially the same colours. At Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours.

3. Team Identification

At Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships, players and captains are strongly recommended to dress at all times on court in compliance with Team Identification principles. To comply a player and captain shall display the nation's name on the back of his/her shirt or he/she shall dress in National colours. Team Identification shall be in accordance with the Official ITF Seniors Style Guide.

D. Time Violation/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 shall be penalised by a Time Violation warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of one Time Violation point 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

Players 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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

Players 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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

Players 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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

Players 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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of a Court Official, opponent, spectator or other person.

I. Abuse of Balls

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 hereinafter set forth.

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

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 hereinafter set forth.

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

Players shall not receive coaching during a match (including the warm-up). Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach other than the team Captain may be construed as coaching. 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 hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the Referee may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and upon his failure to comply with such order may declare an immediate default of such player.

L. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Sport, but does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein. 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

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament.

For purposes of this Rule, the Referee 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 hereinafter set forth therefore.

N. Leaving the Court

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire, Referee, or Assistant Referee. A player who violates this section may be defaulted by the Referee.

O. Failure to Complete Match

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 Referee and shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subjected to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

P. Leaving the Tournament

Any player that leaves a tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, except for reasons of bereavement, or retires from a tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the tournament doctor), shall forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that tournament, shall not receive any player hospitality money (if provided) and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Y. Suspension Points.

Any player that leaves the Young Seniors, Seniors and Super Seniors World Championships prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, except for reasons of bereavement, or retires for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the tournament doctor), shall forfeit all points won in all events at that tournament, shall not receive any player hospitality money (if provided) and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Y. Suspension Points.

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

A player or member of a team participating in the finals of an ITF Seniors event must attend and participate in the final ceremonies in appropriate team dress unless reasonably unable to do so, as determined by the Referee.

Violation of this section shall subject the player or any team member to suspension by the ITF Manager of Seniors Tennis, with respect to the offending incident, from play in ITF Seniors events for a period up to three months.

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

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the postmatch 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 Referee 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. Partisan Crowd/Spectator Behaviour

During Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors World Team Championships and other Grade C Team Competition matches each country must control its supporting spectators so that play is not interrupted or disturbed. In the event that the spectators or any individual spectator supporting a country behave in such a partisan manner that play is unreasonably interrupted or the players at any time are unreasonably provoked and/or intimidated, the Referee shall penalise such country's player in accordance with the following:

FIRST Offence	WARNING
SECOND Offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT Offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Partisan Crowd violation, the Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tie, the Referee shall have the authority to declare a default for a single violation of this section

T. 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 Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

U. Defaults

The Referee may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above.

In all cases of default, the decision of the Referee shall be final and un-appealable.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be defaulted from all other events, if any, in that tournament, except when the offending incident involves only a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article III. B and C, or as a result of a medical condition or when his doubles partner commits the Code Violation which causes the default.

A player that is defaulted at an event of an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament shall not receive any player hospitality money (if provided) and shall not be awarded any world ranking points won in the tournament.

V. Doubles Events

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

W. Determination and Penalty

The Referee shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all Player On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the punishment, other than under the Point Penalty Schedule, and give written notice thereof to the player.

X. Appeals

Any player convicted of a violation of a Player On-Site Offence may appeal to the ITF Executive Director for review of the determination of guilt and penalty. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and filed by 5.00 p.m. G.M.T. with the ITF within fourteen (14) days of notification.

Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the ITF Executive Director shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident, and shall affirm or reverse, in whole or in part, the determination of the Referee. In the event of a whole or partial reversal the ITF shall remove the penalty from the player’s record in accordance with the disposition of the appeal.

Y. SUSPENSION POINTS

Suspension points shall be recorded against a player according to the following:

- a) Late withdrawals
 - Singles:
 - From Withdrawal Deadline to Freeze Deadline 2
 - From Freeze Deadline to the time the draw is published 3
 - From the time the draw is published to the start of the event 4
 - Doubles:
 - From the time the draw is published to the start of the event* 2
- b) No Show/Failure to sign-in or appear at a tournament 5
 - No Show/Failure to sign-in or appear at a tournament and failure to pay entry fee 7
- c) For on-site offences:
 - For a warning ** 1
 - For a warning + a point penalty 2
 - For a warning + a point penalty + first game penalty 3
 - For a warning + a point penalty + second game penalty 4
 - For any subsequent game penalty in a match +1
 - For a Default after any of the above +1
 - For Any Default for a single violation of the Code (Immediate Default) 6
- d) Any Default for punctuality 2
- e) Leaving the tournament 5

* There can only be one late withdrawal code per player per tournament, therefore the higher number of suspension points will be applied

** The Referee may choose not to report a single Code Violation Warning in a match, provided that the offence was not of a serious nature.

