

# ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR AND JUNIOR TOUR COVID-19 Booklet

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#### **RESOURCES**

This booklet is intended to summarise the various information related to COVID-19 (C19) that ITF Beach has shared in the recent months to ensure that all the necessary documents can be found in a single location. Please ensure you read all the documents before planning and/or participating in any ITF Beach Tennis event. Further updates may follow.

Individual documents can also be found at the following locations on the ITF Beach Tennis website. More detail regarding some of the publications and processes can be found in subsequent pages. Any questions should be directed to <a href="mailto:beach@itftennis.com">beach@itftennis.com</a>.

Documentation for both Players, Organisers, and the Beach Tennis Community:

- 1. Return to International Tennis Protocols FAQ
- 2. Updated Regulations Pro
- 3. Code of Conduct Amends Pro
- 4. <u>Updated Regulations Juniors</u>
- 5. Code of Conduct Amends Juniors
- 6. Minimum Standards of Behaviour
- 7. Screening Protocols Explained
- 8. Screening Questionnaire
- 9. Temperature Screening Protocol
- 10. Practice and Match Protocols

#### Documentation specific to Players:

- 11. Participating Protocols
- 12. Participating Protocols Explanatory Notes
- 13. Privacy Notice Addendum (ENG), (ESP), (FRA)
- 14. Return to Beach Tennis Ranking Model
- 15. Beach Tennis Return to Competition FAQ

#### Documentation specific to Organisers:

- 16. <u>Hosting Protocols</u>
- 17. Hosting Protocols Explanatory Notes
- 18. <u>Updated Application Form Pro</u> (see *ITF Beach Tennis* section)
- 19. <u>Updated Application Form Juniors</u> (see *ITF Beach Tennis* section)
- 20. <u>Updated Fact Sheet Pro</u> (see ITF Beach Tennis section)
- 21. <u>Updated Fact Sheet Juniors</u> (see *ITF Beach Tennis* section)
- 22. <u>Tournament Risk Assessment</u> (see *Return to International Tennis Protocols* section)
- 23. COVID-19 Officer Job Description
- 24. Case Management Protocol
- 25. PPE Hygiene and Cleaning

#### **GENERAL**

#### **Return to Beach Tennis**

The ITF Beach Tennis World Tour and ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour (ITF Beach Tennis Tours) return on the week of the 31 August 2020.

In order to support a safe return to international tennis tournaments, the ITF has published protocols for all tournament hosts and participants to mitigate the risk of exposure to, and spread of, Covid-19.

Measures now in place at ITF tournaments include:

- Before entering the tournament site, all individuals will need to complete the <a href="ITF">ITF</a>
  <a href="Declaration">Declaration</a> once for every tournament they participate into.</a>
- All individuals wanting to enter the tournament site will have to show the <u>ITF</u>
   <u>Declaration</u> confirmation, and verbally answer the questions in the <u>Daily Screening Form</u>
   as well as receive a temperature screening.
- A maximum of <u>1 support person per player</u> will be permitted on-site for individual events except for players who need essential physical assistance during competition, in which case such additional essential person(s) are permitted. No player support personnel will be permitted in the locker rooms.
- Spectators will only be permitted where approved in advance by the ITF and, if permitted, must be isolated from participants to the greatest extent possible.
- Media will be permitted on-site (including journalists, TV camera operators, live scoring etc.), but must comply with physical distancing, hygiene and screening requirements.
- The fewest number of on-court officials required to provide the appropriate level of officiating must be used.
- All participants are advised to practise social distancing at all times when onsite.
- Players are additionally advised to use the racket for the 'touch' with partners and opponents.

<u>Case Management and Notification Protocols</u> will be implemented if a participant does not meet the requirements of the screening, or if any participant tests positive for C19 or reports C19 symptoms within 14 days of the date on which they left the tournament venue.

All tournament participants are required to adhere to the protocols and any breach of the <u>Minimum Standards of Behaviour</u> will be dealt with in the same way as any other on-site offence under that Tour's Code of Conduct, which have been updated to reflect the new requirements. This includes the ability of the tournament supervisor to eject any attendee from the tournament site for a breach of the Minimum Standards.

