

2024 中国网球公开赛外围场地电视转播公共信号
制作服务项目

竞争性磋商文件

采购人：北京中国网球公开赛体育推广有限公司

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第一章 竞争性磋商采购邀请书

一、采购项目简介

1. 采购项目名称: 2024 中国网球公开赛外围场地电视转播公共信号制作服务项目

2. 采购人: 北京中国网球公开赛体育推广有限公司

3. 采购项目概括:

2024 中国网球公开赛外围场地电视转播公共信号制作服务

4. 合同履行期限: 2024 年 8 月 1 日至 2024 年 12 月 31 日

5. 采购方式: 竞争性磋商

6. 采购控制价: 不高于 1,370,000.00 元 (总标的额限价同时, 各标准单价限价分别为: 6 机位单场/天不高于 62,000 元, 3 机位单场/天不高于 45,000 元, 1 机位单场/天不高于 17,250 元, 幕后 6 机位每天不高于 20,000.00 元; 上述项目采购限价仅包括 6 机位、3 机位、1 机位既定赛程内制作费总额, 暂不包括幕后机位制作费, 因幕后机位制作同属公共信号制作范畴, 因此本次采购纳入比对范围, 后续采购需求确认后, 依据本次比对单价结果实施采购)

6. 成交应标企业数量: 1 家

7. 本项目 不接受 联合体。

二、应标企业资质要求

1. 应标企业应依法设立且满足如下要求:

1.1 资质要求: 满足《中华人民共和国政府采购法》第二十二条规定;

1.2 信誉要求(已承诺书形式体现,承诺书须包含以下内容,并加盖公章及法人或授权委托人签字):

(1) 未被全国企业信用信息公示系统列入严重违法失信企业名单(须附“全国企业信用信息公示系统”网站查询记录);

(2) 未在“信用中国”网站被列入失信被执行人名单(须附“信用中国”网站查询记录);

(3) 近三年内应标企业及法定代表人无行贿犯罪行为;

(4) 近三年内没有骗取中标和严重违约行为及重大质量问题;

(5) 近三年内在经营活动中没有重大违纪记录;

(6) 应标企业承诺如中标本项目,则以中标企业主体独立完成项目执行工作,无转包、分包等转移原标的内容行为;

1.3 其他要求: 无

2. 应标企业不得存在下列情形之一:

2.1 处于被责令停产停业、暂扣或者吊销执照、暂扣或者吊销许可证、吊销资质证书状态;

2.2 进入清算程序,或被宣告破产,或其他丧失履约能力的情形;

三、获取采购文件

凡有意参加采购活动的应标企业,请于2024年6月28日登录中国网球公开赛官网下载电子采购文件。

采购文件每套售价 0 元。

四、响应文件的递交

1. 响应文件递交截止时间: 2024年7月11日(周四)14

时;

2. 递交方式:

响应文件 1-11: 按要求加盖公章的纸质响应文件密封后于评标会议进行时现场提交至采购人处, 一式 5 份, 1 份为正本, 其余 4 份为副本;

五、响应文件的开启时间和地点

响应文件开启在响应文件递交截止时间的同一时间, 在北京中国网球公开赛体育推广有限公司开启, 邀请全部投标人法定代表人或其授权代理人参加开启会议。

六、评标时间和地点

递交响应文件的应标企业应委派代表准时参加磋商活动, 评标开始时间同响应文件开启时间, 将与每一位应标企业进行一对一磋商。第二轮磋商时间及地点另行通知。

七、投标有效期

本次投标有效期为自提交响应文件截止日期 90 天。

八、采购人联系方式

采购人: 北京中国网球公开赛体育推广有限公司

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第二章 应标企业须知

一、总则

1.1 采购方式

竞争性磋商采购方式是指采购人通过组建竞争性磋商小组与符合条件的应标企业就采购货物、工程和服务事宜进行磋商，应标企业按照磋商文件的要求提交响应文件和报价，采购人从磋商小组评审后提出的候选应标企业名单中确定成交应标企业的采购方式。

1.2 采购项目概况和应标企业资格要求

采购项目概况和应标企业资格要求见第一章“竞争性磋商采购邀请书”。

1.3 保密

参加磋商活动的各方应对采购文件和响应文件中的商业和技术等秘密保密，否则应承担相应的法律责任。

1.4 语言文字

采购文件和响应文件使用的语言文字为中文。专用术语使用外文的，应附有中文注释。

二、采购文件

2.1 采购文件的组成

本采购文件包括：

- (1) 竞争性磋商采购邀请书；

- (2) 应标企业须知;
- (3) 评审办法;
- (4) 采购需求;
- (5) 合同条款及格式;

采购人依照本章规定,对采购文件所作的澄清、修改,构成采购文件的组成部分。

1.2 采购文件的澄清和修改

2.2.1 应标企业应仔细阅读和检查采购文件的全部内容。如发现缺页或内容不全,应及时向采购人提出,以便补齐。如有疑问,可要求采购人对采购文件予以澄清。

2.2.2 采购人可根据应标企业的要求或主动对采购文件进行澄清或修改。澄清或修改的内容以补充文件的形式发给所有获取采购文件的应标企业。采购人可视具体情况在补充文件中通知应标企业推迟递交响应文件的截止时间。

2.2.3 应标企业在收到补充文件后,应通知采购人,确认已收到该补充文件。

2.2.4 除非确有必要,采购人有权拒绝回复应标企业在本章第 2.2.1 项规定的时间后提出的任何澄清要求。

三、响应文件

3.1 响应文件编制要求

应标企业提交的文件应包括下列内容(以下内容均须加盖公章)

- (1) 报名登记表(附件 1)

- (2) 响应函（附件 2）
- (3) 应标企业营业执照副本；
- (4) 广播电视节目制作经营许可证复印件
- (4) 法定代表人（单位负责人）身份证明；
- (5) 法定代表人（单位负责人）授权委托书（附件 3）；
- (6) 承诺函（附件 4）。
- (7) 企业介绍（企业大型体育赛事服务经历、突出业绩、典型或优质案例等，案例顺序应以国际、全国、省级、市级顺序列举，并提供佐证材料）（须提供项目委托证明材料，例如：委托合同等）；
- (8) 核心团队履历：项目经理至少 1 位，核心导演至少 2 位（以上人员近 5 年具备下列大型体育赛事服务经历：案例顺序应以国际、全国、省级、市级顺序列举，并提供佐证材料，例如：工作证件、劳务合同、感谢信等）
- (9) 响应方案（包括但不限于机位图、系统逻辑图、设备品牌、设备型号等）；
- (10) 核心设备（包括但不限于切换台、摄像机、调音台、慢动作回放设备等）自有资产证明材料（包括但不限于设备采购合同、采购发票等任何可证明核心设备为应标企业自有资产的佐证材料）；
- (11) 报价表（附件 5）

3.2 报价

应标企业应按要求填写报价一览表，相关说明应在报价一览

表备注处注明；说明事项较多的，可另附说明附于报价一览表后。

3.3 响应方案

3.3.1 响应文件应当对采购文件中的实质性内容作出响应。

3.3.2 应标企业可在首次递交的响应文件中提出多个响应方案。应标企业在最终报价前应确定一个最终方案，并针对最终方案提出最终报价。

3.4 响应文件的编制及签署

3.4.1 应标企业必须将响应文件（正本 1 份、副本 4 份）中的有关文件按上述顺序排列装订成册，并在首页编制目录；

3.4.2 响应文件正、副本应以胶装的形式分别装订成册（A4 幅面 16 开），目录、页码齐全，封面注明项目、正副本字样，每册应盖有骑缝章；

3.4.3 应标企业应保证响应文件正本与副本的内容严格一致，如果正本与副本不一致，以正本为准；若单独密封的报价一览表与响应文件正本有差异，以商务标正本中签字盖章的《投标函》大写金额为准。

3.4.4 法定代表人或授权代理人必须按邀请招标采购文件的规定在响应文件（正本、副本及各附件）上签字并加盖应标企业单位公章；

3.4.5 响应文件应尽量避免涂改、行间插字或删除。如果出现上述情况，改动之处应加盖单位章或由报价人的法定代表人或其委托的代理人签字确认；

3.4.6 响应文件的正本和副本应装袋密封盖章，并写明项目

的名称、应标企业的名称。若响应文件未按规定进行密封，将以废标处理。

3.5 响应文件的提交

3.5.1 应标企业应当在提交响应文件截止时间前完成响应文件的提交，并可以补充、修改或者撤回响应文件。补充或者修改响应文件的，应当先行撤回原文件，补充、修改后重新提交。提交响应文件截止时间前未完成提交的，视为撤回响应文件。响应截止时间后提交的响应文件，采购人拒绝接受。

3.5.2 在投标截止时间以后，不能补充、修改响应文件。

四、开启响应文件与信用信息查询

4.1 磋商小组应按照采购文件规定的时间组织响应文件开启，所有应标企业均应当按时参加。应标企业数量不符合规定的，不得开启响应文件。

4.2 磋商小组将通过“信用中国”网站 (www.creditchina.gov.cn) 和全国企业信用信息公示系统 (<http://www.gsxt.gov.cn/>) 渠道查询应标企业响应截止时间前的信用记录。查询结果经确认后存档。

五、磋商和评审标准及方法

5.1. 评审方法

综合评分：综合评分法评审标准中分值设置应当与评审因素的量化指标相对应。磋商文件中没有规定的评审标准不得作

为评审依据。评审时，磋商小组各成员应当独立对每个有效响应文件进行评价、打分，然后汇总每个应标企业每项评分因素得分，计算各应标企业总分。磋商小组应当根据综合评分情况，按照评审得分由高到低顺序推荐成交候选应标企业，并编写评审报告。评审得分相同的，按照 6 机位制作标准、3 机位制作标准、1 机位制作标准、幕后制作标准顺序，最后报价由低到高的顺序推荐。

5.2.2. 评分标准

评审内容	分值	评审指标说明
资质	5	<p>企业具备有效期内营业执照得1分；</p> <p>企业具备有效期内广播电视节目制作经营许可证得1分；</p> <p>企业按要求提供法定代表人身份证明、授权委托书得1分；</p> <p>企业按要求签署承诺函得2分；</p> <p>上述任意一项与描述不符，扣除对应分值</p>
企业情况	20	<p>企业大型体育赛事服务经历（须提供项目委托证明材料，例如：委托合同等），其中：</p> <p>本项目得分由网球类赛事及其他赛事构成，其中：</p> <p>网球类：</p> <p>1、企业独立承担国际级网球赛事公共信号工作的，得6分；</p> <p>2、企业独立承担国家级网球赛事公共信号工作的，得4分；</p> <p>其他赛事：</p> <p>3、企业独立承担公共信号工作的，每一项得2分，</p>

		封顶10分；
核心团队 履历	20	<p>核心团队人员至少由3人构成：项目经理1人，核心导演2人；以上人员近5年具备下列大型体育赛事服务经历（须提供对应项目服务证明材料，例如：工作证件、劳务合同、感谢信等），其中：</p> <p>每提供1项国际级赛事同类型服务经验得3分；</p> <p>每提供1项国家级赛事同类型服务经验得2分；</p> <p>每提供1项省市级赛事同类型服务经验得1分；</p> <p>上述服务经历如为网球项目，则可额外得1分</p> <p>本项满分20分，超过不累计</p>
响应方案	5	<p>提供需求内各制作标准对应机位图纸得2分；</p> <p>提供各球场制作系统逻辑图得2分；</p> <p>提供全部设备品牌、型号明细单（按球场划分）得1分</p>
核心设备 资产证明	10	<p>响应方案内设备明细单内的设备中，核心设备（包括但不限于切换台、摄像机、调音台、慢动作回放设备等）如可提供自有资产证明（须加盖公章），例如：设备采购合同、采购发票等，每提供一项，得1分；</p> <p>本项满分10分，超过不累计</p>
项目报价	30	<p>报价限额，每满足1项，得3分，总分30分：</p> <p>（1）低于6机位单日单场地制作费（含税）上限：62,000元；</p> <p>（2）低于3机位单日单场地制作费（含税）上限：45,000元；</p> <p>（3）低于1机位单日单场地制作费（含税）上限：17250元；</p> <p>（4）低于幕后机位单日制作费（含税）上限：20,000元</p> <p>（5）按照既定赛程安排，全部制作费（不包括幕后机位，含税）总额低于1,370,000元；</p> <p>单价折扣，单价报价每低10%，得3分，上限15</p>

		分 (例如: 应标单位 A, 6 机位单价为 55,800 元 (62,000-6,200=55,800), 3 机位报价为 40,500 元 (45,000-4,500=40,500), 则可额外获得 3 分+3 分=6 分)
额外加分项	10	应标企业认为其他有助于提升 2024 中国网球公开赛电视转播公共信号制作水平、服务质量、转播效果等其他服务内容,且无需采购方额外支出对应成本的,每提出一项,得 1 分

六、成交

6.1 推荐成交候选应标企业

磋商小组会根据综合评分情况,按照得分由高到低顺序推荐 3 名及以上成交候选应标企业,并编写评审报告。评审得分相同的,按照 6 机位制作标准、3 机位制作标准、1 机位制作标准、幕后制作标准顺序,最后报价由低到高的顺序推荐。

6.2 确定成交应标企业

磋商小组应当提交评审报告确定中标单位。

6.3 成交通知及成交结果

取得明确的中标单位核准后,磋商小组内向中标单位发送中标通知书,并将中标结果通知所有未中标的投标人。

七、合同授予

7.1 合同主要条款：详见“第五章 拟签订的合同文本”

7.2 采购人与成交应标企业应当在成交通知书发出之日起十个工作日内，按照采购文件确定的合同文本以及采购标的和服务要求等事项签订采购合同。

7.3 采购人不得向成交应标企业提出超出采购文件以外的任何要求作为签订合同的条件，不得与成交应标企业订立背离采购文件确定的合同文本以及采购标的和服务要求等实质性内容的协议。

7.4 成交应标企业拒绝签订采购合同的，采购人可以确定其他应标企业作为成交应标企业并签订采购合同，也可以重新开展采购活动。拒绝签订采购合同的成交应标企业不得参加对该项目重新开展的采购活动。

八、验收

根据合同要求约定。

第三章 需求说明

应标企业为 2024 中国网球公开赛映月球场、布拉德球场、2 号球场、3 号球场、5 号球场、6 号球场、7 号球场（暂定，以实际赛程安排为准）等 7 片正式比赛球场提供符合下述要求的电视转播国际公共信号制作服务：

1. 制作标准：

1.1 6 机位制作标准：

HD 高清广播级标准制作系统

不低于 6 讯道广播级摄像机（含不少于 1 台 3 倍速机位）

慢动作回放系统 1 套

广播级高清字幕机 1 套

须自行接入至少 1 路外部视频信号源（电子司线回放画面）；

须提供 Clean 信号主、备信号输出；

须提供 PGM 信号主、备信号输出；

须提供单机信号至少各 2 路输出；

须将输出的 Clean 主、备画面及 PGM 主、备画面传输至赛事组委会指定的位置（IBC），并提供传输必要的设备；

须提供不低于 9 支拾音设备拾取现场声；

须由现场 PA 系统自行接入对应场地主裁麦克风声音；

须由现场电子司线系统自行接入电子线审呼报声音；

须具备输出 4 通道立体声能力（1、3 声道为左声道，2、4 声道为右声道），并加嵌至 Clean 及 PGM 视频信号；

须提供上述视、音频技术保障团队、对应节目制作团队

1.2 3 机位制作标准:

HD 高清广播级标准制作系统

不低于 3 讯道广播级摄像机

广播级高清字幕机 1 套

须自行接入至少 1 路外部视频信号源（电子司线回放画面）；

须提供 Clean 信号主、备信号输出；

须提供 PGM 信号主、备信号输出；

须提供单机信号至少各 2 路输出；

须将输出的 Clean 主、备画面及 PGM 主、备画面传输至赛事组委会指定的位置（IBC），并提供传输必要的设备；

须提供拾音设备拾取现场声；

须由现场 PA 系统自行接入对应场地主裁麦克风声音；

须由现场电子司线系统自行接入电子线审呼报声音；

须具备输出 4 通道立体声能力（1、3 声道为左声道，2、4 声道为右声道），并加嵌至 Clean 及 PGM 视频信号；

须提供上述视、音频技术保障团队、对应节目制作团队

1.3 1 机位制作标准:

HD 高清广播级标准制作系统

不低于 1 讯道广播级摄像机

广播级高清字幕机 1 套

须自行接入至少 1 路外部视频信号源（电子司线回放画面）；

须提供 Clean 信号主、备信号输出；

须提供 PGM 信号主、备信号输出；
须提供单机信号至少各 2 路输出；
须将输出的 Clean 主、备画面及 PGM 主、备画面传输至赛事组委会指定的位置（IBC），并提供传输必要的设备；
须提供拾音设备拾取现场声；
须由现场 PA 系统自行接入对应场地主裁麦克风声音；
须由现场电子司线系统自行接入电子线审呼报声音；
须具备输出 4 通道立体声能力（1、3 声道为左声道，2、4 声道为右声道），并加嵌至 Clean 及 PGM 视频信号；
须提供上述视、音频技术保障团队、对应节目制作团队

1.4 幕后机位标准：

4K 广播级标准制作系统；
不低于 6 讯道可远程遥控操作摄像机；
须根据赛事要求将遥控摄像机画面回传至赛事指定地点，并提供相应传输设备；
须提供摄像机对应环境声；
须提供上述视、音频技术保障团队、对应节目制作团队

1.5 其他要求：

（1）须根据现场情况自行提供摄像机架设所需要的其他任何辅助配套设施，包括但不限于地台、围挡等；
（2）上述各标准制作系统均须配备 UPS 不间断电源，且 UPS 电源可支撑信号制作系统独立运行不低于 5 分钟；

(3) 各场地制作量如下：不含搭建测试

	Moon	Brad Drewett	Court 2	Court 3	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7
2024年9月23日							
2024年9月24日		1		1	1		
2024年9月25日	6	6	1				
2024年9月26日	6	6	3			3	
2024年9月27日	6	6	3			3	
2024年9月28日	6	6	3	3		3	3
2024年9月29日	6	6	3			3	
2024年9月30日	6	6				3	
2024年10月1日		6					
2024年10月2日							
2024年10月3日							

以上数字为该场地当日制作标准（机位数量）

(4) 幕后机位制作量：12 天，不含搭建测试

2. 服务标准：

应符合 WTA 及 ATP 本年度实时更新的赛事标准（附件 7: WTA Rules/附件 8: ATP Rules），如有更新，具体标准文本参见：

WTA 标准：<https://www.wtatennis.com/wta-rules>

ATP 标准：<https://www.atptour.com/en/corporate/rulebook>

附件 1:

报名登记表

项目名称	
应标企业全称 (请在此处加盖公章)	
应标企业联系人	
电话	
手机	
传真	
电子邮箱	
公司地址	
报名日期	

附件 2:

响 应 函

北京中国网球公开赛体育推广有限公司:

现已收悉贵司发出的《2024 中国网球公开赛外围场地电视转播公共信号制作服务》竞争性磋商邀请书，并对其内容予以确认。我方愿意按该文件的规定提供服务，严格执行我方所承诺的责任和义务，为此我方郑重声明以下诸点，并愿意承担法律责任:

1. 我方承诺报价函、报价价格表及根据采购文件所提供的其它所有文件为我方报价文件的组成部分，并愿意根据采购文件修改其中的任何缺陷;
2. 按要求提供响应文件;
3. 若我方提交的响应文件被接受，我方将履行采购文件中规定的每项要求，根据我方响应文件中的承诺标准履约;
4. 我方理解最低报价不是唯一成交条件，贵司有选择成交应标企业的权力。若我方未成为成交应标企业，贵司有权不做任何解释;
5. 双方签订合同后，我方承诺按《中华人民共和国民法典》全面履约;
6. 我方将遵守贵司在邀请招标中的相关要求与流程;
7. 我方的响应文件自公开报价之日起有效期 90 日。

公司名称:

(加盖公章)

年 月 日

附件 3:

授权委托书

本人_____（姓名）系_____（公司名称）的法定代表人，现委托_____（姓名）为我方代理人。代理人根据授权，以我方名义签署、澄清、说明、补正、递交、撤回、修改

_____（项目名称）邀请招标文件，签订合同和处理有关事宜，其法律后果由我方承担。
委托期限：_____。代理人无转委托权。

附：法定代表人及委托代理人身份证明。

投标人（盖单位公章）：

法定代表人（签字）：

身份证号码：

委托代理人（签字）：

身份证号码：

年 月 日

附件 4:

承 诺 函

北京中国网球公开赛体育推广有限公司:

本公司承诺遵守下列条款:

1. 近三年内应标企业及法定代表人无行贿犯罪行为
2. 本公司近三年内未发生骗取中标、严重违约等不良行为;
3. 近三年内在经营活动中没有重大违纪记录的承诺书;
4. 如中标本项目, 则以中标企业主体独立完成项目执行工作, 无转包、分包等转移原标的内容行为;
5. 本公司提供的所有资料、数据均为真实情况反映;
6. 本公司所做承诺均为真实意思表示;
7. 承诺对所有获取的与贵司或本次项目相关的一切资料、材料、文件等信息, 无论是以纸质、电子、口头或其它形式, 均予以保密, 不得透露或复制给任何第三方。在项目结束后, 对于贵司明确提出要求退还、销毁的材料, 本公司将按约退还、销毁, 并承诺予以保密;
8. 本公司在投标过程中将严格遵守国家各项法律法规, 遵守贵司关于廉政风险管理的各项要求, 秉承公平、公正、公开的原则参与竞争;
9. 若未遵守上述条款, 给贵司造成损失或形成法律风险的, 本公司愿承担赔偿责任并负责消除不良影响。

投标人 (盖章):

单位负责人或授权代表 (签字):

年 月 日

附件 5:

报 价 单

项目名称:

应标企业名称		
6 机位单价	不含税价:	含税价:
3 机位单价	不含税价:	含税价:
1 机位单价	不含税价:	含税价:
幕后制作单价	不含税价:	含税价:
既定赛程合计总价 (不含税)		
税率		
既定赛程合计总价 (含税)		
备 注		

应标企业名称 (公章):

法定代表人或委托代理人签字:

年 月 日

附件 6:拟签订的合同文本

2024 中国网球公开赛外围场地电视转播 公共信号制作服务项目合同

甲方：北京中国网球公开赛体育推广有限公司

地址：北京市朝阳区林萃路 2 号国家网球中心

联系人：

联系电话：

联系邮箱：@chinaopen.com

乙方：

地址：

联系人：

联系电话：

联系邮箱：

根据中华人民共和国国家有关法律、法规的规定，甲乙双方在平等、自愿、公平、诚实信用的基础上，经友好协商，就甲方委托乙方为 2024 年中国网球公开赛（“赛事”）外场信号制作提供服务事宜，达成如下一致意见，特签订本合同。

一、合同期限及合同履行方式

1. 本合同期限自 2024 年 月 日至 2024 年 月 日。
2. 乙方作为本合同签约主体，由乙方统筹为甲方提供本合同项下的服务，

在经甲方同意后，乙方成立转播团队以服务甲方赛事。

3. 甲方将乙方实施本合同所需的素材、信息资料提供给乙方后，乙方在双方约定的工作时间内完成制作工作。
4. 乙方需在甲方规定的时间范围内按照甲方及赛事的要求提供符合制作标准的相关转播设备、能够统一完成赛事转播要求的转播团队，并对赛事进行全程电视公共信号制作，对甲方负责。

二、服务内容

甲方委托乙方提供如下信号制作服务（“信号制作服务”）：

1. 制作赛事信号，其中，赛事中的女子比赛的信号制作遵循当年度 WTA Rule Book 的规定(参见当年度 WTA 官方网站发布的版本)；赛事中的男子比赛的信号制作遵循当年度 ATP WORLD TOUR 500 Tournament And Host Broadcaster Requirements 之规定(参见当年度 ATP 官方网站发布的版本)
2. 正赛：映月球场、布拉德球场采用 6 机位制作标准，外围场地采用 3 机位制作标准；资格赛：采用 1 机位制作标准；幕后制作采用 6 机位远程遥控机位制作标准(比赛信号制作系统为高清系统，幕后制作为 4K 系统)
3. 赛事包装：WTA 赛事需要制作带有 WTA 包装及甲方包装的信号，ATP 赛事需要制作带有 ATP 包装及甲方包装的信号，包装素材由甲方提供；

三、甲方义务

1. 为乙方工作的顺利开展提供及时的相应配合和协调工作；
2. 在赛事期间内，提供乙方人员现场工作证件；

四、乙方义务

1. 乙方承诺，其为合法成立之企业法人，有资格、资质和能力实施本合同约定之行为，有能力承担因本合同而产生的责任。其中，乙方应具有广播电视节目制作经营许可证。
2. 乙方应遵照本合同附件二所示的现行赛程安排完成映月球场、布拉德球场、2、3、5、6、7 号外围场地及幕后场地（以下简称“外围场地”）的信号制作、传输等工作。
3. 乙方应委派具有丰富经验和专业知识的工作人员组成项目工作组，依据

本合同的条款，向甲方提供本合同项下的相关服务。

4. 乙方对所提供的服务内容的质量和合法性负责。
5. 乙方应按照甲方的要求，于当年度正赛开始前 2 日或之前进入甲方指定场地完成该年度的设备搭建和测试工作。
6. 乙方应为比赛提供广播级高清信号制作系统（EFP）与制作团队，同时为幕后制作提供 4K 广播级信号制作系统与制作团队，包括广播级讯道摄像机、广播级切换台、广播级音频系统等。负责安排视音频技术、导播、摄像、音频等岗位的节目制作人员，分别用于外围场地比赛信号制作工作。
7. 乙方按照甲方制定的统一信号制作计划与标准，完成所承担的场次的信号制作任务。
8. 未经甲方书面授权许可，乙方不得将与甲方有关的任何资料提供给任何其他方，也不得将这些资料用于本合同之外的目的。
9. 乙方负责提供慢动作系统（映月、布拉德球场）、广播级字幕包装系统及慢动作与字幕包装的操作人员，其中慢动作系统不低于四通道，字幕系统为广播级字幕系统。
10. 乙方负责外围场地清流信号及带包装 PGM 信号主备传输到外场信号总控系统（乙方负责基带高清信号的光传输设备，光纤物理链路由甲方负责协调提供）。
11. 在赛事进行过程中，如因天气等不可抗力原因导致的赛程改变、赛期延长等特殊情况，乙方应完全服从甲方及赛程的安排，按照原有的制作标准完成信号制作、传输等本合同项下约定的服务内容。

五、服务费

1. 作为乙方在本合同项下提供服务的对价，甲方将每年度向乙方支付服务费共人民币 元（¥）整（含税）。虽有前述约定，乙方同意服务费按照实际使用天数计算，如果乙方实际提供的服务天数因赛事日程调整等原因少于或多于约定的天数的，则甲方有权参照单价扣减或额外支付相应费用。

2. 甲方在 2024 年度协议签署并生效后 15 日内向乙方支付 60%服务费，即人民币（¥）整（含税）。在当年度 10 月 31 日前向乙方支付 40%服务费，即人民币（¥）整（含税）。虽有前述约定，但若因任何原因（包括但不限于赛事日程调整的）而发生服务费扣减的，则甲方有权直接从 40%的尾款中扣减。如果扣减金额超出服务费的 40%的，则乙方还应将超出的部分退还甲方。
3. 各方同意并确认，甲方无需向丙方另行支付任何费用。丙方在本合同项下提供的服务的对价由乙方向丙方支付，具体费用金额及付款方式由乙方与丙方另行约定。就甲方向乙方支付的服务费以支票、汇款或现金方式结算。乙方收款账号信息：
单位：
银行账号：
开户行名称：
税号：
4. 除服务费外，甲方不必向乙方支付任何其他费用，但是经各方另行书面协商一致的情形除外。
5. 乙方应在甲方支付每一笔款项之前，依据实际付款金额向甲方开具增值税专用发票。如甲方未收到乙方开具的增值税专用发票，则甲方有权延迟付款，且不承担相应的迟延付款责任。

六、 保密

各方对本合同涉及到的商业及技术秘密和资料负有保密义务，未经各方书面确认，任何一方不得单方面将其公开给任何其他方，否则应对因此给对方造成的损失承担赔偿责任。

七、 著作权

1. 各方同意并确认：（1）甲方向乙方提供的所有素材（包括但不限于甲方提供给乙方的所有视频、素材、信号及其他信息资料），以及（2）因履行本合同而产生的所有工作成果的所有权和著作权（包括但不限于经乙方信号制作服务后的上述信息资料），均归甲方所有。未经甲方事先书面同意，乙方不得修改其内容及形式（本合同有约定的除外），亦不得将其用于本合同以外的目的。

2. 若甲方因使用乙方交付的工作成果而遭受到任何第三方的侵权指控、索赔、诉讼时，乙方应为甲方提供抗辩和支持，并承担因此给甲方造成的所有损失，包括但不限于诉讼费、律师费、对该等第三方的赔偿费用，以及因此产生的其他相关费用（如：差旅费、咨询调查费等）。

八、违约责任

1. 乙方共同完成本合同项下义务，乙方就本合同项下的义务承担连带责任，如乙方发生违约，甲方有权对乙方任何一方追责。
2. 本合同签署后各方均应全面履行本合同，任何一方不履行或不按约定履行均视为违约，违约方应赔偿因此给守约方造成的全部损失。
3. 如乙方因自身原因未按照本合同约定制作/传输信号，或提供场外信号制作，或未就其履行本合同项下义务提供相关保障等而给甲方造成损失的，应赔偿甲方因此所造成的全部经济损失（该经济损失包括但不限于直接经济损失、因受第三方索赔而支付的赔偿金、因处理争议而产生的律师费、财产保全费、诉讼费、公证费及其他相关费用，下同）。
4. 因乙方自身原因导致无法完成信号制作、传输等原计划工作的部分或全部的，乙方应赔偿甲方因此所造成的全部经济损失，且甲方有权扣除相应部分的款项，若已经支付，则乙方应向甲方退还相应款项。
5. 因乙方原因导致无法完成信号制作、传输、录制等原计划工作的部分或全部，导致国内版权方或其他第三方向甲方提出赔偿或拒绝付款的或国际版权分账减少或扣除的，则甲方有权向乙方就甲方遭受的实际损失（包括可得利益损失）追偿。

九、争议解决

因本合同产生或与本合同有关的所有争议均应首先通过各方协商解决，协商无法解决的，任何一方均可将争议提交至北京仲裁委员会，根据该委员会申请仲裁时有效的仲裁规则在北京进行仲裁。仲裁裁决是终局的，对各方都有约束力。仲裁费用由败诉方承担。

十、其他

1. 各方同意并确认，乙方就其各自在本合同项下的义务承担连带责任。
2. 本合同附件为本合同不可分割的部分，与本合同具有同等效力。

3. 本合同未尽事宜将由各方另行协商决定。
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INTRODUCTION

I. INTRODUCTION

A. DESCRIPTION

The Women's Tennis Association ("WTA") is an international award competition open to all women tennis players.

The tournaments comprising the WTA ("WTA Tournaments") are connected by a points system in which players earn ranking points based on a tournament's category and the player's performance.

B. ADMINISTRATION

The WTA is administered and governed by the WTA Tour, Inc. ("WTA Tour" or "WTA"), a US registered corporation whose members are the players, its recognized WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments worldwide, and the International Tennis Federation ("ITF"). The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the WTA Tour is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the WTA. The Board of Directors of the WTA Tour is comprised of three (3) Player Board Representatives, three (3) Tournament Board Representatives, one (1) ITF Board Representative, and the CEO. The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing the long-term strategic plan for the WTA. Alternate Board Representatives for each member class may also attend Board of Directors meetings as determined by the CEO.

C. RULES

In accordance with the rules ("Rules") set forth in this WTA Official Rulebook ("Rulebook"), as amended from time to time and updated online at www.wtatennis.com/wta-rules, the WTA Tour selects and schedules WTA Tournaments and is responsible for the resolution of any matter of dispute pertaining to the WTA, including imposition of penalties on players, WTA Tournaments, tournament officials, player relatives and representatives, coaches, and other credentialed persons.

The ITF Rules of Tennis shall apply to all WTA Tournaments except as amended by the Rules. An excerpt of the ITF Rules of Tennis is set forth in Appendix M. For the complete and current ITF Rules of Tennis, please visit www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/.

The Rules may be altered, amended, or repealed by the WTA pursuant to the WTA By-Laws. Capitalized terms have the meanings set forth in this Rulebook, including Section VII.C – Clothing and Equipment, Section XIV – Prize Money Formula, Section VIII – WTA Ranking System, Section X – Age Eligibility and Player Development, Section XVII – Code of Conduct, Section XVIII –

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Standards, and Appendix L - Glossary. The headings and titles to the Sections contained herein are inserted solely for convenience purposes and shall not affect the meaning or construction of the Rules.

Any action of the WTA Tour pursuant to these Rules or otherwise with respect to the WTA shall be deemed effective only when the parties affected thereby shall have been sent notice of the action, or, in the case of any action of general applicability, notice thereof shall have been published in a manner that will ensure wide circulation. PlayerZone and TournamentZone postings and Player and Tournament Alerts shall be considered official forms of WTA communication with its members that are published in a manner that ensures wide circulation.

The WTA may impose appropriate sanctions, including monetary sanctions, upon any person or entity subject to these Rules who participates in or aids and abets any violation of these Rules. Any violations of these Rules which do not specify a process for imposition of a penalty shall be decided by the CEO and such decision of the CEO may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

All monetary terms are in United States dollars unless otherwise stated.

English is the official language of the WTA.

D. POLICIES

1. Open Competition/No Discrimination

Entry into Tournaments shall be open to all eligible women tennis players based on merit and without discrimination, subject only to the conditions in the WTA By-Laws and these Rules, including but not limited to the Age Eligibility Rules and Gender Participation Policy.

2. Gender Participation Policy

All players are subject to the WTA Gender Participation Policy ("Gender Participation Policy"), as amended from time to time, which addresses the gender eligibility requirements for entry into and participation in WTA Tournaments. For the complete and current Gender Participation Policy, please reference www.wtatennis.com/wta-rules.

3. Nationality

For WTA purposes, including on all WTA platforms, a player's nationality is: (a) the issuing country of the valid passport or in exceptional

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circumstances other valid proof of nationality, citizenship, domicile, or residence she provides to the WTA with her Annual Player Form; (b) if she does not have a passport or other official documentation and she provides her birth certificate and photographic identification, the country of birth on her birth certificate; or (c) in exceptional circumstances, as the WTA determines. To request a change in nationality after the start of the Tour Year, a player must submit a copy of her valid passport or in exceptional circumstances other valid proof of nationality, citizenship, domicile, or residence issued by the country to which she is requesting a change. A player who changes her nationality after the start of the Tour Year may not request a subsequent change in nationality for the remainder of the current Tour Year except in exceptional circumstances, as the WTA determines.

4. Eligibility

All players must meet the eligibility requirements of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (the “TADP”) and the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (the “TACP” and together with the TADP, the “Integrity Rules”) and these Rules to enter and participate in WTA Tournaments.

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II. PLAYER COMMITMENT

A. WTA 1000 MANDATORY AND WTA 500 TOURNAMENTS

Subject to the Age Eligibility Rule, the Years of Service Rule, the Long-Term Injury Rule, and the Integrity Rules, all players must play the WTA Tournaments below if they are accepted, or would have been accepted if they had entered or been eligible to enter, into the Singles Main Draw at the Tournament's entry deadline ("Commitment Tournaments"). A player will receive a zero (0) ranking point result for each Commitment Tournament she does not play, which must count on her WTA Singles Ranking (see Section VIII – WTA Ranking System).

1. WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments

- a. All players who are accepted into the Main Draw of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament as a direct acceptance (or would have been a direct acceptance but for a period of ineligibility), as a Qualifier, as a Special Exempt, as a Lucky Loser, or by Special Ranking must play that WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament.
- b. See Section VIII.A.4.a.ii - Long-Term Injury for the effects of a Long-Term Injury on a player's WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament requirements.

2. WTA 500 Tournaments

- a. All players who are accepted, or would have been accepted if they had entered, as a direct acceptance into the Main Draw at six (6) or more WTA 500 Tournaments' entry deadlines must play six (6) WTA 500 Tournaments. Players who are accepted, or would have been accepted if they had entered, as a direct acceptance into the Main Draw at less than six (6) WTA 500 Tournaments have WTA 500 Commitment Tournament requirements as follows:

Number of WTA 500 Tournaments a player is accepted into or would have been accepted into if she had entered	WTA 500 Commitment Tournament Requirement
5	5
4	4
3	3
2	2
1	1
0	0

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- b. If a player is not accepted as a direct acceptance into the Main Draw of a WTA 500 Tournament at the entry deadline but she plays its Qualifying or was accepted into Qualifying but plays in the Main Draw as a Wild Card, then that WTA 500 Tournament counts toward meeting her WTA 500 Commitment Tournament requirement.
 - c. If a player participates in United Cup, then that Tournament counts toward meeting her WTA 500 Commitment Tournament requirement.
 - d. If a player is on site at a WTA 500 Tournament, withdraws from the Main Draw due to a Medical Condition in accordance with the requirements and restrictions of Section IV, and completes promotional activities for the Tournament as determined by WTA over the first two (2) days, then that WTA 500 Tournament counts toward meeting her WTA 500 Commitment Tournament requirement.
 - e. If a player does not participate in any Tennis Event for thirty (30) consecutive days during a calendar year and withdraws from a WTA 500 Tournament Main Draw in accordance with the requirements and restrictions of Section IV within those thirty (30) days, then that Tournament counts toward meeting her WTA 500 Commitment Tournament requirement. The thirty (30) days begins as follows:
 - i. the Monday of Week 1 if the player has not played a Tennis Event in the current calendar year; or
 - ii. the Monday after the last Tennis Event played if the player has played any Tennis Event in the current calendar year.
- If a player's absence from Professional Tennis reaches eight (8) consecutive weeks, the Long-Term Injury Rule takes effect, superseding rather than adding to the above.
- f. See Section VIII.A.4.a.ii - Long-Term Injury for the effects of a Long-Term Injury on a player's WTA 500 Commitment Tournament requirements.

B. WTA FINALS

A player who qualifies for the singles competition of the WTA Finals must play in accordance with Section VI.

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C. YEARS OF SERVICE

A player thirty-four (34) years of age or older as of January 1 of a Tour Year ("Years of Service Player") will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result for any WTA 500 Commitment Tournament she does not play during that Tour Year.

A Years of Service Player must play all WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournaments and will receive a zero (0) ranking point result for each WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament she does not play.

D. PLAYERS SUBJECT TO THE AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE

For the purposes of this Rule, a player's age is determined by her age as of the date of the start of a Tournament's singles Main Draw.

A player subject to the Age Eligibility Rule will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result for certain Commitment Tournaments she does not play during a Tour Year as explained below. Subject to Section X.A.2.a.ii, a player under 15 years of age may not participate in WTA Tournaments by direct acceptance.

See Section X for the Age Eligibility Rule and Player Development Programs.

1. Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, and Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournaments

A player who by ranking qualifies for acceptance into the Main Draw of an Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, or Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament will be entered automatically.

a. Under 17 Years of Age

A player under 17 years of age is not required to play an Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, or Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament. If a player opts out of an Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, or Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament before the Main Draw Entry Deadline, she will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result or any Late Withdrawal penalties (e.g., fines, forfeiture of ranking points for playing another Tournament in the same week). If a player does not opt out but later withdraws from an Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, or Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or opts out of an Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, or Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament and plays an Exhibition/Non-WTA event in the same week, then she

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will receive a zero (0) ranking point result and any applicable Late Withdrawal penalties.

b. 17 Years of Age

A player 17 years of age must comply with Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, and Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament requirements in Section II.A.1.a. To be clear, her maximum WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournaments is four (4), consisting of Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, and Beijing, regardless of the number of WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments that occur during the Tour Year. Unless a player has played all Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, and Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournaments, her failure to play an Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, or Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament that occurs when she is 17 years of age, even if due to ineligibility under the Age Eligibility Rule, will result in a zero (0) ranking point result for such player.

c. 18 Years of Age and Older

A player 18 years of age or older must comply with all WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament requirements in Section II.A.1.a. A player's failure to play a WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament that occurs when she is 18 years of age or older will result in a zero (0) ranking point result for such player.

2. All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournaments

a. Under 18 Years of Age

A player under 18 years of age is not required to play any of the WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournaments other than Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, and Beijing ("All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournaments") and will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result for not playing an All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament.

b. 18 Years of Age and Older

A player 18 years of age or older must comply with all WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament requirements in Section II.A.1.a, including All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournaments. A player's failure to play a WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament that occurs when she is 18 years of age or older will result in a zero (0) ranking point result for such player.

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3. WTA 500 Commitment Tournaments

a. Under 18 Years of Age

A player under 18 years of age is not required to play WTA 500 Commitment Tournaments and will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result for not playing a WTA 500 Commitment Tournament.

b. 18 Years of Age and Older

- i. Between a player's 18th birthday and the day before the start of the first Tournament in Week 1 of the first Tour Year following her 18th birthday, she is not required to play WTA 500 Commitment Tournaments and will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result for not playing a WTA 500 Commitment Tournament.
- ii. Beginning with the start of the first Tournament in Week 1 of the first Tour Year following a player's 18th birthday, she must comply with the WTA 500 Commitment Tournament requirements in Section II.A.1.c. A player's failure to play a WTA 500 Commitment Tournament will result in a zero (0) ranking point result for such player.

E. INTEGRITY RULES

Players who are not eligible to enter or participate in WTA Tournaments under the Integrity Rules remain subject to Commitment Tournament requirements and applicable zero (0) ranking point results during their period of ineligibility.

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III. TOURNAMENT ENTRY, TOURNAMENT ACCEPTANCE, AND WILD CARDS

A. TOURNAMENT ENTRY

1. General

a. WTA Responsibility

The WTA is responsible for processing all player applications for entry into all WTA Tournaments and Grand Slam events (in accordance with Grand Slam Rules) and notifying WTA Tournaments and Grand Slams of their player fields in a timely fashion. (Grand Slam events may also require players to sign their individual tournament entry forms prior to playing their first matches.)

b. WTA Administrative Fee for Non-Members of the WTA and Women's Tennis Benefit Association

Any player who is not a member of the WTA and the Women's Tennis Benefit Association ("WTBA") will be charged a \$250 administrative fee for each WTA Tournament she plays.

c. Player Entry and Commitment to Rules

Any player who enters or participates in any WTA Tournament consents and agrees to the following:

i. Compliance with Rules

Each player must comply with and is bound by all of the provisions of the Rulebook and the WTA By-Laws, including but not limited to all amendments thereto.

ii. Compliance with the Integrity Rules

The TADP and TACP shall apply to and be binding upon all players and shall govern players' entry into and participation in WTA Tournaments (together with the Rules, each of them applying concurrently and without prejudice to the other) as well as the other events specified in the TADP and TACP. Players must complete any tennis integrity or anti-doping education programs mandated by the WTA or the International Tennis Integrity Agency (the "ITIA").

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The ITIA may conduct anti-doping testing at WTA Tournaments under the TADP. Players shall submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITIA to manage, administer, and enforce the TADP on behalf of the ITF and to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITIA, the Anti-Doping Tribunal, and the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as applicable, to determine any charges brought under the TADP.

Players shall submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITIA to manage, administer, and enforce the TACP and to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITIA, Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer, and the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as applicable, to determine any charges brought under the TACP.

The WTA will honor and enforce any penalties or sanctions, and/or other measures taken against players under the TADP or TACP, including in relation to provisional suspensions.

iii. Written Consent

Each calendar year, all players shall, as a condition of entering or participating in any event organized or sanctioned by the WTA, in conjunction with their execution of the Annual Player Form, consent to and agree to comply with the Rulebook, TADP, and TACP.

d. Entry Conditions

i. Annual Player Form

A player must complete the Annual Player Form prior to playing her first match in each Tour Year and ensure that at all times the WTA has a copy of her valid passport or, if a player does not have a valid passport, a copy of her birth certificate and a photographic ID.

Under no circumstances will a player be able to participate in a WTA event or receive prize money until she has completed and returned the Annual Player Form and confirmed that the WTA has a copy of such documentation.

ii. Entries

All players must submit an official entry to gain acceptance into WTA Tournaments. Official entries may be submitted to WTA Operations via one (1) of the following:

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- (a) PlayerZone online entry; or
 - (b) Email request (touroops@wtatennis.com).
- iii. The WTA will accept entries from players and/or designated coaches and agents. Regardless of whom a player designates to act upon her behalf, ultimately the player is responsible for all of her entries and withdrawals.
 - iv. No entry will be accepted unless and until the player's participation in the Tournament complies with the Gender Participation Policy and the Age Eligibility Rule, the player is eligible to participate in the Tournament under the Integrity Rules, and the player has satisfied her Player Development requirements.
 - v. Pursuant to the Integrity Rules, a player serving a period of ineligibility or provisional suspension under the TADP or TACP, as applicable, is not eligible to enter a Tournament, or be entered automatically into a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam, that will take place during her period of ineligibility or provisional suspension. If a player is challenging her provisional suspension under the TADP or TACP, as applicable, she may remain on the entry list(s) for any WTA Tournament she entered prior to the effective date of the provisional suspension until the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline of such WTA Tournaments, at which point the player will be withdrawn automatically from the relevant WTA Tournament(s) if she is still ineligible.
 - vi. All outstanding fines from prior Tour Years must be paid in full before a player can enter or compete in a WTA Tournament in the current Tour Year.
 - vii. Rankings
 - (a) Singles
 - (i) WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments

Players must have a WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking of 500 or better at the entry deadline to enter singles at a WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament.
 - (ii) WTA 250 Tournaments

Players must have a WTA Singles Ranking or Singles

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Special Ranking of 750 or better at the entry deadline to enter singles at a WTA 250 Tournament.

(iii) WTA 125 Tournaments

Players must have a WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking at the entry deadline to enter singles at a WTA 125 Tournament.

(b) Doubles

(i) WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments

Players must have a WTA Singles Ranking, Singles Special Ranking, WTA Doubles Ranking, or Doubles Special Ranking of 750 or better at the entry deadline to enter doubles at a WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournament.

(ii) WTA 125 Tournaments

Players must have a WTA Singles Ranking, Singles Special Ranking, WTA Doubles Ranking, or Doubles Special Ranking at the entry deadline to enter doubles at a WTA 125 Tournament.

The foregoing cutoffs do not apply to players accepted via Wild Card.

- viii. Each singles player with a WTA ranking who is not a WTA member is required to subscribe to the PlayerZone each calendar year prior to entry in her first WTA Tournament of that calendar year. The subscription fee is \$200 per calendar year, and payment is due ten (10) business days prior to the WTA Tournament entry deadline that triggers the subscription requirement. Entries will not be accepted without payment in full of the subscription fee.

2. Entry Deadlines

All references to entry deadlines refer to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (New York, USA Time) unless specified differently.

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a. Main Draw Singles

i. WTA Tournaments

Main Draw Entry Deadlines for WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250, and WTA 125 Tournaments are four (4) weeks prior to the Monday of the week in which each Tournament's Main Draw starts unless otherwise determined by the WTA. This deadline shall not apply to the WTA Finals. (See Section VI.)

ii. Grand Slams

Main Draw Entry Deadlines for Grand Slams are six (6) weeks prior to the Monday of the week in which each event's Main Draw starts.

b. Qualifying Singles

i. WTA Tournaments

Qualifying Entry Deadlines for WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250, and WTA 125 Tournaments are three (3) weeks prior to the Monday of the week in which each Tournament's Main Draw starts unless otherwise determined by the WTA.

ii. Grand Slams

Qualifying Entry Deadlines for Grand Slams are four (4) weeks prior to the Monday of the week in which each event's Main Draw starts.

c. Doubles

All doubles-only players must sign an Official WTA Entry Form prior to the commencement of the doubles event or enter online via PlayerZone. This requirement does not apply to the WTA Finals (see Section VI for entry and acceptance Rules at the WTA Finals).

All doubles entries using a Special Ranking must be submitted to (i) the Supervisor in writing if entering on site; or (ii) tourops@wtatennis.com by the applicable entry deadline if using the advance entry system (see Section III.A.2.c.i below). Players may use their Doubles Special Rankings for advance entry and Singles or Doubles Special Rankings for on-site entry. (See Section VIII.C - WTA Special Ranking Rule.)

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i. Advance Entry

The deadline for advance entry into the doubles Main Draw of any WTA Tournament is 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (New York, USA time) on the Monday two (2) weeks prior to the singles Main Draw start date of such Tournament ("Doubles Advance Entry Deadline") unless otherwise determined by the WTA. A player may only enter one (1) Tournament per week through the doubles advance entry system. A player who is entered or accepted into the singles Main Draw or singles Qualifying of a Tournament as of the Doubles Advance Entry Deadline may only enter doubles at that same Tournament in that week.

ii. On-Site Entry

The deadline for on-site entry into the doubles Main Draw ("Doubles Sign-In Deadline") is:

- (a) for all WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournaments, 6:00 p.m. tournament local time two (2) days before the start of the doubles Main Draw at such Tournament (unless the Official WTA Tournament Fact Sheet states otherwise); and
- (b) for all WTA 125 Tournaments, 12:00 noon tournament local time on the day before the start of the doubles Main Draw at such Tournament (unless the Official WTA Tournament Fact Sheet states otherwise).

A team must sign in by contacting (in person or by a telephone conversation) the on-site Supervisor, Supervisor at an event at which one of the team's players is competing, or WTA Operations. A team may sign in beginning the day prior to the day sign-in closes. Each team is ultimately responsible for confirming that the Supervisor or WTA Operations has received its sign-in before the Doubles Sign-In Deadline.

3. More Than One Tournament Per Week

If a player enters more than one (1) Tournament per week, the following rules apply:

a. Indicating Choices

The player must indicate which Tournament is her first, second, or third choice. If she fails to do so, the Tournament in the highest

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Tournament category will be indicated as her first choice; however, if two (2) Tournaments entered are in the same category, the Tournament that is listed first on the Official WTA Calendar will be entered as her first choice. All applicable withdrawal Rules will apply.

If entering via the PlayerZone, a player may use the “within option” to indicate that if she is within one (1) to four (4) spots of being in the Main Draw or Qualifying of her first preference Tournament, she will remain on the Tournament’s Alternate List and be removed from all other Tournaments she was accepted into that week.

b. Main Draw Entries and Acceptances

If at the time of the Main Draw entry deadline, a player is accepted into the Main Draw of any of the Tournaments she entered in the same week (based on her order of choice), then she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments entered that week.

If at the time of the Main Draw entry deadline, a player is not accepted into the Main Draw of any Tournaments, then she will remain on all Alternate Lists up until three (3) weeks prior to the Tournament and she can change her preferences at any time up until the Qualifying entry deadline, provided she makes the change before she moves into the Main Draw. If she moves into a Main Draw of any Tournament between the Main Draw entry deadline and the Qualifying entry deadline, she will be removed from all other Main Draw Alternate Lists.

If a player is not accepted into the Main Draw of any Tournaments at three (3) weeks prior to the Tournament, she will either:

- i. remain only on the Main Draw Alternate List of the Tournament in which she was accepted into Qualifying and be removed from all other Main Draw Alternate Lists;
- ii. remain only on the Main Draw Alternate List of her first choice Qualifying Tournament where she is a Qualifying Alternate and be removed from all other Alternate Lists; or
- iii. if not entered into any Qualifying Tournaments, remain only on the Main Draw Alternate List of her first preference Main Draw Tournament.

c. Qualifying Entries and Acceptances

If at the time of the entry deadline, a player is accepted into the Qualifying Draw of any of the Tournaments entered in the same week

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(based on her order of choice) she will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments entered that week.

If a player is not accepted into the Qualifying Draw of any Tournaments entered in the same week, she will remain on the Qualifying Alternate List of her first choice Tournament and will be withdrawn automatically from all other Tournaments.

d. Second Week of a Grand Slam/WTa 1000 Mandatory Tournament

A player is allowed to play in a WTA 125 Tournament or a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event during the second week of a Grand Slam or a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament only if the player:

- i. was accepted into the Main Draw (singles or doubles) of the Grand Slam or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament by any method, has not withdrawn from such Tournament, and
 - (a) for the Singles Main Draw in the second week, has lost in all draws in which she played of the Grand Slam or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament (i) on the day of the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline of the WTA 125 Tournament, or if there is no Qualifying, on the day before the Main Draw begins or (ii) by the qualifying sign-in deadline of the Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event; or
 - (b) for the Doubles Main Draw in the second week, has lost in all draws in which she played of the Grand Slam or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament (i) by the Doubles On-Site Sign-In deadline of the WTA 125 Tournament or (ii) by the doubles sign-in deadline of the Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event; or
- ii. was not accepted by any method into the Main Draw of the Grand Slam or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament and is not signed in as a Lucky Loser at such Tournament; or
- iii. has a Special Ranking and is making her Return to Competition according to the requirements of Section VIII.C.5.c.ii(b).

A player who would have been a Main Draw acceptance but did not play in a Grand Slam or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament is not allowed to compete in a WTA 125 Tournament or a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event during the second week of such Grand Slam or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament except pursuant to iii above.

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The WTA 125 Tournament may wait to hold its singles or doubles draws so that it can determine which players are eligible. Players still competing after the day of the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline, or if there is no Qualifying, on the day the Main Draw begins, will be withdrawn automatically from the WTA 125 Tournament.

If a player violates this Rule, upon the first occurrence, the player will receive the lesser of the ranking points earned from the two (2) Tournaments. Upon the second and subsequent occurrences, the player will not be awarded any ranking points.

A player will not be permitted to withdraw from any WTA Tournament to play a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event, except as permitted under Section VIII.C.5.c.ii(b).

e. Playing Two (2) Singles Tournaments in One (1) Week

A player is not allowed to compete in singles in two (2) Tournaments held in the same week and will be withdrawn from the second Tournament by the appropriate entry authority (i.e., a player may not play the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament, lose, and then play the Main Draw of a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event in the same week). If a player does play two (2) singles Tournaments in one (1) week, upon the first occurrence, the player will receive the lesser of the ranking points earned from the two (2) Tournaments. Upon the second and subsequent occurrences, the player will not be awarded any ranking points, and she will be subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 for Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

f. Playing Two (2) Doubles Tournaments in One (1) Week

A player is not allowed to compete in doubles in two (2) Tournaments held in the same week, at which ranking points are awarded. If a player does play two (2) doubles Tournaments in one (1) week, upon the first occurrence, the player will receive the lesser of the ranking points earned from the two (2) Tournaments. Upon the second and subsequent occurrences, the player will not be awarded any ranking points, and she will be subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 for Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

g. Playing Singles/Doubles the Same Week in Different Tournaments

A player is allowed to play singles in one (1) Tournament and doubles in another Tournament in the same week, provided the player has been eliminated from one (1) Tournament by the Doubles Sign-In

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Deadline of the other Tournament. A player may not participate in both Tournaments at the same time.

h. WTA Tournament and Grand Slam Qualifying in the Same Week

i. Entry, Player's Choice, and Automatic Withdrawal

Any player who enters both a WTA Tournament and the Qualifying of a Grand Slam in the same week may not remain on the entry list(s) (i.e., Main Draw, Main Draw Alternate, Qualifying, Qualifying Alternate, Doubles Advance, Doubles On-Site, or Wild Cards) of both the WTA Tournament and the Grand Slam Qualifying after the Qualifying Sign-In deadline of the applicable WTA Tournament (or, if the player entered only doubles of the applicable WTA Tournament, after the Doubles Sign-In deadline). If a player is on the entry list(s) of both the WTA Tournament and the Grand Slam Qualifying at the Qualifying Sign-In deadline (or Doubles Sign-In deadline, if applicable), then the player will remain on the Grand Slam Qualifying list(s), WTA automatically will withdraw the player from all WTA Tournament entry lists for that week, and the player will not be permitted to enter doubles on-site at any WTA Tournament that week.

ii. Wild Cards

A player may not accept a Wild Card into the Qualifying or Main Draw (singles or doubles) of a WTA Tournament occurring during the same week as a Grand Slam Qualifying if she is on the Qualifying List for such Grand Slam or has accepted a Wild Card into such Grand Slam Qualifying. Regardless of Section III.A.3.e, after giving her best effort and losing in the Qualifying or Main Draw (singles, doubles, or both) of a WTA Tournament occurring during the same week as a Grand Slam Qualifying, a player who subsequently receives an offer for a Wild Card into such Grand Slam Qualifying may accept such Wild Card and participate in such Grand Slam Qualifying.

iii. Sanctions

A player is not subject to a late withdrawal fine for her automatic withdrawal from a WTA Tournament under Section III.A.3.h.i above.

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B. TOURNAMENT ACCEPTANCE

1. Direct Acceptance

Direct acceptance players are players accepted directly into the draw. Tournament acceptances are based on the WTA Rankings and Special Rankings as of the applicable entry deadline unless otherwise determined by the WTA, subject to the WTA 250 and WTA 125 Tournament entry restrictions, the Age Eligibility Rule, and the Integrity Rules. Once a player has been accepted into a Tournament, she will not be removed from the Acceptance List unless she officially withdraws from the Tournament or except where otherwise stated in the Rules.

a. Singles

i. WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments and Grand Slams

All eligible players who by WTA Singles Ranking qualify for acceptance into the Main Draw of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament will be entered automatically into such WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament.

The WTA automatically will enter the eligible top 200 singles players in the WTA Rankings at the entry deadline of any Grand Slam into the Main Draw entry list of such Grand Slam. Players must enter Grand Slam Qualifying (see the Grand Slam Rules).

For players subject to the Age Eligibility Rule, see Section X.A.2.f – Grand Slams and Commitment Tournaments.

Players entering a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam using their Special Rankings must submit an official entry to WTA Operations.

ii. WTA 500 Tournaments

In any weeks in which both a WTA 500 Tournament and WTA 250 Tournament are scheduled, a player whose WTA Singles Ranking is 1-30 at the Tournament's Main Draw entry deadline ("Top 30 Player") may not play the WTA 250 (singles or doubles) if she qualifies for acceptance into the WTA 500 based on her WTA Singles Ranking unless she receives a WTA 250 Play Down Exemption (up to two (2) per Tour Year).

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iii. WTA 250 Tournaments

(a) WTA 250 Tournaments in the Same Week as WTA 500 Tournaments

Top 30 Players (as defined above) who do not qualify for acceptance into the WTA 500 Tournament in the same week may play the WTA 250 Tournament.

Top 30 Players who qualify for acceptance into the WTA 500 Tournament may only play the WTA 250 Tournament (singles or doubles) if they receive a WTA 250 Play Down Exemption by meeting one of the following criteria (collectively, "Exemption Players"):

- (i) Player is such Tournament's prior year singles champion ("Defending Champion");
- (ii) Player's Nationality (in accordance with Section I.D.3) is the same country as such Tournament's location ("Local Player"); or
- (iii) Player's WTA Singles Ranking is 11-30 as of the Main Draw entry deadline ("11-30 Player").

A WTA 250 Tournament in the same week as a WTA 500 Tournament may accept only one (1) Exemption Player from each category; provided, however, that if a Defending Champion or Local Player does not enter, then the Tournament may accept an additional 11-30 Player.

A WTA 250 Tournament in the same week as a WTA 500 Tournament may accept only one (1) player whose WTA Singles Ranking is 1-10 at the Tournament's Main Draw entry deadline ("Top 10 Player") to play singles and/or doubles, inclusive of the Defending Champion and Local Player.

(b) WTA 250 Tournaments in Weeks Without WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournaments

WTA 250 Tournaments in weeks without WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournaments may accept one (1) Top 10 Player to play singles and/or doubles. Players whose

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WTA Singles Ranking is 11+ at the Tournament's Main Draw entry deadline may play the WTA 250 Tournament.

(c) **Acceptance Procedure for Exemption Players and Top 10 Players**

(i) **Prior to the Main Draw Entry Deadline**

Prior to its Main Draw Entry Deadline, a WTA 250 Tournament in the same week as a WTA 500 Tournament must approve Exemption Players and a WTA 250 Tournament in a week without a WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament must approve Top 10 Player entries. If a WTA 250 Tournament wants to secure a particular Exemption Player or Top 10 Player (as applicable), then by 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (New York, USA time) on the day of its Main Draw Entry Deadline, the Tournament must submit a Play Down Exemption Form or Top 10 Confirmation Form (as applicable) listing:

- For a WTA 250 Tournament in the same week as a WTA 500 Tournament, Exemption Players of the Tournament's choice who have submitted an Exemption Player Acceptance Form ("Confirmed Exemption Players") and any other Local Player or 11-30 Players the Tournament has chosen to have next priority for acceptance ("Alternate Exemption Players"); or
- For a WTA 250 Tournament in a week without a WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament, the Top 10 Player of the Tournament's choice who has requested entry into and submitted a Top 10 Acceptance Form for the Tournament ("Confirmed Top 10 Player") and any other Top 10 Players the Tournament has chosen to have next priority for acceptance ("Alternate Top 10 Players").

If the Tournament has Confirmed Exemption Players or a Confirmed Top 10 Player (as applicable) at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Main Draw Entry Deadline, then the Alternate Exemption Players or Alternate Top 10 Players and all other Top 30 Players or Top 10 Players (as applicable) who entered the Tournament but were not accepted will remain on an Exemption/Top 10

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Alternate List unless they withdraw their entries or are accepted into another Tournament in the same week.

If the Tournament does not have one (1) Confirmed Exemption Player or a Confirmed Top 10 Player at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Main Draw Entry Deadline, then the highest-ranked Top 30 Player or Top 10 Player (as applicable) who entered the Tournament will be accepted.

The first Alternate Exemption Player or Alternate Top 10 Player listed on the Tournament's Play Down Exemption Form or Top 10 Confirmation Form (as applicable) will become a Confirmed Exemption Player or Confirmed Top 10 Player and must submit an Exemption Player Acceptance Form or Top 10 Acceptance Form (as applicable) if: (a) the Tournament's original Confirmed Exemption Player is not a Top 30 Player or the Tournament's original Confirmed Top 10 Player is not a Top 10 Player at the Main Draw Entry Deadline; or (b) the Tournament's original Confirmed Exemption Player or Confirmed Top 10 Player withdraws prior to the Main Draw Entry Deadline.

(ii) Between the Main Draw Entry Deadline and Qualifying Sign-In Deadline

If a Confirmed Exemption Player or Confirmed Top 10 Player withdraws after the Main Draw Entry Deadline but prior to the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline, then the following players will be accepted in the following order:

- The first Alternate Exemption Player on the Exemption/Top 10 Alternate List from the same category as the withdrawing player or the first Alternate Top 10 Player on the Exemption/Top 10 Alternate List (as applicable); or if there are no Alternate Exemption Players or Alternate Top 10 Players on the Exemption/Top 10 Alternate List, then
- The highest-ranked Top 30 Player or Top 10 Player (as applicable) on the Alternate List; or if there are no applicable players on the Alternate List, then
- The next-in Main Draw player.

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- (iii) After the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline Until the Draw is Made

If a Confirmed Exemption Player or a Confirmed Top 10 Player who was a direct acceptance withdraws after the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline, then the Tournament may replace that player until the Main Draw is made according to Section V.A.3.a.i Exemption Player/Top 10 Player Replacement.

See Appendix F for WTA 250 Play Down Exemption and Top 10 Player entry examples.

- (d) Player Restrictions

A Top 30 Player may receive two (2) WTA 250 Play Down Exemptions per Tour Year.

In 2024, a Top 10 Player may play three (3) WTA 250 Tournaments, inclusive of any WTA 250 Play Down Exemptions she received. Starting in 2025, a Top 10 Player may play three (3) WTA 250 Tournaments per Tour Year only if she played all her WTA 500 Commitment Tournaments in the prior Tour Year. If she did not play all her WTA 500 Commitment Tournaments in the prior Tour Year, she may play only two (2) WTA 250 Tournaments in the current Tour Year.

If an Exemption Player or Top 10 Player withdraws from a WTA 250 Tournament any time after (i) becoming a Confirmed Exemption Player or Confirmed Top 10 Player, (ii) the entry deadline, or (iii) accepting a Wild Card, then the WTA 250 Tournament counts as one (1) of her maximum allowed WTA 250 Tournaments unless she withdraws because of a Long-Term Injury.

- iv. WTA 125 Tournaments

Top 10 Players at the Main Draw Entry Deadline of a WTA 125 Tournament may not enter, accept a Wild Card into, or compete in singles or doubles of that WTA 125 Tournament.

- (a) In the Same Week as a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament

Players who qualify for Main Draw acceptance into a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament at the Main Draw Entry

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Deadline may not enter, accept a Wild Card into, or compete in singles or doubles of a WTA 125 Tournament scheduled the same week.

- (b) In the Second Week of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam

Players ranked 11+ may enter and compete in singles or doubles of a WTA 125 Tournament in the second week of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam.

- (c) In the Same Week as a WTA 500 or WTA 250 Tournament

Players ranked 1-75 who qualify for Main Draw acceptance at the Main Draw Entry Deadline of a WTA 500 or WTA 250 Tournament scheduled the same week as a WTA 125 Tournament may not enter, accept a Wild Card into, or compete in singles or doubles of that WTA 125 Tournament.

- (d) In Weeks 45-52 ("Off Season") or a Week Without a WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournament

Players ranked 1-50 at the Main Draw Entry Deadline of a WTA 125 Tournament cannot enter that Tournament, but players ranked 21-50 may receive WTA-approved Wild Cards in singles and doubles (subject to Wild Card maximums). (See Section III.C - Wild Cards.)

Players who qualify for the WTA Finals (including the two confirmed WTA Finals Alternates) cannot enter, accept a Wild Card into, or compete in singles or doubles in a WTA 125 Tournament scheduled the same week as the WTA Finals even if they withdraw from the WTA Finals.

WTA 125 Tournament Acceptance Summary	
WTA 125 Tournament Timing	Players Prohibited from Entering the WTA 125 Tournament
In the same week as a WTA 1000 Mandatory	Players who qualify for Main Draw acceptance into the WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament
In the second week of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam	Top 10 Players
In the same week as a WTA 500 or WTA 250 Tournament	Players ranked 1-75 who qualify for Main Draw acceptance into the WTA 500 or WTA 250 Tournament

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In a week without a WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournament	Players ranked 1-20 (Players ranked 21-50 may only play via Wild Card)
In the same week as WTA Finals	Players who qualify for the WTA Finals and players ranked 1-20 (Players ranked 21-50 may only play via Wild Card)
In the Off Season	Players ranked 1-20 (Players ranked 21-50 may only play via Wild Card)

b. Doubles

A player may not enter (Advance Entry or On-Site Entry) with more than one (1) partner.

i. Advance Entry

- (a) Acceptance at each Tournament is determined by the highest combined WTA Doubles Rankings, which may include Doubles Special Rankings, of the players on each team as of the Doubles Advance Entry Deadline for that Tournament. For players who only have a WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking, the WTA will assign a Doubles Ranking of one (1) plus the ranking of the lowest player on the WTA Doubles Rankings applicable to acceptance.
- (b) A team may withdraw from the advance entry list or Advance Entry Alternate List via PlayerZone without penalty prior to:
 - (i) 4:00 p.m. tournament local time on the day of the Qualifying Sign-In;
 - (ii) 4:00 p.m. Eastern time on the Friday prior to the start of Main Draw if no Qualifying Draw; or
 - (iii) 2:00 p.m. Eastern time on the day before the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline if the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline and the Doubles Sign-In Deadline are on the same day (as applicable, the "Doubles Freeze Deadline").
- (c) If a withdrawing team has been accepted into the doubles Main Draw of the Tournament at the time of withdrawal, it must indicate the withdrawing player upon withdrawal, and:
 - (i) the withdrawing player may not: (i) re-enter that Tournament (except by Wild Card); and (ii) enter or

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accept a Wild Card into the doubles draw of another WTA Tournament in the same week unless she has been accepted into the singles draw of that other WTA Tournament via Wild Card; and

- (ii) the non-withdrawing player may re-pair with another partner before the Doubles Freeze Deadline, re-enter that Tournament or enter another Tournament on site with another partner, or accept a Wild Card into the doubles draw of any WTA Tournament in the same week (including the Tournament from which her partner withdrew).

The WTA automatically will withdraw a team from the advance entry list or Advance Entry Alternate List if one player on that team is accepted via Wild Card into either the singles Main Draw or Qualifying at another WTA Tournament in the same week. The team may enter the doubles draw on-site at the Tournament at which one or both of its players have been accepted via Wild Card into the singles Main Draw or Qualifying.

- (d) If a player withdraws from the Advance Entry List, her non-withdrawing partner may re-pair with another partner until the Doubles Freeze Deadline (see sub-Section (b) above). The new partner cannot already be accepted into the doubles draw and if she is on the Advance Entry Alternate List, then she must withdraw before the newly re-paired team can enter. The newly re-paired team must have a higher combined WTA Doubles Ranking as of the Doubles Advance Entry Deadline than the first team on the Advance Entry Alternate List at the time of re-pairing. If the non-withdrawing partner chooses not to re-pair, the next team on the Advance Entry Alternate List moves into the draw at the Doubles Freeze Deadline or when the non-withdrawing partner notifies WTA Operations in writing that she is not re-pairing, whichever comes first.
- (e) All openings after the Doubles Freeze Deadline are filled by On-Site Entry.

ii. On-Site Entry

- (a) In accordance with the chart in Section V.A.1.c below, acceptance at each Tournament is determined by using the highest of the combined WTA Singles or Doubles Rankings,

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which may include Special Rankings, of the players on each team as of the week prior to the start of that Tournament. However, if a player is accepted using her WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking and would have been accepted using her WTA Doubles Ranking or Doubles Special Ranking, the entry will count as if the player used her WTA Doubles Ranking or Doubles Special Ranking.

- (b) Teams that enter a Tournament but are not accepted into the draw become Alternates for the sign-in day of that Tournament. The On-Site Entry Alternate List will be in order of the highest combined WTA Singles or Doubles Rankings, which may include Special Rankings, of the players on each entering team as of the week prior to the start of that Tournament. To remain eligible for subsequent days, Alternates must have entered in accordance with Section III.A.2.c above and must follow the procedures for Openings in the Draw in Section V.A.3.c below.
- (c) If a player is accepted using her WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking, plays in a doubles match, and subsequently withdraws from the doubles Main Draw, she forfeits her eligibility to use her WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking to enter the doubles Main Draw at any WTA Tournament for the remainder of that Tour Year unless: (i) she also withdraws or retires from singles at the same Tournament; (ii) she is declared unfit to play; or (iii) she finished competing in singles at the same Tournament and she also withdraws from playing singles in a Tournament to be held the following week.

2. Tournament Acceptance Procedure if Rankings Tied

a. Singles

- i. If two (2) or more players' WTA Singles Rankings are tied at the time of Tournament acceptances, then the following player receives priority:
 - (a) the player with the highest WTA Singles Ranking from the previous week; then
 - (b) the player with the most WTA Singles matches won over the previous 52-week period; then
 - (c) the player who is drawn randomly.

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- ii. If two (2) or more players' Special Rankings are tied at the time of Tournament acceptances, then the following player receives priority:
 - (a) the player with the highest current WTA Singles Ranking; then
 - (b) the player with the highest WTA Singles Ranking from the previous week; then
 - (c) the player with the highest WTA Singles Ranking from the week prior to the start of her Out-of-Competition Period; then
 - (d) the player who is drawn randomly.

b. Doubles

i. Entries Using Combined WTA Doubles Rankings

If two (2) or more teams' combined WTA Doubles Rankings, which may include Doubles Special Rankings, are tied as of the Doubles Advance Entry Deadline, then the following team receives priority:

- (a) the team with the greatest combined total WTA doubles ranking points counting on their rankings; then
- (b) the team with the highest combined WTA Doubles Rankings from the week prior to the WTA Doubles Rankings applicable to acceptance; then
- (c) the team with the fewest Tournaments played as a team in the previous 52-week period; then
- (d) the team that is drawn randomly.

ii. Entries Using Combined WTA Singles or Doubles Rankings

If two (2) or more teams' combined WTA Singles or Doubles Rankings, which may include Special Rankings, are tied as of the Doubles Sign-In Deadline, then the following team receives priority:

- (a) the team using two (2) WTA Singles Rankings or Singles Special Rankings to enter; then

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- (b) the team using one (1) WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Rankings to enter; then
- (c) the team using two (2) WTA Doubles Rankings or Doubles Special Rankings to enter.

If after applying these priority procedures two (2) or more teams are tied for qualification under (a) or (b), then the team with the highest-ranked (as of the WTA Rankings applicable to acceptance) singles player receives priority. If after applying these procedures two (2) or more teams are tied for qualification under (c), then Section III.B.2.b.i above determines the team that receives priority.

3. Distribution of Acceptance Lists

Initial Tournament Acceptance Lists are distributed to individual Tournament Directors immediately upon their availability and will be posted on the PlayerZone and TournamentZone websites.

4. Tournament Status

Tournament status is available to players on the PlayerZone website, via a WTA Operations staff member in the Florida office, or through an on-site Supervisor.

5. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists

a. Player Omitted

If an administrative error has been made on an Acceptance List resulting in a player being omitted from the list, the player will be placed at the top of the Next-In List(s) for Main Draw and/or Qualifying based on the appropriate ranking used for player movement.

b. Too Many Players Accepted

See Section V.A.4 - On-Site Draw Procedure for Administrative Error – Preliminary Match.

C. WILD CARDS

1. Definition

Wild Cards are those players named by the Tournament Director to fill designated spots in the draw. The WTA must approve all Wild Card

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nominations in regard to player eligibility under the Age Eligibility Rule and Integrity Rules, and other Rule limitations. Wild Cards are not considered official until approved by the WTA.

a. Nomination Deadlines

i. Singles

Tournaments are required to submit a tentative list of Wild Card nominations to WTA Operations one (1) week prior to the start of the Main Draw. The Tournament Director must advise the WTA or the Supervisor in writing of the singles Wild Card nominations and Alternate Wild Card nominations by the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline. Wild Cards named by the Tournament Director prior to the deadline will be tentative until the Qualifying Sign-In deadline.

If the Main Draw is made prior to the Qualifying Sign-In deadline or if there is no Qualifying, Wild Card nominations must be made in writing at least one (1) hour before the Main Draw is made.

ii. Doubles

Final Wild Card nominations must be named in writing thirty (30) minutes before the Doubles Sign-In Deadline.

b. Confirmation of Wild Card Acceptance

i. Tournament Responsibility

Before advising the WTA or Supervisor of the Wild Cards, the Tournament Director shall have confirmed with the player that she will accept the Wild Card.

ii. Player Responsibility

(a) Singles

In addition to confirming to the Tournament Director that she will accept a Wild Card, if offered, the player also must provide written notification of the Wild Card acceptance to the on-site Supervisor at the relevant Tournament or to WTA Operations by the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline (email is sufficient).

If a player accepts a Wild Card and subsequently withdraws prior to her first match played, the Wild Card will not count

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toward her Wild Card allotment. A player will be subject to a Late Withdrawal fine only if the withdrawal occurs after the start of Qualifying or, if there is no Qualifying, after the Main Draw is made.

(b) Doubles

In order for a player to accept a Wild Card, she must provide written notification to the on-site Supervisor at the relevant Tournament by the Doubles Sign-In deadline (email is sufficient).

If the player accepts the Wild Card and subsequently withdraws after the on-site Doubles Sign-In deadline, the Wild Card will not count toward her Wild Card allotment but she will be subject to a Late Withdrawal fine.

2. Tournament Restrictions

a. WTA 500 and WTA 250 Tournaments

i. Singles

WTA 500 and WTA 250 Tournaments receive “Exemption Wild Card” spots, which can only be used by Top 30 Players, former WTA No. 1 ranked singles players, Grand Slam singles champions from within the last ten (10) years, WTA Finals singles champions from within the last ten (10) years, and/or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament singles champions from within the last five (5) years as follows:

- (a) For WTA 500 Tournaments, the Tournament Director may award the Exemption Wild Card to any Top 30 Player, former WTA No. 1 ranked singles player, Grand Slam singles champion from within the last ten (10) years, WTA Finals singles champion from within the last ten (10) years, and/or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament singles champion from within the last five (5) years. If the Tournament does not use the Exemption Wild Card(s), the Wild Card spot(s) revert(s) to the next player(s) waiting to get into the draw.
- (b) For WTA 250 Tournaments, the Tournament Director must award the Exemption Wild Card to any Top 30 Player, former WTA No. 1 ranked singles player, Grand Slam singles champion from within the last ten (10) years, WTA Finals singles champion from within the last ten (10) years,

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and/or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament singles champion from within the last five (5) years who requests it prior to the Freeze Deadline.

In awarding Exemption Wild Cards to Top 30 Players, former WTA No. 1 ranked singles players, Grand Slam singles champions from within the last ten (10) years, WTA Finals singles champions from within the last ten (10) years, and/or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament singles champions from within the last five (5) years under this Section III.C.2.a.i(b), Tournaments must adhere to the following procedures:

- (i) If more than two (2) eligible players request an Exemption Wild Card, the Tournament shall decide which eligible player it awards the Exemption Wild Card;
 - (ii) If only one eligible player requests an Exemption Wild Card, the Tournament must award one Exemption Wild Card to the eligible player making the request, and the second Exemption Wild Card will revert to the next player waiting to get into the draw;
 - (iii) If there are no eligible players requesting an Exemption Wild Card, the Tournament can award one Exemption Wild Card to any player as per the rules in this section, and the second Exemption Wild Card will revert to the next player waiting to get into the draw.
 - (iv) If neither of the Exemption Wild Cards are awarded, both Exemption Wild Card spots revert to the next players waiting to get into the draw.
- (c) The awarding of the Exemption Wild Card shall be subject to the Wild Card Maximums, Age Eligibility Rule, and Integrity Rules.

Singles Main Draw - WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250			
Draw Size§	Regular Wild Cards	Exemption Wild Cards	Total Wild Cards
WTA 1000 Mandatory 96	8	0	8
WTA 1000 Mandatory 48/56	4	0	4
WTA 500 48/56!*	3	1	4
WTA 500 28/30/32! WTA 250 32*	2	2	4

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Qualifying Draw - WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250	
Draw Size§	Wild Cards
48	6
24/32	4
16/8	2

§ See Section VI for Wild Cards for the WTA Finals.

! See Section III.C.2.a.i(a) & (b) for unused Wild Cards at WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments.

* See Section III.C.2.a.i(c) for unused Wild Cards at WTA 250 Tournaments.

ii. Doubles

WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments will receive one (1) Wild Card spot which can only be granted to a doubles team on which one (1) player is a Top 30 Player, former WTA No. 1 ranked singles or doubles player, Grand Slam singles champion from within the last ten (10) years, and/or WTA Finals singles champion from within the last ten (10) years ("Doubles Exemption Wild Card"). If there is no request for a Doubles Exemption Wild Card at a WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament, or a WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament does not grant a Doubles Exemption Wild Card to an eligible team, the unused Doubles Exemption Wild Card(s) will go to the next-in on-site entry team in accordance with Section III.B.1.b.ii.

WTA 250 Tournaments will receive one (1) Doubles Exemption Wild Card. If there is no request for a Doubles Exemption Wild Card at a WTA 250 Tournament, the unused Doubles Exemption Wild Card will revert to the Tournament as an additional Doubles Wild Card. However, if one (1) or more eligible team(s) requests the Doubles Exemption Wild Card but the Tournament does not grant it to them, the unused Doubles Exemption Wild Card will go to the next-in on-site entry team in accordance with Section III.B.1.b.ii.

Notwithstanding any other Wild Card rule, any player accepting a Doubles Exemption Wild Card who subsequently withdraws or retires from the doubles draw shall forfeit any right she may have to unlimited Doubles Wild Cards (i.e., eligible only for the annual maximum of three (3) Doubles Wild Cards), unless: (a) the player also withdraws/retires from the singles draw; (b) the player is declared unfit to play; or (c) the player also withdraws

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from playing singles in a Tournament she entered to be held the following week.

Doubles Main Draw - WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250			
Draw Size§	Regular Wild Cards	Exemption Wild Cards	Total Wild Cards
WTA 1000 Mandatory 28/30/32**	2	1	3
WTA 500 16/24**	1	1	2
WTA 250 16**	1	1	2

§ See Section VI for Wild Cards for the WTA Finals.

** See Section III.C.2.a.ii for unused Doubles Wild Cards.

b. WTA 125 Tournaments

i. Singles

Each WTA 125 Tournament will receive four (4) regular Wild Card spots. In addition, WTA 125 Tournaments in weeks without a WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournament or in the Off Season will receive two (2) “WTA 125 Exemption Wild Card” spots, which can only be used by players with a WTA Singles Ranking of 21-50 at the Main Draw Entry Deadline because those players may only play a WTA 125 Tournament if they receive a Wild Card.

WTA 125 Date	Regular Wild Cards	WTA 125 Exemption Wild Cards	Total Wild Cards
In the same week as WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament	4	0	4
In the second week of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam	4	0	4
In the same week as a WTA 500 or WTA 250 Tournament	4	0	4
In a week without a WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournament [^]	4	2	6
In the same week as WTA Finals ^{*^}	4	2	6
In the Off Season [^]	4	2	6

* See Section III.B.1.a.iv for restrictions for players who qualify for WTA Finals.

[^] Maximum of four (4) players ranked 21-50 may play the Tournament, including singles and doubles combined.

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If not awarded, vacant WTA 125 Exemption Wild Card spots revert to the next players waiting to get into the draw.

WTA 125 Qualifying Wild Cards	
Draw Size	Regular
8, 16	2
24, 32	4

ii. Doubles

Each WTA 125 Tournament will receive one (1) doubles Wild Card spot.

3. Player Restrictions

a. Singles

A player may not be awarded more than one (1) singles Wild Card in any calendar week.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the maximum number of Wild Cards a player may receive into singles WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments during a Tour Year is six (6), with a maximum of three (3) allowed in the Main Draw. This maximum does not apply to Wild Cards accepted into Grand Slams. Wild Cards accepted into Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events and WTA 125 Tournaments count separately.

The maximum number of Wild Cards a player may receive into singles WTA 125 Tournaments during the calendar year is three (3). These Wild Cards are in addition to the maximum number of Wild Cards allowed in WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments.

It is the player's responsibility to track the number of Wild Cards she has used.

b. Doubles

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the maximum number of Wild Cards a player may receive into doubles WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments during a Tour Year is three (3). This maximum does not apply to Wild Cards accepted into Grand Slams.

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Wild Cards accepted into Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events and WTA 125 Tournaments count separately.

The maximum number of Wild Cards a player may receive into doubles WTA 125 Tournaments during the calendar year is three (3). These Wild Cards are in addition to the maximum number of Wild Cards allowed in WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments.

It is the player's responsibility to track the number of Wild Cards she has used.

4. Exceptions

The following exceptions apply to both singles and doubles Wild Cards where indicated:

- a. Subject to the Age Eligibility Rule, if a player is a Top 10 Player at any time during a Tour Year, then she may accept an unlimited number of Wild Cards into singles and doubles for the remainder of that Tour Year.
- b. Players will forfeit any ranking points earned at WTA Tournaments by the acceptance of Wild Cards above these limits.
- c. Players who have competed in at least six (6) WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournaments or Grand Slam Tournaments per Tour Year for ten (10) Tour Years or more (not necessarily consecutively) will be allowed three (3) additional Wild Cards, either in Main Draw or in Qualifying, in both singles and doubles at WTA Tournaments (including WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250, and WTA 125 Tournaments); provided, however, that each year prior to 2019 in which a player competed in at least one (1) WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournament or Grand Slam counts toward the ten (10) Tour Years required in this Rule.
- d. Any player who is a past singles champion of the WTA Finals or a Grand Slam will be allowed to accept an unlimited number of Singles Main Draw Wild Cards, including Exemption Wild Cards and WTA 125 Exemption Wild Cards if such player has a WTA Singles Ranking of 21-50 at a Tournament's Main Draw Entry Deadline.
- e. Any player who is a past doubles champion of the WTA Finals or a Grand Slam will be allowed to accept an unlimited number of Doubles Wild Cards, including Doubles Exemption Wild Cards if such player is

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a Top 30 Player, former WTA No. 1 ranked singles or doubles player, Grand Slam singles champion within the last ten (10) years, and/or WTA Finals singles champion within the last ten (10) years.

- f. Pursuant to the Age Eligibility Rule, players under the age of 17 are restricted in the number and level of Wild Cards they may receive. (See Section X.A.2 - Event Participation.)
- g. Pursuant to the Anti-Doping Program, players who have retired may not receive a Wild Card until they have satisfied the applicable anti-doping testing requirements.

5. Filling Vacant Wild Card Spots

- a. Main Draw Singles

If a Main Draw Wild Card withdraws from the Tournament after the Wild Card nomination deadline, the Tournament Director can replace her with either a previously named or a new Wild Card up until the draw is made. The replacement singles Wild Card cannot be a player who is in the Qualifying Draw after Qualifying begins.

If the Tournament does not name another Wild Card, a Lucky Loser will fill the open spot.

- b. Qualifying Singles

Until the start of Qualifying, the Tournament Director will be allowed to fill a vacated Qualifying Wild Card spot with an alternate Wild Card nominated prior to the Qualifying Wild Card nominations deadline in the following instances:

- i. If at any time prior to the scheduled start of Qualifying, a Wild Card or Wild Card team is accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw based upon her or their WTA Ranking or Special Ranking or as a Special Exempt; or
 - ii. If a Wild Card has withdrawn from the Tournament prior to the scheduled start of Qualifying.
- c. Doubles

If a Main Draw Wild Card team withdraws from the Tournament after the Wild Card nomination deadline, the Tournament Director can replace the team with either a previously named or new Wild Card team up until the draw is made.