Any player receiving a total of ten (10) suspension points shall be suspended from competing ITF Seniors Circuit Tournaments for a period of four (4) weeks.

At the Appeal Deadline, the suspended player will be automatically 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 Regional and/or National Associations of any suspension incurred by a player.

Referees and ITF Seniors Circuit 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 or being red-flagged in the Tournament Planner Software (Seniors TP) to play.

IV. PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES

A. Wagers

No player shall wager anything of value in connection with any ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this section shall subject the player to a suspension from play in ITF Seniors tournaments for a period of up to three (3) years.

B. Bribes or Other Payments

No player shall offer, give, solicit or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or participation in any ITF Seniors Circuit tournament.

Violation of this section shall subject the player to a suspension from play in ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments for a period of up to three (3) years.

C. Aggravated Behaviour

No player or Related Person at any ITF Seniors Circuit event shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour" which is defined as follows:

- i) One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting "Aggravated Behaviour".
- ii) One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Seniors Circuit event, or is singularly egregious.
- iii) A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour", but when viewed

together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the ITF Seniors Circuit.

Violation of this section shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

D. 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 Tennis. If a player is convicted of a violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, the punishment of which includes possible imprisonment for more than one year, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and the ITF Manager of Seniors Tennis may provisionally suspend such player from further participating in the ITF Seniors Circuit pending a final determination in section E. In addition, if a player 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 ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments.

E. Determination and Penalty

The ITF Executive Director shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the player or Related Person involved; the player or Related Person shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Executive Director, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the player deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon the completion of his investigation the ITF Executive Director shall determine the innocence or guilt of the player or Related Person involved, and, in the latter case, shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision shall be promptly delivered to the player and to the ITF Seniors Committee.

F. Discretionary Review

Any player or Related Person found to have committed a Player Major Offence may petition the ITF Seniors Committee for discretionary review of the determination and

penalty of the ITF Executive Director. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Executive Director within ten (10) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player. The ITF Executive Director shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the ITF Seniors Committee. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within ten (10) days thereafter the ITF Seniors Committee shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the player and the ITF Executive Director. At such hearing the player and the ITF Executive Director shall present to the ITF Seniors Committee the relevant evidence on the matter. The ITF Seniors Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Executive Director on appeal. The decision of the Committee will be provided in writing and shall be final and binding.

If the appeal is decided against the player or Related Person, then the ITF Seniors Committee shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the player, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members of the ITF Seniors Committee with respect thereto, if the same is not at a regular scheduled meeting of the Committee.

V. MEDICAL CONTROL – ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Any Player, Player Support Team Member or other Person who enters or participates in the ITF Seniors Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the 2016 ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

The 2016 ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is set out in full on the ITF website (www.itftennis.com/antidoping) and in a separate rulebook that is published and distributed by the ITF to all National Associations.

VI. TOURNAMENT OFFENCES

A. Applicability

This Article shall apply to each ITF Senior Circuit Tournament.

B. Guarantees

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of an ITF Senior Circuit 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, other than prize money and permitted amateur expenses, unless authorised to do so by the Committee. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$5,000. In the event the ITF Manager of Senior Tennis believes that a tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Manager of Senior Tennis 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 Manager of Senior Tennis.

C. Wild Cards

No ITF Seniors Circuit 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\$ 5000, downgrade and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

D. Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

No ITF Senior Circuit 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 fine up to \$5,000 and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

E. ITF Seniors Circuit Rules

No ITF Seniors Circuit Tournament shall violate any provisions of these ITF Senior Circuit Rules. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$5,000 and/or-withdrawal of its sanction.