Draws and results for ITF Beach Tennis World Tour events can be followed on the ITF website.

#### Regulations

The ITF Beach Tennis Tours updated Rules and Regulations, Code of Conducts and a new Minimum Standard of Behaviours have been introduced to reflect the new requirements considering the COVID-19 protocols.

The documents can be found on the ITF Beach Tennis website at the links below and are mandatory reading for organisers and players.

- 1. Updated Regulations Pro
- 2. Code of Conduct Amends Pro
- 3. Updated Regulations Juniors
- 4. Code of Conduct Amends Juniors
- 5. Minimum Standards of Behaviour

Please see below a summary of the key changes and page references.

#### **ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations and Code**

- The Competition Rules to be observed, page 7
- World Cup Regulations Approval / Cancellation, page 29
- Article III -1 Covid-19 Protocols Tournament Participants, page 64
- Article VI Tournament Offences Covid-19 Protocols, page 71

# ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour Regulations and Code

- The Competition Rules to be observed, page 7
- Junior World Cup Regulations Approval / Cancellation, page 27
- Article V-1 Covid-19 Protocols Tournament Participants, page 59
- Article VI Tournament Offences Covid-19 Protocols, page 64

#### **Tournament Categories Explained**

The ITF Beach Tennis World Tour and ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour (ITF Beach Tennis Tours) will restart on week 31 August.

All ITF Beach Tours categories can be organised, subject to certain conditions outlined below.

#### **Returning tournaments**

- Tournaments that took place in 2019 and are part of a player's breakdown can be organised up to the same level of the previous edition.
- For example, a US\$15k in 2019 can be organised in 2020 as a BT200, since the amount of ranking points awarded are the same. If Bundles were implemented in 2019, they can also be implemented in 2020.
- Returning tournaments are advised not to upgrade their categories in 2020 and until travel restrictions are lifted to avoid major impact on the rankings.
- The restart ranking solution protects players unable to participate to events if there is no upgrade from previous editions.
- Due to the COVID-19 protocols, the Officiating Bundle should not be implemented to comply with the principle of minimum officiating staff onsite.

#### **New Tournaments**

- Tournaments that did not take place in 2019 and are not part of a player's breakdown can be organised up to BT100 Category.
- The reason for the capping to BT100 is to avoid major ranking movement until travel restrictions are lifted.
- New tournaments, subject to compliance of requirements, are always welcome on the Tour, but ranking simulations suggests capping the category to BT100 will minimise major rankings movements.
- Once the travel restrictions will be lifted to all / most players, new BT200 and above tournaments may also be considered. ITF Beach Tennis will communicate when these conditions come into place.

#### **Tournament Application and Cancellation Policy**

Below is the revised application and cancellation policies for ITF Beach Tennis tournaments.

The application deadlines will be flexed to allow organisers sufficient time to familiarise with the ITF Safety Protocols. **The 60-day cancellation deadline will however remain in place**, with the exception of tournaments taking place during weeks 36-44.

WEEK	Tournament start date	Tournament cancellation deadline
36-38	31 August to 20 September 2020	10 August 2020
39-41	21 September to 11 October 2020	17 August 2020
42-44	12 October to 1 November 2020	31 August 2020
45 onwards 2 November 2020 or later		60 days prior to tournament start date

Pursuant to the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Regulations, the following cancellation policy shall apply depending on the nature of the cancellation of any ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament:

#### Before Cancellation Date

• If a tournament is cancelled **by the Organisers or ITF before** the applicable Cancellation Date, there is no liability to Tournament.