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6. Additional Wild Cards

At Tournaments where there are no on-site Alternates, openings in the Qualifying Draw, singles Main Draw at Tournaments with no Qualifying, and doubles Main Draw may be filled by additional Tournament Wild Cards ("Additional Wild Cards"). These Wild Cards will count towards a player's yearly allotment of Wild Cards.

Players and teams waiting to get into the draw as Additional Wild Cards must:

- a. Submit a request to the Tournament Director and be approved as an Additional Wild Card; and
- b. Sign in with (or notify, as applicable) the Supervisor or a WTA Operations staff member by:
 - i. For Qualifying, the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline;
 - ii. For singles Main Draw at Tournaments with no Qualifying, at least one (1) hour before the Main Draw is made; or
 - iii. For doubles Main Draw, the Doubles Sign-In Deadline; and
- c. Sign in with the Supervisor/Referee thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of play each day to be eligible for any openings in the draw that day.

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A. WITHDRAWALS

1. Requirements for all Withdrawals

a. Player Responsibility

The WTA will accept withdrawals from a player or her designated coach or agent, but the player is ultimately responsible for all of her entries and withdrawals.

b. Withdrawal Submission

A player's withdrawal from a Tournament is effective only if:

- i. she is on site, completes a WTA Medical Information Form with WTA Sport Sciences and Medicine staff, and submits a WTA Withdrawal Form to the on-site Supervisor; or
- ii. she is not on site and submits the withdrawal in writing or via the PlayerZone to WTA Operations.

If a player submits a withdrawal from the next week's Tournament between 5:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. Monday Eastern Time (New York, USA Time), she also must email it to the on-site Supervisor at that Tournament.

c. Withdrawal Statements

- i. At the time of a withdrawal, a player must provide a statement containing the reason for her withdrawal and a suitable, in WTA Communications Department's discretion, quotation that the WTA may release to the media and public.
- ii. Failure to submit a withdrawal statement will result in the following penalties:
 - (a) If a player withdrew under an Excused Withdrawal or a Prize Money Withdrawal, the withdrawal will not count as an Excused Withdrawal or Prize Money Withdrawal and she will be fined the applicable Late Withdrawal fine plus the applicable fine below; or
 - (b) If a player withdrew under a Late Withdrawal, she will be

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fined the applicable Late Withdrawal fine plus the applicable fine below.

Draw	WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250	WTA 125
Singles Qualifying	\$500	\$250
Singles Main Draw	\$1,000	
Doubles Main Draw	\$1,000	

- iii. Any player who publicly announces a withdrawal from a Tournament prior to submitting her official withdrawal to the WTA in accordance with this Section IV.A.1 will be fined for Dishonorable or Unprofessional Conduct under the Code of Conduct.

d. WTA Responsibility

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the WTA will not withdraw a player from any WTA Acceptance List unless the WTA has received notice of her withdrawal in accordance with this Section IV.A.1. The WTA also will not automatically withdraw a player from any WTA Tournament because of her entry in a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event during that same or the following week.

e. Player Withdrawals from Automatic Entry Tournaments

If an eligible player is automatically entered into the Main Draw of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam, she must follow the procedures set forth in this Section to withdraw from such Tournament. If the player withdraws or is withdrawn automatically from such Tournament, then she will receive zero (0) ranking points for the Tournament in accordance with Section VIII.A.4.a.i(a) and will be subject to the Late Withdrawal fines set out in Section IV.A.3.b.

2. Additional Requirements for On-Site Withdrawals

- a. In addition to the withdrawal requirements in Section IV.A.1 above, if a player withdraws on site, she is required to:
- i. Meet with the on-site PHCP and the Tournament Physician for an evaluation and assessment of the injury or illness prior to leaving the Tournament city;
- ii. Within twenty-four (24) hours, participate in one (1) post-withdrawal activity not to exceed one (1) hour, which may

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include the following or any similar activity as requested by the Tournament:

- (a) Sponsor visit;
- (b) Autograph session;
- (c) Meet and greet;
- (d) Content feature; or
- (e) Kids clinic.

b. Penalties

Failure to comply with the above requirements will result in the following penalties:

- i. If a player withdrew under an Excused Withdrawal or a Prize Money Withdrawal, the withdrawal will not count as an Excused Withdrawal or Prize Money Withdrawal and she will be fined the applicable Late Withdrawal fine plus the applicable fine below; or
- ii. If a player withdrew under a Late Withdrawal, she will be fined the applicable Late Withdrawal fine plus the applicable fine below.

WTA Ranking at Entry Deadline	WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250	WTA 125
1-10	\$5,000	
11-25	\$2,000	\$125
26-50	\$1,000	
51-100	\$500	
101+	\$250	
Doubles with any WTA Ranking	\$125	\$75
Qualifying with any WTA Ranking	\$100	\$50

3. Main Draw Late Withdrawals

a. Definition

A Main Draw withdrawal is a Late Withdrawal if a player withdraws:

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Singles Players	after acceptance into the Main Draw
Doubles Players	after the Doubles Freeze Deadline

b. Fines

i. Procedures

- (a) Except as otherwise provided below, all players will receive automatic fines for Late Withdrawals from the Main Draw of a Tournament.
- (b) All Late Withdrawal and No-Show Offense fines shall be retained by the WTA, with the exception of Late Withdrawal and No-Show Offense fines assessed against Top 10 Players, which shall be split 50/50 between the WTA and the Tournaments from which they withdrew.

ii. Amounts

The amount of a player's automatic Main Draw Late Withdrawal fine is based on the chart below:

WTA Ranking at Entry Deadline	WTA 1000 Mandatory	WTA 500	WTA 250	WTA 125
1-10	\$20,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	N/A
11-25	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,750	\$500
26-50	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$500
51-100	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$500
101+	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Doubles with any WTA Ranking (fine is per player)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$250

Fines double with each subsequent offense in a Tournament category.

iii. The following Late Withdrawal fines are not subject to doubling:

- (a) Late Withdrawal fines resulting from a player still competing in another WTA Tournament or Grand Slam on the day of the Qualifying Sign-In deadline of the following week's WTA Tournament, as long as her participation in the WTA Tournament or the Grand Slam ends on the day of the Qualifying Sign-In (e.g., wins, loses, withdraws, or retires)

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after the Qualifying Sign-In deadline and the player submits her withdrawal within ninety (90) minutes after the end of her participation in the WTA Tournament or the Grand Slam (i.e., the end of her match);

- (b) Late Withdrawal Fines resulting from a player's selection to her Billie Jean King Cup team in the same week as a WTA Tournament; and
- (c) Late Withdrawal fines resulting from a player's acceptance of a Wild Card into a Grand Slam Qualifying after the Qualifying Sign-In deadline (or Doubles On-Site Sign-In deadline if she entered only doubles) but before her first match at the WTA Tournament.

c. No-Show Offense

A player who is entered and accepted into the Main Draw of a Tournament, does not withdraw, and fails to attend her first match commits a No-Show Offense. The automatic fine for a No-Show Offense is 50% greater than the applicable Late Withdrawal fine.

4. Qualifying Late Withdrawals

a. Definition

A Qualifying withdrawal is a Late Withdrawal if a player withdraws after her acceptance into the Qualifying Draw; provided, however, that if a player accepted into the Qualifying Draw withdraws and is subsequently accepted into the Main Draw or receives a Wild Card in accordance with Section IV.A.9.a.i, she will not be fined for a Qualifying Late Withdrawal.

b. Fines

i. Procedures

Alternates waiting to get into Qualifying who are accepted into Qualifying any time up until the Freeze Deadline are obligated under these Rules to play the Tournament and thus are subject to the same sign-in procedure and No-Show Offense fines. (See Section V.A.1.b.iii(a).)

ii. Amounts

The amount of a player's automatic Qualifying Late Withdrawal

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fine is \$500 (\$250 at WTA 125 Tournaments).

c. No-Show Offense

A player commits a No-Show Offense if she is entered and accepted into the Qualifying Draw of a Tournament, does not withdraw, and (i) fails to sign in by the Qualifying Sign-In deadline (4:00 p.m. Tournament local time on the day prior to the start of Qualifying) or (ii) calls the Supervisor to sign in and fails to attend her first match. The automatic fine for a first No-Show Offense is \$600 (\$300 at WTA 125 Tournaments), which doubles for each subsequent offense she commits in a Tournament category in the current Tour Year (i.e., \$1,200, \$2,400).

5. Excused Withdrawals

a. Definition

Excused Withdrawals include each of the following:

i. Singles Excused Withdrawals

Subject to the procedures and restrictions in sub-Section b below, no more than two (2) times per Tour Year, a player may withdraw from the singles competition at a WTA Tournament without receiving a Late Withdrawal fine ("Singles Excused Withdrawal"), provided the WTA receives her official withdrawal before the start of her first match (Qualifying or Main Draw).

ii. Doubles Excused Withdrawals

Subject to the procedures and restrictions in sub-Section b below, no more than four (4) times per Tour Year, a player may withdraw from the doubles competition at a WTA Tournament without receiving a Late Withdrawal fine ("Doubles Excused Withdrawal"), provided the WTA receives her official withdrawal before her first match.

iii. Off-Season Excused Withdrawals

Subject to the procedures and restrictions in sub-Section b below, each player may use one (1) additional Singles Excused Withdrawal and one (1) additional Doubles Excused Withdrawal to withdraw from a WTA 125 Tournament that occurs during November or December of a calendar year ("Off-Season Excused Withdrawals").

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b. Procedures and Restrictions

The following procedures and restrictions apply to sub-Section a above:

- i. A player must use best efforts to withdraw under an Excused Withdrawal at least twelve (12) hours before the start of her first match. If she uses an Excused Withdrawal within twelve (12) hours before her first match, the WTA, in its sole discretion, may impose a Late Withdrawal fine; provided, however, that if the WTA imposes a Late Withdrawal fine, the withdrawal will not count as an Excused Withdrawal.
- ii. If a player withdraws from both singles and doubles at the same Tournament, it counts as one (1) Singles Excused Withdrawal and one (1) Doubles Excused Withdrawal;
- iii. No player may use an Excused Withdrawal for the WTA Finals; and
- iv. If applicable, a player using an Excused Withdrawal to withdraw from a WTA Tournament still will receive zero (0) ranking points for that Tournament in accordance with Section VIII.A.4.a.i.

6. Prize Money Withdrawals

a. Definition

Prize Money Withdrawals include each of the following:

i. Singles Prize Money Withdrawal

Subject to the procedures and restrictions in sub-Section b below, no more than two (2) times per Tour Year, a player who is on site may withdraw from the singles competition (Qualifying or Main Draw, as applicable) at a WTA Tournament without receiving a Late Withdrawal fine, provided that the WTA receives her official withdrawal within the applicable time ("Singles Prize Money Withdrawal"):

- (a) For Qualifying, on or after the day of the Qualifying Sign-In but prior to her first Qualifying match;
- (b) For Main Draw at Tournaments with Qualifying, after the start of Qualifying but prior to her first singles Main Draw match; or

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- (c) For Main Draw at Tournaments with no Qualifying, on or after the day the Main Draw starts but prior to her first singles Main Draw match.

- ii. Doubles Prize Money Withdrawal

Subject to the procedures and restrictions in sub-Section b below, no more than two (2) times per Tour Year, a doubles player who is on site and who used or could have used her doubles ranking for acceptance may withdraw from the doubles competition at a WTA Tournament without receiving a Late Withdrawal fine, provided that the WTA receives the official withdrawal after the draw is made but prior to the team's first match ("Doubles Prize Money Withdrawal").

- b. Procedures and Restrictions

The following procedures and restrictions apply to sub-Section a above:

- i. If a player or team elects a Prize Money Withdrawal, then the next eligible Lucky Loser (or Alternate, as applicable) will move into the draw in accordance with Section V.A.3.
- ii. The withdrawing players and Lucky Losers or Alternates will receive prize money in accordance with Section IX.C.1.a.i(b).
- iii. A player using a Prize Money Withdrawal is not subject to any Late Withdrawal fine but, if applicable, still will receive zero (0) ranking points for the Tournament (see Section VIII – WTA Ranking System).
- iv. A player may not use a Prize Money Withdrawal at two (2) consecutive WTA Tournaments in which she has entered.
- v. If a player is Out of Competition in accordance with the Special Ranking Rule, the use of a Prize Money Withdrawal restarts her Out-of-Competition Period.
- vi. If a player was accepted into a Tournament using her Special Ranking and uses a Prize Money Withdrawal, the Tournament will count as one (1) of her maximum Tournaments to use her Special Ranking (see Section VIII.C – WTA Special Ranking Rule).

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- vii. If a player is subject to the Age Eligibility Rule and uses a Prize Money Withdrawal, that Tournament will count as one (1) of her maximum Tournaments in which she may participate under the Age Eligibility Rule (see Section X.A – Age Eligibility Rule).
- viii. If a player withdraws from a WTA Tournament using a Prize Money Withdrawal and subsequently plays in any WTA Tournament, Grand Slam Tournament, ITF World Tennis Tour event (including Juniors, 15s+, and Billie Jean King Cup), Olympic or Olympic Qualification event, or Exhibition/Non-WTA Event, regardless of whether ranking points are awarded, in the same week as that Tournament, she must pay a fine equal to double the amount of prize money she received for the withdrawal.
- ix. Except for the first Tournament she plays in a Tour Year, a withdrawing player who has not participated in any WTA Tournament, Grand Slam Tournament, ITF Professional Circuit event, Billie Jean King Cup event, or Olympic event within sixty (60) days prior to (and including) the day of the applicable Tournament's Qualifying Sign-In day cannot use a Prize Money Withdrawal.
- x. A player who uses a Prize Money Withdrawal for singles or doubles may only participate in the other competition at the same WTA Tournament if the match is not on the same day as the withdrawal or scheduled match from which she withdrew.
- xi. A player may not use a Prize Money Withdrawal at the WTA Finals.
- xii. A withdrawing player who is not eligible to use a Prize Money Withdrawal is subject to any and all requirements and penalties for her withdrawal under these Rules.

7. Consecutive Withdrawals

a. Definition

Subject to the requirements and restrictions in sub-Section b below, if a player withdraws by any method from a WTA Tournament for a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation or medical treatment ("Medical Condition"), she may withdraw from the next WTA Tournament(s) in which she has entered without using any additional Excused Withdrawals or Prize Money Withdrawals or paying any additional Late Withdrawal fines as long

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as she withdraws before the start of Qualifying or, for Tournaments with no Qualifying, before the Main Draw is made ("Consecutive Withdrawal").

b. Requirements and Restrictions

- i. If the player's initial withdrawal occurs on site at any WTA Tournament, then she must meet the withdrawal requirements in Section IV.A.2 above.
- ii. If the player's initial withdrawal does not occur on site at a WTA Tournament, then in addition to the withdrawal requirements in Section IV.A.1 above, she must:
 - (a) meet with an accredited physician for an evaluation and assessment of the Medical Condition;
 - (b) within ten (10) days of her initial withdrawal:
 - (i) submit to WTA Sport Sciences and Medicine a WTA Medical Information Form, which must be written in English and completed by an accredited physician, indicating the nature of the Medical Condition and verifying that she is unable to play in the Tournament;
 - (ii) attach copies of the records of the clinical visit to the physician, including the physician's notes/documentation and all relevant laboratory tests in English; and
 - (iii) personally sign the Medical Information Form warranting that she was unable to play in the Tournament from which she withdrew; and
 - (c) provide a suitable quotation, in WTA's reasonable discretion, about her inability to play in the initial Tournament from which she withdrew and authorize the WTA to publicly release the quotation and the basis for her withdrawal.
- iii. The player cannot play any WTA Tournament, Grand Slam Tournament, ITF World Tennis Tour event (including Juniors, 15s+, and Billie Jean King Cup), Olympic or Olympic Qualification event, or Exhibition/Non-WTA Event, regardless of whether ranking points are awarded, during the Consecutive Withdrawal.
- iv. A player who uses an Off-Season Excused Withdrawal cannot withdraw from a Tournament in the next calendar year by

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Consecutive Withdrawal until she first uses a new Excused Withdrawal or Prize Money Withdrawal or pays the applicable Late Withdrawal fine.

- v. If applicable, a player withdrawing from a WTA Tournament by Consecutive Withdrawal still will receive zero (0) ranking points for that Tournament in accordance with Section VIII.A.4.a.i.
- c. Failure to Comply

If at any time during a Consecutive Withdrawal a player does not comply with the requirements and restrictions in this Section IV.A.7, then the Consecutive Withdrawal immediately ends, she must use an Excused Withdrawal or Prize Money Withdrawal or pay a Late Withdrawal fine for her next withdrawal from a WTA Tournament, and she is subject to all applicable fines and penalties under these Rules.

8. Inability to Arrive for First Match

- a. A player's withdrawal from the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament is not considered a Qualifying Late Withdrawal if she is unable to arrive at her first scheduled match for the following reasons:
 - i. On the day of such WTA Tournament's Qualifying Sign-In Deadline, she is participating in the previous week's WTA Tournament, Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event, or Billie Jean King Cup event; or
 - ii. She was selected to her Billie Jean King Cup team after such WTA Tournament's entry deadline and the Billie Jean King Cup team captain confirms the date of her late selection.

In either of the above situations, (a) the player must fill out the proper Withdrawal Form indicating the reason for her withdrawal; and (b) such player will be allowed to play doubles at any WTA Tournament or singles and/or doubles at another Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event scheduled the same week.

- b. If a player is unable to arrive at her first scheduled Main Draw match of a WTA Tournament or withdraws from the Main Draw of a WTA Tournament due to her participation in a Billie Jean King Cup event, the player must follow the procedures set forth in this Section to withdraw from such Tournament and the player is subject to the Late Withdrawal fines set out in Section IV.A.3.b.

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9. Prohibition Against Withdrawing from One Tournament to Play Another

- a. Once a player has been accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of a WTA Tournament, she may not withdraw to play singles or doubles in another Tournament in the same week, except as follows:
- i. a player may withdraw from the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament and play in another Tournament in the same week if she accepts a Wild Card into:
- (a) the Main Draw of any WTA Tournament; or
- (b) the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament in a higher category according to the table below:

Tournament at which player withdraws from the Qualifying	Tournament at which player accepts a Wild Card into the Qualifying
WTA 125	WTA 250, WTA 500, or WTA 1000 Mandatory
WTA 250	WTA 500 or WTA 1000 Mandatory

- ii. a player may withdraw from the doubles Main Draw of a WTA Tournament and play in another Tournament in the same week in accordance with sub-Section i above or Section III.B.1.b.i(b).

If a player is discovered at any time to have violated this prohibition, she will (a) forfeit any ranking points received (singles and doubles) from the other Tournament in which she played; and (b) receive the applicable Late Withdrawal fine.

- b. If a player withdraws from a WTA Tournament and subsequently plays singles or doubles in an Exhibition/Non-WTA Event in the same week, then (a) if she is ranked 1-50 at the Tournament's Main Draw Entry Deadline or meets Exemption Wild Card criteria, she is subject to the applicable Late Withdrawal fine and fine under the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event Rule; and (b) if she is ranked 51+ at the Tournament's Main Draw Entry Deadline, she is subject to a fine in an amount equal to double the applicable Late Withdrawal fine.

B. RETIREMENTS

If a player retires from a match, she is required to:

- a. Prior to retiring from the match, call for the PHCP and the Supervisor to provide the reason for the retirement;

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- b. Immediately following the retirement,
 - i. meet with the on-site PHCP and the Tournament Physician for an evaluation and assessment of the injury or illness and complete a WTA Medical Information Form prior to leaving the Tournament city;
 - ii. submit a WTA Withdrawal Form to the on-site Supervisor; and
 - iii. provide a statement containing the reason for her withdrawal and a suitable, in WTA Communications Department's discretion, quotation that the WTA may release to the media and public.

C. RESTRICTIONS, EXCEPTIONS, AND PROCEDURES

1. The Following Week's Tournament

A player may only enter and compete in one (1) WTA Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event per Tournament week. Once a player enters and is accepted into the singles or doubles Main Draw or signs in or enters and is accepted into the Qualifying competition, she is committed to play that Tournament to completion or elimination for that week.

A player who has lost in a Tournament ("Current Tournament") may play the Qualifying for a Tournament scheduled for the next week ("Following Week Tournament").

A player may not withdraw or retire from any draw of a Current Tournament to play in any Following Week Tournament. However, if a player is forced to withdraw or retire from a draw in a Current Tournament for a Medical Condition and she is entered in a Following Week Tournament, she must receive a medical examination from the Tournament Physician and PHCP at the Current Tournament and submit her medical examination to the Tournament Physician and PHCP at the Following Week Tournament. To be eligible to compete in the Following Week Tournament, the player must receive a medical examination by the Tournament Physician and PHCP at the Following Week Tournament.

A player will automatically be withdrawn from a Following Week Tournament if:

- a. She has withdrawn or retired from a draw in the Current Tournament without cause or for unprofessional reasons;
- b. She fails to provide proof of medical examination by submitting

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a signed WTA Medical Information Form from the Tournament Physician and PHCP at the Current Tournament to the Tournament Physician and PHCP at the Following Week Tournament;

- c. She fails to receive a medical examination from the Tournament Physician and PHCP at the Following Week Tournament; or
- d. Her next match in the Current Tournament is scheduled on the same day as or later than her first match in the Following Week Tournament.

Any player who is discovered to have contravened this Rule shall not receive ranking points for the Following Week Tournament and will be subject to a fine as permitted under these Rules. This Rule does not apply to a player whose partner in doubles has been forced to withdraw or retire from their match.

2. Matches Scheduled Same Day

- a. A player who withdraws or retires from singles can play doubles as long as her doubles match has not been scheduled and called on the same day as her singles withdrawal or retirement.
- b. If a player has both singles and doubles matches scheduled on the same day, she can withdraw from doubles before playing her singles match.

3. Withdrawal of Seeds

See Section V.A.6.d – Withdrawal of a Seed.

4. Prize Money and Ranking Points

See Section VIII.B.3 – Withdrawals, Byes, Walkovers, and Defaults.

5. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- a. In addition to the requirements set out above, for each Main Draw first round retirement (singles and/or doubles) in excess of two (2) per Tour Year, a player will be subject to a fine in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.
- b. Any player who fails to give her best effort in the Qualifying or Main Draw (singles or doubles) of a WTA Tournament and plays in a Grand Slam Qualifying in the same week commits a Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior and is subject to the penalties in

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Section XVII.D.13.b, including a fine in an amount up to the greater of \$25,000 or the prize money she wins at the WTA Tournament and/or suspension from play in a Tournament or event for a minimum period of twenty-one (21) days and a maximum period of one (1) year.

6. Unprofessional Conduct

If a player's withdrawal is for unprofessional reasons or is damaging to the WTA's image, she is subject to a disciplinary review and penalties.

7. Extraordinary Circumstances

In an extreme personal emergency (e.g., a death in the family or a serious illness or life-threatening situation for the player or her family) or similar extraordinary circumstances ("Extraordinary Circumstances"), a player has the right to appeal a Late Withdrawal fine or the use of an Excused Withdrawal to the Code of Conduct Committee in accordance with Section XVII of these Rules. The player must submit her appeal, which must include documentation that substantiates the Extraordinary Circumstances, within twenty-one (21) days after the date she receives notice of the Late Withdrawal fine or the date she withdraws using an Excused Withdrawal.

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A. DRAWS

1. Composition

a. Main Draw Singles

The Main Draw will consist of some or all of the following:

i. Direct Acceptance

See Section III.B.1 – Direct Acceptance.

ii. Qualifiers

Those players accepted into the draw based on their success in the Qualifying competition. Following are the number of Qualifiers based on the draw size:

Main Draw Size	Qualifying Draw Size	Number of Qualifiers
128	128	16
96	48 (2 rounds)	12
48/56/64	32 (2 rounds)	8
28/30/32	32 (2 rounds)	4
28/30/32	24 (2 rounds)	6
28/30/32	16 (2 rounds)	4
32	8 (1 round)	4

iii. Wild Cards

See Section III.C – Wild Cards.

iv. Alternates

Any Main Draw Alternate not in the Qualifying Draw or at a Tournament with no Qualifying must reconfirm her intention to play the Tournament by contacting (either in person, by a telephone conversation, or via e-mail) WTA Operations or the on-site Supervisor by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time on the day prior to the start of Qualifying or, if no Qualifying, 4:00 p.m. Eastern time on the Friday prior to the start of Main Draw. The player must leave her contact number with the WTA Operations staff member or Supervisor with whom she speaks. If a player

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fails to contact WTA Operations or the on-site Supervisor by the requisite deadline, her entry will be withdrawn automatically from the Main Draw Alternate List.

v. Byes

Those positions allocated in the draw to byes based on the draw size of the Tournament. Byes will be given to seeded players in descending order. (See Section V.A.5.d - Byes for the number of byes in a draw.)

vi. Lucky Losers

Lucky Losers are players who are placed in the Main Draw to fill vacancies after they have been eliminated (lost, retired, or withdrawn) from the Qualifying, provided they meet the eligibility requirements in (a) below. Lucky Losers shall be selected based on the round reached in Qualifying and the WTA Singles Rankings from the week prior to the start of the Tournament (Special Rankings are not considered).^{*} If there are no Main Draw vacancies before the Qualifying has been completed, then the order of the Lucky Losers shall be determined by their WTA Singles Rankings in descending order. If there is one vacancy in the Main Draw before Qualifying is completed, then the order of the two (2) highest ranked Lucky Losers shall be drawn randomly, and thereafter the order shall follow the Lucky Losers' rankings, unless there are two (2) or more withdrawals at the time Qualifying is completed in which case the size of the random draw will be the number of withdrawals plus one (1). If before Qualifying is completed the number of vacancies in the Main Draw equals or exceeds the number of players who will lose in the final round of Qualifying, the highest-ranked Lucky Loser(s) from the previous Qualifying round(s) will be placed into the random draw to determine the order of the Lucky Losers.

^{*}If two or more players do not have a WTA Singles Ranking, they will be drawn randomly to determine their ranking order.

(a) Eligibility

A player who is not entered and has not competed in Qualifying cannot be considered for a Lucky Loser status.

A player who has been eliminated from the Qualifying may retain her right to Lucky Loser status for the duration of the Tournament provided that:

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- (i) She signs in with the Supervisor by the Lucky Loser deadline;
 - (ii) She receives a medical examination from the Tournament Physician and PHCP if she retired or withdrew; and
 - (iii) The Main Draw match is not scheduled for the same day she retired/withdrew from her Qualifying match.
- (b) Procedures

- (i) All Lucky Losers are subject to first-round prize money deductions because of Prize Money Withdrawals in accordance with Section IX.C.1.a.i(b)(ii).
- (ii) Lucky Loser positions in the Main Draw will not be released until the completion of the Qualifying event, unless Qualifying has not been completed by the time the Schedule of Play is released. In that event, the Supervisor may release a player's position where necessary and schedule players who have been accepted into the Main Draw.
- (iii) If there are withdrawals from the Main Draw after Qualifying has begun and before Qualifiers have been drawn to the Main Draw, Qualifiers and Lucky Losers will be drawn together by lot to determine their positions in the Main Draw, except that only Qualifiers will be drawn for positions with a bye until no Qualifiers remain to fill such positions.*

*For Main Draw Wild Card withdrawals see Section III.C.5 – Filling Vacant Wild Card Spots.

- (iv) At Tournaments where the last round of Qualifying and the first round of Main Draw are played on the same day and there is a withdrawal in the Main Draw Matches scheduled for the cross-over day, the Qualifier and Lucky Loser positions should be determined as follows:
 - If there is one withdrawal, the spot having to play on the cross-over day will be filled by a Lucky Loser and all Qualifiers shall be drawn by lot to the Qualifier spots.
 - If there are two or more withdrawals, the spot(s)

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required to play on the cross-over day will be drawn among the Lucky Losers. All Qualifiers and remaining Lucky Losers will be drawn together by lot to fill the remaining spots in the Main Draw.

- (v) When the last round of Qualifying and the first round Main Draw are played on the same day, Lucky Losers must sign in no later than thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the last Qualifying match.
- (vi) If a Main Draw spot becomes available prior to the start of the last singles match of the day, the Lucky Loser/Alternate will be determined by the Sign-In for that day. However, where there are no Lucky Losers/Alternates signed in and the match affected by the withdrawal is not scheduled for that day, the following day's Sign-In will be used to fill the vacant spot.

If the spots become available after the start of the last singles match of the day/night, the spot will be filled by the highest ranked player or team who signs in the following day.

- (vii) If a Lucky Loser/Alternate is currently involved in or scheduled for another event/match pertaining to the Tournament, then the Lucky Loser/Alternate's match or other scheduled match may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Supervisor. Where Qualifying has not been completed or a Lucky Loser is unable to be determined, the match may be rescheduled.
- (viii) The first Lucky Loser or Alternate must be ready to play a match within fifteen (15) minutes of the original No Show or default. If the first on-site Lucky Loser/Alternate fails to be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes, the next on-site Lucky Loser/Alternate must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time her match is called. Any subsequent on-site Lucky Loser/Alternate must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time her match is called. If a Lucky Loser or an Alternate chooses not to sign in one (1) day, she may still sign in the next day. However, if she signs in, her match is called, and she fails to show for the match (for any reason), she forfeits her Lucky Loser or Alternate status for the duration of the Tournament.

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- (ix) If a player retires/withdraws from her Qualifying match on the same day an open Lucky Loser position is on the schedule, thereby relinquishing her Lucky Loser status for that day, the open Lucky Loser position will go to the next eligible Lucky Loser for that day.

vii. Special Exempt Spots

One (1) Special Exempt Spot shall be held at each WTA Tournament (excluding WTA 125 Tournaments that occur during the second week of WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments or Grand Slams). A “Special Exempt Spot” is a singles Main Draw spot reserved for a singles player who is unable to compete in the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament in which she has been accepted as a direct acceptance by the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline (“Special Exempt Tournament”) because she is still competing in a Qualified Singles Event. “Qualified Singles Event” means the singles event of a Tournament in the week before the Special Exempt Tournament in accordance with the following chart:

Special Exempt Tournament	Qualified Singles Event Tournament
WTA 1000 Mandatory	WTA 1000 Mandatory or Grand Slam
WTA 500	WTA 500 (including United Cup), WTA 1000 Mandatory, or Grand Slam
WTA 250	WTA 250, WTA 500 (including United Cup), WTA 1000 Mandatory, or Grand Slam
WTA 125*	WTA 125, WTA 250, WTA 500 (including United Cup), WTA 1000 Mandatory, or Grand Slam

*Excluding WTA 125 Tournaments that occur during the second week of WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments or Grand Slams.

(a) Application Process

Eligible singles players must apply for a Special Exempt Spot prior to the Qualifying Sign-In deadline at the Special Exempt Tournament. A Special Exempt Request Form must be submitted to the WTA Supervisor at the Tournament where a player is still competing, to the WTA Supervisor at the Special Exempt Tournament, or through a WTA Operations staff member.

A player who is still competing at the Qualifying Sign-In

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deadline will only be eligible to receive a Special Exempt Spot if:

- (i) she is in the finals at the Qualified Singles Event;
- (ii) she wins her match at the Qualified Singles Event; or
- (iii) her match is re-scheduled to be on the first day of Qualifying at the Special Exempt Tournament due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Matches scheduled and played on the Qualifying Sign-In day which finish past midnight will not be considered as being played on the first day of Qualifying and will not make a player eligible for a Special Exempt Spot.

(b) Selection Process

If more than one (1) player is eligible for the Special Exempt Spot, selection will be based on a player's WTA Singles Ranking as of the week prior to the Special Exempt Tournament, or a player's Special Ranking if used to enter the Special Exempt Tournament, with the highest ranked applicant selected first.

Once a player is selected for a Special Exempt Spot, she is committed to the Special Exempt Tournament and subject to all late withdrawal rules and penalties.

If Qualifying has not started and the player selected for the Special Exempt Spot subsequently withdraws from the Tournament or moves into the Main Draw of the Tournament with her WTA Ranking as a direct acceptance, the next player eligible for the Special Exempt Spot moves into the draw. If there are no other players eligible for the Special Exempt Spot, the next player from the Main Draw Alternate List moves into the draw. After the start of Qualifying, a Lucky Loser will fill the open spot in the draw.

(c) Draw Procedures

If prior to the Main Draw Entry Deadline of a WTA Tournament, it is established that there will be no Special Exempt Spots due to a lack of Qualified Singles Events in the previous week, the reserved spot shall be filled with a Direct Acceptance from the original acceptance list.

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If at any time up until the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline it is determined that no players will be eligible for the Special Exempt Spot, the reserved spot shall be immediately filled by the next in player from the main draw alternate list.

b. Qualifying Singles

The Qualifying Draw will consist of some or all of the following:

i. Direct Acceptance

See Section III.B.1 – Direct Acceptance.

ii. Wild Cards

See Section III.C – Wild Cards.

If a Qualifying Wild Card withdraws before the Qualifying Draw has started, the Tournament Director may name an alternate Wild Card, even if the Wild Card nomination deadline has passed. (See Section III.C.5 - Filling Vacant Wild Card Spots.)

iii. Alternates

(a) Sign-In Procedures

The Qualifying Alternate Next-In List will be frozen at the Freeze Deadline. If there is no Qualifying draw, the Freeze Deadline will be 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (New York, USA Time) on the Thursday before the Tournament week. After the Freeze Deadline, no more Alternates will be moved into the Qualifying Draw and such alternate players are no longer committed to play the Tournament. Players on the Alternate List can preserve their eligibility for possible Qualifying Draw positions by signing in with a WTA Operations staff member or the Supervisor by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time on the day before the start of the Qualifying Draw.

- (i) The Sign-In deadline for Alternates is thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of play for the day.
- (ii) An Alternate or Lucky Loser is not required to sign in one day to be eligible as an Alternate/Lucky Loser another day. (This applies to singles and doubles Alternates and to Lucky Losers.)

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- (iii) An on-site Alternate is eligible to substitute for all first round matches and for second round matches when the player or team has had a first round bye.
- (b) The first Lucky Loser/on-site Alternate must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of being called for a match. If the first on-site Alternate fails to be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes, the next on-site Alternate must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time her match is called. Any subsequent on-site Alternate must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time her match is called. Matches will not be held for Alternates still competing in another ITF event or WTA Tournament. If an on-site Alternate fails to show for a match, she will be considered a No Show.
- (c) On-Site Alternates Acceptance Priority
 - (i) Players who have entered the Tournament by the applicable deadline and appear on the Alternate List will be accepted based on the entry list order;
 - (ii) After the Freeze Deadline (see Section V.A.1.b.iii(a)), players who are not entered but sign-in on site will be accepted based on their current WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking (subject to the ranking requirements detailed in Section III.A.1.d.vii);
 - (iii) WTA Full Members who sign in on site will be accepted in order of their current WTA Singles Rankings or Singles Special Rankings (not subject to the ranking requirements detailed in Section III.A.1.d.vii), or if no WTA Singles Rankings, according to the following order:
 - Player with the most WTA singles ranking points;
 - Player with the highest WTA Doubles Ranking;
 - Player with the most WTA doubles ranking points; and
 - Player who is drawn randomly.

Section III.B.2 will be used in the event of ties. Entries using a Special Ranking must be submitted to (i) the Supervisor in

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writing if entering on site or (ii) tourops@wtatennis.com by the applicable entry deadline.

iv. Byes

If there are open spots in the draw and no on-site Alternates or Additional Wild Cards, byes will be given to seeded players in descending order.

c. Doubles

The following chart outlines the composition of the doubles draw for each WTA Tournament level and draw size:

DOUBLES DRAW COMPOSITION					
Tournament Level	Draw Size	Regular Wild Cards	Exemption Wild Cards	Advance Entry Spots (Doubles Combined Ranking)	On Site Entry Spots (Singles or Doubles Combined Ranking)
WTA 1000 Mandatory	32	2	1	24	5
WTA 1000 Mandatory	28	2	1	20	5
WTA 500	24	1	1	18	4
WTA 500	16	1	1	11	3
WTA 250	16	1	1	11	3
WTA 125	16	1	0	11	4
WTA 125	8	1	0	4	3

The Main Draw will consist of some or all of the following:

i. Direct Acceptance Teams

Teams accepted in accordance with Section III.B.1.b above are direct acceptance teams.

ii. Wild Cards

See Section III.C – Wild Cards.

iii. Alternates

See Section III.B.1.b.

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iv. Byes

Those positions allocated in the draw to byes based on the draw size of the Tournament. Byes will be given to seeded teams in descending order.

2. Sign-In Deadlines

a. Qualifying Singles

i. Qualifiers

Each Qualifier must sign in by 4:00 p.m. tournament local time on the day prior to the start of Qualifying ("Qualifying Sign-In Deadline") or she will not be placed in the draw. A player must sign in by contacting (either in person, by email, or by a telephone conversation) the on-site Supervisor, a Supervisor at an event at which she is competing, or WTA Operations. Each player is ultimately responsible for confirming that the Supervisor or WTA Operations has received her sign-in before the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline. (See also Section V.B.6 - No Postponement of First Round Qualifying of WTA Tournament.)

ii. On-Site Alternates

On-site Alternates must have signed in as set forth in Section V.A.1.b.iii(a). If an Alternate has not been accepted into the Qualifying Draw, she must sign in with or contact the Supervisor before thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of play each day. An on-site Alternate is eligible to substitute for all first round matches and for second round matches when there are first round byes. A player (Alternate or Lucky Loser) will not lose her Alternate/Lucky Loser status if she chooses not to sign in each day.

b. Doubles

See Section III.A.2.c.ii.

3. Openings in the Draw

a. Main Draw Singles*

i. Exemption Player/Top 10 Player Replacement

If an Exemption Player or Top 10 Player who was a direct

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acceptance withdraws after the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline, a Tournament may replace that Exemption Player or Top 10 Player with another Exemption Player or Top 10 Player based on the WTA Rankings as of the Main Draw entry deadline who is eligible (subject to WTA 250 Tournament entry restrictions) up until the Main Draw is made. The replacement Exemption Player or Top 10 Player does not have to have previously entered the Tournament but must not have entered another Tournament in the same week. Once the replacement Exemption Player or Top 10 Player is confirmed, she fills the Main Draw spot vacated by the withdrawing Exemption Player or Top 10 Player. If the Tournament does not secure a replacement Exemption Player or Top 10 Player, the vacated Main Draw spot is filled according to parts ii and iii of this Section V.A.3.a.

ii. Before Qualifying Begins

Next-In Main Draw Alternates, in order of their position on the Alternate List, will fill any such openings.

If there are no Main Draw Alternates, players in the Qualifying Draw, in order of their position on the Qualifying Acceptance List, will fill any such openings.

iii. After Qualifying Begins

Lucky Losers will fill any such openings in the Main Draw, except in the following cases:

- (a) An Alternate Wild Card replacement (see Section III.C.5 - Filling Vacant Wild Card Spots);
- (b) The correction of a WTA administrative error (see Section V.A.4 - On-Site Draw Procedure for Administrative Error - Preliminary Match); or
- (c) There are more Main Draw withdrawals than there are Lucky Losers (see Section V.A.1.b.iii - Alternates).

iv. Tournaments with No Qualifying

For Tournaments at which there is no Qualifying and no on-site Main Draw Alternates, players who are not entered but sign in on site no later than one (1) hour before the Main Draw is made will fill any such openings.

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- (a) Players who sign in on site will be accepted based on their current WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking (subject to the ranking requirements detailed in Section III.A.1.d.vii).
- (b) After any players who meet the ranking requirements in Section III.A.1.d.vii sign in, then WTA Full Members who sign in on site will be accepted in order of their current WTA Singles Rankings or Singles Special Rankings (not subject to the ranking requirements detailed in Section III.A.1.d.vii), or if no WTA Singles Rankings, according to the following order:
 - (i) Player with the most WTA singles ranking points;
 - (ii) Player with the highest WTA Doubles Ranking;
 - (iii) Player with the most WTA doubles ranking points; and
 - (iv) Player who is drawn randomly.
- (c) Section III.B.2 will be used in the event of ties. Entries using a Special Ranking must be submitted to the Supervisor in writing if entering on site.
- (d) If there are still openings after any on-site sign-ins, then see Section III.C.6 - Additional Wild Cards.

*See Section V.A.6.d - Withdrawal of a Seed for the procedures to be followed when a seeded player withdraws from a Tournament.

b. Qualifying Singles

i. Before the Freeze Deadline

Any such openings are filled by Next-In Qualifying Alternates based on the WTA Rankings or Special Rankings used for Alternate Status.

ii. After the Freeze Deadline but before Qualifying Sign-In

Any such openings are filled by Alternates who have signed in with a WTA Operations staff member or the Supervisor based on the On-site Alternates Acceptance procedure set forth in Section V.A.1.b.iii.

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iii. After the Qualifying Sign-In

These openings are filled by On-site Alternates who were not accepted into the draw based on the order determined at the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline using the On-site Alternates Acceptance procedure set forth in Section V.A.1.b.iii above. Players must have signed in as set forth in Section V.A.1.b.iii to maintain eligibility for any openings.

The first on-site Alternate must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of being called for a match. Matches will not be held for Alternates still competing in another ITF event or WTA Tournament.

If a Qualifying spot becomes available prior to the start of the last qualifying match of the day, the Alternate will be determined by the Sign-In for that day. However, where there are no Alternates signed in and the match affected by the withdrawal is not scheduled for that day, the following day's Sign-In will be used to fill the vacant spot. If a spot becomes available after the start of the last qualifying match of the day/night, the spot will be filled by the highest ranked player who signs in the following day.

iv. Additional Wild Cards

For Tournaments at which there are no on-site Alternates, see Section III.C.6 - Additional Wild Cards.

c. Doubles*

i. Advance Entry List

See Section III.B.1.b.i.

ii. On-Site Entry

(a) At Sign-In Deadline

Openings in the Main Draw will be filled by the next team on the On-Site Entry Alternate List.

(b) After Sign-In Deadline

If openings occur after the day of Sign-In deadline, in order to be eligible, the team must sign in as an Alternate with or contact the on-site Supervisor thirty (30) minutes prior to the

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start of doubles play each day or by the Doubles Alternate Sign-In deadline determined by the on-site Supervisor/Referee and indicated on the order of play.

An on-site Alternate team is eligible to substitute for all first round matches and for second round matches when there are first round byes. If a team chooses not to sign in on one day, it will not lose its eligibility to sign in for subsequent days.

(i) Prior to the Start of the Last Doubles Match of Day

If a spot becomes available prior to the start of the last doubles match of the day/night, the Alternate will be determined by the Sign-In for that day. However, where there are no Alternates signed in, and the match affected by the withdrawal is not scheduled for that day, the following day's Sign-In will be used to fill the vacant spot.

(ii) After the Start of the Last Doubles Match of Day

If the spot becomes available after the start of the last doubles match of the day/night, the spot will be filled by the highest ranked team that signs in the following day using the highest of its players' combined WTA Singles or Doubles Rankings, which may include Special Rankings, as of the week prior to the start of the Tournament.

(c) Additional Wild Cards

For Tournaments at which there are no on-site Alternates, see Section III.C.6 - Additional Wild Cards.

* See Section V.A.6.d - Withdrawal of a Seed for the procedures to be followed when a seeded team withdraws from a Tournament.

4. On-Site Draw Procedure for Administrative Error – Preliminary Match

If an administrative error has been made in a Tournament acceptance list (Main Draw Singles, Qualifying Singles, or Doubles) and too many players have been accepted into the Tournament, the following procedures will be followed:

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- a. The last two (2) players accepted into the Tournament based upon the entry list, regardless of whether the draw has been made (excluding Wild Cards and Qualifiers), will play a preliminary match for one (1) spot in the draw.
- b. The loser of the preliminary match will receive first round prize money (paid by the WTA) and first round ranking points.
- c. The winner of the preliminary match will receive prize money and ranking points for the round reached in the draw. In addition, the player will receive 25% of second round prize money (paid by the WTA) and 35% of second round ranking points.

The WTA will reimburse per diem expenses to the loser of the preliminary match per the Rules.

5. Making a Draw

- a. Place

The draw, which the public will be allowed to attend, is to be made by the Supervisor or the Referee (a person so designated by the Tournament and approved by the WTA) at a site selected by the Tournament Director in consultation with the Supervisor. Whenever possible, all draws should have a player present to witness the making of the draw, however, if a player is not available, the Supervisor or Referee may perform the draw in the presence of a WTA Player Relations staff member who will serve as the player representative.

- b. Time

- i. Main Draw Singles

The Singles Main Draw will be made no earlier than the Qualifying Sign-In deadline and no later than 3:00 p.m. tournament local time the day before the Main Draw starts. (Any exception must have the approval of the WTA.)

- ii. Qualifying Singles

The Singles Qualifying Draw will be made immediately after the Qualifying Sign-In closes, or if deemed necessary, may be delayed by the Supervisor.

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iii. Doubles

The Doubles Main Draw will be made after the Doubles Sign-In closes.

c. Tournaments

All Tournaments will have a seeded draw. (See Section V.A.6.a.i.)

d. Main Draw Byes

i. The number of byes shall be based on draw size as follows:

Main Draw Size	Number of Byes
96	32
56	8
48	16
30	2
28	4
24	8
16/32/64	0

ii. Awarding of Byes

(a) Prior to the draw being made

Byes will be given automatically to the seeded players in descending order.

Once byes have been given to the seeds in any size draw, any remaining byes will be drawn and evenly distributed into each quarter of the draw.

(b) Once the draw is made

(i) If there are withdrawals and no Alternates to fill the spots, further byes will be assigned to the line from which a player withdrew and not to the remaining seeds in descending order.

(ii) In Qualifying, if a player's opponent withdraws and there is no Alternate to fill her spot, the player will be assigned a first round bye for ranking purposes, not a default. (See Section VIII.B.3 - Withdrawals, Byes, Walkovers, and Defaults.)

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6. Seeds

a. General Principles

- i. All Main and Qualifying Draws will have a seeded draw.

(a) Singles

Seeding is based on players' WTA Singles Rankings as of the week prior to the start of the Tournament. If two (2) or more players' rankings are tied, the following player receives priority:

- (i) player with the highest WTA Singles Ranking from the previous week; and
- (ii) player who is drawn randomly.

(b) Doubles

Seeding is in order of the accepted teams' combined WTA Doubles Rankings as of the week prior to the start of the Tournament. If two (2) or more teams' rankings are tied, then Section III.B.2.b.i above determines the team that receives priority.

- ii. Wild Cards are eligible for seeding. Qualifiers and Lucky Losers are not eligible for seeding.
- iii. Seeding will not be official until the draw is made.

b. Number of Seeds

The number of players to be seeded will be as follows:

Main Draw		Qualifying	
Draw Size	Seeds	Draw Size	Seeds
96/128	32	48 (12 qualifiers)	24
48/56/64	16	32 (8 qualifiers)	16
28/30/32	8	32 (4 qualifiers)	8
16	4	24 (6 qualifiers)	12
8	2	16 (4 qualifiers)	8
		8 (4 qualifiers)	4

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c. Seeding Procedures

Seeds shall be placed or drawn as set out below.

i. For All Main Draws

- (a) Place Seed 1 on line 1 and Seed 2 on line 16 (16 draw), line 32 (32 draw), line 64 (64 draw), or line 128 (128 draw).
- (b) To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (Seeds 3 and 4), groups of four (Seeds 5-8, 9-12, 13-16), or groups of eight (Seeds 17-24 and 25-32) from top to bottom and place seeds, in the order drawn, on the lines indicated in the following table:

	16 Draw 4 seeds	32 Draw 8 seeds (includes draw of 28 or 30 players or teams	64 Draw 16 seeds (includes draw of 48, 56, or 60 players)	128 Draw 32 seeds (includes draw of 96 players)
Seeds	Line Placement on Draw Sheet			
3-4	5 12	9 24	17 48	33 96
5-8		8 16 17 25	16 32 33 49	32 64 65 97
9-12			9 25 40 56	17 49 80 112
13-16			8 24 41 57	16 48 81 113
17-24				9 24 41 56 73 88 105 120

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25-32				8 25 40 57 72 89 104 121
Available lines for Special Ranking Additional Seeds (see Section VIII.C.5.g)	3 7 9 13	3 5 11 13 19 21 27 29	3 5 11 13 19 21 27 29 35 37 43 45 51 53 59 61	
Note: Special Ranking Additional Seeds do not apply to 48 or 96 Draws				

ii. For Main Draws with Special Ranking Additional Seeds

- (a) Draw traditional seeds in accordance with sub-Section i.
- (b) Place applicable byes in the draw, including players with performance byes, if any.
- (c) Draw Additional Seeds to open lines that do not play against a seeded player in the first round (as indicated in the table above) by placing chips for all available lines together and drawing one (1) chip for each Additional Seed, indicating the line on which to place the Additional Seed.
- (d) No Additional Seeds will be added to the draw once the making of the draw begins.

iii. For Other Odd Numbered Draws

The WTA will determine the number of seeds.

iv. For All Qualifying Draws

- (a) All Qualifying Draws will be drawn in sections.

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- (b) The number of sections and seeds shall be determined by the number of Qualifiers. There shall be two (2) seeds per section and one (1) Qualifier per section.
- (c) 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.
- (d) The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one (1) group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section; the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom of each section.
- (e) If there is an insufficient number of seeded 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. If no players are seeded, all players are drawn randomly.

v. For WTA Finals Seeding

See Section VI.B.3.

d. Main Draw – Withdrawal of a Seed

i. Prior to the Release of the Schedule of Play

If a seeded player or team withdraws from the Main Draw of a Tournament after the draw has been made but prior to the release of the schedule of play for the first day, then the following procedure applies.

- (a) If the withdrawing seeded player or team does not have a bye, then:
 - (i) The next player or team eligible to be seeded takes the withdrawing seeded player's or team's position in the draw; and
 - (ii) The next player or team eligible to move into the draw (i.e., Qualifier, Lucky Loser, or Alternate as applicable) takes the remaining open position in the draw.
- (b) If the withdrawing seeded player or team has a bye, and:

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(i) If every seed in the draw has a bye, then:

- The next player or team eligible to be seeded takes the withdrawing seeded player's or team's position in the draw; and
- The next player or team eligible to move into the draw (i.e., Qualifier, Lucky Loser, or Alternate as applicable) takes the remaining open position in the draw; or

(ii) If not every seed in the draw has a bye, then:

- The next seeded player or team eligible to receive a bye takes the withdrawing seeded player's or team's position in the draw; and
- The next player or team eligible to be seeded takes the open seeded position in the draw; and
- The next player or team eligible to move into the draw (i.e., Qualifier, Lucky Loser, or Alternate as applicable) takes the remaining open position in the draw.

ii. After the Release of the Schedule of Play

If a seeded player or team withdraws from the Main Draw of a Tournament after the draw has been made, after the release of the schedule of play for the first day, and before the first match of the applicable draw has commenced, then the following procedure applies.

(a) If the withdrawing seeded player or team does not have a bye, then

- (i) The next player or team eligible to be seeded takes the withdrawing seeded player's or team's position in the draw; and
- (ii) The next player or team eligible to move into the draw (i.e., Qualifier, Lucky Loser, or Alternate as applicable) takes the remaining open position in the draw.

(b) If the withdrawing seeded player or team has a bye, then:

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- (i) The next seeded or unseeded (as applicable) player or team eligible to receive a bye takes the withdrawing seeded player's or team's position in the draw; and
- (ii) The next player or team eligible to move into the draw (i.e., Qualifier, Lucky Loser, or Alternate as applicable) takes the remaining open position in the draw.

iii. After Play Has Commenced

If a seeded player or team withdraws from the Main Draw of a Tournament after the first match of the applicable draw has commenced, then the next player or team eligible to move into the draw (i.e., Qualifier, Lucky Loser, or Alternate as applicable) takes the open position in the draw.

e. Qualifying – Withdrawal of a Seed

If a seeded player withdraws from the Qualifying Draw of a Tournament after the draw has been made, then the next Alternate player eligible to move into the draw takes the open position in the draw.

f. Seeding Errors

Errors in seeding may be corrected only if the error is discovered before the first match of the applicable draw has commenced.

i. A Player is Unseeded in Error

- (a) If only some seeds have a bye and the player unseeded in error should receive a bye, then that player should be placed in the position of the last seeded player who received a bye, the displaced player then takes the place of the last seeded player, who finally takes the position vacated by the player unseeded in error.
- (b) If every seed has a bye, no seed has a bye, or some seeds have a bye but the player unseeded in error should not receive a bye, then the player unseeded in error takes the position of the last seeded player, who then takes the position vacated by the player unseeded in error.
- (c) If a player eligible for an Additional Seed was not given an Additional Seed position, the error shall be corrected by randomly drawing on which line of the draw the Additional

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Seed player should be placed according to the procedure in Section V.A.6.c.ii(c) above. The displaced player shall take the vacated position of the player who did not receive an Additional Seed position in error.

ii. Error in Seeding Order

- (a) If only some seeds have a bye and a seeded player should have received a bye but did not due to an error in the seeding order, then the last player who received a bye and the seeded player who should have received a bye shall switch positions.
- (b) If every seed has a bye, no seed has a bye, or the error in seeding does not affect a seeded position with a bye, then the error in seeding shall be corrected by switching the positions of the affected players; however, if the error only affects players within the same seeding group (in reference to the placement of seeds in the draw (e.g., within seeding group 5-8 or 13-16)), then no adjustment is made.

B. SCHEDULING

1. WTA Responsibility

The Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Director, is responsible for match scheduling. All match time requests must go through the Supervisor.

Match scheduling will take into account relevant factors including television contracts, the possibility and timing of day matches the following day, the actual start time for the night matches, and other relevant factors.

2. Player Obligations

- a. Players will be expected to play when scheduled. Players may be required to play both singles and doubles any day of a Tournament.
- b. Players may also be required to play several night matches in both singles and doubles during a Tournament week.
- c. Players are required to play a minimum of two (2) singles night matches during a Tournament if requested to do so.
- d. When weather or other unavoidable circumstances cause a disruption in the schedule, a player may not be expected to play more than

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three (3) matches in a day without her consent.

- e. A player must be available to play on the first day of a Tournament unless she played in the singles or doubles final or was competing on the final day of play of a Tournament ending the preceding day.
- f. All players must be prepared to play doubles on the first day of play, regardless of whether or not they have received a bye in singles.
- g. Players may be required to play doubles before singles if necessary due to scheduling difficulties in completing the Tournament in time.

However, there must be a minimum of two (2) matches scheduled in between the doubles and singles. In no case may there be less than one (1) hour in between matches unless all players agree.

3. Late Start Requests

Previous Tournament commitments or illness are the primary considerations in granting late start requests. If a request is due to illness, the player must be evaluated by the PHCP and Tournament Physician. A request made due to illness or loss of luggage does not guarantee a player a late start.

4. Television

When a Tournament is televised, the television commitments will be taken into scheduling consideration.

5. Doubles Match Scheduling

- a. When the singles and doubles finals are to be played on the same day, the doubles final shall be scheduled approximately two (2) hours prior to the published start time of the singles final. If the singles final is scheduled at 12:00 noon tournament local time or earlier, the doubles final may be played following the singles final.
- b. It is recommended that i) each session (day and night) open with a doubles match; and ii) a minimum of one (1) doubles match per day be scheduled on a televised court. If there is only one (1) televised court, then the match may be played on the next largest court from a seating capacity standpoint.
- c. The following shall be considered valid exceptions to the doubles scheduling requirements set forth in sub-Sections a and b above:
 - i) contractual television obligations; ii) weather or other major

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scheduling interruptions; iii) combined event with the ATP World Tour ("ATP"); iv) security issues; and v) unforeseen circumstances as determined by the Supervisor. In addition, exceptions to sub-Section a above shall be permitted when at least one (1) of the doubles players is also a singles finalist.

6. No Postponement of First Round Qualifying of WTA Tournament

- a. The WTA will not postpone any WTA Tournament Qualifying match for a player who is still participating in the prior week's WTA Tournament, Grand Slam, Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event, or Billie Jean King Cup event.
- b. A player is eligible to play the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament if she has lost in or, consistent with these Rules, she has withdrawn or retired (or been released, in the case of Billie Jean King Cup) from both the singles and doubles competitions of the prior week's WTA Tournament, Grand Slam, Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event, or Billie Jean King Cup event no later than the day of the Qualifying Sign-In deadline for such WTA Tournament.

A player is also eligible to play the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament if such WTA Tournament is held at the same venue as the prior week's WTA Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event and the following conditions are met:

- i. the player has lost (which does not include a withdrawal or retirement) from both the singles and doubles competitions of the prior week's WTA Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event no later than the first day of Qualifying for such WTA Tournament;
 - ii. the player's final match in both the singles and doubles competitions of the prior week's WTA Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event is completed before her first Qualifying match at such WTA Tournament; and
 - iii. no extraordinary scheduling is required of either such WTA Tournament or the prior week's WTA Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event to allow for the player to play the Qualifying of such WTA Tournament.
- c. A player may sign in for the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament while she is still participating in the prior week's WTA Tournament, Grand Slam, Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event, or Billie Jean King Cup event only if her next singles and doubles match in the prior week's

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Tournament or event will occur no later than the day of the Qualifying Sign-In deadline for such WTA Tournament (or the first day of Qualifying for such WTA Tournament if it is held at the same venue as the prior week's WTA Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event); and she determines that she is able to arrive in time to play a match on the first day of Qualifying at such WTA Tournament.

- d. If a player signs in for the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament while she is still participating in the prior week's WTA Tournament, Grand Slam, Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event, or Billie Jean King Cup event and subsequently loses, withdraws, or retires (or is released, in the case of Billie Jean King Cup) from the prior week's Tournament or event but does not participate in such Qualifying, then her failure to participate is subject to all applicable requirements and penalties under these Rules, including but not limited to the requirements and penalties in Section IV of these Rules (e.g., withdrawal requirements, Late Withdrawal and No-Show Offense fines, etc.).

7. Rescheduling of Matches

- a. Under extenuating circumstances, a match may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Director.
- b. Matches may not be rescheduled due to illness, injury, or loss of luggage.
- c. A player who personally and directly notifies the Supervisor or Referee of her impending tardiness sufficiently in advance in the opinion of the Supervisor or Referee, may at the latter's discretion, secure a release from reporting within fifteen (15) minutes of her match being called and not be subject to default and penalties.

8. Rescheduling of Finals

If, due to Extreme Weather Conditions or extraordinary circumstances, a Tournament cannot be completed on the final day as scheduled, the Tournament shall be required to extend for one (1) day to complete the singles and/or doubles events unless the Tournament, players and WTA all agree to abandon the Tournament on the day the final was originally scheduled to be played. (The event must be extended even if only one (1) entity wants to play the final.) No further extension will be permitted without the approval of the WTA.

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a. Tournaments Scheduled the Week Prior to a Grand Slam

WTA events scheduled the week prior to a Grand Slam shall schedule their finals no later than Saturday. The Tournament may be extended by one (1) day, only if:

- i. each player in the finals has one day off between the re-scheduled finals and her first match at the Grand Slam; or
- ii. each player does not have one day off or the Grand Slam schedule of play has not been released and all players in the finals agree to extend the Tournament by one (1) day.

b. Player Penalties for Failure to Play Postponed Final

An additional fine of \$5,000 shall be assessed to any player who fails to play a postponed final match in singles or doubles on the day following the originally scheduled final day of the Tournament concerned. All such fines shall be automatic and non-appealable, except in the case of Extraordinary Circumstances. Fine appeals must be filed within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice.

c. Alternate Indoor Venue

Where a Tournament cannot be completed outdoors, and where a suitable indoor facility exists, the Tournament should be played to completion. If Tournament play is interrupted or postponed, players will be required to play on the day following the originally scheduled final day of the Tournament pursuant to sub-Section a above. Any final scheduling decisions will be made by the Supervisor who has the authority (in consultation with the Tournament Director) to move a match to another court, indoors or outdoors, regardless of surface.

9. Changing Courts/Surface

If it is deemed necessary to move a match, the Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Director, has the authority to delay the start of the match or to move a match to another court, indoors or outdoors, regardless of surface. The Referee, in consultation with the Supervisor, may decide if a match shall be moved to another court if circumstances so require.

During the course of a match, if conditions or circumstances merit, players may be required by the Supervisor or Referee to move to another court.

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10. Light and Weather

The Referee, in consultation with the Supervisor, shall decide when play will be halted in view of weather conditions or bad light. (See Section XVIII.B.7 - Extreme Weather Conditions and Lightning.)

11. Stadiums with Retractable Roofs

See Appendix G.

12. Time Between Matches

Players are entitled to a minimum of thirty (30) minutes between matches when their singles and doubles matches are consecutive and one (1) hour when consecutive singles matches must be played.

13. Interruptions and Breaks

a. Interruptions

If Tournament play is interrupted or postponed, players must be prepared to play when play is resumed. If play is interrupted or postponed, the period of re-warm up shall be as follows:

Delay	Re-Warm Up
0-15 minutes	No re-warm up
15-30 minutes	Three (3) minutes re-warm up
30 or more minutes	Four (4) minutes re-warm up

b. Breaks

i. Change of Ends

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.

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ii. Set Break

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of 120 seconds 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 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.

iii. Televised Matches

During televised matches, the Chair Umpire may extend the change of ends and set breaks where necessary.

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VI. WTA FINALS

The Tour Year culminates with the WTA Finals. All players who qualify for the WTA Finals must comply with the player responsibilities in this Section VI.

A. RACE TO THE FINALS

To determine qualification for the WTA Finals singles and doubles competitions, the Race to the Finals Leaderboard ranks (a) each singles player according to her Singles Race Points; and (b) each doubles team according to their Doubles Race Points (collectively, "Race Points") earned from Tournaments beginning the week before the previous year's WTA Finals through and including Tournaments beginning two weeks before the current year's WTA Finals ("Race Year").

1. Singles Race Points

Subject to the Long-Term Injury Rule and Special Ranking Rule, a player's Singles Race Points are determined by calculating her total ranking points, including any applicable zero (0) ranking point results pursuant to Section II.A, from eighteen (18) Tournament results during the current Race Year, which must include:

- four (4) Grand Slams;
- six (6) WTA 1000 Mandatory combined/virtually combined Tournaments;
- one (1) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament (WTA only); and
- best seven (7) results from all WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments.

A player's WTA 125 and ITF ranking point results do not count toward her Singles Race Points and will be replaced by her next best results from WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournaments.

2. Doubles Race Points

Doubles Race Points are a team's best twelve (12) Tournament ranking point results earned as a team at Grand Slams, WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournaments during the current Race Year.

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B. WTA FINALS

1. Singles and Doubles Competition Formats

The singles and doubles competitions both are a draw of eight (8) players and teams, respectively, in a round robin format with two (2) groups of four (4) players and teams. The winner and runner-up from each group qualify for a single-elimination-format semifinal and final.

2. Qualification; Attendance; Alternates

a. Qualified Players – Singles

To qualify for the WTA Finals, a player must have played at least eight (8) WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournaments during the Race Year unless she qualifies for Long-Term Injury (see Section VIII.A.4.a.ii).

The following players qualify for the WTA Finals (each a “Finals Singles Qualified Player”):

- i. The top seven (7) players on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard; then
- ii. The highest-ranked current-year Grand Slam winner who is 8-20 on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard and who is not already qualified.

If a player in the top seven (7) on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard withdraws, the following player fills the vacated spot as a Finals Singles Qualified Player:

- iii. the second-highest-ranked current-year Grand Slam winner who is 8-20 on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard and who is not already qualified; and if no player qualifies under this criteria, then
- iv. the next player ranked 8 or below on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard.

b. Qualified Players – Doubles Teams

To qualify for doubles at the WTA Finals, a player must have played doubles in at least six (6) WTA Tournaments during the Race Year (with any partner) unless she qualifies for Long-Term Injury (see Section VIII.A.4.a.ii) and a team must have played doubles as a team

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in at least two (2) Tournaments (inclusive of Grand Slams) during the Race Year.

The following teams qualify for the WTA Finals (each team a “Finals Qualified Team” and each player a “Finals Doubles Qualified Player”):

- i. The top seven (7) teams on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard; then
- ii. The highest-ranked current-year Grand Slam winning team who is 8-20 on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard and who is not already qualified.

If a team in the top seven (7) on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard withdraws, the following team fills the vacated spot as a Finals Qualified Team:

- iii. the second-highest-ranked current-year Grand Slam winning team who is 8-20 on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard and who is not already qualified; and if no team qualifies under this criteria, then
- iv. the next team ranked 8 or below on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard.

A Finals Doubles Qualified Player who qualifies with two (2) or more Finals Qualified Teams may choose the Finals Qualified Team with which she participates, and any player with whom she does not choose to participate is ineligible to be a Finals Doubles Qualified Player unless such player qualifies with another Finals Qualified Team.

c. Qualification Tie-Break

- i. Singles

If two (2) or more players are tied for qualification, the following player is the Finals Singles Qualified Player:

- (a) The player with the most ranking points from all WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments counting toward her Race Points; or if still tied
- (b) The player with the highest ranking point result from any WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament counting toward her Race Points; or if still tied

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- (c) The player with the highest ranking point result from any WTA 500 Tournament counting toward her Race Points; or if still tied
- (d) The player with the highest ranking point result from any WTA 250 Tournament counting toward her Race Points.

ii. Doubles

If two (2) or more teams are tied for qualification, the following team is the Finals Qualified Team:

- (a) The team with the most ranking points as a team from all WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments counting toward their Race Points; or if still tied
- (b) The team with the highest ranking point result as a team from any WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament counting toward their Race Points; or if still tied
- (c) The team with the highest ranking point result as a team from any WTA 500 Tournament counting toward their Race Points; or if still tied
- (d) The team with the highest ranking point result as a team from any WTA 250 Tournament counting toward their Race Points.

d. Mandatory Participation; Penalties

Finals Singles and Doubles Qualified Players are required to attend and compete at the WTA Finals and participate in all mandatory functions. Each Finals Singles and Doubles Qualified Player must be in the WTA Finals city at least three (3) days prior to the start of the singles or doubles competition, as applicable; provided, however, that if she is competing at another WTA Tournament on or after her required day of arrival, she must use best efforts to be in the WTA Finals city no later than the day after she finishes competing at such other WTA Tournament. Any Finals Singles Qualified Player who fails to attend and compete at the WTA Finals must pay a fine of \$125,000 and receives zero (0) ranking points for the WTA Finals, which must count as one (1) of her best sixteen (16) Tournament results in calculating her WTA Ranking. If a Finals Qualified Team fails to attend and compete at the WTA Finals, the withdrawing Finals Doubles Qualified Player must pay a fine of \$25,000. Finals Singles and Doubles Qualified Players may not withdraw by Excused

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Withdrawal, Prize Money Withdrawal, or Consecutive Withdrawal from the WTA Finals.

If a Finals Singles or Doubles Qualified Player fails to attend and compete at the WTA Finals, the WTA will suspend the full amount of her applicable fine(s) if she participates in promotional activities, including but not limited to media and sponsor activities, autograph sessions, photo opportunities, video news releases, charity activities, and similar activities ("Finals Make-Up Activities"), for the benefit of the WTA or the WTA Finals either:

- i. At the current WTA Finals over two (2) days for a minimum of three (3) hours per day ("On-Site Option"); or
- ii. Any time prior to the WTA Finals of the following Tour Year over two (2) days for a minimum of three (3) hours per day at the location(s) WTA designates in its sole, reasonable discretion in consultation with the WTA Finals promoter and such player ("Off-Site Option").

WTA will designate the details of the Finals Make-Up Activities in its sole, reasonable discretion in consultation with the WTA Finals promoter and such player. Such player is responsible for all costs related to attending the Finals Make-Up Activities, except that for the On-Site Option, she is entitled to one (1) round-trip, first-class airline ticket to the WTA Finals city and one (1) hotel room, on-site meals, and tournament-related ground transportation for each day during which she participates in Finals Make-Up Activities for at least three (3) hours. If such player fails to perform the Finals Make-Up Activities to the WTA's sole, reasonable satisfaction:

- iii. The WTA may reinstate all applicable fine(s) and may collect such fine(s) through any legal means, including from the prize money she earns at any future Tournament beginning (a) immediately after the current WTA Finals for the On-Site Option; or (b) with the WTA Finals of the following Tour Year for the Off-Site Option; and
- iv. She will be suspended from competing in all WTA Tournaments through the next two (2) WTA 1000 Mandatory/WTA 500 Tournament weeks, including any WTA 250 Tournaments in that time period, beginning (a) the first day after the completion of the current WTA Finals for the On-Site Option; (b) with the WTA Finals of the following Tour Year for the Off-Site Option; or (c) on such other date that the WTA CEO determines in his or

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her sole discretion will prevent the circumvention or perceived circumvention of these Rules.

e. Alternates

After the Finals Singles Qualified Players and Finals Qualified Teams are set, the next two (2) highest-ranked singles players on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard qualify as alternates for the WTA Finals ("Finals Alternates") and the next one (1) highest-ranked doubles team on the Race to the Finals Leaderboard qualifies as an alternate team for the WTA Finals ("Finals Alternate Team"). If any Finals Singles Qualified Player or Finals Qualified Team is unable to compete, Finals Alternates or Finals Alternate Teams, as applicable, will move into the competition in order of the Race to the Finals Leaderboard, and the WTA may designate additional Finals Alternates or Finals Alternate Teams according to the above qualification criteria. Finals Alternates and Finals Alternate Teams are subject to the same obligations and fines as Finals Singles Qualified Players and Finals Doubles Qualified Players regardless of whether they move into the competition. However, zero (0) ranking point results apply only if a Finals Alternate or Finals Alternate Team becomes a Finals Singles Qualified Player or Finals Qualified Team.

Finals Alternates and Finals Alternate Teams must be in the WTA Finals city on the day of the WTA Finals draw ceremony, attend the draw ceremony and all other mandatory functions; provided, however, that if she is competing at another WTA Tournament on or after her required day of arrival, she must use best efforts to be in the WTA Finals city no later than the start of the WTA Finals. Finals Alternates and Finals Alternate Teams must be on site and available to substitute for a maximum of one (1) Final Singles Qualified Player or one (1) Finals Qualified Team from the start of the WTA Finals through the completion of the round robin matches. If a Finals Alternate or Finals Alternate Team has not moved into the competition by the completion of the round robin matches, her WTA Finals obligations will cease and she may depart the WTA Finals city. A Finals Alternate or Finals Alternate Team who plays any match(es) becomes a Finals Singles Qualified Player or Finals Qualified Team, as applicable, and will receive a round robin standing, WTA Ranking points, and prize money in accordance with the prize money breakdown. All Finals Alternates and Finals Alternate Teams also will receive per diem for any days that they are required to be on site until their WTA Finals obligations cease.

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f. **Withdrawal and Notification**

Any Finals Singles or Doubles Qualified Player or Finals Alternate or Alternate Team withdrawing from the WTA Finals must provide written notice to the WTA and must not make any public announcement concerning her participation until the WTA has confirmed receipt of such notice.

3. Round Robin Seeding

a. **Basis for Seeding**

Seeding for Finals Singles Qualified Players and Finals Qualified Teams is according to the Race to the Finals Leaderboard.

b. **Seeding Procedures**

i. Place seed 1 in Group A and seed 2 in Group B.

ii. Draw from and place the remaining seeds in pairs as follows:

(a) Seeds 3 and 4 (place first drawn seed in Group A and remaining seed in Group B);

(b) Seeds 5 and 6 (place first drawn seed in Group A and remaining seed in Group B); and

(c) Seeds 7 and 8 (place first drawn seed in Group A and remaining seed in Group B).

c. **Withdrawal of a Seed**

Seeds are not moved once the draw has been made; provided, however, that the draw is remade if the two (2) top seeds from the same group withdraw before the schedule is released.

4. Final Standings of Round Robin Competition

a. **Treatment of Defaults, Retirements, and Withdrawals**

i. In determining the final standings of each round robin group,

(a) the result of a default or withdrawal for which a Finals Alternate or Finals Alternate Team is unavailable to replace the defaulting or withdrawing player or team is a straight-set win or loss.

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- (b) the result of a default or retirement for which the defaulting or retiring player or team has won a set is two (2) sets won and one (1) set lost for the advancing player or team, but games won or lost in such matches do not count in calculating the percentage of games won.
 - ii. A player or team who retires during a round robin match because of illness or injury may continue in the competition if the Tournament Physician approves.
 - iii. A player or team who withdraws from any round robin match is eliminated from the competition and a Finals Alternate or Finals Alternate Team will replace her or them. If no Finals Alternate or Finals Alternate Team is available as a replacement, the non-withdrawing player or team in such match receives a walkover win for such match.
- b. Final Standings

The first of the following methods that applies determines the final standings of each group in the round robin competition:

- i. Greatest number of wins; then
- ii. Greatest number of matches played; then
- iii. Head-to-head results if only two (2) players or teams are tied; or
- iv. If three (3) players or teams are tied:
 - (a) Highest percentage of sets won (the doubles match tie-break counts as one (1) set); if after the calculation two (2) players or teams remain tied, head-to-head results; then
 - (b) If after applying (a) all three (3) players or teams remain tied, a player or team completing less than all three (3) round robin matches is automatically eliminated; if two (2) players or teams remain tied, head-to-head results; then
 - (c) If after applying (a) and (b) all three (3) players or teams remain tied, highest percentage of games won (the doubles match tie-break counts as one (1) game); if after the calculation two (2) players or teams remain tied, head-to-head results; then

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- (d) If after applying (a), (b), and (c) all three (3) players or teams remain tied, the Race to the Finals Leaderboard.

c. Semifinal Seeding

The winners of Group A and B are placed on lines 1 and 4, respectively. The runners-up of Group A and B are placed on lines 3 and 2, respectively.

5. Semifinal/Final Withdrawal

a. Match Format after Withdrawal

i. Semifinals

On the day of the semifinals, the third player and team in the final standings of each round robin group must be on site and ready to replace a semifinalist from her or their round robin group if that semifinalist is unable to play.

A replacement player or team in the semifinals is eligible to advance in the competition.

ii. Finals

On the day of the finals, each losing semifinalist player and team must be on site and ready to play an exhibition match if her/their opponent in the semifinals withdraws from the finals.

If any player or team withdraws from the finals, the remaining finalist must play the exhibition match or the finalist also will be subject to the forfeiture of prize money for withdrawing in accordance with sub-section c below. Any match with any replacement player or team is a best of three (3) sets exhibition with No-Ad scoring in the first two (2) sets and a 10-point match tie-break as the third set.

b. Penalty

i. Semifinals

If a Finals Singles or Doubles Qualified Player who is required to be on site and ready to replace a withdrawing semifinalist is not on site and ready to play, she must pay a fine of 50% of the prize money she earns at the WTA Finals.

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ii. Finals

If a Finals Singles or Doubles Qualified Player who is required to be on site and ready to play an exhibition match for a withdrawing finalist is not on site and ready to play, she must pay a fine of 50% of the prize money she earns at the WTA Finals.

c. Prize Money

If a player or team withdraws from the finals, she or they forfeit(s) the following amount of prize money to which she or they otherwise would have been entitled for reaching the finals:

Prize Money Forfeited	
Competition	Finals
Singles	\$100,000
Doubles	\$25,000 (per player)

Forfeited prize money will be paid to the replacement player or team.

6. Scoring

The singles competition is the best of three (3) tie-break sets. The doubles competition is the best of three (3) sets with No-Ad scoring in the first two (2) sets and a 10-point match tie-break as the third set.

7. Ranking Points

The ranking points that a Finals Singles Qualified Player earns at the WTA Finals count as a bonus Tournament in calculating her WTA Ranking (her WTA Ranking includes nineteen (19) Tournaments).

The ranking points that a Finals Doubles Qualified Player earns at the WTA Finals count towards her WTA Ranking if they are part of her best twelve (12) results.

The WTA Finals ranking points for the singles and doubles competitions are 200 points for each round robin win, 400 points for a semifinal win, and 500 points for the final win, as summarized below:

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	Wins	Losses	Points
Winner			1500*
Finalist			1000*
Semifinalist			600*
Round Robin	3	0	600
Round Robin	2	1	400
Round Robin	2	0	400
Round Robin	1	2	200
Round Robin	1	1	200
Round Robin	1	0	200
Round Robin	0	3	0
Round Robin	0	2	0
Round Robin	0	1	0

*If undefeated.

8. Media Requirements

At the WTA Finals, players are responsible for all of the standard media, sponsor, and promotional activities in Section VII of this Rulebook, including but not limited to ACES commitments, plus the following media, sponsor, and promotional activities:

a. Media before the WTA Finals

On or around September 15 of each Tour Year, the WTA will designate four (4) players who are required to participate in a full media day before the WTA Finals. The WTA and each player will agree on the date of her media day. The WTA may designate as many as six (6) additional players who are required to participate in a media activity such as a conference call, internet chat, interview, or similar activity. While these media days and activities are not part of a player's ACES requirements, a player who fails to participate in these media days or activities must pay a fine in accordance with the ACES Program in Section VII.A.6 of this Rulebook.

b. Media Session on the Day Prior to the Start of Play

As part of their ACES commitments, all Finals Singles and Doubles Qualified Players are required to participate in a media availability session for a maximum of one and one half (1.5) hours on the day prior to the start of play.

c. Mandatory non-ACES Commitments in addition to ACES

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commitments:

- i. All Finals Singles and Doubles Qualified Players must attend and participate in their respective WTA Finals official draw ceremonies and official WTA Finals photo opportunities;
 - ii. All Finals Singles and Doubles Qualified Players must attend the WTA Finals party if required to be in the WTA Finals city on the day of such party;
 - iii. All singles and doubles competition finalists must attend media and sponsor functions immediately following and during the evening after their finals; and
 - iv. The singles and doubles competition winners must attend media and sponsor functions on the day following their victories for a minimum of three (3) hours.
- d. Fines

Any player who does not attend and participate in each mandatory activity in Sections VI.B.8.b and c above must pay a fine of \$20,000 for each mandatory activity she misses. A player may appeal any such fine no later than twenty-one (21) days after receiving notice of such fine.

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VII.PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES/ON-COURT RULES AND PROCEDURES

A. ACES PROGRAM

All ACES must comply with the WTA Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules.

1. Responsibilities

All Main Draw singles and doubles players must make themselves available for media/sponsor/WTA-related activities at each Tournament ("ACES"), including any activities involving Tournament or WTA sponsors that conflict with players' personal sponsors unless, in WTA's reasonable discretion, the players' participation in such activities will jeopardize their relationships with their personal sponsors. All ACES shall be arranged by the WTA's Communications and Marketing Departments.

2. ACES Commitments

Except at the WTA Finals, a player will have fulfilled her total ACES commitment at each Tournament when she completes the first of either (a) three (3) hours of ACES or (b) four (4) full ACES. A Player will have fulfilled her total ACES commitment at the WTA Finals when she completes four (4) full ACES.

3. Division/Usage of ACES

The division and usage of ACES shall be as follows:

- a. 50% for use by, and to be decided upon, by each individual Tournament; and
- b. 50% for use by, and to be decided upon, by the WTA; it being understood that at the WTA Finals, WTA 1000 Mandatory, and WTA 500 Tournaments, Pre-Tournament Media Availability shall count towards the WTA's ACES allotment.

For any player who is required to perform an odd number of ACES (e.g., three (3) activities), the WTA and Tournament shall mutually agree upon the best use of the remaining ACE after utilizing all other ACES per the formula described above.

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4. Planning

a. WTA Responsibility

- i. All ACES must be organized through the WTA Communications Department. If a Tournament arranges activities directly with a player, agent, or coach the activities are not enforceable under the ACES Program.
- ii. To maximize the effectiveness of the ACES Program and to make the best use of player time, the WTA shall:
 - (a) Develop a list of “high impact” and “low impact” activities, in consultation with the Tournaments and players; and
 - (b) Develop a list of player activity preferences, in consultation with players.

The WTA and the Tournaments then shall seek to customize activities to match up with such preferences where possible.

b. Tournament Responsibility

i. Requirements

Tournaments are required to designate an ACES manager to coordinate the ACES Program with the WTA Communications Department and must:

- (a) Submit an ACES planning form at least six (6) months before the start of their Tournaments to share information regarding ACES preparations;
- (b) Submit final ACES Program requests and information regarding contractual appearances at least three (3) weeks before the start of their Tournaments; and
- (c) Execute ACES at a quality commensurate with the level of Tournament (factors to determine quality of execution may include but are not limited to: reasonable scheduling; appropriate transportation; adequate security; suitable staff; and applicable provision of equipment or supplies).

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ii. Penalties

Tournaments failing to comply with the scheduling requirements in (a) and (b) above (i) will be fined according to the following chart and (ii) will not be guaranteed player participation in Tournament-related ACES.

Tournament Category	ACES Planning Form Only	Final ACES Requests Only	ACES Planning Form and Final ACES Requests
WTA 1000 Mandatory	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
WTA 500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$6,000
WTA 250	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
WTA 125	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000

Tournaments failing to comply with the quality standards in (c) above will be fined according to the following chart for each non-compliant ACE.

Tournament Category	ACES Quality Standards
WTA 1000 Mandatory	\$2,500
WTA 500	\$1,500
WTA 250	\$1,000
WTA 125	\$500

c. Player Responsibility

Previously scheduled personal player sponsor commitments cannot override WTA-designated mandatory activities, provided the player has been notified of the mandatory activities at least one (1) week in advance.

- i. Unless otherwise designated by the WTA, all players receiving byes must be available for ACES in the Tournament city by 12:00 p.m. Tournament local time on the first day of the Main Draw for Pre-Tournament Media Availability and any other ACES scheduled at the Tournament on the first day of the Main Draw.
- ii. Finalists from the immediately preceding Tournament will be expected to participate in Pre-Tournament Media Availability at a rescheduled time, as determined by the WTA Communications Department. If a player cannot be in attendance on Monday, she must arrange with the WTA and the Tournament, prior

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to the Tournament, acceptable alternative measures to help the WTA and Tournament with promotion either before the Tournament or once she arrives. Expenses associated with such appearances or activities, such as player travel if necessary, are the responsibility of the Tournament.

5. Mandatory and Optional ACES

a. Mandatory Activities

When a Communications Manager, in consultation with the Tournament, requests one (1) of the following activities, it shall be considered mandatory by the WTA for all WTA Tournaments, the WTA Finals, and Grand Slams.

i. Pre-Tournament Media Availability

(a) Definition

All players, when requested, are required to participate for up to ninety (90) minutes in Pre-Tournament Media Availability consisting of any combination of the following media activities:

- (i) Press conference or roundtable;
- (ii) Host broadcaster television interview;
- (iii) Home broadcaster television interview;
- (iv) WTA Newsfeed interview;
- (v) Tournament social media interview or video appearance;
- (vi) Local radio or television interview;
- (vii) One-on-one interview; and
- (viii) Autograph session.

(b) WTA Finals

All players will be required to participate in Pre-Tournament Media Availability.

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(c) WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments

Any player requested for Pre-Tournament Media Availability must participate; provided, however, that such players will not be required to participate in Pre-Tournament Media Availability on a day in which they are scheduled to play a singles match.

ii. Tournament/WTA Sponsor Autograph Sessions and Hospitality Visits

All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in hospitality visits, autograph sessions, or other similar sponsor-related activities.

iii. Satellite TV/Radio Tours

All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in satellite television and radio tours.

iv. One-on-One Interviews

All players shall be required, if requested, to conduct a minimum of six (6) one-on-one interviews per Tour Year (in addition to Pre-Tournament Media Availability). One (1) of the one-on-one media interviews shall be designated by the WTA, and the remaining five (5) shall be jointly agreed upon by the WTA and the player.

v. Photo Opportunities

All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in a minimum of two (2) photo opportunities per Tour Year. Each such photo opportunity shall be jointly agreed upon by the WTA and the player.

vi. Sponsor/WTA Special Events and WTA Awards Ceremony

All players shall be required, if requested, to participate in a minimum of two (2) sponsor/WTA special events, including the WTA Awards Ceremony, per Tour Year. The WTA shall provide at least sixty (60) days' notice of the date and location of any sponsor/WTA special event.

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vii. Home Country Media/Sponsor Activity

All players are required, if requested, to participate in a minimum of two (2) media/sponsor activities for the WTA's title sponsor in or for such player's home country market media per Tour Year.

viii. Green Screen Sessions

All players are required, if requested, to participate in a minimum of two (2) short-form content capture green screen sessions per Tour Year, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes per session.

ix. Photo Shoots

All players are required, if requested, to participate in the annual WTA photo shoot each Tour Year, not to exceed two (2) hours.

x. Special Events

During the year, the WTA may also designate other activities as mandatory, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Tournament special dedication ceremonies or events;
- (b) Sponsor and WTA-related off-court activities, such as award ceremonies, player parties, and sponsor special events; and
- (c) Marketing and publicity activities for the WTA or WTA sponsors; however, each such marketing or publicity activity at a Tournament shall not exceed one (1) hour.

b. Optional Activities

All other WTA and Tournament ACES requests made of players shall be considered optional activities. Such activities include, but are not limited to:

- i. One-on-one print, television, and radio media interviews and open photo shoots above the minimum required under mandatory activities; and
- ii. Publicity events and charity activities (i.e., hospital visits, celebrity photo opportunities).

Players have the right to decline any of these requests as long as they fulfill their required ACES commitment via other ACES opportunities.

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For those players who have not fulfilled their ACES commitment, they must agree to at least one (1) out of every three (3) of the optional activities which are proposed by the WTA or a Tournament.

Once a player has committed to an optional event, it becomes an “arranged activity” and falls under the same requirements as mandatory activities.

When possible, players will be notified by letter or email of all confirmed requests surrounding a given Tournament no later than one (1) week prior to the Tournament. Please note that due to unknown play schedules, requests may continue to arise during the Tournament.

6. ACES Fines

a. Issuing of Fines

A player will be fined if she: (i) fails to fulfill the total ACES commitment; (ii) fails to appear for a mandatory or arranged activity; or (iii) is materially late to a mandatory or arranged activity.

