ITF SENIORS CIRCUIT
RULE CHANGES 2018

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

26. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

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, either in his /her own age group or in a younger age group. At the entry deadline a player’s entry is confirmed and he/she may not compete in any other age group event unless age groups are amalgamated by the organisers in accordance with Section I, Regulation 44.

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

29. Composition of draws

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

**Singles Main Draw**

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<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>8 draw</th>
<th>16 draw</th>
<th>24 draw</th>
<th>32 draw</th>
<th>48 draw</th>
<th>64 draw</th>
<th>96 draw</th>
<th>128 draw</th>
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<tr>
<td>DA</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>22 (30)</td>
<td>38 (46)</td>
<td>54 (62)</td>
<td>86 (94)</td>
<td>118 (126)</td>
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<td>Q</td>
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The DA number in brackets applies to events where Q positions are not used because no Qualifying event is played.

There shall be a maximum of two (2) wild cards permitted per event (including Doubles and Qualifying Draws).

Should two or more events be amalgamated after the Entry Deadline, the number of available wild cards from the two or more events can be combined for the amalgamated event.

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

Doubles draws are composed as follows:

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<th>Draw size</th>
<th>8 teams</th>
<th>12 teams</th>
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There are no Doubles Qualifying draws.

32. Entry Definitions

Wild Cards (WC)

Players included in the draw at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. Wild cards may be seeded. Wild cards, including tournaments with on-site doubles sign-in, must be submitted to the ITF no later than 14:00 hours GMT on the day before the Withdrawal Deadline. Wild cards who withdraw cannot be replaced with new wild cards after the draw is made. Any such vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Regulation 40 Withdrawal of Seeds.

Players and tournaments shall retain written confirmation of the offer and acceptance of a wild card. Players and tournaments may not offer and/or receive any compensation for receiving or awarding a wild card, pursuant to Section III, Code of Conduct. Acceptance of the offer of a wild card constitutes a player’s commitment to the tournament.

No player who has signed in for and been accepted into the Qualifying of the tournament may be named as a wild card after the Qualifying Competition has commenced.

33. Vacancies and Substitutions

Doubles

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

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

If a player in a doubles team is forced to withdraw due to injury or exceptional circumstance, he/she can be replaced by another player up to but not later than the time the draw is made. If a replacement partner is not nominated the team shall be withdrawn and the open position shall be filled by the next eligible team, if applicable.

After the draw is made:

If a player in a doubles team is forced to withdraw due to injury or other exceptional circumstance, he/she can be replaced by another player up to but not later than the start of the first match of the doubles event. In the case of an unseeded team, any replacement partner must, in the judgement of the seeding committee, be of a similar or lower standard. In the case of a seeded team, any replacement partner must, in the judgement of the seeding committee, be of a similar standard, otherwise the entire team shall be withdrawn and the open position shall be filled by the next eligible team to be seeded as per Regulation 40 (Withdrawal of Seeds).
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.

43. Draws of Eight (8) or Less Players / Teams

In singles and doubles events at Grade 3, 4 and 5 tournaments the organiser can select a format of play (round-robin or knock-out) and an approved scoring format (in accordance with the Rules of Tennis) of choice. An event must comprise a minimum of three (3) players / teams to qualify for ranking points.

In singles events at all other tournaments a round-robin format must be played for any event with less than eight (8) players entered. A singles event must comprise a minimum of three (3) players to qualify for ranking points.

In doubles and mixed doubles events at all other tournaments, a round-robin format must be played for any event with less than four teams entered. An event with a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of seven (7) teams entered can be played as a round-robin or knock-out format. An event with eight (8) or more teams entered must be played as a knock-out format.