#### After Cancellation Date

- If a tournament is cancelled **by the Organisers after** the applicable Cancellation Date, the Organiser may be liable for unrecoverable costs of participants and/or payments due to the ITF. When considering an Organiser's liability for cancelling a tournament, the ITF may consider the following (without limitation):
  - New bans on sporting activities or new travel restrictions in and around the country that the tournament was to be played;
  - Restrictions preventing compliance with Covid-19 Risk Assessment measures.
- A tournament can be cancelled by the ITF after the applicable Cancellation Date or onsite, without any liability to the ITF or the Organiser. Circumstances where the ITF may decide to cancel a tournament after the Cancellation Date include (but are not limited to):
  - A participant contracts COVID-19 on-site which creates a significant risk to the other participants;
  - The Tournament is instructed by government representatives to cease play;
  - Government restrictions are introduced that render the tournament unviable/unlawful.

All Participants and all Tournament Organisers should secure travel and event cancellation insurance respectively and should rely on their policies for expenses incurred, any lost costs or liability.

## **Screening Process Explained**

## What is screening?

Screening at ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournaments has three components:

Each player, coach, guest, official and tournament staff member must complete the <a href="ITF">ITF</a>
 Declaration
 through a Formstack link. The link will be emailed to the players and available on the Fact Sheet. <a href="All individuals arriving onsite must show the confirmation email before they are permitted on site for the first time">ITF</a>
 Declaration
 the players and available on the Fact Sheet. <a href="All individuals arriving onsite must show the confirmation email before they are permitted on site for the first time">ITF</a>
 Please see example below.

BY CLICKING 'YES' BELOW , I AGREE TO THE DECLARATION ABOVE	Yes
PLAYER, GUEST & STAFF INFOR	RMATION
Name	Mr John Jacob J Smith Jr
Email	john.smith@example.com
Cell (Mobile) Number	Testing
Affiliation	Player
Name of the Player	Mr John Jacob J Smith Jr
Signature	1
	John Smith

• Each player must answer the self-declaration Covid-19 symptoms before entering the site, the questions are available on the official <u>Daily Screening Form.</u>

		Result	
Self-declaration questions			
Do you have any of the following symptoms of Covid-19?			
Fever (38°C and above).	No	Yes	
New or persistent cough.	No	Yes	
A change or loss in your senses of taste or smell.	No	Yes	
Cold-like symptoms.	No	Yes	
Congestion or runny nose.	No	Yes	
Sore throat.	No	Yes	
To the best of your knowledge, have you in the past 14 days been in close contact* with anyone who has Covid-19 or Covid-19 symptoms?	No	Yes	

• Each player will be tested with an infrared thermometer upon entry to the tournament site. Please follow the <u>Temperature testing procedure</u>

	Result	
Part 1 – Temperature screen	Under 38°C <b>Approved</b>	38°C and above Not Approved

Only if an individual shows a copy of his/her ITF Declaration email and passes the daily screening questions and the temperature screening will a player be admitted to the tournament site. Otherwise, they will be denied admission, and the ITF <u>Case Management Protocols</u> will be implemented.

#### Who has to complete the screening to come onsite to a tournament?

Everyone: players, player's support team member (coach or guest), all tournament staff, and all officials. No one is allowed onsite without submitting the ITF Declaration and answering the self-declaration questions and passing the temperature testing.

# How does the Covid-19 Officer collect and store the data from every individual that enters the site?

The Covid-19 officer will receive an excel file from the ITF office on Thursday evening after the Withdrawal Deadline. The C19 Officer will use an Excel file to record each individual that has been allowed to enter or denied entry into the site. The Excel file will contain:

- The names of all individuals who have submitted self-certification forms grouped as follows;
  - Plavers
  - Player Support Team Members (Coach, Guest)
  - o Tournament Staff
  - Officials
- All days on which the tournament is run (including practice), and they should report symptoms up to 14 days after the event.

In advance of the tournament, and to save time for the C19 Officer, the ITF will send an Excel template file to the C19 Officer, containing, as at the Withdrawal Deadline, the names of all players in the Main Draw section, Qualifying section, and Alternates section of the tournament's Acceptance list. The C19 Officer will need to add the following names:

- **Players**: the names of any Wild Cards or On-Site Alternates (i.e. players who are not on the original Acceptance list but who sign in);
- The name of a player's support team member (if any). The name of the player and the support team member will be linked in the support team member's self-declaration form.
- All tournament staff, including the Covid-19 Officer and the Tournament Director
- All officials, including the ITF Supervisor

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The file will contain all the days/dates of the tournament starting from the first day of practice (as specified on the tournament fact sheet).