F. Late Cancellations

No ITF Seniors Circuit Tournament shall cancel less than fifteen (15) weeks prior to the scheduled commencement of the event.

Violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$ 5000, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred, downgrade and/or withdrawal of its sanction.

G. Determination and Penalty

The ITF Executive Director shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Tournament Offence by an ITF Seniors Circuit Tournament and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the tournament involved. The tournament shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Executive

Director, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the tournament deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon completion of his investigation, the ITF Manager of Senior Tennis shall determine the innocence or guilt of the tournament involved, and in the latter case shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision, fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision of the ITF Executive Director shall be promptly delivered to the tournament and to the Committee.

H. Payment of Fines

All fines levied by the ITF Executive Director shall be paid by the tournament to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

I. Discretionary Review

Any ITF Seniors Circuit Tournament found to have committed a Tournament Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, petition the Committee for discretionary review of the determination and penalty of the ITF Executive Director. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Executive Director within ten (10) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the tournament. The ITF Executive Director shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the Committee. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within ten (10) days thereafter the Committee shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the tournament and the ITF Executive Director. At such hearing the tournament and the ITF Executive Director shall present to the Committee the relevant evidence on the matter. The Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Executive Director on appeal. The decision of the Committee will be provided in writing and shall be final and binding. If the appeal is decided against the tournament, then the Committee shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the tournament, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members.

VII. WELFARE POLICY

Any player that enters and/or participates on the ITF Seniors Circuit, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates on the ITF Seniors Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix IV.

VIII. RECIPROCITY

The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to affirm, modify or reject with respect to any or all ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments a suspension or other sanction issued against a Covered Person (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy, Appendix IV) either by or on behalf of the ITF pursuant to a conduct or disciplinary process under any ITF code or policy or by any national or regional association or other tennis organisation including the Women's Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals.

The ITF Executive Director reserves 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 other national or regional association or any other tennis organisation or any other relevant authorities. The ITF Executive Director may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate in its absolute discretion. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by any national or regional association, any other tennis organisations and/or any relevant authorities. A Covered Person may petition the Committee for discretionary review of the determination of the ITF Manager.

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

IX. NOTICE

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

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A. PLAYER

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

B. TOURNAMENT

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

X. AMENDMENTS

This ITF Seniors Circuit Code of Conduct may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF.

APPENDIX I
NATIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. National Closed Championships shall be hosted by a National Association and shall be open only to competitors who are eligible according to the rules of each National Association.
2. National Closed Championships may choose to run the tournament in accordance with the regulations of the National Association where the tournament is held, including criteria for acceptances and seeding.
3. A National Closed Championships may not be graded higher than Grade 2 level, but may be upgraded to that level or downgraded to Grade 3, 4 or 5, according to the annual tournament evaluation, which takes into account the standard of participation at each tournament. Ranking points will be awarded according to the points tables in Section I, Rule 19.
4. Players competing in National Closed Championships will not be required to have an IPIN. However, should the Tournament Organiser wish to use the official tournament software and the online entry facility at the ITF, every player at that National Closed Championships must have registered for a Seniors IPIN membership and must have paid their annual IPIN fee.
5. In order to receive world individual ranking points at National Closed Championships, players must have registered for a Seniors IPIN membership prior to the tournament and must have paid their annual IPIN fee.
6. Each National Association is permitted to have one National Closed Championships tournament on the ITF Seniors Circuit Calendar per year. Nations that hosted more than one National Closed Championships tournament per year when this Appendix was introduced may continue to host those pre-existing tournaments.

APPENDIX II
REGIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS (GRADE RC)

1. Regional Closed Championships may be hosted by a Regional Association. An application to host a Regional Closed Championship must be submitted to the ITF by the relevant Regional Association. Only applications sanctioned by the Regional Association and host National Association shall be considered for inclusion in the ITF Seniors Circuit calendar.
2. Regional Associations are responsible for the Criteria for Acceptances of their Regional Championships. These Criteria must be submitted to the ITF on request.
3. A player may participate in one Regional Closed Championships in a calendar year. A player who is a dual passport holder must be listed in the ITF database under the nation he/she represents at the Regional Closed Championships. A player participating in Regional Closed Championships must have registered for a valid Seniors IPIN membership and must have paid the annual IPIN fee.
4. Grade RC tournaments shall follow the Regulations for Grade 1-5 tournaments.
5. Regional Closed Championships shall be graded RC1, RC2 and RC3 shall be upgraded or downgraded based upon their annual tournament assessment.
6. Ranking points will be allocated according to the points tables in Section I, Rule 19.