Each ACES violation will result in a separate fine.

b. Fine Procedure

i. Notification of Supervisor

In the event a fine is to be issued, the appropriate Communications Manager will notify the on-site Supervisor and supply the necessary documentation and details.

ii. Notification of Player

The player will then be issued a fine notice by the Supervisor. The fine will be deducted from the player's prize money at the current Tournament or next appropriate Tournament.

c. Fine Schedule for Singles Players

ACES fines are based on the player's WTA Singles Ranking at the entry deadline. In each instance, fines shall be issued in accordance with the following:

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Player Ranking at Entry Deadline	1st and 2nd Offenses (per Tour Year)	3rd and Subsequent Offenses (per Tour Year)
1-10	\$2,500	\$5,000
11-25	\$2,000	\$4,000
26-50	\$1,500	\$3,000
51-100	\$1,000	\$2,000
101+	\$500	\$1,000

The ACES fine at WTA 125 Tournaments shall be \$500 per violation.

d. Fines for Doubles Players

Fines for doubles players will be based on the player's WTA Doubles Ranking. The amount of the fine shall be 50% of the singles fine set out above.

The ACES fine for a doubles player at WTA 125 Tournaments shall be \$250 per violation.

7. Exceptions

Players who do not appear for, or are materially late to, mandatory or arranged activities will be exempt from ACES fines under the following circumstances with appropriate notice:

- Schedule of play change creates timing conflict; it being understood that practice time is not an excusable absence.
- Player has been eliminated from singles and doubles, if applicable, at the Tournament, her ACES were scheduled for more than twenty-four (24) hours after her elimination from the Tournament, and she has left the event market.
- Withdrawal from Tournament due to injury or illness; it being understood that if the WTA Communications Department determines that a commitment is still achievable in the event market or via telephone at the present Tournament, or where feasible, in person at the player's next scheduled Tournament (in addition to that Tournament's ACES), then the player is expected to fulfill the commitment during such Tournament, or in person at the player's next scheduled Tournament. In no event will a player be required to remain in an event market for more than twenty-four (24) hours after she withdraws in order to fulfill any ACES requirements.

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- d. Extenuating circumstances including delayed or cancelled flights; it being understood that every attempt must be made to reschedule commitments upon arrival.
- e. Failure of the Communications staff or a Tournament to provide reasonable notice of a mandatory activity.

8. Appeals

Players may appeal ACES fines to the Code of Conduct Committee. All fine appeals must be filed within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice.

9. ACES Rewards Program

In recognition of players' ACES commitment, the WTA shall present a year-end award to the player who has demonstrated the greatest commitment to the ACES Program for the Tour Year. The WTA shall determine which player is selected based on a points system throughout the Tour Year.

10. Non-ACES Program Mandatory Activities

It is understood and agreed that players are required to perform additional non-ACES Program mandatory activities as set forth in this Rulebook, including but not limited to activities set forth in Media/Sponsor/Public Relations Responsibilities below and in Section VI.B.8 - Media Requirements at the WTA Finals.

B. MEDIA/SPONSOR/PUBLIC RELATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Additional Player Responsibilities Beyond ACES

In addition to ACES requirements, all Main Draw singles and doubles players must make themselves available for the activities set forth in sub-Sections a through e below, including any activities involving Tournament or WTA sponsors that conflict with players' personal sponsors unless, in WTA's reasonable discretion, the players' participation in such activities will jeopardize their relationships with their personal sponsors.

- a. Pre-Match Interview

Players are required to conduct one (1) pre-match host broadcaster television interview, which shall be coordinated by the WTA. Such interview shall be no more than three (3) minutes in length and shall

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be conducted prior to the start of the match at one (1) of the following locations:

- i. The on-court entrance;
 - ii. The practice courts; or
 - iii. A mobile location convenient to the player.
- b. Post-Match Media Activities

i. Scope

Players are required to be available for at least twenty (20) minutes but no more than sixty (60) minutes to participate in post-match media activities, win or lose, which may include any combination of the following:

- (a) One (1) post-match press conference;
- (b) One (1) host broadcaster television interview;
- (c) One (1) WTA Newsfeed interview ;
- (d) One (1) home broadcaster interview;
- (e) One (1) host broadcaster studio visit per week, if requested;
- (f) One (1) sponsor meet and greet session, if requested, if a player wins a match on a main stadium court, except the last evening match of a day; and
- (g) One (1) radio interview; provided however, that if a player has fulfilled the other media activities in (a)-(e) and (f), if applicable, above, the radio interview is optional.

ii. Timing

A player is required to begin her singles or doubles post-match media activities within sixty (60) minutes following her match, except if:

- (a) She is given an extension by a member of the WTA Communications staff;

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- (b) She is scheduled for another match within one (1) hour following her first match, in which case she must complete her post-match media activities after the completion of both matches; or
- (c) She is scheduled to play two (2) matches, singles or doubles, on the same day.

In this case, or under extenuating circumstances, as determined by the WTA staff, a player may choose to do the required media activities immediately following her second match. However, if a player elects to do the required media activities immediately following her second match, she must provide a statement and/or quotes for the media within sixty (60) minutes following the completion of the first match. In addition, if the player's second match is held overnight (due to darkness, rain, or other reasons), the player shall be obligated to conduct the required media activities that evening, if requested.

In any event, if a player is scheduled in the doubles and/or the singles semifinal or final, she will be required to do fifteen (15) minutes of post-match media activities following the singles semifinal or final (win or lose) and prior to the doubles (or vice versa depending on the match order).

c. WTA Content Feature

All players are required, if requested, to participate in a minimum of two (2) WTA-driven content features per Tour Year.

d. Practices

Players shall be required to allow filming of their on-site practices by photo and broadcast media, provided such media remain off court.

e. WTA Public Relations and Charity Programs

Players are asked for their best efforts to participate in such programs, unless designated as mandatory under the ACES Program.

f. Player Media/Sponsor/PR Responsibility Fines

Failure to comply with the requirements in sub-Sections a through e above will result in the following fines.

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i. Fine Schedule for Singles Players

Player media/sponsor/PR responsibility fines are based on the player's WTA Singles Ranking at the entry deadline. In each instance, fines shall be issued in accordance with the following:

Player Ranking at Entry Deadline	1st and 2nd Offenses	3rd and Subsequent Offenses
1-10	\$2,500	\$5,000
11-25	\$2,000	\$4,000
26-50	\$1,500	\$3,000
51-100	\$1,000	\$2,000
101+	\$500	\$1,000

The player media/sponsor/PR responsibility fine at WTA 125 Tournaments shall be \$500 per violation.

ii. Fines for Doubles Players

Fines for doubles players will be based on the player's WTA Doubles Ranking. The amount of the fine shall be 50% of the singles fine set out above.

The player media/sponsor/PR responsibility fine at WTA 125 Tournaments shall be \$250 per violation.

2. Marketing Activity

a. Requirement

All players are required, if requested, to participate in one (1) activity per Tour Year (not to exceed five (5) hours, including travel time) for major marketing or publicity purposes for the WTA or a WTA sponsor that takes place in or around a Tournament in which a player is entered or at such other mutually-agreeable date and location, subject to the following restrictions:

- The five (5) hours must be within a single eight (8)-hour period, unless otherwise approved by the player;
- The activity must be in conjunction with the promotion of the WTA and/or Tournaments;
- The activity cannot involve a WTA sponsor that is in category conflict with an existing player sponsor;

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- iv. The activity cannot constitute a direct individual endorsement by the player of a commercial product;
 - v. The player must be given the opportunity to select the activity photographs to be used; and
 - vi. For activities involving player photography, where the WTA can clear the rights without expense, players shall be permitted to utilize photographs for non-commercial purposes on their personal websites and in player promotional materials, following a possible hold-back period set by the WTA. In no event shall a player utilize the photographs in conjunction with a sponsor or third-party activity or allow a sponsor or other third party to utilize the photographs.
- b. Procedures
- i. For activities scheduled at a WTA Tournament, the player shall not be required to play her first match until the second day after the scheduled activity.
 - ii. The player shall be provided with a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice, unless the player agrees to less notice.
 - iii. Notice to the player shall include a description of the marketing activity, including current creative plans, an approximation of the total time commitment (within the restrictions set out above), and a description of the purpose and proposed use of the resulting creative.
 - iv. Where appropriate, the WTA shall utilize professional stylists to prepare players for the activity.
 - v. If the activity occurs at a Tournament, it will count as one (1) ACE. If a player is required to travel solely to perform the activity, the WTA will book and pay for her travel arrangements, including airline, hotel, and ground transportation, as applicable.
- c. Fines

A player failing or refusing to perform a marketing activity will be fined in accordance with the following chart:

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Player Ranking at Time of Notification of the Activity	Fine Amount
1-10	\$50,000
11-25	\$20,000
26-50	\$15,000
51-100	\$10,000
101+	\$5,000

3. Media Responsibilities of Grand Slam Participants

See the Grand Slam Rulebook for Media Responsibilities related to the Grand Slams.

4. WTA Finals Media Responsibilities

See Section VI.B.8 - Media Requirements at the WTA Finals.

5. Player Responsibilities Upon Withdrawal or Retirement

Upon a player's withdrawal or retirement from a Tournament, she is required to submit a statement containing the reason for the withdrawal or retirement and a suitable quotation that the WTA may release to the media and public in accordance with Section IV.A.1.c.

Upon a player's on-site withdrawal, she also is required to participate in one (1) post-withdrawal activity prior to leaving the Tournament city in accordance with Section IV.A.2.a.ii.

6. Tournament Payment for Additional Services

Tournaments are responsible for player fees for media/sponsor/promotional services rendered in addition to the above detailed player responsibilities. The fee shall be determined based upon the value of a given player in a given market.

7. WTA Commercial Rights, Promotions, and Endorsements

- a. Player Group Licensing Rights - WTA Title/Presenting/Premier Sponsor

Each player who participates on the WTA agrees that the WTA Tour, WTA title/presenting/premier sponsor, and WTA Tournaments may use or grant to others the right to use her name, photograph, likeness,

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signature, voice, picture, and/or biographical information (collectively, "Player Likeness"), alone or in conjunction with the name, photograph, likeness, signature, voice, picture, and/or biographical information of others, for the purpose of promoting the WTA in newspapers, magazines, motion pictures, programs, player and tournament yearbooks, broadcasts and telecasts, educational materials, and all other publicity and promotional materials and media, including publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product, as long as such publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product is directly related to the publicity and promotion of the WTA or WTA Tournaments and does not constitute a direct individual endorsement of such commercial product.

WTA title/presenting/premier sponsor shall utilize a minimum of three (3) players or a series of three (3) players in each use.

b. Player Group Licensing Rights - Other WTA Sponsors

Except in the categories of tennis apparel, tennis shoes, and tennis equipment (i.e., racquets, racquet bags, grips, strings, and balls), the WTA shall have the right to enter into sponsorship contracts in which a non-title/presenting/premier sponsor ("GLA Sponsor") is granted the right to use any Player Likeness for the purpose of promoting the WTA, including publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product, so long as such publicity and promotion of a commercial product is directly related to the publicity and promotion of the WTA or a WTA Tournament and does not constitute a direct or implied individual endorsement of any commercial product ("Group Licensing Authorization" or "GLA") subject to the following:

- i. The GLA Sponsor must use a minimum of five (5) players in each use.
- ii. Absent approval from an individual player, her Player Likeness shall not be used in advertising materials by (a) more than three (3) GLA Sponsors in a single calendar year; and/or (b) more than 50% of the WTA sponsorships. For the purposes of this section, a WTA title/presenting/premier sponsor shall be counted in calculating the total number of sponsorships but shall not be counted in calculating the number of WTA sponsorships in which a player is being used. Any GLA Sponsors existing as of December 31, 2010, shall be grandfathered from the restriction in sub-Section (b); however, no new GLA Sponsors will be permitted to utilize an individual Player Likeness in violation of sub-Sections (a) or (b).

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- iii. No later than October 1 of each year, each player will advise the WTA in writing of the categories in which the player has a personal, exclusive sponsorship or endorsement contract for the following calendar year. The player shall make the contract available to the WTA upon request on a confidential basis. Provided the player has a binding contract or bona fide written and detailed letter of intent, term sheet, or offer letter, as determined in good faith by the WTA, the Player Likeness for that player shall be unavailable to GLA Sponsors for the specified category or categories for the following calendar year (starting on January 1). For letters of intent, term sheets, and offer letters, the player shall promptly notify the WTA when a binding contract has been finalized or negotiations have ceased.
- iv. Players shall be notified in writing by the WTA when included in a GLA ("GLA Notice").
- v. A player who has entered into an agreement after October 31 but before receiving a GLA Notice can enter into an exclusive deal with a conflicting sponsor. Once a player receives a GLA Notice, she can non-exclusively enter into an agreement with a conflicting sponsor for the balance of the current opt out year and may subsequently maintain the sponsorship on an exclusive basis after the end of the opt out year.
- vi. GLA Sponsors shall be required to make reasonable efforts to cease distribution of promotional materials featuring opt-out players within thirty (30) days following the start of the opt-out year.
- vii. For each GLA Sponsor contract entered into after September 1, 2010, 25% of any financial consideration (specifically excluding barter) paid by or on behalf of the GLA Sponsor under the contract shall be paid to the WTBA, which shall distribute or otherwise use such proceeds for the benefit of the players. This percentage reflects an aggregate allocation for player GLA rights, and shall not vary depending upon the particular rights granted under any individual GLA Sponsor contract. Any payments made to individual players by a GLA Sponsor, under the sponsorship contract or any individual contract the GLA Sponsor may otherwise have with the player, are separate from and shall not be included as part of this calculation.
- viii. Any player preventing a GLA Sponsor from utilizing her Player Likeness for any reason other than a conflicting sponsorship under sub-Section v above, shall annually be issued a fine

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equal to the payment such player would have received under sub-Section vii above. Players that are subsequently utilized in advertising materials by such GLA Sponsor shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with sub-Section vii above.

- ix. Any action by WTBA members, not including the exercise of any opt-out rights hereunder, that results in an inability of the WTBA to timely provide all or a portion of the GLA Sponsor benefits described in this provision, shall result in a reduced WTBA payment, proportionate to such reduction of GLA Sponsor benefits. Before the WTBA payment is reduced, the WTA shall make efforts to allow the failure to be cured.
 - x. Approval of the Board of Directors shall be required for any WTA non-title/presenting/premier sponsorship contract which (a) includes player GLA rights; and/or (b) deviates from the requirements of this provision.
 - xi. GLA rights shall be limited to existing player photography. As such, player participation in photography or video shoots for GLA Sponsors shall be optional.
 - xii. A GLA Sponsor shall be limited to utilizing player images which have been approved by a player for WTA use. In addition, players shall have approval rights over the use of her images within the GLA Sponsor's advertising materials.
 - xiii. GLA rights covered by this provision do not include any player appearances or other personal services that may be rendered by players under the ACES Program, other Rules, or any personal contractual arrangements a player otherwise may have.
- c. Television Rights

Each player also conveys to the WTA Tour any television rights she may own in all WTA events in which she participates. This includes, but is not limited to, WTA Tournaments, Grand Slams (subject to their prior approval), and the WTA Finals.

8. Sponsorship Restrictions

Products that are distasteful or embarrassing to WTA members, including but not limited to tobacco (including electronic cigarettes and similar products), firearms, pornographic material, or similar items shall be prohibited as a player sponsor, without prior approval of the WTA.

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C. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

1. Definitions

a. Identification

For the purposes of this Section VII.C, “identification” means any sort of identification associated with, or intended to be associated with, a commercial sponsor, a clothing or equipment manufacturer, or any other person or entity, regardless of the trademark registration status of the identification, and shall include any and all forms of writing.

b. Commercial

For the purposes of this Section VII.C, “commercial” means any non-manufacturer of the clothing or equipment in question, including social media usernames, hashtags, and URLs.

c. Manufacturer

For the purpose of this Section VII.C, the “manufacturer” means the entity that distributes, or offers for sale, tennis racquets, clothing, strings, or shoes.

d. Standard Manufacturer Identification

A standard manufacturer identification is a manufacturer identification of a size typically manufactured on the clothing or equipment in question.

e. Player ID

For a tennis clothing collection that includes a player’s name, initials, or other identifier that is solely used for tennis clothing and accessories (“Player ID”), such Player ID may be used interchangeably with the clothing manufacturer identification wherever manufacturer identifications are permitted under this rule.

f. Size Determination

The size limitations of identifications in this section VII.C are ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to a player’s clothing without regard to the color of the same. In determining the area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle, or rectangle shall be drawn around the same, and the size of the patch for the purpose of this rule shall be

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the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be.

2. General Appearance

A player must present herself in a professional manner and wear appropriate tennis attire, at the discretion of the Supervisor or Referee, during practice, warm-up, and matches. A player may be asked to change if the Supervisor or Referee deems it necessary. Failure to do so may result in default from a Tournament and/or a fine.

A player's clothing and equipment must comply with the appearance and identification provisions contained in this Section C during a match or at any press conference or Tournament ceremony.

3. Clothing, Equipment, and Identification

No identification is permitted on players, their clothing, or equipment on court during a match or at any press conference or Tournament ceremony except as follows:

a. Shirts, Sweaters, Jackets

i. With Sleeves

Once a player has competed in the first match of her first WTA Tournament in a calendar year with a commercial identification on her shirt front or collar, she may not change commercial brands at any other WTA Tournaments that calendar year unless approved by WTA. No new commercial identification may be added to the shirt front for events following the US Open through the WTA Finals.

(a) Front, Collar, Back

Manufacturer or commercial identifications may be placed on the front, collar, and back as follows:

- (i) Two (2) manufacturer or commercial identifications, each not exceeding six (6) square inches (or 39 sq. cm), may be placed on the front or collar; or
- (ii) One (1) manufacturer or commercial identification, which may not exceed six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), may be placed on the front or collar and one (1) manufacturer identification, not to exceed four (4)

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square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed on the back.

(b) Sleeves

Two (2) positions, each not exceeding six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), are available on each sleeve for commercial or manufacturer identifications. A maximum of two (2) identifications may be placed in each position.

(c) Other

A clothing manufacturer identification without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed 12 square inches (78 sq. cm) in one (1) of the following positions:

(i) On each of the shirt sleeves (which replaces one (1) of the positions available for commercial or manufacturer identifications on each shirt sleeve as described above);
or

(ii) Down the outer seams (side of torso) of the shirt.

Any player who chooses to have a clothing manufacturer identification appear in either area must wear the WTA or WTA/sponsor patch on her shirt as required in Section VII.C.5, without exception.

ii. Without Sleeves

Once a player has competed in the first match of her first WTA Tournament in a calendar year with a commercial identification on her shirt collar, she may not change commercial brands at any other WTA Tournaments that calendar year unless approved by WTA.

(a) Front, Collar, Back

Manufacturer or commercial identifications may be placed on the front, collar, and back as follows:

(i) Four (4) manufacturer or commercial identifications, each not exceeding six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), may be placed on the front or collar of the shirt, provided that no more than three (3) identifications may be placed on the front and no more than two (2)

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of the identifications on the front may be commercial identifications; or

- (ii) Three (3) manufacturer or commercial identifications, not exceeding six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), may be placed on the front or collar and one (1) manufacturer identification, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed on the back of the shirt, provided that no more than two (2) of the identifications on the front may be commercial identifications.

(b) Other

A clothing manufacturer identification without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed 12 square inches (78 sq. cm) down the outer seams (side of torso) of the shirt.

Any player who chooses to have a clothing manufacturer identification appear down the outer seams must wear the WTA or WTA/sponsor patch on her shirt as required in Section VII.C.5, without exception.

iii. Other

A player's name and/or a number may be placed on the back of a shirt (with or without sleeves) with WTA approval in its sole discretion.

b. Skirts, Shorts, or Pants

Manufacturer identifications may be placed on skirts, shorts, or pants as follows:

- i. Two (2) manufacturer identifications only, neither of which exceeding two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm), may be placed on the front or back; or
- ii. One (1) manufacturer identification, which may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed on the front and one (1) manufacturer identification, which may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed on the back.

Leggings or compression shorts may be worn without a skirt, dress, or shorts as long as they reach mid-thigh at minimum and comply with the manufacturer identification restrictions above. (For leggings

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or compression shorts worn underneath a skirt, dress, or shorts, see sub-Section d below.)

c. Dress

A dress, for the purposes of permissible identification, is treated as a combination of a skirt and shirt (dividing dress at waist).

d. Undergarments

For tennis undergarments, for compression sleeves, and for leggings or compression shorts worn under a skirt, dress, or shorts, two (2) manufacturer identifications of up to two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm) or one (1) manufacturer identification of up to four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm) may be visible in addition to the manufacturer identifications allowed on the applicable piece of clothing under which the undergarment is worn.

e. Footwear

Standard manufacturer identifications may be placed on each sock and shoe.

i. Grass Court Shoes

In Tournaments played on grass courts, players may wear only shoes with rubber soles and without heels, ribs, or coverings.

Players may wear special grass court shoes only with the express approval of the WTA; such approval will be granted only if the shoes comply with the following specifications:

(a) Diameter

The pimples or studs on the base of the sole are vertical from the outsole and have a maximum top diameter of three (3) millimeters and a minimum top diameter of two (2) millimeters.

(b) Height and Slope

The maximum height of the pimples or studs is two (2) millimeters from the base of the shoe.

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(c) Hardness and Maximum Number

The hardness of any pimple or stud is between fifty-five (55) and sixty (60) based on a shore "A" scale. The number of pimples per square inch is no less than fifteen (15) and no more than twenty-eight (28).

No pimples or studs may be visible when the shoe is placed on a flat horizontal surface and viewed vertically. The foxing/side wall can be contoured only in the medial forefoot and medial toe area but only within the following restrictions: the contoured area may begin in the transition area between the outsole and the sidewall but can only extend to a maximum of 1.5 cm up the sidewall as measured from the base of the outsole; and the contoured area must be smooth (not textured or undulating) but can be stepped with no more than five (5) steps, each no more than 1 mm in depth.

Forefoot and heel areas may be separated, but there should be no more than a 2 mm step in the outsole of the shoe.

As an alternative to the above specifications, players may use the special grass court shoes developed, tested, and approved by Wimbledon. Players desiring approval of special grass court shoes for WTA Tournaments must submit a sample shoe to the WTA at least ninety (90) days in advance of the grass court WTA Tournament at which they seek to wear such shoes.

ii. Clay Court Shoes

In Tournaments played on clay courts, players must wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The Supervisor has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe sole does not conform to such customs and standards and may prohibit its use at any WTA Tournament.

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

iii. Hard Court Shoes

In Tournaments played on hard courts, players' shoes must not cause damage to the court other than what is expected during the normal course of a match or practice. Damage to a court may be considered as physical or visible, which may include a

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shoe that leaves a mark beyond what is considered acceptable. The Supervisor has the authority to determine that a shoe does not meet these criteria and may prohibit its use at any WTA Tournament.

f. Headwear and Wristbands

i. Commercial Identification

One (1) commercial identification, which may contain writing but may not exceed four (4) square inches (or 26 sq. cm), may be placed over the ear on the side of the headwear.

Once a player has competed in the first match of her first WTA Tournament in a calendar year with a commercial identification on her headwear, she may not change commercial brands at any other WTA Tournaments that calendar year unless approved by WTA.

ii. Manufacturer Identification

One (1) manufacturer identification, which may contain writing but may not exceed four (4) square inches (or 26 sq. cm), may be placed on headwear and wristbands.

g. Racquet

Standard identifications of the manufacturer of the racquet and/or strings are allowed on the racquet and the strings.

h. Bags, Towels, or Other Equipment or Paraphernalia

Standard identifications of the tennis equipment manufacturers, or the WTA Logo, are allowed on each item. In addition, two (2) commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm), are allowed.

i. Drink Containers

Players may use a reasonably sized drink container on court if the drink container:

- i. has no identifications; or
- ii. has one (1) manufacturer identification not exceeding four

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(4) square inches (26 sq. cm.), provided that the container manufacturer:

- (a) is not a drink manufacturer; or
- (b) is also a drink manufacturer, and
 - (i) is the official drink sponsor of the Tournament; or
 - (ii) is not in the same beverage category as the advertised drink sponsor(s) of the Tournament.

j. Electronic Devices

A player is not allowed to use any electronic device from the start of warm-up to the end of the match (including during a toilet/change of attire break, Medical Time-Out, heat rule break, or any pause in play) unless it is approved by the WTA Supervisor/Referee; provided, however, that use of an electronic device is allowed while play is officially suspended. Use of any WTA-approved electronic device and/or ITF-approved Player Analysis Technology is subject to the coaching provisions and penalties in the Code of Conduct (see Section XVII.D.4.a.vii) and the WTA Coaching Rules (see Section XVIII.D) and the ITF Rules of Tennis regarding Coaching (Rule 30) and Player Analysis Technology (Rule 31, Appendix III). If there is a conflict between the WTA Rules and the ITF Rules of Tennis regarding electronic devices and related coaching, the WTA Rules and the decisions of the WTA Supervisor/Referee will control.

k. Other Events

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol, or other description of any tennis circuit, series or tennis exhibition, tennis special event or tournament other than the WTA, or any other sport or entertainment property may not appear on the player, her clothing, or her equipment at any WTA Tournament or the WTA Finals unless approved in advance by the WTA.

l. Sanctioned Entities

Players are prohibited from wearing or otherwise publicly displaying a Sanctioned Entity's identification on or off court during a WTA Tournament into which her entry has been accepted, whether at the Tournament site or not, or during any other WTA event in which she participates.

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m. General

All patches must be firmly and professionally attached at all points on the clothing or equipment. Players may not tape over patches.

If the use of any of the permitted identifications above would violate the sponsorship restrictions set forth in Section VII.B.8, the TACP, or any governmental regulation (including with respect to television), then the identification shall be prohibited.

4. Penalties

Any player who violates this Section VII.C may be ordered by the Chair Umpire, Referee, or Supervisor to change her attire or equipment immediately. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine and/or default from a Tournament.

A player who violates this Section VII.C and is not defaulted is subject to fines up to the following amounts:

Violation	WTA 1000 Mandatory	WTA 500	WTA 250	WTA 125
Unacceptable Attire	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$1,000
Other Event	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$5,000
Commercial Identification	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$2,000
Manufacturer Identification	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$500

*The maximum fine will double for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year.

Fine appeals must be filed within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice.

5. WTA Patch Rule

a. Patch Requirement, Placement, and Size

Except as provided in sub-Section b below, each player must wear horizontally the WTA patch that the WTA designates for the entirety of every match she plays at WTA Tournaments in one (1) of the following visible locations:

- i. on the sleeve, chest, or front collar of her shirt or dress, and the WTA patch must be four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm) in size; or

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- ii. on the front or side (over the ear) of her hat, headband, or other acceptable headwear ("headwear"), and the WTA patch must be three (3) square inches (19 sq. cm) in size.

While a player may comply with this Rule by wearing the patch in either location, the WTA prefers that she wear the patch on her shirt. In either location, the player may wear the WTA patch in addition to the maximum allowable number of manufacturer or commercial patches, and the clothing or headwear manufacturer may incorporate the WTA patch into the design and color scheme of the headwear subject to WTA approval of the visibility of the patch. Each player is responsible for having the patch visible and properly adhered to her clothing or headwear for the entirety of her match. WTA staff members are not responsible for delivering patches to players on court but may do so at their discretion.

- b. Exception - Player Clothing Contracts Prohibiting Non-Manufacturer Identification

If a player has a clothing manufacturer contract that prohibits her from wearing any identification other than manufacturer identification in the locations in sub-Sections a.i and a.ii above (or in sub-Section a.ii and the player does not wear headwear consistently during the match), then the WTA may require her to provide benefits commensurate with the value of wearing the patch, including but not limited to:

- i. one (1) or more full days of WTA appearances when the player is not at a Tournament;
- ii. participation in one (1) or more Pro-Ams or clinics when the player is not at a Tournament; or
- iii. appearances/endorsements in one (1) or more WTA advertisements.

In addition, subject to the player's clothing manufacturer contract, the WTA requests that any player claiming this exception uses reasonable efforts to wear the WTA patch in a less prominent place (e.g., on her shorts, skirt, strap, wristband, etc.). A player's performance of such benefits does not entitle her to any compensation from the WTA and is in addition to her ACES commitments.

A player claiming this exemption must submit to the WTA written proof of the clothing manufacturer contract to substantiate her claim, which the WTA may accept or reject in its reasonable discretion.

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c. Non-Compliance During Matches

If contractually permitted, any player who does not wear a WTA patch throughout a WTA Tournament match also must participate in the WTA identification program, which includes but is not limited to:

- i. wearing the WTA patch on her shirt during post-match press appearances and commitments;
- ii. carrying a WTA-branded water bottle or towel (subject to individual Tournament approval); or
- iii. wearing a headband or hat conforming to the requirements in sub-Section a.ii above onto court before matches and during post-match press appearances and commitments.

d. Patch Rule Violations

Violation of any provision of this Rule will subject a player to the following sanctions (which accrue on an annual Tour Year basis):

Violation	Penalty
1st Offense	Official Warning
2nd Offense	\$100
3rd Offense	\$500
4th+ Offense	Fine up to \$25,000 in the WTA's discretion
Not wearing the patch for the duration of the match	\$100 (after 5 warnings)
Violation in any televised match from quarterfinals on, regardless of whether there have been prior violations	Fine up to \$50,000 in the WTA's discretion

Failure to provide the benefits in sub-Section b above will subject a player to the sanctions in the chart above for each match at which she does not wear the patch.

e. Appeals

Fine appeals must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after the date of notice.

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D. TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

A player may request permission to leave the court for a toilet break, a change of attire break, or both, ("Authorized Break") but for no other reason.

1. Number of Authorized Breaks Allowed

a. Singles

Each player is entitled to a maximum of one (1) Authorized Break per match.

b. Doubles

Each team is entitled to a maximum of two (2) Authorized Breaks per match. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's Authorized Breaks.

2. Timing of Breaks

a. A player may take an Authorized Break at the following times only:

Authorized Break	Timing	Time Limit*
Toilet break only	On a set break or before the player's own service game	3 minutes
Change of attire break only	On a set break	5 Minutes
Change of attire break taken with a toilet break	On a set break	5 Minutes

*An Authorized Break is timed from when the player enters the toilet or change area to when she leaves the toilet or change area.

- b. If a player's Authorized Break exceeds the allowed time, she will be penalized with back-to-back Time Violations in accordance with Section VII.G.2.a.
- c. Breaks taken beyond a player's or team's Authorized Break(s) or taken at times other than those permitted for Authorized Breaks ("Additional Breaks") will be permitted but will be penalized with back-to-back Time Violations in accordance with Section VII.G.2.a if the player or team is not ready to play within the applicable time.
- d. Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet break or change of attire break after a warm-up has started, it is considered an Authorized Break or Additional Break, regardless of whether the player's opponent has left the court.

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- e. A player may not take a toilet break or change of attire break and a Medical Time Out consecutively, unless approved by the Referee/Supervisor.

3. Denial of a Player Request

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

4. Abuse of Rule

Players will be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule for any abuse of this Rule. (See Section XVIII.A.23 - Officials and Officiating; see also Section B.1 of Appendix B - Supervisor.)

E. WTA MEDICAL RULE

See Section XVIII.B.6 - Medical Procedures.

F. CODE OF CONDUCT

An on-court code offense, under the Code of Conduct, may be declared by the Chair Umpire acting on his or her own or when instructed by either the Supervisor or Referee.

For full information, see Section XVII - Code of Conduct.

G. CONTINUOUS PLAY

1. Start of Match Violations

A player will receive a warning for her first violation and a \$250 fine for each subsequent violation per Tournament of the following time limits:

Event	Time Limit
Reaching the net for pre-match meeting (time starts when second player reaches her bench/chair after entering the court)	60 seconds
Warm-up (time starts at the conclusion of the pre-match meeting)	4 minutes
Start of play (time starts at the conclusion of warm up)	60 seconds

2. In-Match Violations

Monetary fines are not applicable.

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a. Time Violation

A player is subject to a Time Violation if she is not ready to play within the following time limits:

Breaks in Play	Time Limit
Between points	25 seconds
Change of ends	90 seconds (120 seconds for TV change of ends)
Set breaks	120 seconds
Heat rule break between 2nd and 3rd singles sets	10 minutes

A serving player will receive a Time Violation warning for the first offense and a Time Violation fault for all subsequent infractions thereafter. A receiving player will receive a Time Violation warning for the first offense and a Time Violation loss of point for all subsequent infractions thereafter.

A player may not receive back-to-back Time Violations, and consecutive delays shall be penalized by a Delay of Game Code Violation (see sub-section b below); except, however, that if a player is late after the ten- (10) minute heat rule break, an Authorized Break, or an Additional Break, then she may receive back-to-back Time Violations and, after she receives a Time Violation warning for the first offense of a match, she will receive a Time Violation loss of point for all subsequent offenses resulting from such break regardless of whether she is the server or receiver.

b. Code Violation

A Delay of Game Code Violation shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule when a violation occurs immediately after (i.e., before the next point is played) a medical treatment or Medical Time-Out (see Section XVIII.B.6.c) or is a result of a refusal to play, not returning to the court within the allowed time (see Sections VII.D.2.b), or a consecutive delay other than those that receive back-to-back Time Violations (see sub-section a above).

H. HINDRANCE RULE

A hindrance may result from a corrected call by an official or an event on the court that may be ruled involuntary or deliberate. Any continual distraction of regular play, such as grunting, shall be dealt with in accordance with this Section H.

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1. Corrected Call

- a. If a call is corrected from "Good" to "Out," then the point is ended and there is no hindrance.
- b. If a call is corrected from "Out" to "Good," then a let must be called unless the Chair Umpire determines in his/her sole discretion that the ball was a clear ace or a clear winning shot that the player could not have retrieved. If there is any reasonable possibility that the ball could have been played, then the player must be given the benefit of the doubt.
- c. If a foot fault is called before a serving player hits the ball, then a let must be called.

2. Involuntary Hindrance

- a. A let should be called the first time a player has created an involuntary hindrance (e.g., ball falling out of pocket, hat falling off, etc.), and the player should be told that any such hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.
- b. A let should be called if a player is hindered by an event outside of her control (e.g., ball rolling onto the court, paper blowing onto the court, etc.) during play or her service motion.
- c. Noise, "out" calls, or other similar distractions from spectators are not considered a hindrance and the point should stand as played.

3. Deliberate Hindrance

Any hindrance caused by a player that is ruled deliberate will result in the loss of a point.

I. DEFAULTS

1. Procedure

- a. The Supervisor may declare a default for either a single violation of the Code of Conduct or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out in the Code of Conduct.
- b. If no later than the end of the next change of ends the Chair Umpire receives a report of a serious violation that may warrant an immediate default, the Chair Umpire may call the Supervisor to discuss an

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immediate default. The Supervisor may declare an immediate default for a violation witnessed or not witnessed by the Chair Umpire.

- c. In all cases of default, the Supervisor's decision shall be final and non-appealable.
- d. Except as excluded below, a default assessed for violation of the Code of Conduct by a doubles player shall be assessed against both players on the team.

2. Penalties

- a. See Defaults under Section XVII.D.8 - Code of Conduct. (Also see Section XVIII.B.5.d - Resumption of Play and Penalties for Rule Violations.)
- b. Any player who is defaulted as per the Code of Conduct shall lose all prize money and ranking points earned for that event at that Tournament, in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident.
- c. In addition, at the Supervisor's discretion, any player who is defaulted (or partner of a doubles player who is defaulted) for a single violation of the Code of Conduct which causes or could have caused an immediate default as per the Code of Conduct may be defaulted from all other events, if any, in that Tournament, except when the offending incident:
 - i. Involves only a violation of the Punctuality or Clothing and Equipment provisions;
 - ii. Results from a medical condition; or
 - iii. Involves a member of a doubles team who did not cause any of the misconduct which resulted in the team being defaulted, in which case, such doubles player shall receive ranking points and prize money from the previous round.

J. FINE APPEALS

Fine appeals must be filed within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice.

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VIII. WTA RANKING SYSTEM

A. GENERAL

1. Description

The worldwide computer rankings for women's Professional Tennis ("WTA Rankings") reflect a player's participation and performance in Tournament play and determine player acceptances and seeding for all Tournaments. The WTA Rankings are computed and published weekly by the WTA from its Florida Office.

All Rules in this Section VIII are subject to the Rules in Section VI regarding the WTA Finals.

2. Eligibility

a. Age Requirements

i. Players under the age of 14

Players under the age of 14 cannot obtain a WTA Ranking. If a player under the age of 14 plays singles or doubles in a Tournament, that Tournament and the points acquired during play will not be counted for ranking purposes for that player.

ii. Players aged 14 through 17

If a player plays singles or doubles in a Tournament that exceeds the number permitted to be played under the Age Eligibility Rule (see Section X.A), that Tournament and the points acquired during play will not be counted for ranking purposes for that player.

b. Number of Tournaments

Players must earn (i) ranking points in at least three (3) valid Tournaments, or (ii) a minimum of ten (10) singles ranking points or ten (10) doubles ranking points in one (1) or more valid Tournaments, in order to appear on the WTA Rankings.

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3. Processing of Rankings

- a. WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250, and WTA 125 Tournaments

WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250, and WTA 125 Tournaments are processed on a weekly basis, except that rankings are not processed during two (2)-week events.

- b. WTA Finals

Year-End Rankings are processed immediately after the WTA Finals.

- c. ITF W100, W75, and W50 Events

If an ITF W100, W75, or W50 event is completed by 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern time on the Sunday of that week or 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern time on the Saturday preceding a Grand Slam event, such Tournament is processed in the current week's rankings.

If the Singles Final only of an ITF W100, W75, or W50 event is not completed by Sunday 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern time or Saturday 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern time preceding a Grand Slam event, the current week's rankings will include the event results through the semifinals, plus each of the singles finalists will receive finalist points in the current week's rankings. The winner's points will be adjusted in the next rankings.

- d. ITF W35 and W15 Events

ITF W35 and W15 events are processed a minimum of one (1) week following the completion of the tournament.

- e. Points stay valid for 52 weeks from the week in which a Tournament is included in the WTA Rankings totals, except that ranking points a player earns from a WTA Finals drop off upon the Monday after the final WTA Tournament occurring before the start of the following year's WTA Finals.

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4. Tournament Results Comprised in Rankings

a. Singles

i. Tournaments

Subject to the Long-Term Injury Rule and Special Ranking Rule, a player's WTA Singles Ranking is determined by calculating her total ranking points, including any applicable zero (0) ranking point results pursuant to Section II.A, from eighteen (18) Tournament results during a rolling, 52-week period, which must include:

- four (4) Grand Slams;
- six (6) WTA 1000 Mandatory combined/virtually combined Tournaments;
- one (1) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament (WTA only);
- best seven (7) results from all WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250, and WTA 125 Tournaments and ITF W15+ events; and
- if she played the WTA Finals, the player's results will be added to her total points as a bonus Tournament.

For each Grand Slam or WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament that a player is not required to count on her ranking as described below, the number of results from all other Tournaments that count on her ranking is increased by one (1).

(a) Grand Slams and WTA Finals

If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of a Grand Slam or the WTA Finals as a direct acceptance (or would have been a direct acceptance but for a period of ineligibility), as a Qualifier, as a Special Exempt, as a Lucky Loser, or by Special Ranking, her ranking point result (including zero (0) ranking point results) for that Tournament must count on her ranking and remain on her ranking for 52 weeks regardless of whether she participates in that Tournament; provided, however, that if a player enters using her Special Ranking and withdraws before the start of Qualifying, she will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result for that Tournament.

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If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of a Grand Slam by Wild Card, her ranking point result for that Tournament must count on her ranking only if she participates in that Tournament.

(b) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments

Any zero (0) ranking point results received from a WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament must count on a player's ranking and remain on her ranking for 52 weeks unless and until she is meeting her WTA 1000 Mandatory Commitment Tournament requirements for that Tour Year.

(c) WTA 500 Tournaments

Any zero (0) ranking point results received from a WTA 500 Commitment Tournament must count on a player's ranking but are replaced once the player has results from a WTA 500 Tournament the following Tour Year.

ii. Long-Term Injury

(a) Definition

A Long-Term Injury is an absence from play in any form of women's professional tennis, including WTA Tournaments, Grand Slams, Billie Jean King Cup, Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events, and any Exhibition/Non-WTA Event ("Professional Tennis") due to a Medical Condition (as defined in Section IV.A.7.a) for at least eight (8) consecutive weeks within the calendar year, counting from the player's last Tournament played.

(b) Qualification

In order to qualify for a Long-Term Injury, if requested a player must submit a WTA Medical Information Form to WTA Operations, which must be written in English, and completed by an accredited physician, indicating the nature of the Medical Condition and verifying that the player is unable to play for at least eight (8) consecutive weeks.

(c) Application of Zero Ranking Point Results

If a player qualifies for a Long-Term Injury,

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- (i) she must count on her ranking all applicable zero (0) ranking point results received from Grand Slams and the WTA Finals;
- (ii) she is not required to count on her ranking any zero (0) ranking point results received from WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments that occurred during her Long-Term Injury; and
- (iii) such player's WTA 500 Commitment Tournament requirement is:
 - reduced to a maximum of four (4) WTA 500 Commitment Tournaments if her Long-Term Injury is at least eight (8) consecutive weeks but less than sixteen (16) consecutive weeks within the calendar year;
 - reduced to a maximum of two (2) WTA 500 Commitment Tournaments if her Long-Term Injury is at least sixteen (16) consecutive weeks but less than twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks within the calendar year; and
 - reduced to zero (0) WTA 500 Commitment Tournaments if her Long-Term Injury is at least twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks within the calendar year;

provided, however, that if the player does not participate in Professional Tennis after the US Open of a calendar year (Week 36) because of her Long-Term Injury and subsequently participates in Professional Tennis (including Exhibition/Non-WTA Events) before the second Monday after the completion of the WTA Finals of that calendar year (Week 46), then all zero (0) ranking point results she received after the US Open of that calendar year must count on her ranking.

Note: all zero (0) ranking point results will be applied to a player's ranking per the Rules until the player's absence from play reaches eight (8) consecutive weeks and she meets the qualification requirements in sub-Section (b) above, then the zero (0) ranking point results will be replaced or removed as applicable.

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iii. Lifted Provisional Suspensions

If a player receives a zero (0) ranking point result while provisionally suspended under the Integrity Rules and subsequently the provisional suspension is lifted, then

- (a) she must count on her ranking all applicable zero (0) ranking point results received from Grand Slams; and
- (b) she is not required to count on her ranking any zero (0) ranking point results received from WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournaments that occurred during her provisional suspension.

b. Doubles

A player's WTA Doubles Ranking is determined by calculating her total points from her best twelve (12) Tournament results during a rolling, 52-week period.

5. Number of Tournament Ranking Points Awarded

The following table details the number of ranking points awarded to players by round, including Qualifying, and by Tournament for both singles and doubles play. See Section VI and Appendix K for ranking points awarded at the WTA Finals and United Cup respectively.

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2024 WTA RANKING POINT CHART												
SINGLES AND DOUBLES RANKING POINTS BY ROUND												
---- Description ----	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	QLFR	Q3	Q2	Q1
Grand Slam (128 Singles)	2000	1300	780	430	240	130	70	10	40	30	20	2
Grand Slam (64 Doubles)	2000	1300	780	430	240	130	10	-	-	-	-	-
WTA 1000 (96M, 48Q) (Singles)	1000	650	390	215	120	65	35	10	30	-	20	2
WTA 1000 (56M, 32Q) (Singles)	1000	650	390	215	120	65	10	-	30	-	20	2
WTA 1000 (32/28D) (Doubles)	1000	650	390	215	120	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
WTA 500 (48M, 24Q) (Singles)	500	325	195	108	60	32	1	-	25	-	13	1
WTA 500 (30/28M, 24/16Q) (Singles)	500	325	195	108	60	1	-	-	25	-	13	1
WTA 500 (24D) (Doubles)	500	325	195	108	60	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
WTA 500 (16D) (Doubles)	500	325	195	108	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WTA 250 (32M, 24/16Q) (Singles)	250	163	98	54	30	1	-	-	18	-	12	1
WTA 250 (16D) (Doubles)	250	163	98	54	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WTA 125 (32M, 16Q) (Singles)	125	81	49	27	15	1	-	-	6	-	4	1
WTA 125 (32M, 8Q) (Singles)	125	81	49	27	15	1	-	-	6	-	-	1
WTA 125 (16D) (Doubles)	125	81	49	27	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WTA 125 (8D) (Doubles)	125	81	49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF WTT EVENTS												
W100 (32M, 32Q) (Singles)	100	65	39	21	12	1	-	-	5	-	3	-
W100 (48M, 32/24Q) (Singles)	100	65	39	21	12	7	1	-	5	-	3	-
W100 (16D) (Doubles)	100	65	39	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W75 (32M, 32Q) (Singles)	75	49	29	16	9	1	-	-	3	-	2	-
W75 (48M, 32/24Q) (Singles)	75	49	29	16	9	5	1	-	3	-	2	-
W75 (16D) (Doubles)	75	49	29	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W50 (32M, 32Q) (Singles)	50	33	20	11	6	1	-	-	2	-	1	-
W50 (48M, 32/24Q) (Singles)	50	33	20	11	6	3	1	-	2	-	1	-
W50 (16D) (Doubles)	50	33	20	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W35 (32M, 64/48/32/24Q) (Singles)	35	23	14	8	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
W35 (48M, 32/24Q) (Singles)	35	23	14	8	4	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
W35 (16D) (Doubles)	35	23	14	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W15 (32M, 64/48/32/24Q) (Singles)	15	10	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W15 (16D) (Doubles)	15	10	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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B. RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Ranking Order

Players are ranked on the basis of their total ranking points in accordance with Section VIII.A.

2. Ranking Points Generally

- a. Players are awarded ranking points for the highest round they reach.
- b. Players who receive Wild Cards receive the same ranking points as any other player.
- c. Qualifiers earn Main Draw ranking points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw plus the ranking points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column on the ranking points table in Section VIII.A.5, except that:
 - i. Qualifiers who have not played a match in the Qualifying Draw and advance to the Main Draw will receive only Main Draw points.
 - ii. Qualifiers who lose in the first round of the Main Draw will receive only Qualifier points.
- d. Lucky Losers earn Main Draw ranking points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw plus the ranking points earned in Qualifying, unless they lose in the first round of the Main Draw, in which case they receive only the ranking points earned in Qualifying.

3. Withdrawals, Byes, Walkovers, and Defaults

- a. Withdrawals
 - i. Singles
 - (a) If a player withdraws or is withdrawn automatically from a Tournament before playing her first match, she will not receive ranking points unless it is a Grand Slam or a Commitment Tournament, in which case she will receive zero (0) points and the Tournament will count on her ranking.
 - (b) If a player withdraws from a Tournament after the start of her first match, she will receive ranking points for reaching

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the round in which she withdrew, except that a Qualifier who withdraws in the first round of the Main Draw will receive only Qualifier points.

ii. Doubles

- (a) If a team withdraws from a Tournament before playing their first match, they will not receive ranking points.
- (b) If a doubles team withdraws from a Tournament after the start of their first match, they will receive ranking points as follows:
 - (i) the non-withdrawing partner will receive ranking points per the round her partner withdrew; and
 - (ii) the partner causing the withdrawal will receive ranking points from the previous round, unless one of the following apply, in which case the withdrawing partner will receive ranking points per the round she withdrew:
 - the player withdraws/retires from a singles match which was scheduled during the same Tournament;
 - the player is declared unfit to play singles or doubles at the same Tournament;
 - the player also withdraws from playing singles in a Tournament to be held the following week at the time she withdraws from doubles; or
 - the player does not play singles in a tennis event the following week.
 - (iii) The team will receive points per the round they withdrew towards their Final Race Standings.

b. Byes

- i. If a player or team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and loses her/their first match played, the player or team will receive first round losers' points.
- ii. If a player or team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and defaults or withdraws from her/their first match, the player or team will not receive ranking points unless it is a WTA

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1000 Mandatory Tournament, Grand Slam, or Commitment Tournament, in which case she will receive zero (0) points and the Tournament will count on her ranking.

c. Walkovers

- i. If a player or team receives a walkover in the first round, and there is no Alternate or Lucky Loser to take the spot, the player or team will receive ranking points from the round preceding her/their elimination.
- ii. If a player or team receives a walkover in a subsequent round without having yet played a match, the player or team will receive ranking points from the round preceding her/their elimination.
- iii. If a player or team receives a walkover in any round except the first round after having played and won a match, the player or team will receive ranking points for the round reached.

d. Defaults

For any disciplinary default occurring in a Tournament after the match begins,

- i. The advancing player or team will receive ranking points for the round reached; and
- ii. The defaulting player or team will lose all ranking points earned for that event at that Tournament, except that if one member of a doubles team did not cause the default, she will receive ranking points from the previous round.

4. Tournament Cancellation or Early Termination

a. Tournament Cancellation Without Play Occurring

If the singles or doubles event of a Tournament is cancelled, and there has been no play, players will not receive any ranking points.

b. Tournament Cancellation After Play Has Begun

If play has commenced and is terminated before the first round is completed, players will not receive any ranking points. However, if the first round has been completed, all players will receive ranking points earned through the last completed round.

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c. **Tournament Cancellation Without Completion of Finals**

If a Tournament is officially terminated before the finals have been completed, each finalist will receive finalist's ranking points.

5. Tie-breaking Procedures

a. **Singles**

When two (2) or more players have the same number of ranking points, the tie for the ranking position will be decided according to the following priorities:

- i. The player with the most combined total points from Grand Slams, WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments, and the WTA Finals;
- ii. The player with the most total points from all WTA Tournaments (including the WTA Finals) and Grand Slams;
- iii. The player with the fewest number of Tournaments in a 52-week period (counting any Tournaments for which she received a zero (0) ranking point result); and
- iv. The highest number of points from one (1) Tournament, then if needed, the second highest and so on.

b. **Doubles**

When two (2) or more players have the same number of ranking points, the tie for the ranking position will be decided according to the following priorities:

- i. If two (2) of the players have the same ranking points and they earned their best eleven (11) doubles results in the previous 52-week period as a team, then the players will be tied for the same ranking position based on those best eleven (11) doubles results in that 52-week period;
- ii. The player with the most total points from all WTA and Grand Slam Tournaments, including the WTA Finals;
- iii. The player with the fewest number of Tournaments in a 52-week period; and

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- iv. The highest number of points from one (1) Tournament, then if needed, the second highest and so on.

If the results of all tie-breaks under a or b are the same, the rank for such players will be considered tied for that ranking position. The WTA Rankings will list the tied players alphabetically, last name followed by first name. If both the first and last names are the same, the players will be listed according to whichever player is encountered first during the ranking process.

6. Clarification of Ranking Points Rules and Procedures

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C. WTA SPECIAL RANKING RULE

1. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following capitalized terms in this Section VIII.C have the following meanings:

- a. “Additional Seed” means a player in the Main Draw who does not play another seeded player in the first-round of that draw.
- b. “Medical Condition” means a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation or medical treatment.
- c. “Out of Competition” means:
 - i. not participating in any Tennis Event other than an Exhibition/ Non-WTA Event for which a player was granted a waiver pursuant to sub-Section 6 below; and
 - ii. not competing in any other organized sport.
- d. “Out-of-Competition Period” means a period during which a player is Out of Competition because of a Medical Condition, Pregnancy, or Parental Start for a minimum of twenty-six (26) weeks, which for a particular player is calculated using the last day of the last Tennis Event that she played or at which she received prize money, whichever is later, and the date of her Return to Competition.

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A player may not count any period of suspension or period of ineligibility for violation of the Rules, TADP, or TACP toward her Out-of-Competition Period.

- e. "Parental Start" means adoption, surrogacy, or becoming the legal guardian of a person under the age of eighteen (18).
- f. "Pregnancy" means the medically-diagnosed condition of being pregnant.
- g. "Return to Competition" means the earlier of:
 - i. playing or competing in
 - (a) any Tennis Event other than an Exhibition/Non-WTA Event for which a player was granted a waiver pursuant to sub-Section 6 below; or
 - (b) any other organized sport; or
 - ii. acceptance into a Tournament using a Special Ranking and subsequently using a Prize Money Withdrawal; or
 - iii. for a Special Ranking for a Parental Start, the date that is 52 weeks after the beginning of a player's original Out-of-Competition Period; or
 - iv. the date that is 104 weeks after:
 - (a) for a Special Ranking for a Medical Condition, the beginning of a player's original Out-of-Competition Period; or
 - (b) for a Special Ranking for Pregnancy, the end of the Pregnancy.
- h. "Special Ranking" means a player's ranking as of the WTA Rankings published immediately after:
 - i. the points of the last Tournament she played before her Out-of-Competition Period began have been added to the WTA Rankings (see Section VIII.A.3 – Processing of Rankings); or
 - ii. the last Tennis Event she played or at which she received prize money, whichever is later, before her Out-of-Competition Period began.

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- i. “Special Ranking Application” has the meaning that Section VIII.C.3.a assigns to that term.
- j. “Special Ranking Period” has the meaning that Section VIII.C.5.b.ii assigns to that term.
- k. “Tennis Event” means any WTA Tournament, Grand Slam, ITF (including World Tennis Tour and Billie Jean King Cup) event, Olympic or Olympic Qualification event, or Exhibition/Non-WTA Event, regardless of whether ranking points are awarded.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all other capitalized terms in this Section VIII.C have the meanings that these Rules assign to those terms.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for a Special Ranking in either singles or doubles, a player must:

- a. have an Out-of-Competition Period;
- b. have a WTA Ranking of 1-750 in singles or doubles immediately after the points of the last Tournament she played have been added to the WTA Rankings (see Section VIII.A.3 – Processing of Rankings);
- c. submit documentation of a Medical Condition, Parental Start, or Pregnancy in accordance with this Section VIII.C.

For clarity, unless granted a waiver to participate in an Exhibition/Non-WTA Event pursuant to sub-Section 6 below, if a player participates in a Tennis Event or competes in any other organized sport within twenty-six (26) weeks of the purported start of her Out-of-Competition Period, she is not eligible for a Special Ranking.

3. Application Procedure and Timing

- a. Application

To apply for a Special Ranking, a player must submit the following documentation (“Special Ranking Application”) in English to WTA Operations for approval:

- i. a completed and signed Special Ranking application form;
- ii. a public release statement;

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- iii. if applicable, medical documentation, including:
 - (a) the diagnosis of the Medical Condition or Pregnancy;
 - (b) a copy of clinical visit documentation;
 - (c) physician's notes/documentation; and
 - (d) all relevant laboratory tests and applicable surgical reports; and
- iv. if applicable, evidence (e.g., legal documentation) demonstrating the Parental Start.

WTA in its sole discretion reserves the right to require a player to submit additional documentation to verify the Medical Condition, Parental Start, or Pregnancy. If a player is applying for a Special Ranking for more than one (1) Medical Condition or for a combination of a Medical Condition(s) and a Parental Start or Pregnancy, she must submit documentation for each Medical Condition and Parental Start or Pregnancy.

b. Timing

Each player applying for a Special Ranking must submit her Special Ranking Application:

- i. within twenty-six (26) weeks after the start of her Out-of-Competition Period; and
- ii. at least thirty (30) calendar days before the entry deadline for the first Tournament that she wants to enter using her Special Ranking.

4. Requests for Subsequent Status Reports and Documentation Handling

WTA may request subsequent medical and legal (as applicable) status reports written in English, and if a player fails to comply promptly with such requests, the WTA may revoke her Special Ranking. WTA will keep all medical and legal documentation confidential.

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5. Usage Criteria and Guidelines

a. Number of Tournaments

A player whose Out-of-Competition Period is at least twenty-six weeks but less than thirty-nine (39) weeks may use her Special Ranking in up to eight (8) Tournaments (singles or doubles, as applicable). A player whose Out-of-Competition Period is at least thirty-nine (39) weeks but less than fifty-two (52) weeks may use her Special Ranking in up to ten (10) Tournaments (singles or doubles, as applicable). A player whose Out-of-Competition Period is fifty-two (52) weeks or longer may use her Special Ranking in twelve (12) Tournaments (singles or doubles, as applicable).

A player may use her Special Ranking to participate in a maximum of five (5) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments and two (2) Grand Slams as part of her maximum Tournaments to use her Special Ranking, and she may use her Special Ranking to participate in each WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament and Grand Slam only one (1) time per Special Ranking.

b. Timing

- i. The earliest a player's Return to Competition may occur is in a match scheduled during the same calendar week in which her Out-of-Competition Period reaches twenty-six (26) weeks.
- ii. A player has fifty-two (52) weeks from the date of her Return to Competition to use her Special Ranking ("Special Ranking Period").
- iii. The latest a player may use her Special Ranking is at a Tournament scheduled the same calendar week in which her Special Ranking expires.
- iv. If a player has both singles and doubles Special Rankings, her Return to Competition for both Special Rankings begins at the same time.

c. Procedures

i. Special Ranking Freeze Petition

(a) Subsequent Medical Condition

If any player's Return to Competition occurs and before

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her Special Ranking expires she subsequently is Out of Competition for a minimum of thirteen (13) weeks because of a Medical Condition, she may request to “freeze” her Special Ranking Period by completing and submitting another Special Ranking Application; provided, however, that regardless of any “freeze,” a player’s Special Ranking expires no later than the date that is 156 weeks after:

- (i) for a Special Ranking originally for a Medical Condition or Parental Start, the beginning of a player’s original Out-of-Competition Period; and
- (ii) for a Special Ranking originally for Pregnancy, the end of the Pregnancy.

(b) Subsequent Pregnancy or Parental Start

If before a player’s Special Ranking expires (but regardless of whether her Return to Competition has occurred) she subsequently is Out of Competition for Pregnancy or a Parental Start, she may complete and submit another Special Ranking Application to request either:

- (i) to “freeze” her Special Ranking Period for her current Special Ranking until the date that is 104 weeks after the end of her Pregnancy or 52 weeks after the beginning of her Out-of-Competition Period for a Parental Start; or
- (ii) a new Special Ranking.

(c) Restrictions

- (i) A player may not “freeze” her Special Ranking during any period of suspension for violation of the Rules, TADP, or TACP.
- (ii) A player may “freeze” her Special Ranking Period a maximum of two (2) times per Special Ranking. Upon a player’s second and third Return to Competition, she will have the same number of Tournaments and the same time remaining in her Special Ranking Period and the same number of Tournaments remaining in which to use her eligibility as an Additional Seed as she had when the “freeze” went into effect.

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ii. Tournament Entry and Acceptance

A player must submit all requests to use her Special Ranking to enter WTA Tournaments, Grand Slams, or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events to WTA Operations by the applicable WTA or Grand Slam entry deadline or by the Monday prior to the applicable ITF entry deadline. The WTA will not accept requests submitted after entry deadlines.

A player may use her Special Ranking and actual WTA Ranking interchangeably for singles entry and Doubles Advance Entry, but she may not change the ranking she uses to enter a Tournament after that Tournament's entry deadline; provided, however, that if a player enters a WTA Tournament, a Grand Slam, or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event with her Special Ranking and she would have been accepted into that Tournament using her actual WTA Ranking as of the completion of the first round of Qualifying (or if no Qualifying, then as of the completion of the first round of Main Draw), then her Special Ranking entry will not count towards her maximum Tournaments to use her Special Ranking. If multiple players with the same WTA Ranking enter the same Tournament, the player using her actual WTA Ranking will be accepted before the player using her Special Ranking.

(a) All WTA Tournaments

If a player has both a singles and doubles Special Ranking and she uses her singles Special Ranking for on-site entry into the doubles competition of a WTA Tournament, it will not count toward her maximum allowed singles entries at Tournaments using her singles Special Ranking (but will count toward her maximum allowed doubles entries at Tournaments using a Special Ranking). If a player uses her singles Special Ranking to enter singles (Main Draw or Qualifying) and doubles at the same WTA Tournament, such entries count as one (1) of her maximum allowed singles entries and as one (1) of her maximum allowed doubles entries at Tournaments under the Special Ranking Rule. If a player only has a singles Special Ranking and she uses it for on-site entry into the doubles competition of a WTA Tournament, it will count toward both her maximum allowed singles entries and her maximum allowed doubles entries at Tournaments using her singles Special Ranking.

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(b) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments

If a player enters and is accepted into the singles Main Draw of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament using her Special Ranking and she subsequently withdraws after the applicable withdrawal deadline in Section VIII.C.5.e below, she will receive zero (0) ranking points for the Tournament, which must count as one (1) of her best sixteen (16) Tournament results in calculating her WTA Ranking.

If a player has a Special Ranking, her Return to Competition has not yet occurred, and her actual WTA Ranking automatically enters her into a 2-week WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament, then:

- (i) her Return to Competition may occur at a WTA 125 Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event during the second week of that WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament; and
- (ii) she will not be subject to any Late Withdrawal fines or any prohibition against withdrawing from one Tournament to play another (see Section IV.A) for her failure to play that WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament, except that she will receive zero (0) ranking points for the Tournament, which must count as one (1) of her best sixteen (16) Tournament results in calculating her WTA Ranking.

(c) WTA Finals

A player may not qualify for the WTA Finals using a Special Ranking.

(d) Grand Slams

A player may use her singles Special Ranking to enter doubles and/or mixed doubles at a Grand Slam, which will not count toward her two (2) allowed singles entries at Grand Slams using her singles Special Ranking (but will count toward her two (2) allowed doubles entries at Grand Slams using a Special Ranking).

If a player uses her singles or doubles Special Ranking to enter only mixed doubles at a Grand Slam, such entry counts as one (1) of her two (2) allowed doubles entries at Grand Slams under the Special Ranking Rule. If a player uses her

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singles or doubles Special Ranking to enter doubles and mixed doubles at the same Grand Slam, such entries count as one (1) of her two (2) allowed doubles entries at Grand Slams under the Special Ranking Rule.

If a player enters the singles Main Draw of a Grand Slam using her Special Ranking and she subsequently withdraws after the applicable withdrawal deadline in Section VIII.C.5.e below, she will receive zero (0) ranking points for the Grand Slam, which must count as one (1) of her best sixteen (16) Tournament results in calculating her WTA Ranking.

(e) Olympics

A player may use her Special Ranking for acceptance into the Olympic tennis event, which will count as one (1) of her maximum Tournaments to use her Special Ranking.

d. Automatic Entry into WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament

WTA does not automatically enter a player into a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament using her Special Ranking. To enter a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament using her Special Ranking, a player must notify WTA Operations in writing before the applicable entry deadline.

e. Tournament Withdrawal

If a player is accepted into a Tournament using her Special Ranking but withdraws from singles or doubles by any method other than a Prize Money Withdrawal, then the Tournament will not count as one (1) of her maximum Tournaments to use her Special Ranking, but she is subject to all withdrawal requirements, any applicable Late Withdrawal or No-Show fines, and any resulting zero (0) ranking point results on her WTA Rankings.

f. Wild Cards

If a player is accepted into a Tournament using her Special Ranking, she may accept a Wild Card into such Tournament before 4:00 p.m. tournament local time on the day of the Qualifying Sign-In.

g. Seeding

A player's Special Ranking may qualify her as an Additional Seed at any WTA Tournament according to this Section; provided, however,

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that regardless of any “freeze,” a player’s eligibility as an Additional Seed expires no later than the date that is: (i) for a Special Ranking originally for a Medical Condition, 156 weeks after the beginning of a player’s original Out-of-Competition Period; (ii) for a Special Ranking originally for Pregnancy, 156 weeks after the end of the Pregnancy; and (iii) for a Special Ranking originally for a Parental Start, 104 weeks after the beginning of a player’s original Out-of-Competition Period.

i. Singles

Upon a player’s Return to Competition, if she is accepted into the singles Main Draw of a WTA Tournament, her singles Special Ranking is 1-100, and her Special Ranking would qualify her for seeding in the draw (regardless of whether she was accepted using her Special Ranking), then she will be an Additional Seed in the draw, subject to the procedures below and in Section V.A.6.c.ii:

- (a) A player is eligible as an Additional Seed only at the first eight (8) WTA Tournaments after her Return to Competition;
- (b) Only singles Main Draws of 28, 30, 32, 56, 60, and 64 may contain Additional Seeds; singles Main Draws of 48 and 96 cannot contain Additional Seeds; and
- (c) If an Additional Seed withdraws after the draw is made, then the next player eligible to move into the draw (i.e., Qualifier, Lucky Loser, or Alternate as applicable) takes the open position.

ii. Doubles

Upon a player’s Return to Competition, if her team is accepted into the doubles Main Draw of a WTA Tournament, her doubles Special Ranking is 1-50, and her doubles Special Ranking combined with her partner’s doubles ranking would qualify her team for seeding in the draw (regardless of whether she was accepted using her doubles Special Ranking), then her team will be an Additional Seed in the draw, subject to the procedures below and in Section V.A.6.c.ii:

- (a) A player’s team is eligible as an Additional Seed only at the first eight (8) WTA Tournaments after her Return to Competition;

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- (b) Only doubles draws of 16, 28, and 32 may contain Additional Seeds; doubles draws of 8 cannot contain Additional Seeds; and
- (c) If an Additional Seed withdraws after the draw is made, then the next team eligible to move into the draw takes the open position.

iii. Tournament Withdrawal

If a player is eligible as an Additional Seed but withdraws from singles or doubles by any method other than a Prize Money Withdrawal, then the Tournament will not count as one (1) of the eight (8) Tournaments at which she can be an Additional Seed.

h. Lucky Loser Status

A player's actual WTA Ranking, not her Special Ranking, determines her Lucky Loser position or status.

i. Top 10 Players

Special Rankings will not be used to determine Top 10 Players.

j. Player Responsibilities

i. Upon Return to Competition

Upon her Return to Competition, a player must report to the WTA the first Tennis Event in which she participates.

ii. Tracking Tournament Usage

Each player is responsible for tracking the Tournaments in which she uses her Special Ranking. If a player exceeds the maximums in this Section VIII.C, she will forfeit any ranking points she earned at all WTA Tournaments, Grand Slams, and Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events in which she used her Special Ranking that exceed those maximums.

k. Missed Tournament Ranking Point Replacement

A player who during her Out-of-Competition Period misses any Tournament(s) that must count as one (1) of her best eighteen (18)

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Tournament results in calculating her WTA Ranking may replace any zero (0) ranking point results for such Tournament(s) with the results she obtains at Tournaments after her Return to Competition only after she has eighteen (18) Tournaments comprising her WTA Singles Ranking.

I. Abuse of Special Ranking

If at any time WTA determines in its sole discretion that a player has abused or is abusing her Special Ranking status, WTA has the authority to (i) revoke the player's Special Ranking; (ii) revoke any ranking points the player earned from the abuse of her Special Ranking status; and (iii) penalize the player under Section XVII.D.13.b. A player is entitled to appeal any penalty issued under this Section VIII.C.5.I in accordance with Section XVII.D.13.c and Section XVII.G, as applicable.

6. Exhibition/Non-WTA Event Waiver

Any Player subject to this Special Ranking Rule may apply to the WTA for a waiver to participate in one (1) Exhibition/Non-WTA Event (as defined in Section XVII.E) that will not restart her Out-of-Competition Period or start her Return to Competition, which application the WTA may grant in its sole and absolute discretion. A player must submit a waiver request, applicable medical documentation, and medical clearance from her doctor. All materials are requested thirty (30) days in advance but must be received by the WTA no later than one (1) day prior to the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event.

The WTA may consider such waiver requests according to the individual circumstances presented. In considering whether to grant a waiver, the WTA may take into account, among other factors, (i) the current length of a player's Out-of-Competition Period, (ii) the timing of the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event in comparison to the player's planned Return to Competition, and (iii) the format of the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event, the number of days over which it is scheduled, and the number of matches the player is likely to play. As a general rule, waivers may be granted more freely in cases of bona fide charity events, bona fide team competitions, events with Pro-Am formats, and events with non-traditional tennis scoring.

Players ranked 1-50 are also subject to Section XVII.E – Exhibition/Non-WTA Event Rule.

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D. TADP RETURN TO COMPETITION SPECIAL RANKING RULE

1. Definitions

The following capitalized terms in this Section VIII.D have the following meanings:

- a. “Qualifying TADP Matter” means players who (i) have been provisionally suspended for an apparent Anti-Doping Rule Violation (as defined in the TADP) or receive a period of ineligibility from an Anti-Doping Organisation (as defined in the TADP) or first-instance panel for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, and (ii) have been found to have not committed or to bear No Fault (as defined in the TADP) or Negligence (as defined in the TADP) for a violation by an Anti-Doping Organisation, first-instance panel, or appeal panel (as applicable), and therefore no period of ineligibility applies.
- b. “TADP Return to Competition” means the earlier of:
 - i. playing or competing in any Tennis Event; or
 - ii. the date that is eighteen (18) weeks after the player regains eligibility under the TADP.
- c. “TADP Out-of-Competition Period” means a period during which a player is ineligible to compete because of a Qualifying TADP Matter, which for a particular player is calculated from the date the provisional suspension or period of ineligibility started until the date the player regains eligibility under the TADP.
- d. “TADP Special Ranking” means a player’s WTA Ranking as of the date on which the player’s provisional suspension or period of ineligibility came into effect; provided, however, that in either case, a player’s Special Ranking will exclude any results that are disqualified as a result of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.
- e. “Tennis Event” means any WTA Tournament, Grand Slam, ITF (including World Tennis Tour and Billie Jean King Cup) event, Olympic or Olympic Qualification event, or Exhibition/Non-WTA Event, regardless of whether ranking points are awarded.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all other capitalized terms in this Section VIII.D have the meanings that these Rules assign to those terms.

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2. Eligibility

To be eligible for a TADP Special Ranking in either singles or doubles, a player must: (a) have been subject to a TADP Out-of-Competition Period; (b) have a WTA Ranking of 1-750 in singles or doubles as of the start of the TADP Out-of-Competition Period; and (c) meet the eligibility requirements of the Integrity Rules, including the repayment of any forfeited prize money to the ITIA, and these Rules to enter and participate in WTA Tournaments.

WTA may request documents concerning the Qualifying TADP Matter, including any appeal that may be pending, and if a player fails to comply promptly with such requests, the WTA may revoke her TADP Special Ranking.

If before a player's TADP Special Ranking expires (but regardless of whether her TADP Return to Competition has occurred), the player no longer meets the eligibility requirement in sub-Section 1.a.(ii) above, her TADP Special Ranking will be void.

3. Usage Criteria and Guidelines

a. Number of Tournaments

- i. A player whose TADP Out-of-Competition Period is less than fourteen (14) weeks may use her TADP Special Ranking in up to four (4) Tournaments (singles or doubles, as applicable); provided that a player may use her TADP Special Ranking to participate in a maximum of one (1) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament and one (1) Grand Slam.
- ii. A player whose TADP Out-of-Competition Period is at least fourteen (14) weeks, but less than twenty-six (26) weeks may use her TADP Special Ranking in up to six (6) Tournaments (singles or doubles, as applicable); provided that a player may use her TADP Special Ranking to participate in a maximum of two (2) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments and one (1) Grand Slam.
- iii. A player whose TADP Out-of-Competition Period is at least twenty-six (26) weeks, but less than thirty-nine (39) weeks may use her TADP Special Ranking in up to eight (8) Tournaments (singles or doubles, as applicable); provided that a player may use her TADP Special Ranking to participate in a maximum of three (3) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments and two (2) Grand Slams.

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- iv. A player whose TADP Out-of-Competition Period is at least thirty-nine (39) weeks, but less than fifty-two (52) weeks may use her TADP Special Ranking in up to ten (10) Tournaments (singles or doubles, as applicable); provided that a player may use her TADP Special Ranking to participate in a maximum of four (4) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments and two (2) Grand Slams.
- v. A player whose TADP Out-of-Competition Period is fifty-two (52) weeks or longer may use her TADP Special Ranking in twelve (12) Tournaments (singles or doubles, as applicable); provided that a player may use her TADP Special Ranking to participate in a maximum of five (5) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments and two (2) Grand Slams.

A player may use her TADP Special Ranking to participate in each WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament and Grand Slam only one (1) time per TADP Special Ranking Period.

b. Timing

- i. A player must use her TADP Special Ranking within the following period as applicable ("TADP Special Ranking Period"):
 - (a) If a player's TADP Out-of-Competition Period is less than twenty-six (26) weeks, she has twenty-six (26) weeks from the date of her TADP Return to Competition to use her TADP Special Ranking; and
 - (b) If the TADP Out-of-Competition Period is at least twenty-six (26) weeks, a player has fifty-two (52) weeks from the date of her TADP Return to Competition to use her TADP Special Ranking.
- ii. The latest a player may use her TADP Special Ranking is at a Tournament scheduled the same calendar week in which her TADP Special Ranking expires.
- iii. If a player has both singles and doubles TADP Special Rankings, her TADP Return to Competition for both TADP Special Rankings begins at the same time.

c. Procedures

- i. Special Ranking Freeze Petition

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(a) Subsequent Medical Condition

If any player's TADP Return to Competition occurs and before her TADP Special Ranking expires she subsequently is Out of Competition for a minimum of thirteen (13) weeks because of a Medical Condition, she may request to "freeze" her TADP Special Ranking Period; provided, however, that regardless of any "freeze," a player's TADP Special Ranking expires no later than the date that is 104 weeks after she regains eligibility under the TADP.

(b) Subsequent Pregnancy or Parental Start

If before a player's TADP Special Ranking expires (but regardless of whether her TADP Return to Competition has occurred) she is subsequently Out of Competition for Pregnancy or a Parental Start, she may request to "freeze" her TADP Special Ranking Period until the date that is 104 weeks after the end of her Pregnancy or 52 weeks after the beginning of her Out-of-Competition Period for a Parental Start.

(c) Restrictions

A player may "freeze" her TADP Special Ranking Period a maximum of one (1) time. Upon a player's second Return to Competition, she will have the same number of Tournaments and the same time remaining in her TADP Special Ranking Period as she had when the "freeze" went into effect.

ii. Tournament Entry and Acceptance

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.c.ii.)
[Note: Olympic use TBD by Olympic Committee].

d. Automatic Entry into WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.d.)

e. Tournament Withdrawal

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.e.)

f. Wild Cards

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.f.)

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g. Seeding

A player's actual WTA Ranking, not her TADP Special Ranking, determines her seeding in the singles or doubles Main Draw of a WTA Tournament. Additional seeding does not apply.

h. Lucky Loser Status

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.h.)

i. Top 10 Players

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.i.)

j. Player Responsibilities

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.j.)

k. Missed Tournament Ranking Point Replacement

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.k.)

l. Abuse of TADP Special Ranking

Same as regular Special Ranking Rule. (See Section VIII.C.5.l.)

E. RETIRING FROM THE WTA

If a player has decided to retire, she must submit the Player Retirement Form to the WTA in order to officially retire. Unless a player submits the Player Retirement Form to the WTA, the player continues to be bound by and required to comply with the TADP and, until two years after the last Event (as defined in the TACP) at which she enters or participates in, the TACP save where the player is subject to a period of ineligibility under the TACP or the TADP. Notwithstanding the forgoing, while serving any period of ineligibility under the TACP or the TADP, a player remains bound by all of the provisions of the TACP. A retired player will be removed from the WTA Rankings at the end of the calendar year in which she officially retires or on the date listed by the Player on the Player Retirement Form, whichever is earlier. Players who have submitted a Player Retirement Form shall not be eligible to compete in a Tournament until they have satisfied all applicable requirements under these Rules and the Integrity Rules.

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IX. PRIZE MONEY

A. DISTRIBUTION

1. Equal Opportunity

Payment of the same prize money must be available to all competitors without discrimination.

2. Timing and Process

a. Tournament Obligations

i. Prize Money Spreadsheet

The WTA must receive a completed prize money spreadsheet, electronically, no later than 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time (New York, USA Time) on the Monday following the conclusion of the Tournament.

ii. Wire Transfer of Payment

Tournaments are required to wire net prize money to the bank trust account designated by the WTA to ensure receipt by the Wednesday (Thursday for tournaments with Main Draws of 96 or greater) following their respective Tournaments, and to provide a prize money breakdown from the Tournament to the WTA.

Prize money payments not made by the due dates specified herein are subject to a late charge due to the WTA of 2% per month, pro-rated for partial months. Tournaments that pay five (5) or more business days late will be required to pre-pay the following year's prize money (minus estimated taxes to be withheld) at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the start of the Tournament.

iii. Taxes

The Tournament shall be responsible for withholding and payment of any taxes consistent with all laws concerning withholding taxes.

(a) Income Tax on Players

Each Tournament is required to give at least ninety (90) days' notice to the WTA of the percentage of the applicable

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player income tax deduction. No other tax deduction(s) by the Tournaments will be permitted from the prize money paid to a player.

(b) Additional Taxes

The Tournament shall be responsible for any additional taxes imposed.

(c) Tax Receipts and Forms

Tournaments must make best efforts to supply tax receipts or forms to the players before they collect their prize money. If tax forms are not available, players should be told when they will receive them and who they can contact from the Tournament if they have a problem. Players must receive the Tournament tax forms required by local law by the last day of the Tour Year or such other date as required by local law.

Players are solely responsible for their taxes and for providing current tax information on Tournament tax forms or for providing other official documentation to the Tournament directly if requested. The WTA does not maintain current tax information pertaining to players nor does the WTA assume liability for conveying players' tax status or tax information to Tournaments. Tournaments may provide blank electronic tax forms along with instructions for completing the forms to the WTA for posting on the PlayerZone. Players may complete and return these forms to the Tournament's designated contact and should do so prior to the Tournament. The WTA is not responsible for providing tax forms to players or collecting them from players and cannot make adjustments or modifications to the tax forms supplied by Tournaments or give advice on completing them.

b. Qualifying Prize Money at WTA 125 Tournaments

i. Payment Currency and Method

Qualifying prize money at WTA 125 Tournaments shall be paid on-site, unless otherwise approved by the WTA.

ii. Withholding

In addition to the player's applicable income tax deduction,

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each WTA 125 Tournament shall also withhold from Qualifying prize money any non-member service fees, fines, or other WTA expenses designated by the WTA.

c. Summary of Distribution

See Section XVIII.A.1 - Accounting.

d. General

i. Players receive prize money for the round reached, subject to any exceptions in this Section IX.

ii. Qualifiers receive Main Draw prize money only.

e. Wild Cards

Players or teams who receive Wild Cards receive the same prize money as any other player.

B. AMATEURISM

Each player is solely responsible for maintaining her amateur status and eligibility to compete at the collegiate level in accordance with any non-WTA rules or regulations. If a player would like to limit the amount of prize money she receives at a Tournament, she must complete and submit to the on-site WTA Supervisor an Amateur Prize Money Form, which is available in the on-site WTA office.

Any unpaid prize money earned by an amateur at a Tournament will be divided evenly between the WTA and that Tournament, which must make payment to the WTA within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the Tournament.

C. WITHDRAWALS, BYES, WALKOVERS, AND DEFAULTS

1. Withdrawals

a. Singles

i. Prior to First Match

(a) A player who withdraws from a Tournament prior to her first match will not receive any prize money, except when using a Prize Money Withdrawal.

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(b) Singles Prize Money Withdrawals

(i) Withdrawing Players

If a player withdraws using the Prize Money Withdrawal Rule, she will receive Qualifying or Main Draw first round prize money, as applicable, regardless of whether she has a bye.

(ii) Players Moving into the Draw

If any players withdraw using the Prize Money Withdrawal Rule, the last Lucky Losers (or Alternates, as applicable) moving into the draw, regardless of their position in the draw, will receive any prize money they earn in Qualifying, if applicable, and the Main Draw less the Qualifying or Main Draw first round prize money paid to players using a Prize Money Withdrawal.

ii. After Start of First Match

A player who withdraws from a Tournament after she starts her first match will receive prize money for reaching the round in which she withdrew, except that a Qualifier withdrawing in the first round of the Main Draw receives prize money equal to last round Qualifying prize money.

b. Doubles

i. Prior to First Match

- (a) A doubles team who withdraws from a Tournament prior to their first match will not receive any prize money, except when using a Prize Money Withdrawal.

(b) Doubles Prize Money Withdrawals

(i) Withdrawing Teams

If a doubles player withdraws using the Prize Money Withdrawal Rule, she will receive her first round prize money regardless of whether her team had a bye.

(ii) Teams Moving into the Draw

If any teams withdraw using the Prize Money Withdrawal Rule, the last Alternates moving into the draw, regardless

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of their position in the draw, will receive any prize money they earn in the Main Draw less the first round prize money paid to the player(s) using a Prize Money Withdrawal.

ii. After Start of First Match

A doubles team who withdraws from a Tournament after they start their first match will receive prize money as follows:

- (a) the non-withdrawing partner will receive prize money per the round her partner withdrew; and
- (b) the partner causing the withdrawal will receive prize money from the previous round, unless one (1) of the following apply, in which case the withdrawing partner will receive prize money per the round she withdrew:
 - (i) the player withdraws/retires from a singles match which was scheduled during the same Tournament;
 - (ii) the player is declared unfit to play singles or doubles at the same tournament;
 - (iii) the player also withdraws from playing singles in a Tournament to be held the following week at the time she withdraws from doubles; or
 - (iv) the player does not play singles in a Tennis Event the following week.

The Tournament will retain the difference in prize money.

c. WTA Finals

For withdrawals during the WTA Finals, see Section VI.

2. Byes

- a. A player or team who receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and loses her/their first match played will receive prize money for the round reached.
- b. A player or team who receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and defaults or withdraws from her/their next round will not receive any prize money.

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3. Walkovers

A player or team who receives a walkover in any round will receive prize money for the round reached.

4. Defaults

For any disciplinary default occurring in a Tournament after the match begins,

- a. The advancing player or team will receive prize money for the round reached; and
- b. The defaulting player or team will lose all prize money earned for that event at that Tournament, except that if one member of a doubles team did not cause the default, she will receive prize money from the previous round.

D. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION OR EARLY TERMINATION

1. Tournament Cancellation Without Play Occurring

Except under the No Release Rule (Section XII.G), if the singles or doubles event of a Tournament is cancelled and there has been no play, players will receive first round prize money.

2. Tournament Cancellation After Play Has Begun

If play has commenced and is terminated before the Tournament is concluded, players will receive prize money for the individual round reached.

3. Tournament Cancellation Without Completion of Finals

If a Tournament is officially terminated before the finals have been completed, each finalist will receive finalist's prize money. The difference between the winner's and finalist's prize money will revert back to the Tournament. (See Section V.B.8 – Rescheduling of Finals.)

E. PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS

The Prize Money Breakdowns are available on the official WTA website as well as on the PlayerZone and TournamentZone websites.

Any Tournament whose prize money or draw does not fall into one of the breakdowns should contact the WTA for an approved breakdown.

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A. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE

Player Development requirements and the Age Eligibility Rule (“AER”) are applicable to competition in Professional Tennis Tournaments worldwide.

1. Definitions

a. Competition in a Professional Tennis Tournament

For the purposes of this Rule, competition in a Professional Tennis Tournament is defined as participation in the singles or doubles Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of any Tournament at which a player earns WTA ranking points (singles or doubles) or, but for the operation of the WTA Rules or the player’s violation of the WTA Rules, would have earned WTA ranking points. Participation in a Professional Tennis Tournament counts toward a player’s AER Tournament Allotment. If a player participates in the Qualifying Draw and qualifies for the Main Draw, it will count as only one (1) Tournament. Similarly, if a player is competing in both the singles and doubles draws, it will count as only one (1) Tournament.

Competition in a Professional Tennis Tournament under the AER does not include: (i) participation in the draws of the Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour events in which a player does not earn WTA ranking points; (ii) participation in the draws of Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour W15 events before August 5, 2019; or (iii) receiving a zero (0) ranking point result for not participating in a Grand Slam or Commitment Tournament.

b. Age

For the purposes of this Rule, a player’s age is determined by her age as of the date of the start of a Tournament’s singles Main Draw.

A player 18 years of age or older no longer is subject to sub-Section A of this Rule but is required to continue participating in Player Development (sub-Section B) until she receives notification of graduation from a WTA representative.

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2. Event Participation

- a. AER Tournament Allotment and AER Wild Card Allotment at Professional Tennis Tournaments

Subject to Merited Increases in sub-Section 4 below, a player under 18 years of age may participate in the specified number of Professional Tennis Tournaments ("AER Tournament Allotment") and accept the specified number of Wild Cards ("AER Wild Card Allotment") per birth year (i.e. birthday to birthday) as described below. If a player receives a Wild Card into a Professional Tennis Tournament, participation in that Tournament will count toward her AER Tournament Allotment.

- i. Under 14 Years of Age

A player who has not yet reached the date of her 14th birthday may not participate in any Professional Tennis Tournament.

- ii. 14 Years of Age

Between the date of a player's 14th birthday and the day before her 15th birthday, she may earn a WTA Ranking, but she may not participate in WTA Tournaments by direct acceptance or participate in the WTA Finals by direct acceptance or Wild Card.

The AER Tournament Allotment and AER Wild Card Allotment for a player 14 years of age are as follows.

- (a) AER Tournament Allotment

A player may participate in a maximum of eight (8) Professional Tennis Tournaments, no more than three (3) of which may be at W75 events (including 2023 W60 events) and above.

- (b) AER Wild Card Allotment

A player may accept a maximum of three (3) Wild Cards as follows:

- (i) One (1) Wild Card for use into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of a WTA 250 Tournament, WTA 125 Tournament, or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event;

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- (ii) One (1) Wild Card for use into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of a WTA 125 Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event; and
- (iii) One (1) Wild Card exclusively for use into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of any Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event.

iii. 15 Years of Age

Between the date of a player's 15th birthday and the day before her 16th birthday, her AER Tournament Allotment and AER Wild Card Allotment are as follows.

(a) AER Tournament Allotment

A player may participate in a maximum of ten (10) Professional Tennis Tournaments.