#### How does the staff complete the Excel document?

Each individual that arrives onsite must complete the ITF Declaration and show the email (example above) to the tournament staff the first time he/she enters the site. Please indicate 'Yes' when you have verified the email. See example (Red circle) below.



Staff members must also mark the spreadsheet for each day a person is allowed onsite. If anyone fails any of the screening measures and they are not allowed onto the site then mark 'No' in the day/date when the player was excluded.

At the end of each day, this file, must be sent to <a href="mailto:beach@itftennis.com">beach@itftennis.com</a> and the ITF's dedicated email address <a href="mailto:covid19@itftennis.com">covid19@itftennis.com</a>. To comply with GDPR data protection legislation, the template file will be sent password protected that can be used for the entire tournament.

Any Excel files or other documents with sensitive data must be kept confidential during the event and must be destroyed immediately after the event or per government regulations.

#### **FOR PLAYERS**

#### **Entering a Tournament – Step by Step Guide**

#### A. Before Entering a Tournament

Ensure to read and familiarise yourself with the following documents before entering an ITF Beach Tennis event:

- 1. <u>ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols for Participants</u> and <u>Explanatory Notes</u> (more information on contents of the Protocols can be found in the section *Participation Protocols and Notes* below)
- 2. Return to Beach Tennis Ranking Model
- 3. Privacy Notice Addendum (ENG), (ESP), (FRA)
- 4. Beach Tennis Return to Competition FAQ
- 5. Return to International Tennis Protocols FAQ
- 6. Screening Protocols Explained
- 7. Temperature Screening Protocol
- 8. Practice and Match Protocols

#### B. Entering a Tournament

1. Sign up and log into <u>IPIN</u> (pro events) to enter an ITF Beach Tennis event. Before entering the tournament in IPIN, you will be asked to sign the below ITF Declaration:

I	I	hereby	declare	that i	<b>!</b> :

- Have read the ITF's Return to International Tennis Protocols;
- Have read the ITF's Privacy Notice Addendum in response to COVID-19 which is always available in its most up-to-date form on the ITF website.
- Will comply with the relevant requirements in the ITF's Return to International Tennis Protocols in full;
- Am satisfied that the ITF's Return to International Tennis Protocols provide an adequate level of protection against the risk of transmission of Covid-19;
- Acknowledge and voluntarily assume responsibility for any risk arising from my participation in all ITF tournaments in which I participate (the Tournaments);
- Will notify the Tournament Covid-19 Officer in the event that I have a confirmed case of Covid-19 or if I experience any Covid-19 symptoms during a Tournament, or the ITF (at covid19@itftennis.com) in the 14 days following my final departure from a Tournament;
- Will, throughout the course of a Tournament, compile an accurate list of and upon request identify to the Covid-19 Officer those persons with whom I come into close contact at that Tournament (defined as: face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any

length of time; within 1 to 2 metres of for more than 15 minutes; sharing an enclosed space for more than 2 hours; anyone living in the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel);

Understand that by participating in any ITF Tournament I agree to be subject to the ITF's jurisdiction and that any failure to comply with the Return to International Tennis Protocols or the above stated declarations may constitute a violation of the ITF Code of Conduct applicable to each Tournament and may result in sanctions being imposed on me.

- If you are signing up to IPIN for Beach Tennis for the first time, once you have registered, please send an email to <u>beach@itftennis.com</u> with the following information:
- Your name and date of birth
- A list of the last 4 ITF Beach Tennis tournaments that you have competed in.

This information will enable us to match up your new IPIN account with your ITF Beach Tennis ranking more easily.