APPENDIX III

MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS & 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 Medicine Trainer during the warm-up or the match.

- Treatable Medical Conditions
 - 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.
 - 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
 - Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
 - Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
 - General player fatigue.
 - Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

b. Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Medicine Trainer 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 Medicine Trainer 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 Medicine Trainer, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court.*

If the Sports Medicine Trainer 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/Referee or Chair Umpire when the Sports Medicine Trainer 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 Medicine Trainer determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Medicine Trainer is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Trainer, 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. However, at non-professional events the ITF Supervisor/Referee may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

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 Medicine Trainer, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. If the Sports Medicine Trainer 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 Medicine Trainer for the heat illness condition.

Note:

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Sports Medicine Trainer 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 Medicine Trainer 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 treatment. 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/Referee 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/Referee or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Sports Medicine Trainer 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 Medicine Trainer 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 Medicine Trainer 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 Code of Conduct.

f. Bleeding

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Medicine Trainer must be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Medicine Trainer, 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 Medicine Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor, the ITF Supervisor/Referee 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 Medicine Trainer 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. Physical Incapacity

During a match, if there is an emergency medical condition and the player involved is unable to make a request for a Sports Medicine Trainer, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call for the Sports Medicine Trainer and Tournament Doctor to assist the player.

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered by the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Medicine Trainer to be unable physically to compete, or poses a sufficiently serious health risk to other players, officials or Tournament staff, the Sports Medicine Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor should inform the ITF Referee and recommend that the player is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress.

The ITF Referee shall exercise discretion before taking any action under this rule, and should base the decision on the best interests of the player and the sport, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

As a precondition to returning to competition, whether at the same or subsequent event, players who have been ruled ineligible to compete under this rule may be required to provide evidence (whether medical or otherwise) that they are physically capable of competing and/or that they pose no health risk to other players, officials or Tournament staff. All such evidence shall be subject to approval by the ITF Referee, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor and/or the ITF Sport Science & Medicine Commission.

Subject to any other restrictions on participation, a player who has been ruled unable to compete under this rule may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament, whether on the same or a subsequent day, provided that the Tournament Doctor determines that all preconditions for returning to competition have been met. If this rule is applied in a nation where it is inconsistent with the national law, then the national law will prevail.

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

HEAT RULE

The ITF Seniors Extreme Heat Policy will be applied at the Referee's discretion, taking into account the forecast, the ambient temperature and, when available, the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature index reading.

In the event of extreme heat, the Referee has the right to order a rest period and/or suspend the commencement of any further matches scheduled. The Referee also has the right to suspend play at any time for any matches currently in progress. The Referee will determine whether any suspension in play shall apply to specific categories only or to all.

During any suspension of play, the Referee will review the conditions and make a decision as to whether the EHP is still in force.

TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break (women's matches).

Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break. Change of attire (women's matches) breaks must be taken on a set break.

In women's singles events, a player is entitled to two (2) breaks during a match. In men's singles events, a player is entitled to one (1) toilet break.

In a doubles match, each team is entitled to a total 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 (women's matches), or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet 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 the player is not ready to play within the allowed time.

The Referee shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break if it is interpreted by the Referee as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules.

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

A player may change 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 Code of Conduct.

APPENDIX IV WELFARE POLICY

Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate of any player (together “Player Support Team Member”), 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 (together “Credentialed Person”) shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner at all times and in accordance with this ITF Welfare Policy. In this ITF Welfare Policy Player Support Team Members, players and Credentialed Persons shall be defined as “Covered Persons”.

a. Elements of the Welfare Policy.

i. Application

a) Covered Persons shall be familiar with, and must abide by, this ITF Welfare Policy.

ii. Unfair and/or Discriminatory Conduct

a) Covered Persons shall not engage in unfair or unethical conduct including any attempt to injure, disable or intentionally interfere with the preparation or competition of any player.

b) Covered Persons shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.

iii. Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct

a) Covered Persons shall not abuse his or her position of authority or control, and shall not attempt to or compromise the psychological, physical or emotional wellbeing of any player.

b) Covered Persons shall not engage in abusive conduct, either physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed toward any Covered Person, parent, spectator or member of the press/media.

c) Covered Persons shall not exploit any player relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interests of the player.

iv. Sexual Conduct

In order to prevent sexual abuse and the negative consequences resulting from the imbalance of a dual relationship, sexual conduct of any kind between any player and his/her Player Support Team Members and/or Credentialed Persons is discouraged.