(b) AER Wild Card Allotment

A player may accept a maximum of three (3) Wild Cards as follows:

- (i) One (1) Wild Card for use into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of any category of WTA Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event; and
- (ii) Two (2) Wild Cards for use into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of any WTA 250 Tournament, WTA 125 Tournament, or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event.

iv. 16 Years of Age

Between the date of a player's 16th birthday and the day before her 17th birthday, her AER Tournament Allotment and AER Wild Card Allotment are as follows.

(a) AER Tournament Allotment

A player may participate in a maximum of twelve (12) Professional Tennis Tournaments.

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(b) AER Wild Card Allotment

A player may accept a maximum of four (4) Wild Cards into any WTA Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event, provided, however, that she may not exceed the WTA or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour maximum calendar year limits for singles or doubles, Main Draw or Qualifying Wild Cards.

v. 17 Years of Age

Between the date of a player's 17th birthday and the day before her 18th birthday, her AER Tournament Allotment and AER Wild Card Allotment are as follows.

(a) AER Tournament Allotment

A player may participate in a maximum of sixteen (16) Professional Tennis Tournaments.

(b) AER Wild Card Allotment

Once a player reaches 17 years of age, she may accept the WTA and Women's ITF World Tennis Tour calendar year Wild Card maximums. (See Section III.C.3 for information on WTA Wild Card maximums.) The number of Wild Cards she may accept pursuant to the Wild Card Rule is calculated over the course of the Tour Year in which she turned 17 (i.e., any Wild Cards used under the AER by the player in that Tour Year prior to turning 17 will count toward the total number of Wild Cards permitted under the Rules).

vi. 18 Years of Age and Older

(a) AER Tournament Allotment

A player 18 years of age or older may participate in an unlimited number of Professional Tennis Tournaments.

(b) AER Wild Card Allotment

A player may accept the WTA and Women's ITF World Tennis Tour calendar year Wild Card maximums.

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b. WTA Finals

Pursuant to Section X.A.2.a.ii, a player 14 years of age may not participate in the WTA Finals.

A player 15 years of age or older is eligible to participate in the WTA Finals. Participation in the WTA Finals by direct acceptance by a player between 15 and 17 years of age will not count toward her AER Tournament Allotment.

c. Billie Jean King Cup (any level of competition)

A player 14 years of age or older is eligible to participate in any level of competition at Billie Jean King Cup events. Participation in Billie Jean King Cup by a player between 14 and 17 years of age will not count toward her AER Tournament Allotment.

d. Olympic Participation

The Age Eligibility restrictions with respect to the Women's Tennis Competition will be detailed in the 2024 WTA Age Eligibility Rule and the ITF Olympic Tennis Event 2024 Regulations.

e. Exhibition/Non-WTA Events

All players are subject to the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event Rule (see Section XVII.E), including players who are subject to the AER.

f. Grand Slams and Commitment Tournaments

A player subject to the AER is responsible for planning her competition schedule to include Grand Slams and Commitment Tournaments within her AER Tournament Allotment. Unless she qualifies for a Merited Increase pursuant to sub-Section 4 below, a player who has reached her AER Tournament Allotment prior to a Grand Slam or Commitment Tournament will not be allowed to exceed her AER Tournament Allotment.

A player who is a direct acceptance into and fails to play a Grand Slam will receive a zero (0) ranking point result.

See Section II.A.4 for Tournament Commitment requirements for players subject to the AER.

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3. Wild Cards

a. Wild Card Qualification

To accept a Wild Card into any WTA Tournament, a player must: (i) have submitted the Annual Player Form and the Wild Card Player Acceptance Form; (ii) have submitted all requisite documentation (i.e., proof of identity (copy of her passport or birth certificate), proof of meeting her minimum educational requirements, etc.); and (iii) be current with all Player Development requirements.

Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to exceed the calendar year WTA or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Wild Card maximums for singles or doubles.

Wild Cards accepted at Grand Slams do not count toward a player's AER Wild Card Allotment.

b. Wild Cards Accepted at Separate Tournaments

Wild Cards accepted at separate Tournaments count toward a player's AER Wild Card Allotment, regardless of whether the Wild Card is for singles or doubles.

c. Wild Cards Accepted at the Same Tournament

If a player 14-16 years of age accepts both a singles and doubles Wild Card at the same Tournament, it will count as only one (1) Wild Card. The singles Wild Card will be used to determine how it is counted (Main Draw or Qualifying).

d. Doubles Wild Card at Tournament where Singles Entry by Direct Acceptance

In the event a player 14-16 years of age is accepted into the singles draw (Main Draw or Qualifying) by direct acceptance and accepts a Wild Card into the doubles draw, the following guidelines shall apply:

- i. If the player earns points in the singles draw (Main Draw or Qualifying), the doubles Wild Card will not count toward her AER Wild Card Allotment.
- ii. If the player does not earn points in the singles draw (Main Draw or Qualifying), the doubles Wild Card will count toward her AER Wild Card Allotment.

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- e. WTA Tournament Wild Card Awarded through Pre-Qualifying Event/Circuit

In the event a player wins a pre-qualifying event/circuit that awards a Wild Card into a WTA Tournament, the player may accept the Wild Card if:

- i. The pre-qualifying event/circuit has been accredited by the WTA (please contact the WTA Legal or Player Development Departments for full details and guidelines regarding accredited events); and
- ii. Acceptance of the Wild Card does not result in the player exceeding her AER Wild Card Allotment or AER Tournament Allotment.

4. Merited Increases

Merited Increases are: (i) Tournaments that a player may play in addition to her AER Tournament Allotment ("Tournament Merited Increases") and (ii) Wild Cards that a player may accept in addition to her AER Wild Card Allotment but that count toward her AER Tournament Allotment ("Wild Card Merited Increases"). A player who earns Wild Card Merited Increases may not exceed the calendar year WTA or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Wild Card maximums for singles or doubles. Subject to sub-Section b.ii(a) below, a player who earns both WTA 1000 Mandatory/Grand Slam Tournament Merited Increases and Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases may combine them but may not exceed four (4) total Tournament Merited Increases per birth year.

A player must remain current with her Player Development requirements to qualify for Merited Increases. An eligible player's use of Merited Increases is contingent upon her and her Support Team completing the requirements prior to these additional events.

Merited Increases may be earned as follows:

- a. WTA 1000 Mandatory/Grand Slam Tournament Merited Increase
 - i. A WTA 1000 Mandatory/Grand Slam Tournament Merited Increase is earned when a player 15-17 years of age has completed all of her Player Development requirements to-date and earned her way into the Main Draw or Qualifying of a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam by a direct acceptance.

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- ii. However, participation in a WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or a Grand Slam is not a Tournament Merited Increase and counts toward a player's AER Tournament Allotment if the player is:

- (a) 14 years of age;
- (b) 15-17 years of age and was accepted by direct acceptance but has not completed her Player Development requirements prior to competing in the WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament or Grand Slam; or
- (c) accepted by Wild Card.

b. Pro Path Merited Increases

i. Year-End Top 5 ITF Junior Ranking

A player 14-17 years of age who is ranked in the Top 5 of the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Rankings as of the final week of the prior calendar year is eligible for Pro Path Merited Increases as follows:

- (a) A player 14 years of age may earn four (4) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases and three (3) Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increases that may be used during her 15th birth year.
- (b) A player 15 years of age may earn four (4) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases and three (3) Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increases that may be used during her 15th birth year.
- (c) A player 16 years of age may earn four (4) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases and two (2) Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increases that may be used during her 16th birth year.
- (d) A player 17 years of age may earn four (4) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases that may be used during her 17th birth year.

A player ranked in the Top 5 of the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Rankings in one (1) birth year also earns Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases in each subsequent year, but she may not exceed four (4) Tournament Merited Increases per birth year. Subject to sub-Section (a) above, Pro Path Wild Card Merited

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Increases earned as a Top 5 Junior in one (1) birth year may be carried over to subsequent birth years provided that the player does not exceed the calendar year WTA or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Wild Card maximums.

- ii. ITF Junior Grand Slam Singles Finalist and ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals Singles Finalist

When a player 14-17 years of age has reached the final round of an ITF Junior Grand Slam Singles event (i.e., Australian Open Junior Championships, Roland Garros Junior Championships, The Championships (Wimbledon) Junior Championships, and US Open Junior Championships) or the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals Singles event and remains current with her Player Development requirements, she may earn Pro Path Merited Increases as follows:

- (a) A player 14 years of age may earn one (1) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increase and one (1) Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increase for each singles finalist appearance at an ITF Junior Grand Slam or the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals up to a maximum of two (2) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases and two (2) Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increases regardless of the number of appearances; provided, however, that the player may use such increase(s) only when she is 15 years of age (i.e., the player cannot use such increase(s) at 14, 16, or 17 years of age).
- (b) A player 15 years of age may earn one (1) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increase and one (1) Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increase for each singles finalist appearance at an ITF Junior Grand Slam or the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals up to a maximum of two (2) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases and two (2) Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increases regardless of the number of appearances or the Merited Increases earned at 14 and 15 years of age.
- (c) A player 16 years of age may earn one (1) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increase and one (1) Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increase for each singles finalist appearance at an ITF Junior Grand Slam or the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals up to a maximum of three (3) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases and two (2) Pro Path

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Wild Card Merited Increases regardless of the number of appearances.

- (d) A player 17 years of age may earn one (1) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increase for each singles finalist appearance at an ITF Junior Grand Slam or the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals up to a maximum of three (3) Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases regardless of the number of appearances.

Subject to sub-Section (a) above, Pro Path Tournament Merited Increases and Pro Path Wild Card Merited Increases earned as a finalist at a Junior Grand Slam or the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals in one (1) birth year may be carried over to subsequent birth years provided that a player does not exceed:

- (e) four (4) total Tournament Merited Increases at 15, 16, and 17 years of age;
- (f) three (3) Wild Card Merited Increases at 15 years of age; and
- (g) two (2) Wild Card Merited Increases at 16 years of age.

Summary

The following table provides a summary of the event participation and Merited Increases Rules detailed in sub-Sections 2 and 4 above. Note that Grand Slam events and Commitment Tournaments may impose additional regulations and/or restrictions on players subject to the AER. (See sub-Section A.2.f above for further details.)

Age	AER Tournament Allotment [^]	Maximum Tournament Merited Increases [§]	Maximum Professional Tournaments (AER Tournament Allotment plus Tournament Merited Increases)	AER Wild Card Allotment [±] √	Maximum Wild Card Merited Increases [§]	Maximum Wild Cards (AER Wild Card Allotment plus Wild Card Merited Increases)*
18 [‡]	Unlimited	Not Applicable	Unlimited	According to WTA & ITF Rules	Not Applicable	According to WTA & ITF Rules
17 [‡]	16	4	20 + WTA Finals, BJK Cup, Olympics, Exhibition/ Non-WTA Events	According to WTA & ITF Rules	Not Applicable	According to WTA & ITF Rules

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16	12	4	16 + WTA Finals, BJK Cup, Olympics, Exhibition/Non-WTA Events	4	2	6
15	10	4	14 + WTA Finals, BJK Cup, Olympics, Exhibition/Non-WTA Events	3	3	6
14	0 WTA Tournaments, except by Wild Card 8 ITF events#	0†	8# + BJK Cup, Exhibition/Non-WTA Events	3	0†	3
13	0	0	0	0	0	0

^ See Sections X.A.1.a – Competition in a Professional Tennis Tournament and X.A.2 – Event Participation.

§ See Section X.A.4 – Merited Increases.

± See Section X.A.2 – Event Participation.

√ For Rules regarding Wild Card usage, including treatment of singles and doubles Wild Cards, see Section X.A.3 – Wild Cards.

* Subject to Section III.C.3 – Wild Card Player Restrictions.

See Section X.A.2.a.ii(a) for restrictions.

‡ See Section II.A.4 for Commitment Tournament requirements. Players may contact a Player Development representative in the Florida office for specific details.

† A player may earn Tournament Merited Increases and Wild Card Merited Increases when she is 14 years of age, but she may use such increases only when she is 15 years of age. See Sections X.A.4.b.i(a) and ii(a).

5. Player Activity On-Site at Tournaments

a. Evening Play

The WTA and WTA Tournaments shall use best efforts not to schedule any player under 16 years of age for a match after 9:00 p.m. Tournament local time.

b. Media Requirements

A player under 18 years of age may not engage in an excess of four (4) total hours of media requests and engagements per Tournament week. This time is to include: i) one-on-one media requests; ii) WTA requests; and iii) Tournament functions. However, if a player reaches the Tournament's final match, she must participate in the trophy ceremony regardless of whether she has completed four (4) hours of media requests and engagements during that Tournament week.

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c. Personal Endorsement Commitments

A player's personal endorsement commitments are at the discretion of the player but must not conflict with her: i) match schedule; ii) Player Development requirements; iii) professional appearance obligations or iv) physiological limitations.

B. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

1. Program Overview and Process

Player Development programs are divided into the following five (5) phases:

- a. Pro Path (elective phase);
- b. Introductory;
- c. Rookie;
- d. Elite; and
- e. Premier.

The specific player participation requirements of each phase are detailed below. All players 18 years of age and under and players who remain subject to Player Development requirements (regardless of age) are required to check in with the on-site WTA Office staff on the first day of Qualifying, no later than the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline (4:00 p.m. Tournament local time, the day prior to the start of Qualifying) to confirm their Player Development requirements due at that event.

2. Pro Path Phase

a. Eligibility and Timing

A player who has achieved a Top 5 Year-End ITF Junior Ranking or has reached a final at an ITF Junior Grand Slam or ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals Singles event may elect, but is not required, to participate in the Pro Path Phase. A player must participate in and complete Pro Path Phase Player Development requirements to be eligible to use the Pro Path Merited Increases detailed above. A player and her Support Team must still complete all other Player Development requirements regardless of whether she elects to participate in the Pro Path Phase. A player participating in the Pro

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Path Phase is subject to Player Development and AER requirements at all Professional Tennis Tournaments.

b. Pro Path Phase Requirements

- i. Each player must complete assigned online and/or in-person Player Development coursework and pass an examination covering such material.

- ii. Minimum Educational Requirements

Each player must submit to the WTA an official certificate from her country of legal residence verifying that she is meeting or has met her country's minimum educational requirements. A player must submit updated documentation annually until she reaches 18 years of age.

- iii. Mandatory Physical Examination

Each player must undergo a mandatory physical examination annually in accordance with Section XVIII.B.1.

- iv. Approved Schedule

Each player must meet with representatives of the WTA for the purpose of developing and agreeing upon the player's schedule (including but not limited to Professional Tennis Tournaments, Billie Jean King Cup, Olympics, and Exhibitions/Non-WTA Events) for the next twelve (12) months. The player must submit her projected schedule via the online ScheduleZone module, including details on the player's off-season, pre-competition weeks, active rest and recovery weeks, and appropriate developmental blocks for review and approval. Once approved by the WTA, the player and her coach must also agree to the schedule. Changes to the agreed upon schedule must be submitted to the WTA for approval no less than four (4) weeks prior to such requested change. The approved schedule is subject to review, and failure to comply with the schedule will subject the player to penalties as outlined in Section X.C.2.

Each player also must acknowledge in writing that she has a full understanding of the Singles Commitment Tournament requirements and Player Development Programs.

- v. It is a player's responsibility to advise the WTA of any changes in her Player Support Team Members, including coach or agent.

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vi. Player Support Team Member Requirements

- (a) A Pro Path Coach must complete the Player Development health and safety modules, including but not limited to “ScheduleZone” and “Safety & Security.”
- (b) A Pro Path Coach must agree in writing to abide by the WTA Rules.
- (c) A Pro Path Coach must be in good standing.
- (d) A Pro Path Coach must work with the player and WTA representatives to review, agree to, and execute the approved, submitted schedule.
- (e) A coach who is nominated by a Player Development player to act as her Pro Path Coach must provide proof of Qualification/Certification from a recognized organization or governing body (e.g., a National Federation, the ITF, PTR). A copy of the current certification or confirmation from the governing body that the coach is current and in good standing will be required to receive a WTA player-coach credential.

3. Introductory Phase

a. Eligibility and Timing

The Introductory Phase begins when a player 18 years of age or younger enters her first WTA Tournament. Requirements for this phase must be completed as she completes the Annual Player Form process and by the end of her first WTA Tournament (WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, WTA 250, or WTA 125 Tournament).

b. Introductory Player Requirements

- i. Each player must complete assigned online and/or in-person Player Development coursework and pass an examination covering such material.
- ii. Minimum Educational Requirements

Each player must submit to the WTA an official certificate from her country of legal residence verifying that she is meeting or has met her country's minimum educational requirements. A player

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must submit updated documentation annually until she reaches 18 years of age.

iii. Mandatory Physical Examination

Each player must undergo a mandatory physical examination annually in accordance with Section XVIII.B.1.

- iv. Each player must participate in and pass the SS&M On-Site Activities portion of the 'Rookie Hours' Player Orientation.
- v. It is a player's responsibility to advise the WTA of any changes in her Player Support Team Members, including coach or agent.
- vi. A coach who is nominated by a Player Development player to receive and subsequently applies for a WTA player-coach credential must provide proof of Qualification/Certification from a recognized organization or governing body (e.g., a National Federation, the ITF, PTR). A copy of the current certification or confirmation from the governing body that the coach is current and in good standing will be required to receive a WTA player-coach credential.

4. Rookie Phase

a. Eligibility and Timing

The Rookie Phase begins when a player 18 years of age or younger participates in:

- i. Two (2) or more WTA singles events in a 52-week period;
- ii. A WTA 1000 Mandatory singles event (Main Draw or Qualifying);
or
- iii. A Grand Slam singles event (Main Draw or Qualifying).

A player must complete her Rookie Phase requirements within three (3) additional WTA Tournaments or six (6) months of the Tournament which has triggered her enrollment in the Rookie Phase, whichever comes first.

b. Rookie Phase Player Requirements

- i. Each player must participate in WTA professional orientation, including:

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- (a) Complete assigned online and/or in-person Player Development coursework and pass an examination covering such material; and
 - (b) Complete the On-Site Activities portion of the 'Rookie Hours' Player Orientation.
- ii. Each player must participate in Educational Programs offered through Player Development.
- iii. Each player must meet with representatives of the WTA for the purpose of developing and agreeing upon the player's schedule (including but not limited to Professional Tennis Tournaments, Billie Jean King Cup, Olympics, and Exhibitions/Non-WTA Events) for the next twelve (12) months. The player must submit her projected schedule via the online ScheduleZone module, including details on the player's off-season, pre-competition weeks, active rest and recovery weeks, and appropriate developmental blocks for review and approval. Once approved by the WTA, the player and her coach must also agree to the schedule. Changes to the agreed upon schedule must be submitted to the WTA for approval no less than four (4) weeks prior to such requested change. The approved schedule is subject to review, and failure to comply with the schedule will subject the player to penalties as outlined in Section X.C.2.

Each player also must acknowledge in writing that she has a full understanding of the Singles Commitment Tournament requirements and Player Development Programs.

- iv. Each player must submit to the WTA an official certificate from her country of legal residence verifying that she is meeting or has met her country's minimum educational requirements. A player must submit updated documentation annually until she reaches 18 years of age.
- v. Each player must undergo a mandatory physical examination annually in accordance with Section XVIII.B.1.
- vi. It is a player's responsibility to advise the WTA of any changes in her Player Support Team Members, including coach or agent.

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c. Player Support Team Member Requirements

i. Parent(s)

At least one (1) parent or guardian/chaperone of each player under 18 years of age who has qualified to meet all the requirements of participation on the WTA is required to do the following:

- (a) Complete assigned online and/or in-person Player Development coursework and pass an examination covering such material within a maximum time period of three (3) months;
- (b) Agree in writing to abide by the Rules; and
- (c) Comply with all requirements of any Player Support Team program established by the WTA.

ii. Coaches, Agents, and Credentialed Individuals

Coaches and agents of and individuals being credentialed through Player Development players under 18 years of age must:

- (a) Complete assigned online and/or in-person Player Development coursework and pass an examination covering such material within a maximum time period of three (3) months.
- (b) Agree in writing to abide by the Rules.
- (c) Comply with all requirements of any Player Support Team program established by the WTA.
- (d) Sign in at the WTA office on site prior to the beginning of a WTA Tournament.
- (e) A coach who is nominated by a Player Development player to receive and subsequently applies for a WTA player-coach credential must provide proof of Qualification/Certification from a recognized organization or governing body (e.g., a National Federation, the ITF, PTR). A copy of the current certification or confirmation from the governing body that the coach is current and in good standing will be required to receive a WTA player-coach credential.

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5. Elite Phase

a. Eligibility and Timing

The Elite Phase begins when a player 18 years of age or younger moves into the Top 150 of singles on the WTA Rankings.

A player must continue to participate and fulfill the requirements offered through Player Development until notification of graduation.

b. Elite Phase Player Requirements

- i. Each player must complete assigned online and/or in-person Player Development coursework and pass an examination covering such material.
- ii. Each player must participate in a meeting with the WTA CEO or President and one or more Player Board Representatives.
- iii. Each player must participate in the WTA Mentor Program (e.g., attend Billie Jean King Power Hour, etc.).
- iv. Within one (1) month of eligibility, each player must meet with representatives of the WTA for the purpose of developing and agreeing upon the player's schedule (including but not limited to Professional Tennis Tournaments, Billie Jean King Cup, Olympics, and Exhibitions/Non-WTA Events) for the next twelve (12) months. The player must submit her projected schedule via the online ScheduleZone module, including details on the player's off-season, pre-competition weeks, active rest and recovery weeks, and appropriate developmental blocks for review and approval. Once approved by the WTA, the player and her coach must also agree to the schedule. Changes to the agreed upon schedule must be submitted to the WTA for approval no less than four (4) weeks prior to such requested change. The approved schedule is subject to review, and failure to comply with the schedule will subject the player to penalties as outlined in Section X.C.2.

Each player also must acknowledge in writing that she has a full understanding of the Singles Commitment Tournament requirements and Player Development Programs.

- v. Each player must participate in educational programs offered through Player Development, including but not limited to a Fundamental Financial Planning course, introduction to Tennis

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Integrity program, Advanced Media Training, and Career Development programs.

- vi. Each player must undergo a mandatory physical examination annually in accordance with Section XVIII.B.1.
 - vii. Each player must submit to the WTA an official certificate from her country of legal residence verifying that she is meeting or has met her country's minimum educational requirements. A player must submit updated documentation annually until she reaches 18 years of age.
 - viii. It is a player's responsibility to advise the WTA of any changes in her Player Support Team Members, including coach or agent.
- c. Player Support Team Member Requirements
- i. Coaches
 - (a) Continue to comply with all requirements of any Player Support Team program established by the WTA.
 - (b) Continue to sign in at WTA Tournaments.
 - (c) Participate in Player Development online and/or in-person education, as required.
 - (d) Pass the WTA Rules test.
 - (e) A coach who is nominated by a Player Development player to receive and subsequently applies for a WTA player-coach credential must provide proof of Qualification/Certification from a recognized organization or governing body (e.g., a National Federation, the ITF, PTR). A copy of the current certification and/or confirmation from the governing body that the coach is current and in good standing will be required in order to receive a WTA player-coach credential.
 - (f) Complete the Player Development requirements within a maximum of three (3) months.
 - ii. Parents and Agents
 - (a) Continue to comply with all requirements of any Player Support Team program established by the WTA.

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- (b) Sign a Code of Ethics.
- (c) Complete the Orientation.
- (d) Sign in at WTA Tournaments.
- (e) Continue participating in Player Development education, as required.
- (f) Complete the Player Development requirements within a maximum of three (3) months.

6. Premier Phase

a. Player Requirements

A player who is ranked in the Top 100 of singles on the WTA Rankings at 18 years of age and younger must participate in Premier Player education and any other relevant Player Development activities, including:

- i. Complete the Financial Planning Course.
- ii. Participate in a meeting with the WTA CEO or President.
- iii. Participate in related educational programs offered through Player Development.
- iv. Undergo a mandatory physical examination annually in accordance with Section XVIII.B.1.
- v. Submit to the WTA an official certificate from her country of legal residence verifying that she is meeting or has met her country's minimum educational requirements. A player must submit updated documentation annually until she reaches 18 years of age.
- vi. Within one (1) month of eligibility, meet with representatives of the WTA for the purpose of developing and agreeing upon the player's schedule (including but not limited to Professional Tennis Tournaments, Billie Jean King Cup, Olympics, and Exhibitions/Non-WTA Events) for the next twelve (12) months. The player must submit her projected schedule via the online ScheduleZone module, including details on the player's off-season, pre-competition weeks, active rest and recovery weeks, and appropriate developmental blocks for review and approval.

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Once approved by the WTA, the player and her coach must also agree to the schedule. Changes to the agreed upon schedule must be submitted to the WTA for approval no less than four (4) weeks prior to such requested change. The approved schedule is subject to review, and failure to comply with the schedule will subject the player to penalties as outlined in Section X.C.2.

Each player also must acknowledge in writing that she has a full understanding of the Singles Commitment Tournament requirements and Player Development Programs.

- vii. It is a player's responsibility to advise the WTA of any changes in her Player Support Team Members, including coach or agent.

b. Player Support Team Requirements

A coach who is nominated by a Player Development player to receive and subsequently applies for a WTA player-coach credential must provide proof of Qualification/Certification from a recognized organization or governing body (e.g., a National Federation, the ITF, PTR). A copy of the current certification and/or confirmation from the governing body that the coach is current and in good standing will be required in order to receive a WTA player-coach credential.

C. VIOLATIONS

1. Forfeiture of Ranking Points

If a player plays in a Tournament that exceeds the number or level permitted to be played under the AER or enters a Tournament that in any way conflicts with the AER or Player Development Programs, she will automatically forfeit any ranking points received from that Tournament.

2. Penalties

- a. Players who do not comply with any of the provisions of the AER or the requirements of the Player Development Programs are subject to:
 - i. a fine of up to the lesser of (a) the amount of prize money earned at a Tournament that was played in violation of the AER or (b) \$25,000; and

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- ii. suspension from competing in or attending WTA Tournaments and, subject to ITF agreement, Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events for up to six (6) months.
- b. Additionally, Player Support Team Members who do not comply with any of the requirements of the Player Development Programs are deemed in violation and are subject to the penalties of Section XVII.H.

A player or Player Support Team Member may appeal any penalty issued under this Section X.C.2 in accordance with Section XVII – Code of Conduct.

3. Clarification of Player Development and Age Eligibility Rule

For any questions relating to Age Eligibility and Player Development, please contact the WTA Player Development or Legal Department.

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A. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

1. Full Membership

a. Eligibility

A player is eligible for Full Membership status if she:

- i. is in good standing; and
- ii. has:
 - (a) earned a year-end WTA Ranking of 150 or better in singles or 50 or better in doubles in one (1) of the past two (2) Tour Years; and
 - (b) played in a minimum of six (6) WTA Tournaments (including Grand Slams but not WTA 125 Tournaments) in the most recent Tour Year.

b. Benefits

This membership entitles players to all the benefits and voting privileges available to Full Members of the WTA and the WTBA. (See Section XI.B.)

c. Annual Dues

The annual membership dues are \$1,500.

2. Associate Membership

Associate Membership is not available to any player who qualifies for Full Membership.

a. Eligibility

A player is eligible for Associate Membership status if she:

- i. is in good standing; and
- ii. within the previous twelve (12) months has:
 - (a) earned a WTA Singles Ranking of 500 or a WTA Doubles

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Ranking of 175 for at least one (1) week; and

- (b) played in a minimum of three (3) WTA Tournaments (including Grand Slams but not WTA 125 Tournaments).

If, based on her 2021 results, a player was eligible for Associate Membership status in 2022 and would have been eligible for Associate Membership status in 2023 under the 2022 Rules, she will maintain her Associate Membership status in 2023 regardless of whether she meets the eligibility requirements above.

If, based on her 2022 results, a player would have been eligible for Associate Membership status in 2023 and 2024 under the 2022 Rules, she will maintain her Associate Membership status in 2023 and 2024 regardless of whether she meets the eligibility requirements above.

b. **Benefits**

This membership entitles players to all the benefits available to Associate Members of the WTA and the WTBA. (See Section XI.B.)

c. **Annual Dues**

The annual membership dues are \$650.

B. MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

1. Full and Associate Member Benefits

- a. Personal access to the PlayerZone.
- b. Important WTA information and Tournament updates via email.
- c. Optional worldwide medical, dental, and vision insurance.
- d. Waiver of \$250 administrative fee at all WTA Tournaments.

2. Additional Full Member Benefits

- a. Optional Disability Insurance.
- b. Eligibility to participate in the Player Pension Plan.
- c. Opportunity to vote for or serve as a Players' Council member.

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A complete list of membership benefits, including player discounts and sponsor programs, is available on the PlayerZone.

C. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Good Standing

- a. As a condition of WTA membership, players must be in good standing. Players are in good standing with WTA if they:
 - i. Abide by the Rules and the Integrity Rules, including the penalties set forth therein;
 - ii. Pay all monies owed to the WTA, including fines;
 - iii. Comply with applicable Commitment Tournament requirements under the Rules;
 - iv. Comply with the WTA Finals responsibilities under the Rules if eligible and qualified as a Finals Qualified Player or Finals Alternate, unless otherwise approved by WTA;
 - v. Fulfill all required ACES commitments and Media/Sponsor/Public Relations responsibilities under the Rules, if applicable; and
 - vi. Are otherwise confirmed to be in good standing by the WTA CEO.
- b. Penalties for not being in good standing with WTA will result in a player:
 - i. Not being eligible to participate in any bonus program; and
 - ii. Not being entitled to the Full Member benefits in Section XI.B.1.c-d and B.2.

2. Attendance at Mandatory Meetings

There will be two (2) mandatory meetings per calendar year for Full Members participating in the Main Draw singles or doubles of the Tournament where the meetings are held. A meeting may be made mandatory for all Full Members or for specific ranking groups of Full Members, as determined by the WTA. If a meeting is mandatory for a player and the player collects her credentials at the Tournament where

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the meeting is being held, the player will be deemed to be available to attend the meeting.

a. **Penalty for Non-Attendance**

Failure to attend will result in a fine being assessed based on the player's ranking at the time of the Tournament as outlined below:

Player Ranking	Fine Amount
1-10	\$4,000
11-20	\$2,000
21-50	\$1,000
51-100	\$500
101+	\$250

All such fines shall be automatic and non-appealable, except in the case of Extraordinary Circumstances.

b. **Appeals**

All fine appeals must be filed within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice.

3. Completion of New Full Member Orientation

a. **Participation Requirements**

Each player eligible for Full Membership for the first time must complete required online and on-site orientation courses related to her participation in the WTA ("New Member Orientation"). On-site New Member Orientation will be no more than three (3) days, with the WTA arranging and covering associated travel costs (e.g., economy flight, hotel, meals) for participating players.

b. **Deadlines and Penalties**

i. **Online**

Beginning in 2023, a player must complete the online portion of New Member Orientation by March 31 of the first Tour Year in which she is eligible for Full Membership. If a player fails to complete the online portion of New Member Orientation by the deadline, then she is not entitled to the waiver of the

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administrative fee at WTA Tournaments until she completes such requirement.

ii. On-Site

Beginning in 2024, a player must complete the on-site portion of New Member Orientation by the end of the first Tour Year in which she is eligible for Full Membership. If a player fails to complete the on-site portion of New Member Orientation by the deadline, then she will not be deemed to be in good standing until she completes such requirement.

D. MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE ENROLLMENT PERIOD AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Membership

a. All Current Full and Associate Members

All current Full and Associate Members must pay for their Membership for the following Tour Year as follows:

- i. Via their PlayerZone account beginning September 1 of the year prior to the applicable Tour Year;
- ii. With the on-site Supervisor at a WTA Tournament no later than the end of the WTA Elite Trophy; or
- iii. By returning the completed and signed Membership Application Form, plus payment, to WTA headquarters in Florida, USA by December 15 prior to the start of the applicable Tour Year.

Please note that New Full Members, whose eligibility for Full Membership is only confirmed after the WTA year-end rankings, must pay the difference between Associate and Full Membership by March 31 of the following Tour Year.

b. New Associate Members

New Associate Members may join at any time throughout the year by returning the completed and signed Membership Application Form, plus payment, to an on-site Supervisor or to the WTA headquarters in Florida, USA.

Regardless of the date of joining, new Associate Members must renew their Memberships for the following Tour Year by December

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15 of the year prior to the applicable Tour Year for which they are purchasing Memberships.

c. Late Fee

Any current member who does not pay her membership dues by the December 15 deadline will be charged a \$100 late fee for each payment.

2. Insurance

All Full and Associate Members of the WTA and WTBA have the option to purchase insurance (currently through Aetna Global PPO) as part of the membership benefit package.

a. Coverage Dates

Insurance coverage is for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

b. Coverage Included

i. Full Members

The insurance package for Full Members includes worldwide Medical, Dental, Vision, and Disability coverage, and Full Members also have the option to purchase Disability Insurance only.

ii. Associate Members

The insurance package for Associate Members includes worldwide Medical, Dental, and Vision coverage.

c. Additional Requirement for Disability Coverage

To qualify for Disability Coverage during the current calendar year, players will need the Disability Application Physical Form to be completed by SS&M staff or a personal physician. (WTA physical examinations may be offered at designated Tournaments during the Tour Year.)

d. Enrollment Period

All current Full and Associate Members can purchase insurance:

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- i. By credit card through their PlayerZone accounts; or
 - ii. By sending the completed and signed Membership/Insurance Application Form, plus payment, to WTA headquarters in Florida, USA by December 15.
- e. Late Fee

Any current member who does not pay her insurance fees by the December 15 deadline will be charged a \$100 late fee for each payment.

E. PENSION PLAN INFORMATION

1. Qualification for Pension Plan

A player must be a Full Member and have five (5) years of Vesting Service to begin receiving 100% of the money in her Pension Plan account when she turns fifty (50) years of age.

2. Initial Eligibility

A Full Member initially is eligible for the Pension Plan if she has played at least twelve (12) singles (Main Draw or Qualifying) or ten (10) doubles (Main Draw or Qualifying, only if Qualifying counts for ranking points, excluding mixed doubles) at WTA Tournaments (including Grand Slams but not WTA 125 Tournaments) in one (1) calendar year.

3. Vesting Service

After fulfilling her initial eligibility, in subsequent years a Full Member may earn years of Vesting Service by competing in a minimum of six (6) singles (Main Draw or Qualifying) or five (5) doubles (Main Draw or Qualifying, only if Qualifying counts for ranking points, excluding mixed doubles) at WTA Tournaments (including Grand Slams but not WTA 125 Tournaments). Each year of Vesting Service counts towards the five (5) years of Vesting Service that are required to be eligible to begin receiving the money in her account when she turns fifty (50) years of age.

4. Eligibility to Receive an Allocation from the Plan

Only Full Members who have competed in either twelve (12) singles (Main Draw or Qualifying) or ten (10) doubles (Main Draw or Qualifying, only if Qualifying counts for ranking points, excluding mixed doubles) at WTA Tournaments, including Grand Slams, in one (1) calendar year will be eligible to receive an allocation from the Pension Plan.

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5. Allocation from Pension Plan

The amount of a player's Pension Plan allocation is based on the number of points she receives in each year of Vesting Service. The player earns points at a rate of:

- a. One (1) point for each WTA Tournament (including Grand Slams but not WTA 125 Tournaments) in which the player competed in the Main Draw; and
- b. One-half (½) point for each WTA Tournament (including Grand Slams but not WTA 125 Tournaments) in which the player competed only in the Qualifying event.

6. Maximum Allocation

The maximum amount of allocation points that can be earned in a Year are eighteen (18) for singles and fifteen (15) for doubles. Points for singles and doubles are tallied separately and will not be interchangeable.

A Full Member may receive a singles and/or doubles allocation depending upon her individual points earned in that year.

7. Pension Plan Distributions

A player must have five (5) years of Vesting Service to receive the amount in her Pension Plan. Payout of that money begins when a player turns fifty (50) and, in most cases, the money is paid as a monthly annuity over twenty (20) years. Specific exceptions, which are set forth in the Plan Document, may apply.

F. MEMBERSHIP/INSURANCE/PENSION CONTACTS, ADDRESSES AND NUMBERS

1. Membership, Insurance Fees, and Pension Plan

All player questions regarding Membership, Insurance fees, and the Pension Plan should be directed to:

Michaela Oldani
Player Relations, WTA Tour, Inc.
100 Second Avenue South, Suite 300N
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 USA
+1 (727) 502-1271
moldani@wtatennis.com

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2. Medical and Dental Insurance Claims

All player claim questions for Medical and Dental Insurance should be directed to:

Aetna Global Benefits/Aetna
P.O. Box 981543
El Paso, TX 79998-1543 USA
+1 (800) 231-7729 or +1 (813) 775-0190
agbservice@aetna.com

3. Disability Insurance

All player questions concerning Disability Insurance should be directed to:

Kelly Price
EPIC Entertainment & Sports
5909 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Suite 800
Atlanta, Georgia 30328 USA
+1 (678) 324-3340
kelly.price@epicbrokers.com

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XII. WTA TOURNAMENT MEMBERSHIPS

A. WTA CALENDAR

Visit www.wtatennis.com/tournaments/2023 for the current 2023 WTA Calendar.

B. APPLICATION FOR A NEW TOURNAMENT ON THE WTA

Before an application for a new Tournament Class Membership can be considered by the WTA, the prospective owner of a new WTA Tournament must meet all of the obligations enumerated below.

Applicants are advised that the WTA will grant a new membership only if, in the WTA's sole discretion, the new Tournament is geographically and temporally appropriate, within the requirements of the WTA By-Laws and otherwise serves the best interests of the WTA.

1. WTA Application Form

a. Deadline

A WTA Tournament Application must be submitted to the WTA by February 28 in the year prior to the Tour Year in which the Tournament is to be conducted.

b. Process

The application must be complete in order to ensure that the applicant is in good standing. No application will be acted upon until the WTA has received all information, along with the applicable deposit set forth in sub-Section 2 below.

Prior to consideration of the application by the Board of Directors, the CEO shall conduct such investigation as he/she deems appropriate and shall have the right to require the applicant to furnish any information the CEO deems appropriate.

c. Late Applications

Applications received after the due date may be entitled to consideration under the following circumstances:

- i. As replacements for any approved Tournaments which have been cancelled or disqualified as provided in these Rules;

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- ii. If deemed necessary to fulfill playing opportunities; or
- iii. If it fulfills a geographic market goal of the WTA.

2. Application Fee and Letter of Credit

An applicant must submit to the WTA:

- a. A non-refundable application fee in the amount of US\$5,000; and
- b. An irrevocable letter of credit (or other financial vehicle approved by the WTA), which must be valid for three (3) years with three (3) annual draws in the amount of the event's annual prize money pursuant to Section XV.C - Financial Security Requirements ("Letter of Credit").

The Letter of Credit will be cancelled should the Board of Directors not approve the Tournament application.

3. Approval from National Tennis Association or Federation

An applicant should make every effort to contact and seek approval from their National Tennis Association or Federation. However, this approval is not required for acceptance onto the WTA.

4. Site Check

An applicant must be immediately available, upon request of the WTA, to organize one (1) or more site checks of the proposed venue for hosting the new Tournament. The site check(s) shall be completed prior to the Board of Director's consideration of application. If one (1) or more site checks are deemed necessary by the WTA, the applicant shall pay the cost of such site check(s) (including travel, lodging, food, and other reasonable expenses).

5. Security Risk Assessment

An applicant must pay the cost of any security risk assessment(s) prepared by the WTA's Security Director or a professional security consulting firm that the WTA designates if the WTA deems such security risk assessments necessary.

6. Letter of Agreement

The WTA will send to the applicant a Letter of Agreement indicating provisional approval of the Tournament and the terms and conditions.

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This Letter of Agreement must be signed by the applicant and returned before the application will be considered for final approval.

7. Membership Fee

Upon approval of the application, the applicant must pay the required membership fee to the WTA (information regarding the amount to be provided by the WTA) and must abide by Section XV.C - Financial Security Requirements.

C. CONDITIONS OF TOURNAMENT MEMBERSHIP

A Tournament Class Membership is contingent upon the following conditions:

1. Governing Agreements

The Tournament agrees to abide by and be bound by all of the following: the Rules; Code of Conduct; WTA By-Laws; WTA contracts; and any other relevant agreements.

2. Prize Money

The Tournament agrees to the minimum prize money levels.

3. Equal Opportunity

The Tournament is open to all categories of women tennis players without discrimination.

4. Minimum Draw Size

The Tournament agrees to a minimum draw for singles and doubles as set forth in these Rules and as determined in the sole discretion of the WTA.

5. WTA Application Terms & Provisions

The Tournament signs and agrees to abide by the terms and provisions of the WTA Tournament Application.

6. Product Exclusivities

The Tournament abides by any Product Exclusivities as set forth in Section XIII.A.

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7. Supervisor Visit

If requested by the WTA, the Tournament must pay for the Supervisor's time and travel (lodging, food, and other reasonable expenses) for the week prior to the first edition of the Tournament.

D. ANNUAL PROCEDURES FOR AN EXISTING WTA TOURNAMENT

1. Tournament Information Form

The Annual Tournament Information Form for existing Tournaments must be submitted no later than February 28 prior to the start of the applicable Tour Year. Any Annual Tournament Information Form submitted after the February 28 deadline must be accompanied by a late fee of US\$1,000. The Annual Tournament Information Form shall be distributed annually by the WTA at least sixty (60) days before the deadline.

2. Prize Money Currency

Each Tournament must comply with the following provisions (subject to change) regarding prize money. Revised provisions, if any, will be distributed by the WTA.

a. US Dollars or Euros

Prize money listed in Tournament applications shall be expressed in US dollars. Prize money must be paid in US dollars in the amount stated on the applications and approved by the WTA, except for Tournaments held in Euro Monetary Countries, which must pay the on-site prize money in Euros, but all Tournament-related fees (e.g., tour fees, ELC, etc.) must be paid in US dollars.

The on-site prize money levels for Tournaments held in Euro Monetary Countries will be annually set at the rate of 1.15 US Dollars to 1 Euro. However, this conversion rate does not apply to the Mutua Madrid Open WTA 1000 Tournament.

b. Non-US Dollars or Non-Euros

A Tournament, however, may pay its prize money in non-US dollars (or a non-Euro currency for Euro Monetary Countries) if a written request is made to the WTA at least three (3) months in advance of the Tournament. The WTA reserves the right to deny the request based upon factors including: the stability of the currency against the US dollar (or Euro); the international popularity of the currency; the

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players' convenience in converting that currency to US dollars (or Euros) or other currency; and the efficiency of the banking system upon which the prize money checks are drawn.

Upon approval of the Tournament's request to pay prize money in a non-US currency (or a non-Euro currency for Euro Monetary Countries), the WTA will confirm the authorized rate of exchange to that Tournament based on the six-month average exchange rate to the US dollar (or the Euro for Euro Monetary Countries) as listed at the internet site www.oanda.com/converter/cc_table and corresponding to the dates in the following table:

Tournament Beginning	Average 6-Month Exchange Rate Ending On:
January 1 - March 31	October 1
April 1 - June 30	January 1
July 1 - September 30	April 1
October 1 - December 31	July 1

If, seven (7) days prior to the first day of the Tournament, there is a fluctuation in the authorized rate of exchange of at least 5% up or down, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted up or down, as the case may be, according to the following table:

Exchange Rate Fluctuation	Exchange Rate Adjustment
Less than 5%	none
Between 5-10%	5%
10% or greater	One-half the exchange rate percentage fluctuation*

*For example, if the currency fluctuates 11% down from the authorized exchange rate, the exchange rate will be adjusted by 5.5% (e.g., a 1.36 exchange rate will be adjusted as $1.36 + (1.36 \times -5.5\%) = 1.2852$).

Each Tournament paying on-site prize money in a specific non-US currency (or a non-Euro currency for Euro Monetary Countries) shall obtain from the WTA the official rate for the Tournament as provided above prior to the start of the Qualifying of the Tournament, and shall use the same. Round-by-round prize money breakdowns shall be prominently posted on site and shall include a reference to the corresponding breakdown in US dollars.

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3. Additional Tournament Requirements

In addition to the above requirements, each Tournament must:

- a. Comply with WTA Sponsor Product Category Exclusivities (as set forth in Section XIII.A).
- b. Pay the cost of any security risk assessment(s) prepared by the WTA's Security Director or a professional security consulting firm that the WTA designates if the WTA deems such security risk assessments necessary.
- c. Comply with the Financial Security Requirements applicable to WTA Tournaments owned for three (3) years or less. (See Section XV.C.)

E. REASONS FOR REJECTION

1. Tournament Membership Request

Any one (1) of the following shall be a valid and adequate reason for not granting a Tournament Class Membership to an applicant: (a) failure to meet the Conditions of Tournament Membership as set forth in Section XII.C; (b) failure to accept or abide by the Rules and the Tournament Commitment herein set forth; (c) previous failure to meet its financial commitments or comply with the Rules; (d) lack of space on the WTA Calendar; (e) direct or indirect ownership by a person or entity which would exceed the Limitations on Ownership (see Section XII.I.7); or (f) other good causes clearly and demonstrably contrary to the integrity of tennis or the WTA.

2. Calendar Date or Tournament Class Request

The reasons enumerated in sub-Section 1 above also shall be considered valid and adequate for not assigning the category or WTA Calendar date requested by a Tournament.

F. TOURNAMENT PRIORITY

1. Applicable Situations

The WTA shall apply guidelines in determining which Tournaments merit priority in the following situations: (a) Tournament Class Membership grants; (b) WTA Calendar rescheduling; and (c) new Tournament approval.

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2. WTA Guidelines

The priority guidelines applied by the WTA include:

- a. Whether an applicant has filed a timely application in full compliance with the requirements published by the WTA.
- b. Geographical practicality and balance in view of:
 - i. The travel convenience of players;
 - ii. The need for mobility between Tournament categories; and
 - iii. The desire to preserve the international concept and growth of the WTA.
- c. The history of the applicant including such factors as:
 - i. The number of years the applicant or its predecessor has operated a tournament at the location, or in the market, where it is currently located;
 - ii. Its promotion of the WTA's sponsor interest;
 - iii. Its status as a national title event;
 - iv. Its record as a women's tournament administered by the WTA;
 - v. Its record of financial responsibility;
 - vi. Its compliance with the Rules and Code of Conduct; and
 - vii. Its involvement with Exhibitions/Non-WTA Events (in the case of a new applicant).
- d. Television exposure and whether there exists a finalized television commitment or a substantial prospect for same.
- e. The relative quality of playing and spectator facilities, including whether the type of playing surface helps to maintain the desirable balance between the variety of playing surfaces in the game.
- f. Marketing consideration consistent with the obligations to and objectives of the WTA.

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- g. Exposure adequate to promote the objectives and goals of the WTA and women's tennis.
- h. Which application, in the judgment of the WTA, best serves the interest of the sport as a whole.
- i. The applicant's participation in, or aiding and abetting, violations of these Rules.

G. NO RELEASE

1. No Release Deadline

The "No Release Deadline" for each Tournament shall correspond to the following table:

Tournament Beginning	No Release Deadline
January 1 - June 30	October of previous year
July 1 - December 31	March 15 of same year in which the tournament is to occur

2. Tournament Release Request

A member may only be released from its obligation to conduct its Tournament under the following circumstances:

a. Prior to No Release Deadline

The WTA shall approve a member's request to be released from conducting its Tournament provided the request:

- i. Is made in writing;
- ii. Is made on or before the requesting Tournament's No Release Deadline as outlined in sub-Section 1 above;
- iii. Includes the reason for the request;
- iv. Is accompanied by payment to the WTA in the amount of the Tournament's prize money ("Announced Prize Money") as set forth on the Tournament Application or Annual Tournament Information Form, as applicable; and
- v. Is a first-time request from the Tournament.

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If the member complies with the foregoing requirements, it shall retain its Tournament Class Membership and shall be entitled to conduct a Tournament in the following Tour Year without a change in its status or category.

b. After the No Release Deadline

i. Tournament Obligations

The WTA shall approve a member's request to be released from conducting its Tournament provided the request:

- (a) Is made in writing;
- (b) Is made after the requesting Tournament's No Release Deadline as outlined in sub-Section 1 above;
- (c) Includes the reason for the request; and
- (d) Is accompanied by payment to the WTA of the Tournament's Announced Prize Money.

ii. Additional Tournament Implications

- (a) The Tournament Class Membership shall automatically be suspended, and the member shall have no right to operate a Tournament on the WTA until its Tournament Class Membership is reinstated by the Board.
- (b) Within thirty (30) days of the suspension of the Tournament Class Membership, the member may make a written application for reinstatement to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may accept or reject an application for reinstatement in its sole and absolute discretion.
- (c) If a member's request for reinstatement is denied by the Board of Directors, or if the member fails to apply for reinstatement in the designated time frame, the member shall have a limited opportunity to sell its Tournament Class Membership, provided the proposed transfer:
 - (i) Is for the entire Tournament Class Membership (partial sales, leases, and management agreements are not permitted);

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- (ii) Is a bona fide arm's length transaction with an unrelated or unaffiliated third party;
- (iii) Complies in all respects with the Rules relating to transfer of ownership, including the WTA's approval rights and the WTA's right of first refusal, with the exception of the applicable Transfer Fee, which is addressed in sub-Section (v) below.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall be construed:

- To alter or amend the member's obligation to seek and obtain the WTA's prior approval for any Tournament transfer according to the Rules;
 - To limit or restrain WTA's rights to approve, deny, or match a proposed Tournament transfer according to the Rules; or
 - As requiring the WTA to approve any proposed transfer of the membership;
- (iv) Is complete and consummated, including approval by the Board of Directors (if any), prior to the following year's No Release Deadline;
 - (v) Shall be subject to a Transfer Fee calculated at the maximum scheduled Transfer Fee percentage, regardless of the member's tenure with the WTA; and
 - (vi) Stipulates the proposed transferee shall conduct the Tournament in the week on the WTA Calendar in the following Tour Year designated for the Tournament by the Board of Directors.

In the event any of the preceding six (6) conditions is not met, the membership shall be forfeited. (See Section XII.G.6.b - Tournament Implications.)

c. Extenuating Circumstances

Under extenuating circumstances, a member may apply to the Board of Directors for an extension of the deadline in sub-Section b.ii.(c)(iv) above, which application the Board of Directors may accept or reject

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in its sole and absolute discretion. The Board of Directors may attach conditions to the acceptance of such an application including, without limitation, a requirement that the member pay the Announced Prize Money for the following Tour Year.

d. **Second or Subsequent Request from Tournament Class Member**

The same provisions set out in Section XII.G.2.b. – After the No Release Deadline – also apply to a Member making a second or subsequent request to be released from its obligation to conduct its Tournament.

Nothing herein shall either exempt or absolve the member from i) its obligation to pay the Announced Prize Money to the WTA, or ii) its other financial obligations set forth in the Rules.

e. **Tournament Cancellation Due to Health, Safety, or other Matters**

The WTA may cancel or adjust a Tournament's schedule or procedures due to health, safety, or other matters involving risk to players, staff, and/or spectators. Before cancellation of a Tournament pursuant to this sub-Section e, the WTA will consult with the Tournament as well as the local health, law enforcement, or other government authorities, where applicable. Cancellation should be undertaken as a last resort, and the WTA should use great discretion before taking such action. In the event of cancellation by the WTA pursuant to this sub-Section e, the No Release Rule will not apply; provided the reason for the cancellation was outside of the control or prevention of the Tournament. (See Section IX.D.1 for payment of prize money.)

3. Appeal to Board of Directors

A member may appeal to the Board of Directors for a waiver or reduction of the requirements and penalties set forth above in the event of a fire, flood, act of war, terrorist act, or similar event which is outside the control or prevention of the Tournament.

However, the decision to grant such waiver or reduction shall be in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

4. WTA Payments to Tournament Class Members

Should a member not conduct its Tournament in a Tour Year, the WTA shall not make any payments to that member for such Tour Year,

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including payments for Commercial Benefits, media rights, or any other financial payment otherwise due from the WTA.

5. Distribution of Collected Prize Money

All prize money collected in connection with the No Release Rule will be divided evenly between the WTA and the WTBA.

6. Forfeiture of Membership

a. Causes

A Tournament Class Membership shall be forfeited immediately in the event a member:

- i. Fails to conduct its Tournament for any reason; and
- ii. Fails to comply with the release requirements set out above.

b. Tournament Implications

Upon forfeiture, a member shall have no future rights or privileges with the WTA and shall lose the right to conduct a Tournament on the WTA.

H. TERMINATION OF TOURNAMENTS

1. Tournament Disqualification

The WTA may disqualify any Tournament from participation in the WTA if the Tournament commits any of the below acts.

a. Grounds for Disqualification

- i. The Tournament fails to meet the prize money commitments.
- ii. The Tournament fails to provide the commercial identification required pursuant to all relevant agreements.
- iii. The Tournament fails to demonstrate financial responsibility to conduct a Tournament.
- iv. The Tournament fails to pay all expenses or prize money of a Tournament it has conducted.

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- v. The Tournament fails to fulfill in a timely manner its financial obligations or breaches any other term or condition of the Rules, including Standards of Performance Requirements, or any relevant agreement.

b. Disqualification Process

The WTA must provide the Tournament thirty (30) days' written notice (via email or certified mail) prior to disqualification, unless a Tournament already has been advised that it will not be able to hold its Tournament at the time it has been appointed.

2. Letter of Credit in Lieu of Disqualification

In lieu of disqualification for any of the financial failures detailed in sub-Section H.1.a above, the WTA, in its sole discretion, may require a Tournament to post a letter of credit in the full amount of the Tournament's prize money upon thirty (30) days' written notice.

Failure to post a satisfactory letter of credit will result in disqualification from participation in the WTA.

I. TOURNAMENT OWNERSHIP

1. Definition of Ownership

Ownership of a full Tournament Class Membership is a continuing right, provided the Tournament is in good standing. Each Tournament has the Tournament ownership rights provided in Schedule I of the WTA By-Laws.

2. Transfer of Ownership

a. Approval Process

- i. Any member seeking to sell, transfer, assign, convey, or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law or otherwise, its ownership interest, in whole or in part, in a Tournament Class Membership (a "Transfer") shall satisfy the following steps, as part of the Transfer approval process:
 - (a) Submission of a written request for approval of the Transfer to the CEO prior to the attempted transfer and no later than sixty (60) calendar days (unless WTA otherwise agrees in its sole discretion) prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors;

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- (b) Promptly furnishing all information requested by WTA Management;
 - (c) Furnishing information that is accurate and not misleading;
 - (d) Organizing, completing, and paying (including travel, lodging, food, and other reasonable expenses) for one (1) or more site checks if there will be a new venue;
 - (e) Cooperating with any investigation conducted by WTA Management in evaluating the proposed Transfer; and
 - (f) Providing a binding offer to sell the membership to the WTA for a purchase price equal to the amount to be paid by the proposed purchaser solely for the membership interest (without regard to any employment, consulting, or other arrangements and subject to the WTA's right to pay the purchase price as and when it would have been due from the proposed purchaser) (the "Right of First Refusal Offer").
- ii. Upon completion of all the steps required under sub-Section 2.a.i above, the CEO shall submit the proposed Transfer and the Right of First Refusal Offer to the Board of Directors for its approval, acceptance, or other action, except that if the proposed Transfer will not result in the transferee possessing, directly or indirectly, a membership interest of 25% or more, the CEO shall have the power to approve or disapprove the proposed Transfer or accept the Right of First Refusal Offer without submitting it to the Board of Directors for approval or acceptance. The Board of Directors or CEO, as the case may be, shall have the right to disapprove a Transfer in its or his/her sole discretion; however, such approval or acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- iii. If the WTA elects to accept the Right of First Refusal Offer in sub-Section 2.a.i(f), the WTA shall notify the member in writing of its acceptance within thirty (30) days after the Board of Directors meeting at which the Transfer request is considered (the "Right of First Refusal Period"). If the WTA exercises its Right of First Refusal, the WTA and the member shall thereafter fix a mutually acceptable date for the consummation of the transaction. If the WTA does not notify the member of its intention to exercise the Right of First Refusal during the Right of First Refusal Period, during the sixty (60) days following the expiration of the Right of First Refusal Period, the member may sell its membership interest to the proposed purchaser upon the terms of the offer, but if the sale is not consummated with the proposed purchaser

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within that sixty- (60) day period, then the provisions of this sub-Section 2.a shall apply again.

- iv. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding sub-Sections 2.a.i-iii, in the event a member wishes to transfer its membership interest, but has no satisfactory bona fide prospective purchaser, the member may at any time request that the WTA solicit prospective purchasers on its behalf. A request under this sub-Section 2.a.iv shall be made in writing to the CEO.

The member shall have no obligation to accept any offer that may be obtained by the WTA on its behalf, and the member may withdraw its request under this paragraph at any time.

- v. At any time that a member consummates a Transfer with respect to a Tournament Class Membership interest, the applicable Transfer Fee percentage (set forth in the following table) – assessed to the value of the consideration for the membership provided by the proposed purchaser to the member – shall be imposed by the Board of Directors.

Number of Full Tournaments Conducted to Conclusion Under the Current Ownership	Transfer Fee Percentage[^]
1	20%
2	15%
3	15%
4	10%
5	5%
6	5%
7	5%
8 (or More)	3%

[^] The Board of Directors retains the discretion to assess a lesser fee where appropriate, as determined in its sole discretion. The relevant Transfer Fee will be waived for (i) Transfers that take place among members of the same immediate family, (ii) Transfers between entities under common ownership, and (iii) Transfers undertaken as part of a corporate restructuring provided there is no change in the ultimate ownership, including percentages of interests held, of the Tournament Class Membership, should the Transfer be approved pursuant to the Rules.

- vi. If the purchaser of a Tournament Class Membership interest is not currently promoting or operating any WTA Tournament(s) or is not a member, as a precondition to approval of any Transfer under this sub-Section 2.a, the purchaser must agree in writing

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that it will deposit or provide a letter of credit guaranteeing payment of 100% of the first year's prize money. Payment will be made under this letter of credit in the event the Tournament is not held; if the Tournament is held, payment will be made under the letter of credit only to the extent of a shortfall in prize money payments. Any payment under the letter of credit will be non-refundable.

- vii. The purchaser of a Tournament Class Membership, as a precondition to approval of any Transfer under this sub-Section 2.a, must also agree in writing that it will pay for the Supervisor's time and travel (lodging, food, and other reasonable expenses) for the week prior to the first edition of the Tournament under the new ownership.
- b. Violations of Transfer Rule
- i. WTA Management shall determine whether an attempted Transfer violates sub-Section 2.a in its sole discretion.
 - ii. If WTA Management determines that there has been a violation of sub-Section 2.a, WTA Management shall decide whether to impose a fine in the range of \$100,000 to \$500,000, taking into consideration factors such as the severity of the violation, the size of the transaction, and such other factors as it deems appropriate.
 - iii. In such circumstance, WTA Management shall notify the member of the violation and fine and provide the member the opportunity to submit additional information and to request a waiver or reduction in the fine by the Board of Directors.
 - iv. In connection with submitting the Transfer request to the Board of Directors for consideration (or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible), the CEO shall notify the Board of Directors of the violation and fine.
 - v. The Board of Directors may decide whether to waive or reduce the fine. Any such fine shall be assessed in addition to any Transfer Fee (if the Transfer is approved) or on its own (if the Transfer is disapproved).
 - vi. Approval of any Transfer shall be conditioned on payment of both any Transfer Fee and any fine (subject to a decision by the Board of Directors to waive or reduce the fine).

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- vii. Any purported Transfer made without full compliance with this Section 2 and/or the WTA's approval shall be voidable by WTA in its sole discretion and, in such case, any such purported Transfer shall be null and void without any force or effect.
- viii. Should WTA learn of facts or circumstances constituting a violation of this Section 2 following a purported Transfer and/or approval of a Transfer, WTA has continuing jurisdiction to assess and collect any fine and Transfer Fee in accordance with the foregoing.

3. Membership Lease

All Leases shall be subject to the written approval of the WTA and no Lease shall be deemed effective until such approval is provided. No member shall be permitted, directly or indirectly, to enter into or become subject to a Lease, or any amendment or other modification to any Lease, except in accordance with and subject to the provisions set forth in this Section 3. For purposes of this Section, "Lease" shall mean an agreement, arrangement or other transaction whereby the right to operate or manage a Tournament is transferred, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by operation of law or otherwise, to an individual or entity that is not the owner of the applicable Tournament Class Membership.

For clarity, a "Lease" shall include any agreement, arrangement or other transaction pursuant to which a member receives any direct or indirect consideration or other benefit from a third party in exchange for (i) a third party managing all or substantially all of the operations of a Tournament and/or (ii) assigning to a third party any material operating or management rights for a Tournament, but shall exclude service agreements or arrangements for ordinary course operations (e.g., concessions, security, ticketing, cleaning, etc.); provided, however, that the CEO shall have the right, taking into account the terms of any such agreement or arrangement and the circumstances related thereto, to determine whether any agreement, arrangement or other transaction shall be deemed a Lease for purposes of this Rule. Members may appeal the CEO's determination to the Board of Directors.

For the avoidance of doubt, any agreement, arrangement or other transaction whereby a member transfers, assigns or leases any "ownership interest" (as defined in Section XII.I.7.c), in whole or in part, shall be considered a Transfer, and therefore subject to the Transfer approval process set forth in Section XII.I.2. Further, for clarity, no member may lease or assign, or delegate to or provide any lessee or other person or entity the right to direct or control, any of its voting rights,

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whether pursuant to a Lease or otherwise, except in the context of a Transfer in compliance with Section XII.I.2.

- a. Prior to entering into or executing any Lease (or any amendment or modification to any Lease), the member/lessor shall request the written approval of the WTA. Any purported Lease or amendment or modification to any Lease made without full compliance with this Section XII.I.3 shall be null and void, without any force or effect, and may not be performed. The member/lessor wishing to apply for approval of the Lease shall submit a written request for approval of the Lease to the CEO and shall furnish to the CEO the following information and documentation (subject to limited redactions as needed to protect financially sensitive information, if any):
 - i. The name and address of each party to the Lease and each officer, director, and beneficial owner of each of those parties;
 - ii. A written statement certifying the material terms of the proposed Lease, including, without limitation, all potential payments (cash, in-kind benefits or otherwise) by the lessee (or any of its affiliates) to the member (or any of its affiliates);
 - iii. Evidence of the proposed lessee's ability (financial or otherwise) and experience to fulfill the obligations associated with the rights granted in the Lease;
 - iv. Copies of any agreements relating to the Lease; and
 - v. Any other information the CEO deems necessary and requests from time to time for (A) purposes of making a recommendation to the Board of Directors or (B) ensuring that the Lease and arrangement between the member and the lessee are in compliance with the Rules and/or in the best interest of the WTA.

All information and materials submitted to the CEO shall be subject to review by the CEO, and, as the CEO deems appropriate, by WTA legal representatives. Notwithstanding the forgoing, to the extent the CEO deems it necessary to confirm compliance with WTA Rules, the CEO may request any redacted information or materials from a member. In such event, members shall be required to provide such requested information and materials to the CEO on an un-redacted basis; provided, however, that any un-redacted information so provided (i) may only be reviewed by the CEO and, as the CEO deems appropriate, WTA legal representatives, and (ii) shall remain confidential.

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Notwithstanding the terms and conditions set forth in any Lease, the member/lessor shall separately notify the CEO prior to the extension or renewal of any Lease and/or the exercise of any right of first negotiation, refusal or relocation or other back-end right, and WTA approval shall be independently required at such time:

- (a) to amend, extend the term of, or renew, any Lease by any party thereto, whether by an option, right of first refusal or otherwise;
 - (b) to relocate, or exercise any rights related to relocation of, a Tournament; and
 - (c) to transfer, assign, pledge, mortgage, grant a security interest or other direct or indirect disposition or encumbrance of any Lease or any rights or obligations of any party thereunder.
- b. Upon receipt of the information required under sub-Section 3.a above, the CEO shall conduct such inquiry as deemed appropriate and shall submit to the Board of Directors (i) the CEO's recommendation for approval, acceptance, or other action with respect to the proposed Lease, (ii) the identity of each party to the Lease and relevant background information for each such party, (iii) the term of the Lease, and (iv) any other information the CEO deems necessary for the Board of Director's consideration of the proposed Lease consistent with the confidentiality provisions of Section XII.1.3.a above. The Board of Directors shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to approve or disapprove a Lease or delegate to the CEO the right to approve or disapprove a Lease. Any such approval or acceptance by the Board of Directors or the CEO may be given, withheld or conditioned in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors or the CEO, as applicable. Conditions to approval may include, without limitation, (A) the Lease containing mandatory lease terms (in addition to those set forth in Appendix C) as prescribed by the Board of Directors or the CEO from time to time, and (B) any other condition to ensure that the Lease is in compliance with the Rules and/or in the best interest of the WTA.
- c. For the avoidance of doubt, approval of a Lease by the CEO or the Board of Directors shall not extend to any Subsequent Transaction, whether or not contemplated by the terms of a Lease or otherwise. For purposes of this Section, "Subsequent Transaction" means (i) any amendment or modification to, or extension or renewal of, any Lease or any agreement related thereto, (ii) the exercise by any person or entity of any rights of first negotiation or refusal, relocation

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rights, other back-end rights or any purchase or sale rights, and (iii) any sale, transfer, assignment, pledge or other disposition or encumbrance by any person or entity of any Lease or any "ownership interest." Any such Subsequent Transaction shall be subject to separate and independent approval by the WTA in accordance with the Rules at the time that any such terms are sought to be triggered and/or exercised by any party.

- d. All Leases shall be required to include, as an attachment or rider thereto, the language set forth in Appendix C (or language in form and substance substantially similar thereto, modified only as necessary to conform to the defined terms in the applicable agreement).
- e. The WTA may in its discretion waive any or all of the requirements of this Section 3.
- f. Any violation of this Section 3 shall be a violation of a Condition of Membership (as defined in the WTA By-Laws) and shall, among other things, be subject to the imposition of sanctions under Section 2.6 of the WTA By-Laws. In such circumstance, WTA Management shall notify the member of the violation and sanction and provide the member with the opportunity to submit additional information. In the event that the WTA learns or becomes aware of facts or circumstances constituting a violation of this Section 3 following finalization of a purported Lease or an amendment or modification to any Lease and/or approval of a Lease, the WTA has continuing jurisdiction to assess any sanction in accordance with the foregoing.
- g. Each member shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of this Section 3 in connection with any Lease directly or indirectly relating to it. Furthermore, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Lease or otherwise (i) the entering into or enjoyment of any Lease by a member shall not relieve such member of any of its obligations under the Rulebook, the WTA By-Laws, any decision, ruling or action by the WTA Tour (including by the Board of Directors, any authorized committee of the Board of Directors, or the CEO, with respect to matters within their respective jurisdictions), any resolution or policy adopted by the Board of Directors or any other agreement or arrangement between such member and the WTA, (ii) each member shall be responsible for the acts of any lessee or counterparty to any Lease and all payments and other obligations to the WTA, and (iii) any and all lessees or counterparties to any Lease shall be required to comply with all of the terms and provisions of the Rules. All requests and payments made by any member to the WTA shall be made directly by the member/lessor, unless otherwise expressly approved or directed by WTA. Unless otherwise directed

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by the member/lessor, WTA Management shall have the right, but not the obligation, to communicate and coordinate directly with any lessee of any Lease, including, without limitation, with respect to the operational elements of the applicable Tournament.

- h. In the event a lessee defaults with respect to any of the financial or other obligations in the Rulebook applicable to Tournaments, including the prize money requirements and Tournament Standards of Performance, the lessor shall, at all times, remain liable for such defaults and any penalties for such defaults shall be imposed against the lessor's Tournament Class Membership.
- i. The requirements set out above shall be waived for any Lease entered into before November 3, 2008; provided, however, that the CEO shall have the right at any time, and from time to time, to request copies of any Lease entered into before such date and/or any other information related thereto that the CEO deems reasonably necessary for purposes of making a recommendation to the Board of Directors or ensuring that the Lease and arrangement between the member and the lessee are in compliance with the Rules and/or in the best interest of the WTA, and each member shall be required to furnish all such documentation and information upon request. Any modification, amendment or extension to such a Lease shall be subject to the provisions of this Section XII.I.3.

4. Request for Change

All proposed changes to location, date, or other Tournament information as set forth on the Tournament Application or Annual Tournament Information Form must be approved by the WTA. All requests that would impact the WTA Calendar for the next Tour Year must be submitted to the WTA for approval no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Board of Directors meeting at which such WTA Calendar is to be reviewed and approved. If any Tournament or prospective new owner seeks a change it must:

- a. Register a notice requesting the change with the WTA no later than four (4) months (unless otherwise agreed by the WTA in its discretion) after the conclusion of the previous year's Tournament. (Request for Change Forms are available from the WTA);
- b. Furnish the WTA with full details of the proposed change, as determined by the WTA;
- c. Pay the cost of one (1) or more site checks (travel, lodging, food, and other reasonable expenses) if deemed necessary by the WTA;

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- d. Pay the cost of any security risk assessment prepared by the WTA's Security Director or a professional security consulting firm that the WTA designates if the WTA deems such security risk assessments necessary;
- e. Pay for the Supervisor's time and travel (lodging, food, and other reasonable expenses) for the week prior to the first edition of the Tournament at the new location; and
- f. Be subject to Financial Security Requirements and a loss of Top 10 Player Delivery, as set forth herein.

For any proposed change of location for a membership which has been in the same location for less than five (5) years, if approved by the Board of Directors, such approval shall be subject to payment of a fee in accordance with the below schedule (a "First Change of Location"). The Board of Directors retains the discretion to waive or reduce such fee or collect all or part of the fee in installments.

WTA 1000 Mandatory	WTA 500	WTA 250
\$675,000	\$105,000	\$50,000

If a member makes a request for a change of location for a membership within five (5) years after the start of the calendar year in which an approved First Change of Location takes effect (i.e. the requested change of location would be effective prior to the fifth edition of the Tournament in its current location) and the Board of Directors approves the request (a "Second Change of Location"), such approval shall be subject to payment of a fee in accordance with the below schedule. The Board of Directors retains the discretion to waive or reduce such fee and/or collect all or part of the fee in installments.

WTA 1000 Mandatory	WTA 500	WTA 250
\$1,350,000	\$210,000	\$100,000

If a member makes a request for a change of location for a membership within five (5) years after the start of the calendar year in which an approved Second Change of Location takes effect (i.e. the requested change of location would be effective prior to the fifth edition of the Tournament in its current location), the WTA will have the right to purchase such membership at a price equal to the average purchase price paid solely for memberships of the same Tier level and within the same geographic region (i.e., Americas, Europe, or Asia-Pacific) over the same 5-year period. If the Board of Directors elects not to exercise the right to purchase such membership and approves the request (a "Third

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Change of Location”), such approval shall be subject to payment of a fee in accordance with the below schedule. The Board of Directors retains the discretion to waive or reduce such fee and/or collect all or part of the fee in installments.

WTA 1000 Mandatory	WTA 500	WTA 250
\$2,700,000	\$420,000	\$200,000

If a member makes a request for a change of location for a membership within five (5) years after the start of the calendar year in which an approved Third Change of Location or any subsequent change of location takes effect (i.e. the requested change of location would be effective prior to the fifth edition of the Tournament in its current location), the WTA will have the right to purchase such membership as set out above for a Third Change of Location or, in the alternative, if the Board of Directors elects not to exercise the right to purchase such membership and approves the request, such approval shall be subject to payment of double the full amount of the fee applicable to the immediately prior change of location. The Board of Directors retains the discretion to waive or reduce such fee and/or collect all or part of the fee in installments.

The following shall not be deemed a change of location for the purpose of this Section 4: (a) a change of venue within 125 miles of the original venue unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors; (b) Tournaments which have been pre-approved to annually alternate or rotate locations; and (c) location changes made at the request of the WTA. In determining whether a change of venue is a change of location, the Board of Directors may consider the following factors: (i) distance between venues; (ii) defined media markets; (iii) time zones; (iv) climates; (v) topographies; (vi) governments; (vii) predominant languages; (viii) economic specializations; and (ix) international political areas.

A change of location made in conjunction with an approved Transfer shall be deemed a change of location for the purposes of this Section 4.

In connection with any approval of a change of location for a membership and in addition to any rights set forth above, the Board of Directors shall have the right to impose any condition on any change of location that it deems in the best interests of the WTA.

5. Simultaneous Transfer of Ownership and Location

A proposed change of location made in conjunction with a request for a transfer of ownership must be made simultaneously, and those requests will be considered jointly. In addition, the change of location fee will not

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apply to a proposed location change in conjunction with a request for Transfer of ownership; however, the Transfer set out in Section XII.I.2 shall apply.

6. WTA Action

- a. If ownership is transferred, the new owner will succeed to the rights and obligations of the former owner. However, if change of location is involved, the new owner's rights and obligations will be the same as the owner of a new Tournament.
- b. Regarding proposed changes of location, if the WTA approves such a change in connection with a Transfer of ownership, it will make best efforts to assign an appropriate date, and the Tournament will then become part of the WTA.

7. Limitations on Ownership

- a. No person or entity (or group of persons or entities acting in concert) shall, directly or indirectly, own or control (by contract or otherwise) an "ownership interest" in more than five (5) WTA Tournaments, of which no more than two (2) may be multi-week combined men's and women's events of the same or similar category (e.g., WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament).

Additionally, no person or entity (or group of persons or entities acting in concert) shall, directly or indirectly, own or control (by contract or otherwise) an ownership interest in more than 45% of WTA Tournaments in the European Geographic Region or the Americas Geographic Region or the Asia-Pacific Geographic Region (as these Regions are defined by the WTA for the purposes of Top 10 Player Delivery); and/or:

- i. 25% of all WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments; or
 - ii. 25% of all WTA 500 Tournaments; or
 - iii. 40% of all WTA 250 Tournaments.
- b. Any entity having ownership interests in WTA Tournaments that exceed any of the limitations set forth in sub-Section a above as of June 23, 1999, will be grandfathered as to any such Tournaments above such limitations. However, if such entity sells its ownership interest in a Tournament, it thereafter will not have the right to purchase or obtain an ownership interest in any additional WTA Tournament

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without WTA approval, if such entity has ownership interests at or above any of the limitations set forth in sub-Section a above.

- c. For purposes of this Rule, the words “ownership interest” shall mean:
- i. Any direct or indirect proprietary interest in a Tournament other than an interest of 5% or less in any call of the equity or debt securities of a member whose shares are traded on an internationally recognized securities exchange (a “proprietary interest”); or
 - ii. With respect to any Tournament in which the relevant person, entity, or group does not have a proprietary interest, the right to:
 - (a) Exercise the Tournament’s voting rights;
 - (b) Apply to the WTA for a change in the venue or geographic location of the Tournament;
 - (c) Serve as or appoint the Tournament’s designated representative; or
 - (d) Transfer any of the rights described in sub-Sections (a)-(c) above, or apply to the WTA for approval to Transfer any direct or indirect proprietary interest in the Tournament.
- d. Without limiting the generality of sub-Section c.i, a person or entity shall be deemed to have an ownership interest in a Tournament if it has a direct or indirect interest in the proceeds resulting from the sale of that Tournament or in the operating income or losses of that Tournament. But a person or entity providing services or guaranteed payments to a Tournament in consideration of an interest in the operating income or losses of that Tournament during the period it is providing those services or payments shall not be deemed to have an ownership interest in the Tournament, provided the CEO has approved the terms of such agreement between any such person or entity and any Tournament. Such agreement shall not be approved if it is found to be an attempt to circumvent Section XII.I.1 – Definition of Ownership.
- e. Discovery and Sanctions for Non-Compliance
- If the WTA has reason to believe that a person or entity may own or control multiple Tournaments in addition to those already disclosed to the WTA, it may request such person or entity to provide information that will confirm or negate the existence of such ownership or control.

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If the person or entity fails to provide such information in a timely fashion or provides inaccurate or incomplete information, the WTA may, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion i) consider such non-compliance in determining whether to impose sanctions; and/or ii) conclude – based on such non-compliance – that the person or entity does in fact have an ownership interest in the Tournament or Tournaments in question.

J. TOURNAMENT MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Tournaments are required to participate in the mandated Tournament insurance program. This program will provide for full compliance of all mandated insurance requirements. Coverage costs will be set by WTA's designated insurer each Tour Year. Tournament insurance payments are due to the WTA (or its assigned designee) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Tournament's Main Draw.

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A. WTA SPONSOR PRODUCT CATEGORY EXCLUSIVITIES

All Tournaments will have certain responsibilities relating to their sponsorship activities and must act in compliance with the Rules.

WTA sponsorship agreements may not vitiate any Tournament's conflicting, pre-existing sponsorship or exposure agreements, but may preclude the renewal of any such agreements except title and presenting sponsorship agreements.

Conflicting, pre-existing, title and presenting sponsors will be grandfathered in connection with this rule.

A Tournament shall be required, upon request by the WTA, to immediately supply any pre-existing contract with a Tournament sponsor that conflicts with a WTA sponsorship. The Tournament shall be entitled to conceal any competitively sensitive financial information in such a pre-existing contract prior to disclosure to the WTA.

The WTA will pay eligible Tournaments a Commercial Benefit payment in exchange for certain commercial benefits.

B. COMMERCIAL BENEFITS GRANTED TO WTA

The following sub-Section B provides an overview of Commercial Benefits granted to WTA. Any Tournament requested by WTA to provide Commercial Benefits must do so consistent with this sub-Section B, as may be established by the Board of Directors, and in accordance with the Commercial Benefits and Brand Guidelines for WTA Tournaments that is provided annually to Tournaments and published on the TournamentZone. Please refer to the Commercial Benefits and Brand Guidelines for a complete list of Commercial Benefits applicable to each Tournament.

1. WTA Identification

Each Tournament shall clearly and prominently identify itself to the public as being part of the WTA and give its full cooperation to the WTA in furthering general public awareness of the competition. Any Tournaments which are combined or back-to-back with an ATP event, shall provide a level of WTA branding which is equal to or greater than the branding provided for the ATP as determined by the WTA; however, in

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no instance shall such branding fall below the minimums required herein. Each Tournament shall assume all costs associated with compliance hereunder.

2. WTA Name and Logo

a. Identification on Printed Promotional Materials and Signage

The WTA shall receive identification via the WTA name and/or logo (including the name of any Title/Premier/Presenting sponsor, if applicable) (“WTA Logo” or “Tour Logo”) on all Tournament promotional materials and informational signage where a Tournament’s title and/or presenting sponsor is identified, including, but not limited to: (i) official notices; (ii) all advertising (including digital advertising, e.g., banner ads); (iii) press releases; (iv) posters; (v) program covers; (vi) tickets; (vii) counter cards; (viii) direct mail pieces; (ix) display materials; (x) brochures; (xi) announcements; (xii) invitations; (xiii) credentials/accreditation badges; (xiv) ticket brochures/offers; (xv) stationery (letterhead, envelopes, etc.); (xvi) interview backdrops; (xvii) draw boards; (xviii) sponsor boards; (xix) welcome entry signs; (xx) vehicles; (xxi) website and social media pages; (xxii) television graphics; (xxiii) video board ads, etc.; and (xxiv) Tournament videos where graphics, animation, and/or open or end slates are inserted. (See Section XIII.E - Pre-Tournament Responsibilities.)

b. Tournament Website and Other Digital Platforms

Each Tournament must identify the WTA on its website and other digital platforms by prominently placing the WTA Logo and a link to the WTA’s official website on the Tournament’s website and other digital platforms.

c. Conformity to WTA and Sponsor Trademark Guidelines

All Tournament use of the WTA Logo (including the name and logos of any WTA sponsors, whether composite or stand alone) must conform to the WTA and sponsor branding and trademark guidelines.

d. Size and Shape

The Tournament logo is the official identity of the Tournament that includes the Tournament name (“Tournament Logo”). When a text alternative of the Tournament Logo is used, it will be regarded as the Tournament Logo and the rules below will continue to apply. When a Tournament Logo is used repeatedly, or if both Tournament Logo and Tournament title are used, application rules will apply to

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the largest Tournament Logo or title. For multiple page documents, wherever the Tournament Logo or name appears, that page must also include the WTA Logo.

The WTA Logo must be a minimum of 40% of the surface area of the Tournament Logo. For combined events, the WTA Logo must be the same size as the ATP name/logo and together these two (2) logos must be a minimum of 60% of the surface area of the Tournament Logo.

e. Positioning

The WTA Logo must appear as a stand alone and must not be included in an associate sponsor or government logo strip. It is recommended that the WTA Logo be placed closest to the Tournament Logo and that no sponsor, federation, or series logo be placed closer to the Tournament Logo than the WTA Logo.

f. Public Address Announcements

In all public address announcements in which the Tournament is identified, it will be identified as a part of the WTA/sponsor. In addition, Tournaments shall broadcast a WTA thirty-second (:30) spot once per hour on each match court video board.

g. Message Board Announcements and Player Introductions

The WTA/sponsor shall also receive references in message board announcements and exposure in player introductions (i.e., "currently ranked 'x' on the WTA").

h. Identification on Chair Umpire Uniforms

The officiating clothing provided by WTA must be worn by Chair Umpires. Except for the WTA Logo, no other commercial branding may be applied to the Chair Umpire clothing, scoring tablet, scoring tablet holder, or microphone without the WTA's and the applicable Tournament's prior approval.

3. Banners On Court

a. Number, Size, and Location

At each Tournament the WTA shall be entitled to two (2) on-court banners measuring three (3) feet by seven (7) feet (.91 meters by 2.12 m) on all courts used for television broadcasts. In addition to the foregoing, WTA shall be entitled to two (2) on-court banners on

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all courts used for live streaming broadcasts, with the banners to be scaled relative to the size of the court.

b. Placement on Court

One (1) banner must be in direct television view, to be located either:

- i. On the backdrop; or
- ii. Between the service line and the backdrop (on the side with maximum television exposure).

In addition, each Tournament is required to provide the WTA with a schematic of the on-court banner placement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Qualifying.

c. Designated Promotional Usage

As notified by the WTA, the banners may be used to promote the WTA and/or a WTA sponsor (provided there is no conflict as addressed in Section XIII.A – WTA Sponsor Product Category Exclusivities).

d. Production

The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of producing such signage consistent with the design, coloring, and quality of the other court signage produced by the Tournament.

4. Net Post Signs

WTA/sponsor shall receive exclusive net post signage at both ends of the net on all competition courts. The WTA will provide specifications to each Tournament prior to production deadlines. (See Section XVIII.A.22 - Net.) If WTA/sponsor elects to provide the signage, the Tournament shall be responsible for storing the signage so that it may be used again the following year. Any lost or misplaced signs will be reproduced by WTA/sponsor at the expense of the Tournament.

5. Other On-Court Signage

a. Court Surface

Where possible, and with individual Tournament approval, a WTA Logo may be painted or fixed to the court surface. Costs associated with application and removal of such logo will be borne by the WTA.

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b. Back Walls, Sidewalls, and/or Scoreboards

i. Website Logo

Where possible, and with individual Tournament approval, each Tournament may place the WTA website logo on its back walls, sidewalls, and/or scoreboards.

ii. WTA Logo

Where possible, and with individual Tournament approval, each Tournament may place the WTA Logo on its back walls, sidewalls, video boards, and/or scoreboards in order to expose its affiliation with the WTA.

6. Signage Within Precincts of Center Court

Each Tournament will prominently display one (1) WTA/sponsor sign or banner measuring a maximum of three (3) feet by seven (7) feet (.91 m by 2.12 m) bearing the WTA Logo as close to the precincts of center court so as to maximize its visibility to tennis patrons without dislocating any commercial or sponsor banners that have been sold by or are obligations of the Tournament Director.

7. Press Area/Interview Room

WTA/sponsor shall receive exposure on satellite interview backdrops and on the press area/interview room backdrops and microphone flags at each Tournament.

8. On-Site Display

a. Tournament Obligations

At each Tournament, WTA/sponsor shall have the right to a complimentary on-site display space for sampling, couponing, demonstration, promotion, sale of product or merchandise, etc.

This right to on-site display space will be available at all Tournament sessions for such activities and shall be at no charge to WTA/sponsor so long as the display space consists of at least a basic structure with lighting and a lockable storage area and is consistent with the equipment and services provided to other Tournament display sponsors.

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b. WTA/Sponsor Obligation

WTA/sponsor will be liable for the cost of staffing and decoration of the on-site display.

c. Substitution

In the event that WTA/sponsor informs the WTA that it will not use its on-site display space, the WTA may be substituted in its place.

d. Additional or Specific Requests

i. From WTA/Sponsor

Should WTA/sponsor require additional space or a specific structure, this will be negotiated with the Tournament on a case-by-case basis.

ii. From WTA

At each Tournament, the WTA may request additional on-site display space for Tour use. Costs shall be borne by the WTA at no greater than the Tournament's cost plus 15%.

9. Tournament Program Pages

a. Number and Placement

WTA/sponsor shall receive, free of charge, four (4) full color pages in total in each Tournament program, one (1) of which must be placed in the first third of the program. Whenever possible, two (2) additional pages should also be placed in the first third of the Tournament program.

b. Additional Pages

At the Tournament's discretion, it shall provide one (1) additional full color page for use by the WTA to identify its sponsors, licensees, and international television broadcasters. Each Tournament may also offer the WTA additional pages if available, the cost of which will be borne by the WTA at no greater than the Tournament's cost plus 15%.

c. Production

In the event production of a Tournament event program is not

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done, the Tournament must provide WTA with notice at least six (6) weeks prior to the start of the Tournament and provide WTA with an alternative means for fulfilling its obligations in a and b above.

10. Seats/Tickets

a. Prime Location and Box Seats

For every session of the Tournament, WTA/sponsor shall receive, at no charge: (i) at least six (6) box seats; and (ii) six (6) reserved seats in a prime location.