**C. On-Site at the Tournament** (relevant for Players and any support staff personnel, i.e family member or coach)

You should familiarise yourself with the Screening Process and Other Important Reminders below before travelling to the tournament.

#### **Screening Process:**

- 1. After the Withdrawal Deadline (4 days before the Monday of the tournament week), you will be sent by email a Formstack link to the ITF Declaration for the tournament you have entered.
- 2. On the first day before you arrive onsite you <u>must</u> complete the <u>ITF Declaration</u>. This link is also available on the Fact Sheet in IPIN. You must also send this link to your players support team (Player or Coach). You will receive a confirmation email to show it to the Covid-19 Officer. You will not be admitted to the tournament site if you do not complete this form.
- 3. Each day, onsite you will need to answer the <u>Daily Screening Form</u> and pass the temperature testing. You will need to answer these questions before entry each day.
- 4. Each time you enter the site you will have your temperature tested. You must register a temperature reading of below 38°C, otherwise you will not be admitted to the site.
- 5. Only if an individual passes all three of the screening procedures (signed Data Privacy Agreement, no symptoms, temperature below 38°C) will an individual be admitted to the tournament site.
- 6. **If you fail any part of screening**, it is highly likely that you will be ruled **ineligible** to continue competing at the Tournament.
- 7. **If you feel sick** or with any of the symptoms listed or you feel unwell, do not travel to the tournament site. Inform the Covid-19 Officer and the ITF Supervisor. The numbers are available in IPIN on the Fact Sheet.

#### Other Important Reminders:

- Players and any support team personnel are expected to keep good hygiene (for example by washing hands frequently), practise physical distancing at the Tournament and hotel, and generally to behave in a way to minimise the risk of infection.
- Players and any support team personnel will be subject to Minimum Standards of Behaviour. Those who do not comply with those Minimum Standards may face penalties under the Code of Conduct.
- 3. Players may not arrive at the tournament site to practise prior to the date/time listed on the fact sheet. The Covid-19 Officer and his/her staff must be set-up prior to players arriving at the tournament site to test temperatures and verify <a href="Daily Screening Form">Daily Screening Form</a>.
- 4. Practice court bookings must be made by phone by contacting the telephone number on the fact sheet. Players must not expect to practise unless they have a booking in advance.
- 5. The sign-in procedure is to call the ITF Supervisor on his/her telephone number located on the fact sheet. Do not call the Tournament Director to sign in.
- 6. Players are allowed **1 member of support team (guest or coach)** at the tournament ONLY. Please send the <a href="ITF Declaration">ITF Declaration</a> link you will receive to any guest/coach that you plan to bring to the site.
- 7. Pack enough masks/sanitiser. You will be expected to wear a mask at all times indoors onsite and outdoors where you are unable to physically distance. Local regulations may be stricter and, if so, must be adhered to.

#### **Participation Protocols and Notes**

The complete participating protocols and explanatory notes can be found at the links below.

<u>Participating Protocols</u>
<u>Participating Protocols Explanatory Notes</u>

Please also see below a summary of the key areas addressed in the full documents.

#### Eligibility to host an ITF tournament

- Government legislation
- Boarders
- Minimum Standards

#### ITF tournament framework

- Physical distancing
- Personal hygiene
- Covid-19 cases identification methods
- Vulnerable individuals
- Minimum operational staff
- Players separation

#### Compliance

Monitoring and enforcement

#### **Risk Mitigation**

- Pre-event
  - Host country entry requirements
  - Risks and responsibilities
  - Pre-travel Medical consultation
  - o Travel insurance
  - When not to travel

#### Off-site

- Time spent in public places
- Dining recommendation
- Daily self-check
- Using transportation
- Site access
  - Daily self-declaration
  - Case management and notification protocols
  - Return to competition protocols
- On-site
  - o Remote sign-in
  - Minimum support persons
- Competition
  - Practise and match protocols
  - Use of locker rooms
  - Non-Covid-19 medical treatments
  - Face covering

#### **Return to ITF Beach Tennis Ranking Models**

Below is an explanation of how the ranking process will work on the ITF Beach Tours when competitive play resumes on week 31 August 2020. Players are encouraged to get in touch with the ITF Beach Tennis department (<a href="mailto:beach@itftennis.com">beach@itftennis.com</a>) if they have any questions about rankings.