In addition, the following conduct is specifically prohibited:

a) Covered Persons shall not make sexual advances towards, or have any sexual contact with, any player who is (i) under the age of 17, or (ii) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the conduct takes place or where the player resides.

b) Covered Persons shall not sexually abuse a player of any age. Sexual abuse is defined as the forcing of sexual activity by one person on another person (i) of diminished mental capacity; or (ii) by the use of physical force, threats, coercion, intimidation or undue influence.

c) Covered Persons shall not engage in sexual harassment - for example, by making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favours or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

d) Player Support Team Members and Credentialed Persons shall not share a hotel room with a player who is (1) under the age of 17, or (2) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the hotel is located or where the player resides, unless such Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person is the player's parent or is related to the player and authorised in writing by the player's parent. Penalties will apply to any underage player who is found to have violated this Hotel Room Policy. These penalties can include: forfeiture of points from the tournament(s) where the violation occurred and/or monetary fines equal to the amount of the hotel room rates and/or forfeiture of hotel per diem rates as applicable, for the tournament(s) where the violation occurred. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed on the

Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person pursuant to sub-Section b) below.

- v. Criminal Conduct – Covered Persons shall comply with all relevant criminal laws. For greater certainty and without limiting the foregoing, this obligation is violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment involving (a) an offence involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, (b) an offence involving sexual misconduct, harassment or abuse, or (c) an offence involving child abuse. Further, this obligation may be violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to an offence that is a violation of any law specifically designed to protect minors.
- vi. Anti-Doping Activity – Covered Persons shall not commit any offence under the terms of the ITF’s Anti-Doping Programme or aid, abet, counsel or procure in any way any person’s offence under that Programme.
- vii. Conduct in General – Covered Persons shall not conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect unfavourably on the ITF, any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF (the “ITF Tournaments”), any player, official or the game of tennis.

b. Violations/Procedures

- i. Any individual who believes that any Covered Person has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Welfare Policy may file a written complaint with the ITF Executive Director responsible for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates. That complaint shall identify the complainant and state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct. Upon receipt of such a complaint, the ITF Executive Director shall promptly initiate a review of the matter. Such review shall be carried out by the relevant Manager or Head of Department with responsibility for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates (“ITF Manager/Head”). Upon request by the ITF Manager/Head, the ITF Executive Director shall have authority to issue a provisional suspension of the accused individual, pending the completion of the investigation and issuance of a final decision on the matter.
- ii. Upon review of the complaint and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the ITF Manager/Head may determine that the complaint does not merit further action. If the ITF Manager/Head determines that the complaint does

merit further action, after notifying the accused individual of the charge(s) and giving the accused individual the opportunity to present his or her views to the ITF Executive Director or his/her designee, either in person or in writing, at the ITF Executive Director's discretion, the ITF Executive Director may impose appropriate sanctions including (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all ITF Tournaments, or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the ITF Executive Director may deem appropriate.

- iii. The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to extend to any or all ITF Tournaments a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against a Covered Person by a National or Regional Association or other tennis organisation such as the Women's Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals or a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section a) v. above. The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to share information concerning a complaint with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any tennis organisation as specified above. The ITF Executive Director may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by other tennis organisations as specified above and/or relevant authorities.
- iv. Decisions of the ITF Executive Director may be appealed to the Committee responsible for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates. All appeals under this section must be filed with the appropriate ITF Committee in writing within one month from the date of the notice of the ITF Executive Director's decision which is the subject of the appeal. The notice of appeal must include a statement of the reasons for the appeal and arguments why the decision was incorrect and include supporting evidence and make any application for a stay of execution. The ITF Committee shall decide whether to review the appeal based solely on the ITF Executive Director's investigation or whether to hold a full hearing in which the Covered Person will be given the opportunity to present his/her case directly to the appellate body, in which case the ITF Committee shall issue directions for the efficient conduct of the appeal. The decision of the ITF Committee shall be final and binding. Any decision of the ITF Executive Director decided on the basis of a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section a) v. above shall be final and binding.