WTA/sponsor also will be given priority in purchasing, at a discount, additional seats in prime location.

b. Upper Level Stadium Tickets

WTA/sponsor shall also receive 200 upper level stadium tickets to one (1) evening session early in the week of each Tournament, provided that the stadium seating capacity is at least 3,000. One hundred (100) of those seats may be allocated over two (2) or three (3) early week evening sessions. If the stadium seating capacity is less than 3,000, the WTA/sponsor shall receive 100 upper level stadium tickets to an evening session early in the week.

c. Player and WTA Credentials and Tickets

In addition to the foregoing, each Tournament shall provide the required tickets and credentials to players, player guests, the WTA, and official guests of the WTA as set out under the Tournament Responsibilities. (See Section XVIII.A.10 - Credentials/Tickets/Seating.)

11. Hospitality

WTA/sponsor shall have access to hospitality at all sessions for the six (6) box seat holders. If the Tournament does not have VIP hospitality, it shall offer the six (6) box seat holders the same hospitality, free of charge, as it offers other box seat holders.

In addition, WTA/sponsor shall receive a complimentary hospitality area for a minimum of two (2) sessions.

In North America, food and beverage cost and special tentage and décor costs shall be borne by WTA or sponsor.

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12. Credentials and Parking

a. Credentials

WTA/sponsor representatives shall receive six (6) credentials for access to the following areas: i) Press Room; ii) WTA Operations; iii) Hospitality; and iv) Players' Lounge, etc.

b. Parking

WTA/sponsor also shall receive eight (8) VIP parking passes.

13. Pro-Ams

WTA/sponsor shall receive six (6) spots in the Tournament Pro-Am, where available, or a clinic for twelve (12) hosted by players during the Tournament week.

14. Awards Ceremony

A WTA executive and a sponsor representative shall be entitled to inclusion and recognition in on-court Tournament award presentations.

15. Press Releases

The WTA (in connection with its sponsors) has the right to produce and distribute press releases about or relating to the WTA at each and all of the Tournaments provided that press releases relating to a particular Tournament will be approved by that Tournament prior to distribution.

16. Video/Film Rights

Each Tournament shall make available to the WTA five (5) minutes of film footage as long as it is used for non-commercial purposes, with the exception that film footage may be used for commercial purposes if it is to promote the WTA (e.g., television highlight shows, vignettes, video news releases, etc.).

The WTA will be responsible for duplication and shipping costs.

17. Race to the Finals Leaderboard

Each Tournament shall post a "Race to the Finals" singles and doubles leaderboard in a prominent location on-site. The WTA will provide specifications to each Tournament prior to production deadlines.

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18. Doubles Promotion

Each Tournament shall provide the following benefits:

- a. Prominent on-site display of the doubles draw;
- b. Inclusion of the doubles draw and a featured doubles match in daily draw sheets (if any); and
- c. Doubles section on the Tournament's website.

In addition, it is recommended that Tournaments schedule ACES which are specifically targeted for the utilization of Doubles players.

C. FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMMERCIAL BENEFITS

All on-court and in-venue Commercial Benefits signage must be completed prior to the start of Qualifying. Failure to provide or timely provide all or a portion of the above Commercial Benefits granted to the WTA will be considered a breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance and will subject the Tournament to, among other things, a reduced Sponsor Benefit Payment. Additional penalties may be imposed in accordance with Section XVIII.A.49 – Breach of Tournament Standards of Performance. Before the reduction of any Commercial Benefits payment, every effort will be made by the WTA and the Tournament to cure the breach.

D. SPONSORSHIP RESTRICTIONS

In addition to the sponsorship restrictions set forth above and any applicable governmental regulation (including with respect to television), products that are distasteful or embarrassing to WTA members, including but not limited to tobacco (including electronic cigarettes and similar products), firearms, pornographic material, or similar items shall be prohibited as a WTA Tournament sponsor and shall not otherwise be promoted in connection with any WTA Tournament without prior approval of the WTA. In addition, a WTA Tournament is prohibited from displaying the identification of any Sanctioned Entity in Tournament promotional materials, in on-court or in-venue signage or advertisements at the Tournament, on its owned or operated media platforms (e.g., websites, social media accounts, etc.), or on Tournament Support Personnel uniforms.

For gambling sponsorships, Tournaments must comply with the WTA Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules (see Appendix D).

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E. PRE-TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Operations

Each Tournament must complete a Tournament Fact Sheet and return it to WTA Operations no later than seven (7) weeks prior to the start of the Tournament Main Draw.

2. Sport Sciences & Medicine

Each Tournament must complete the Tournament Director Information SmartSheet and return it to a WTA Performance Health staff member no later than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the Tournament Main Draw.

3. Communications

Each Tournament must meet its ACES requirements in accordance with Section VII.A.4.b.

4. Promotional Materials and Signage

Each Tournament must provide the WTA with proofs of the promotional materials no later than seven (7) weeks prior to the start of the Tournament Main Draw for WTA review and approval.

5. Tournament Match Scheduling

Each Tournament must provide the WTA with the match schedule plan and TV schedule, including daily start times and night sessions (if applicable), no later than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the Tournament Main Draw for WTA review and approval.

6. Non-WTA Events

Each Tournament must provide the WTA with the schedule of any and all proposed exhibitions or non-WTA/ATP matches to be held immediately before, during, or immediately after the Tournament no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Tournament Main Draw for WTA review and approval.

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Each WTA 1000, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournament occurring during the 2023 Tour Year is required to pay players a minimum amount of compensation pursuant to this Section XIV.

For the purpose of this Section XIV, the term “Minimum Player Compensation” or “MPC” shall mean, with respect to any Tournament, the Tournament’s minimum gross publicized compensation paid to players (i.e., announced prize money). For the avoidance of doubt, Barter (as defined below) shall not constitute compensation for purposes of this paragraph.

Sub-sections B.1-4 and C do not apply in 2024 and are under review for future application.

A. INDIAN WELLS, MIAMI, MADRID, AND BEIJING WTA 1000 MANDATORY TOURNAMENTS

The MPC for the Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, and Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments shall be equal to the total on-site prize money paid to men tennis players participating in such event; provided, however, that if such WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament does not have a corresponding men’s event, the MPC shall be equal to the amount stated in such WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament’s sanction, membership, or other written agreement between the WTA and such WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament but in any event shall be no less than the lowest amount of MPC paid by the Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, or Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments.

B. ALL OTHER WTA 1000 MANDATORY AND WTA 500 TOURNAMENTS

All WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments other than Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, and Beijing (“All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments”) and WTA 500 Tournaments are required to pay players MPC in the amounts determined by the Board of Directors in 2024 and, in subsequent years prior to achieving equal on-site prize money, pursuant to the prize money formula in this Section XIV.B (“PMF”) (each a “Minimum MPC”). Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the Minimum MPC increases by three percent (3%) each Tour Year (rounded to the nearest \$1,000).

1. All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments

Except as this Section XIV.B otherwise states, the Minimum Player Compensation for each of the All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments

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equals the amount next to the applicable Tour Year in the following table:

2023	An individual Tournament's 2022 MPC multiplied by that Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) that Tournament's average PSI for 2019, 2020, and 2021 to (y) that Tournament's average PSI for 2020, 2021, and 2022, as determined pursuant to Section XIV.B.7 below and subject to adjustment pursuant to Sections XIV.B.3 and 4 below, but not less than \$3,183,000.
2024	An individual Tournament's 2023 MPC multiplied by that Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) that Tournament's average PSI for 2020, 2021, and 2022 to (y) that Tournament's average PSI for 2021, 2022, and 2023, as determined pursuant to Section XIV.B.7 below and subject to adjustment pursuant to Sections XIV.B.3 and 4 below, but not less than \$3,278,000.

2. WTA 500 Tournaments

Except as this Section XIV.B otherwise states, the Minimum Player Compensation for each individual WTA 500 Tournament equals the amount next to the applicable Tour Year in the following table:

2023	An individual Tournament's 2022 MPC multiplied by that Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) that Tournament's average PSI for 2019, 2020, and 2021 to (y) that Tournament's average PSI for 2020, 2021 and 2022, as determined pursuant to Section XIV.B.7 below and subject to adjustment pursuant to Section XIV.B.3 below, but not less than \$926,000.
2024	An individual Tournament's 2023 MPC multiplied by that Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) that Tournament's average PSI for 2020, 2021, and 2022 to (y) that Tournament's average PSI for 2021, 2022 and 2023, as determined pursuant to Section XIV.B.7 below and subject to adjustment pursuant to Section XIV.B.3 below, but not less than \$954,000.

3. Special Circumstances

a. New Tournaments and Existing Tournaments that Change Locations

If an existing All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament changes locations and the new location is within 125 miles of the prior location, the MPC calculations shall include the actual results of the Tournament for each applicable year, subject to the PMF Committee's discretion.

If a new All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament is approved to enter the WTA Tour calendar or an existing All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament changes locations and the new location is greater than 125 miles from the prior location,

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such Tournament's MPC will be determined as follows:

- i. Year 1: MPC will be equal to the MPC of the prior location or, if it is a new All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory or WTA 500 Tournament, the minimum 2020 MPC in the table in Section XIV.B.1, 2, or 3.b, as applicable.
 - ii. Year 2: Year 1 MPC increased by 3%.
 - iii. Year 3: Year 2 MPC multiplied by the respective Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) Year 1 to (y) Year 2.
 - iv. Year 4: Year 3 MPC multiplied by the respective Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) average PSI for Year 1 and Year 2, to (y) average PSI for Year 2 and Year 3.
 - v. Year 5: MPC to be calculated in accordance with this Section XIV.B.
- b. Tournaments that Annually Rotate Between Venues Greater than 125 Miles Apart (e.g., Rogers Cup)

Unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, for any Tournament that annually rotates between venues that are greater than 125 miles apart, that Tournament's Minimum Player Compensation equals the amount next to the applicable Tour Year in the following table:

2023	An individual Tournament's 2022 MPC multiplied by that Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) that Tournament's average PSI for 2020 and 2021 to (y) that Tournament's average PSI for 2021 and 2022, as determined pursuant to Section XIV.B.7 below and subject to adjustment pursuant to this Section XIV.B.3 and Section XIV.B.4 below, but not less than (a) \$3,183,000 for an All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament and (b) \$926,000 for a WTA 500 Tournament.
2024	An individual Tournament's 2023 MPC multiplied by that Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) that Tournament's average PSI for 2021 and 2022 to (y) that Tournament's average PSI for 2022 and 2023, as determined pursuant to Section XIV.B.7 below and subject to adjustment pursuant to this Section XIV.B.3 and Section XIV.B.4 below, but not less than (a) \$3,278,000 for an All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament and (b) \$954,000 for a WTA 500 Tournament.

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- c. Tournaments that Annually Rotate Between All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tier Levels (e.g., Doha and Dubai)

In calculating a particular Tour Year's MPC for any Tournament that annually rotates between All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tier levels, the following Rules apply.

- i. A Tournament's MPC for a particular Tour Year will be calculated based on that Tournament's Tier level for that Tour Year as if that Tournament operated at that Tier level for all applicable Tour Years (i.e., as if that Tournament never changed Tier levels), subject to the Tier level minimums for each Tour Year.

For example, in calculating a Tournament's 2023 MPC at the WTA 500 Tier level, its prior Tour Years' MPC amounts shall be calculated, and restated as necessary, as if that Tournament was a WTA 500 event each Tour Year. Similarly, in calculating a Tournament's 2023 MPC at the All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tier level, its prior Tour Years' MPC amounts shall be calculated, and restated as necessary, as if the that Tournament was an All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory event each Tour Year.

- ii. In calculating a Tournament's PSI Growth, a Tournament may choose to have either:
- (a) all applicable Tour Years' PSI reflect the payments from the WTA for commercial benefits and television based on the respective Tier level in which the Tournament operates in that particular Tour Year; or
 - (b) all applicable Tour Years' PSI reflect the actual payments that the Tournament received from the WTA for commercial benefits and television in each particular Tour Year;

provided, however, that once a Tournament elects either (a) or (b) above, it cannot change its election for three (3) Tour Years and must apply to the PMF Committee for any such change, which application the PMF Committee may approve or reject in its sole discretion.

For example, in calculating a Tournament's 2023 PSI Growth when it will be operating at the All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tier level, its PSI for all applicable Tour Years may include either:

- the WTA payments to All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments for commercial benefits and television (even

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if that Tournament operated at the WTA 500 Tier level in a prior Tour Year); or

- the actual WTA payments for commercial benefits and television that the Tournament received in each Tour Year (e.g., WTA 500 payments in 2022, All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory payments in 2021, WTA 500 payments in 2020, etc.).

d. Tournaments that Combine with or Separate from ATP Events

Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, if a Tournament that previously (i) was combined with an ATP event (regardless of the category or tier level of such ATP event) transitions to a WTA-only Tournament or (ii) was a WTA-only Tournament combines with an ATP event (regardless of the category or tier level of such ATP event), then the Tournament's MPC will be determined as follows:

- i. Year 1 of new Tournament: MPC will be equal to the MPC of the prior Tournament.
- ii. Year 2 of new Tournament: Year 1 MPC increased by 3%.
- iii. Year 3 of new Tournament: Year 2 MPC multiplied by the respective Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) Year 1 to (y) Year 2.
- iv. Year 4 of new Tournament: Year 3 MPC multiplied by the respective Tournament's PSI Growth from (x) average PSI for Year 1 and Year 2, to (y) average PSI for Year 2 and Year 3.
- v. Year 5 of new Tournament: MPC to be calculated in accordance with this Section XIV.B.

e. Unanticipated Consequences of the PMF

After the WTA or the Independent Accountant notifies a Tournament of its MPC for a Tour Year, the Tournament may request that the PMF Committee adjust its MPC because of: (i) a one-year, extreme decrease in the Tournament's PSI; or (ii) unanticipated consequences of the PMF that the PMF Committee did not contemplate when creating the PMF. The Tournament must submit such request in writing to the WTA or the Independent Accountant with relevant documentation to substantiate the one-year, extreme decrease in PSI or unanticipated consequences, as applicable.

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Upon receiving a request under this Section XIV.B.3.e, the Player Representative Member, Tournament Representative Member, and CEO shall review it and, notwithstanding any of the provisions of Section XIV.B.6, vote to determine whether a one-year, extreme decrease in PSI or unanticipated consequences exist, with a simple majority carrying the vote. If the outcome of such a vote is that a one-year, extreme decrease in PSI or unanticipated consequences do not exist, then the request must be denied. If the outcome of such a vote is that a one-year extreme decrease in PSI or unanticipated consequences do exist, then in accordance with Section XIV.B.6.c the PMF Committee may make any or no adjustments to MPC as a result of the request in its sole discretion. For clarity, a determination that a one-year extreme decrease in PSI or unanticipated consequences exist does not obligate the PMF Committee to make any adjustment to the Tournament's MPC.

4. Top 10 Player Delivery

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, any increase in the Minimum Player Compensation for the All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments will be subject to the following adjustments in the event any Tournament in such category does not receive the Top 10 Player Delivery provided for in Section II.B. In the event any Tournament does not receive Top 10 Player Delivery in a particular Tour Year ("Prior Year"), such Tournament will be considered an "Exempt Tournament" for purposes of the PMF and, in the Tour Year immediately following the Prior Year ("Next Year"), such Tournament will be required to pay player compensation equal to the Tournament's Minimum Player Compensation calculated for the Prior Year.

For purposes of calculating the Exempt Tournament's MPC for a subsequent Tour Year (in which the Tournament received Top 10 Player Delivery and is thus not an Exempt Tournament for such subsequent Tour Year), the Tournament's PSI Growth will be multiplied by the Prior Year's MPC as if the Tournament received Top 10 Player Delivery in all prior years. The below examples in sub-Sections a through d include the following assumptions:

Assumptions for Tournament X:

2017 MPC	\$3,000,000
PSI Growth for 2017	5.00%
PSI Growth for 2018	4.00%
PSI Growth for 2019	5.00%

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- a. Example #1 – Calculation of 2019 MPC with Top 10 Player Delivery Received in both 2017 and 2018

2019 MPC: If Tournament X receives Top 10 Player Delivery in both 2017 and 2018, when determining 2019 MPC, PSI Growth will be multiplied by 2018 MPC calculated as if the Tournament received Top 10 Player Delivery in prior years. In this case, 2019 MPC would be \$3,276,000, calculated as follows:

- i. Calculate 2018 MPC as if the Tournament received Top 10 Player Delivery in prior years - 2017 MPC of \$3,000,000 increased by 5%, which is the PSI Growth for 2017.

2017 MPC	\$3,000,000
PSI Growth for 2017	5.00%
2018 MPC	\$3,150,000

- ii. Calculate 2020 MPC by increasing the 2019 MPC calculated in i. above by 4%, which is the PSI Growth for 2019 MPC.

2018 MPC	\$3,150,000
PSI Growth for 2018	4.00%
2019 MPC	\$3,276,000

- b. Example #2 – Calculation of 2019 and 2020 MPC with Missed Top 10 Player Delivery in both 2017 and 2018

2019 MPC: If Tournament X does not receive Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017 and 2018, then its MPC for 2019 will be \$3,000,000, which is equal to its MPC for 2017 and 2018 (no increase in 2019 MPC due to missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017 and 2018) and is calculated as follows:

2017 MPC	\$3,000,000	
PSI Growth for 2017	5.00%	not applied because of missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017
2018 MPC	\$3,000,000	
PSI Growth for 2018	4.00%	not applied because of missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2018
2019 MPC	\$3,000,000	

2020 MPC: If Tournament X does not receive Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017 and 2018, when determining 2020 MPC, PSI Growth will be multiplied by 2018 and 2019 MPC calculated as if the Tournament

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received Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017 and 2018. In this case, 2020 MPC would be \$3,439,800, calculated as follows:

2017 MPC	\$3,000,000
PSI Growth for 2017	5.00%
2018 MPC	\$3,150,000
PSI Growth for 2018	4.00%
2019 MPC	\$3,276,000
PSI Growth for 2019	5.00%
2020 MPC	\$3,439,800

not actual 2018 MPC (actual was \$3,000,000, which is equal to 2017 MPC); calculated solely for determining 2020 MPC

not actual 2019 MPC (actual was \$3,000,000, which is equal to 2017 MPC and 2018 MPC); calculated solely for determining 2020 MPC

- c. Example #3 – Calculation of 2019 MPC with Missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2018 Only

2019 MPC: If Tournament X does not receive Top 10 Player Delivery in 2018, then its MPC for 2019 will be \$3,150,000, which is equal to its MPC for 2018 (no increase in 2019 MPC due to missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2018) and is calculated as follows:

- i. Calculate 2018 MPC as if the Tournament received Top 10 Player Delivery in prior years - 2017 MPC of \$3,000,000 increased by 5%, which is the PSI Growth for 2017.

2017 MPC	\$3,000,000
PSI Growth for 2017	5.00%
2018 MPC	\$3,150,000

- ii. Calculate 2019 MPC as equal to the 2018 MPC calculated in i. above because of the missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2018.

2018 MPC	\$3,150,000
PSI Growth for 2018	4.00%
2019 MPC	\$3,150,000

not applied because of missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2018

- d. Example #4 – Calculation of 2019 MPC with Missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017 Only

2019 MPC: If Tournament X does not receive Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017, when determining 2019 MPC, PSI Growth will be multiplied by 2018 MPC calculated as if the Tournament received

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Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017. In this case, 2019 MPC would be \$3,276,000, calculated as follows:

- i. Calculate 2018 MPC as equal to 2017 MPC because of the missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2018.

2017 MPC	\$3,000,000
PSI Growth for 2017	5.00%
2018 MPC	\$3,000,000

not applied because of missed Top 10 Player Delivery in 2017

- ii. Calculate 2019 MPC as if the Tournament received Top 10 Player Delivery in prior years - 2017 MPC of \$3,000,000 increased by 5%, which is the PSI Growth for 2017, and 2018 MPC increased by 4%, which is the PSI Growth for 2018.

PSI Growth for 2017	5.00%
2018 MPC	\$3,150,000
PSI Growth for 2018	4.00%
2019 MPC	\$3,276,000

not actual 2018 MPC; calculated solely for determining 2019 MPC

A Tournament will only be an Exempt Tournament for the Tour Year immediately following the Tour Year in which such Tournament did not receive its Top 10 Player Delivery.

The terms of this sub-Section 4 shall not apply to Indian Well, Miami, Madrid, or Beijing WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments, as to which any absence of Top 10 Player Delivery shall result in the consequences specified in Section II.B.

5. Definitions

- a. Primary Sources of Income

“Individual Tournament Primary Sources of Income” or “Individual Tournament PSI” for any individual Tournament, as applicable, in any Tour Year shall be equal to, without duplication:

- i. the aggregate revenues in respect of any advertising, sponsorship and promotion relating to such Tournament (including the value of any property or services from any Barter), net of all Taxes (as defined below), receivable by such Tournament or their Tournament Affiliates (as defined below) in respect of such Tour Year (as determined by the PMF Committee (as defined

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below)), including all revenues from any Tournament sponsor or advertiser in any form, irrespective of how such revenues are characterized by the Tournament or Tournament Affiliate (e.g., including any payments in respect of tickets, premium seating, hospitality, naming rights, etc. by any sponsor that are made in connection with such sponsor's arrangement with the Tournament or Tournament Affiliate, in each case, subject to Section XIV.B.8.f); plus

- ii. the aggregate revenues (including the value of any property or services from any Barter) in respect of any sale, licensing or other exploitation of Television Rights, net of all Taxes, receivable by such Tournament or their Tournament Affiliates in respect of such Tour Year (as determined by the PMF Committee); plus
- iii. the aggregate revenues (including the value of any property or services from any Barter) in respect of any sale, lease or license of, without duplication, (i) tickets and other gate receipts, (ii) luxury suites, premium or club seating and seat licenses, (iii) hospitality packages, and (iv) any other form of admission (including any payments or rebates from any ticketing agent), in each case, net of Taxes and any Ticketing Fees (as defined below), receivable by such Tournament or their Tournament Affiliates in respect of such Tour Year (as determined by the PMF Committee) (collectively, "Admission Rights"); plus
- iv. the aggregate payments receivable by such Tournament or their Tournament Affiliates from the WTA (except for any payments for which the WTBA is due a like-kind amount, which shall be accounted for as Non-WTA revenues, and except for payments from the WTA related to missed Top 10 Player Delivery, which shall be accounted for as Non-PSI revenues), including, without limitation, payments from the WTA for commercial benefits or television; minus
- v. for each Tournament that received a Capital Credit (as defined below) for such Tour Year, the product of (x) such Capital Credit, multiplied by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the total player compensation paid by such Tournament for such Tour Year, and the denominator of which shall be the total actual, estimated or projected (as applicable) PSI of such Tournament and its Tournament Affiliates for such Tour Year. The Capital Credits may not reduce the increase in any Tournament's PSI below \$0.

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- vi. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section XIV.B.5.a, PSI for any individual Tournament shall always equal or exceed 85% of such Tournament's Aggregate WTA Revenues (defined below) (as determined by the PMF Committee, subject to Section XIV.B.6.f). In the event PSI would otherwise be less than 85% of the Tournament's Aggregate WTA Revenues, the PMF Committee shall adjust the calculation of PSI by including the Tournament's next largest revenue category (from among those identified in the following sentence) in the calculation of PSI until the PSI for the Tournament equals or exceeds 85% of the Tournament's Aggregate Revenues, and any revenue categories so included shall continue to be included in the calculation of the PSI for the Tournament going forward. The eligible revenue categories include, but are not limited to (i.e., new or currently unknown categories may be included), merchandise, parking and food and beverage. For purposes of this calculation, any Barter which is excluded from the calculation of PSI pursuant to sub-Sections XIV.B.5.e.i(a), (b), and (c) shall not be included in the Tournament's Aggregate Revenues.

"Tournament Aggregate WTA Revenues" shall be the sum of PSI and Non-PSI. "Non-PSI" shall be defined as any and all revenues related to the Tournament other than those revenues included in PSI, including, but not limited to, merchandise, parking, food and beverage, and any contributions received from, or investments made by, a concessionaire pursuant to a concessionaire agreement (with such contributions and investments included in Non-PSI on an amortized basis over the entire term (or remaining term if a contribution or investment occurs after the first year of the term) of the applicable concessionaire agreement).

Any and all revenues unrelated to the Tournament shall be considered "Non-WTA" and are not to be included in the determination of "Tournament Aggregate WTA Revenues". Examples of Non-WTA revenues may include, but not be limited to, developmental tennis academies or activities, rentals or other revenues related to non-WTA events held at the stadium throughout the year but outside of the Tournament period, and any Barter which is excluded from the calculation of PSI pursuant to sub-Sections XIV.B.5.e.i(a), (b), and (c).

- vii. If any Tournament or Tournament Affiliate receives payment from the WTA related to a tier downgrade or other sanction, such payment(s) shall be classified as Non-WTA revenues and excluded from the calculation of PSI, Non-PSI and Tournament Aggregate WTA Revenues.

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b. PSI Growth

“PSI Growth” from Period A to Period B shall be equal to the sum of (i) one, plus (ii) the percentage difference, expressed as a decimal and rounded to the nearest hundredth of 1%, between PSI for Period A and PSI for Period B (the “PSI Percentage Increase”), minus (iii) an “Expense Credit”, expressed as a decimal, determined as follows:

PSI Percentage Increase	Expense Credit
Less than 7.00%	3.00%
Equal to or greater than 7.00% but less than 7.50%	2.00%
Equal to or greater than 7.50% but less than 8.00%	1.50%
Equal to or greater than 8.00%	1.00%

provided, however, that in no event may the result of a Tournament’s PSI Growth calculation for any period be less than zero.

c. Capital Credits

The purpose of “Capital Credits” is to provide an incentive for Tournaments to make capital investments in their stadia and other facilities. For 2023, the Capital Credit for any Tournament shall be equal to the actual amount of depreciation for all capital items (determined in accordance with IFRS or US GAAP (as such terms are defined below), as applicable) for Pre-Approved Capital Projects (as defined below) to the extent recorded by a Tournament or its Tournament Affiliate in accordance with IFRS or US GAAP (as applicable), applied on a straight-line method over the depreciable life of the applicable capital item (not to exceed 20 years) commencing with the first Tour Year in which such capital item is placed in service by the applicable Tournament or Tournament Affiliate.

For any Tournament that has multiple Capital Credits, the Capital Credits each year are limited to the amount of the Tournament’s annual PSI increase. Any unused or unrealized Capital Credits will not be carried forward to subsequent years.

For example, if a Tournament has Capital Credits of \$45,000 in 2022 and \$25,000 in 2023, the Tournament’s PSI increase before the Capital Credit would have to be at least \$45,000 in 2022 and \$70,000 (\$45,000 plus \$25,000) in 2023 in order to receive the full Capital Credit. If the Tournament’s PSI increase from 2022 to 2023 before the Capital Credit was \$55,000, its Capital Credit would be limited to \$55,000.

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“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards, consistently applied.

“Pre-Approved Capital Projects” are those capital projects that (a) are placed in service by a Tournament or Tournament Affiliate on or after January 1, 2009, (b) constitute improvements to a Tournament’s tennis stadium, arena or other facility that the Tournament demonstrates to the satisfaction of the PMF Committee is likely to result in growth in PSI, and (c) are approved in advance by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the PMF Committee.

“US GAAP” means United States generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied.

d. Tournament Affiliates

For purposes of this Section XIV, the term “Tournament Affiliate” means, with respect to any Tournament, any entity that is (a) involved in the operation, marketing or broadcast of such Tournament’s event and (b) either (i) an operator of such Tournament, or an owner of, or an entity that controls, in either case whether directly or indirectly, a 30% or greater equity interest in such Tournament (an “Owner/Operator”), (ii) an entity in which an Owner/Operator owns, directly or indirectly, a 30% or greater equity interest, or (iii) otherwise in control of, controlled by or under common control with any Owner/Operator.

Any and all revenues received by a Tournament Affiliate of any Tournament shall be included in the calculation of PSI, as if such revenues had been received by such Tournament itself, subject to exclusions for Non-WTA activity as described below.

The PMF Committee shall review all of a Tournament’s transactions with its Tournament Affiliates that the Tournament reports in accordance with Section XIV.B.7 and determine whether any revenue from those transactions is, or should be, PSI.

e. Other Definitions

For purposes of this Section XIV:

- i. The term “Barter” shall mean the value of any trade for goods or services receivable by a Tournament or Tournament Affiliate in exchange for any of the revenues that are included in the calculation of PSI under Section XIV.B.5.a. All Barter, regardless of whether the Barter is utilized by the Tournament or by the

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Tournament Affiliate, shall be included in the calculation of PSI, except for the following:

- (a) any Barter consisting of media commitments for promotional time or space that are not for resale and are used solely (a) to promote the Tournament, (b) to promote the WTA or any related event or activity of the Tournament that generates PSI, (c) to promote charitable or not-for-profit organizations or agencies that are unrelated to the Tournament or Tournament Affiliate, or (d) for public service announcements;
 - (b) any Barter that is both used to satisfy the Tournament Standards of Performance and is for the direct benefit of the players. Such direct player benefits include, but are not limited to, hotel accommodations; player transportation; player food, meals and beverages; lounge for players; internet access for players; and gifting and on-court supplies for players; and
 - (c) any Barter that is transferred to a third party as part of an agreement that produces revenues that are included in the calculation of PSI under Section XIV.B.5.a.
- ii. The term "Television Rights" means any and all rights to transmit the audio-visual depictions of matches, whether whole or partial, for reception by the public by any means and in any form now known or hereafter devised. "Television Rights" shall include the right to transmit such depictions to "in-flight" devices, computers, cellular telephones, handhelds, PDAs and other mobile devices capable of receiving the transmission of such depictions.
- iii. The term "Taxes" means any and all taxes, surcharges, levies, impositions and other charges imposed or assessed on any Tournament or Tournament Affiliate by any governmental or quasi-governmental authority that are not refunded to, or otherwise received as a benefit by, such Tournament or Tournament Affiliate in any form, except for any taxes, surcharges, levies, impositions and other charges that (x) are imposed or assessed on the total income or revenues of any person or entity, or (y) are imposed or assessed specifically on or against the activities conducted by such Tournament or Tournament Affiliate at the site of the event, or any income, revenues, profits or other consideration generated there from (unless the tax, surcharge, levy, imposition or charge applies to the same or similar activities conducted by a reasonably broad range of other businesses or

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persons in the applicable jurisdiction or income, revenues, profits or other consideration therefrom, and otherwise qualifies under this definition of "Taxes").

- iv. The term "Ticketing Fees" means any and all fees, convenience charges, surcharges or other charges imposed on any Tournament or Tournament Affiliate by any ticketing agent on the purchase of tickets or other Admission Rights that are not refunded to such Tournament or Tournament Affiliate.

6. PMF Committee

- a. A committee ("PMF Committee") shall be appointed as provided below to assist in all matters relating to the establishment, implementation, interpretation, administration and calculation of the PMF.
- b. The PMF Committee will consist of (a) one (1) Player Board Representative selected by a majority vote of the Player Board Representatives (the "Player Representative Member"), (b) one (1) designee of the Player Board Representatives, who shall be selected by a majority vote of the Player Board Representatives and shall have experience in accounting matters (together with the Player Representative Member, the "Player Committee Members"), (c) one (1) Tournament Board Representative selected by a majority of the Tournament Board Representatives (the "Tournament Representative Member"), (d) one (1) designee of the Tournament Board Representatives, who shall be selected by a majority vote of the Tournament Board Representatives and shall have experience in accounting matters (together with the Tournament Representative Member, the "Tournament Committee Members"), and (e) the CEO. Members of the PMF Committee (other than the CEO) may be removed and replaced at any time by (x) in the case of any Player Committee Member, a majority vote of the Player Board Representatives, and (y) in the case of any Tournament Committee Member, a majority vote of the Tournament Board Representatives. Only the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member shall be entitled to vote in any proceedings or deliberations of the PMF Committee. The other members of the PMF Committee will be entitled to participate in all such proceedings and deliberations (unless otherwise mutually determined by the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member) but shall not be entitled to vote.
- c. Subject to Section XIV.B.6.f below, the PMF Committee will be responsible, in the first instance, for determining any and all issues that may arise from time to time with respect to the establishment,

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interpretation, implementation, administration or calculation of the PMF. All decisions and actions of the PMF Committee shall be determined by the unanimous vote of the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member. In the absence of such a unanimous vote, the PMF Committee shall not be deemed to have made any decision or taken any action. A quorum shall exist only when both the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member are present; in the absence of such a quorum, the PMF Committee shall not conduct any business whatsoever. The PMF Committee shall, if requested by any member of the PMF Committee or any member of the Board of Directors, set forth its decision in a written memorandum. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section XIV.B.6.c, for any PMF Committee decision or action that requires the unanimous vote of the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member, the PMF Committee may make such decision or take such action without a meeting upon the unanimous consent of the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member, which may be written or electronic and, as long as it is submitted with information from which authorization can be determined, will have the same effect as the unanimous vote of the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member.

- d. The PMF Committee shall also be responsible for (a) appointing an independent accounting firm (the "Independent Accountant") to assist the PMF Committee in developing and overseeing the system of Tournament reporting, to perform certain procedures on Tournament reports, to report on the results of such procedures and to assist the PMF Committee in its calculation of the Minimum Player Compensation utilizing information reported by the Independent Accountant through such procedures (together with any other information otherwise received by the Independent Accountant and as the PMF Committee may determine from time to time), (b) recommending in advance any Capital Credits for eligible capital projects, and (c) reviewing and ratifying the Independent Accountant's calculation of the Minimum Player Compensation for each Tour Year in accordance with this Section XIV.
- e. The PMF Committee shall meet or consult with representatives of the Independent Accountant at least four (4) times (quarterly) during each Tour Year, including (a) at least once prior to March 31 of the Tour Year to review the scope of the Procedures (as defined below) and (b) again to review the results of the Procedures prior to finalizing the calculation of Minimum Player Compensation for Individual Tournaments the following Tour Year.

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- f. If the PMF Committee does not resolve an issue by the unanimous vote of the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member required under Section XIV.B.5.c within 90 days after the issue has been disclosed to the PMF Committee (unless such period is extended for a further defined period by the PMF Committee in accordance with Section XIV.B.6.c above), the matter shall be referred to an independent mediator (the "Mediator"). The Mediator shall not have any relationship to the WTA (including, without limitation, any relationship to or with any member of the WTA, any member of the PMF Committee, the Independent Accountant or WTA management) that could reasonably be expected to interfere with the exercise of such person's independent judgment. The Mediator shall be appointed by the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors, after consultation with the CEO. If the Board of Directors is unable to agree on the appointment of the Mediator within a reasonable period of time, either the Player Representative Member or the Tournament Representative Member may request that the Mediator be appointed by the AAA. The Mediator shall serve for a defined term of no less than one (1) year (or a term of one (1) year, if appointed by the AAA), but may be discharged at any time by the unanimous consent of the Player Board Representatives and the Tournament Board Representatives. All proceedings conducted by or otherwise involving the Mediator shall be conducted in a cost-effective manner, with presentations by videoconference whenever such means are less costly than a live hearing. The Mediator shall set forth his or her recommended resolution in a written memorandum within sixty (60) days of the date the mediation commenced (unless such period is extended for a further defined period with the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors). If the issue is not fully resolved by the unanimous vote of the Player Representative Member and the Tournament Representative Member required under Section XIV.B.5.c within ten (10) days after the Mediator's issuance of his or her recommended resolution, any Player Board Representative, any Tournament Board Representative, the WTBA or any Tournament may refer the issue to arbitration for final and binding resolution in accordance with Section XIX.A below. The recommendation of the Mediator shall be kept strictly confidential, and shall not be disclosed to or considered by any arbitrator appointed pursuant to Section XIX.B.

7. Reporting System

- a. On an annual basis, each Tournament shall prepare and submit to the Independent Accountant and PMF Committee a complete report of its actual PSI and other financial results for such event (including all business and operations related to the event conducted by any

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Tournament Affiliate), in the form prescribed from time-to-time by the PMF Committee (a “Final Report”) no later than 120 days after the conclusion of the Tournament; provided, however, that a Tournament may apply to the PMF Committee for a reasonable extension of the deadline to file its Final Report in extraordinary circumstances (e.g., force majeure, significant data loss or system failure, etc.), which the PMF Committee may approve or reject in its sole discretion. A Tournament that fails to submit its Final Report within 120 days after its conclusion is subject to a fine in accordance with Section XIV.B.10.

- b. Unless otherwise determined by the PMF Committee, all Final Reports and Supplemental Information (as defined below) shall be prepared in accordance with IFRS (or, with respect to any Tournament held in the United States, US GAAP), this Section XIV, and the instructions to the Final Reports and Supplemental Information (collectively, including IFRS or US GAAP (as applicable) and this Section XIV, the “Reporting Requirements”). To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency between IFRS or US GAAP and the terms of this Section XIV or any instructions to the Final Reports or Supplemental Information, the terms of this Section XIV or such instructions shall control.
- c. All Final Reports shall be certified by the principal owner of the Tournament and the Tournament’s tournament director as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the results of operations of the Tournament (including all business and operations conducted by any Tournament Affiliate), in accordance with the Reporting Requirements. If at any time the principal owner, tournament director, or any accounting or financial employee, contractor, or agent of a Tournament learns of an error in a Final Report or any other document or information submitted to the PMF Committee, the Tournament must disclose the error to the PMF Committee and the Independent Accountant. For clarity, each principal owner and tournament director must advise its accounting and financial employees, contractors, and agents of their obligations to disclose such errors, and each Tournament is solely responsible for the contents of its Final Report and any other documents or information it submits to the PMF Committee.
- d. The Independent Accountant shall review each Tournament’s financial results and the reasonableness of any estimates or projections of revenues, expenses or Capital Credits included in the Final Reports and may propose adjustments to such estimates or projections as the Independent Accountant deems appropriate; provided, however, that subject to Section XIV.B.6.f, the determination of all calculations shall

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be made by the PMF Committee. Furthermore, the PMF Committee may require any Tournament to submit such supplemental financial or other information or reports as the PMF Committee may request from time-to-time ("Supplemental Information").

- e. The Independent Accountant shall issue a report on each Tournament's Final Report (and Supplemental Information, as applicable) to the PMF Committee. The PMF Committee shall determine each Tournament's Minimum Player Compensation for the following Tour Year in accordance with the PMF and based on the actual PSI and other financial results set forth in the Final Report (and Supplemental Information, as applicable). Such determinations shall be calculated individually for each Tournament and communicated to each Tournament as follows:
 - i. Projected calculation of the following Tour Year's MPC will be provided to the Tournament within 30 days after the Tournament's submission of their Final Report for the prior year; and
 - ii. The final level of MPC for the following Tour Year will be provided to the Tournament at the next quarterly meeting of the PMF Committee.
- f. The PMF Committee may from time-to-time, subject to Section XIV.B.6.f, promulgate, amend and modify rules and interpretations under this Section XIV, including, without limitations, financial reporting procedures and requirements and the forms for the Final Reports.

8. Accounting Rules

- a. PSI shall be calculated exclusively pursuant to the accrual method of financial accounting and not, for any purpose, the cash method of financial accounting.
- b. For the purpose of calculating PSI, any Barter shall be valued at the fair market value of the goods or services received by the Tournament or Tournament Affiliate.
- c. If any Tournament or Tournament Affiliate receives guaranteed cash payments (including any up-front or lump-sum payment) in the first year of any agreement that produces PSI that exceeds the average annual guaranteed cash payments due under such agreement (which average shall be calculated by dividing the aggregate guaranteed cash payments payable under such agreement, including the guaranteed

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cash payments payable in the first year, by the total number of years of the scheduled term of the agreement, excluding options to extend and customary early termination rights), the amount of such excess shall be deemed to have been received ratably by such Tournament or Tournament Affiliate over the scheduled term of such agreement, unless such scheduled term exceeds seven (7) years, in which case, such amount shall be deemed to have been received ratably over the first seven (7) years of such scheduled term, with interest at an appropriate rate determined by the PMF Committee.

- d. If any Tournament or Tournament Affiliate receives guaranteed cash payments in any other year of any such agreement that exceed the average annual guaranteed cash payments due under such agreement (calculated as described in Section XIV.B.8.c above), the PMF Committee may, subject to Section XIV.B.6.f, allocate such excess over any period during the scheduled term of the agreement as the PMF Committee deems appropriate. Furthermore, if the PMF Committee determines that the payment schedule in any multi-year agreement is disproportionate to the allocation of rights or benefits receivable or conveyed thereunder (allowing for reasonable annual payment increases), the PMF Committee may, subject to Section XIV.B.6.f, reallocate such payments over such period as the PMF Committee deems appropriate.
- e. Any and all revenues receivable by a Tournament Affiliate of any Tournament shall be included in the calculation of PSI, as if such revenues had been receivable by such Tournament itself, subject to Section XIV.B.8.f below.
- f. PSI shall only include those revenues that are attributable to a WTA Tournament and shall exclude revenues to the extent they are attributable to any other events (other than events that are held as a part of, or in connection with, a WTA Tournament, such as, without limitation, a concert held at the Tournament site during and as part of the Tournament). For clarity, revenues (including but not limited to admission rights, sponsorship, and broadcast revenues) from celebrity pro-ams, legends matches, and similar events held during the WTA Tournament week at the Tournament's facilities (whether before, during, or after Tournament sessions) are PSI. The PMF Committee shall, subject to Section XIV.B.6.f, determine the allocation of any payments receivable by any Tournament or Tournament Affiliate between (x) those amounts that are attributable to a WTA Tournament and (y) those amounts that are attributable any ATP or other men's tournament held by such Tournament or any of its Tournament Affiliates or any other events for which the payor has acquired rights.

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- g. For Tournaments that are played simultaneously with an ATP tournament (combined) or before/after an ATP tournament (back-to-back), any domestic broadcasting and/or sponsorship contracts sold by the parent company that include broadcasting/sponsorship elements combined for both the WTA and ATP events shall be recorded in PSI at 50% of the total value of the shared contracts.

If a Tournament has domestic broadcasting contracts which separately cover the WTA and ATP events, PSI shall include 100% of the revenues related to the WTA contract and all revenues related to the ATP contract shall be excluded from PSI.

Any other revenues which are generated during the ATP and WTA tournaments (e.g., admission rights) shall be recorded in PSI at 50%, unless the Tournament is able to specifically identify the revenues related to only the WTA Tournament, in which case these WTA specific revenues shall be included in PSI at 100%.

Subject to Section XIV.B.3.d, this methodology shall be applied consistently for each reporting Tour Year.

- h. If the PMF Committee determines that any Tournament or any of its Tournament Affiliates has entered into one or more transactions for the purpose of circumventing the PMF, the Tournament shall be subject to an appropriate remedy as determined by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the PMF Committee (including, without limitation, the imposition of an appropriate Fine and/or the reallocation or imputation of PSI in one or more Tour Years).
- i. Complimentary tickets and other Admission Rights shall be excluded from PSI, up to a maximum per Tour Year determined on an annual basis by the PMF Committee based on historical averages.
- j. Any recovery by any Tournament or Tournament Affiliate under any business interruption insurance policy or any other insurance policy shall be included in PSI, but solely to the extent that such recovery compensates such Tournament or Tournament Affiliate for lost revenues that would otherwise have been included in PSI. The amount of such recovery shall be included in PSI net of any premiums paid for the policies under which such party recovers, any deductible and any unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses arising out of or related to the events giving rise to such recovery.
- k. All revenues described in this Section XIV shall be based on the Tournament's local currency; provided, however, that if a

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Tournament's local currency is not the U.S. dollar, then any revenues received in U.S. dollars (e.g., payments from the WTA for commercial benefits and television) must be converted to the Tournament's local currency based on the average daily exchange rate for the 12-month period immediately prior to the Tournament's end date in a given Tour Year (or, with respect to any revenues accrued but not actually received, the year of such accrual).

I. Discovery of and Adjustments for Prior Year Transactions

If at any time the PMF Committee discovers that an amount of a Tournament's revenue from a prior Tour Year was misstated because either it should have been included in its PSI and was not included in its PSI for that Tour Year or it should not have been included in its PSI and was included in its PSI for that Tour Year, then beginning with the first Tour Year in which the applicable revenue was misstated (up to a maximum of three (3) Tour Years prior to the current Tour Year unless the PMF Committee determines that a material amount of revenue was excluded from an earlier Tour Year) ("Misstatement Year"):

- i. the Tournament's PSI for each Tour Year from the Misstatement Year through the Tour Year immediately preceding the current Tour Year must be restated with the correct revenue ("Restated PSI"); then
- ii. the Tournament's MPC for all Tour Years from the Misstatement Year through the Tour Year immediately preceding the current Tour Year must be recalculated using the applicable Restated PSI ("Restated MPC"); then
- iii. the total difference between the prior Tour Years' original (i.e., not using the Restated PSI) and Restated MPCs ("Prior Year True-Up") must be applied as an increase or decrease to the current Tour Year's MPC calculation, resulting in an "Adjusted MPC" for the current Tour Year (which cannot be less than the Tournament's minimum MPC for the current Tour Year per Section XIV.B.1, 2, or 3.b, as applicable); then
- iv. the Restated MPC for all applicable Tour Years (including the current Tour Year) must be used to calculate the Tournament's MPC for all future Tour Years (i.e., the Prior Year True-Up and current Tour Year's Adjusted MPC must not be used in calculating the MPC for any future Tour Year); and then

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v. if any misstatement or omission

- (a) by an All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament causes its Restated PSI in any Tour Year to be at least three and one-half percent (3.5%) higher or lower than its original PSI from that Tour Year; or
- (b) by a WTA 500 Tournament causes its Restated PSI in any Tour Year to be at least five percent (5%) higher or lower than its original PSI from that Tour Year

(either of the foregoing a “Material Misstatement”), then the Tournament is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Section XIV.B.10 below.

As an example, assume that WTA 500 Tournament A had a 2017 MPC of \$816,121 and a 2018 MPC of \$846,632 and during the 2018 Tour Year reported to the PMF Committee that \$40,000 of taxes should have been included in its 2016 PSI reporting as a \$40,000 decrease to its 2016 total PSI of \$6,550,000.

Tournament A's 2019 (current Tour Year) MPC would be calculated by:

- restating its 2016 PSI as \$6,510,000 to reflect the \$40,000 error in taxes (i.e., $\$6,550,000 - \$40,000 = \$6,510,000$); then
- recalculating its 2017 MPC with its 2016 Restated PSI, resulting in a Restated 2017 MPC of \$813,497, and then subtracting its original 2017 MPC from its Restated 2017 MPC to yield a 2017 Prior Year True-Up of \$2,624 (i.e., $\$813,497 - \$816,121 = (-\$2,624)$); then
- recalculating its 2018 MPC using its Restated 2017 MPC, resulting in a Restated 2018 MPC of \$844,028, and then subtracting its original 2018 MPC from its Restated 2018 MPC to yield a 2018 Prior Year True-Up of \$2,604 (i.e., $\$844,028 - \$846,632 = (-\$2,604)$); then
- adding the 2017 Prior Year True-Up and 2018 Prior Year True-Up to yield a total Prior Year True-Up of (-\$5,228) (i.e., $(-\$2,624) + (-\$2,604) = (-\$5,228)$); then
- calculating the Tournament's Restated 2019 MPC using the Restated 2017 MPC and Restated 2018 MPC (assume the result is a 2019 Restated MPC of \$859,286); then

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- adding the total Prior Year True-Up to its Restated 2019 MPC, resulting in a 2019 Adjusted MPC of \$854,058 (i.e., $\$859,286 + (-\$5,228) = \$854,058$).

For 2019, Tournament A's 2019 Adjusted MPC (\$854,058) would be the MPC that the PMF Committee recommends to the Board of Directors.

For calculating Tournament A's 2020 MPC and all future Tour Years' MPCs, its 2019 Restated MPC (\$859,286) is used and its 2019 Adjusted MPC (\$854,058) is ignored.

As its 2016 Restated PSI is approximately 0.61% ($1 - (\$6,510,000 / \$6,550,000) = .0061 = .61\%$) lower than its original 2016 PSI and its 2019 Adjusted MPC is approximately 0.61% ($1 - (\$854,058 / \$859,286) = .0061 = 0.61\%$) lower than its 2019 Restated MPC, Tournament A would not be subject to a fine in accordance with Section XIV.B.10 below.

- m. The PMF Committee may, subject to Section XIV.B.6.f, develop such additional accounting rules and procedures as it may deem appropriate from time-to-time.

9. Review Procedures

The PMF Committee (through the Independent Accountant) and the WTBA (through an independent public accounting firm selected and engaged by the WTBA for such purpose ("WTBA Accountant")) shall each have the right to perform procedures on the books and records of each Tournament and its Tournament Affiliates to confirm that such Tournament's Final Reports are complete and accurate, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Section XIV.B.9.

The PMF Committee shall agree upon and instruct the Independent Accountant to perform certain procedures on the Final Reports and other financial information submitted by the Tournaments, which procedures may be modified or supplemented by the PMF Committee from time-to-time ("Procedures"). Each Tournament shall be subject to the Procedures at least once every three (3) years, but the PMF Committee may instruct the Independent Accountant to perform the Procedures on any Tournament more frequently if it so determines in its discretion.

For any Tour Year, the WTBA shall have the right to require the Independent Accountant to perform the Procedures on any Tournament on which it has not yet performed the Procedures for such Tour Year. In addition, after the Independent Accountant performs the Procedures on

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a specific Tournament, the WTBA Accountant (at the WTBA's direction and expense) shall have the right to review the Independent Accountant's work papers for such Procedures and, together with a representative of the Independent Accountant and the WTA and in accordance with the Procedures, to require additional data and documentation from and to conduct on-site interviews with the tournament director and staff of such Tournament regarding issues that, in the PMF Committee's discretion, are relevant to the calculation of such Tournament's MPC and the PMF. The WTBA's rights under this paragraph extend to a maximum of three (3) Tournaments per Tour Year; provided, however, that the WTBA shall not exercise such rights on a specific Tournament more than once in any three (3) Tour Year period unless the previous Procedures by the Independent Accountant or review by the WTBA Accountant revealed that such Tournament's Final Report contained any material misstatement or material omission (as determined by the PMF Committee, subject to Section XIV.B.6.f).

Each Tournament and its Tournament Affiliates shall make available to the PMF Committee, the Independent Accountant, the WTBA Accountant (subject to the immediately preceding paragraph of this Section XIV.B.9), and their respective agents copies of all documents, agreements, financial statements, books and records relating to the Tournament's PSI, Non-PSI, Non-WTA revenues, Capital Credits and other financial results, including any and all work papers of its accountants. No Tournament or Tournament Affiliate shall enter into any agreement that would prohibit or restrict such Tournament or Tournament Affiliate from providing such materials to such parties, limit such parties' access to such materials, or otherwise preclude or impair the ability of the PMF Committee to calculate or review the Minimum Player Compensation.

Any Procedures performed on a Tournament undertaken by the PMF Committee (through the Independent Accountant) or review by the WTBA under this Section XIV.B.9 may encompass such Tournament's three (3) most recently completed Tour Years and will include all transactions and other information directly or indirectly related to such Tournament's event with respect to those Tour Years, but may not include any transactions or other information that relates exclusively to any prior period. In the event that the Independent Accountant or the WTBA Accountant requests any document or other information from any Tournament or Tournament Affiliate with respect to any transaction that the Tournament asserts relates exclusively to a period prior to the start of the three (3) most recently completed Tour Years, the PMF Committee may require the Tournament to make a sufficient showing of the pertinent time period of such transaction without having to disclose to the Independent Accountant or WTBA Accountant the substance of the underlying transaction (e.g., by disclosing the time period or "term" provision of a requested contract).

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10. Compliance

- a. Any Tournament that fails to submit its Final Report to the PMF Committee by its 120-day deadline is subject to a fine in accordance with the following chart:

Tournament Category	Fine Amount	
	Missed Deadline	Increase for Each 7 Calendar Days after Deadline
All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory	\$10,000	\$1,000
WTA 500	\$5,000	\$500

In addition, for each consecutive Tour Year in which a Tournament misses its 120-day deadline, its applicable Missed Deadline fine in the chart above doubles.

For example, if an All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament misses its 120-day deadline in a Tour Year, does not submit its Final Report until 14 calendar days after that deadline, and met its deadline the prior Tour Year, then its applicable fine is \$12,000 ($\$10,000 + (\$1,000 \times 2) = \$12,000$).

As another example, if a WTA 500 Tournament misses its 120-day deadline for the second consecutive Tour Year and does not submit its Final Report until 28 calendar days after that deadline, then its applicable fine is \$12,000 ($(\$5,000 \times 2) + (\$500 \times 4) = \$12,000$).

- b. Any Tournament that submits to the PMF Committee or the Independent Accountant a Final Report, Supplemental Information, or any other document or information on which the PMF Committee or Independent Accountant reasonably relies in determining its MPC that contains any Material Misstatement(s) is in breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance and is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Section XVIII.A.49 that, subject to the PMF Committee's discretion, must include a fine equal to the greater of \$2,500 or fifty percent (50%) of its Prior Year True-Up related to such Material Misstatement(s), but no greater than \$100,000.
- c. If in its sole discretion the PMF Committee determines that a Tournament otherwise violates the PMF, then the Tournament is in breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance and is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Section XVIII.A.49.

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- d. A Tournament shall pay any fine(s) levied under Sections XIV.B.10.a-c above in accordance with Section XVIII.A.49.b.iv. A Tournament may appeal any fine(s) or other sanction(s) levied under Sections XIV.B.10.a-c above in accordance with Section XVIII.A.49.
- e. In addition to any sanctions under Sections XIV.B.10.a-c above, any willful noncompliance with the terms of the PMF is grounds for disqualification under and in accordance with Section XII.H.1.

11. Expiration

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section XIV or any other provision of this Rulebook, all of the provisions of this Section XIV.B shall be applicable for the 2023 Tour Year and automatically extend for additional Tour Years subject to this Section XIV.B.11.

No later than January 31 of any Tour Year either the Player Board Representatives or the Tournament Board Representatives may submit a request to the CEO for a meeting between the Player Board Representatives and the Tournament Board Representatives to discuss whether to terminate the provisions of this Section XIV.B following the end of such Tour Year. Following such meeting, either (a) a majority of the Player Board Representatives or (b) a majority of the Tournament Board Representatives may each elect to terminate the provisions of this Section XIV.B by giving written notice to the other members of the Board of Directors not later than May 31 of such Tour Year. In the event such a termination notice is given, the provisions of this Section XIV.B shall remain effective notwithstanding such notice through the end of the Tour Year in which such notice is given and such termination shall become effective on the start of the immediately following Tour Year. However, unless a termination notice is delivered by May 31 of any Tour Year, this Section XIV.B shall automatically be extended and shall remain in effect for the entirety of the following Tour Year (in which case, the guaranteed minimum amounts in Section XIV.B will be increased for each successive Tour Year in the same proportion as the prior increases in such amounts).

C. WTA 250 TOURNAMENTS

1. Minimum Player Compensation

For the 2023 Tour Year, each WTA 250 Tournament must pay MPC of at least \$318,000. The MPC for WTA 250 Tournaments increases by three percent (3%) each Tour Year (rounded to the nearest \$1,000).

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2. Increased Prize Money

WTA 250 Tournaments shall have the option to increase their prize money to allow more than one (1) Top 10 Player to play singles and/or doubles in the Tournament. Tournaments must increase prize money by \$250,000 for each additional Top 10 Player accepted into the draw. Prize money increases will be distributed in accordance with Section XV.D. Tournaments may notify the WTA anytime up until the Qualifying Sign-In deadline of their decision to increase prize money above the minimum.

The WTA will not accept additional Top 10 Player entries until the Tournament provides written notice to the WTA confirming the required prize money increase.

Regardless of whether any Top 10 Player(s) withdraw(s), a WTA 250 Tournament may not reduce its prize money if:

- a. the Tournament accepts an additional Top 10 Player at the Main Draw Entry Deadline;
- b. the Tournament publicly announces the prize money increase; or
- c. the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline has passed.

3. Top 10 Player Delivery

An increase in the WTA 250 Tournament's minimum prize money will not alter the Top 10 Player Delivery requirements set out in Section II.B above.

D. NOT A MAXIMUM

Nothing in this Section XIV shall prevent a Tournament from paying player compensation in excess of the Minimum Player Compensation. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event any Tournament has been approved to pay player compensation in excess of the Minimum Player Compensation, and the Minimum Player Compensation increases from the prior Tour Year, such Tournament will not be required to increase its player compensation further. (For example, if a Tournament is paying 110% of the Minimum Player Compensation and the Minimum Player Compensation increases by 5%, such Tournament will not be required to increase its player compensation for that Tour Year.)

If in any Tour Year a Tournament voluntarily pays player compensation greater than its PMF-calculated MPC for that Tour Year, the calculation of that Tournament's MPC in future Tour Years must use its PMF-calculated

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MPC for all prior Tour Years (i.e., any player compensation greater than its PMF-calculated MPC that the Tournament voluntarily paid is not included in the calculation of its MPC in future Tour Years). For example, if a WTA 500 Tournament's 2023 PMF-calculated MPC is \$1,200,000 but it pays 2023 player compensation of \$1,500,000, then for purposes of calculating that Tournament's 2024 MPC, its 2023 MPC is \$1,200,000 (and not \$1,500,000).

E. AMENDMENT

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section XIV or any other provision of this Rulebook, the terms of this Section XIV may only be amended by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, provided, that any amendment to this Section XIV shall be deemed to be a "Supermajority Matter" for purposes of the By-laws and this Rulebook.

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XV. TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

A. TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

1. WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments

Each WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournament is obligated to pay:

- a. Prize money (must be paid in US dollars unless authorized by the WTA); and
- b. WTA Fees, without deduction for any taxes.

2. WTA 125 Tournaments

Each WTA 125 Tournament is obligated to pay:

- a. Prize money (must be paid in US dollars unless authorized by the WTA, see Section XII.D.2.a); and
- b. WTA license fees, without deduction for any taxes.

Prize money and WTA license fees shall be in the amounts stated in a WTA 125 Tournament's written agreement with the WTA.

3. WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments

Each WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournament must participate in Tournament Financial Disclosure. Tournaments that fail to comply will be subject to a fine and/or other disciplinary action.

4. Payment Information

All payments must be directed to:
Chief Operating Officer | Treasurer
WTA Tour, Inc.
100 Second Avenue South, Suite 1100-S
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 USA
+1 727 895 5000

Wire transfer information will be provided by the WTA upon request.

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B. TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

1. Fee Purpose and Collection Process

WTA Fees help to fund WTA Operations and Player Services. WTA Fees are deducted from each Tournament's minimum prize money.

2. Payment Schedule and Amount

Due Date	Financial Requirement	Amount in Cash, USD		
		WTA 250	WTA 500	WTA 1000 Mandatory
October 15 year prior or 6 months prior to start of Main Draw	WTA Fee 1st Installment	\$4,500	\$12,000	\$22,500
No later than 30 days prior to start of Main Draw	WTA Fee 2nd Installment	\$18,750	\$53,100	\$303,800
	Bonus Pool Fund	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Marketing Fund	n/a	n/a	n/a

C. FINANCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Timing and Specifications

Unless otherwise determined by the WTA, each existing Tournament that has owned its membership for three (3) years or less, and all new or transferred memberships for the first three (3) years must submit to the WTA within thirty (30) days after approval on the WTA Calendar, an approved Irrevocable Letter of Credit, or other financing vehicle approved by the WTA, in form and substance satisfactory to the WTA, for 100% of the Announced Prize Money.

All Letters of Credit must conform to the following format and shall not be amended unless approved by the WTA:

LETTER OF CREDIT

Issue Date:

Letter of Credit Number:

Applicant Reference Number:

Please utilize the following information to instruct your bank to issue an IRREVOCABLE Letter

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of Credit in our favor. If there are any questions regarding these instructions, please contact us immediately.

A. Advising Bank: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
131 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60515
ATTN: Standby LC Unit

Required to request JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to add its confirmation

B. Applicant: <insert legal name and full address>

C. Beneficiary: WTA Tour, Inc.
100 Second Avenue South
Suite 1100-S
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 USA

Wire To: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
SWIFT: CHASUS33

D. CURRENCY: UNITED STATES DOLLARS: <INSERT AMOUNT IN NUMBERS AND WORDS>

E. TRANSFER: THE CREDIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

F. BANK CHARGES: ALL BANK CHARGES INSIDE/OUTSIDE OF BENEFICIARY'S COUNTRY ARE FOR APPLICANT'S ACCOUNT.

G. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: SEE BELOW.

H. EXPIRATION DATE: <INSERT DATE – NOT LESS THAN 0 DAYS AFTER FINAL MATCH OF RD YEAR>

WE HEREBY ESTABLISH THIS IRREVOCABLE LETTER of Credit No. _____ in favor of WTA Tour, Inc. for an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount indicated above, expiring at <our/ our Advising Bank> counters with our close of business on <insert expiry date>.

This Irrevocable Letter of Credit is available with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., against presentation of beneficiary draft at sight drawn on Advising Bank, when accompanied by the documents indicated herein.

Beneficiary's dated statement signed by its Chief Executive Officer (signed as such) indicating this Irrevocable Letter of Credit number and reading as follows: We certify that <insert Applicant name> has failed to pay, in whole or in part, prize money to players or any required WTA membership or WTA fees.

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Multiple drawings permitted. Drawings not to exceed total under Section D. Currency above in aggregate.

We hereby agree with the Beneficiary that any draft under and in compliance with the terms and conditions of this letter of credit will be duly honored.

This Irrevocable Letter of Credit is issued subject to the international standby practices 1998, International Chamber Publication 590 (ISP 9).

The number and date of our credit and the name of our bank must be quoted on all drafts required.

Irrevocable Letter of Credit is to be issued in English.

2. Penalties for Missed Deadline

Unless otherwise determined by the WTA, failure to provide financial security within the deadline specified will result in: a) cancellation of the Tournament; b) forfeiture of all fees paid to date; and c) possible revocation of the Tournament membership.

D. TOURNAMENTS PAYING PRIZE MONEY IN EXCESS OF THE MINIMUM PRIZE MONEY LEVEL

Each WTA Tournament may submit a request to the WTA to pay prize money in excess of the minimum prize money level for such Tournament, but this requirement must be no later than six (6) months in advance of the Tournament (unless otherwise agreed by the WTA). The WTA will respond to requests as soon as possible after they are received, but it is preferred that requests are made at the time the Tournament Information Form is submitted for the following year.

Any excess prize money shall be distributed as follows:

- 1. For WTA 250 Tournaments that increase their prize money to at least \$500,000 and WTA 500 Tournaments:**
 - a. 40% to singles semi-finals and finals prize money;
 - b. 40% into on-site prize money according to prize money breakdowns; and
 - c. 20% to the WTBA, not to exceed \$200,000, with any excess amount to be distributed in on-site prize money according to prize money breakdowns.

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2. For WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments:

- a. 80% into on-site prize money according to prize money breakdowns; and
- b. 20% to the WTBA, not to exceed \$200,000, with any excess amount to be distributed in on-site prize money according to prize money breakdowns.

3. For WTA 250 Tournaments that increase their prize money to less than \$500,000 and WTA 125 Tournaments, 100% into on-site prize money according to prize money breakdowns.

E. MONETARY AND NON-MONETARY AWARDS

A Tournament may give monetary or non-monetary awards to the winners of its singles and doubles events, but if any such award is valued at \$5,000 or greater, the Tournament must submit it to the WTA for approval at least six (6) weeks before the start of the Tournament.

F. CONDITIONS

Payment of all fees and deposits is a continuing condition for inclusion in the WTA. Each Tournament must comply with all government, federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances affecting the facility and the conduct of that Tournament.

G. LATE PAYMENTS

In the event any payment is not timely, the WTA is under no obligation to: (i) provide Top 10 Player Delivery to the offending Tournament or (ii) further hold the dates of the Tournament.

If any payment other than prize money (by a Tournament or the WTA) is not made on or before the respective due date, the aggrieved party shall be entitled to a late penalty of \$200 per week. Said fines begin to accrue within seven (7) days after notice (via e-mail or registered mail) by the aggrieved party. This penalty shall apply when the required WTA Fees are not paid by a Tournament.

The fines apply singularly to each category of payment that is in arrears. In cases of disputes, it is desirable (but not obligatory) that before any arbitration is instituted, the dispute be brought to the WTA for consideration and discussion.

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XVI. WTA FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO TOURNAMENTS

A. COMMERCIAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS

In consideration of the commercial benefits granted to the WTA by WTA Tournaments, the WTA may make payments to eligible Tournaments as determined by the Tournament Council.

Unless otherwise agreed, eligible Tournaments must have been on the published WTA Calendar at the end of the previous Tour Year and be in good standing with the WTA.

B. PAYMENT DATES

If payments are to be made, the WTA will make payments directly to each eligible Tournament according to the following schedule:

Tournament Completion Date	Subsequent July 15	Subsequent December 15
June 30	50%	50%
November 30	n/a	100%

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FOR WOMEN PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYERS ADMINISTERED BY THE WTA

It is the purpose of this Code of Conduct, as it may be amended from time to time (the “Code”), to serve as a guide for the acceptable professional behavior of players, Tournament Support Personnel, Player Support Team Members, and other Credentialed Persons as it relates to the promotion of the positive image of women’s Professional Tennis.

A. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. Tournament Acceptance

A player shall be accepted into a Tournament if she has applied in writing to play in that Tournament and the WTA has accepted her application in writing, whether or not the player has received written notice of that acceptance.

2. Deadlines

Unless otherwise noted, all times refer to local time at the Tournament site, and the official WTA Clock located in the on-site WTA office shall determine the time.

3. Fines

a. Payment Currency

All fines are established and payable in United States dollars.

b. Collection Method

The WTA may deduct player fines from player prize money at Tournaments to be determined by the WTA, in its sole discretion.

c. Process for Appeals

All permitted fine appeals must be filed within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice.

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B. DEFINITIONS

1. Key Terms

- a. "TACP" refers to the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, the full text of which can be found at itia.tennis/tacp/.
- b. "TADP" refers to the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, the full text of which can be found at itia.tennis/tadp/.
- c. The term "automatic" as it relates to fines, refers to fines (if determined to have occurred), for which the player shall receive notice from the WTA, and which shall be non-appealable, except in the case of Extraordinary Circumstances as defined in Section IV.C.7.
- d. "ITF Rules of Tennis" shall refer to the rules of tennis promulgated by the ITF, the full text of which can be found at www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/.
- e. "Player" or "player" means any professional or amateur woman tennis player, whether a member of the WTA/WTBA or not, who applies to enter a Tournament.
- f. "Player Support Team Member" shall mean any coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical, paramedical, family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate of any Player.
- g. "Tournament" means any singles or doubles tennis competition administered by the WTA, or approved as a WTA Ranking event by the WTA.
- h. "Withdraw" means the written communication by a Player after her acceptance into a Tournament of the Player's inability or unwillingness to play given to any staff member of the WTA Operations Department or Rules and Competitions Department.

2. Key Decision-Making Bodies

- a. The "Committee" shall refer to the WTA Code of Conduct Committee, the body comprised of WTA staff members, Player representatives, Tournament representatives, and an ITF representative which shall hear appeals of Code violations and fines and consider changes to the Code.
- b. The "Board of Directors" shall refer to the Board of Directors of the WTA.

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3. Key Tournament Personnel

- a. "Chair Umpire" shall have the meaning used in the ITF Rules of Tennis.
- b. "Referee" shall mean any official so designated by the WTA and/or Tournament at which this Code is in effect.
- c. "Supervisor" shall mean any official so designated or approved by the WTA at any Tournament at which this Code is in effect.
- d. "Tournament Director" or "Tournament Owner" means the person or persons so designated by the Tournament.
- e. "Tournament Support Personnel" shall mean any Tournament Director, Tournament Owner, Tournament operator, Tournament employee, or any designated agent of the Tournament.

C. APPLICABILITY, AVAILABILITY, AND RECIPROCITY

1. Applicability

- a. Tournaments

The Code shall apply in all Professional Tennis matches of any Tournament and where appropriate, the WTA may take action on any Code violation that occurs outside of a WTA event.

- b. Players

Players shall at all times be subject to the Code, the ITF Rules of Tennis, the Anti-Corruption Program, and the Anti-Doping Program, as may be adopted by the WTA. Each Player who is accepted to play in a Tournament (singles or doubles, including Wild Cards) must have signed an Official WTA Entry Form prior to commencement of play in the Tournament. The entry form provides that acceptance of the Rules, including the Rules that apply to Tournament entries, acceptance, withdrawals and scheduling, are binding on the player.

- c. Tournament Support Personnel

The Code, Anti-Corruption Program, and Anti-Doping Program shall apply to all Tournament Support Personnel.

- d. Player Support Team Members and Other Credentialed Persons

The Code, Anti-Corruption Program and Anti-Doping Program shall

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apply to all Player Support Team Members, and other persons credentialed at Tournaments.

2. Availability

A copy of the Code, Anti-Corruption Program, and Anti-Doping Program will be provided to any player, Player Support Team Member, Tournament Support Personnel, or other credentialed persons upon request. A copy of the Code shall also be available on site at every Tournament.

3. Reciprocity

a. Sanctions by Other Tennis Organizations

Notwithstanding the WTA By-Laws or any other provision of the Code, the Committee reserves the right to affirm, modify, or reject with respect to any or all WTA Tournaments a suspension or other sanction issued against an individual or entity subject to the Code ("Covered Person") either by or on behalf of any other tennis organization, including but not limited to the Association of Tennis Professionals, the Grand Slam Board, and the International Tennis Federation. The Committee may suspend provisionally any Covered Person until the completion of the Committee's final determination under this paragraph and any subsequent appeal. A Covered Person may appeal to the Board of Directors for discretionary review of a determination by the Committee under this paragraph. Such appeal must be in writing, state in detail the basis for such appeal, and be filed with the WTA within twenty-one (21) days after the WTA mails notice of the violation to the Covered Person. Upon receipt, the WTA promptly shall forward such appeal to the Board of Directors. As soon as reasonably possible (but no later than thirty (30) days) after the Board of Directors receives such appeal, it shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall notify the Covered Person no less than ten (10) days before the hearing date (unless the Covered Person waives such 10-day requirement). The Covered Person's attendance at the hearing is not mandatory. At such hearing, the Covered Person may be represented by counsel, present relevant evidence to the Board of Directors, call witnesses to testify on his or her behalf, and examine witnesses testifying against him or her. The Board of Directors may determine that, in the interest of fairness, an interpreter is required at the hearing and may retain such interpreter at WTA's expense. The Board of Directors may affirm, reverse, or modify the Committee's determination on appeal, and the Board of Directors' decision shall be final, binding, and non-appealable.

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b. **Sharing of Information**

The WTA reserves the right to share information concerning a complaint and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any other tennis organization or any other relevant authorities. The WTA may also refer any complaint and/or information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate in its absolute discretion. The WTA shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay in its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by other tennis organizations and/or relevant authorities.

D. RULES AND PENALTIES – PLAYERS

1. Entry

All players shall abide by the rules for entries set forth in the Rules. For tournaments not subject to the Rules, all players shall abide by the rules for entries published for such tournaments.

2. Withdrawals

Any Late Withdrawal by a player from a Tournament for reasons other than an Excused Withdrawal, a Prize Money Withdrawal, a Consecutive Withdrawal, or Extraordinary Circumstances shall constitute a violation of the Code automatically punished by the fines listed in this Code.

For full explanation of the following, refer to the corresponding sections enumerated below:

a. **Withdrawal Fines**

See Section IV.A - Withdrawals for Late Withdrawal fines.

b. **No-Show Fines**

See Sections IV.A.3.c and IV.A.4.c - No-Show Offense.

c. **Prohibition Against Withdrawing from One Tournament to Play Another**

See Section IV.A.9 – Prohibition Against Withdrawing from One Tournament to Play Another.

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d. Excused Withdrawals

See Section IV.A.5 - Excused Withdrawals.

e. Prize Money Withdrawals

See Section IV.A.6 - Singles Prize Money Withdrawals.

f. WTA Finals Fines

See Section VI.B.2.d - WTA Finals Mandatory Participation; Penalties.

3. Point Penalty Schedule

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations of the Code is as follows:

1st Offense	Warning
2nd Offense	Point Penalty
3rd and Subsequent Offenses	Game Penalty

However, after the third Code violation, the Supervisor/Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offense shall constitute a default.

Point penalties must be appealed on site to the Supervisor/Referee, whose decision shall be final. Any monetary penalties imposed in conjunction with a point penalty may be appealed in accordance with Section XVII.G - Procedures for Player and Tournament Support Personnel Violations.

4. Player On-Court and Off-Court Behavior

(Except at Grand Slam events which apply Grand Slam rules and procedures.)

a. Player On-Court Offenses

i. Visible Obscenity

- (a) Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the Tournament site. Visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a Player with hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

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- (b) Violations of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the Player shall be penalized 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

ii. Audible Obscenity

- (a) Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precincts of the Tournament site. 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.
- (b) Violations of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the Player shall be penalized 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

iii. Abuse of Racquet or Equipment

- (a) Players shall not violently, dangerously, or with anger hit, kick, or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the Tournament site. For the purposes of this rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously, and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair, or other fixture during a match out of anger.
- (b) Violations of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$2,500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the Player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. The Player also will be liable for the repair or replacement of destroyed or damaged Tournament property.

iv. Abuse of Balls

- (a) Players shall not violently, dangerously, or with anger hit,

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kick, or throw a tennis ball while on the grounds of the Tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm up). 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 disregard of the consequences.

- (b) Violations of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$2,500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the Player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

v. Physical Abuse

- (a) Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator, or other person within the precincts of the Tournament site. For the purposes of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, opponent, spectator, or other person.
- (b) Violations of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the Player shall be penalized 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

vi. Verbal Abuse

- (a) Players shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator, or any other person within the precincts of the Tournament site. Verbal abuse is defined as any statement about an official, opponent, spectator, or any other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting, or otherwise abusive.
- (b) Violations of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the Player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

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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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

vii. Coaching and Coaches

- (a) Players may receive coaching during a match (including warm up) in accordance with Section XVIII.D. Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a Player and a coach other than that permitted in Section XVIII.D and the use of any electronic device (excluding a WTA-approved electronic device under Section VII.C.4.d - Electronic Devices or an official WTA electronic device authorized for Coaching) constitutes a coaching violation.

Players shall prohibit their coaches on site from: i) using an audible obscenity or making obscene gestures of any kind; ii) abusing any official, opponent, spectator, or other person, verbally or physically; iii) engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis shall include, but not be limited to, public comments, whether or not to the media, that unreasonably attack or disparage a Tournament, sponsor, player, official, or the WTA.

Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreements with WTA policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interest of a Tournament, players, sponsor, official, or the WTA are expressly covered by this Section.

- (b) Violations of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the Player shall be penalized 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, the Supervisor/Referee shall have the authority to relocate the position of a coach if there is reasonable belief that non-permitted coaching is occurring, or the Supervisor/Referee may order the coach to be removed from the match site or Tournament site and upon his/her failure to comply with such order, may declare an immediate default of such Player.

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viii. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- (a) 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. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a Player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the success of a Tournament, the WTA, and/or the sport. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorizing, or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the Tournament and/or the officiating thereof.
- (b) Violations of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the Player shall be penalized 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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

ix. Best Efforts

- (a) A Player shall use her best efforts during a match when competing in a Tournament.
- (b) Violation of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. For the purposes of this rule, the Supervisor/Referee and/or Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalize a Player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

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 Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

x. Leaving the Court

- (a) A Player shall not leave the court area during a match (including warm up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire or Supervisor/Referee.

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- (b) Violation of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$3,000 for each violation. In addition, the Player may be defaulted and shall be subject to the additional penalties for Failure to Complete Match.

xi. Failure to Complete Match

- (a) A Player must complete a match in progress unless she is reasonably unable to do so.
- (b) Violation of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. Violation of this Section also shall subject a Player to immediate default and shall constitute the Player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

xii. Punctuality

Players shall be ready when their matches are called.

- (a) Any Player not ready to play within 10 minutes after her match is called shall be fined \$250 for each violation.
- (b) For televised matches with an announced “walk-on” time, players not ready to walk-on at the announced time may be issued a fine in the range of \$1,000-\$5,000, and in extreme cases up to a maximum of \$10,000, for each violation at the sole discretion of the WTA Supervisor.
- (c) Any Player not ready to play within 15 minutes after her match is called may be fined up to an additional \$750 and shall be defaulted unless the Supervisor, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

b. Other On-Court Offenses

A Player also can be reported to the WTA for inappropriate off-court behavior if a Player’s behavior or obscene language during a match is not observed or heard by on-court officials, but causes a negative impact to the image of the game because it is seen on television.

c. Sexual Abuse

- i. Players shall not sexually abuse any player or other person. Sexual abuse is defined as the forcing of sexual activity by one person on another person (a) of diminished mental capacity or

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(b) by the use of physical force, threats, coercion, intimidation or undue influence.

- ii. A violation of this Section shall constitute the major player offense of Aggravated Behavior and may result in the termination of membership.

d. Sexual Harassment

- i. Players shall not engage in sexual harassment (for example, by making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment).
- ii. A violation of this Section shall constitute the major player offense of Aggravated Behavior.

e. Additional Fine and Appeal Procedures

- i. Monetary fines do not apply for Code violations received due to loss of physical conditioning or as a result of medical treatment not being complete within the allocated time, unless it is interpreted by the Referee/Supervisor as gamesmanship.
- ii. If a Player's on-court behavior is reported to the WTA by another Player, an umpire, or a Tournament official, such Player will be subject to the applicable fine, even if a warning was not issued during play.
- iii. The WTA shall determine the fine, which may be appealed to the Committee, provided an appeal is filed within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice.
- iv. Player fines may be deducted from player prize money at the Tournament at which the fine is levied or any subsequent tournament.

5. Media Obligations

See Section VII - Player Responsibilities for details on media/promotional/sponsor responsibilities with which each Player must comply.

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6. Hindrance Rule

See Section VII.H for the Hindrance Rule.

7. Toilet/Change of Attire Break

See Section VII.D for Toilet/Change of Attire Rules.

8. Defaults

The Supervisor may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code (immediate default) or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out in Section XVII.D.3. In all cases of default, the decision of the Supervisor/Referee shall be final and non-appealable.

9. WTA Medical Rule

See Section XVIII.B.5 for the WTA Medical Rule and penalties.

10. WTA Clothing and Equipment

See Section VII.C for the WTA Clothing and Equipment Rules and penalties.

11. Delay of Game

See Section VII.G.2.b for Delay of Game Rule.

12. Age Eligibility Rule and Player Development Programs

See Section X for the Age Eligibility Rule and Player Development Programs.

13. Dishonorable or Unprofessional Conduct

a. Player Responsibilities

i. Player Conduct

A Player shall at all times, but particularly during a Tournament or event into which her entry has been accepted, whether at the Tournament site or not, refrain from engaging in conduct detrimental to the WTA or the WTA Tour or contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. Conduct detrimental to the WTA or the WTA Tour or contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis shall include, but not be limited to, public comments, whether

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or not to the media, which unreasonably attack or disparage any person, group of people, Tournament, sponsor, player, official, the WTA, or the WTA Tour. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with WTA policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that a player knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a Tournament, player, sponsor, official, the WTA, or the WTA Tour are expressly prohibited by this Section.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Players also must comply with the following:

(a) Proper Attire

A Player shall dress and present herself in a professional manner at all times on the Tournament site or any official practice site.

(b) Payment of Personal Expenses

A Player shall pay all of her just debts incurred in connection with her travel to and from, housing at, and participation in Tournaments, including telephone, food, medical, and racquet stringing charges.

In addition to being responsible for paying all unauthorized telephone charges made during a Tournament at a Tournament site, a Tournament hotel, or a private home, a Player also will be assessed a fine of \$250 regardless of the dollar amount of the unauthorized calls. These charges and fine may be deducted from the offending player's prize money. A Player shall be assessed a fine of \$20 if she fails to pay her racquet stringing bill before leaving the Tournament city.

(c) Avoidance of Criticism in Public or Media

A Player shall not address criticism of a Tournament, sponsor, player, official, the WTA, or the WTA Tour to the media or public. All such complaints should be forwarded to the Supervisor, Player Relations, or WTA Operations.

(d) Confidentiality

A Player shall not disclose to any WTA non-members information identified as confidential in an official WTA

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communication ("Confidential Information") unless otherwise authorized by the WTA in writing or until such time that the information becomes publicly available through WTA-authorized means.

ii. Penalties

Failure to comply with any one of the above shall constitute a violation of the Code and shall subject the offending player to (a) a fine not to exceed the amounts set forth in the following table, (b) default according to the procedures provided for in Section XVII.D.4 - Player On-Court and Off-Court Behavior, and (c) suspension from participating in professional tennis for a specified period of time as determined by the Board of Directors:

Per Tour Year	Fine
Each Offense	Up to \$10,000

b. Aggravated Behavior

No Player shall engage in Aggravated Behavior, as defined below:

i. Definition

- (a) One (1) or more incidents of behavior designated in this Code as constituting Aggravated Behavior.
- (b) An incident of behavior that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tournament, the WTA, or the WTA Tour, or is singularly egregious, including the sale of a credential or the unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information.
- (c) A series of two (2) or more violations of the Code within a 12-month period which singularly do not constitute Aggravated Behavior, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the Tournaments, the WTA, or the WTA Tour.

ii. Penalties

Violation of this Section shall subject a Player to a fine up to \$25,000 or the amount of prize money won at the Tournament, whichever is greater, and/or suspension from

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play in a Tournament or event for a minimum period of twenty-one (21) days and a maximum period of one (1) year. The suspension will commence on the Monday after the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be filed, or, in the case of appeal, commencing on the Monday after a final decision on appeal.

c. **Decision-Making Authority**

The WTA shall have sole authority to declare a Player's violation under this Section acting upon a formal and substantiated complaint. The WTA decision may be appealed to the Committee, with the exception of appeals involving monetary penalties of \$50,000 or more or appeals of major offenses, such as suspension from the Tour, in which case the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision.

14. WTA Hotel Room Policy

See Section XVIII.A.13 for the WTA Hotel Room Policy and penalties.

E. EXHIBITION/NON-WTA EVENT RULE

1. Definition

An Exhibition/Non-WTA Event is regarded as any tennis competition involving one (1) or more Players who compete in Professional Tennis tournaments whether or not the Player or Players receive remuneration for their participation in the event, which is not a part of the WTA or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour and is not recognized on the WTA or ITF Women's calendars. These events include single-day, multiple-day, week-long, seasonal team competitions and charity events.

2. Applicability to Players under the Age Eligibility Rule

Participation in Exhibition/Non-WTA Events by Players under the age of 18 is also subject to Section X.A - Age Eligibility Rule.

3. Player Participation

Unless granted a waiver pursuant to sub-Section 6 below, a Player is not permitted to play in an Exhibition/Non-WTA Event if it is scheduled as follows:

- a. Within sixty (60) days before or thirty (30) days after a WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournament (including the

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WTA Finals) and the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event is located either (i) within 125 miles/200 kilometers, measured linearly, of the site of the Tournament, or (ii) within the same generally recognized market area of the Tournament, as determined by the CEO;

- b. During the same week a WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, or WTA 250 Tournament (including the WTA Finals) is scheduled; or
- c. During the same week as a WTA 125 Tournament in which the player is entered, including the Sunday night after the final.

4. Exception

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, as long as a Player is not competing in a WTA Tournament in the week preceding a Grand Slam, she may participate in an Exhibition/Non-WTA Event on the Saturday or Sunday prior to the commencement of the Grand Slam Main Draw, if that Exhibition/Non-WTA Event is promoted by the Grand Slam.

5. Fine and Appeal Procedures

A Player in violation of the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event Rule shall be automatically fined in accordance with the following schedule, based on her WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking, whichever is better at the Tournament's Singles Main Draw Entry Deadline, or her meeting the Exemption Wild Card criteria:

WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking	Fine
1-10	\$100,000
11-20	\$75,000
21-35	\$50,000
36-50	\$25,000
Players who do not meet ranking criteria above but do meet Exemption Wild Card criteria	\$75,000

- a. Exhibition/Non-WTA Event fines will be shared equally between the WTA and the Tournament Council, which the Tournament Council can use in its discretion, including distribution in whole or in part to an aggrieved Tournament. If the Tournament Council determines in its sole discretion that an aggrieved Tournament had any involvement with the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event, the Tournament Council may choose to forego a distribution of the collected fines to the aggrieved Tournament and direct the undistributed money into the Tournament Council Fund.

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- b. A Player shall not be subject to the applicable Exhibition/Non-WTA Event fine if her entry in the applicable week would not have been accepted into the respective Tournament by virtue of the better of her WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking being below the cutoff at the Main Draw Entry Deadline.

6. Waiver Consideration

Any Player subject to this Exhibition/Non-WTA Event rule may apply to the CEO for a waiver of the rule with respect to one (1) or more Exhibition/Non-WTA Events, which application the CEO may grant in his/her sole and absolute discretion. Waiver requests should be submitted at least six (6) weeks prior to the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event but no later than one (1) week prior to the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event.

The CEO may consider such waiver requests according to the individual circumstances presented, including, without limitation, (i) the number of days over which the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event is scheduled, (ii) the television coverage of the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event, (iii) any marketplace conflicts, (iv) whether the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event could be reasonably expected to promote fan and media interest, excitement, and attendance at those WTA Tournaments nearest to where the event is to take place, and (v) the extent to which a Player's participation in the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event would (a) negatively impact the overall health of the WTA Tour or (b) lead to confusion among tennis fans, media, and others about the logic, flow, and progression of the WTA circuit and the importance of participation in WTA Tournaments.

The written notification to a Player of the CEO's decision on a waiver request shall include the reasons for such decision.

F. DISHONORABLE OR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT SUPPORT PERSONNEL

The favorable public reputation of the WTA, the WTA Tour, the Tournaments, and the Players is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all WTA members.

1. Tournament Obligation

Accordingly, it is an obligation for Tournament Support Personnel to refrain from engaging in conduct detrimental to the WTA or the WTA Tour or contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis and to ensure that Tournament partners adhere to the same standard in the activation of their partnership with the Tournament.