The overall approach to reintegrating the ITF Beach Tennis Tours rankings follows the guiding principles of the reintroduction of the ATP/WTA rankings: to provide fairness to players to the extent possible while also keeping the familiar concept of the rankings. The ITF Beach Tennis Tour will see the ranking period extended from 52 weeks to 104 weeks. Given the ever-changing circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF reserves the right to modify the rankings approach for each tour if a lack of tournaments or ongoing travel restrictions require it.

#### ITF Beach Tennis Tour (Pro)

- Starting from 31 August 2020, up until and including the ranking release of 22 March 2021, a player's ranking will be comprised of his / her best 8 tournament results contributing to ranking releases from 1 April 2019 to 22 March 2021 inclusive (i.e. 24 months /104 weeks ranking period).
- After 22 March 2021, a player's ranking will continue to be comprised of his / her best 8 results over a rolling 104-ranking period until the ranking release of 21 March 2022 at which point the ranking will be reverted to the standard 52-week ranking.
- Results from World and Regional Championships, BT400, BT200 and BT100 tournaments can be counted only once towards a player's best 8 results (i.e. double counting of the same tournament is not permitted)
- Only results from the same BT10 and BT50 tournaments within the 104-week period may be counted more than once.

#### Additional explanation

- Results contributing to ranking releases from 1 April 2019 to 23 March 2020 inclusive (i.e. 52 weeks) are protected and will have their ranking drop date extended by 52 weeks to make up a 104-week ranking.
- Results contributing to ranking releases from 31 August 2020 up to and including 15
   March 2021 will have their ranking drop date extended to 21 March 2022.
- As of the ranking release of 14 March 2022, a player's ranking will be comprised of his/her best 8 tournament results contributing to ranking releases from 23 March 2020 to 14 March 2022 (104 weeks)
- As of the ranking release of 21 March 2022, a player's ranking will be comprised of his / her best 8 tournament results contributing to ranking releases from 29 March 2021 to 21 March 2022 (52 weeks)

#### **Examples**

Tournament	Ranking	Usual drop off	Adjusted drop off date (if
week	date***	date	applicable)
11/03/2019*	01/04/2019	30/03/2020	29/03/2021
02/03/2020**	23/03/2020	22/03/2021	21/03/2022
31/08/2020	14/09/2020	13/09/2021	21/03/2022
04/01/2021	18/01/2021	17/01/2022	21/03/2022
01/03/2021	15/03/2021	14/03/2022	21/03/2022

<sup>\*11/03/2019</sup> is first week of tournaments counting towards the frozen rankings of 23/03/2020

#### **ITF Beach Tennis World Tour (Junior)**

- All points from a player's 02 March 2020 ranking breakdown are currently frozen.
- All points earned in 2020 will have their "drop-date" extend by 5 months (the equivalent of the suspension period).
- The return to the normal 52-week ranking will be determined in due course (December 2021 or March 2022).

<sup>\*\*02/03/2020</sup> is the last week of tournaments counting towards the frozen rankings of 23/03/2020

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>From when the Tour restarts on 31 August 2020, the processing time between the tournament week date and ranking date will be reduced by one (1) week. Previously, ranking points were included in the rankings on the Monday, three (3) weeks after the Monday of the tournament week. Moving forward, ranking points will be included in the rankings on the Monday two (2) weeks after the Monday of the tournament week.

#### **FOR ORGANISERS**

#### Applying to Host a Tournament – Step by Step Guide

#### A. Tournament Categories Permitted

Applications for the below tournament categories can be submitted. Approval of tournaments will depend on a review of the tournament documentation and eligibility and accessibility checks where applicable (see section D. and E.).