- v. Any decision of the Executive Director and/or the ITF Committee pursuant to this Welfare Policy may be communicated to those Member National Associations, other tennis organisations and ITF Tournament organisers deemed necessary by the ITF Executive Director and/or the ITF Committee.

APPENDIX V THE PLAYERS

1. Definition of “Good Standing” of a Player

Any player selected by a Nation to take part in the Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships must be of Good Standing. The National Tennis Association of the Nation for which the player is to be selected shall determine whether the player is of Good Standing before he/she is selected to take part in the Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships. Any player that wishes to participate in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2016 ITF Seniors Circuit must be of Good Standing.

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

(a) is free from a suspension imposed by his/her National Tennis Association, or by the ITF, or through the imposition of a suspension under a Code of Conduct accepted and approved by the ITF;

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

(c) makes himself/herself available for selection for Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and accepts the jurisdiction of his National Tennis Association while competing in events for which they have selected him;

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

(e) accepts the conditions of entry of the events he enters, including the conditions of any code of conduct adopted for those events and the terms and conditions contained in the IPIN registration system;

(f) agrees to undergo any medical control, including gender control and/or other tests, which are in operation at any event which he 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 National Tennis Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament or Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Championships; or

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

A player who fails to satisfy any of the criteria at (a)-(h) above but intends to be considered for selection, must establish to the satisfaction of his/her National Tennis Association that he/she is of Good Standing notwithstanding his/her failure.

Any Appeal against a final decision handed down by a National Tennis Association shall be lodged with the ITF Seniors Committee within 21 days of notification of the decision in question. Recourse may only be made to the ITF Seniors Committee after all other internal channels of appeal to a National Tennis Association have been exhausted. The decision of the ITF Seniors Committee shall be final and binding. The ITF Seniors Committee in its absolute discretion may set aside the determination of a National Tennis Association.

2. Definition of a “National”

A national of a country is a player who is eligible for and holds a passport of that country and for the purposes of Section II, Rule 25, the tennis nationality of a player shall be:

- (a) In the case of a player who has represented a country, that of the country which he last represented.
- (b) In all other cases, that of the country which he is for the time being qualified to represent under Section II, Rule 25.

3. Gender Verification

In any Competition, a player may be required upon request to submit to gender verification to determine sexual status.

In the event that the gender of a player is questioned, the medical delegate (or equivalent) of the ITF shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the gender of a competitor.

The results of any tests conducted will not be made public out of deference to the human rights of the individual concerned but will be reported to the Chairman of the ITF Sport Science and Medicine Commission who shall advise the Board of Directors of the gender of the player concerned.

Failure by a player to submit to testing upon the request of the ITF shall subject the player to immediate suspension from the Competition until such time as the appropriate testing is carried out in accordance with these Regulations.

Transsexuals

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

Individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female after puberty (and the converse) are eligible for participation in female or male Competitions, respectively, under the following conditions:

- a. Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy.
 - b. Legal recognition of their assigned sex has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities.
 - c. Hormonal therapy appropriate for the assigned sex has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimise gender-related advantages in sport Competitions.
 - d. Eligibility should begin no sooner than two years after gonadectomy.
- In all instances, a confidential case-by-case evaluation will occur.

APPENDIX VI DATA RIGHTS

1. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following ascribed meanings:

- “DATA RIGHTS”** 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.
- “MATCH PERIOD”** 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.
- “LIVE SCORING RIGHTS”** shall mean the right to exercise data rights during the applicable match period.
- “OFFICIAL DATA”** 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;
- “PAT DATA”** shall mean player performance analysis data and/or other data or information collected by and/or with the co-operation of the player and/or analysis derived therefrom during a match in the competition by means of any system of player analysis technology that is approved by ITF for use in the competition.

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 3rd 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 .

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

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 30 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;
- iii. 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 VII
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