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a. Definition

Conduct detrimental to the WTA or the WTA Tour or contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis shall include, but not be limited to, public comments, whether or not to the media, and marketing and promotional campaigns and messaging, which unreasonably attack or disparage a Tournament, sponsor, player, official, the WTA, or the WTA Tour.

Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with WTA policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one (1) of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a Tournament, Player, sponsor, official, or the WTA are expressly prohibited by this Section.

Tournament Support Personnel shall not disclose to any WTA non-members Confidential Information unless otherwise authorized by the WTA in writing or until such time that the information becomes publicly available through WTA-authorized means.

b. Penalties

Violation of this Section shall subject a Tournament and/or Tournament Support Personnel to a fine of up to \$25,000, denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all Tournaments, and/or loss or change in membership status, and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the WTA.

2. Appeals Process

The WTA shall have sole authority to declare a violation under this Section acting upon a formal and substantiated complaint. The WTA decision may be appealed to the Committee, with the exception of appeals involving monetary penalties of \$50,000 or more or appeals of major offenses, such as a change in membership status, in which case the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision.

G. PROCEDURES FOR PLAYER AND TOURNAMENT SUPPORT PERSONNEL VIOLATIONS

1. On-court Adjudication

Any violation of this Code that must by its nature be adjudicated prior to continuation of Tournament play shall be decided immediately by the official or officials given that authority under this Code. Any appeal of

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such decisions shall be made to the official making the decision, and the official's judgment with respect to any penalties other than fines shall be final in all cases. The fine portion of any on-court violation may be appealed to the Committee as set out below.

2. Complaints

a. Process and Timing for Reporting Alleged Player Violations

Reporting a Player's violation of this Code by a Player may originate with the WTA, any Player, or a Tournament official. Violations of the sexual abuse and sexual harassment rules may also be reported by the victim of the violation, in the case of a minor, by his or her parents or legal guardians, or by anyone who witnessed the violation. Complaints shall be directed to the WTA. Complaints must be received by the WTA within twenty-one (21) days of the alleged conduct and, where feasible, must be acted upon prior to the time of the next scheduled Committee meeting. No complaint, except for violations of the Exhibition/Non-WTA Event Rule, Anti-Corruption Program, Anti-Doping Program, or sexual abuse and sexual harassment rules, lodged more than twenty-one (21) days following knowledge or reason to know of the incident or activity allegedly in violation of the Code may be considered by the WTA.

b. Process and Timing for Reporting Alleged Tournament Support Personnel Violations

Reporting a violation of this Code by Tournament Support Personnel may originate with the WTA, any Player, or a Tournament official. Complaints shall be directed to the WTA. Complaints must be received by the WTA within twenty-one (21) days of the alleged conduct and, where feasible, must be acted upon prior to the time of the next scheduled Committee meeting.

3. Review, Appeal, and Hearing

For those offenses which require the WTA to conduct a thorough investigation, the WTA may do so either prior or subsequent to notification being given to the Player or Tournament involved.

The WTA and the Committee shall keep accurate records of all complaints and the disposition thereof and shall be responsible for recording all penalties imposed upon Players during any Tour Year.

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a. Review Process for Players

i. Player Notification of Charges

If the WTA determines there are grounds for the complaint of misconduct under this Code, the Player so charged shall thereupon be notified orally, if possible, and in writing, specifying: a) the provisions which she is charged as having violated and b) the penalty such a violation carries if so specified in the Code.

If the penalty is not so specified, the Player shall be advised that the penalty will be determined by the WTA. This notification and any other in the course of a disciplinary proceeding shall be delivered to the player in person, sent to her by registered or certified mail, overnight delivery with confirmed delivery or sent by e-mail at her address as shown in the records of the WTA or on the most recent Tournament entry application submitted by the Player prior to the notification. All such notices shall be deemed given five (5) days after mailing.

ii. Player Response to Charges

After receipt of notification of the charges and the potential penalties, a Player charged with misconduct for which a fine is not automatic, shall have twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice to respond in writing to the allegations. Failure to respond to the charges within the time limit cited above will subject the charged Player to the imposition of the fines as determined by the WTA, if the WTA determines that the Player committed the violation with which she is charged, and such Player fails to appeal to the Committee as outlined in this Code.

iii. Player Request for Hearing

Any Player sanctioned for an offense which is subject to appeal, may request a hearing before the Committee or, in the case of an appeal involving monetary penalties of \$50,000 or more, a Player Major Offense potentially resulting in suspension from play, or other sanction of similar magnitude, a Player may request a hearing before the Board of Directors. The WTA must receive a request for a hearing within twenty-one (21) days following notification to the player of the fine or complaint against her.

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b. Review Process for Tournament Support Personnel

i. Tournament Support Personnel Notification of Charges

If the WTA determines there are grounds for a complaint of misconduct under this Code, the Tournament Support Personnel so charged shall thereupon be notified orally, if possible, and in writing, specifying a) the provisions which he/she is charged as having violated and b) the penalty such a violation carries if so specified in the Code.

If the penalty is not so specified, the Tournament Support Personnel shall be advised that the penalty will be determined by the WTA. This notification and any other in the course of a disciplinary proceeding shall be delivered to the Tournament Support Personnel in person, sent to him/her by registered or certified mail, overnight delivery with confirmed delivery or sent by e-mail at his/her address as shown in the records of the WTA. All such notices shall be deemed given five (5) days after mailing.

ii. Tournament Support Personnel Response to Charges

After receipt of notification of the charges and the potential penalties, Tournament Support Personnel charged with misconduct shall have twenty-one (21) days in which to respond in writing to the allegations. Failure to respond to the charges within the time limit cited above will subject the charged party to the imposition of the fines as determined by the WTA.

iii. Tournament Support Personnel Request for Hearing

Any Tournament Support Personnel charged with an offense for which a sanction was levied may request a hearing before the Board of Directors. The WTA must receive a request for a hearing within twenty-one (21) days following notification to the Tournament Support Personnel of the sanction.

c. Hearing Process and Timing

i. Notification of Hearing Time and Place

A Player or Tournament Support Personnel requesting a hearing (as outlined in sub-Sections a.iii and b.iii above) shall be given at least ten (10) days' notice of the time and place of the hearing. Attendance at the appeal hearing is not mandatory.

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It is intended that the hearing requested take place as soon as possible. If he/she wishes to shorten the time required for notice, the Committee or Board of Directors will cooperate in good faith.

ii. Hearing Procedures

At the hearing, he/she may call witnesses testifying on his/her behalf and examine witnesses testifying against him/her. He/she may, if he/she chooses, be represented by counsel at the hearing. The Committee or Board of Directors may determine that an interpreter is required in the interest of fairness. If so, they may retain such person at the expense of the WTA. The Committee or Board of Directors, as appropriate, shall make a determination, which shall be supported by written findings.

d. Meetings of the Committee

The Committee shall be scheduled to meet in person or by teleconference at least two (2) times per year, at least one (1) meeting of which shall be scheduled to be held outside the United States, unless there are no matters scheduled to be heard at the time of any such meeting. All expenses of the Committee shall be borne by the WTA.

e. Notification of Decisions

Within thirty (30) days of its decision, the Committee or Board of Directors shall give written notice to the Player or Tournament Support Personnel of its decision and the penalty to be imposed, if any, regardless of whether or not a hearing was requested. The decision of the Committee or Board of Directors shall be final and non-appealable.

f. Request for New Hearing

Notwithstanding Section XVII.G.3.e above, after the Committee or Board of Directors renders a decision on a Player's or Tournament Support Personnel's violation of this Code, the WTA, applicable Player, or applicable Tournament Support Personnel may submit a request to the WTA for the Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, to grant a new hearing ("New Hearing") of such violation because of the discovery of information that: (i) was not known to the WTA or applicable Player or Tournament Support Personnel at the time of the Committee's or Board of Directors' original hearing on his or her violation; and (ii) is capable of causing the Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, to render a different decision on the

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violation ("New Information"). Such request must be submitted to the WTA no later than ninety (90) days after notice of the Committee's or Board of Directors' original decision unless the Committee or Board of Directors otherwise agrees.

The Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, has no obligation to grant a New Hearing and has sole, absolute discretion in determining whether a New Hearing request contains any New Information and whether to grant a New Hearing on a violation. The decision regarding a New Hearing by the Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, is final and non-appealable. If the Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, grants a New Hearing, the provisions of Sections XVII.G.3.c and e will apply to that hearing.

g. Payment of Fines

Any fine imposed must be paid to the WTA within thirty (30) days of the final imposition, unless written extension of time is granted by the WTA. All unpaid fines at the end of the year will be subject to a penalty of 15% interest on the outstanding balance. Filing of an appeal will not prevent the WTA from deducting fines from player prize money or any payments due from the WTA to Tournaments, nor shall it delay the due date of any fine invoice.

H. PROCEDURES FOR PLAYER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS AND CREDENTIALLED PERSONS

1. Player Support Team

Player Support Team members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. In this regard, a Code of Conduct has been established to set out the rules by which all Player Support Team members must abide at all times.

a. Competence

- i. Player Support Team members shall provide services only within the boundaries of their competence, based on their education, training, supervised experience, or appropriate professional experience.
- ii. Player Support Team members who perform services for a Player shall strive to increase their level of proficiency and skill by remaining current and seeking continuing education and certification (e.g., by one (1) or more recognized tennis

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professional associations) on safety, health, training, and other developments relevant to tennis.

- iii. Player Support Team members who perform services for a Player shall seek advice and counsel of colleagues and experts, whenever such consultation is in the best interests of the Player.
- iv. Player Support Team members shall strive to protect the health, safety, and psychological and physical well-being of a Player under their direction by ensuring that all of the activities under their control are conducted for the Player's psychological and physical welfare.

b. Unfair and/or Discriminatory Conduct

- i. Player Support Team members 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.
- ii. Player Support Team members shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, age, or sexual orientation.

c. Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct

- i. Player Support Team members shall not abuse their position of authority or control and shall not compromise or attempt to compromise the psychological, physical, or emotional well-being of any Player.
- ii. Player Support Team members shall not engage in abusive conduct, either physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed towards any Player, Tournament official, WTA staff member, on-court official, coach, parent, spectator, or member of the press/media.
- iii. Player Support Team members shall not exploit any Player relationship to further personal, political, or business interests at the expense of the best interest of the Player.

d. 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 a player and her Player Support Team

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members expressly is discouraged. In addition, the following conduct specifically is prohibited:

- i. Player Support Team members shall not advance towards, or have any sexual contact with, any player who is a) under the age of 17 or b) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the conduct takes place or where the player resides.
 - ii. Player Support Team members shall not sexually abuse a player of any age. Sexual abuse is defined as the forcing of sexual activity by one (1) person on another person a) of diminished mental capacity or b) by the use of physical force, threats, coercion, intimidation, or undue influence.
 - iii. Player Support Team members shall not engage in sexual harassment (for example, by making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment).
 - iv. Player Support Team members shall not share a hotel room with a player who is a) under the age of 17 or b) 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 is the player's legal guardian or is related to the player. Hotel room per diems shall be withheld from any underage player who is found to have violated this Hotel Room Policy. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed on the Player Support Team member pursuant to sub-Section 3 below.
- e. Criminal Conduct

Player Support Team members shall comply with all relevant criminal laws. For greater certainty and without limiting the foregoing, this obligation is violated if Player Support Team members have been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment for an offense involving:

- i. Use, possession, distribution, or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances;
- ii. Sexual misconduct, harassment, or abuse; or
- iii. Child abuse.

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Further, this obligation may be violated if, depending upon the nature of the crime, a Player Support Team member has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to an offense that is a violation of any law specifically designed to protect minors.

f. Anti-Doping Activity

Player Support Team members shall comply with the Anti-Doping Program and shall not aid or abet in any way a player's violation of the Anti-Doping Program.

g. Anti-Corruption Program

Player Support Team members shall comply with the Anti-Corruption Program and shall not aid or abet in any way a player's violation of the Anti-Corruption Program.

h. General Conduct and Requirements

- i. Player Support Team members shall be familiar with, and agree to abide by, the Rules and encourage players to abide by the same.
- ii. Player Support Team members must comply with all requirements of any Player Support Team member registration program established by the WTA.
- iii. Player Support Team members shall at all times, whether at a Tournament site or not, refrain from engaging in conduct detrimental to the WTA or the WTA Tour or contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. Conduct detrimental to the WTA or the WTA Tour or contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis shall include, but not be limited to, public comments, whether or not to the media, which unreasonably attack or disparage any person, group of people, Tournament, sponsor, player, official, the WTA, or the WTA Tour. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with WTA policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that a Player Support Team member knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a Tournament, player, sponsor, official, the WTA, or the WTA Tour are expressly prohibited by this Section.
- iv. Player Support Team members shall not disclose to any WTA non-members Confidential Information unless otherwise authorized by the WTA in writing or until such time that the

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information becomes publicly available through WTA-authorized means.

2. Credentialed Persons

No person who has been given a credential by a Tournament, including members of the media, may at any time during the Tournament engage in abusive conduct directed towards any player, official, spectator, or Tournament or WTA staff.

3. Violations/Procedures

The following procedures shall apply to all complaints and violations under this sub-Section H.

a. Process and Requirements for Reporting Alleged Violations

Any individual who believes that any Player Support Team member or Credentialed Person has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Code may file a written complaint with the CEO. That complaint shall be signed and shall state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct.

b. Review or Investigation of Alleged Violations

Upon receipt of such a signed complaint, the CEO promptly shall initiate a review of the matter. The CEO also may initiate an investigation on the basis of a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against Player Support Team members or Credentialed Persons by a National Federation or other tennis organization or a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment.

c. CEO Findings and Action

Upon review of the complaint and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the CEO may determine that the complaint does not merit further action.

However, if the CEO determines the complaint does merit further action, after giving the accused individual the opportunity to present his or her views to the CEO or his/her designee, either in person or in writing, at the CEO's discretion, the CEO may impose appropriate sanctions including:

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- i. Denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all Tournaments; or
- ii. Such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the CEO may deem appropriate.

In addition, the CEO shall have authority to issue a provisional suspension, pending the completion of the investigation and issuance of a final decision on the matter.

d. Appeal Process

Decisions of the CEO may be appealed to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall decide whether to review the appeal based solely on the CEO's investigation or whether to hold a hearing in which the accused will be given the opportunity to present his/her views directly to the Board of Directors. The CEO shall not be entitled to a vote in any Board of Directors appeal decisions under this Section.

Any appeals to the Board of Directors under this Section must be filed in writing within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice of the CEO's decision, which is the subject of the appeal. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final and non-appealable.

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A. TOURNAMENT STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

All WTA Tournaments must be staged in a first-class professional manner. Standards are required unless otherwise noted or approved. Tournaments must apply to the WTA at least three (3) months in advance for an exemption from any Tournament Standard of Performance.

No experimental procedures or products can be used or offered to the players without prior written approval from the WTA. All procedures and products must be in compliance with the Rules.

Unless otherwise noted, all facilities and standards required hereunder must be ready by 9:00 a.m. on the day of Qualifying Sign-In.

Any Tournament that is combined with an ATP event of any level or back-to-back with an ATP event of an equal level shall provide a level of Tournament Standards that is equal to or greater than the level of Tournament Standards provided for at its ATP event; however, in no instance shall such Standards fall below the minimum required herein.

WTA 125 Tournaments must comply with the WTA 125 Tournament Standards (see Appendix E).

1. Accounting

Within fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the Tournament, the Tournament shall submit to the WTA a full report of all aspects of the Tournament including: a) a copy of the prospectus; b) a completed program; and c) a statement showing all monies disbursed on site for prize money and traveling expenses as allowed under Section IX - Prize Money.

2. Animals

No animals will be allowed in the Player Restaurant, Locker Room, Treatment/Training Room, or WTA Office. Animals on site must be restrained (either by leash or carry case). Facility rules regarding animals on site shall be enforced.

3. Anti-Doping Testing Facilities and On-Site Personnel Assistance

a. On-Site Doping Control Station

Each Tournament, when selected to host testing of players, is

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obligated to provide, at its own cost, the facilities in Appendix N.

b. Chaperones Provided by the Tournament

Each Tournament, when selected to host testing of players, is obligated to provide, at its own cost, adult female staff members and/or volunteers who can assist the Official Anti-Doping Personnel and Supervisor with the notification and observation of players selected for testing. The Tournament shall be notified of the chaperone schedule at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the Tournament.

4. Ball Persons

It is recommended that a coordinator be appointed to recruit and assign Ball Persons. There shall be a minimum of six (6) ball persons per match in the Main Draw and Qualifying. Ball persons may not wear any predominantly white, yellow, or other light color clothing that may interfere with the players' vision, unless otherwise approved by the WTA. Ball persons' uniforms should not be identical to the Line Umpires' uniforms.

5. Balls

a. Ball Type and Specifications

- i. ITF-approved Type 2 Regular Duty balls from the WTA approved ball list are to be used at all WTA Tournaments unless otherwise approved by the WTA. At least twelve (12) weeks prior to the start of its Main Draw, each Tournament must confirm with the WTA the ball it intends to use. Failure to comply may result in a Tournament Standards Violation and/or other sanctions.

High-altitude balls are not to be used unless conditions require, and such use must be approved by the WTA and must be stated on the Tournament Fact Sheet.

- ii. WTA Tournaments which are played the week before a Grand Slam are required to use the same ball (brand and commercial denomination) as that Grand Slam.
- iii. Pressurized balls only will be used on the WTA.

b. Number and Procedure for Rotation during All Match Play

At all Tournaments for all matches in both Qualifying Singles and Main Draw singles and doubles, six (6) balls shall be used and changed after the first seven (7) games and thereafter every nine (9) games.

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c. Availability

Balls of the make to be used in the Tournament must be provided on site free of charge at least two (2) days prior to the commencement of Qualifying for players in both the Main Draw and Qualifying until they are eliminated (see daily allocation in sub-Section d below). Three (3) days prior to the commencement of Qualifying balls must be available for players to purchase.

d. Daily Allotted Number of Practice Balls

Main Draw and Qualifying players are entitled to new practice balls as set out in the following chart:

Tournament Category	Player Daily Allotment of New Practice Balls			
	Main Draw Players While Competing	Main Draw Players After Elimination	Qualifying Players While Competing	Qualifying Players After Elimination
WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500	12	6	6	3
WTA 250	9	6	6	3

If the practice courts are located off site, it is recommended that practice balls be provided at the practice site.

6. Betting Sponsorships

Tournaments must comply with the WTA Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules. (See Appendix D.)

7. Chairs/Umbrellas

Chairs must be provided on court for player use during the change of ends. At outdoor Tournaments, umbrellas must be provided to shade the players' chairs.

8. Cleaning

- Tournaments must retain a dedicated cleaning staff that is trained and provided the equipment necessary to clean, disinfect, and sanitize Tournament facilities in accordance with local health regulations.
- Procedures must be in place for cleaning and disinfecting equipment, training fixtures, uniforms, and high-traffic and high-contact areas, particularly following use.

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- c. Procedures must be tailored to the specific needs and challenges of cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, and ventilating each unique Tournament area.
- d. Locker rooms, dining facilities, and healthcare-related areas of the Tournament facilities must be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout each day of the Tournament. The floors of locker rooms and all healthcare-related areas must be cleaned at least each night after completion of treatments and before they are open for use the following day.

9. Court

- a. Court Specifications
 - i. Court Surface
 - (a) Tournaments must be played on a surface that is approved by the WTA, including, but not limited to, the color of the court surface. Tournaments must submit a written request for approval to the WTA prior to making any changes to the existing surface and pay the cost of any testing deemed necessary by the WTA.
 - (b) If a new surface is being considered, approval must be given by the WTA. If the Tournament fails to utilize the surface recommended by the WTA, individual players may refuse to participate in the Tournament, in which case the WTA neither is responsible for such action by a player nor subject to any penalties.
 - (c) The surface must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Supervisor/Referee.
 - (d) Tournaments must ensure that the same surface is used for Main Draw and Qualifying. If there are circumstances beyond the control of the Tournament Director, Qualifying matches may be held on a different surface, only with approval of the WTA. All practice courts, with a minimum of one (1) on site, must be of the same surface and condition (i.e., indoor/outdoor) as the Main Draw match court(s). (See the chart in sub-Section b below for practice court requirements.)
 - (e) Unless otherwise approved by the WTA, outdoor courts shall be laid out with the long axis north and south; geographic

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considerations may modify this orientation in order to minimize the adverse effect of serving into the sun.

ii. Court Measurements

- (a) There must be at least 12 feet (or 3.66 meters) at each side of the doubles sideline and 21 feet (or 6.40 meters) behind each baseline. (This does not include the publicity/ advertising placed around the line umpires' chairs). It is recommended that show courts have 15 feet (4.57 meters) at each side of the doubles sideline and 27 feet (8.23 meters) behind each baseline. At indoor Tournaments, the ceiling must be a minimum of 40 feet (or 12.19 meters) in height.
- (b) Court Dimensions must comply with those set out under the ITF Rules of Tennis. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure, upon final preparation of the tennis courts before the Tournament commences, that all court specifications, including court measurements, comply with the standards set forth in Appendix J – Court and Light Measurements. All court measurements shall be made to the outside of the lines and all lines of the court shall be white.

b. Minimum Numbers of Match and Practice Courts

i. Combined Tournaments with the ATP

For all combined Tournaments with the ATP other than WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments, minimum numbers of match and practice courts must be approved by the WTA at least six (6) months prior to the Tournament.

ii. Indoor Tournament

Draw Size	Show Courts	Additional Match Courts	Practice Courts (on-site and off-site)	On-Site Practice Courts
48	1	2	4	1
32/30/28	1	1	3	1

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iii. Outdoor Tournament

Draw Size	Show Courts	Additional Match Courts	Practice Courts (on-site and off-site)	On-Site Practice Courts
96 Combined 12-day	3	6	16	8
96	2	4	8	4
64 Combined	2	5	12	6
64/60/56	1	4	5	3
48	1	3	4	2
32/30/28	1	2	3	1

iv. Availability

Practice courts must be available for use for practice by 8:00 a.m. two (2) days prior to the commencement of Qualifying (10:00 a.m. for grass court Tournaments), and match courts must be available for use for practice by 8:00 a.m. the day of Qualifying Sign-In (10:00 a.m. for grass court Tournaments).

c. Court Signage

i. On the Court Surface

- (a) There can be no commercial identification on the surface of the court, except that the name of the court manufacturer and the Tournament's host locality (as further described below) are permitted to be placed on the court surface with prior approval from the WTA. A Tournament must request WTA approval for the placement of the WTA Logo and host locality signage and/or court manufacturer identification and provide full details of all signage (text and placement) to the WTA at least ninety (90) days prior to the event.
- (b) Tournaments may place on court the name of their host locality, which may include one (1) of the following: city, region (i.e., state or county), or country subject to the placement and size restrictions set forth below. The preferred font is Din Condensed, but tournaments may use the official logo or font of the host country, city, or region with the prior approval of the WTA. Signage must be consistent with the texture and feel of the court surface so as not to affect play or pose a safety hazard.

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The position, size, and font of the host locality signage shall be in accordance with one (1) of the following two (2) options; and, in either case, the Tournament must include the WTA Logo as specified below:

HOST LOCALITY NAME OPTION 1: BASE LINE OPTION (not applicable to clay court tournaments)

- Upper case in white
- Displayed on one (1) line facing the main camera
- Written on one (1) or both ends of the court behind the baseline
- Centered between the singles sidelines
- Nearest distance from the baseline: 3 m/9.85 feet
- Height of lettering: Not greater than 80 cm/31.5 inches (50 cm/19.7 inches at combined events)
- Width: No restriction

HOST LOCALITY NAME OPTION 2: SIDELINE OPTION

- Upper case in white
- Displayed on one (1) or two (2) lines, facing the main camera
- Written on the right and/or left side of the court at the service line for hard or grass courts or centered between the net post and the service line for hard, grass, or clay courts, outside of the doubles sidelines. If the text is displayed on two (2) lines, they should together be centered on the service line (line spacing should be 20 cm/7.9 inches).
- Height of lettering: Not greater than 50 cm/19.7 inches (40 cm/16 inches at combined events)
- Distance from the doubles sideline: minimum of 40 cm/16 inches (maximum of 40 cm/16 inches at combined events)
- Width: No restriction
- The text should be elongated by 27% for improved television visibility.
- If used on a clay surface, the text must not protrude above the surface of the court.

WTA LOGO (FOR OPTIONS 1 AND 2)

- Placement:
 - (i) One (1) WTA Logo painted on the court, at least 40 cm/16 inches outside of the doubles sidelines half

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way between the net and the service line, on the side of and facing the main camera; or

- (ii) WTA Logos in at least two (2) corners of the backdrops, with a minimum of one (1) on the backdrop facing the main camera and one (1) in side camera view;* or
 - (iii) At least two (2) WTA Logos in a position immediately above and behind the backdrops with a minimum of one (1) on the end facing the main camera and one (1) in side camera view;* or
 - (iv) Any other position proposed by the Tournament and agreed by the WTA.
- Logo Dimensions if Painted on the Court: At least 44.2 cm (17.4 inches) x 94 cm (37 inches)
 - Logo Dimensions if on or Behind Backdrop: At least 29 cm (11.4 inches) x 37.7 cm (14.84 inches)
 - Artwork: WTA Logo; same application as for backdrop/sidewall signage with a dark background
 - Combined and Back-to-Back Events: WTA Logo must be at least the same visual size as the ATP logo (i.e., cover the same surface area)

*The WTA may substitute the WTA Logo positioned on the back fence with 3-D signage placed on-court as a mat where the Net Umpire chair surrounding is normally placed.

- (c) Two (2) identifications of the court manufacturer (maximum 20.13 square feet/1.87 square meters) may be permitted on the side of the court surface parallel to the sidelines. Such logo must be placed at least 1.5 meters (4.92 feet) from the doubles sideline. If used on a clay surface, the text must not protrude above the surface of the court.

(See examples in Appendix I – On-Court Signage.)

ii. Behind the Court

The back fences, back walls, net, net posts, line umpire boxes, and other fixtures on a court shall not be predominantly white, gray, yellow, or any other light color that can interfere with the vision of the players as determined by the Supervisor.

iii. Banners

There can be no banners with predominantly white, gray, yellow, or any other light color backgrounds behind the ends

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of the court. Background and lettering on rotating/LED banners should be consistent with the color of the back walls. If placed in front of back walls, rotating/LED banners can change only after completion of any game. If placed in front of side walls, rotating banners can change between any point. In either case, banners must not change once a player is ready to serve.

When lighter lettering needs to be used on a darker background, PMS Color "Cool Gray" 4 to 6 (5 to 6 for outdoor tournaments) are the preferred colors. No colors can be used that interfere with the vision of the players as determined by the Supervisor.

Banners must comply with the WTA Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules. (See Appendix D).

d. Court Preparation

Clay and loose surface courts must be swept, watered, and lines cleared before the start of all matches, if the Supervisor or Referee deems it necessary. Clay courts also may need to be watered and/or swept between sets if requested by the Supervisor or Referee.

e. Seating

i. Color of Box Seats and Seats at Ends of the Court

It is recommended that spectator seating not have any white, gray, yellow, or other light colors that can interfere with the vision of the players and that any such light colored seating be covered.

ii. Spectator Movement During Play

Spectators above the lowest tier of seating will be allowed to move freely to and from their seats at any time during play. The Tournament Director and Supervisor at each Tournament will determine this lowest tier of seating. Where there is no clear break, the Tournament Director and Supervisor will determine the most logical designation for spectator movement during play. (See Appendix B.1 - Supervisor.)

f. Smoking

Except where prohibited by law, smoking shall not be permitted within the lower level of seating around the courts and in all restricted player areas as well as the WTA and Officials' offices.

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10. Credentials/Tickets/Seating

In addition to the ticket allocation requirement as part of the Commercial Benefits granted to the WTA/sponsor (see Section XIII.B.10 - Seats/Tickets) and the WTA Television Broadcast Standards requirements (see Section XVIII.F.4 - Tournament Facilities), each Tournament will provide the following:

- a. Players, Coaches, Guest, and WTA Staff
 - i. Each Participating Player:
 - (a) One (1) credential;
 - (b) Two (2) player guest/coaches credentials; and
 - (c) Two (2) tickets for each day for which the player remains in the Tournament.

A designated seating area in the grandstand for players and players' coaches, relatives, or guests to sit and watch matches also must be provided at all sessions. Best efforts should be made for a minimum of ten (10) seats. This reserved seating area shall be in addition to the match box seats.

Player credentials shall be valid through the end of the Tournament. Player guest/coach credentials shall be valid as long as the player remains at the Tournament.

- ii. Each WTA staff member, massage therapist, WTA sponsor: One (1) credential.
- iii. Any official guest of the WTA: One (1) credential, at WTA's request (provided such requests are reasonable and access limited as appropriate for security).
- iv. WTA: Ten (10) tickets per session in a preferred location (need to be box seats or best available after box seats).
- v. WTA player members not in the Tournament: On-site access is allowed, but such players are not permitted to use the site amenities and practice facilities without the Tournament Director's permission.
- vi. Each WTA Tournament Director: On-site access to all WTA Tournaments.

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- vii. At WTA/ATP combined events, WTA alumnae players: One (1) credential each, at the Tournament's discretion.

b. Match Court Seats

- i. A match box shall be provided to the guests of each player participating in the scheduled match. The boxes should offer identical views, have a minimum of six (6) seats, and be of equal position and size to each other but located at opposite ends of the court near the baseline or the back of the court on the same end as the player's seat to accommodate Off-Court Coaching.
- ii. To the Supervisor, PHCP, and WTA Communications Manager: One (1) seat each close to the entrance of each court during all matches with easy access to the court.

Each person granted a credential to access secure player areas (other than participating players who receive a credential pursuant to Section XVIII.A.10.a.i(a)) must comply with WTA's credentialing requirements. Tournaments must implement and comply with credentialing requirements established by the WTA.

The following table summarizes the above requirements for credentials, tickets, and seating:

Group Designation	Credentials	Tickets/Seats
WTA Players	1 player badge and 2 guest/coach badges	2 each day while competing
WTA Staff [^]	1 per staff member and local massage therapist	3 seats by court entrance with easy access to the court
WTA	1 credential for any official guest	10 tickets per session in a preferred location
WTA Sponsor	1 per sponsor	n/a
WTA Members	On-site access	n/a
WTA Tournament Directors	On-site access	n/a

[^] The seats near the court entrance shall be designated for the Supervisor, PHCP, and Communications Manager for all matches.

11. Fitness Center

Access to a complimentary fitness center is required at all Tournaments for all players and credentialed coaches, located within reasonable proximity to the site or the Tournament hotel. The fitness center should include a variety of cardiovascular equipment (bicycles, treadmills, stair-steppers) and strengthening equipment (free weights, nautilus,

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resistance bands, rubber medicine balls (weight range 1kg to 4kg), and anti-burst swiss balls), as well as an area for flexibility and relaxation (stretching mats and foam rollers) with a full-length mirror. If there is no accessible fitness center on site, there must be a warm-up area that includes cardiovascular equipment (bicycles, treadmills, etc.) and an area for flexibility and relaxation.

12. Food and Beverage Service

Each Tournament must provide complimentary food and drinks beginning one (1) hour before the start of the first scheduled match until one (1) hour after the start of the last match, for WTA staff and for all players (Main Draw and Qualifying) plus a minimum of one (1) guest per player from the first day of Qualifying until the player is eliminated. The Tournament shall assure that food and drinks are available on-site on the day before the start of Qualifying. If the Tournament hosts a night session, it is acceptable to provide complimentary food only to players scheduled for that night, as well as players involved in delayed day session matches, and to WTA staff.

a. Food Storage, Service, and Preparation

- i. All food and beverages must be prepared, stored, maintained, and served in accordance with local health regulations.
- ii. Low-fat cooking methods should be used (baked, broiled, roasted, with no added butter or oil).
- iii. Seasonings should be light; offer extra salt, pepper, garlic, etc. on the side.

b. Supplements

No nutritional or dietary supplements may be provided to players in any form (e.g. food, drink, tablets, powder), including common products such as vitamins, minerals, amino acids, medicinal herbs, hemp and poppy seeds or similar substances.

Drinks and bars which present a high risk under the TADP must be subject to a suitable quality assurance program (e.g., Informed Sport; NSF Certified for Sport, HASTA).

c. Water and Electrolyte Replacement Drinks

Bottled, non-carbonated water and WTA-approved carbohydrate-electrolyte replacement drinks in individual-use sealed containers

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must be provided at all times in the player restaurant, Locker Room, private, medical treatment area, Players' Lounge, and on the practice and match courts unless otherwise approved by WTA.

d. Daily Meal Planning

- i. When providing meals, a variety of quality, international cuisine and seasonal food choices are preferred on a daily basis.
- ii. In addition to daily meals, performance snacks (e.g., fruits, breads, pretzels, low-fat snack bars, cheeses, yogurts, crackers, nuts, and dried fruit) should be provided throughout the day and evening in the player restaurant and Players' Lounge.
- iii. Mineral water, a variety of 100% fruit juices, chocolate milk (1%, low fat, or skim) and chocolate soy milk, and a selection of coffees, teas, hot chocolate, and soft drinks (decaffeinated, preferred) should also be available in the player restaurant and Players' Lounge.
- iv. If morning practices and matches are played, breakfast items also should be available (e.g., cold cereals, bagels, breads, yogurt, and fruit).
- v. Suggested lunch and dinner menus should include the following selections:
 - (a) Three (3) carbohydrate selections (one (1) rice option, one (1) potato option, and one (1) pasta option); and
 - (b) Three (3) protein selections (one (1) red meat option, one (1) white meat option, and one (1) meatless option). (See sub-Sections 10.e.i and ii - Recommended Food Groups – Carbohydrates and Proteins below)
- vi. Practice hours and match schedule will determine when meals and/or performance snacks are served. Allow for one (1) hour before the start of the first scheduled match and up to one (1) hour after the start of the last match. Limited meal times, outside of this schedule require the pre-approval of the Supervisor, and, in such instances, the Tournament must arrange for alternate on-site player and staff meals until the player restaurant reopens.

e. Recommended Food Groups

The following is a list of recommended food groups:

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i. Carbohydrates (60% of total calorie intake)

(a) Breads and Cereals

Assorted wheat breads, rolls, and gluten free bread; oatmeal or porridge; bagels; crackers; low-sugar cereals; muesli; pasta and gluten free pasta; baked (white and sweet) potatoes; barley, quinoa, couscous, and rice.

(b) Fruits and Vegetables

Assorted fresh fruit salad; dried fruits; whole fresh fruits; and fresh-cut raw vegetables. Salad bar: tomatoes; potatoes; lettuce (variety); cucumbers; sprouts; mushrooms; carrots; peas; beans; etc. with a variety of dressings on the side.

ii. Proteins (15% of total calorie intake)

(a) Meat and Alternatives

Chicken (white meat); turkey (white meat); beef and lamb (red meat); fish (assorted variety); eggs; legumes; nuts; and tofu.

(b) Dairy Products and Alternatives

Soft and hard cheeses; low-fat cottage cheese; low-fat plain and fruit-flavored yogurt; low-fat milk and soy milk.

iii. Fats and Oils (25% of total calorie intake)

Limit intake of fats and oils high in saturated and/or trans fatty acids.

iv. Miscellaneous

(a) A selection of international condiments (e.g., jam, honey, peanut butter, vegemite, salsa, ketchup, curry sauce, soy sauce, and sweet chili sauce).

(b) Low-fat soups (e.g., minestrone, chicken noodle, vegetable).

(c) All sauces and dressings should be served on the side.

(d) Low-fat dessert options, such as fruit breads, muffins, and crumbles.

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13. Hotel Rooms/Per Diem – Player

a. Official Hotel Location and Transport Requirements

Tournaments will establish an official hotel that meets the standard requirements of the WTA. Hotels must be located in a secure and safe area. Motels or any accommodations that require entrance to rooms from the street or public outdoor walkways are not acceptable. Transport must be provided to and from the official hotel to the Tournament site.

b. Hotel Rates and Availability

Each Tournament should use its best effort to arrange for discounted or complimentary accommodations. If the official hotel daily rate for a double room (2 persons in room) including taxes and excluding breakfast is higher than the per day maximums below, then an alternative player hotel must be provided with a rate equal to or less than the rates below:

- i. US\$270 (€250 in Europe) at WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments;
- ii. US\$225 (€210 in Europe) at WTA 500 Tournaments; and
- iii. US\$200 (€185 in Europe) at WTA 250 Tournaments.

The maximum rates above are increased by \$15 (€15 in Europe) if breakfast is included.

Rates should be available the day before Qualifying commences until the conclusion of the Tournament.

Tournaments may apply to the WTA for relief from these hotel rate standards, which may be granted by the WTA on a case-by-case basis, depending upon local considerations which make compliance with such standards impractical and unrealistic.

c. Alternate Hotel Location and Transport Requirements

The alternate hotel should be no more than 10-15 miles (or 10-15 minutes) from the Tournament site. Tournament transportation must be provided from the alternate hotel.

d. WTA Notification of Hotel Accommodations and Room Lists

The Supervisor should be notified by the Tournament of all housing

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arrangements. In addition, each Tournament shall provide the WTA with an official hotel room list.

e. Player Hotel Room Entitlement

Under the per diem rule, each player competing in the Main Draw (singles or doubles) at all WTA Tournaments and the Qualifying at WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments shall be entitled to a double room, including room taxes, at one of the official hotels selected by the Tournament, provided that the player reserves her room through the Tournament's designated hotel booking process. Specific hotels for Qualifying and Main Draw may be designated by a Tournament.

If multiple players elect to share a room, each player in such room is still entitled to receive full per diem, with the players' per diem nights combined for such room. If a player does not use her per diem nights in her own room or a shared room, then she may designate the entirety of the nights in her per diem room to one (1) Player Support Team Member. In either case, per diem shall begin in accordance with sub-section h or i below. A player requesting either alternate arrangement should inform the Tournament at the time of hotel booking, but the arrangement is not guaranteed.

The Tournament shall only pay the per diem allowances through the official hotel(s). Payment to the players is prohibited. Tournaments may apply to the WTA for relief from this requirement, which will only be granted by the WTA if the Tournament agrees to make secure arrangements for per diem payments to underage athletes.

Players who reserve a hotel room through the Tournament's designated hotel booking process may not knowingly share their room with individuals who are provisionally suspended or serving a period of ineligibility under the Integrity Rules or these Rules unless it cannot reasonably be avoided. If a player is found to be in violation of this Rule, she will be fined an amount equal to her per diem for that Tournament. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed for violating the prohibited association rules of the Integrity Rules.

f. Reservation Process and Deadlines

If a player does not make her hotel reservation in accordance with the Tournament's designated hotel booking process and by the deadline stated on the Tournament Fact sheet, she is not guaranteed a room or any discounted rate.

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The hotel booking process must be clearly described on the Tournament Fact Sheet. The Tournament must ensure that a contact person is available by telephone and email starting at least six (6) weeks before the Tournament and the contact details must appear on the Tournament Fact Sheet.

g. Required Length and Timing of Hotel Stay

i. Minimum Per Diem Nights

The minimum numbers of nights for which singles and doubles Main Draw players shall receive hotel room/per diem is listed in the table below.

Tournament Category	Singles Main Draw	Singles Qualifying	Doubles Main Draw
WTA 1000 Mandatory - 10+ days	10	2	5
WTA 1000 Mandatory - 9 days	8	2	5
WTA 500 with a Qualifying draw of 24 or less	6	3	4
WTA 500 with a Qualifying draw greater than 24	6	2	4
WTA 250 with a Qualifying draw of 24 or less	5	3	4
WTA 250 with a Qualifying draw greater than 24	5	2	4
WTA 125	4	0	2

ii. Exception for Combined Events with ATP

WTA player hotel room/per diem at combined events shall be consistent with the WTA per diem rules, except where per diem provided under the ATP rules is greater, in which case the ATP per diem rule shall apply.

h. Per Diem for Main Draw Players

A player's Main Draw per diem nights: (i) begin three (3) days* before the start of a Tournament's Main Draw or the day that she registers, whichever is later; and (ii) continue through the night of her final exit from the Tournament (e.g. last match, withdrawal, etc.) or the night that she reaches the minimum per diem nights to which she is entitled under this Rule, whichever is later. In all cases, the last night for which any player will receive per diem is the night of

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the Tournament's final match, whether or not she has received her minimum per diem nights.

*If the Main Draw starts Wednesday, then per diem begins Sunday; if the Main Draw starts Tuesday, then per diem begins Saturday; if the Main Draw starts Monday, then per diem begins Friday; if the Main Draw starts Sunday, then per diem begins Thursday; if the Main Draw starts Saturday, then per diem begins Wednesday; and so on.

i. Per Diem for Qualifying Players

Per diem nights for Qualifying will be counted from the day of the Qualifying Sign-In deadline.

Qualifiers shall be afforded hotel room/per diem through the later of the minimum number of nights or the night of the player's final exit from the Qualifying Draw, and successful Qualifiers shall be afforded the same hotel room/per diem as Main Draw players. However, nights used under the Qualifying per diem shall count towards the minimum number of nights to which a player is entitled under the Main Draw per diem. Regardless of the number of days played to qualify, successful Qualifiers shall receive per diem from the day of the Qualifying Sign-In through the night of a player's final exit (e.g., last match, withdraw, etc.) from the Main Draw, or until the minimum number of nights for a singles Main Draw player has been provided, whichever is later.

Players who play in the Qualifying but who do not qualify and then play in the Doubles Main Draw shall receive the applicable nights for Qualifying per the table in sub-Section g above in addition to the standard Doubles Main Draw per diem allowance.

j. Per Diem for Lucky Losers and Alternates

Each day, the highest ranked among the Lucky Losers (see Section V.A.1.a.vi) and Doubles Alternates (and singles Main Draw Alternates if there is no Qualifying) who have signed in to preserve their eligibility shall receive hotel/per diem the same as Main Draw players.

This hotel/per diem starts as follows and continues through the night following the last day a Lucky Loser or Alternate, as applicable, is eligible to be awarded a spot in the Main Draw.

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- i. For singles, hotel/per diem begins:
 - (a) For the highest ranked Lucky Loser, on the day the Main Draw starts; or
 - (b) For the highest ranked Alternate, on the day before the Main Draw starts.
- ii. For doubles, hotel/per diem for the highest ranked Doubles Alternate begins on the day of the Doubles Sign-In Deadline.

The hotel/per diem will fall to the next highest-ranked Lucky Loser or Alternate, as applicable, in the event the highest-ranked Lucky Loser or Alternate, as applicable, moves off the list (e.g., moves into the Main Draw), with the hotel/per diem beginning on the day the highest-ranked Lucky Loser or Alternate, as applicable, moves off the list.

- k. Per Diem for Players Who Withdraw On-Site for a Medical Condition

Players who have withdrawn by any method for a Medical Condition on site before starting to compete (and such doubles players' partners) shall receive hotel/per diem as follows, provided that they have complied with all requirements of the applicable withdrawal according to Section IV.A.

Draw	Nights
Singles Qualifying	1
Singles Main Draw	2
Doubles Main Draw	2

At WTA/ATP combined events, Main Draw (singles and doubles) and Qualifying players who have withdrawn on-site for a Medical Condition before starting to compete and who are examined by the on-site Tournament Physician shall receive hotel/per diem through the night of the examination.

- l. Hotel Upgrade or Per Diem in Lieu of Accommodation Request

If the official hotel designated by the Tournament does not meet the standard requirements, the WTA may request an upgrade in accommodations to a hotel of that standard rating.

If the Tournament is unable or refuses to comply with this rule, then the WTA may choose the per day per diem (see Section XVIII.A.13.b)

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in lieu of hotel accommodations for a player who is entitled to a complimentary room.

m. **Player Responsibility for Personal Expenses**

A player is responsible for all hotel charges over and above those for the room rate and tax (double room or double room cost).

14. Hotel Rooms and Per Diem – WTA Staff

a. **General**

All rooms below shall be provided from the day before the Qualifying Sign-In through the final day of the Tournament. The Tournament shall be responsible for payment of hotel room taxes and resort or similar fees and the WTA staff and Supervisors shall be responsible for all incidental expenses. In addition, each Tournament should use best efforts to arrange for the player rate at the official hotel to be offered to WTA staff working at the Tournament.

b. **WTA Tournaments**

WTA Tournaments are required to provide three (3) complimentary hotel rooms for the WTA staff, which may be divided among the Supervisor, PHCP staff, and Massage Therapist. The allocation of WTA staff rooms, however, shall be determined by the WTA and communicated to the Tournament by the Supervisor.

c. **WTA/ATP Combined Events**

At WTA/ATP combined events, where ATP Supervisors receive a complimentary hotel room, per diem, and laundry service, the equal number of WTA Supervisors shall also receive similar complimentary accommodations and benefits. In addition to the complimentary hotel rooms and benefits provided to the tour Supervisors, all WTA/ATP combined events must provide the WTA and ATP each one (1) complimentary hotel room, which may be used for a PHCP or Massage Therapist.

15. Internet Communication

In each instance in the Rules where a high-speed internet connection is required, it shall consist of an always-on, high-speed internet connection. A minimum total 1Mb/sec (mega bit per second) of available bandwidth must be available for the WTA offices and staff, including the Player Development and medical offices (e.g., Tournament Physician, PHCP,

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and Massage Therapist), unless otherwise approved by the WTA. User access via Ethernet or WiFi is recommended.

Tournaments are recommended to use web filtering technology to restrict access to internet gambling sites in all areas where internet access is provided by the Tournament.

16. Laptop Computers

The use of laptop computers within the confines of the Tournament match courts is strictly forbidden. The exception to this provision is properly credentialed media, Tournament vendors, and Tournament staff when used in the performance of their duties.

17. Laundry Service

Each Tournament shall provide laundry service to participating players from the first day of Qualifying until the completion of the Tournament. Laundry service may be limited to 'next-day wash & fold' service and may be provided on site and handled by the locker room attendants, or directly at the official hotel. Laundry service costs should be reasonable (whether per item or per bag), and must be approved by the WTA at least one (1) month prior to the Tournament.

18. Lighting

a. Specifications and Measurements

Lighting must be distributed evenly on the court, with the minimum and recommended standards as stated in the chart below.

	Required
Light Measurements	
Lux (averaged over 15 readings)	1,076
Lux Outside Court Lines (averaged over 8 readings)	500
Foot Candles	100
Ratio between highest/lowest reading	1 x 1.5
Light Pole Heights	
All Courts	40 feet*

*Or no lower than other non-show court lights at the facility.

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It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure, upon final preparation of the tennis courts before the Tournament commences, that all court specifications, including lighting measurements, comply with the standards set forth in Appendix J – Light Measurements.

Measurements should be taken from approximately three (3) feet (0.914 meters) above the court.

The Supervisor has the authority to suspend play on any court if the intensity of illumination, in his/her judgment, is insufficient for Professional Tennis.

b. Second Court for Outdoor Night Matches

If an outdoor Tournament holds night sessions, a second match court with lighting that meets Tour standards will be required.

19. Live Scoring

Beginning with the Qualifying, each Tournament shall be responsible for providing live scoring services including the set up and maintenance of an encrypted scoring network with a signal throughout the venue, based on specifications provided by WTA, to support the live scoring services for each match of the event and will provide the WTA access to such signal and assist WTA in its efforts to produce and host the live score data generated from each match, including but not limited to by delivering the live scoring data directly to the WTA (or its designees) in the on-site TV compound. Each Tournament hereby consents to WTA's non-exclusive use of such live score data, subject to the restrictions below. Each Tournament must use a company approved by the WTA.

Tournaments shall not allow or authorize the dissemination, transmission, publication, or release from the grounds of the Tournament of any live match scores or related statistical data, including without limitation the live score data from the scoring network, by a third party until thirty (30) seconds after the actual occurrence of the incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (e.g. a point being scored), such delay shall not be applicable to the live audio and/or visual broadcast or streaming by any method or means (i.e. moving pictures and/or sound/ audio reporting of actual on-court action) and purposes related to such broadcast of any match. Tournaments may only supply match related data or information to gambling entities through WTA's approved data reseller. In addition, each Tournament shall notify WTA in advance of any third party to whom the Tournament has granted access to the network used for live scoring for the purpose of accessing the live score data. Persons who are or work for data resellers shall not be issued credentials.

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20. Locker Room

a. Facility Requirements

Each Tournament must provide a secure “Players Only” locker room facility (including toilets, showers, and other standard locker room amenities) adjacent to the Tournament site, suitable for women’s use, to which only players and WTA staff will be admitted.

The locker room should have good ventilation and temperature control and must include changing and bathing rooms and afford privacy to the players. Lockers or other similar storage units must be provided in order for the players to lock up and secure their belongings.

Showers must have hot/cold water with appropriate reserves for players’ use. It is recommended that locker rooms have individual showers with privacy stalls/curtains to allow for player privacy. Towels must be provided near the showers in the locker room.

The locker room must be kept clean, and sanitary and towel bins must be provided.

Additionally, it is requested that a submersion bath be located in the shower area for recovery purposes and emergency cooling of players at Tournaments where Extreme Weather Conditions exist. (See Section XVIII.B.7.a.) At WTA/ATP combined events, if a submersion bath is provided to ATP players, no fewer than the equal number of submersion baths also must be provided to WTA players.

b. Amenities to be Provided

Toiletries should be provided, including dispensed soap and paper towels for sanitary purposes for players’ use. Additionally, it is requested that shampoo, hair conditioner, shower gel, tampons, and sanitary pads be provided for the players’ use.

See beverage requirements in Section XVIII.A.12 – Food and Beverage Service.

c. Security and Oversight

A female attendant must be in charge, and there must be sufficient security to i) prevent unauthorized entry and ii) protect the players’ personal belongings from the start of play until the completion of play.

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d. Additional Facility for Coaches

Tournaments should make best efforts to provide locker room facilities for both women and men coaches.

21. Media Facilities

All Tournaments, including the WTA Finals, must comply with the WTA Television Broadcast Standards requirement (see Section XVIII.F.4 - Tournament Facilities) and also must provide a full service media center, including:

- a. Media working area;
- b. Separate interview room (multiple rooms at WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments);
- c. Separate media lounge, where appropriate;
- d. Transcription service (WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments only);
- e. High-speed internet access (must be wireless at WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments); and
- f. Multiple shared television monitors, telephones, and printers.

In addition, the media center at WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments must include the following: (i) dedicated photographer area, including transmission capabilities; (ii) individual media work stations with high-speed internet, telephone, and television monitor; and (iii) shared statistical system computer with printer.

All media facilities must be ready by 9:00 a.m. tournament local time, on the day of Qualifying Sign-In.

In addition to the above, all Tournaments, including the WTA Finals, must provide the following for the use of the WTA Communications staff: i) a telephone line; ii) a high-speed internet access line for each Communications staff member; and iii) a printer. The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of installing the telephone lines and internet access lines.

All media areas shall be gambling-free zones and any persons credentialed for such areas, if found to be gambling on tennis or passing insider information to third parties for use in connection with gambling, shall have

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their credentials revoked. Media credentials must contain a provision whereby the media member acknowledges and agrees that he/she will not disseminate, transmit, publish, or release from the grounds of the Tournament any live match score or related live statistical data until thirty (30) seconds after the actual occurrence of the incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (e.g., a point being scored), and that such use shall be solely for news reporting and editorial use.

Any media known to be working for gambling companies shall not be issued credentials. If found to be working for a gambling company after issuance of the credential, the credential shall be revoked.

22. Net

a. Specifications

The net, posts, cord, cable, strap, singles sticks, and band all must be to the requirements of the ITF Rules of Tennis. The net band shall be cloth or canvas (not plastic or vinyl), and the net shall extend to the ground.

b. Advertising and Signage Restrictions

WTA/sponsor net post signage must be erected consistent with the specifications provided by the WTA. There shall be no advertisement on the strap, band, singles sticks, or net posts.

Advertisement is permitted on the net as long as it is placed on the part of the net that is within three (3) feet (0.914 meters) from the center of the net posts and is produced in such a way that it does not interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions (per the ITF Rules of Tennis). This advertising may not contain white or yellow. (See also Section XIII.B.4 - Net Post Signs.)

23. Officials and Officiating

All WTA Tournaments are required to appoint, in consultation with the WTA, an internationally certified Referee and Chief of Umpires to work in conjunction with the Supervisor.

All Chair Umpires appointed as designates for WTA Tournaments are internationally certified Chair Umpires. All appointed officials are required to be fully conversant with WTA Rules and procedures, the ITF Rules of Tennis, and the Code for Officials, and together with the Supervisor, ensure they are observed. All appointed officials must also be fluent in English.

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At WTA/ATP joint events: (a) the selection of additional certified Chair Umpires must be coordinated and approved by the Officiating Departments of both the WTA and ATP; and (b) the Supervisors of the WTA and ATP will be responsible for the daily assignments, using the designates from both the WTA and ATP and the additional officials recruited by the Chief of Umpires.

a. Referee

The Referee shall:

- i. Be readily available to resolve any on-court dispute without delay, supervise Medical Time Outs, and enforce the Code of Conduct.
- ii. Decide, in consultation with the Supervisor, if a court is fit for play.
- iii. Assign and replace, when necessary, Chair Umpires, Line Umpires, and Net Umpires. The assigning of these officials (but not their replacements) may be delegated to the Chief of Umpires, but the Supervisor has final say on all assignments.
- iv. Liaise with the Chief of Umpires and decide on the competence of officials.
- v. If necessary, conduct a clinic for local Chair Umpires and Line Umpires.
- vi. In the absence of the Supervisor, be responsible for all matters of tennis law. His/her decision is final. (See Appendix B.1 - Supervisor.)
- vii. Measure the courts, net posts/singles sticks, and lights and check the quality of the nets and the availability of spare nets/straps prior to the start of Qualifying.
- viii. Be responsible for conducting evaluations of Chair Umpires and Chief of Umpires.
- ix. Arrive on-site at the Tournament either by 12:00 noon on the Qualifying Sign-In day or on time for the Main Draw ceremony, whichever is earlier.
- x. Arrive each day at least one (1) hour before the first scheduled match, remain on-site at all times during matches, and leave no earlier than thirty (30) minutes after the end of play.

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- xi. Confirm that all updated draws and the order of play have been distributed at the end of play each day.
 - xii. Be responsible for calling matches, including designating a visible timepiece at a fixed location as the “official clock,” designating a specific area from which matches shall be called, determining a meeting point for players once the match is called, and coordinating security escorts to/from match courts.
 - xiii. When possible, assist the Supervisor in coordinating pre-match interviews with the players and host broadcasters.
 - xiv. Not act as a Chair Umpire or Chief of Umpires for the Tournament.
 - xv. Be familiar with all WTA electronic forms and Officiating Arena content.
- b. Chief of Umpires

The Chief of Umpires shall:

- i. Be conversant in the local language.
- ii. Have hired prior to the Tournament, in consultation with the Tournament Director and with the approval of the Officiating Department, sufficiently certified, additional Chair Umpires, and competent Line Umpires and Net Umpires (when no electronic net device is available) and provide the list of additional Chair Umpires to the WTA Supervisor and the Officiating Department at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Tournament.
- iii. Conduct meetings with the Line Umpires to specify assignments and specific procedures.
- iv. Schedule the on-court assignments for all Chair Umpires in consultation with the Referee and approval by the Supervisor, except at combined events where the WTA and ATP Supervisors are responsible for the daily assignments.
- v. Coordinate the evaluations of all officials (Chair Umpires and Line Umpires) with the Supervisor and Referee.
- vi. Not act as a Chair Umpire or a Line Umpire for the Tournament.
- vii. Be able to assist the Referee and the Supervisor wherever needed and be present on site at all times during play.

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- viii. If necessary, conduct a clinic for the local Chair Umpires and Line Umpires.
 - ix. Arrive on-site at the Tournament by 12:00 noon on the Qualifying Sign-In day.
 - x. Arrive at least one (1) hour before the first scheduled match, remain on-site at all times during matches, and leave after the end of play.
 - xi. Coordinate the uniforms for Lines Umpires and Chair Umpires and collect sizes from all in advance. Inform the officials at least two (2) weeks prior to the event about the dress code and/or uniform provided by the Tournament, if any, using the specific "On-Site Conditions" Form.
 - xii. Send all arrival/departure details of designated officials to the WTA at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Tournament.
 - xiii. Send information about on-site conditions such as transportation, hotel, and meals to the designated officials at least seven (7) days prior to the Tournament.
 - xiv. Be familiar with all WTA electronic forms and Officiating Arena content.
- c. Chair Umpire

The Chair Umpire shall:

- i. Ensure that the on-court rules are observed by the players, Line Umpires, and Ball Persons. He/She must control the match in all respects. He/She can be overruled by the Referee/Supervisor only in matters of interpretation of law, not in matters of fact.
- ii. Promptly and accurately score matches using the handheld or other method provided by the WTA. Be competent in using the scoring system. Track and record when balls are to be changed.
- iii. Take charge of all Line Umpires and Ball Persons when on court.
- iv. Be responsible for, in the absence of a Net Umpire or net device, the calling of net cord service lets.
- v. Ensure that play is continuous within the Rules by:
 - (a) Maintaining the 90- and/or 120-second change of ends,

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while having the authority to delay the resumption of play until the completion of the 90- and/or 120-second change of ends during televised matches;

- (b) Maintaining a maximum of 25 seconds from when 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 a serve is a fault, then the second service must be struck by the server without delay; and
 - (c) Observing an approved warm-up period not to exceed four (4) minutes.
 - vi. Determine if a court continues to be fit for play. If a change in condition occurs during a match that the Chair Umpire considers sufficient to make the court unfit for play or if weather conditions require stoppage of play, the Chair Umpire should stop play and immediately notify the Supervisor.
 - vii. Give the result of the match to the Referee and Supervisor immediately upon completion of the match and any action taken under the Code of Conduct during the match.
 - viii. If necessary, overrule a Line Umpire. He/She must do so when a clear mistake has been made and must give a decision when a Line Umpire is unsighted.
 - ix. Provide a detailed report on any Code of Conduct penalty issued in connection with the relevant match(es).
 - x. Wear and use the officiating clothing, tablet, tablet holder, and microphone provided by the WTA. Except for the WTA Logo, no other commercial branding may be applied to the Chair Umpire clothing, scoring tablet, scoring tablet holder, or microphone without the WTA's and the applicable Tournament's prior approval.
- d. Line Umpires
- i. Responsibilities

The responsibilities for Line Umpires shall be as follows:

- (a) Base, Side, Center Service, and Service Line Umpires call "Out" and "Fault" for their respective lines.
- (b) Base, Side, and Center Service Line Umpires call "Foot

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Fault” on their respective lines.

- (c) The Net Umpire calls all net cord services and assists with measuring the net and with ball changes.
- (d) To give the recognized safe signal to acknowledge that a ball is good.
- (e) To give the recognized unsighted hand signal when their view of the ball landing is obstructed.
- (f) To correct their call immediately upon realizing they have made a mistake.
- (g) To report immediately to the Chair Umpire any breach of the Code of Conduct.
- (h) To defer questions from players to the Chair Umpire. A Line Umpire shall not enter into any discussions with players.

ii. Numbers of Line Umpires per Match

The Tournament is required to provide the minimum numbers of Line Umpires per match as listed in the table below. Where possible, it is recommended the minimum number of Line Umpires per match should be seven (7).

Qualifying	Main Draw through QF	Main Draw SF and Finals
5	7	7

iii. Clothing of Line Umpires

Line Umpires may not wear any predominantly white, yellow or other light color clothing that may interfere with the players' vision, unless otherwise approved by the WTA. Line Umpires' uniforms should not be identical to the ball persons' uniforms.

e. Standards of Officiating

All officials must be certified and approved by the WTA. The WTA will hire and designate the internationally certified Chair Umpires and Review Officials for all Tournaments. Each Tournament is required to provide additional Chair Umpires (approved by the WTA) for Qualifying and for some Main Draw matches not covered by the designated Chair Umpires hired by the WTA. The Tournament Directors, in agreement with the Officiating Department, will hire a

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Referee and Chief of Umpires. Following are the minimum required Standards of Officiating for each level of Tournament:*

Tournament Category (Singles Draw Size)	Referee	Chief of Umpires	Designated Chair Umpires (1)(2)
WTA Finals (8 draw)	1 Gold	1 Gold	4
WTA 1000 Mandatory (60/64 draw)	1 Gold	1 Gold	7
WTA 1000 Mandatory (96 draw)	1 Gold	1 Gold	8
WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500 (32 draw)	1 Gold	1 Gold/Silver	4
WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500 (56 draw)	1 Gold	1 Gold/Silver	6
WTA 250 (32 draw)	1 Silver	1 Silver	4
WTA 250 (56 draw)	1 Silver	1 Silver	6

*Unless otherwise agreed upon by WTA and ATP for combined events.

(1) A minimum of one (1) experienced and certified Review Official (minimum Bronze Badge) will be designated by the WTA Officiating Department at Tournaments implementing an Electronic Line Calling System. The number of review officials needed for each event will be based on the number of courts (with a minimum of one (1) per court with ELC) and the match schedule plan, especially when night sessions are held.

(2) In addition to the designates, the Chief of Umpires will recruit a sufficient quantity of additional Chair Umpires for Qualifying and Main Draw based on the following guidelines:

Tournament Category	Minimum Badge Level for 2 of the Additional Chair Umpires	Minimum Badge Level for the Remaining Additional Chair Umpires
WTA 250	Bronze	White
WTA 500	Silver	Bronze
WTA 1000 Mandatory	Silver	Bronze

Green Badge, National, and uncertified Chair Umpires are not approved to work at WTA Tournaments.

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f. Chairs – Chair Umpire

The Chair Umpire's Chair is recommended to be a minimum of six (6) feet (1.82 meters) and a maximum of eight (8) feet (2.44 meters) in height. The chair shall be centered along an extension of the net approximately three (3) feet (0.9 meters) from the net post. The chair must be stable and safe.

The Chair Umpire's microphone must have an on/off switch and must be easily adjustable and not hand held. If the Chair Umpire's microphone has a flag, the WTA Logo is the only permitted branding. The on-court announcer's microphone, if any, also must have an on/off switch.

For outdoor Tournaments, the Umpire's Chair on all courts shall be positioned on the west side of the court, unless otherwise agreed by the WTA, and there should be a sunshade available. Each Chair Umpire's chair must have an electrical outlet to power and recharge handheld PDAs and other similar electronics to be used by the Chair Umpire.

The Chair Umpire's chair must have a writing table attached on all match courts to provide a platform for the Chair Umpires to place their hardware, such as their PDA for live scoring, walkie-talkie, and/or net device.

g. Conditions for Officials

Each WTA designated official should be provided with the following, from the day prior to the first day of matches (at the earliest) to the morning after their last match (at the latest), free of charge:

- i. Airport pick-up (or taxi reimbursement);
- ii. Single hotel room at the official hotel or another hotel approved by the Supervisor and Officiating Department;
- iii. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner (at the hotel, on-site, or by pre-agreed per diem procedure) from the night prior to the start of the assignment until the morning after the last day of the assignment;
- iv. Complimentary laundry service for their tennis uniforms;
- v. Transportation between the hotel and Tournament site;

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- vi. Airport drop-off (or taxi reimbursement); and
- vii. Access to high speed internet on site.

h. Protection of Match Data and Information

Officials agree not to, and shall not authorize or assist any third party to, disseminate, transmit, publish, or release any match related data or information to or for any third party without the express written consent of WTA. Further, each official agrees that any and all work or data he/she collects or creates in connection with any match shall constitute a “work made for hire” and any and all rights attributable to such work shall be retained by, or if necessary automatically assigned to, WTA and its members.

24. On-Court Supplies

At all times throughout play, each court must have one (1) cooler on each side supplied with bottled, non-carbonated water, WTA-approved carbohydrate-electrolyte replacement drinks in sealed containers and plastic bags filled with ice for players’ medical needs. Those items must not be shared and must be routinely checked after each match, and any unsealed bottles and drinks or other products not supplied by the Tournament must be removed from the court/coolers.

Each Tournament must provide spill kits, which are maintained by court services, for the proper clean up and disposal of biohazardous material on each court and hand sanitizer which is available for use by ball persons following handling of used towels. Court services personnel must be trained in the proper handling of biohazardous waste. In Extreme Heat Conditions, fans and ice towels are required to reduce players’ body temperature and implement safety precautions.

25. On-Site Tennis Gambling and Gambling Company Credentials

Allowing gambling companies, directly or through a third party, to accept any tennis wagers on the Tournament digital platforms or at the Tournament site or any Tournament-related event is prohibited.

Persons working for gambling companies that accept any tennis wagers (electronically or otherwise) shall not be issued credentials except as set forth in the WTA Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules. If found to be working for a gambling company after issuance of the credential, the credential shall be revoked.

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26. Parking

Each Tournament should provide, conveniently located to the locker room, a reserved parking area for the players.

27. Personnel

The Tournament shall provide the personnel necessary for the proper conduct of a tennis tournament. In countries where English is not the local language, tournament personnel interacting with players, Player Support Team members, WTA staff, WTA broadcasters, or WTA vendors are expected to be conversant in English at a level sufficient to comfortably perform their duties.

28. Physician

The Tournament Director must appoint a Chief Tournament Physician in accordance with Section XVIII.B.5 – Physician.

29. Player Entry

Tournaments must provide reasonable assistance to players, player support personnel, and the WTA in obtaining any necessary visas or work permits required for such individuals to attend and participate in the Tournament. Visa or work permit information should be communicated to players and the WTA at least two (2) months prior to the Tournament. If an official invitation letter must be provided by the Tournament, the Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of providing that letter. All other visa or work permit-related costs as well as completing the visa or work permit process shall be the responsibility of the player. It is recommended that Tournaments provide an English-speaking person to assist with the visa or work permit process inquiries.

30. Players' Lounge

Each Tournament must provide a furnished Players' Lounge (i.e., sofas, tables).

See snack and beverage requirements in Section XVIII.A.12 - Food and Beverage Service.

It is recommended that magazines, newspapers, and a television be provided in the Players' Lounge and that there be a telephone somewhere on site (other than the WTA telephone lines) which players can use to charge calls. At least two (2) computers with print capabilities and highspeed access to the internet for players' use must be provided

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at all Tournaments and must include WTA's online learning site as a trusted site. It is also strongly recommended to have a secured wireless internet set up in the Players' Lounge for players to use their own laptops to access the internet.

31. Player Services/Welcome Desk

A Player Services/Welcome Desk should be provided where players can seek assistance with practice court bookings and other general Tournament information (e.g., pick up meal tickets, tennis balls, match and guest tickets). All necessary Tournament telephone numbers and Tournament information should be provided for players prior to the start of Qualifying, it is recommended to have the key telephone numbers, such as the WTA office, transportation services and practice booking services printed on the back of players' credentials. When not in an English-speaking country, the Tournament should provide an English-speaking representative to distribute the information and to host this area.

32. Player Treatment Area

See Section XVIII.B.2 for the requirements of the Player Treatment Area/ Training Room.

33. Practice Facilities

- a. Each Tournament must provide practice facilities for players during the stated hours to be arranged with the Supervisor. Practice courts must be the same surface and condition (i.e., indoor/outdoor) as used for matches and preferably should be on site. (See Section XVIII.A.9.a - Court Specifications.)
- b. Tournaments are strongly recommended to provide Tournament personnel to allocate and supervise practice bookings, working in liaison with the Supervisor.
- c. Practice courts should have nets in good condition equipped with net straps and singles sticks, as well as adequate running room surrounding the court and ceiling height.
- d. All practice courts at indoor events should be heated and ventilated.
- e. Practice balls are to be provided to players in the numbers specified (see Section XVIII.A.5 - Balls) and preferably at the practice facility, if located off site.

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- f. All new off-site practice courts must be located within a reasonable travelling distance from the Tournament site.

34. Scoreboards/Video Screens

Scoreboards must be provided on all match courts. The scoreboard will be placed at the corner or side of the court and must not obscure the playing visibility. The scoreboard must be a dark color. The scoreboard on all broadcast courts must be electronic. It is recommended that electronic scoreboards are controlled directly by the Chair Umpire's scoring device.

Scoreboards and video screens may be placed a minimum of forty (40) feet (12.19 meters) above the court surface, as long as they do not interfere with play and/or present a distraction to the players.

35. Shot Clocks

All WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments must provide electronic timing devices controlled directly by the Chair Umpire's tablet ("shot clocks") on each match court from the first day of Qualifying through the Main Draw finals.

It is optional for WTA 125 Tournaments to provide shot clocks. If a WTA 125 Tournament provides shot clocks, they must be provided on each match court from the first day of Qualifying through the Main Draw finals.

a. Size

Each shot clock panel should be a minimum of two (2) feet by two (2) feet (0.6 meters by 0.6 meters) and a maximum of three (3) feet by two (2) feet (0.91 meters by 0.6 meters).

b. Number and Placement

Each court is required to have a minimum of two (2) shot clocks clearly visible to the players and the Chair Umpire. The shot clock panels must be placed on the back wall or corner of the court on the left far and right far side from the Chair Umpire.

c. Additional Positions

In addition to the two (2) shot clock placements specified above, each Tournament may show the shot clock timing in other locations on or around the court and spectator areas.

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36. Scoring System

- a. All Singles (Main Draw and Qualifying) matches in all WTA Tournaments are the best of three (3) tie-break sets. All Main Draw Doubles matches in all WTA Tournaments are the best of three (3) sets with No-Ad scoring in the first two (2) sets and a 10-point match tie-break as the third set. The WTA has the right to authorize the use of alternative scoring systems at WTA Tournaments and to award appropriate ranking points.
- b. The organizing committee of each Grand Slam Tournament will decide which scoring system will be used at each Grand Slam.
- c. There will be no rest period before the final set except when the Extreme Weather Condition Rule is in effect. (See Section XVIII.B.7 - Extreme Weather Conditions and Lightning.)
- d. The ITF Rules of Tennis will apply in their entirety except where noted in these Rules.

37. Seating – Minimum

The minimum center court seating capacity shall be as follows:

Tournament Category	Venue Type	
	Outdoor	Indoor
WTA 1000 Mandatory	10,000	WTA Approved
WTA 500	5,000	4,000
WTA 250	2,500	2,500

38. Security and Credentialing Systems

The WTA has considered Tournament security issues and has determined that the Tournaments and players are the appropriate parties to bear the responsibility for Tournament security. Each Tournament shall be responsible for providing on-site security for players, Tournament staff, officials, and spectators and shall, if requested, promptly provide the WTA with detailed information about security plans.

As part of each Tournament's security plan, a photo credentialing system must be established. Tournaments must include and take reasonable steps to enforce the following policy on all non-media persons issued credentials: No credentialed person may continually collect, disseminate, transmit, publish, or release from the grounds of the Tournament any match scores or related statistical data during match play (from the

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commencement of a match through its conclusion) for any commercial or gambling purposes. Such policy shall be printed on all Tournament credentials or otherwise notified to credentialed persons.

Use of video surveillance systems must comply with Section XVIII.A.46.

Players shall cooperate with Tournament security measures.

39. Stringing

Each Tournament must provide quality racquet stringing services on-site from the day before the start of Qualifying until the completion of the Tournament. The stringer must be available on site each day matches are scheduled until thirty (30) minutes after the end of the last match. The stringing costs per racquet and the stringer's hours of availability must be approved by the WTA at least one (1) month prior to the Tournament.

At WTA/ATP combined events, the stringer must be available on site each day two (2) hours prior to the starting time of the first scheduled match. The recommended maximum fee per racquet is US\$20 (or €20) at combined events. If play has been scheduled at an approved alternate site during a combined event, then access to the stringing service must be provided at such alternate site from the start of play until play has been completed at that site.

40. Television and Digital Media

Tournaments must comply with the Television and Digital Media requirements set forth in Sections XVIII.E and F.

41. Ticketing

Tournaments must include and take reasonable steps to enforce the following policy on all ticket holders: No ticket holder may continually collect, disseminate, transmit, publish, or release from the grounds of the Tournament any match scores or related statistical data during match play (from the commencement of a match through its conclusion) for any commercial or gambling purposes. Such policy shall be printed on all Tournament tickets or otherwise notified to ticket holders prior to purchase. Tournaments should also have notices posted in the local language and in English at all tournament entrances, VIP hospitality areas, player areas, and throughout the Tournament grounds.

42. Tournament Director

The Tournament Director shall be approved in advance by the WTA

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and shall be responsible for the overall conduct and organization of the Tournament and other such personnel as necessary for the proper conduct of a tennis tournament including, but not limited to, the Tournament Physician, Referee, Chief of Umpires, Chair Umpires, Line Umpires, and Ball Persons. New Tournament Directors that have not previously been approved by the WTA must attend a one (1) day orientation session at a WTA designated office or WTA Tournament. Each Tournament Director must complete the Tennis Integrity Protection Programme module prior to the start of the Tournament. Tournament Directors are prohibited from playing in their own Tournament.

43. Towels and Sheets

Each Tournament must provide an adequate supply of already washed (with antimicrobial soap and hot water), absorbent, bath-sized towels that will accommodate i) all locker room (shower) needs, ii) SS&M staff (PHCP, Tournament Physician, and Massage Therapist) and iii) on-court needs. Each Massage Therapist will require a minimum of thirty (30) sheets and thirty (30) towels per day.

44. Towel Bins

Tournaments must provide on-court player towel bins, the design and location of which is subject to Supervisor approval. The Chair Umpire must assign towel bins to players before each match, and players must use only their assigned towel bins to place towels during each match. Each player must handle her own towels and must not request towels from, or give her towels to, any ball person at any time before, during, or after a match.

a. Design

Towel bins must be clearly identifiable for each player/team. Tournaments may place branding on towel bins.

b. Location

For all match courts, eight (8) towel bins must be available with two (2) towel bins located in each corner of the court. Depending on the court configuration, the towel bins should:

- i. Be easily accessible and raised high enough that players do not need to bend down;
- ii. Be placed either against the side wall outside the extension of

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the baseline or against the back wall outside the extension of the doubles sideline, whichever location is the shortest distance for the players;

- iii. Be located away from spectators and on-court personnel;
- iv. Be placed at least 20 cm/7.9 inches apart; and
- v. Not block scoreboards or court branding.

45. Transport

a. Airport Transportation

Unless otherwise agreed upon by the WTA, airport transportation must be provided to Qualifying and Main Draw players, as well as Player Support Team members when traveling with a player, beginning the day before the Qualifying Sign-In deadline (as long as 24-hour notice is given to the Tournament) until the morning following the final day of the Tournament.

Airport transportation must be provided to WTA staff, associates, and contractors working at the Tournament.

b. Transportation between Hotels and Tournament Site

Tournaments are required to provide transportation for players, credentialed guests, coaches, and WTA staff between the official hotel (and alternative hotel, if provided) and the Tournament site and practice facility on a regularly scheduled shuttle, beginning the day before the Qualifying Sign-In deadline. Transportation must be available up to one (1) hour after the last match is completed.

If private housing is provided, the Tournament has the responsibility to advise players of the transportation available, if any. The Supervisor also should be advised of any other available local transportation. It is recommended that all Tournaments arrange for a player discount with a local car rental agency.

46. Video Cameras

Closed-circuit television ("CCTV") and video surveillance systems (including security drones) are used at Tournaments for general public security, crime prevention, and other specified purposes. As use of such systems collects and processes individuals' personal and biographical data, a Tournament's collection, use, and disclosure of surveillance

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footage (including captured audio) must (a) comply with all applicable laws and regulations and (b) be fair, transparent, and respect an individual's right to privacy.

CCTV and video surveillance cameras must not be placed in private areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, including (but not limited to): locker rooms, nursing rooms, bathrooms, and treatment rooms. In all other areas, Tournaments must assess whether the placement of CCTV and video surveillance cameras is appropriate in the circumstances, taking into account the reasonable expectations of individuals and the potential impact on their rights and freedoms.

If CCTV or video surveillance cameras are used in credential-restricted areas, including fitness and warm down areas, the cameras must be visible and signs must be placed prominently to inform individuals that they are in an area where a camera is in operation. Signs must be placed more prominently and frequently in areas where individuals are less likely to expect that they will be monitored. Signs in areas accessed by players must include the purpose of the camera's use if other than for security.

Tournaments must make information available about the location of CCTV and video surveillance systems (including any use of security drones) in player areas and how the footage will be used and provide individuals a mechanism to raise complaints or concerns and view footage captured of them.

A Tournament's disclosure of CCTV and video surveillance footage to third parties must be consistent with the purpose(s) communicated with the individuals. Tournaments may not publicly release the following types of CCTV and video surveillance footage without an individual's consent: (a) footage captured in an area where an individual would reasonably expect privacy and cameras are not visible and/or signs placed; (b) footage that would reasonably be deemed to be extremely sensitive or inappropriate, and (c) footage that if released could reasonably place the player at a competitive disadvantage.

Tournaments must make CCTV and video surveillance footage available upon request to the WTA and ITIA for use in connection with Rules and Integrity Rules investigations and proceedings.

47. Walkie-Talkies

Each Tournament must provide one (1) walkie-talkie for each Supervisor, PHCP, Communications Manager, WTA IT Staff, Live Scoring vendor, Referee, Chief of Umpires, and Tournament Physician, and two (2) walkie-talkies for each match court. Each Tournament also must provide

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one (1) walkie-talkie to the Massage Therapists for their shared use. In addition, each Tournament must provide walkie-talkies, in accordance with the WTA Television Broadcast Standards requirements (see Section XVIII.F.4 - Tournament Facilities). It is requested that a private medical channel is provided for use by the PHCPs, Massage Therapists, and Tournament Physicians. Separate channels are required for:

- a. The collective use of the Supervisor(s), officiating staff, PHCPs, and Massage Therapists to ensure direct and private communication for on-court matters among them; and
- b. The use of the Electronic Review Official and the Chair Umpire to ensure a direct and private communication for on-court matters between them (each court with Electronic Review must have a different channel).

48. WTA Office

- a. Location and Security Requirement

The Supervisor shall be provided with a private and secure office with a desk from which the Supervisor can base him/herself in order to carry out his/her duties. Players and associated people conveniently should be able to access the Supervisor and WTA information in the WTA office. It is also a place for Officials and Tournament staff to meet, when necessary.

- b. Office Equipment/Communication and Installation Timing

Each Tournament must provide the Supervisor with a printer and a minimum of one (1) international telephone line in the WTA office and high speed internet connections operational by 9:00 a.m. tournament local time the day of Qualifying Sign-In. The Supervisor shall notify the Tournament at least eight (8) weeks prior to the start of Qualifying of the exact number of telephone lines and internet connections needed. At a minimum, each Tournament must provide one (1) high speed internet connection for each staff permanently located in the WTA Office during the Tournament (Supervisors and Player Relations staff), wireless access is acceptable. The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of installing the telephone lines and internet connections.

It is recommended that telephone number(s) be available at the time the Tournament Fact Sheet is published seven (7) weeks prior to each Tournament (one (1) week prior to the official entry deadline). Telephone numbers, however, must be available one (1) week prior

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to the Qualifying Sign-In day. A photocopy machine also should be available in the WTA office or in a nearby convenient location.

c. Office Furniture and Setup

The appropriate number of working positions must be prepared for each Supervisor and/or Player Relations representative working on site. The office should have adequate wall/table space or bulletin boards available for Tour information and must have a live score monitor. A locking drawer or a cabinet must also be provided for the Supervisor's use.

49. WTA Coach Program

Each Tournament must comply with and provide all Tournament-related benefits under the WTA Coach Program Rules available on PlayerZone, TournamentZone, and www.wtatennis.com/wta-rules. For questions about the WTA Coach Program, please contact the WTA Coach Program Manager at coach@wtatennis.com.

50. Breach of Tournament Standards of Performance

a. General

The provisions of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall be strictly applied by the WTA. Each WTA Tournament must follow, abide by, and conform to all requirements set forth in the Tournament Standards of Performance unless otherwise approved in writing by the WTA.

Tournaments seeking an exemption from any of the Tournament Standards of Performance must request the exemption from the WTA at least three (3) months in advance of the Tournament. Exemption requests must be sent in writing.

Breaches of the Tournament Standards of Performance and/or an apparent lack of ability to solve documented problems affecting the quality of the presentation of the Tournament shall result in a disciplinary penalty and/or loss or change in a Tournament's status as provided herein.

b. Violations/Procedures

i. Investigation of Alleged Violations

The WTA shall investigate any alleged violation of the Tournament

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Standards of Performance requirements.

ii. WTA Determination

The imposition of a warning, fine, or other penalty shall be determined by the WTA. Upon the completion of its investigation, the WTA shall determine the potential wrongfulness of the conduct of the Tournament involved and shall notify the Tournament of any violations and penalties. A copy of the WTA's decision shall be delivered to the Tournament.

Where a violation is capable of being cured in a timely manner, with timeliness being based on the circumstances, the WTA will provide the Tournament with the opportunity to cure a violation prior to issuing a determination.

iii. Possible Penalties

Violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall subject a Tournament to one (1) or more of the following: (a) a warning; (b) a fine; (c) being placed on "Probationary" status; (d) loss or change in membership status; (e) forfeiture of all sums, if any, paid to the WTA; and/or (f) any other reasonable penalties. In addition to the foregoing, when a Tournament or Tournament partner uses a Player Likeness in violation of Section VII.B.7.a, then the affected Player may request that such Tournament shall be precluded from using her likeness in any and all advertising the following year of the Tournament provided that such request is made at least six (6) months prior to the start of such Tournament.

Violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall be classified by the WTA by Tournament category and by Violation Level. Please see Appendix H for a chart detailing Violation Levels and corresponding fines. If a Tournament receives a warning in a Supervisor Report for a violation and that violation is not remedied the following year, then the Tournament will be fined according to the chart in Appendix H.

iv. Payment of Fines

All fines for violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall be paid by the Tournament to the WTA, to the attention of the Chief Operating Officer, within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of written notice thereof. Fines not paid within twenty-one (21) days may be deducted from Commercial

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Benefits or other payments due from the WTA to the Tournament.

All Tournament Standards of Performance fines shall be retained by the WTA, with the exception of those fines assessed against a Tournament due to a violation which directly affects the players (i.e., violations due to insufficient courts, hotel facilities, medical staff, or Section D.2 of the WTA Betting, Gambling and Fantasy Sponsorship Rules), which shall be split 50/50 between the WTA and the WTBA.

In addition to the foregoing, for fines assessed against a Tournament because the Tournament used a Player Likeness in violation of Section VII.B.7.a or Section D.3 of the WTA Betting, Gambling and Fantasy Sponsorship Rules, then the entirety of such fine shall go to the WTBA.

v. Board of Directors Decision on Recommended Loss of Membership

In the event that the WTA recommends that the penalty imposed on the Tournament should be the loss of the Tournament's membership, such recommendation shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors, prior to the imposition of the penalty and the Board of Directors may affirm, modify or reverse the WTA's recommendation.

vi. Subsequent Violations

Subsequent violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance by a Tournament previously placed on probation may result in a revocation of its WTA membership in accordance with the procedures set forth in sub-Section v immediately above. In addition, fines double for violations of the same Issue (see Appendix H) in consecutive Tour Years.

c. Review and Appeal Process

i. Tournament Request for Appeal

After paying all fines as provided above, any Tournament sanctioned for a breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance may request a hearing before the Standards Committee, with the exception of appeals involving monetary penalties of \$50,000 or more or a loss or change in membership status, in which case the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision.

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This petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the CEO within twenty-one (21) days after notice of the penalty is received by the Tournament from the WTA. Such petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal.

ii. Hearing Procedures

The Tournament shall be advised of the date, time and place for the hearing of such appeal; however, attendance is not mandatory. In addition to submitting a written submission of the basis for its appeal, a Tournament may also request in writing to send a representative to the hearing to orally present its appeal.

On appeal, the Standards Committee or the Board of Directors may affirm, reverse, or modify the decisions of the WTA. The decision of the Standards Committee or the Board of Directors shall be final and non-appealable.

iii. Request for New Hearing

Notwithstanding Section XVIII.A.49.c.ii above, after the Standards Committee or Board of Directors renders a decision on a Tournament's breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance, the WTA or any applicable Tournament Support Personnel may submit a request to the WTA for the Standards Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, to grant a new hearing ("New Hearing") of such breach because of the discovery of new information that: (i) was not known to the Tournament at the time of the Standards Committee's or Board of Directors' original hearing on the breach; and (ii) is capable of causing the Standards Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, to render a different decision on the breach ("New Information"). Such request must be submitted to the WTA no later than ninety (90) days after notice of the Committee's or Board of Directors' original decision unless the Committee or Board of Directors otherwise agrees.

The Standards Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, has no obligation to grant a New Hearing and has sole, absolute discretion in determining whether a New Hearing request contains any New Information and whether to grant a New Hearing on a breach. The decision regarding a New Hearing by the Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, is final and non-appealable. If the Standards Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, grants a New Hearing, the provisions of this Section XVIII.A.49.c will apply to that hearing.

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B. MEDICAL SECTION

1. Mandatory Physical Examination

Each player participating in a WTA Tournament must complete all components of a mandatory physical examination as required by the WTA no more than once per Tour Year unless WTA SS&M reasonably determines that any further follow-up related to the mandatory physical examination is medically necessary. If the examination is not performed by the SS&M staff, physical and disability examinations will be at the expense of the player. Each player's medical doctor will be required to complete the WTA mandatory physical examination online using the WTA medical documentation system or as otherwise directed by the WTA and provide any supportive documentation such as vaccination records in English.

a. Timing

If a mandatory physical examination is required in a particular Tour Year, the completed physical examination documentation (provided by the WTA) must be submitted to the SS&M Department by March 31 of the current Tour Year.

b. Medical Documentation Handling

This and all medical information will be maintained in a secure and confidential online medical documentation system and/or filed with the SS&M Department.

c. Penalties

If the examination is not completed by the deadline, the player may be subject to a \$500 fine, and if the player has purchased disability insurance from the WTA, the player will not be eligible for disability coverage under the WTA Plan.