- BT10, BT50 and BT100 (new and returning tournaments)
- BT200 and BT400 (returning tournaments only)

#### B. COVID-19 Protocols

All tournaments must implement, at a minimum, the ITF's **Return to International Tennis Covid-19 Protocols**, the details of which can be found at this <u>link</u> under the heading "Return to International Tennis Protocols": Where there are discrepancies between the ITF's protocols and local government laws, it is the most stringent of the two that must be applied.

#### C. Documentation Required

To apply to host an ITF Beach Tennis tournament the following documentation is required:

- 1. <u>Signed Application Form (COVID template)</u> (see *ITF Beach Tennis* section)
- 2. <u>Completed Fact Sheet (COVID template)</u> (see *ITF Beach Tennis* section)
- 3. Completed Risk Assessment (see Return to International Tennis Protocols section)
- 4. Signed Data Protection Agreement

The documents can be found on the ITF Beach Tennis website at the links above, except for the DPA that will be shared individually.

The Application Form has been revised and the Terms and Conditions have been modified (text in red) to confirm implementation of the ITF's COVID-19 protocols and the ITF's rights in relation to cancelling tournaments. There is also an additional question about the collection of personal data.

There is a reviewed Fact sheet with additional information required under a new COVID-19 section.

For each tournament, because the tournament will be collecting personal data, a Data Protection Agreement will need to be signed to comply with data privacy laws.

#### D. Eligibility Assessment

In order to provide fair and safe access to tournaments on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour, the ITF Protocols state: "The host nation's borders must be open to international visitors, giving sufficient and reasonable access to that nation to players, as determined by the ITF".

An assessment will be carried to check the status of the city and nation where the tournament is due to take place. This means that countries with closed borders or mandatory 14-day quarantines are unlikely to be eligible; but the ITF reviews all applications on a case-by-case basis to review for different types of travel restrictions, waivers and conditions in operation; and these restrictions can change at short notice

### E. Accessibility Assessment

The accessibility of the tournament location will also be considered and assessed on a tournament-by-tournament basis. The aim of the assessment is to estimate what proportion of players expected to attend the tournament, have the feasibility to do so given any possible COVID-19 restrictions.

Tournament Category	Type of Assessment
BT10 and BT50 tournaments	Short assessment given the tournaments attract mostly
	local/national players and have minimal impact on
	rankings.
BT100 and above	A more extensive assessment which may include analysis
tournaments	of entry lists of previous editions of the tournament
	looking at the number of national/non-national and
	regional/non-regional players that attended.

NB: Once a tournament is approved, if the accessibility or COVID-19 situation changes to the extent that may affect the feasibility of the tournament, the COVID-19 mitigation measures may need to be reassessed and/or the tournament may need to be cancelled.

#### **Hosting Protocols and Notes**

The complete hosting protocols and explanatory notes can be found at the links below.

# Hosting Protocols Hosting Protocols Explanatory Notes

Please also see below a summary of the key areas addressed in the full documents.

# Eligibility to host an ITF tournament

- Government legislation
- Boarders
- Minimum Standards

#### ITF tournament framework

- Physical distancing
- Personal hygiene
- Covid-19 cases identification methods
- Vulnerable individuals
- Minimum operational staff
- Players separation

#### Compliance

• Monitoring and enforcement

#### **Risk Mitigation**

- Pre-event
  - o Covid-19 Officer
  - Risk assessment
  - Covid-19 testing location
  - Cancellation insurance
  - Communication to participants
  - Ways to relax quarantine
- Off-site
  - Dedicated hotel
  - Tournament vehicles
  - Physical distancing

#### Site access

- Daily self-declaration
- Case management and notification protocols
- Case management data protocols

#### On-site

- Covid-19 protocols staff training
- o Remote sign-in
- o Minimum officiating staff
- Essential movement
- o Ventilation
- Events and functions
- On-site amenities and locations
- Media staff
- Visitors
- o Disinfection
- Signage

# Competition

- Practise and match protocols
- o Locker rooms
- Non-Covid-19 medical treatments
- Anti-Doping staff



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