2. Player Treatment Area/Training Room

Each Tournament must provide a secure, private medical treatment area. This area should be easily accessible to the locker room and the match courts and should have good ventilation and temperature control, as well as a sink for sanitary purposes.

a. Specifications

The following size specifications are recommended based on draw sizes:

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Singles Draw Size	Recommended Area of Treatment Room
30 or 32	500 square feet (46.45 square meters)
56 or 64	650 square feet (60 square meters)
96 or 128	1000 square feet (93 square meters)

b. Required Setup

This area is for treatment of players only and must be large enough to accommodate the SS&M staff and the Massage Therapists. A separate area for physician examinations should be provided.

If two (2) training rooms are designated for player treatments, all of the requirements herein must be provided in both training rooms according to the number of PHCPs/Massage Therapists servicing each training room.

c. Required Equipment and Supplies

i. Automated External Defibrillator

Automated External Defibrillators ("AEDs") must be available on site, accessible at all times, and operational (batteries charged and adhesive on pads). AEDs should be located:

- (a) within the Tournament Physician's on-site office; and
- (b) within three (3) minutes of each practice and competition court.

ii. Physician Area

The following must be provided:

- (a) Padded treatment table, desk, chair, and lockable cabinet; and
- (b) Access to a telephone and internet connection (connection of a minimum of 1MB/second of download and upload speed) for necessary medical documentation, confidential correspondence, and consultations.

iii. PHCP Area

- (a) One (1) padded adjustable treatment table (electric or hydraulic) in good repair and sanitary condition for each

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PHCP at WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments.*

One (1) padded adjustable treatment table (preferably electric or hydraulic) in good repair and sanitary condition for each PHCP at WTA 250 Tournaments;

- (b) A desk, tables, or a counter top for medical supplies;
- (c) One (1) chair and/or rolling stool for each PHCP;
- (d) A lockable cupboard; and
- (e) An adequate supply of towels, sheets, and ice; and
- (f) Non-carbonated water and WTA-approved carbohydrate-electrolyte replacement drinks.

Only WTA-approved sports bars may be supplied to players in the player treatment area; however, players should not be permitted to eat any food in the treatment area.

Additionally, it is recommended that a large mirror be available in the training room.

*At the WTA Finals, it is required that one (1) padded, adjustable (hydraulic or electric) treatment table per PHCP is provided at both the official hotel and on-site.

iv. Massage Therapy Area

Each Massage Therapist also will require:

- (a) A separate supply of towels (minimum of twenty (20) per day at WTA 125 Tournaments and thirty (30) per day at all other WTA Tournaments); and
- (b) A minimum of twenty (20) sheets per day at WTA 125 Tournaments and thirty (30) sheets per day at all other WTA Tournaments.

Easy access to proper hand washing and toilet facilities is requested. Also requested are: i) a desk or lockable cupboard; ii) waste bins; iii) chairs for players; and iv) one (1) rolling stool per Massage Therapist.

For all Tournaments, the WTA will provide WTA-approved Massage Therapy lotion to be used by the Massage Therapist(s)

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in order to be compliant with the TADP.

v. Sanitation Requirements

Dispensed, liquid soap and paper towels are needed in the training room for proper hand washing. It is recommended that Tournaments provide metal waste bins with lids and be pedal-controlled in order to reduce the handling of infected waste. The locker room and training room must be cleaned regularly, including the floors.

vi. Communication Needs

The Tournament shall provide:

- (a) A walkie-talkie with adequate reception for each PHCP and for the Tournament Physician. A separate channel is required for the collective use of the Supervisor, officiating staff and PHCP to ensure direct and private communication for on-court matters among them.
- (b) An international telephone line in each training room, if more than one, for the PHCP for emergency purposes. The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of installing the telephone lines.
- (c) Access to a constant and reliable high-speed or wireless internet connection (connection of a minimum of 1MB/second of download and upload speed) for each PHCP, Core Massage Therapist, and Tournament Physician assigned to the Tournament. This can be provided through individual DSL/ADSL connections, a single ADSL line with a router and cabling to provide individual connections, or a wireless router providing adequate internet service to the group. This should be provided in each training room, if more than one. The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of installing the internet connection.
- (d) A walkie-talkie or telephone line for the Massage Therapy Area if the Massage Therapists are working in isolation.

Additionally, it is requested that a live score monitor be provided during match play.

d. Timing and Installation

All requirements must be ready and operable by 9:00 a.m. tournament

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local time the day of Qualifying Sign-In (i.e., the day before Qualifying matches begin).

e. Accessibility and Security

Locker room and training room areas and the office of the Tournament Physician must be accessible to players and WTA personnel and the Massage Therapist(s) only. Security must be provided at all times, from the day before Qualifying through to the completion of the Tournament, outside the training room and locker room. The training room and office of the Tournament Physician should be locked or secured when the Tournament is not in session. No animals are permitted in the player treatment area/training room or locker room.

f. Treatment

Treatment in the official WTA locker room or player treatment area/training room will be given only by the WTA-approved personnel.

g. Area for Player Personal Health Care and Fitness Providers

Where space is available at WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments, a private room/area with a partition and treatment table should be provided for players to receive treatment from their personal health care providers and fitness professionals. The room/area should be accessible and professional (i.e., not under stairwells or in player lounges, hallways, general gym areas, or Tournament staff areas). This area should be set up by the first day of Qualifying.

Players' health care providers are required to provide their own equipment and medical supplies.

3. Mental Health and Performance Room

Each WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournament must provide a separate, secure, and private Mental Health & Performance ("MHP") room. The MHP room is for treatment and training of players only and must be staffed only by the WTA's qualified MHP practitioners.

a. Specifications

The MHP room must be large enough to accommodate one (1) MHP staff member and up to three (3) players and PST members. The MHP room must facilitate confidentiality by preventing anyone outside the room from hearing or seeing into the room and must contain a lockable door. A partially private room or the use of room partitions is not sufficient.

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Each Tournament must use best efforts to locate the MHP room in close proximity to the locker room, the player treatment area/ training room, and the restroom and provide good ventilation and temperature control.

b. Required Setup, Equipment, and Supplies

The following must be provided:

- i. One (1) sofa or two (2) armchairs, one (1) coffee table or similar, one (1) table or table-height desk with drawer, and one (1) ergonomic/adjustable desk chair;
- ii. Overhead lighting and at least one (1) table or floor lamp; and
- iii. Access to a reliable internet connection (minimum of 1 Mb/ second of download and upload speed) for messaging, telehealth sessions, and scheduling;

Supplies including a white board or easel with pad and appropriate markers, a power strip with multiple plug-in functionality, boxes of tissues, bottles of water, hand sanitizer, and waste bin are strongly recommended.

c. Timing and Installation

All requirements must be ready and operable by 9:00 a.m. tournament local time the day of Qualifying Sign-In.

d. Accessibility and Security

The MHP room must be accessible to players and WTA personnel only. The MHP room must be locked or secured by the WTA MHP staff member when not in use during the Tournament. No animals are permitted in the MHP room.

4. Treatment On Court

Only WTA-approved personnel are permitted to provide treatment on court. Unauthorized personnel shall not be allowed on court during a match, Medical Time-Out, or when a player is being treated by a PHCP, Tournament Physician, or Emergency Services.

5. Physician

The Tournament Director must appoint a Chief Tournament Physician

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to coordinate the local medical team. Each Tournament Physician must complete the Tournament Physician SmartSheet and provide it to a SS&M Department, Tournament Relations staff member no later than ninety (90) days prior to the event.

The local medical team should include no more than two (2) assistant physicians. The Tournament Physician may assist in providing medical care for spectators and Tournament staff; however, the priority will be to care for the Players. Therefore, it is recommended that separate medical staff, such as first aid or paramedics, be appointed to care for spectators and Tournament staff. Also, it is recommended that the emergency medical staff is either able to respond within a five (5) minute transit time to the Tournament site or available on-site at all times during play.

a. Physician Skills and Medical Qualifications

The Tournament Physician must:

- i. Specialize in orthopedic, internal medicine, or primary care sports medicine and tennis;
- ii. Be licensed in the country and jurisdiction of the Tournament;
- iii. Have admitting privileges at the local hospital;
- iv. Be fluent in both English and the local language;
- v. Possess a current CPR certification and Emergency Response certification (or the international equivalent); and
- vi. Carry professional medical liability (malpractice) insurance in an amount equal to the lower of US\$1,000,000 (US\$250,000 for WTA 125 Tournaments) or the maximum amount of coverage available in the Tournament host country with a reputable insurance carrier for the duration of the Tournament.

Such insurance policy must provide coverage for the Tournament Physician while performing services for WTA players and/or at the Tournament venue. All Tournament Physicians must email proof of license, certifications, and insurance upon request by WTA.

b. Physician Responsibilities

The Tournament Physician must be prepared to perform the required duties established by the WTA and will be evaluated by the

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WTA Senior Vice President, SS&M and Transitions, and Medical Advisor(s).

i. Duties Prior to the Tournament

- (a) Each Tournament Physician must participate in a pre-tournament telephone orientation and acknowledge that he/she understands all information provided on SS&M Zone, the official site for all SS&M Services information. This orientation also includes an online medical documentation training session with a SS&M Department, Tournament Relations staff member at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of the event.
- (b) Each Tournament Physician must complete the Tennis Integrity Protection Programme module prior to the start of the Tournament.

ii. Duties During the Tournament

(a) Schedule and Availability

- (i) The Tournament Physician shall be on site at all times during play for both Qualifying and Main Draw matches at all Tournaments.
- (ii) A Tournament Physician must be on site one (1) hour before matches begin and must remain on site until the end of play or after all players requiring physician care have been treated, whichever is later. On the first day of Qualifying, a Tournament Physician must be on site at least one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes before the start of play to participate in a medical emergency execution plan.
- (iii) The Tournament Physician must be available on call after hours, including the day before Qualifying matches start.
- (iv) The Tournament Physician must be on site from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Tournament local time) on the day of Qualifying Sign-In.

(b) Referrals to Other Local Medical Specialists

The Tournament Physician should have a local referral list of

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other medical specialists available during the Tournament.

(c) Medical Documentation

The Tournament Physician shall submit Tournament Physician evaluation and treatment documentation to the PHCP or enter such evaluation, diagnostic, and treatment documentation (digital diagnostic tests when possible) into the online WTA medical documentation system as directed by the PHCP. In either case, all such information must be in English and submitted or entered by the end of each Tournament day.

It is required that all Tournament Physicians participate in a training session, in order to access the WTA online medical documentation system. Best efforts will be made to include this training as part of the pre-Tournament orientation.

(d) WTA Mandatory Physical Examination

The Tournament Physician shall be available to assist in completing the WTA Mandatory Physical Examinations.

iii. Duties Upon Conclusion of the Tournament

In addition to the daily medical treatment documentation required during the Tournament, all off-site testing or treatment procedure documentation referred by the Tournament Physician must be submitted to the PHCP upon completion of the Tournament.

iv. Medical Supplies and Equipment

The Tournament Physician must have the standard medical supplies and equipment that are required by the SS&M Department and communicated to the Tournament Physician in advance of the Tournament. All medical supplies must be within their expiration dates.

c. Treatment Procedures

- i. Medical procedures undertaken by the Tournament Physician must comply with the Anti-Doping Program.
- ii. Treatment provided by the Tournament Physician to the players on-site must be free of charge.

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- iii. Players, however, are responsible for the payment of off-site treatment, medical testing, or prescriptions, if they are necessary.
- d. Additional Requirement for the WTA Finals

During the WTA Finals, an Internal Medicine/Primary Care Physician and an Orthopedic Surgeon must be appointed to provide medical coverage for the entire Tournament.

6. Medical Procedures

- a. Medical Conditions

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation or medical treatment by the PHCP in conjunction with the Tournament Physician, if appropriate, during the warm-up or the match.

- i. Treatable Medical Conditions

- (a) 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.

- (b) 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 change of ends or set break.

- ii. Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

Players may not receive treatment at any time during the match (or warm-up) for the following conditions:

- (a) Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately.
 - (b) Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed, specifically chronic conditions such as overuse injuries and recurring injuries.
 - (c) General player fatigue.

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- (d) Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions, or supplemental oxygen, except for diabetes for which prior medical certification has been obtained or Tournament Physician evaluation has been completed and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

b. Medical Evaluation

i. Purpose

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if a player has sustained or aggravated a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted and whether a Medical Time-Out (as further described in sub-Section c below, "MTO") is necessary. The development of the condition need not be witnessed by the Chair Umpire.

ii. Player Request and Process

If at any time during the warm-up or the match, the player believes that medical evaluation and treatment are required, she may request, through the Chair Umpire only, to see a PHCP.

The Chair Umpire may ask the player if she is able to continue playing; however, the Chair Umpire is under no obligation to do so.

The player has the option to:

- (a) Stop play and wait until the PHCP arrives, only in the case that a player believes she has developed an acute, treatable medical condition necessitating an immediate stop in play; or
- (b) Wait until the next change of ends or set break to see the PHCP, if the injury is a non-acute, treatable medical condition.

The player is expected to be forthright about whether she believes she suffers with an acute medical condition that warrants a stop in play; otherwise, she is subject to a penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

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iii. Timing and Location of Evaluation

Accompanied on the court by the Supervisor (or Referee), the PHCP will begin, and the Chair Umpire shall begin to time, the evaluation when the PHCP commences communication with the player.

Evaluations by the PHCP shall be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand and continuous play on the other (recommended not to exceed three (3) minutes), and may take place off court, if the PHCP so requests.

Once the evaluation is completed, the PHCP will inform the Chair Umpire if treatment is needed and when treatment is to begin.

iv. Involvement of Tournament Physician

At the discretion of the PHCP, should further evaluation be required by the Tournament Physician, this shall be a separate evaluation, also of a reasonable length of time.

v. Potential Outcomes of Evaluation

(a) Non-Treatable Medical Condition

If after evaluation, the PHCP determines the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed. Medical treatment, including medication, is allowed only for treatable medical conditions.

(b) Treatable Medical Condition Requiring MTO

The PHCP may authorize for that condition a one- (1) time, three- (3) minute MTO, which would take place during a change of ends or set break, unless the PHCP determines it is an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

(c) Treatable Medical Condition not Requiring MTO

If the PHCP determines that the player has a treatable medical condition, but that a MTO is not needed in cases such as illness or muscle cramping, then the PHCP may,

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following the evaluation, begin treatment if time remains in the change of ends or set break. If necessary, the PHCP may treat the player for this medical condition for two (2) additional change of ends, not necessarily consecutive.

vi. Medical Treatment

A player may only receive on-court medical evaluation, treatment, and/or supplies from the PHCP (who may request assistance from the Tournament Physician) during any 90-second change of ends or 120-second set break (not necessarily consecutive) for each treatable medical condition.

Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

(a) Definition

PHCP on-court medical evaluation, treatment, or supplies shall include:

- (i) Adjustment of medical support and/or tape;
- (ii) Provision of medication; or
- (iii) Supplies for contact lenses.

(b) Process and Timing

All such requests for treatment must be made through the Chair Umpire, who shall notify the PHCP and Supervisor (or Referee) of a player's request to see the PHCP and will time the change of ends (or set break) as the usual 90 (or 120) seconds. Medical treatment is limited to two (2) change of ends (or set breaks) for each treatable condition, before or after a MTO (defined below) and need not be consecutive. If adjustment of medical equipment is necessary during or immediately following the warm-up, the player must request an adjustment immediately following the warm-up, limited to 90 seconds.

This treatment should not exceed two (2) changes of ends, which need not be consecutive. During a warm-up, if adjustment of medical equipment is necessary it must be done at the end of the warm-up (90 seconds).

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(c) Non-Medical Equipment

Any non-medical equipment (e.g., hair accessories, food, drinks, etc.) requested by a player while on court must be given to an on-court official by a PHCP or Supervisor/Referee to be delivered to the player.

vii. Additional Administrative Procedures Applicable to Change of Ends or Set Break

If evaluation takes place on a change of ends, prior to "Time" being called, the Chair Umpire will ask the PHCP if she is continuing the evaluation. The PHCP will indicate:

- (a) If yes, the PHCP clearly will state if she is continuing the evaluation, or if she is starting a MTO. If the evaluation is completed before "Time" has been called, the remaining time of the change of ends may be added to the three (3) minutes for the MTO.
- (b) If no, the Chair Umpire will call "Time" at sixty (60) seconds (change of ends) or ninety (90) seconds (set break). Once "Time" is called, the player has thirty (30) seconds in which to resume play.

c. Medical Time-Out

A MTO is granted by the Supervisor or Chair Umpire when the PHCP has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The MTO takes place during a change of ends or set break, unless the PHCP determines the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

i. Player Allowance

A player is allowed one (1) MTO per match for each distinct treatable medical condition. The following shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition:

- (a) All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest and are assessed as part of a kinetic chain continuum; and
- (b) Any and all clinical manifestations of heat illness and cramping subject to the following:

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- (i) 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 MTO for muscle cramping. In cases where there is doubt about whether it is (x) an acute medical condition, (y) non-acute medical condition, inclusive of muscle cramping, or (z) non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the PHCP in conjunction with the Tournament Physician, if appropriate, is final. If a player exhibits symptoms of an illness or heat illness (i.e., heat stroke or heat exhaustion) and cramping is one of the manifested symptoms, a MTO may be taken, which will be determined by the PHCP at the time of evaluation.
- (ii) A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the PHCP, in conjunction with the Tournament Physician, if appropriate, to have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Supervisor/Referee or Chair Umpire to resume play immediately. If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, the player may forfeit the point or game(s) needed to get to a change of ends or set break in order to receive treatment.* There may be a total of two (2) change of ends treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive. If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or Supervisor/Referee that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct may be issued.

*The chair umpire will announce to the players and spectators:
"Miss/Mrs. ____ is requesting immediate medical treatment for cramping. She may receive this treatment only on a change of ends/set break and therefore is conceding all points and games up to the next change of ends/set break."

ii. Time and Duration of Treatment

Should the MTO take place, it will not exceed three (3) minutes. It shall begin after the completion and diagnosis of medical condition by the PHCP and Tournament Physician, if required, and be timed from the moment when the PHCP is ready to commence treatment.

iii. Off-Court Treatment

At the discretion of the PHCP, and for reasons of privacy and

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modesty, treatment during a MTO may be performed off court in the most private location nearest the court and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Physician.

In such a case, the Chair Umpire and/or Supervisor shall be responsible for notifying the PHCP of time remaining. At the conclusion of the three- (3) minute, off-court treatment, the player will immediately return to court.

iv. Provisions for Players with Diabetes

Players with diabetes with prior medical written certification obtained from a primary care physician or endocrinologist and submitted to the Anti-Doping Program administrator may be allowed to use devices to check blood sugar during the reasonable time evaluation period and administer insulin (if needed) during the MTO. Players who have not submitted prior medical certification of diabetes must be evaluated by the Tournament Physician before checking blood sugar or administering insulin and must retroactively submit documentation to the Anti-Doping Program administrator if insulin is injected.

v. Additional MTO Administrative Procedures

- (a) At the commencement of the MTO the Chair Umpire will announce publicly, "Miss/Mrs. ____ is now receiving a Medical Time-Out" and start timing.
- (b) The Chair Umpire will announce to the players and the PHCP the following:
 - (i) "Two (2) minutes remaining."
 - (ii) "One (1) minute remaining."
 - (iii) "Thirty (30) seconds remaining."
 - (iv) "Time" (publicly).
- (c) Should the MTO take less than the permitted three (3) minutes, the PHCP shall inform the Chair Umpire when treatment has finished, and the Chair Umpire shall announce to the players: "Treatment complete" and then publicly: "Time."
- (d) When treatment takes the full three (3) minutes, the Chair

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Umpire shall announce "Treatment complete" and then publicly: "Time." After "treatment complete," is announced, if needed, the player should be given the time necessary to put on her socks and shoes before "Time" is called.

- (e) If a player is unable to play after thirty (30) seconds, then the player will be subject to a Code of Conduct violation (in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule).
- (f) At the conclusion of the MTO, the PHCP shall leave the court. The player may receive treatment on two (2) additional change of ends, which need not be consecutive, for each MTO taken.
- (g) Following the match, the player must meet with the on-site PHCP, and the Tournament Physician if the PHCP deems necessary, for an evaluation and assessment of the injury or illness.

vi. Consecutive MTOs

A total of two (2) consecutive MTOs may be allowed by the Supervisor or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the PHCP determines the player has developed at the same time at least two (2) distinct treatable medical conditions.

(a) Circumstances Allowing for Consecutive MTOs

Such circumstances may include:

- (i) A medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; or
- (ii) Two (2) or more distinct musculoskeletal injuries.

(b) Process and Timing

In such cases, the PHCP will perform a medical evaluation for the two (2) or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two (2) consecutive MTOs are required, advising the Chair Umpire accordingly.

The Chair Umpire will count down the MTOs separately, making appropriate announcements for the commencement of each MTO (e.g., "Miss/Mrs. ____ is taking a second

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Medical Time-Out”).

d. Resumption of Play and Penalties for Rule Violations

After completion of a MTO or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalized as a Code of Conduct violation 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.

e. Additional Administrative Procedures

i. Biohazardous Materials

The Chair Umpire will suspend play and call for the PHCP when Biohazardous Materials (blood and vomit) are present on the court. Play is suspended until the court is cleaned by the appropriate Tournament Personnel, with proper disposal of Biohazardous Materials using the Tournament-provided spill kits.

(a) Bleeding

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible and call the PHCP to the court for evaluation and treatment. The PHCP, in conjunction with the Tournament Physician, if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding and request a MTO for treatment, if necessary.

If requested by the PHCP and/or Tournament Physician, the Supervisor or Chair Umpire may extend the MTO and allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If within five (5) minutes, the bleeding is not controlled, the PHCP may advise that continued play is detrimental to the player's health. In that case, the Supervisor/Referee may retire the player from the match.

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

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(b) Vomiting

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomit has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation.

If the player requests medical evaluation, then the PHCP shall determine if the player has a treatable medical condition.

If vomiting is continuous, the PHCP may advise that continued play is detrimental to the player's health. In that case, the Supervisor/Referee may retire the player from the match.

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

ii. Physical Incapacity

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

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered physically unable to compete, or poses a serious health risk to players, officials, or Tournament staff, the PHCP and/or Tournament Physician should inform the Supervisor and recommend that the player be ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress.

The Supervisor/Referee shall use great discretion before taking this action and should base the decision on the best interests of Professional Tennis, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

Subject to the restrictions set forth in Section IV.C.2 - Matches Scheduled Same Day, the player subsequently may compete in another event at the same tournament if the Tournament Physician determines the player's condition has improved to the extent that the player may safely physically perform at an appropriate level of play and no longer poses a serious health risk to players, officials or Tournament staff.

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iii. Medically-Warranted Clothing Change

If during an on-court evaluation or MTO the PHCP deems it medically-warranted for the player to change her clothing, the PHCP could include this during the MTO (performed off court at the closest/most private location); otherwise, a clothing change only may be taken at the end of a set.

iv. Simultaneous Court Calls

In the event there are simultaneous court calls, when a second PHCP is not covering the Tournament, the PHCP will go to the first request, unless otherwise advised of a medical emergency.

If there are two (2) court calls on the same court the following procedure will occur:

- (a) The PHCP will go to the first request or medical emergency, administer a complete evaluation and MTO, if indicated, then;
- (b) Go to the second request and administer a complete evaluation and MTO, if indicated; and
- (c) The PHCP will rotate treatments on the change of ends, if necessary, beginning with the player who had the first request, until the process is complete.

In the event the PHCP determines both court calls to be muscle cramping, the PHCP will treat the player who had the first request for sixty (60) seconds (as timed by the Chair Umpire) and then treat the second player for the remaining sixty (60) seconds of the 120 second change of ends, or treat each player for ninety (90) seconds during a set break.

v. Warm-Up Period

With regard to the Medical Rule, the match includes both the warm-up and play; thus, any medical condition incurred during the warm-up is considered a medical condition during the match.

If a player sustains an acute treatable medical condition during the warm-up that prevents the player from starting the match as scheduled, the player can receive either a MTO or ninety- (90) second treatment period at the end of the warm-up, prior to the start of the match.

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If the MTO is taken during the warm-up, the four- (4) minute warm-up shall be suspended until the conclusion of the MTO. If it is clear the player is not physically able to compete after receiving treatment, then the match should not begin.

7. Extreme Weather Conditions and Lightning

a. Definitions

i. Measurement Methods

Extreme Weather Conditions shall be defined as when the Heat Stress Index (Wet-Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT)) meets or exceeds the levels stated below for Extreme Weather Conditions - Modification of Play and Extreme Weather Conditions - Suspension of Play. If a WBGT meter is not available for measuring the Heat Stress Index (WBGT), then the Heat Index (Apparent Temperature) should be calculated based on the chart below.

Air Temperature (Celsius/Fahrenheit)											
	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35.0°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.3°C 110°F	46.1°C 115°F	48.9°C 120°F
Relative Humidity	Heat Index (Apparent Temperature) (combined index of air temperature and relative humidity)										
0%	17.8°C 64°F	20.6°C 69°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.3°C 83°F	30.6°C 87°F	32.8°C 91°F	35.0°C 95°F	37.2°C 99°F	39.4°C 103°F	41.7°C 107°F
10%	18.3°C 65°F	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35.0°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.9°C 111°F	46.7°C 116°F
20%	18.9°C 66°F	22.2°C 72°F	25.0°C 77°F	27.8°C 82°F	30.6°C 87°F	33.9°C 93°F	37.2°C 99°F	40.6°C 105°F	44.4°C 112°F	48.9°C 120°F	54.4°C 130°F
30%	19.4°C 67°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.9°C 84°F	32.2°C 90°F	35.6°C 96°F	40.1°C 104.2°F	45.0°C 113°F	50.6°C 123°F	57.2°C 135°F	64.4°C 148°F
40%	20.0°C 68°F	23.3°C 74°F	26.1°C 79°F	30.0°C 86°F	33.9°C 93°F	38.3°C 101°F	43.3°C 110°F	50.6°C 123°F	58.3°C 137°F	66.1°C 151°F	
50%	20.6°C 69°F	23.9°C 75°F	27.2°C 81°F	31.1°C 88°F	35.6°C 96°F	41.7°C 107°F	48.9°C 120°F	57.2°C 135°F	65.6°C 150°F		
60%	21.1°C 70°F	24.4°C 76°F	27.8°C 82°F	32.2°C 90°F	37.8°C 100°F	45.6°C 114°F	55.6°C 132°F	65°C 149°F			
70%	21.1°C 70°F	25.0°C 77°F	29.4°C 85°F	33.9°C 93°F	41.1°C 106°F	51.1°C 124°F	62.2°C 144°F				
80%	21.7°C 71°F	25.6°C 78°F	30.0°C 86°F	36.1°C 97°F	45.0°C 113°F	57.8°C 136°F					
90%	21.7°C 71°F	26.1°C 79°F	31.1°C 88°F	38.9°C 102°F	50.0°C 122°F						
Extreme Heat Condition – Modification of Play											
Extreme Heat Condition – Suspension of Play											

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ii. Modification of Play

Extreme Weather Condition - Modification of Play shall be defined as when the Heat Stress Index (WBGT) meets or exceeds 30.1 degrees Celsius/86.2 degrees Fahrenheit or when the Heat Index (Apparent Temperature) meets or exceeds 34.0 degrees Celsius/93.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

iii. Suspension of Play

Extreme Weather Condition - Suspension of Play shall be defined as when the Heat Stress Index (WBGT) meets or exceeds 32.2 degrees Celsius/90.0 degrees Fahrenheit or when the Heat Index (Apparent Temperature) meets or exceeds 40.1 degrees Celsius/104.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

b. Procedures for Measuring/Monitoring Weather Conditions

The WBGT Index or Apparent Temperature should be measured by the PHCP a minimum of three (3) times, and a maximum of five (5) times, per day. The readings will be determined by the PHCP and the Supervisor prior to the start of play and will be posted in the Supervisor's office. Measurements should be taken every two (2) hours, but at a minimum, three (3) readings should be taken at the following times:

- i. One-half hour before match play begins;
- ii. Middle of the scheduled day; and
- iii. Just prior to beginning of the last match of the day, or prior to the start of the first evening match.

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

- iv. Following any suspension of play; and
- v. At the discretion of the Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Physician and/or PHCP.

c. Modification of Play Timing and Weather Condition Change

When the Extreme Weather Condition Modification of Play is in effect before the start of a match, the procedures set out below in sub-Section d, shall be followed.

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In the event that during the day there is a change in weather conditions as determined by this periodic monitoring, the Extreme Weather Condition Rule can be put into effect at any time on all courts, including matches already in progress. Once notified that the Extreme Weather Condition Rule is in effect, the Chair Umpire must inform the players at the next opportunity, no later than the next change of ends.

If there is a sudden change in weather conditions and the Rule is lifted, those matches already in progress will continue under the Extreme Weather Condition Rule. In the case of rain or interruption to play, the Supervisor and PHCP can re-assess the Extreme Weather Condition Rule.

d. Modification of Play Procedures, Singles

A 10-minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets if either player requests such a break. If neither player requests such a break, then play will continue.

The Supervisor, in consultation with the PHCP, also may choose to delay the starting time for matches until such a time as the Extreme Weather Condition Modification of Play no longer is in effect.

i. During the ten (10) minute break

- (a) A player may leave the court for a toilet or change of attire break and it will not be counted toward her allotment of toilet/change of attire breaks.
- (b) Medical evaluations, MTOs, or medical treatments will not be allowed, unless approved by the Referee/Supervisor prior to leaving the court or before the end of the second set, in which case treatment may be conducted off court.

A player, however, may be allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support (including re-taping), medical equipment, and/or medical advice from the PHCP.

ii. Immediately following the ten (10) minute break

- (a) Any delay in resumption of play shall subject a player to back-to-back Time Violations in accordance with Section VII.G.
- (b) No re-warm up will be allowed. (This rule also applies to any

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MTO or toilet or change of attire breaks allowed during the match.)

- (c) A player may not receive medical evaluations, MTOs, or medical treatments, unless approved by the Referee/Supervisor prior to leaving the court or before the end of the second set.

iii. Consecutive Breaks

An Extreme Weather Condition ten (10) minute break and a Bathroom/Change of Attire break may not be taken consecutively.

e. Suspension of Play Procedures

When the Extreme Weather Condition Suspension of Play is in effect, the Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament Physician, PHCP, and Tournament Director, may suspend play according to the suspension policy then in effect, until the temperature falls below the criterion for Suspension of Play.

f. Lightning

The Supervisor has the authority to suspend play when lightning is sighted. Play shall resume when the likelihood of a lightning strike has passed.

8. Consecutive Withdrawals

See Section IV.A.7 - Consecutive Withdrawals.

C. ELECTRONIC REVIEW

1. Required Use

A WTA-approved electronic system for reviewing line calls and/or overrules ("ELC System") is authorized for use at WTA Tournaments with the court surface for which the ELC System was approved.

a. WTA/ATP Combined WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments

Use of an ELC System is required at minimum on center court during the Main Draw at all WTA 1000 Mandatory hard court Tournaments. In addition, if a court will be equipped with an ELC System for the Main Draw and that court also will be used for Qualifying, then the ELC System is required to be used on that court during Qualifying.

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- b. All Other WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments

Use of an ELC System is required at minimum on center court for the Main Draw at all WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 hard and grass court Tournaments.

2. Reviewable Points

A request for an Electronic Review of a line call or overrule by a player (team) shall be allowed only on either a point-ending shot or when a player (team) stops playing the point during a rally. (Returns are permitted, but then the player immediately must stop.)

3. Doubles Appeal to Chair Umpire

In doubles, the appealing player must make her appeal in such a way that either play stops or the Chair Umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the Chair Umpire, then he/she must first determine that the correct appeal procedure was followed. If it was not correct, or if it was late, then the Chair Umpire may determine that the opposing team was hindered deliberately, in which case the appealing team loses the point.

4. Number of Challenges Allowed

Each player (team) shall receive three (3) incorrect challenges per set and one (1) extra challenge in case of a tie-break. In doubles, when a ten (10) point match tie-break is played in lieu of a final set, the number of challenges is reset to three (3) at the beginning of the match tie-break.

5. Additional Challenge for Tie-Break Game

During the tie-break game in any set, each player (team) shall receive one (1) additional challenge. This is in addition to any challenges not lost, if any, during the set.

6. Clear Communication to Umpire of Intent to Challenge

To challenge a line call or overrule, the player must show to the Chair Umpire an immediate interest in making a challenge and must do so in a timely manner. The player must make her intention to challenge known to the Chair Umpire either verbally or visually (e.g., by using her racquet, arm, or hand). The Chair Umpire will:

- a. Reconfirm with the player her intent to challenge;
- b. Confirm that the player has challenges remaining; and

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- c. Proceed with the Electronic Review.

7. No Electronic Review Decision Available

The original call or overrule always will stand if the Electronic Review is unable, for whatever reason, to make a decision on that line call or overrule. In this case, the player shall not have her available number of challenges reduced.

8. Electronic Review in Lieu of Call from On-Court Officials

If there is no call made from the on-court officials (unsighted Line Umpire, and Chair Umpire cannot make the call) on a point-ending shot, the Chair Umpire may call for a review, and the result of the review will not affect the remaining challenges of either player.

9. Final Decision

The decision of the Electronic Review is final and cannot be appealed. In the situation where the written ruling (IN/OUT) on the video board differs from the graphic shown (ball mark digital imagery), then the ball mark imagery determines whether the ball is IN or OUT, not the written ruling, however, the Chair Umpire must contact the review official to get the final confirmation on the call.

10. Review Official

A certified official, approved by the Supervisor, shall act as the review official, whose duties shall include, but are not limited to:

- a. Determining which impact shall be reviewed by the system.
- b. Monitoring the system to ensure it is functioning properly.
- c. Notifying the Chair Umpire immediately in the case of a system failure or any other condition that prohibits or brings into question the ability of the system to review a challenged call. In this case, the Chair Umpire immediately shall notify both players that review is not available until further notice.
- d. Acting as the final authority on the number of challenges each player has remaining. Communicating with the Chair Umpire, at first possible opportunity, when one (1) challenge is left, and confirming the one (1) remaining challenge.

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The review official and supporting technology staff shall be located within the stadium or arena in a secured area and with an unobstructed view of the court.

11. Video Board

For each court that is using a review system, there shall be a minimum of one (1) video board, of sufficient size, located in a position where the Chair Umpire, players, and spectators may view the results of the challenge.

12. Review Booth

The following specifications are recommended for the electronic system review booth:

- a. The booth must be located in direct line of sight to the court, in order to provide an unobstructed view of the court. It should preferably be at the back (North or South end) of the court when possible.
- b. The Review Official must have a full view of the whole court and line umpires.
- c. The booth must have direct audio from the Chair Umpire's microphone (not from the television feed).
- d. The Review Official should be able to hear the line umpire calls from the court.
- e. The booth must have room for five (5) persons plus equipment (minimum of 25 sq. meters (82 sq. feet) with a minimum court frontage of 5 meters (16.5 feet) as required by review vendor).
- f. The booth should have full air conditioning for equipment and personnel, unless technically unable to do so, and approved by the WTA and the vendor.
- g. Access to the booth must be reasonably easy and safe.
- h. Appropriate communication with the Supervisor, Chair Umpire, and Video Board operator (if not in the same room) must be available.
- i. Tables, chairs, and high stools must be provided as requested by the ELC team.

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D. COACHING

Provided the following rules and procedures are followed, Off-Court Coaching will be allowed during play in a nondisruptive manner.

1. Coach Seats

- a. Each Tournament must provide player/coach box seats in accordance with Section XVIII.A.10.b.
- b. Coaching is allowed only from the designated player/coach box.
- c. Any Player Support Team member authorized to sit in the designated player/coach box must comply with this Section XVIII.D.

2. Manner of Coaching

- a. Brief verbal coaching is allowed only when a player is at the same end of the court as her designated player/coach box.
- b. Subtle, non-verbal coaching (defined as hand signals or gestures that do not hinder the opponent) is allowed when a player is at the same or the opposite end of the court as her designated player/coach box.
- c. A player may not approach her coach or engage in conversation with her coach other than permitted brief verbal coaching during play, changeovers, or set breaks.
- d. A player may approach her coach and engage in conversation with her coach during an opponent's MTO or toilet/change of attire break or another break approved by the Chair Umpire during which the players have remained on court.
- e. If a coach's verbal coaching, hand signals, or gestures begin to interrupt play or become a hindrance to the opponent(s), the Supervisor will notify the coach of the escalation prior to action being taken against the player. If the distractions persist, the player may be subject to coaching penalties and fines in accordance with Section XVII.D.4.a.vii.
- f. Coaches may not speak to their players when the player leaves the court for any reason (except as permitted during a rain delay).

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E. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RIGHTS POOL

All WTA Tournaments must participate in the official WTA international media rights pool ("Media Pool") consistent with the rights and obligations set forth in these Standards and as may be established by the Board of Directors.

1. Definitions

a. Additional Matches

Any Matches which (i) are not Produced Matches and (ii) are produced and delivered by the WTA (or anyone acting under its authority) for broadcast.

b. Clean Feed

The Clean Feed shall mean the "clean" TV video and audio signal of the Produced Matches. The audio feed shall be in stereo and shall consist of one track with natural sound (mixed without commentary) and one track with the Host Broadcaster or production partner commentary for both guide and broadcast purposes. The video feed shall be continuous without (i) commercials, Host Broadcaster promotional material, commentators "in-vision," Host Broadcaster logo, or domestic network identification; or (ii) Host Broadcaster graphics (scoring and statistical) unless otherwise requested by the WTA no later than one (1) week prior to the start of the Main Draw. The video feed shall include the ELC system if in operation at the Tournament, the rights for which must be cleared by the Tournament.

c. Dirty Feed

The Clean Feed augmented with the official WTA graphics.

d. Domestic Area

The country in which a Tournament is held unless approval has been provided in writing by the WTA for an expanded Domestic Area.

e. Host Broadcaster

A telecaster that has been granted all or a portion of the Tournament Media Rights in the Domestic Area by a Tournament.

f. Host Broadcaster Feed

The Host Broadcaster Feed is a video and audio TV signal of Matches

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produced by a Host Broadcaster or production partner appointed by a Tournament, (i) including the Host Broadcaster graphics (scoring and statistical) and ELC system if in operation at the Tournament; and (ii) excluding Host Broadcaster logo and domestic network identification.

g. Matches

The tennis matches from a Tournament.

h. Media Distribution

Any and all forms, means, or modalities of electronic or other tangible or non-tangible exhibition of audio, visual, or audiovisual content to or from any location including by any means, whether now known or hereafter developed, including cable, wire, fiber, or other fixed (permanent and temporary) forms of distribution or connectivity, any form of wireless distribution or technology, satellite, terrestrial broadcast systems and technologies, IPTV, the internet, or any other form of IP-delivery (via any connection, technology and/or device), open video systems, any and all forms of mobile telecommunications, and/or mobile broadcast technologies in any frequency band, in-flight and ship-at-sea, and any other electronic or non-tangible medium via analogue, digital, mobile, and any other forms of distribution and communication technologies, where the audio, visual, or audiovisual programming is produced, distributed, or otherwise made available in any format, resolution, or quality including 3D Technology, HDTV transmission (or any other form of enhanced transmission), Standard Definition distribution, or distribution in any other quality, code, or form for use, display, or viewing on any device in any context and made available on any basis including free or pay (including subscription and pay-per-view), encrypted or unencrypted, time-shifted, interactive, or any other means or basis. Media Distribution shall include, without limitation, viewing enhancements that allow a person watching a Match to modify the exhibition or otherwise enhance the viewing of a Match (e.g. by selecting the camera angles). In-flight and in-ship distribution shall be deemed to be distributed in the home country of the vessel that carries the Matches.

i. Outside Court Feeds

Feeds of Produced Matches from courts that are not designated for the World Feed by the WTA (or its designees). These matches shall be produced according to the Outside Court Running Order provided to the Tournament by the WTA (or its designees) at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the event.

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j. Produced Matches

All Matches that are produced by a Tournament's Host Broadcaster or production partner appointed by a Tournament at the site of the Tournament, which shall include (i) all main draw singles Matches; and (ii) each semifinal and final round doubles Match if a production court is available at the Tournament's standard production cost at the time such Match is played.

k. Television Revenues

The revenues generated by the Media Pool.

l. Virtual Advertising

The manipulation by computer of authentic images, either live or delayed, and the substitution of various elements of those images with the purpose of implementing advertising messages into the feed of the Matches, or the electronic insertion (as opposed to laying over) into the feed of the Matches of video images not present at the site of a Tournament, in the form of synthetic advertising boards, panels, and/or signs.

m. World Feed

The feed of a select number (in accordance with Section XVIII.F.1) of Produced Matches designated by the WTA (or its designees). These matches shall be produced according to the World Feed Running Order provided to the Tournament by the WTA (or its designees) at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the event.

2. Match Distribution Rights and Obligations

a. Tournament Media Rights

Subject to the Television Broadcast Standards in Section XVIII.F, each Tournament reserves the following rights with respect to the Matches at its event:

- i. Subject to Sub-section v below, the exclusive rights of transmission, distribution, and exploitation of the Host Broadcaster Feed of the Matches exercisable throughout the Domestic Area for reception by the public via any form of Media Distribution (collectively, "Tournament Media Rights").
- ii. The non-exclusive, perpetual right to (i) utilize up to five (5)

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minutes of footage of each Produced Match after the completion of the Match throughout the world solely for the purposes of advertising and/or promoting the WTA, the Tournament, or women's tennis; and (ii) use and permit others to use in the Domestic Area, up to three (3) minutes of footage from each Produced Match after the completion of the Produced Match for any purpose provided that in both cases the Tournament shall not receive any consideration for such use, except that use of clips of Produced Matches in the context of sponsorship or similar arrangements where the Tournament receives consideration in respect of the arrangement taken as a whole shall not be prohibited so long as no sponsor is permitted to make use of any such clips in the context of any product or service which is produced for onward sale to a third party. Nothing herein shall prevent Tournaments from permitting their Host Broadcaster from distributing clips from its Produced Matches in the Event Domestic Area as part of a free or subscription based news service.

- iii. The right to incorporate Virtual Advertising in the broadcast exploitation of the Tournament Media Rights in the Domestic Area as long as (a) the Virtual Advertising does not negatively alter, impair, or obstruct any signage of the WTA or WTA sponsor(s), (b) the Virtual Advertising does not negatively alter, impair, or obstruct any competitive elements of a Match, including but not limited to court surface, players (including their attire and equipment), balls, net, lines and officials, or interfere with the integrity of the competitive presentation of the Match, and (c) the Clean Feed delivered to the WTA (or anyone acting under its authority) for international broadcast does not contain any such Virtual Advertising; and
- iv. The right to incorporate into the Tournament's domestic telecast, logos of the Host Broadcaster or domestic network, billboards, graphics, and other audio and visual elements consistent with professional tennis television programming, provided that no reference to a Tournament's sponsor shall be made in a manner that appears to the public that such Tournament sponsor is a WTA sponsor.
- v. Notwithstanding the foregoing exclusivity, the WTA (or anyone acting under its authority) shall at all times have the (i) right to stream the Matches worldwide on a pay basis; and (ii) the exclusive right to provide a stream of the Matches to betting service operators, provided such operators only offer access to the Matches to its customers that have an account with

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such operator. In the Tournament Domestic Area, such Match streaming to betting service operators may only be streamed at download speeds no greater than six hundred kilobits per second (600 Kbps) and displayed in a view having a total area of not more than 200,000 pixels.

b. WTA Media Rights

- i. As a member of the Media Pool, each Tournament grants the WTA an exclusive, perpetual license under copyright throughout the world except for the Domestic Area to:
 - (a) Transmit, distribute, and exploit, and authorize third parties to transmit, distribute, and exploit, the Produced Matches for reception by the public via any form of Media Distribution (collectively, "WTA Media Rights");
 - (b) Exploit the WTA Media Rights to promote WTA feed graphics sponsor(s) in such capacity; and
 - (c) Incorporate the official WTA graphics (in the positions that the Media Pool approves from time to time) in the exploitation of the WTA Media Rights; provided, however, that such official WTA graphics must not negatively alter, impair, or obstruct the on-site signage of any Tournament sponsor(s).
- ii. The non-exclusive, perpetual worldwide right to exploit and permit others to exploit (a) excerpts of up to three (3) minutes per Match, anytime after the completion of the Match; and (b) up to five (5) minutes of footage of each Match to promote the WTA and/or WTA sponsors and for use by the WTA in educational programs and for internal purposes. Any revenues from the sale of highlights shall be included in Television Revenues.

c. Obligations

- i. All Produced Matches must meet the production level requirements detailed in Section XVIII.F - WTA Television Broadcast Standards.
- ii. Each Tournament shall ensure the production of a Clean Feed for all Produced Matches and shall provide the WTA (or anyone acting under its authority) with access to the Clean Feed and a redundant backup of the Clean Feed by providing the necessary cabling from the Clean Feed point of origin to the on-site

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Graphics Office (see Section XVIII.F.4.h.iii(c)). In addition, if the Host Broadcaster or production partner chooses to deliver the Dirty Feed from the on-site Graphics Office to the Clean Feed point of origin, the Host Broadcaster or production partner must provide all necessary cabling for such delivery. The WTA (or its designees) is responsible for the cabling necessary to carry the Dirty Feed from the on-site Graphics Office to the on-site transmission point; provided, however, that each Tournament shall introduce the WTA (or its designees) to its facilities provider so that the WTA (or its designees) may contract directly with such facilities provider for such cabling.

- iii. All Produced Matches must be made available to the WTA (or anyone acting under its authority) at no cost, including the redundant backup of the Clean Feed.
- iv. All necessary measures, including geo-blocking technology, must be employed to assure that each audiovisual media service is only capable of being received in the applicable territories and is not capable of being received by reception devices outside such territories.
- v. The WTA and each Tournament shall promote the domestic and international television and online broadcast schedules on their respective websites.

3. Overspill

The natural and incidental reception of broadcast and streaming transmissions from either the WTA or its licensees within the Domestic Area or a Tournament or its licensees outside of the Domestic Area will not (a) constitute a violation of these Standards as long as there is no marketing, promotion, advertising, or support of such Overspill, or (b) give rise to any additional payments by the WTA to a Tournament or any damages, remedies, setoff rights, or holdback rights.

4. Match Schedule

- a. At least 120 days before the commencement of a Tournament, the Tournament shall provide the WTA (and its designees) with a preliminary outline of the times of the Produced Matches, which outline may change.
- b. Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of a Tournament, the Tournament shall provide the WTA (and its designees) with a final outline of the times of the Produced Matches

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and the name and telephone number of the production coordinator of the Host Broadcaster.

- c. The WTA (or its designees) must be advised immediately of any scheduling change that affects the Produced Matches.

5. Per Match Fees

- a. If a Tournament fails to make available to the WTA (or its designees) a Clean Feed (other than failure pursuant to sub-Section c below), the Covered Tournament shall pay a per match fee of up to \$100,000 (the "Per Match Fee") for each Match for which the relevant feed was not made available.
- b. If a Tournament fails to make available to the WTA (or its designees) a Clean Feed materially in accordance with Section XVIII.F - Television Broadcast Standards, for any Produced Match (other than failure pursuant to sub-Section c below), the Tournament shall pay the Per Match Fee for each feed that is not materially in accordance with the Television Broadcast Standards.
- c. If one or more of the Produced Matches are (i) cancelled or not completed due to a weather-related or other incident (such as a rainout, blackout, player strike, player labor action, player injury, or other failure of players to play) outside the control of the Tournament (or anyone acting under its authority), and not directly or indirectly attributable to the fault of the Tournament (or anyone acting under its authority) and (ii) not rescheduled, and the Tournament as a result of such incident fails to make available to the WTA a Clean Feed, any Per Match Fee charged for each Produced Match for which a Clean Feed was not made available, shall be paid for out of the Television Revenues before allocation of the WTA's share.
- d. Upon a Tournament's failure to produce a Produced Match Feed and/or a Clean Feed and/or provide access to a Clean Feed, the WTA may, in its sole discretion and election, offset against a Tournament's share of the Television Revenues (i) the actual out-of-pocket costs incurred in remedying or attempting to remedy such failure plus an amount equal to 20% of the amount paid to remedy such failure, and/or (ii) an amount equal to any Per Match Fees due pursuant to sub-Sections a or b above as the result of such failure.
- e. The payments specified above (and/or permitted offset pursuant to sub-Section d) shall be made no later than thirty (30) days following receipt by the Tournament of an invoice issued by the WTA.

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f. Additional Matches

- i. If the WTA (or any of its designees) desires to broadcast any Additional Matches from a Tournament, the production costs shall be borne by the WTA. The Host Broadcaster or Tournament production partner shall pay for any Additional Matches that it requests for production, but the WTA (or its designee) shall provide a production contribution fee on a per-match basis in accordance with the following schedule:

TOURNAMENT PRODUCTION OPTIONS				
Option	Tournament Media Rights	Host Broadcaster/ Production Partner	Additional Technical Fees	Production Costs
1	Included in Media Pool on a non-exclusive basis	WTA (or its designees)	N/A	Covered by Perform
2	Excluded from the Media Pool	WTA (or its designees)	Tournament is responsible for a \$750.00 per match technical access fee for its Domestic Area broadcast partner to access Matches on site; access to Matches via satellite may incur additional fees.	Covered by Perform
3	Included in Media Pool on a non-exclusive basis	Appointed by Tournament	N/A	Perform will pay the following production contribution fees on a per match basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Feed Matches: WTA 1000 - \$8,000; WTA 500 - \$5,000; WTA 250 - \$3,000 • Non-World Feed Matches: WTA 1000/WTA 500 - \$1,000; WTA 250 - \$500
4	Excluded from the Media Pool	Appointed by Tournament	N/A	Perform will pay the following production contribution fees on a per match basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Feed Matches: WTA 1000 - \$4,000; WTA 500 - \$2,500; WTA 250 - \$1,500 • Non-World Feed Matches: WTA 1000/WTA 500 - \$1,000; WTA 250 - \$500

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- ii. The broadcast of an Additional Match will not entitle a Tournament to an additional share of the Television Revenues. All revenues received by the WTA for such Additional Matches, shall be included in Television Revenues.

6. Exploitation of Rights

- a. Tournaments must not take any action that interferes with or impairs the rights granted hereunder to WTA.
- b. Neither a Tournament nor its Host Broadcaster or production partner shall at any time claim any legal ownership in respect of the exploitation of the rights granted to the WTA, or any other aspect or activity of WTA.
- c. Upon request, a Tournament shall execute such documents and instruments evidencing or affecting the WTA's license of rights and shall cooperate with the WTA to encourage its Host Broadcaster or production partner to execute any such similar documents and instruments as requested from time to time.

7. Clearances

- a. Each Tournament shall procure all necessary consents, clearances, permissions, licenses, and waivers from all individuals in attendance at the Tournament whose image might be broadcast.
- b. With respect to the inclusion of Host Broadcaster or production partner commentary language in the Clean Feed for broadcast use, if English is the Host Broadcaster language, the Tournament must clear any applicable contractual restrictions at its expense (i.e., consents, residuals, etc.); however, for commentary in all other languages, the Tournament shall only be required to clear the commentary for broadcast use if requested by the WTA.
- c. The WTA shall have the non-exclusive, worldwide right in perpetuity to use and grant others the right to use the Tournament's name and reproductions of the Tournament's facilities in exploiting the rights granted to the WTA and in promoting the Tournament, the WTA, and WTA sponsors in their capacity as sponsors of the WTA.

8. Breach of Standards

A Tournament's failure to meet any of its requirements in this Section XVIII.E is a breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance and subject to the procedures and sanctions in Section XVIII.A.49 of these Rules.

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F. WTA TELEVISION BROADCAST STANDARDS

The definitions of the capitalized terms which are used but not defined in these Television Broadcast Standards are set forth in sub-Section E above.

1. Minimum Broadcast Requirements by Tournament Category Level

- a. Each WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournament shall assure production of a minimum of thirty-five (35) World Feed Matches, including the four (4) singles quarterfinal, two (2) singles semifinal, and singles final matches across a minimum of two (2) courts. Any main draw singles Matches not designated for the World Feed must be produced in accordance with the Minimum Production Requirements in the table below.
- b. Each WTA 500 Tournament shall assure production of a minimum of twenty (20) World Feed Matches, including the four (4) singles quarterfinal, two (2) singles semifinal, and singles final matches. Any main draw singles Matches not designated for the World Feed must be produced in accordance with the Minimum Production Requirements in the table below.
- c. Each WTA 250 Tournament shall assure production of a minimum of ten (10) World Feed Matches, including the four (4) singles quarterfinal, two (2) singles semifinal, and singles final matches. Any main draw singles Matches not designated for the World Feed must be produced in accordance with the Minimum Production Requirements in the table below.
- d. In addition, while production of all doubles Matches is not a requirement, all Tournaments shall produce, at a minimum, each semifinal and final round doubles Match in accordance with the Minimum Production Requirements in the table below if a production court is available at the Tournament's standard production cost at the time such Match is played. For clarity, if a production court is not available at the Tournament's standard production cost at the time a semifinal or final round doubles Match is played, then the Tournament is not required to produce such Match. In accordance with the chart in Section XVIII.E.5.f.i, each Tournament that has chosen Option 3 or Option 4 will receive a Non-World Feed Match contribution fee for each doubles Match it produces.
- e. All Produced Matches must be fully produced (excluding graphics and commentary) and delivered to the WTA (or its designees) on site.

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PRODUCTION ITEM	TOURNAMENT LEVEL		
	WTA FINALS, WTA 1000 Mandatory	WTA 500	WTA 250
World Feed	Main Draw pre-Quarterfinals: 5 Cameras Main Draw Quarterfinals through Finals: 8 Cameras	Main Draw pre-Quarterfinals: 5 Cameras Main Draw Quarterfinals through Finals: 8 Cameras	Main Draw pre-Quarterfinals: 3 Cameras* Main Draw Quarterfinals through Finals: 5 Cameras
Outside Court Feed; Doubles Matches	3 Cameras	3 Cameras	3 Cameras
Production Coverage and Distribution	All Main Draw singles Matches required; all doubles semifinal and final Matches required if a production court is available at Tournament's standard production cost; all other doubles Matches encouraged	All Main Draw singles Matches required; all doubles semifinal and final Matches required if a production court is available at Tournament's standard production cost; all other doubles Matches encouraged	All Main Draw singles Matches required; all doubles semifinal and final Matches required if a production court is available at Tournament's standard production cost; all other doubles Matches encouraged
Commentary (provided by WTA or its designees, subject to availability for pre-semifinal round doubles Matches)	Commentators at all Produced Matches Co-Commentators at all Produced Matches on Center Court	Commentators at all Produced Matches Co-Commentators at all Produced Matches during the last 3 Main Draw Days	Commentators at all Produced Matches
Graphics (provided by WTA or its designee)	All Produced Matches	All Produced Matches	All Produced Matches
Newsfeed (provided by WTA or its designees)	All Main Draw Days	Last 5 Main Draw Days	Last 2 Main Draw Days

* NOTE: To reach the minimum ten (10) World Feed Matches required under Section XVIII.F.1.d above, each WTA 250 Tournament must use five (5) cameras in the production of three (3) Main Draw pre-quarterfinals Matches.

2. Host Broadcaster's Responsibilities

Each Tournament must incorporate the following terms within its new or renewed contract with a Host Broadcaster or production partner:

a. Broadcast Recordings

Each Tournament's Host Broadcaster or production partner shall provide the WTA (or its designees) with USB3 external hard drives containing one (1) clean recording of each semifinal and final round singles Match that the Host Broadcaster or production partner produced for broadcast within one (1) hour after the completion of

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each such Match. If future license agreements require the WTA to provide additional recordings of first round through quarterfinal round Matches, each Tournament's Host Broadcaster or production partner shall provide such recordings to the WTA (or its designees) at no cost to the WTA (or its designees).

b. Data Collection and Resale

With respect to any live match scores or related statistical data provided to a Host Broadcaster by WTA (or its designees), or collected by the Host Broadcaster, such Host Broadcaster shall agree (i) not to onward supply, sublicense, or otherwise make such scores and data available to any third party for use not related to the broadcast, and (ii) to restrict their use of such scores and data to use on a contemporaneous basis within their live broadcast of any match; any other use shall be subject to a delay of at least thirty (30) seconds. All Tournament agreements with Host Broadcasters must comply with, and shall be subject to all WTA Rules as amended from time-to-time.

c. Compliance with WTA Rules

All Tournament agreements with Host Broadcasters and production partners must comply with, and shall be subject to, the Rules as amended from time to time.

d. Production and Access of Feeds

i. The Host Broadcaster or production partner appointed by a Tournament shall, at no cost to the WTA (or its designees), produce a Clean Feed for all Produced Matches and provide the WTA (and its designees) with access to the Clean Feed and the back-up feed for the Clean Feed (total of at least two (2) feeds for every produced court).

ii. Access to the Clean Feed shall:

(a) begin not less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a Match with a wide shot of the court before the players walk on the court and conclude not less than five (5) minutes after the players walk off the court at the conclusion of the Match for all quarterfinal, semifinal, and final Produced Matches; and

(b) begin not less than seven and a half (7.5) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a Match with a wide shot of the

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court before the players walk on the court and conclude not less than two and a half (2.5) minutes after the players walk off the court at the conclusion of the Match for all other Produced Matches.

- iii. At no cost to the WTA (or its designees), the Host Broadcaster or production partner must provide all necessary cabling to deliver the Clean Feed (and a back-up of the Clean Feed) to the on-site Graphics Office. In addition, if the Host Broadcaster or production partner chooses to deliver the Dirty Feed from the on-site Graphics office to the Clean Feed point of origin, the Host Broadcaster or production partner must provide all necessary cabling for such delivery. The WTA (or its designees) is responsible for the cabling necessary to carry the Dirty Feed from the on-site Graphics Office to the on-site transmission point; provided, however, that each Tournament shall introduce the WTA (or its designees) to its facilities provider(s) so that the WTA (or its designees) may contract directly with such facilities provider(s) for such cabling.
 - iv. The Clean Feed must be the primary source for all subsequent feeds. Any Host Broadcaster Feed must be augmented downstream of the Clean Feed.
- e. Feed Content
- i. The Clean Feed provided to the WTA (or its designees) shall contain no graphics or insertions with the exception of the WTA transition wipe.
 - ii. The WTA (and anyone acting under its authority) shall have the right to incorporate into the Clean Feed, for purposes of creating the World Feed and Outside Court Feed delivered to viewers, the WTA Logo, logos of one or more of its licensees' billboards, graphics, and other audio and visual elements consistent with professional tennis television programming, provided that no incorporation of the WTA Logo or other element containing any reference to a WTA sponsor shall be made in a manner that appears to the public that such WTA sponsor is a sponsor of the Tournament, provided further, however, that no such incorporation shall be permitted for any WTA sponsor if such use would be contrary to any contractual restrictions imposed on the Tournament by its Title or Presenting Sponsor (such restrictions must be made known to WTA in writing).
 - iii. The Clean Feed will contain all commercial identification visible

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at a Tournament's site. A Tournament shall be entitled to place on site any and all logos, sponsor credits, advertising, signage, and other commercial identification and the WTA shall not be entitled to any revenues on the sale of such logos, sponsor credits, advertising, signage, and other commercial identification.

- iv. Neither the WTA nor any of its licensees shall utilize or permit the utilization of Virtual Advertising into the Clean Feed without the approval of the majority of the Media Pool Tournaments.
- f. Match Start Times
 - i. A specific start time, or an appropriate not before time, must be designated for all quarterfinal, semifinal, and final Matches. In the event that two (2) quarterfinal or semifinal Matches are scheduled to run back-to-back, a specific start time, or not before time, must only be specified for the first Match.
 - ii. A not before time must be specified if a doubles semifinal or final Match will precede a Match and at combined events where an ATP match precedes a Match. Unless otherwise approved by the Supervisor, a minimum of two hours (2:00) should be allowed for each preceding match before scheduling the not before time for a regular Match and a minimum of two and a half hours (2:30) should be allowed for each preceding Match before scheduling a not before time for a singles semifinal or final.

- g. Broadcast Signal

The Tournament's Host Broadcaster or production partner shall produce a broadcast signal in High Definition (HD), which should be filmed and produced in a 14x9 (graphics/title safe) aspect ratio.

- h. Camera Plan

The Tournament's Host Broadcaster must provide the WTA with a camera plan showing the location of the cameras on all production courts at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Main Draw.

3. Technical Requirements

Each Tournament must incorporate the following technical terms within its Host Broadcaster or production partner contract. These conditions represent the minimum technical standards necessary to produce a quality broadcast, and each Tournament shall ensure that its Host

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Broadcaster or production partner produces its matches at standards that are equal to or greater than these minimum technical standards.

a. Cameras

- i. Each Tournament shall comply with the Minimum Broadcast Requirements in the table in Section XVIII.F.1 above for all Produced Matches.

- ii. Cameras 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 must be in the following positions:

(a) Camera 1

Provides a traditional master shot and must be positioned high up in the stands (center court line).

Positioning must be correct for optimal main angle camera coverage. In order to calculate this, a guideline ratio of 4:1 should be used, where 4 is the distance from the base of the net to the bottom of the camera platform and 1 is the height of the camera lens from the ground. This gives an angle of 12 degrees.

(b) Camera 2

Provides coverage/close up and must be positioned approximately three (3) rows lower below Camera 1 (center court line) either in a central position or an off center position toward the side where Cameras 3 and 4 are positioned. The camera's position should give the effect of looking over the player's shoulder as she serves from that side of the court.

(c) Cameras 3 and 4

Provide player close-ups for cutting into coverage and isos and may be positioned courtside on the same or opposite side from where the players sit down on the change of ends. The camera objective lens height should be approximately one (1) meter.

(d) Camera 5

Low-angle camera positioned on court behind the baseline, in line with the sideline.

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b. Tripods, Camera Mounts, and Irises

All cameras must be on secure tripods with fully-rotating camera mounts and remotely-controlled irises.

c. Lenses

i. Center and Show Courts with five (5) camera coverage or above

(a) Lens for Camera 1 should be a minimum of 22:1,

(b) Lens for Camera 2 should be a minimum of 50:1,

(c) Lenses for Cameras 3 and 4 should be a minimum of 40:1 (or similar) with a 2x extender and must be able to provide extreme close ups.

(d) Lens for Camera 5 should be a minimum of 14:1.

ii. Outside Court Coverage with less than five (5) camera coverage

Lens for Camera 1 should be a minimum of 14:1.

d. Production

Tournaments must have full unilateral production on all courts where there is a main draw singles Match.

e. Microphones

i. Center and Show Courts with five (5) camera coverage or above

A minimum of twelve (12) audio microphones.

ii. Outside Court Coverage with less than five (5) camera coverage

A minimum of six (6) audio microphones.

4. Tournament Facilities

Each Tournament must comply with the following requirements:

a. Access

i. Each Tournament shall grant free access to personnel of the WTA (and its designees) and shall provide the WTA (and its

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designees) with such passes or tickets as are required for such access.

- ii. At no cost to the WTA (or its designees), each Tournament shall provide the WTA (and its properly credentialed designees) with access to the player areas, and the site at which awards are to be made.
- b. Lighting
- i. Each Tournament shall cause all Matches staged on courts where Produced Matches are staged to be lighted in a manner such that high quality, color telecasting can be conducted.
 - ii. To the extent any Produced Matches are staged on courts other than those equipped to be lighted for television production, the WTA (or its designees) shall be responsible for the costs associated with any lighting (including equipment) that may be required for such matches.
 - iii. If the Tournament is held indoors, the Tournament shall cause the use of strobe lights on any "still" photographic equipment to be discouraged at the site. The indoor playing surface must be illuminated evenly at a minimum 1076 lux. The light source must be from either side of the court and must not be perpendicular to the inside of the playing area. The best type of lamp source is a tungsten lamp with a color temperature of 3200 Kelvin. The tungsten light source offers a far more stable color temperature than discharge lamps and is far more reliable. The most suitable luminaries are flood lights with a symmetrical reflector and 1.5 kw. Depending upon the reflective values of surfaces within the area and the distance between the luminaries and the playing surface, 60-80 (30-40 on each side) luminaries are required. If 80 lamps are required, the total power requirements are 120 kw. A venue requires a minimum of 200A 415V supply.
- c. Public Address System
- At no cost to WTA (or its designees), each Tournament shall provide the WTA (and its designees) with audio pick-up access to all public address system announcements during the Tournament.
- d. Security
- At no cost to the WTA (or its designees), each Tournament shall take reasonable customary measures to provide the WTA (and its

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designees) with 24-hour security for the duration of the Tournament necessary to help provide for the safety of the equipment and personnel of the WTA (and its designees) at the site.

e. Walkie-Talkies

At no cost to WTA (or its designees), each Tournaments shall provide WTA (and its designees) a total of seven (7) walkie-talkies (one (1) for the on-site WTA Broadcast office, one (1) for outside court production, two (2) for the on-site production office, one (1) for center court production, one (1) for the newsfeed production office, and one (1) for a technical manager.

f. Other Facilities

Upon the request of the WTA (or its designees), a Tournament shall, at no cost to the WTA and if not otherwise prohibited by contractual restrictions or space constraints, provide to the WTA (and its designees) any other production facilities or equipment which may be required by the WTA (or its designees).

g. Commentary Positions

- i. Each Tournament shall, at no cost to the WTA (or its designees), and if not otherwise prohibited by Host Broadcaster or other agreements, provide to the WTA (and its designees) all physical space and utilities reasonably necessary to permit one (1) or more on-camera unilateral commentary positions at the site of the Tournament for foreign language broadcasts.
- ii. At a minimum, each Tournament shall, at no cost to the WTA, provide to the WTA all facilities reasonably necessary to permit one (1) or more on-camera unilateral commentary positions, for World Feed production on each court that is supporting a World Feed production and to display a reasonably sized temporary banner near the commentary position in a location approved by the WTA and Tournament.
- iii. The facilities shall include, without limitation, cameras, color monitors, microphones, camera operators, directors, switchers, an audio mixer, technicians, high speed internet, and business telephones, with the understanding that the WTA (and/or its designees) will be charged no more than the Tournament's then-current rate card prices for the use of those facilities and personnel.

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- iv. The WTA (and/or its designees) shall specify the number, location, and size of the commentary positions as soon as possible prior to commencement of the Tournament. At the request of WTA (or its designees), the Tournament shall cause the commentary positions to be fully equipped (or partially equipped in the manner specified by WTA or its designees). At a minimum, the commentary positions shall be equipped with a table (large enough for two people), two (2) chairs, wiring for a minimum of three (3) telephones, two (2) television monitors, and the technical television equipment necessary to broadcast.
 - v. If a commentary box is constructed, it should be positioned on the same gantry as that used for Camera 1. The commentary box shall not be positioned at the end opposite from Camera 1.
- h. Production Space
- i. Each Tournament shall provide, at no cost to the WTA (or its designees), the following production facilities and spaces for the WTA (or its designees):
 - (a) WTA Broadcast Office: Office space located within the TV compound that is at least 10 feet x 32 feet and includes at least two (2) desks, two (2) chairs, access to four (4) power outlets, access to a minimum 4 Mbps wireless internet connection via a router in the Broadcast Office, a configurable 32" multi-view HD monitor that can access the World Feed and Outside Court Feeds (including embedded audio), and one (1) international telephone line. The office space must be able to be securely locked.
 - (b) WTA Interview Studio: A room to be used as a post-match interview studio, which is conveniently located near the players' exit from the stadium court and the press room. The space should have good sound proofing from the crowd, plumbing, electrical and/or car noises, have easy access to power, and be able to be securely locked.
 - ii. In addition, in the event it is necessary to bring in an uplink truck for providing transmission service of the signal, the Tournament shall allocate space and power for this purpose at no cost to WTA (or its designees).
 - iii. Subject to space restraints and contractual restrictions and, except as this Section XVIII.F.h.iii otherwise states, at the cost of the WTA (or its designees), each Tournament shall provide any

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other production facilities and production space that the WTA (or its designees) deems necessary for production personnel and equipment used in connection with the broadcast of the Tournament (e.g., production trucks, satellite equipment, camera equipment, mobile units, tape units, switchers, microphones), including but not limited to the power required for use of such equipment; provided, however, that the WTA (or its designees) is responsible for the cost of power only to the extent that the WTA's (or its designees') power requirements exceed the greater of the industry-standard adequate power supply or an amount of power equivalent to the power supplied to the Host Broadcaster. The WTA (and its designees) must not be charged more than the Tournament's cost for all such production facilities (including power) and production space. The following outlines the standard production facilities and production space requirements:

- (a) **Transmission Office:** Office space within the TV compound, which is at least 10 feet x 15 feet and contains two (2) long work tables (approximately 6 feet x 3 feet), seven (7) chairs, access to four (4) power outlets, Host Broadcaster cabling of the Clean Feed (including back-up feed), a configurable 31" multi-view HD, two (2) cabled high-speed internet line connections, and access to a minimum 4 Mbps wireless internet connection via a router in the Transmission Office. The office space must be able to be securely locked. Where a fiber rack is the chosen method of delivery, WTA shall designate the location for the fiber rack, and two (2) 16 amp diverse single phase c-form connector power sources must also be available in the same location. Except for lighting, power (including the aforementioned c-form connector power sources), telephone, internet, and other utilities (each of which must be operational 24 hours per day), WTA (or its designees) is responsible for all costs of the Transmission Office.
- (b) **Newsfeed Production Office:** An office space located within the TV compound in close proximity to the Host Broadcaster truck to be used for recording match highlights, producing the newsfeed, and managing the distribution of the newsfeed globally. The office space should be at least 12 feet x 22 feet, contain at least three (3) long work tables (approximately 6 feet x 3 feet), two (2) desks, seven (7) chairs, two (2) cabled high speed internet lines, an international telephone line, four (4) power outlets, a TV monitor with multi-view, a "Matches in Progress" feed, and access to a minimum 4 Mbps wireless

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internet connection via a router in the Newsfeed Production Office. The office space must be able to be securely locked. Except for lighting, power, telephone, internet, and other utilities (each of which must be operational 24 hours per day), WTA (or its designees) is responsible for all costs of the Newsfeed Production Office.

In addition to the foregoing, the following internet connection must be provided to the following specifications for the Newsfeed Production Office:

- (i) Minimum 100 Mbps (Megabits per second) or greater upload speed.
- (ii) Dedicated connection for the sole use of delivering the newsfeed.
- (iii) Static public IP Address.
- (iv) Dedicated hardwired access point (not a wireless access point) CAT5 internet connection with RJ45 connectors to the workstation area.
- (v) Open connection without any logins, usernames, or passwords and direct internet access with no homepage or payment redirection features.
- (vi) Details of ISP or provider with support contact number and escalation process.
- (vii) If the connection provided is shared with the venue, the necessary upload must be segmented to guarantee the dedicated bandwidth for the stream.
- (viii) The connection type (e.g., Leased Line/EFM Circuit/SHDSL/Fiber/Microwave, etc.) must be communicated in the setup to determine the suitability of the connection for delivery of broadcast files.

For the purpose of testing and determining the optimum entry points, the public IP address (and/or subnet mask and/or gateway IP address) must be provided as soon as available but not later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of Qualifying Sign-In.

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- (c) Graphics Office: Office space within the TV compound that is at least 10 feet x 15 feet and contains two (2) long work tables (approximately 6 feet x 3 feet), three (3) chairs, access to four (4) power outlets, Host Broadcaster cabling of the Clean Feed, two (2) cabled high-speed internet line connections, and access to a minimum 4 Mbps wireless internet connection via a router in the Graphics Office. The office space must be able to be securely locked. Except for the lighting, power, telephone, internet, and other utilities (each of which must be operational 24 hours per day), WTA (or its designees) is responsible for all costs of the Graphics Office.
- (d) Court Production Office: At all Tournaments where the WTA (or its designees) is selected as the Tournament's production partner, the Tournament shall provide office space within the TV compound that is at least 10 feet x 23 feet and contains six (6) long work tables (approximately 6 feet x 3 feet), six (6) chairs, access to one (1) 32 amp single phase on c-form connectors, and six (6) domestic power outlets. The office space must be able to be securely locked. Where a fiber rack is the chosen method of delivery, WTA shall designate the location for the fiber rack, and two (2) 16 amp diverse single phase c-form connector power sources must also be available in the same location. The office must have access via a router to generic tournament wireless internet (minimum ten (10) Mbps upload speed). Except for lighting, power (including the aforementioned c-form connector power sources), telephone, internet, and other utilities (each of which must be operational 24 hours per day), WTA (or its designees) is responsible for all costs of the Court Production Office.
- (e) Additional Office Space: At all tournaments where the WTA (or its designees) is selected as the Tournament's production partner, the Tournament shall provide any additional office space that the WTA (or its designees) requests beyond the office spaces in Sections (a) through (d) above, but WTA (or its designees) shall pay the costs of such additional office space (excluding lighting, power, telephone, internet (including access to a minimum 4 Mbps wireless internet connection via a router in the Additional Office Space), and other utilities, each of which must be operational 24 hours per day).

STANDARDS

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i. Utilities

- i. Each Tournament shall provide the WTA (and its designees) with access to, and the right to utilize, all existing lighting, power, and telephone systems servicing the site of the Tournament during the Tournament, including reasonable setup time before and reasonable tear down time after the Tournament.
- ii. All office spaces provided to the WTA (or its designees) in the TV compound shall have adequate air conditioning (a minimum of two (2) 4kW units per office space).
- iii. A Tournament shall be responsible for all utilities charges, except that the WTA (or its designees) shall be responsible for all long distance telephone service charges incurred by it.
- iv. Each Tournament shall provide WTA (and its designees) an introduction to, and contact details of, their internet (ISP) and/or fiber providers, and shall assure that WTA (or its designees) has access to preferred tournament rate card costs and adequate bandwidth to distribute Match footage.

j. Parking

Three (3) parking passes within the TV compound, or as close as possible to the TV compound if space within the compound is not available. WTA shall provide the names of individuals to which the parking passes will be assigned.

k. Equipment

- i. The WTA (and its designees) shall have the right to install, operate, maintain, and remove such platforms, cables, wires, equipment, and other apparatus as may be reasonably necessary for the broadcast of the Tournaments. In accordance with a Tournament's rights and obligations under its site agreement, a Tournament shall allow the WTA and its designees adequate "set up time" and "tear down time" for the installation, testing, and removal of all such platforms, cables, wires, equipment, and other apparatus.
- ii. Subject to applicable law and/or union regulations, the WTA (and its designees) shall designate the personnel who shall install, operate, maintain, and remove the equipment of the WTA (or its designees) at a Tournament.

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I. Health and Safety

Tournaments shall provide the following at their own cost:

- i. Fire extinguishers in all areas of the TV compound in which crew are working or equipment is stored;
- ii. Trackways/level surfaces suitable for cabins/trucks; and
- iii. Lighting for a safe environment.

5. Broadcast and Ratings Information

To the extent available, each Tournament shall provide the WTA with the ratings and broadcast schedule of the Host Broadcaster's broadcasts of the Produced Matches selected by the WTA (or its designees) for broadcast in the Domestic Area.

6. Breach of Standards

A Tournament's failure to meet any of the requirements in this Section XVIII.F is a breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance and subject to the procedures and sanctions in Section XVIII.A.49 of these Rules.

G. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OFFICIALS

The WTA, the Grand Slam Tournaments, the ATP, and the ITF as members of the Joint Certification Programme require a high standard of professionalism from all Certified Officials (Green, White, Bronze, Silver, and Gold) and all other officials (together "Officials") working at ATP, Grand Slam, ITF, and WTA events.

For the complete ITF Code of Conduct for Officials, please reference www.itftennis.com/en/growing-the-game/officiating/.

XIX. FINAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A. GOVERNING LAW

Any dispute between or among the WTA, WTA Tournaments, or WTA players (including, but not limited to, matters concerning the arbitrability of disputes) arising out of the application of any provision of this Rulebook ("Dispute") shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York without reference to New York conflict of laws principles.

B. ARBITRATION

1. Any Dispute (with the exception of any Dispute relating to or arising out of a change in Tournament Class Membership status) which is not finally resolved by applicable provisions of this Rulebook, shall be submitted exclusively to the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") for final and binding arbitration before a single arbitrator in accordance with the Expedited Procedures of the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules in effect on the date that a demand for arbitration is filed with the AAA. Any request for arbitration shall be filed with AAA within twenty-one (21) days of the action which is the subject of the dispute.
2. The parties shall select the arbitrator by mutual agreement from the AAA's National Roster, provided, however, that if the parties are unable to agree, the arbitrator will be selected by the AAA according to its expedited procedures for the appointment of an arbitrator (Rule E-4).
3. The non-prevailing party will be responsible for paying the AAA's administrative fees and the fees and expenses of the arbitrator. Each party will be individually responsible for its own costs and expenses, including its attorney's fees.

C. CONFIDENTIALITY

Except as required by law or other form of legal process, any proceedings related to a Dispute before the Code of Conduct Committee, Standards Committee, the Board of Directors, or an arbitrator, including any submissions and any written reasons for the decision, shall remain non-public and confidential. For the avoidance of doubt, the fact of the dispute and the outcome of the proceedings shall not be considered confidential information.

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D. INVALIDITY

In the event any provision of this Section is determined invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected. This Section shall not fail because any part of it is held invalid.

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The WTA may have representatives including, but not limited to, a Supervisor, PHCP, Massage Therapist, and Communications representative present at all times during a Tournament to ensure it is conducted pursuant to these Rules. The ITF Rules of Tennis will be enforced on site by the Supervisor with any modifications previously approved by the WTA.

1. Supervisor

- a. The Supervisor has final authority on site. The Supervisor shall:
 - i. Know, understand, and be conversant with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the Rules and, in conjunction with or in the absence of the Referee, ensure they are observed, as well as enforce the Code of Conduct.
 - ii. Make the draws for all Tournaments in accordance with the Rules.
 - iii. Oversee the inspection of the facilities.
 - (a) All features of the facilities and the playing area, including lighting and the press facilities, shall be subject to inspection by the Supervisor and must be in operation by the morning of the commencement of Tournament play (which includes Qualifying).
 - (b) The approval of the Supervisor or the Referee shall be a condition precedent to commencement of play.
 - iv. In consultation with the Tournament Director, liaise on television issues and scheduling and draw up a daily order of play by arranging the first matches on various courts at a specified time and subsequent matches on a "followed by" basis.
 - v. In consultation with the Referee and the Tournament Director, determine the lowest tier of seats that surround the playing area at the courts in which spectators will be allowed to move freely during play.
 - vi. Determine and notify competitors of the conditions of play (number of balls, type of balls, type of surface, and other items of interest) prior to the commencement of the Tournament and/or Qualifying competition.

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- vii. Act as Practice Liaison. (See Section XVIII.A.33 - Practice Facilities.)
- viii. Act as final arbiter in all on-site matters concerning the conduct of the Tournament, players, and staff and be available to assist where an on-court dispute develops.
- ix. In conjunction with WTA Operations, notify the Tournament Director of changes to his or her player field for each Tournament.
- b. Whenever the Supervisor is not available for a particular WTA Tournament, the duties above will be assigned to the WTA Representative or the designated WTA Tournament Referee.

2. Primary Health Care Provider/Massage Therapist

- a. Primary Health Care Provider

The WTA will provide a Primary Health Care Provider (“PHCP”) for the Qualifying (including the Qualifying Sign-In day) and Main Draw singles and doubles of all Tournaments. The PHCP is a licensed Physical Therapist and Certified Athletic Trainer (or the international equivalent specializing in sports medicine).

The PHCP will provide on-site medical/health care services for the players beginning one (1) hour before match play each day until the completion of all matches, with the assistance of the local Tournament Physician.

Players are treated on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to players getting ready for matches. The PHCP and the local Physician will be available after hours for emergency care, throughout the Tournament.

- b. Massage Therapist

The WTA will provide one (1) or more licensed/certified (or international equivalent) and formally-trained Sports Massage Therapists for the Qualifying and Main Draws of all WTA 1000 Mandatory, WTA 500, and WTA 250 Tournaments.

At WTA 250 Tournaments not assigned a WTA Core Massage Therapist, the WTA will provide a licensed/certified (or international equivalent) and formally-trained local Sports Massage Therapist for the Qualifying and Main Draws.

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All Massage Therapists must be available throughout match play each day to provide massage therapy services to the players on a daily sign-up basis. The Massage Therapist will be required to submit all treatment documentation to the Core Massage Therapist and PHCP or enter such evaluation and treatment documentation into a WTA online medical documentation system as directed by the Core Massage Therapist or PHCP. In either case, all such medical documentation must be in English and submitted or entered by the end of each Tournament.

3. Communications Manager

The WTA will provide Communications staff for the Main Draw of all WTA 1000 Mandatory and WTA 500 Tournaments, as well as certain WTA 250 Tournaments.

a. Pre-Tournament Responsibilities

No later than six (6) weeks prior to the Tournament, the Communications Manager, in cooperation with the Supervisor, will be responsible for approving the Mandatory Party, Pro-Am, and Clinics, as well as the Draw Ceremony.

b. On-Site Responsibilities

On-site, the Communications staff shall:

- i. Escort players to post-match media activities;
- ii. Provide local media with information on the WTA and its players, including player bios, current rankings, and statistics;
- iii. Arrange one-on-one interviews;
- iv. Compile and distribute match notes;
- v. Send out results via email to the WTA's international distribution list; and
- vi. Coordinate player appearances at sponsor and Tournament functions as outlined under the ACES Program.

4. Player Relations

The WTA will provide Player Relations staff at various Tournaments throughout the calendar year.

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Player Relations staff serve as the on-site communications liaison with the players, educating them on the WTA, player, and administrative issues. Player Relations staff assist the Supervisor with on-site operations functions at the Tournaments and may serve as the player representative at the making of the draw when a player is unavailable to attend. Player Relations provide feedback from the players to the WTA administration and staff.

5. Player Development Representative

The WTA will provide Player Development staff at various Tournaments throughout the calendar year.

a. Player Development Program Activities

Player Development representatives serve as on-site facilitators of Player Development programs. These programs enhance the development of professional skills and educate WTA players and their Player Support Teams about all aspects of WTA life. Player Development representatives on-site provide guidance and assistance to all levels of players to enable them to develop professional skills and coping mechanisms so that they can fully participate in all their professional responsibilities.

Player Development programs include:

- i. The Age Eligibility Rule;
- ii. Orientation Sessions for players and Player Support Team members (including, but not limited to, coaches, parents, and agents);
- iii. Mentor/Protégé Functions;
- iv. Media Training; and
- v. Other On-site Educational Activities such as interactive seminars, WTBA Transitions Programs, and instructional training for players and Player Support Team members.

b. On-Site Office Requirements

If requested by the WTA, it is required that a private space, with a desk, lockable cabinet, three (3) chairs, a telephone line, and a high-speed internet connection be made available for Player Development

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staff members either near the WTA Office (e.g., a discreet corner area with positions in or near the Players' Lounge) or in or near the player treatment area. The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of installing the telephone lines and internet connection.

Any such request will be made with a minimum of three (3) months' notice to the Tournament; specific locations will be recommended when possible.

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WTA Requirements

- (a) **Subject to WTA Rules.** This Agreement shall be subject to WTA Rules in all respects. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the WTA Rules (as defined below) in effect from time to time, the WTA Rules shall govern and control in all respects. [Lessee] acknowledges that [Lessee] has carefully reviewed all of the terms and provisions of the WTA Rules and agrees that [Lessee] shall be subject to each of the obligations and requirements created thereunder with respect to [the Tournament]. [Lessee] further acknowledges and agrees that [Lessee] is not an intended third-party beneficiary of any WTA Rule and that the WTA shall owe no duty to [Lessee] in connection with this agreement or otherwise.

For purposes of this [Section / Attachment / Appendix], “WTA Rules” means the WTA By-Laws, the WTA Rulebook, all decisions, rulings and actions of the WTA Board of Directors (including by any authorized committee of the WTA Board of Directors), or the WTA CEO, with respect to matters in their respective jurisdictions, and any other agreements or arrangements to which the WTA shall be (or after the date hereof may become) bound, in each case, as they may be adopted, amended or modified from time to time.

- (b) **Amendments.** Any amendment or modification to this Agreement shall be subject to the WTA Rules and WTA's approval. Notwithstanding any option, right of first negotiation or refusal or other back-end right that a party may have hereunder, any extension or renewal of the terms of this Agreement and the exercise of any such option or right by any party is subject to subsequent and independent WTA approval, regardless of whether any such extension renewal or option is contemplated herein.
- (c) **Assignment.** Neither party to this Agreement may assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement, or any of its rights or obligations hereunder, without the prior written consent of the WTA. Further, any assignment or transfer by [Lessee] shall also require the prior written consent of [Member/Lessor], and if such consent is so provided, [Member/Lessor] shall promptly deliver a copy thereof to the WTA. In the event that this Agreement, or any right or obligation of either party hereunder, is assigned or transferred to any person or entity, [Member/Lessor] and [Lessee] acknowledge and agree that this [Section / Attachment / Appendix] shall be incorporated into the terms of any agreement consummating, effectuating or otherwise related to the assignment or transfer and attached thereto, and that any assignee or transferee shall be bound by all of the provisions in this [Section / Attachment / Appendix].

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- (d) **No Third-Party Beneficiary Rights.** [Lessee] agrees that it is not a third-party beneficiary of any agreement between or involving the WTA and [Member/Lessor] and that it has no rights as against the WTA.
- (e) **No Recourse Against WTA.** Each of [Lessee] and [Member/Lessor] acknowledges that it shall have no recourse against, and hereby covenants not to bring any claim against, the WTA, any of its members (other than [Member/Lessor]) or any of their respective Affiliates, members, owners, shareholders, partners, officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives as a result of any breach of this Agreement by any party hereto, [Lessee]'s operation of any aspect of the Tournament, or any other act or omission by any other party to this Agreement or, in the case of [Lessee], the WTA.
- (f) **Governing Law.** Without limiting the foregoing, the parties acknowledge and agree that any action or claim asserted against or by the WTA, any of its members (other than [Member/Lessor]) or any of their respective Affiliates, members, owners, shareholders, partners, officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed entirely in New York, notwithstanding any conflict of law doctrines of such state or other jurisdiction to the contrary.
- (g) **Arbitration.** To the extent notwithstanding the foregoing there arises any dispute or controversy under or in connection with this Agreement involving the WTA, it shall be settled exclusively by arbitration, conducted before a single arbitrator in New York City, New York, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect (unless otherwise provided in the WTA Rulebook (as amended or updated from time to time)). The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties hereto. Any action that seeks injunctive or other equitable relief or confirmation of an award rendered in an arbitration involving the WTA may only be brought by suit, action or proceeding before any federal or state court located in New York, New York, and each party hereby submits to the jurisdiction of such courts for the purpose of any such suit, action or proceeding and agrees that New York, New York is the proper venue for such action or proceedings.

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Modified as of January 17, 2023

WTA tournaments may enter sponsorship agreements with a Tennis Betting Operator or Tennis Betting Brand (a “Betting Sponsor”) subject to the terms and conditions stated below and the WTA rules applicable to all tournament sponsorships.

If a betting, casino, lottery or fantasy sport-branded company is not a Tennis Betting Operator but the proposed sponsorship will promote a Tennis Betting Brand, these rules shall apply to the sponsorship.

If a betting, casino, lottery or fantasy sport-branded company is not a Tennis Betting Operator and the proposed sponsorship will not promote a Tennis Betting Brand, these rules shall not apply to the sponsorship except that WTA approval shall still be required and Tournament Support Personnel shall still comply with the TACP (as defined below). If, during the term of the sponsorship, the company becomes a Tennis Betting Operator or the sponsorship will promote a Tennis Betting Brand, the sponsorship must comply with these rules.

Combined and back-to-back tournaments with a Betting Sponsor must also comply with the ATP Fantasy Sport and Betting Sponsorship Rules with respect to their men’s events; if there is a discrepancy between these rules and the ATP rules, the more stringent rule must be followed with respect to the women’s event, including payment of an equivalent percentage of the sponsor fee (based on gross revenue) to WTA as a contribution toward initiatives aimed at addressing harms associated with sports betting such as the social media abuse of players and problem gambling. Pre-existing, multi-year agreements with Betting Sponsors that received WTA approval in 2021 shall be grandfathered in connection with this provision but only for the original term approved by WTA.

The ITIA will be assessing whether agreements with Betting Sponsors have any negative effects on the integrity of the sport. As a result, agreements between WTA tournaments and Betting Sponsors shall not extend beyond December 31, 2026.

Please contact Courtney McBride if you have any questions (cmcbride@wtatennis.com).

A. Defined Terms

“ITIA” refers to the International Tennis Integrity Agency.

“Player Support Team Member” includes any coach, trainer, therapist,

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physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, or other affiliate or associate of any WTA player.

“TACP” refers to this Tennis Anti-Corruption Program located at <https://www.itia.tennis/tacp/>.

“Tennis Betting Brand” refers to the name, symbol, logo, design or other mark (i) of a Tennis Betting Operator or a Tennis Betting product or service, or (ii) that, in the ITIA’s discretion, is confusingly similar to the public comparison to the name, symbol, logo, design or other mark of a Tennis Betting Operator or a Tennis Betting product or service.

“Tennis Betting Operator” refers to any entity that directly offers and/or accepts Tennis Betting, including, without limitation, bookmakers and any person or entity who operates websites, applications, retail, credit, telephone, online and/or mobile Tennis Betting services; casinos operating sports books with Tennis Betting; and lotteries operating sports books with Tennis Betting.

“Tennis Betting” refers to placing a Wager in connection with the outcome or any other aspect of any tennis competition. “Tennis Betting” expressly excludes all of the following to the extent that they do not involve a Wager: fantasy sports, prize or prediction competitions, sweepstakes, console, computer, online, social, social media or mobile games or applications.

“Tournament Support Personnel” includes any tournament director, official, owner, operator, employee, agent, contractor or any similarly situated person.

“Wager” refers to any arrangement involving a real money stake or financial risk (which includes, without limitation, hard and digital currencies) and/or any other form of financial speculation on the outcome of an unpredictable event.

B. Approval Process

Tournaments must apply to and secure written approval from WTA prior to entering into an agreement with a gambling sponsor of any nature.

Tournaments must disclose to WTA (cmcbride@wtatennis.com) the proposed sponsorship benefits, activations, links to tennis wagering, and compensation structure (subject to limited redactions as needed to protect financially sensitive information, if any). Tournaments must assist WTA’s due diligence process.

WTA approval may be given, withheld or conditioned. Conditions to

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approval may include, without limitation, (i) the agreement containing mandatory terms, and (ii) any other condition to ensure that the agreement is in compliance with these rules.

Renewal / extension / material amendment of an agreement requires notification to, and pre-approval of, WTA.

C. Compliance with the TACP - Tournament Support Personnel

The TACP currently provides that no Tournament Support Personnel shall, directly or indirectly, facilitate, encourage and/or promote Tennis Betting. Examples of prohibited activities can be found in the footnote to Section D.1.b of the 2023 TACP.

Actions by Tournament Support Personnel which are taken not in an individual capacity but solely in furtherance of and/or pursuant to a Tournament's WTA-approved agreement with a Betting Sponsor shall not be deemed to violate the TACP.

D. Prohibited and Permitted Sponsorship Activities and Benefits

Tournaments with Betting Sponsors must comply with the following:

- 1) No Betting Sponsor as title and/or presenting sponsor of a tournament;
- 2) No naming rights to player areas, including the players' lounge, locker room, and player services/welcome desk;
- 3) No player/Player Support Team Member/official activation of any nature, this includes:
 - No appearances at a Betting Sponsor information booth or box;
 - No autograph sessions;
 - No wearing or otherwise publicly displaying Betting Sponsor logos or brand images on or off court;
 - No attending events hosted by a Betting Sponsor;
 - No attending or participating in events sponsored by or involving only the Betting Sponsor;
 - No grant of rights to a Betting Sponsor to use player/Player Support Team Member/official names, images, likenesses or marks (including still images and match and non-match footage) in any manner that suggests or implies that a Betting Sponsor

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is a sponsor or has a direct or indirect relationship with such individual or that such individual endorses or has any relationship with the Betting Sponsor;

- No social media posts by player/Player Support Team Member/official mentioning the Betting Sponsor or linking to the Betting Sponsor's website or digital platforms;
 - No Betting Sponsor promotions offering player-autographed items in connection with the Tournament;
 - No provision of gear or merchandise with Betting Sponsor logos or branding for use on or off the court (e.g., towels, water bottles, tape);
 - No provision of hospitality or gifts, free or subsidized travel, or any other personal benefit to a player/Player Support Team Member/official from the Betting Sponsor; and
 - No provision of Betting Sponsor informational or promotional materials to players/Player Support Team Member/officials/Tournament Support Personnel;
- 4) No use of identifiable player/Player Support Team Member/official images in Tournament advertisements/collateral/social media content that includes only the branding of the Betting Sponsor (Note: WTA can provide examples of permitted images and footage such as ball bouncing, toss, and racquet or an unrecognizable player as determined by WTA);
 - 5) No Betting Sponsor logo or brand images on chair umpire or line umpire clothing;
 - 6) No direct linking from a Tournament digital or social media platform to a Betting Sponsor website page or app where a Wager on tennis can be placed (i.e., two (2) clicks);
 - 7) No displaying live odds for matches on a Tournament digital or social media platform (excluding in a simultaneous live match stream broadcast shown on such platform);
 - 8) No offering or accepting tennis wagers on any Tournament digital or social media platform or otherwise;
 - 9) No displaying live odds for tennis matches on-site at a Tournament (does not apply to display of local television broadcast);

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- 10) No, directly or through a third party, offering and accepting in-person tennis wagers on-site or at any official Tournament-related event (e.g., at a booth or party);
- 11) No in-person tennis wagering available at official player hotels;
- 12) Betting Sponsor on-court signage:
 - No signage or banners on or in the immediate physical vicinity of the chair umpire or line umpire chair (see attached diagram);
 - No signage or banners on or in the immediate physical vicinity of the player benches (see attached diagram);
 - No ads on videoboards when players are on court warming up or when playing (excluding changeovers and set breaks);
 - Betting Sponsor logo cannot be the only logo/mark on backwall signage;
 - Betting Sponsor logo may be placed on the shot clock and serve speed box subject to the restrictions in the attached diagram;
 - No more than 40% of total on-court fixed signage (excluding LED) or 40% of total display time; and
 - No signage or banners on the player entrance arch;
- 13) No Betting Sponsor “call to action” advertising (in-stadia, on-site or on Tournament social media or digital platforms) that encourages placing Wagers on tennis or opening a sports betting account (e.g., go to website and place a bet now);
- 14) Betting Sponsor may have informational booth in vendor area, which may include information on downloading the sponsor’s app but should not directly encourage placing of bets or promote a Betting Sponsor website URL;
- 15) Credentials for Betting Sponsor representatives limited to non-player restricted areas (i.e., no access to player lounge or locker room; access to player restaurant and press conferences permitted if accompanied by Tournament staff);
- 16) Betting Sponsor representatives may not participate in or be privy to non-public information pertaining to the making of Tournament draws, including the naming of Tournament Wild Cards;

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- 17) Betting Sponsor and Tournament advertising in and on broadcast (and shoulder programming) must comply with WTA Rules and broadcast and local restrictions (i.e., in the event a territory does not allow the broadcast to be shown due to a ban on sports betting advertising, the Tournament should have the right to opt out of such sponsorship agreement);
- 18) Betting Sponsor logo on media backdrops must be the same size as and appear no more frequently than other logos on the backdrop, and must be dispersed throughout the backdrop; and
- 19) Betting Sponsors may only use the WTA logo in advertisements when using the WTA-Tournament lockup logo, provided that (i) the lockup logo may not be used with the image of an identifiable tennis player (regardless of whether the individual in the image competes on the WTA Tour) and (ii) upon request, application of the lockup logo is submitted for WTA review and approval.

E. Tournament Requirements

Tournaments with Betting Sponsors must comply with the following:

- 1) No Tournament shall receive compensation linked to the sponsorship from the Betting Sponsor based upon revenue or betting volume of their event;
- 2) Tournament Support Personnel who regularly have direct contact with players and/or are privy to non-public information about players must complete the Tennis Integrity Protection Programme (the "TIPP"). Such staff likely includes, but is not limited to, the Credentials Coordinator, Accommodation Coordinator, IT Coordinator, Head of Security, Media Director, Player Desk Staff and Massage Therapists; and
- 3) Tournaments shall discuss in good faith with the WTA how to promote responsible gambling (in-stadia, on-site or on tournament digital platforms).

F. Repute and Integrity of Betting Sponsors

In order to assure the quality of the Betting Sponsors, Tournaments with Betting Sponsors must comply with the following requirements:

- 1) Betting Sponsor must purchase official live WTA scores from WTA's authorized partner (<https://www.statsperform.com/wta/>) or an authorized reseller, or only utilize delayed WTA scores;

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- 2) Only betting exchanges that also offer sportsbook betting are permitted as a Betting Sponsor;
- 3) Betting Sponsor must be registered/licensed by appropriate legal authority in the territories it offers betting;
- 4) Betting Sponsor must employ industry standard measures (e.g. geo-gating and age-restrictions) to prevent unauthorized users from engaging in unlawful sports wagering for the term of the sponsorship;
- 5) No targeting minors;
- 6) Betting Sponsor shall not be:
 - entities engaged in the collection, publication or other exploitation of material that would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on tennis integrity (as determined by WTA);
 - currently the subject of an investigation or proceeding for betting-related corruption or betting-related criminal offense or any other materially significant betting integrity-related investigation brought by the ITIA or any relevant betting-integrity, governmental, regulatory or gaming authority;
 - currently an adverse party in litigation or arbitration involving WTA or any of WTA events in respect of unofficial data or betting;
 - currently the subject of legal proceedings brought by any of the seven (7) major tennis stakeholders in respect of any unauthorized in-stadium collection or exploitation of unofficial data;
 - entities that have been convicted of betting-related corruption, betting-related criminal offense by the ITIA or any relevant betting-integrity, governmental, regulatory or gaming authority within the prior three (3) years; and
 - entities that have a current sanction from any relevant betting-integrity related, governmental, regulatory or gaming authority as to a material violation or series of violations that could reasonably be expected to call the applicable entity's betting-related integrity into question;
- 7) Betting Sponsor must agree to cooperate and coordinate with WTA, WTA's official data partner, and the ITIA with respect to any suspicious betting patterns or other integrity-related issues, and

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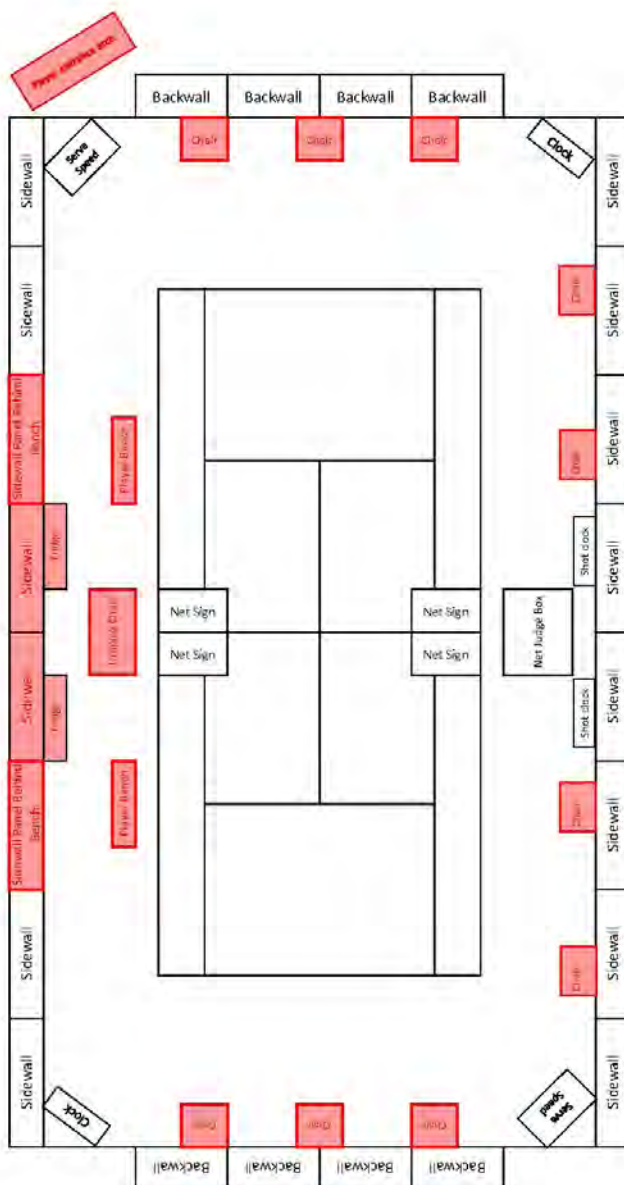
must make available to the ITIA any betting-related information that the ITIA reasonably requests and have an MOU with the ITIA (if requested);

- 8) Betting Sponsor must agree to comply with these rules; and
- 9) Agreement must include a termination right if (a) the Betting Sponsor's license in the Tournament's domestic market is lost or suspended, (b) the Betting Sponsor is no longer in compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including advertising), (c) the Betting Sponsor violates these rules, (d) the Betting Sponsor combines unofficial WTA data with official WTA data, (e) the Betting Sponsor fails to reasonably cooperate with any integrity-related ITIA requests or ITIA investigations, and (f) the WTA rules change prohibiting sponsorships in this category.

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A. WTA 125 TOURNAMENT STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

All WTA Tournaments must be staged in a first-class professional manner. Standards are required unless otherwise noted or approved. Tournaments must apply to the WTA at least three (3) months in advance for an exemption from any Tournament Standard of Performance.

No experimental procedures or products can be used or offered to the players without prior written approval from the WTA. All procedures and products must be in compliance with the Rules.

Unless otherwise noted, all facilities and standards required hereunder must be ready by 9:00 a.m. on the day of Qualifying Sign-In.

Any Tournament that is combined with an ATP event of any level or back-to-back with an ATP event of an equal level shall provide a level of Tournament Standards that is equal to or greater than the level of Tournament Standards provided for at its ATP event; however, in no instance shall such Standards fall below the minimum required herein.

1. Accounting

Within fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the Tournament, the Tournament shall submit to the WTA a full report of all aspects of the Tournament including: a) a copy of the prospectus; b) a completed program; and c) a statement showing all monies disbursed on site for prize money and traveling expenses as allowed under Section IX - Prize Money.

2. Animals

No animals will be allowed in the Player Restaurant, Locker Room, Treatment/ Training Room, or WTA Office. Animals on site must be restrained (either by leash or carry case). Facility rules regarding animals on site shall be enforced.

3. Anti-Doping Testing Facilities and On-Site Personnel Assistance

a. On-Site Doping Control Station

Each Tournament, when selected to host testing of players, is obligated to provide, at its own cost, the facilities in Appendix N.

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b. Chaperones Provided by the Tournament

Each Tournament, when selected to host testing of players, is obligated to provide, at its own cost, adult female staff members and/or volunteers who can assist the Official Anti-Doping Personnel and Supervisor with the notification and observation of players selected for testing. The Tournament shall be notified of the chaperone schedule at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the Tournament.

4. Ball Persons

It is recommended that a coordinator be appointed to recruit and assign Ball Persons. There shall be a minimum of three (3) ball persons per match in the Main Draw and Qualifying. Ball persons may not wear any predominantly white, yellow, or other light color clothing that may interfere with the players' vision, unless otherwise approved by the WTA. Ball persons' uniforms should not be identical to the Line Umpires' uniforms.

5. Balls

a. Ball Type and Specifications

- i. ITF-approved Type 2 Regular Duty balls from the WTA approved ball list are to be used at all WTA Tournaments unless otherwise approved by the WTA. At least twelve (12) weeks prior to the start of its Main Draw, each Tournament must confirm with the WTA the ball it intends to use. Failure to comply may result in a Tournament Standards Violation and/or other sanctions.

High-altitude balls are not to be used unless conditions require, and such use must be approved by the WTA and must be stated on the Tournament Fact Sheet.

- ii. WTA Tournaments which are played the week before a Grand Slam are required to use the same ball (brand and commercial denomination) as that Grand Slam.
- iii. Pressurized balls only will be used on the WTA.
- iv. WTA reserves the right to determine the tennis ball brand and model to be used and will notify Promoter at least 12 weeks prior to the Main Draw of the Tournament if exercising such right. Any tennis ball manufacturer designated by WTA will not be entitled to any sponsorship or other benefits at the Tournament unless otherwise agreed to by Promoter.

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- v. If Promoter enters into an agreement with a sponsor company that manufactures tennis balls prior to the 12 week-deadline, the sponsorship agreement must incorporate WTA's right to provide the tennis balls to be used in practice and competition at the Tournament, which balls, where possible, will be unbranded.
- vi. If a Tournament or manufacturer wants approval to use a ball not currently on the List, the ball must first go through the WTA's ball testing process. A ball that successfully passes the ball testing process will be approved for use and included on the List immediately.

b. **Number and Procedure for Rotation during All Match Play**

At all Tournaments for all matches in both Qualifying Singles and Main Draw singles and doubles, six (6) balls shall be used and changed after the first seven (7) games and thereafter every nine (9) games.

c. **Availability**

Balls of the make to be used in the Tournament are to be available on site at least three (3) days prior to the commencement of the Qualifying for players in both the Main Draw and Qualifying until they are eliminated. Prior to the Qualifying Sign-In, players shall be required to purchase the balls. Beginning on the day of the Qualifying Sign-In, players are entitled to receive the complimentary daily allocation of practice balls in accordance with sub-Section d below.

d. **Daily Allotted Number of Practice Balls**

Main Draw and Qualifying players are entitled to practice balls as set out in the following chart:

Tournament Category	Player Daily Allotment of Practice Balls	
	While Competing in Tournament	After Elimination
WTA 125	6 new	3 used

If the practice courts are located off site, it is recommended that practice balls be provided at the practice site.

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6. Betting Sponsorships

Tournaments must comply with the WTA Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules. (See Appendix D.)

7. Chairs/Umbrellas

Chairs must be provided on court for player use during the change of ends. At outdoor Tournaments, umbrellas must be provided to shade the players' chairs.

8. Cleaning

- a. Tournaments must retain a dedicated cleaning staff that is trained and provided the equipment necessary to clean, disinfect, and sanitize Tournament facilities in accordance with local health regulations.
- b. Procedures must be in place for cleaning and disinfecting equipment, training fixtures, uniforms, and high-traffic and high-contact areas, particularly following use.
- c. Procedures must be tailored to the specific needs and challenges of cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, and ventilating each unique Tournament area.
- d. Locker rooms, dining facilities, and healthcare-related areas of the Tournament facilities must be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout each day of the Tournament. The floors of locker rooms and all healthcare-related areas must be cleaned at least each night after completion of treatments and before they are open for use the following day.

9. Court

- a. Court Specifications
 - i. Court Surface
 - (a) Tournaments must be played on a surface that is approved by the WTA, including, but not limited to, the color of the court surface. Tournaments must submit a written request for approval to the WTA prior to making any changes to the existing surface and pay the cost of any testing deemed necessary by the WTA.

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- (b) If a new surface is being considered, approval must be given by the WTA. If the Tournament fails to utilize the surface recommended by the WTA, individual players may refuse to participate in the Tournament, in which case the WTA neither is responsible for such action by a player nor subject to any penalties.
 - (c) The surface must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Supervisor/Referee.
 - (d) Tournaments must ensure that the same surface is used for Main Draw and Qualifying. If there are circumstances beyond the control of the Tournament Director, Qualifying matches may be held on a different surface, only with approval of the WTA. All practice courts, with a minimum of one (1) on site, must be of the same surface and condition (i.e., indoor/outdoor) as the Main Draw match court(s). (See the chart in sub-Section b below for practice court requirements.)
 - (e) Unless otherwise approved by the WTA, outdoor courts shall be laid out with the long axis north and south; geographic considerations may modify this orientation in order to minimize the adverse effect of serving into the sun.
- ii. Court Measurements
 - (a) There must be at least 12 feet (or 3.66 meters) at each side of the doubles sideline and 21 feet (or 6.40 meters) behind each baseline. (This does not include the publicity/advertising placed around the line umpires' chairs). It is recommended that show courts have 15 feet (4.57 meters) at each side of the doubles sideline and 27 feet (8.23 meters) behind each baseline. At indoor Tournaments, the ceiling must be a minimum of 30 feet (or 9.14 meters) in height.
 - (b) Court Dimensions must comply with those set out under the ITF Rules of Tennis. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure, upon final preparation of the tennis courts before the Tournament commences, that all court specifications, including court measurements, comply with the standards set forth in Appendix J – Court and Light Measurements. All court measurements shall be made to the outside of the lines and all lines of the court shall be white.

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b. Minimum Numbers of Match and Practice Courts

i. Combined Tournaments with the ATP

At combined Tournaments with 48 Draws, the minimum number of match courts is seven (7). The minimum numbers of match and practice courts must be approved by the WTA at least six (6) months prior to the Tournament.

ii. Indoor Tournament

Draw Size	Show Courts	Additional Match Courts	Practice Courts (on-site and off-site)	On-Site Practice Courts
WTA 125 (48)	1	2	3	1
WTA 125 (32)	1	1	2	1

iii. Outdoor Tournament

Tournament Category	Show Courts	Additional Match Courts	Practice Courts (on-site and off-site)	On-Site Practice Courts
WTA 125 (48)	1	3	3	1
WTA 125 (32)	1	2	2 (3 recommended)	1

iv. Availability

For hard and clay court Tournaments, practice courts must be available for use for practice by 8:00 a.m. the day prior to Qualifying Sign-In, and match courts must be available for use for practice by 8:00 a.m. the day of Qualifying Sign-In. For grass court Tournaments, practice courts must be available for use for practice by 10:00 a.m. the day prior to Qualifying Sign-In, and match courts must be available for use for practice by 10:00 a.m. the day of Qualifying Sign-In.

c. Court Signage

i. On the Court Surface

- (a) There can be no commercial identification on the surface of the court, except that the name of the court manufacturer and the Tournament's host locality (as further described

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below) are permitted to be placed on the court surface with prior approval from the WTA. A Tournament must request WTA approval for the placement of the WTA Logo and host locality signage and/ or court manufacturer identification and provide full details of all signage (text and placement) to the WTA at least ninety (90) days prior to the event.

- (b) Tournaments may place on court the name of their host locality, which may include one (1) of the following: city, region (i.e., state or county), or country subject to the placement and size restrictions set forth below. The preferred font is Din Condensed, but tournaments may use the official logo or font of the host country, city, or region with the prior approval of the WTA. Signage must be consistent with the texture and feel of the court surface so as not to affect play or pose a safety hazard.

The position, size, and font of the host locality signage shall be in accordance with one (1) of the following two (2) options; and, in either case, the Tournament must include the WTA Logo as specified below:

HOST LOCALITY NAME OPTION 1: BASE LINE OPTION (not applicable to clay court tournaments)

- Upper case in white
- Displayed on one (1) line facing the main camera
- Written on one (1) or both ends of the court behind the baseline
- Centered between the singles sidelines
- Nearest distance from the baseline: 3 m/9.85 feet
- Height of lettering: Not greater than 80 cm/31.5 inches (50 cm/19.7 inches at combined events)
- Width: No restriction

HOST LOCALITY NAME OPTION 2: SIDELINE OPTION

- Upper case in white
- Displayed on one (1) or two (2) lines, facing the main camera
- Written on the right and/or left side of the court at the service line for hard or grass courts or centered between the net post and the service line for hard, grass, or clay courts, outside of the doubles sidelines. If the text is

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displayed on two (2) lines, they should together be centered on the service line (line spacing should be 20 cm/7.9 inches).

- Height of lettering: Not greater than 50 cm/19.7 inches (40 cm/16 inches at combined events)
- Distance from the doubles sideline: minimum of 40 cm/16 inches (maximum of 40 cm/16 inches at combined events)
- Width: No restriction
- The text should be elongated by 27% for improved television visibility.
- If used on a clay surface, the text must not protrude above the surface of the court.

WTA LOGO (FOR OPTIONS 1 AND 2)

- Placement:
 - (i) One (1) WTA Logo painted on the court, at least 40 cm/16 inches outside of the doubles sidelines half way between the net and the service line, on the side of and facing the main camera; or
 - (ii) WTA Logos in at least two (2) corners of the backdrops, with a minimum of one (1) on the backdrop facing the main camera and one (1) in side camera view;* or
 - (iii) At least two (2) WTA Logos in a position immediately above and behind the backdrops with a minimum of one (1) on the end facing the main camera and one (1) in side camera view;* or
 - (iv) Any other position proposed by the Tournament and agreed by the WTA.
- Logo Dimensions if Painted on the Court: At least 44.2 cm (17.4 inches) x 94 cm (37 inches)
- Logo Dimensions if on or Behind Backdrop: At least 29 cm (11.4 inches) x 37.7 cm (14.84 inches)
- Artwork: WTA Logo; same application as for backdrop/sidewall signage with a dark background
- Combined and Back-to-Back Events: WTA Logo must be at least the same visual size as the ATP logo (i.e., cover the same surface area)

*The WTA may substitute the WTA Logo positioned on the back fence with 3-D signage placed on-court as a mat where the Net Umpire chair surrounding is normally placed.

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- (c) Two (2) identifications of the court manufacturer (maximum 20.13 square feet/1.87 square meters) may be permitted on the side of the court surface parallel to the sidelines. Such logo must be placed at least 1.5 meters (4.92 feet) from the doubles sideline. If used on a clay surface, the text must not protrude above the surface of the court.

(See examples in Appendix I – On-Court Signage.)

ii. Behind the Court

The back fences, back walls, net, net posts, line umpire boxes, and other fixtures on a court shall not be predominantly white, gray, yellow, or any other light color that can interfere with the vision of the players as determined by the Supervisor.

iii. Banners

There can be no banners with predominantly white, gray, yellow, or any other light color backgrounds behind the ends of the court. Background and lettering on rotating/LED banners should be consistent with the color of the back walls. If placed in front of back walls, rotating/LED banners can change only after completion of any game. If placed in front of side walls, rotating banners can change between any point. In either case, banners must not change once a player is ready to serve.

When lighter lettering needs to be used on a darker background, PMS Color “Cool Gray” 4 to 6 (5 to 6 for outdoor tournaments) are the preferred colors. No colors can be used that interfere with the vision of the players as determined by the Supervisor.

Banners must comply with the WTA Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules. (See Appendix D.)

d. Court Preparation

Clay and loose surface courts must be swept, watered, and lines cleared before the start of all matches, if the Supervisor or Referee deems it necessary. Clay courts also may need to be watered and/or swept between sets if requested by the Supervisor or Referee.

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e. Seating

i. Color of Box Seats and Seats at Ends of the Court

It is recommended that spectator seating not have any white, gray, yellow, or other light colors that can interfere with the vision of the players and that any such light colored seating be covered.

ii. Spectator Movement During Play

Spectators above the lowest tier of seating will be allowed to move freely to and from their seats at any time during play.

The Tournament Director and Supervisor at each Tournament will determine this lowest tier of seating. Where there is no clear break, the Tournament Director and Supervisor will determine the most logical designation for spectator movement during play. (See Appendix B.1 - Supervisor.)

f. Smoking

Except where prohibited by law, smoking shall not be permitted within the lower level of seating around the courts and in all restricted play areas as well as the WTA and Officials' offices.

10. Credentials/Tickets/Seating

In addition to the ticket allocation requirement as part of the Commercial Benefits granted to the WTA/sponsor (see Section XIII.B.10 - Seats/Tickets) and the WTA Television Broadcast Standards requirements (see Section XVIII.F.4 - Tournament Facilities), each Tournament will provide the following:

a. Players, Coaches, Guest, and WTA Staff

i. Each Participating Player:

(a) One (1) credential;

(b) Two (2) player guest/coaches credentials; and

(c) Two (2) tickets for each day for which the player remains in the Tournament.

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A designated seating area in the grandstand for players and players' coaches, relatives, or guests to sit and watch matches also must be provided at all sessions. Best efforts should be made for a minimum of ten (10) seats. This reserved seating area shall be in addition to the match box seats.

Player credentials shall be valid through the end of the Tournament. Player guest/coach credentials shall be valid as long as the player remains at the Tournament.

- ii. Each WTA staff member, massage therapist, WTA sponsor: One (1) credential.
 - iii. Any official guest of the WTA: One (1) credential, at WTA's request (provided such requests are reasonable and access limited as appropriate for security).
 - iv. WTA: Ten (10) tickets per session in a preferred location (need to be box seats or best available after box seats).
 - v. WTA player members not in the Tournament: On-site access is allowed, but such players are not permitted to use the site amenities and practice facilities without the Tournament Director's permission.
 - vi. Each WTA Tournament Director: On-site access to all WTA Tournaments.
 - vii. At WTA/ATP combined events, WTA alumnae players: One (1) credential each, at the Tournament's discretion.
- b. Match Court Seats
- i. A match box shall be provided to the guests of each player participating in the scheduled match. The boxes should offer identical views, have a minimum of six (6) seats, and be of equal position and size to each other but located at opposite ends of the court near the baseline or the back of the court on the same end as the player's seat to accommodate Off-Court Coaching.
 - ii. To the Referee, Supervisor, PHCP, and Tournament Physician: One (1) seat each close to the entrance of each court during all matches with easy access to the court.

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Each person granted a credential to access secure player areas (other than participating players who receive a credential pursuant to Appendix E Section A.10.a.i(a)) must comply with WTA's credentialing requirements. Tournaments must implement and comply with credentialing requirements established by the WTA.

The following table summarizes the above requirements for credentials, tickets, and seating:

Group Designation	Credentials	Tickets/Seats
WTA Players	1 player badge and 2 guest/coach badges	2 each day while competing
WTA Staff [^]	1 per staff member and local massage therapist	3 seats by court entrance with easy access to the court
WTA	1 credential for any official guest	10 tickets per session in a preferred location
WTA Sponsor	1 per sponsor	n/a
WTA Members	On-site access	n/a
WTA Tournament Directors	On-site access	n/a

[^] The seats near the court entrance shall be designated for the Referee, Supervisor, PHCP, and Tournament Physician for all matches.

The Tournament must assist WTA in securing additional tickets if requested by WTA.

11. Fitness Center

Access to a complimentary fitness center is required at all Tournaments for all players and credentialed coaches, located within reasonable proximity to the site or the Tournament hotel. The fitness center should include a variety of cardiovascular equipment (bicycles, treadmills, stair-steppers) and strengthening equipment (free weights, nautilus, resistance bands, rubber medicine balls (weight range 1kg to 4kg), and anti-burst swiss balls), as well as an area for flexibility and relaxation (stretching mats and foam rollers) with a full-length mirror. If there is no accessible fitness center on site, there must be a warm-up area that includes cardiovascular equipment (bicycles, treadmills, etc.) and an area for flexibility and relaxation.

12. Food and Beverage Service

Each Tournament must provide complimentary food and drinks beginning one (1) hour before the start of the first scheduled match until one (1) hour after the start of the last match, for WTA staff and for all players

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(Main Draw and Qualifying) from the first day of Qualifying until the player is eliminated. The Tournament shall assure that food and drinks are available for purchase on-site on the day before the start of Qualifying. If the Tournament hosts a night session, it is acceptable to provide complimentary food only to players scheduled for that night, as well as players involved in delayed day session matches, and to WTA staff. Additional meal tickets for coaches and guests should be available for purchase at a reasonable cost (\$10 - \$20).

a. Food Storage, Service, and Preparation

- i. All food and beverages must be prepared, stored, maintained, and served in accordance with local health regulations.
- ii. Low-fat cooking methods should be used (baked, broiled, roasted, with no added butter or oil).
- iii. Seasonings should be light; offer extra salt, pepper, garlic, etc. on the side.

b. Supplements

No nutritional or dietary supplements may be provided to players in any form (e.g. food, drink, tablets, powder), including common products such as vitamins, minerals, amino acids, medicinal herbs, hemp and poppy seeds or similar substances.

Drinks and bars which present a high risk under the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme must be subject to a suitable quality assurance program (e.g., Informed Sport; NSF Certified for Sport, HASTA).

c. Water and Electrolyte Replacement Drinks

Bottled, non-carbonated water and WTA-approved carbohydrate-electrolyte replacement drinks in individual-use sealed containers must be provided at all times in the player restaurant, Locker Room, private, medical treatment area, Players' Lounge, and on the practice and match courts unless otherwise approved by WTA.

d. Daily Meal Planning

- i. When providing meals, a variety of quality, international cuisine and seasonal food choices are preferred on a daily basis.

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- ii. In addition to daily meals, performance snacks (e.g., fruits, breads, pretzels, low-fat snack bars, cheeses, yogurts, crackers, nuts, and dried fruit) should be provided throughout the day and evening in the player restaurant and Players' Lounge.
 - iii. Mineral water, a variety of 100% fruit juices, chocolate milk (1%, low fat, or skim) and chocolate soy milk, and a selection of coffees, teas, hot chocolate, and soft drinks (decaffeinated, preferred) should also be available in the player restaurant and Players' Lounge.
 - iv. If morning practices and matches are played, breakfast items also should be available (e.g., cold cereals, bagels, breads, yogurt, and fruit).
 - v. Suggested lunch and dinner menus should include the following selections:
 - (a) Two (2) carbohydrate selections (one (1) pasta option and one (1) gluten-free option); and
 - (b) Two (2) protein selections, and for Tournaments in regions where there is a doping risk from meat, one (1) additional meatless protein option must also be provided. (See sub-Sections 10.e.i and ii - Recommended Food Groups – Carbohydrates and Proteins below).
 - vi. Practice hours and match schedule will determine when meals and/ or performance snacks are served. Allow for one (1) hour before the start of the first scheduled match and up to one (1) hour after the start of the last match. Limited meal times, outside of this schedule require the pre- approval of the Supervisor, and, in such instances, the Tournament must arrange for alternate on-site player and staff meals until the player restaurant reopens.
- e. Recommended Food Groups
- The following is a list of recommended food groups:
- i. Carbohydrates (60% of total calorie intake)
 - (a) Breads and Cereals

Assorted wheat breads, rolls, and gluten free bread; oatmeal

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or porridge; bagels; crackers; low-sugar cereals; muesli; pasta and gluten free pasta; baked (white and sweet) potatoes; barley, quinoa, couscous, and rice.

(b) Fruits and Vegetables

Assorted fresh fruit salad; dried fruits; whole fresh fruits; and fresh-cut raw vegetables. Salad bar: tomatoes; potatoes; lettuce (variety); cucumbers; sprouts; mushrooms; carrots; peas; beans; etc. with a variety of dressings on the side.

ii. Proteins (15% of total calorie intake)

(a) Meat and Alternatives

Chicken (white meat); turkey (white meat); beef and lamb (red meat); fish (assorted variety); eggs; legumes; nuts; and tofu.

(b) Dairy Products and Alternatives

Soft and hard cheeses; low-fat cottage cheese; low-fat plain and fruit-flavored yogurt; low-fat milk and soy milk.

iii. Fats and Oils (25% of total calorie intake)

Limit intake of fats and oils high in saturated and/or trans fatty acids.

iv. Miscellaneous

(a) A selection of international condiments (e.g., jam, honey, peanut butter, vegemite, salsa, ketchup, curry sauce, soy sauce, and sweet chili sauce).

(b) Low-fat soups (e.g., minestrone, chicken noodle, vegetable).

(c) All sauces and dressings should be served on the side.

(d) Low-fat dessert options, such as fruit breads, muffins, and crumbles.

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13. Hotel Rooms/Per Diem – Player

a. Official Hotel Location and Transport Requirements

Tournaments will establish an official hotel that meets the standard requirements of the WTA. Hotels must be located in a secure and safe area. Motels or any accommodations that require entrance to rooms from the street or public outdoor walkways are not acceptable. Transport must be provided to and from the official hotel to the Tournament site.

b. Hotel Rates and Availability

Each Tournament should use its best effort to arrange for discounted or complimentary accommodations. If the official hotel daily rate for a double room (2 persons in room) including taxes and excluding breakfast is higher than US\$175 (€160 in Europe) per day at WTA 125 Tournaments, then an alternative player hotel must be provided with a rate equal to or less than the rate above. The maximum rate is increased by \$15 (€15 in Europe) if breakfast is included.

Rates should be available the day before Qualifying commences until the conclusion of the Tournament.

Tournaments may apply to the WTA for relief from these hotel rate standards, which may be granted by the WTA on a case-by-case basis, depending upon local considerations which make compliance with such standards impractical and unrealistic.

c. Alternate Hotel Location and Transport Requirements

The alternate hotel should be no more than 10-15 miles (or 10-15 minutes) from the Tournament site. Tournament transportation must be provided from the alternate hotel.

d. WTA Notification of Hotel Accommodations and Room Lists

The Supervisor should be notified by the Tournament of all housing arrangements. In addition, each Tournament shall provide the WTA with an official hotel room list.

e. Player Hotel Room Entitlement

Under the per diem rule, each player competing in the Main Draw (singles or doubles) at WTA 125 Tournaments shall be entitled to

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a double room, including room taxes, at one of the official hotels selected by the Tournament, provided that the player reserves her room through the Tournament's designated hotel booking process. Specific hotels for Qualifying and Main Draw may be designated by a Tournament.

If multiple players elect to share a room, each player in such room is still entitled to receive full per diem, with the players' per diem nights combined for such room. If a player does not use her per diem nights in her own room or a shared room, then she may designate the entirety of the nights in her per diem room to one (1) Player Support Team Member. In either case, per diem shall begin in accordance with sub-section h or i below. A player requesting either alternate arrangement should inform the Tournament at the time of hotel booking, but the arrangement is not guaranteed.

The Tournament shall only pay the per diem allowances through the official hotel(s). Payment to the players is prohibited. Tournaments may apply to the WTA for relief from this requirement, which will only be granted by the WTA if the Tournament agrees to make secure arrangements for per diem payments to underage athletes.

Players who reserve a hotel room through the Tournament's designated hotel booking process may not knowingly share their room with individuals who are provisionally suspended or serving a period of ineligibility under the Integrity Rules or these Rules unless it cannot reasonably be avoided. If a player is found to be in violation of this Rule, she will be fined an amount equal to her per diem for that Tournament. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed for violating the prohibited association rules of the Integrity Rules.

f. Reservation Process and Deadlines

If a player does not make her hotel reservation in accordance with the Tournament's designated hotel booking process and by the deadline stated on the Tournament Fact sheet, she is not guaranteed a room or any discounted rate.

The hotel booking process must be clearly described on the Tournament Fact Sheet. The Tournament must ensure that a contact person is available by telephone and email starting at least six (6) weeks before the event and the contact details must appear on the Tournament Fact Sheet.

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g. Required Length and Timing of Hotel Stay

i. Minimum Per Diem Nights

The minimum numbers of nights for which singles and doubles Main Draw players shall receive hotel room/per diem is listed in the table below.

Tournament Category	Singles Main Draw	Singles Qualifying	Doubles Main Draw
WTA 125	4	0	2

ii. Exception for Combined Events with ATP

WTA player hotel room/per diem at combined events shall be consistent with the WTA per diem rules, except where per diem provided under the ATP rules is greater, in which case the ATP per diem rule shall apply.

h. Per Diem for Main Draw Players

A player's Main Draw per diem nights: (i) begin two (2) days* before the start of a Tournament's Singles Main Draw or one (1) day before the start of a Tournament's Doubles draw or the day that she registers, whichever is later; and (ii) continue through the night of her final exit from the Tournament (e.g. last match, withdrawal, etc.) or the night that she reaches the minimum per diem nights to which she is entitled under this Rule, whichever is later. In all cases, the last night for which any player will receive per diem is the night of the Tournament's final match, whether or not she has received her minimum per diem nights.

*If the Main Draw starts Wednesday, then per diem begins Monday; if the Main Draw starts Tuesday, then per diem begins Sunday; if the Main Draw starts Monday, then per diem begins Saturday; if the Main Draw starts Sunday, then per diem begins Friday; if the Main Draw starts Saturday, then per diem begins Thursday; and so on.

i. Per Diem for Qualifying Players

Successful qualifiers receive retroactive Singles Main Draw per diem from two (2) days before the start of Main Draw.

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j. Per Diem for Lucky Losers and Alternates

Each day, the highest ranked among the Lucky Losers (see Section V.A.1.a.vi) and Doubles Alternates (and Singles Main Draw Alternates if there is no Qualifying) who have signed in to preserve their eligibility shall receive hotel/per diem the same as Main Draw players.

This hotel/per diem starts as follows and continues through the night following the last day a Lucky Loser or Alternate, as applicable, is eligible to be awarded a spot in the Main Draw.

i. For singles, hotel/per diem begins:

- (a) For the highest ranked Lucky Loser, on the day the Main Draw starts; or
- (b) For the highest ranked Alternate, on the day before the Main Draw starts.

ii. For doubles, hotel/per diem for the highest ranked Doubles Alternate begins on the day of the Doubles Sign-In Deadline.

The hotel/per diem will fall to the next highest-ranked Lucky Loser or Alternate, as applicable, in the event the highest-ranked Lucky Loser or Alternate, as applicable, moves off the list (e.g., moves into the Main Draw), with the hotel/per diem beginning on the day the highest-ranked Lucky Loser or Alternate, as applicable, moves off the list.

k. Per Diem for Players who Withdraw On-Site for a Medical Condition

Main Draw players who have withdrawn by any method for a Medical Condition on site before starting to compete (and such doubles players' partners) shall receive hotel/per diem as follows, provided that they have complied with all requirements of the applicable withdrawal according to Section IV.A.

Draw	Nights
Singles Main Draw	2
Doubles Main Draw	1

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I. Hotel Upgrade or Per Diem in Lieu of Accommodation Request

If the official hotel designated by the Tournament does not meet the standard requirements, the WTA may request an upgrade in accommodations to a hotel of that standard rating.

If the Tournament is unable or refuses to comply with this rule, then the WTA may choose the per day per diem (see Section 13.b above) in lieu of hotel accommodations for a player who is entitled to a complimentary room.

m. Player Responsibility for Personal Expenses

A player is responsible for all hotel charges over and above those for the room rate and tax (double room or double room cost).

14. Hotel Rooms and Per Diem – WTA Staff

a. General

All rooms below shall be provided from the day before the Qualifying Sign-In through the final day of the Tournament. The Tournament shall be responsible for payment of hotel room taxes and resort or similar fees and the WTA staff and Supervisors shall be responsible for all incidental expenses. In addition, each Tournament should use best efforts to arrange for the player rate at the official hotel to be offered to WTA staff working at the Tournament.

b. WTA Tournaments

WTA Tournaments are required to provide two (2)¹ complimentary hotel rooms for the WTA staff, which may be divided among the Supervisor and PHCP staff. The allocation of WTA staff rooms, however, shall be determined by the WTA and communicated to the Tournament by the Supervisor.

c. WTA/ATP Combined Events

At WTA/ATP combined events, where ATP Supervisors receive a complimentary hotel room, per diem, and laundry service, the equal number of WTA Supervisors shall also receive similar complimentary accommodations and benefits. In addition to the complimentary

¹ Three (3) hotel rooms at Combined 48 Main Draw events. The Supervisor at combined events must receive no less than the same complimentary accommodations and benefits provided to ATP Supervisor.

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hotel rooms and benefits provided to the tour Supervisors, all WTA/ ATP combined events must provide the WTA and ATP each one (1) complimentary hotel room, which may be used for a PHCP or Massage Therapist.

15. Internet Communication

In each instance in the Rules where a high-speed internet connection is required, it shall consist of an always-on, high-speed internet connection. A minimum total 1Mb/sec (mega bit per second) of available bandwidth must be available for the WTA offices and staff, including the Player Development and medical offices (e.g., Tournament Physician, PHCP, and Massage Therapist), unless otherwise approved by the WTA. User access via Ethernet or WiFi is recommended.

Tournaments are recommended to use web filtering technology to restrict access to internet gambling sites in all areas where internet access is provided by the Tournament.

16. Laptop Computers

The use of laptop computers within the confines of the Tournament match courts is strictly forbidden. The exception to this provision is properly credentialed media, Tournament vendors, and Tournament staff when used in the performance of their duties.

17. Laundry Service

Each Tournament shall provide laundry service to participating players from the first day of Qualifying until the completion of the Tournament. Laundry service may be limited to 'next-day wash & fold' service and may be provided on site and handled by the locker room attendants, or directly at the official hotel. Laundry service costs should be reasonable (whether per item or per bag), and must be approved by the WTA at least one (1) month prior to the Tournament.

18. Lighting

a. Specifications and Measurements

Lighting must be distributed evenly on the court, with the minimum and recommended standards as stated in the chart below.

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	Required	Recommended
Light Measurements		
Lux (averaged over 15 readings)	750	1,076
Lux Outside Court Lines (averaged over 8 readings)	500	500
Foot Candles	70	100
Ratio between highest/lowest reading	1 x 1.5	1 x 1.5
Light Pole Heights		
All Courts	30 feet*	40 feet*

*Or no lower than other non-show court lights at the facility.

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure, upon final preparation of the tennis courts before the Tournament commences, that all court specifications, including lighting measurements, comply with the standards set forth in Appendix J – Light Measurements.

Measurements should be taken from approximately three (3) feet (0.914 meters) above the court.

The Supervisor has the authority to suspend play on any court if the intensity of illumination, in his/her judgment, is insufficient for Professional Tennis.

b. Second Court for Outdoor Night Matches

If an outdoor Tournament holds night sessions, a second match court with lighting that meets Tour standards will be required.

19. Live Scoring

The Tournament shall assist WTA (or its designee) in its efforts to produce and host the live score data generated from each match, WTA will provide the scoring device(s) used by the Chair Umpires.

Tournaments shall not allow or authorize the dissemination, transmission, publication, or release from the grounds of the Tournament of any live match scores or related statistical data, including without limitation the live score data from the scoring network, by a third party until thirty (30) seconds after the actual occurrence of the incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (e.g. a point being scored), such delay shall not be applicable to the live audio and/or visual broadcast or streaming by any method or means (i.e. moving pictures and/or sound/

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audio reporting of actual on-court action) and purposes related to such broadcast of any match. Tournaments may only supply match related data or information to gambling entities through WTA's approved data reseller. In addition, each Tournament shall notify WTA in advance of any third party to whom the Tournament has granted access to the network used for live scoring for the purpose of accessing the live score data. Persons who are or work for data resellers shall not be issued credentials.

20. Locker Room

a. Facility Requirements

Each Tournament must provide a secure "Players Only" locker room facility (including toilets, showers, and other standard locker room amenities) adjacent to the Tournament site, suitable for women's use, to which only players and WTA staff will be admitted.

The locker room should have good ventilation and temperature control and must include changing and bathing rooms and afford privacy to the players. Lockers or other similar storage units must be provided in order for the players to lock up and secure their belongings.

Showers must have hot/cold water with appropriate reserves for players' use. It is recommended that locker rooms have individual showers with privacy stalls/curtains to allow for player privacy. Towels must be provided near the showers in the locker room.

The locker room must be kept clean, and sanitary and towel bins must be provided.

Additionally, it is requested that a submersion bath be located in the shower area for recovery purposes and emergency cooling of players at Tournaments where Extreme Weather Conditions exist. (See Section XVIII.B.7.a.) At WTA/ATP combined events, if a submersion bath is provided to ATP players, no fewer than the equal number of submersion baths also must be provided to WTA players.

b. Amenities to be Provided

Toiletries should be provided, including dispensed soap and paper towels for sanitary purposes for players' use. Additionally, it is requested that shampoo, hair conditioner, shower gel, tampons, and sanitary pads be provided for the players' use.

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See beverage requirements in Appendix E Section A.12 – Food and Beverage Service.

c. **Security and Oversight**

A female attendant must be in charge, and there must be sufficient security to i) prevent unauthorized entry and ii) protect the players' personal belongings from the start of play until the completion of play.

d. **Additional Facility for Coaches**

Tournaments should make best efforts to provide locker room facilities for both women and men coaches.

21. Media Facilities

All Tournaments, including the WTA Finals, must comply with the WTA Television Broadcast Standards requirement (see Section XVIII.F.4 - Tournament Facilities) and also must provide a full service media center, including:

- a. Media working area;
- b. Separate interview room;
- c. Separate media lounge, where appropriate;
- d. High-speed internet access; and
- e. Multiple shared television monitors, telephones, and printers.

All media facilities must be ready by 9:00 a.m. tournament local time, on the day of Qualifying Sign-In.

In addition to the above, all Tournaments, including the WTA Finals, must provide the following for the use of the WTA Communications staff if on site: i) a telephone line; ii) a high-speed internet access line for each Communications staff member; and iii) a printer. The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of installing the telephone lines and internet access lines.

All media areas shall be gambling-free zones and any persons credentialed for such areas, if found to be gambling on tennis or passing insider information to third parties for use in connection with gambling,

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shall have their credentials revoked. Media credentials must contain a provision whereby the media member acknowledges and agrees that he/she will not disseminate, transmit, publish, or release from the grounds of the Tournament any live match score or related live statistical data until thirty (30) seconds after the actual occurrence of the incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (e.g., a point being scored), and that such use shall be solely for news reporting and editorial use.

Any media known to be working for gambling companies shall not be issued credentials. If found to be working for a gambling company after issuance of the credential, the credential shall be revoked.

22. Net

a. Specifications

The net, posts, cord, cable, strap, singles sticks, and band all must be to the requirements of the ITF Rules of Tennis. The net band shall be cloth or canvas (not plastic or vinyl), and the net shall extend to the ground.

b. Advertising and Signage Restrictions

WTA/sponsor net post signage must be erected consistent with the specifications provided by the WTA. There shall be no advertisement on the strap, band, singles sticks, or net posts.

Advertisement is permitted on the net as long as it is placed on the part of the net that is within three (3) feet (0.914 meters) from the center of the net posts and is produced in such a way that it does not interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions (per the ITF Rules of Tennis). This advertising may not contain white or yellow. (See also Section XIII.B.4 - Net Post Signs.)

23. Officials and Officiating

All WTA Tournaments are required to appoint, in consultation with the WTA, an internationally certified Referee and Chief of Umpires to work in conjunction with the Supervisor.

All Chair Umpires appointed as designates for WTA Tournaments are internationally certified Chair Umpires. All appointed officials are required to be fully conversant with WTA Rules and procedures, the ITF Rules

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of Tennis, and the Code for Officials, and together with the Supervisor, ensure they are observed. All appointed officials must also be fluent in English.

At WTA/ATP joint events: (a) the selection of additional certified Chair Umpires must be coordinated and approved by the Officiating Departments of both the WTA and ATP; and (b) the Supervisors of the WTA and ATP will be responsible for the daily assignments, using the designates from both the WTA and ATP and the additional officials recruited by the Chief of Umpires.

a. Referee

The Referee shall:

- i. Be readily available to resolve any on-court dispute without delay, supervise Medical Time Outs, and enforce the Code of Conduct.
- ii. Decide, in consultation with the Supervisor, if a court is fit for play.
- iii. Assign and replace, when necessary, Chair Umpires, Line Umpires, and Net Umpires. The assigning of these officials (but not their replacements) may be delegated to the Chief of Umpires, but the Supervisor has final say on all assignments.
- iv. Liaise with the Chief of Umpires and decide on the competence of officials.
- v. If necessary, conduct a clinic for local Chair Umpires and Line Umpires.
- vi. In the absence of the Supervisor, be responsible for all matters of tennis law. His/her decision is final. (See Appendix B.1 - Supervisor.)
- vii. Measure the courts, net posts/singles sticks, and lights and check the quality of the nets and the availability of spare nets/straps prior to the start of Qualifying.
- viii. Be responsible for conducting evaluations of Chair Umpires and Chief of Umpires.

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- ix. Arrive on-site at the Tournament either by 12:00 noon on the Qualifying Sign-In day or on time for the Main Draw ceremony, whichever is earlier.
 - x. Arrive each day at least one (1) hour before the first scheduled match, remain on-site at all times during matches, and leave no earlier than thirty (30) minutes after the end of play.
 - xi. Confirm that all updated draws and the order of play have been distributed at the end of play each day.
 - xii. Be responsible for calling matches, including designating a visible timepiece at a fixed location as the “official clock,” designating a specific area from which matches shall be called, determining a meeting point for players once the match is called, and coordinating security escorts to/from match courts.
 - xiii. When possible, assist the Supervisor in coordinating pre-match interviews with the players and host broadcasters.
 - xiv. Not act as a Chair Umpire or Chief of Umpires for the Tournament.
 - xv. Be familiar with all WTA electronic forms and Officiating Arena content.
- b. Chief of Umpires

The Chief of Umpires shall:

- i. Be conversant in the local language.
- ii. Have hired prior to the Tournament, in consultation with the Tournament Director and with the approval of the Officiating Department, sufficiently certified, additional Chair Umpires, and competent Line Umpires and Net Umpires (when no electronic net device is available) and provide the list of additional Chair Umpires to the WTA Supervisor and the Officiating Department at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Tournament.
- iii. Conduct meetings with the Line Umpires to specify assignments and specific procedures.
- iv. Schedule the on-court assignments for all Chair Umpires in consultation with the Referee and approval by the Supervisor,

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except at combined events where the WTA and ATP Supervisors are responsible for the daily assignments.

- v. Coordinate the evaluations of all officials (Chair Umpires and Line Umpires) with the Supervisor and Referee.
 - vi. Not act as a Chair Umpire or a Line Umpire for the Tournament.
 - vii. Be able to assist the Referee and the Supervisor wherever needed and be present on site at all times during play.
 - viii. If necessary, conduct a clinic for the local Chair Umpires and Line Umpires.
 - ix. Arrive on-site at the Tournament by 12:00 noon on the Qualifying Sign-In day.
 - x. Arrive at least one (1) hour before the first scheduled match, remain on-site at all times during matches, and leave after the end of play.
 - xi. Coordinate the uniforms for Lines Umpires and Chair Umpires and collect sizes from all in advance. Inform the officials at least two (2) weeks prior to the event about the dress code and/or uniform provided by the Tournament, if any, using the specific "On-Site Conditions" Form.
 - xii. Send all arrival/departure details of designated officials to the WTA at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Tournament.
 - xiii. Send information about on-site conditions such as transportation, hotel, and meals to the designated officials at least seven (7) days prior to the Tournament.
 - xiv. Be familiar with all WTA electronic forms and Officiating Arena content.
- c. Chair Umpire

The Chair Umpire shall:

- i. Ensure that the on-court rules are observed by the players, Line Umpires, and Ball Persons. He/She must control the match in all respects. He/She can be overruled by the Referee/Supervisor only in matters of interpretation of law, not in matters of fact.

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- ii. Promptly and accurately score matches using the handheld or other method provided by the WTA. Be competent in using the scoring system. Track and record when balls are to be changed.
- iii. Take charge of all Line Umpires and Ball Persons when on court.
- iv. Be responsible for, in the absence of a Net Umpire or net device, the calling of net cord service lets.
- v. Ensure that play is continuous within the Rules by:
 - (a) Maintaining the 90- and/or 120-second changeover, while having the authority to delay the resumption of play until the completion of the 90- and/or 120-second changeover during televised matches;
 - (b) Maintaining a maximum of 25 seconds from when 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 a serve is a fault, then the second service must be struck by the server without delay; and
 - (c) Observing an approved warm-up period not to exceed four (4) minutes.
- vi. Determine if a court continues to be fit for play. If a change in condition occurs during a match that the Chair Umpire considers sufficient to make the court unfit for play or if weather conditions require stoppage of play, the Chair Umpire should stop play and immediately notify the Supervisor.
- vii. Give the result of the match to the Referee and Supervisor immediately upon completion of the match and any action taken under the Code of Conduct during the match.
- viii. If necessary, overrule a Line Umpire. He/She must do so when a clear mistake has been made and must give a decision when a Line Umpire is unsighted.
- ix. Provide a detailed report on any Code of Conduct penalty issued in connection with the relevant match(es).
- x. Wear and use the officiating clothing, tablet, tablet holder, and microphone provided by the WTA. Except for the WTA Logo, no other commercial branding may be applied to the Chair Umpire

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clothing, scoring tablet, scoring tablet holder, or microphone without the WTA's and the applicable Tournament's prior approval. If no uniform is provided, the Chair Umpires must wear white polo shirts with the WTA magnet, khaki pants, and tennis shoes.

d. Line Umpires

i. Responsibilities

The responsibilities for Line Umpires shall be as follows:

- (a) Base, Side, Center Service, and Service Line Umpires call "Out" and "Fault" for their respective lines.
- (b) Base, Side, and Center Service Line Umpires call "Foot Fault" on their respective lines.
- (c) The Net Umpire calls all net cord services and assists with measuring the net and with ball changes.
- (d) To give the recognized safe signal to acknowledge that a ball is good.
- (e) To give the recognized unsighted hand signal when their view of the ball landing is obstructed.
- (f) To correct their call immediately upon realizing they have made a mistake.
- (g) To report immediately to the Chair Umpire any breach of the Code of Conduct.
- (h) To defer questions from players to the Chair Umpire. A Line Umpire shall not enter into any discussions with players.

ii. Numbers of Line Umpires per Match

The Tournament is required to provide the minimum numbers of Line Umpires per match as listed in the table below. Where possible, it is recommended the minimum number of Line Umpires per match should be seven (7).

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Qualifying	Main Draw through QF	Main Draw SF and Finals
5	5	7

iii. Clothing of Line Umpires

Line Umpires may not wear any predominantly white, yellow or other light color clothing that may interfere with the players' vision, unless otherwise approved by the WTA. Line Umpires' uniforms should not be identical to the ball persons' uniforms.

e. Standards of Officiating

All officials must be certified and approved by the WTA. The WTA will hire and designate the internationally certified Chair Umpires and Review Officials for all Tournaments. Each Tournament is required to provide additional Chair Umpires (approved by the WTA) for Qualifying and for some Main Draw matches not covered by the designated Chair Umpires hired by the WTA. The Tournament Directors, in agreement with the Officiating Department, will hire a Referee and Chief of Umpires. Following are the minimum required Standards of Officiating:

Tournament Category (Singles Draw Size)	Referee	Chief of Umpires	Designated Chair Umpires (1)(2)
WTA 125 (32 draw)	1 Silver	1 Silver	4 (2 paid by WTA)
WTA 125 (48 draw)	1 Silver	1 Silver	6 (3 paid by WTA)
WTA 125 (48 draw combined Tournament)	1 Silver	1 Silver	8 (2 paid by WTA, 2 paid by ATP)

- (1) A minimum of one (1) experienced and certified Review Official (minimum Bronze Badge) will be designated by the WTA Officiating Department at Tournaments implementing an Electronic Line Calling System. The number of review officials needed for each event will be based on the number of courts (with a minimum of one (1) per court with ELC) and the match schedule plan, especially when night sessions are held.
- (2) In addition to the designates, the Chief of Umpires will recruit a sufficient quantity of additional Chair Umpires for Qualifying and some Main Draw matches not covered by Designated Chair Umpires at WTA 125 Tournaments (Gold, Silver, Bronze, or White Badge). Green Badge, National, and uncertified Chair Umpires are not approved to work at WTA Tournaments.

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f. Chairs – Chair Umpire

The Chair Umpire's Chair is recommended to be a minimum of six (6) feet (1.82 meters) and a maximum of eight (8) feet (2.44 meters) in height. The chair shall be centered along an extension of the net approximately three (3) feet (0.9 meters) from the net post. The chair must be stable and safe.

The Chair Umpire's microphone must have an on/off switch and must be easily adjustable and not hand held. If the Chair Umpire's microphone has a flag, the WTA Logo is the only permitted branding. The on-court announcer's microphone, if any, also must have an on/off switch.

For outdoor Tournaments, the Umpire's Chair on all courts shall be positioned on the west side of the court, unless otherwise agreed by the WTA, and there should be a sunshade available. Each Chair Umpire's chair must have an electrical outlet to power and recharge handheld PDAs and other similar electronics to be used by the Chair Umpire.

The Chair Umpire's chair must have a writing table attached on all match courts to provide a platform for the Chair Umpires to place their hardware, such as their PDA for live scoring, walkie-talkie, and/or net device.

g. Conditions for Officials

Each WTA designated official should be provided with the following, from the day prior to the first day of matches (at the earliest) to the morning after their last match (at the latest), free of charge:

- i. Airport pick-up (or taxi reimbursement);
- ii. Single hotel room at the official hotel or another hotel approved by the Supervisor and Officiating Department;
- iii. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner (at the hotel, on-site, or by pre-agreed per diem procedure) from the night prior to the start of the assignment until the morning after the last day of the assignment;
- iv. Complimentary laundry service for their tennis uniforms;
- v. Transportation between the hotel and Tournament site;

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- vi. Airport drop-off (or taxi reimbursement); and
 - vii. Access to high speed internet on site.
- h. Protection of Match Data and Information

Officials agree not to, and shall not authorize or assist any third party to, disseminate, transmit, publish, or release any match related data or information to or for any third party without the express written consent of WTA. Further, each official agrees that any and all work or data he/ she collects or creates in connection with any match shall constitute a "work made for hire" and any and all rights attributable to such work shall be retained by, or if necessary automatically assigned to, WTA and its members.

24. On-Court Supplies

At all times throughout play, each court must have one (1) cooler on each side supplied with bottled, non-carbonated water, WTA-approved carbohydrate-electrolyte replacement drinks in sealed containers and plastic bags filled with ice for players' medical needs. Those items must not be shared and must be routinely checked after each match, and any unsealed bottles and drinks or other products not supplied by the Tournament must be removed from the court/coolers.

Each Tournament must provide spill kits, which are maintained by court services, for the proper clean up and disposal of biohazardous material on each court and hand sanitizer which is available for use by ball persons following handling of used towels. Court services personnel must be trained in the proper handling of biohazardous waste. In Extreme Heat Conditions, fans and ice towels are required to reduce players' body temperature and implement safety precautions.

25. On-Site Tennis Gambling and Gambling Company Credentials

Allowing gambling companies, directly or through a third party, to accept any tennis wagers on the Tournament digital platforms or at the Tournament site or any Tournament-related event is prohibited.

Persons working for gambling companies that accept any tennis wagers (electronically or otherwise) shall not be issued credentials except as set forth in the WTA Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules. If found to be working for a gambling company after issuance of the credential, the credential shall be revoked.

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26. Parking

Each Tournament should provide, conveniently located to the locker room, a reserved parking area for the players.

27. Personnel

The Tournament shall provide the personnel necessary for the proper conduct of a tennis tournament. In countries where English is not the local language, tournament personnel interacting with players, Player Support Team members, WTA staff, WTA broadcasters, or WTA vendors are expected to be conversant in English at a level sufficient to comfortably perform their duties.

28. Physician

The Tournament Director must appoint a Chief Tournament Physician in accordance with Section XVIII.B.5 – Physician.

29. Player Entry

Tournaments must provide reasonable assistance to players, player support personnel, and the WTA in obtaining any necessary visas or work permits required for such individuals to attend and participate in the Tournament. Visa or work permit information should be communicated to players and the WTA at least two (2) months prior to the Tournament. If an official invitation letter must be provided by the Tournament, the Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of providing that letter. All other visa or work permit- related costs as well as completing the visa or work permit process shall be the responsibility of the player. It is recommended that Tournaments provide an English-speaking person to assist with the visa or work permit process inquiries.

30. Players' Lounge

Each Tournament must provide a furnished Players' Lounge (i.e., sofas, tables).

See snack and beverage requirements in Appendix E Section A.12 - Food and Beverage Service.

It is recommended that magazines, newspapers, and a television be provided in the Players' Lounge and that there be a telephone somewhere on site (other than the WTA telephone lines) which players

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can use to charge calls. At least two (2) computers with print capabilities and highspeed access to the internet for players' use must be provided at all Tournaments and must include WTA's online learning site as a trusted site. It is also strongly recommended to have a secured wireless internet set up in the Players' Lounge for players to use their own laptops to access the internet.

31. Player Services/Welcome Desk

A Player Services/Welcome Desk should be provided where players can seek assistance with practice court bookings and other general Tournament information (e.g., pick up meal tickets, tennis balls, match and guest tickets). All necessary Tournament telephone numbers and Tournament information should be provided for players prior to the start of Qualifying, it is recommended to have the key telephone numbers, such as the WTA office, transportation services and practice booking services printed on the back of players' credentials. When not in an English-speaking country, the Tournament should provide an English-speaking representative to distribute the information and to host this area.

32. Player Treatment Area

See Section XVIII.B.2 for the requirements of the Player Treatment Area/ Training Room.

33. Practice Facilities

- a. Each Tournament must provide practice facilities for players during the stated hours to be arranged with the Supervisor. Practice courts must be the same surface and condition (i.e., indoor/outdoor) as used for matches and preferably should be on site. (See Appendix E Section A.9.a - Court Specifications.)
- b. Tournaments are strongly recommended to provide Tournament personnel to allocate and supervise practice bookings, working in liaison with the Supervisor.
- c. Practice courts should have nets in good condition equipped with net straps and singles sticks, as well as adequate running room surrounding the court and ceiling height.
- d. All practice courts at indoor events should be heated and ventilated.
- e. Practice balls are to be provided to players in the numbers specified

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(see Appendix E Section A.5 - Balls) and preferably at the practice facility, if located off site.

- f. All new off-site practice courts must be located within a reasonable travelling distance from the Tournament site.

34. Scoreboards/Video Screens

Scoreboards must be provided on all match courts. The scoreboard will be placed at the corner or side of the court and must not obscure the playing visibility. The scoreboard must be a dark color. The scoreboard on all broadcast courts must be electronic. It is recommended that electronic scoreboards are controlled directly by the Chair Umpire's scoring device.

Scoreboards and video screens may be placed a minimum of forty (40) feet (12.19 meters) above the court surface, as long as they do not interfere with play and/or present a distraction to the players.

35. Shot Clocks

It is optional for WTA 125 Tournaments to provide shot clocks. If a WTA 125 Tournament provides shot clocks, they must be provided on each match court from the first day of Qualifying through the Main Draw finals.

- a. Size

Each shot clock panel should be a minimum of two (2) feet by two (2) feet (0.6 meters by 0.6 meters) and a maximum of three (3) feet by two (2) feet (0.91 meters by 0.6 meters).

- b. Number and Placement

Each court is required to have a minimum of two (2) shot clocks clearly visible to the players and the Chair Umpire. The shot clock panels must be placed on the back wall or corner of the court on the left far and right far side from the Chair Umpire.

- c. Additional Positions

In addition to the two (2) shot clock placements specified above, each Tournament may show the shot clock timing in other locations on or around the court and spectator areas.

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36. Scoring System

- a. All Singles (Main Draw and Qualifying) matches in all WTA Tournaments are the best of three (3) tie-break sets. All Main Draw Doubles matches in all WTA Tournaments are the best of three (3) sets with No-Ad scoring in the first two (2) sets and a 10-point match tie-break as the third set. The WTA has the right to authorize the use of alternative scoring systems at WTA Tournaments and to award appropriate ranking points.
- b. The organizing committee of each Grand Slam Tournament will decide which scoring system will be used at each Grand Slam.
- c. There will be no rest period before the final set except when the Extreme Weather Condition Rule is in effect. (See Section XVIII.B.7 - Extreme Weather Conditions and Lightning.)
- d. The ITF Rules of Tennis will apply in their entirety except where noted in these Rules.

37. Seating – Minimum

The minimum center court seating capacity is 750.

38. Security and Credentialing Systems

The WTA has considered Tournament security issues and has determined that the Tournaments and players are the appropriate parties to bear the responsibility for Tournament security. Each Tournament shall be responsible for providing on-site security for players, Tournament staff, officials, and spectators and shall, if requested, promptly provide the WTA with detailed information about security plans.

As part of each Tournament's security plan, a photo credentialing system must be established. Tournaments must include and take reasonable steps to enforce the following policy on all non-media persons issued credentials: No credentialed person may continually collect, disseminate, transmit, publish, or release from the grounds of the Tournament any match scores or related statistical data during match play (from the commencement of a match through its conclusion) for any commercial or gambling purposes. Such policy shall be printed on all Tournament credentials or otherwise notified to credentialed persons.

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Use of video surveillance systems must comply with Appendix E, Section A.46.

Players shall cooperate with Tournament security measures.

39. Stringing

Each Tournament must provide quality racquet stringing services on-site from the day before the start of Qualifying until the completion of the Tournament. The stringer must be available on site each day matches are scheduled until thirty (30) minutes after the end of the last match. The stringing costs per racquet and the stringer's hours of availability must be approved by the WTA at least one (1) month prior to the Tournament.

At WTA/ATP combined events, the stringer must be available on site each day two (2) hours prior to the starting time of the first scheduled match. The recommended maximum fee per racquet is US\$20 (or €20) at combined events. If play has been scheduled at an approved alternate site during a combined event, then access to the stringing service must be provided at such alternate site from the start of play until play has been completed at that site.

40. Television and Digital Media

Tournaments must comply with the Television and Digital Media requirements set forth in Sections XVIII.E and F.

41. Ticketing

Tournaments must include and take reasonable steps to enforce the following policy on all ticket holders: No ticket holder may continually collect, disseminate, transmit, publish, or release from the grounds of the Tournament any match scores or related statistical data during match play (from the commencement of a match through its conclusion) for any commercial or gambling purposes. Such policy shall be printed on all Tournament tickets or otherwise notified to ticket holders prior to purchase. Tournaments should also have notices posted in the local language and in English at all tournament entrances, VIP hospitality areas, player areas, and throughout the Tournament grounds.

42. Tournament Director

The Tournament Director shall be approved in advance by the WTA and shall be responsible for the overall conduct and organization of the

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Tournament and other such personnel as necessary for the proper conduct of a tennis tournament including, but not limited to, the Tournament Physician, Referee, Chief of Umpires, Chair Umpires, Line Umpires, and Ball Persons. New Tournament Directors that have not previously been approved by the WTA must attend a one (1) day orientation session at a WTA designated office or WTA Tournament. Each Tournament Director must complete the Tennis Integrity Protection Programme module prior to the start of the Tournament. Tournament Directors are prohibited from playing in their own Tournament.

43. Towels and Sheets

Each Tournament must provide an adequate supply of already washed (with antimicrobial soap and hot water), absorbent, bath-sized towels that will accommodate i) all locker room (shower) needs, ii) SS&M staff (PHCP, Tournament Physician, and Massage Therapist) and iii) on-court needs. Each Massage Therapist will require a minimum of twenty (20) sheets and twenty (20) towels per day.

44. Towel Bins

Tournaments must provide on-court player towel bins, the design and location of which is subject to Supervisor approval. The Chair Umpire must assign towel bins to players before each match, and players must use only their assigned towel bins to place towels during each match. Each player must handle her own towels and must not request towels from, or give her towels to, any ball person at any time before, during, or after a match.

a. Design

Towel bins must be clearly identifiable for each player/team. Tournaments may place branding on towel bins.

b. Location

For all match courts, eight (8) towel bins must be available with two (2) towel bins located in each corner of the court. Depending on the court configuration, the towel bins should:

- i. Be easily accessible and raised high enough that players do not need to bend down;
- ii. Be placed either against the side wall outside the extension of

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the baseline or against the back wall outside the extension of the doubles sideline, whichever location is the shortest distance for the players;

- iii. Be located away from spectators and on-court personnel;
- iv. Be placed at least 20 cm/7.9 inches apart; and
- v. Not block scoreboards or court branding.

45. Transport

Transportation drivers must be highly experienced, preferably over 25 years old, have knowledge of the host city roads, conversant in English, and uniformly and appropriately dressed. Transportation drivers should work no more than 8 hours per day. Transportation drivers must not smoke or use mobile devices while transporting players and must follow traffic regulations and advise players to wear seatbelts.

Transportation desks must be set up at the Venue.

a. Airport Transportation

Unless otherwise agreed upon by the WTA, airport transportation must be provided to Qualifying and Main Draw players, as well as Player Support Team members when traveling with a player, beginning the day before the Qualifying Sign-In deadline (as long as 24-hour notice is given to the Tournament) until the morning following the final day of the Tournament.

Airport transportation must be provided to WTA staff, associates, and contractors working at the Tournament.

b. Transportation between Hotels and Tournament Site

Tournaments are required to provide transportation for players, credentialed guests, coaches, and WTA staff between the official hotel (and alternative hotel, if provided) and the Tournament site and practice facility on a regularly scheduled shuttle, beginning the day before the Qualifying Sign-In deadline. Transportation must be available up to one (1) hour after the last match is completed.

If private housing is provided, the Tournament has the responsibility to advise players of the transportation available, if any. The Supervisor

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also should be advised of any other available local transportation. It is recommended that all Tournaments arrange for a player discount with a local car rental agency.

46. Video Cameras

Closed-circuit television (“CCTV”) and video surveillance systems (including security drones) are used at Tournaments for general public security, crime prevention, and other specified purposes. As use of such systems collects and processes individuals’ personal and biographical data, a Tournament’s collection, use, and disclosure of surveillance footage (including captured audio) must (a) comply with all applicable laws and regulations and (b) be fair, transparent, and respect an individual’s right to privacy.

CCTV and video surveillance cameras must not be placed in private areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, including (but not limited to): locker rooms, nursing rooms, bathrooms, and treatment rooms. In all other areas, Tournaments must assess whether the placement of CCTV and video surveillance cameras is appropriate in the circumstances, taking into account the reasonable expectations of individuals and the potential impact on their rights and freedoms.

If CCTV or video surveillance cameras are used in credential-restricted areas, including fitness and warm down areas, the cameras must be visible and signs must be placed prominently to inform individuals that they are in an area where a camera is in operation. Signs must be placed more prominently and frequently in areas where individuals are less likely to expect that they will be monitored. Signs in areas accessed by players must include the purpose of the camera’s use if other than for security.

Tournaments must make information available about the location of CCTV and video surveillance systems (including any use of security drones) in player areas and how the footage will be used and provide individuals a mechanism to raise complaints or concerns and view footage captured of them.

A Tournament’s disclosure of CCTV and video surveillance footage to third parties must be consistent with the purpose(s) communicated with the individuals. Tournaments may not publicly release the following types of CCTV and video surveillance footage without an individual’s consent: (a) footage captured in an area where an individual would reasonably expect privacy and cameras are not visible and/or signs placed; (b) footage that would reasonably be deemed to be extremely sensitive or inappropriate, and (c) footage that if released could reasonably place the player at a competitive disadvantage.

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Tournaments must make CCTV and video surveillance footage available upon request to the WTA and ITIA for use in connection with Rules and Integrity Rules investigations and proceedings.

47. Walkie-Talkies

Each Tournament must provide one (1) walkie-talkie for each Supervisor, PHCP, Communications Manager (if on site), WTA IT Staff, Live Scoring vendor, Referee, Chief of Umpires, and Tournament Physician, and two (2) walkie-talkies for each match court. Each Tournament also must provide one (1) walkie-talkie to the Massage Therapists for their shared use. In addition, each Tournament must provide walkie-talkies, in accordance with the WTA Television Broadcast Standards requirements (see Section XVIII.F.4 - Tournament Facilities). It is requested that a private medical channel is provided for use by the PHCPs, Massage Therapists, and Tournament Physicians. Separate channels are required for:

- a. The collective use of the Supervisor(s), officiating staff, PHCPs, and Massage Therapists to ensure direct and private communication for on-court matters among them; and
- b. The use of the Electronic Review Official and the Chair Umpire to ensure a direct and private communication for on-court matters between them (each court with Electronic Review must have a different channel).

48. WTA Office

- a. Location and Security Requirement

The Supervisor shall be provided with a private and secure office with a desk from which the Supervisor can base him/herself in order to carry out his/her duties. Players and associated people conveniently should be able to access the Supervisor and WTA information in the WTA office. It is also a place for Officials and Tournament staff to meet, when necessary.

- b. Office Equipment/Communication and Installation Timing

Each Tournament must provide the Supervisor with a printer and a minimum of one (1) international telephone line in the WTA office and high speed internet connections operational by 9:00 a.m. tournament local time the day of Qualifying Sign-In. The Supervisor shall notify

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the Tournament at least eight (8) weeks prior to the start of Qualifying of the exact number of telephone lines and internet connections needed. At a minimum, each Tournament must provide one (1) high speed internet connection for each staff permanently located in the WTA Office during the Tournament (Supervisors and Player Relations staff), wireless access is acceptable. The Tournament shall be responsible for the cost of installing the telephone lines and internet connections.

It is recommended that telephone number(s) be available at the time the Tournament Fact Sheet is published seven (7) weeks prior to each Tournament (one (1) week prior to the official entry deadline). Telephone numbers, however, must be available one (1) week prior to the Qualifying Sign-In day. A photocopy machine also should be available in the WTA office or in a nearby convenient location.

c. Office Furniture and Setup

The appropriate number of working positions must be prepared for each Supervisor and/or Player Relations representative working on site. The office should have adequate wall/table space or bulletin boards available for Tour information and must have a live score monitor. A locking drawer or a cabinet must also be provided for the Supervisor's use.

49. WTA Coach Program

Each Tournament must comply with and provide all Tournament-related benefits under the WTA Coach Program Rules available on PlayerZone, TournamentZone, and www.wtatennis.com/wta-rules. For questions about the WTA Coach Program, please contact the WTA Coach Program Manager at coach@wtatennis.com.

50. Breach of Tournament Standards of Performance

a. General

The provisions of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall be strictly applied by the WTA. Each WTA Tournament must follow, abide by, and conform to all requirements set forth in the Tournament Standards of Performance unless otherwise approved in writing by the WTA.

Tournaments seeking an exemption from any of the Tournament Standards of Performance must request the exemption from the

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WTA at least three (3) months in advance of the Tournament. Exemption requests must be sent in writing.

Breaches of the Tournament Standards of Performance and/or an apparent lack of ability to solve documented problems affecting the quality of the presentation of the Tournament shall result in a disciplinary penalty and/or loss or change in a Tournament's status as provided herein.

b. Violations/Procedures

i. Investigation of Alleged Violations

The WTA shall investigate any alleged violation of the Tournament Standards of Performance requirements.

ii. WTA Determination

The imposition of a warning, fine, or other penalty shall be determined by the WTA. Upon the completion of its investigation, the WTA shall determine the potential wrongfulness of the conduct of the Tournament involved and shall notify the Tournament of any violations and penalties. A copy of the WTA's decision shall be delivered to the Tournament.

Where a violation is capable of being cured in a timely manner, with timeliness being based on the circumstances, the WTA will provide the Tournament with the opportunity to cure a violation prior to issuing a determination.

iii. Possible Penalties

Violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall subject a Tournament to one (1) or more of the following: (a) a warning; (b) a fine; (c) being placed on "Probationary" status; (d) loss or change in membership status; (e) forfeiture of all sums, if any, paid to the WTA; and/or (f) any other reasonable penalties. In addition to the foregoing, when a Tournament or Tournament partner uses a Player Likeness in violation of Section VII.B.7.a, then the affected Player may request that such Tournament shall be precluded from using her likeness in any and all advertising the following year of the Tournament provided that such request is made at least six (6) months prior to the start of such Tournament.

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Violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall be classified by the WTA by Tournament category and by Violation Level. Please see Appendix H for a chart detailing Violation Levels and corresponding fines. If a Tournament receives a warning in a Supervisor Report for a violation and that violation is not remedied the following year, then the Tournament will be fined according to the chart in Appendix H.

iv. Payment of Fines

All fines for violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance shall be paid by the Tournament to the WTA, to the attention of the Chief Operating Officer, within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of written notice thereof. Fines not paid within twenty-one (21) days may be deducted from Commercial Benefits or other payments due from the WTA to the Tournament.

All Tournament Standards of Performance fines shall be retained by the WTA, with the exception of those fines assessed against a Tournament due to a violation which directly affects the players (i.e., violations due to insufficient courts, hotel facilities, medical staff, or Section D.2 of the WTA Betting, Gambling and Fantasy Sponsorship Rules), which shall be split 50/50 between the WTA and the WTBA.

In addition to the foregoing, for fines assessed against a Tournament because the Tournament used a Player Likeness in violation of Section VII.B.7.a or Section D.3 of the WTA Betting, Gambling and Fantasy Sponsorship Rules, then the entirety of such fine shall go to the WTBA.

v. Board of Directors Decision on Recommended Loss of Membership

In the event that the WTA recommends that the penalty imposed on the Tournament should be the loss of the Tournament's membership, such recommendation shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors, prior to the imposition of the penalty and the Board of Directors may affirm, modify or reverse the WTA's recommendation.

vi. Subsequent Violations

Subsequent violations of the Tournament Standards of Performance by a Tournament previously placed on probation

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may result in a revocation of its WTA membership in accordance with the procedures set forth in sub-Section v immediately above. In addition, fines double for violations of the same Issue (see Appendix H) in consecutive Tour Years.

c. Review and Appeal Process

i. Tournament Request for Appeal

After paying all fines as provided above, any Tournament sanctioned for a breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance may request a hearing before the Standards Committee, with the exception of appeals involving monetary penalties of \$50,000 or more or a loss or change in membership status, in which case the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision.

This petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the CEO within twenty-one (21) days after notice of the penalty is received by the Tournament from the WTA. Such petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal.

ii. Hearing Procedures

The Tournament shall be advised of the date, time and place for the hearing of such appeal; however, attendance is not mandatory. In addition to submitting a written submission of the basis for its appeal, a Tournament may also request in writing to send a representative to the hearing to orally present its appeal.

On appeal, the Standards Committee or the Board of Directors may affirm, reverse, or modify the decisions of the WTA. The decision of the Standards Committee or the Board of Directors shall be final and non-appealable.

iii. Request for New Hearing

Notwithstanding Appendix E Section A.49.c.ii above, after the Standards Committee or Board of Directors renders a decision on a Tournament's breach of the Tournament Standards of Performance, the WTA or any applicable Tournament Support Personnel may submit a request to the WTA for the Standards Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, to grant a new hearing ("New Hearing") of such breach because of the

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discovery of new information that: (i) was not known to the Tournament at the time of the Code of Conduct and Standards of Performance Committee's or Board of Directors' original hearing on the breach; and (ii) is capable of causing the Standards Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, to render a different decision on the breach ("New Information"). Such request must be submitted to the WTA no later than ninety (90) days after notice of the Committee's or Board of Directors' original decision unless the Committee or Board of Directors otherwise agrees.

The Standards Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, has no obligation to grant a New Hearing and has sole, absolute discretion in determining whether a New Hearing request contains any New Information and whether to grant a New Hearing on a breach. The decision regarding a New Hearing by the Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, is final and non-appealable. If the Standards Committee or Board of Directors, as applicable, grants a New Hearing, the provisions of this Appendix E Section A.49.c will apply to that hearing.

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ROOF POLICY

General Conditions:

- WTA Tournaments played outdoors may have one (1) or more courts with a retractable roof, allowing play to continue or be resumed even when inclement weather affects the Tournament.
- Tournaments with retractable roofs shall remain primarily outdoor events. Wherever practicable, the conditions on courts with retractable roofs shall be the same as those on all other courts.
- When the roof on a court is open, the two (2) moveable halves shall be positioned as determined by the Supervisor based on the site's configuration.
- At combined events, the Supervisor, in consultation with the ATP supervisor, shall make all decisions concerning the closing, re-opening, and positioning of the roof.

Rain:

- In the event of rain falling prior to the scheduled start of play, the roof shall remain closed for the duration of the match.
- If the rain stops or the weather forecast is good, the roof may be opened after the match in progress is completed. Decisions on re-opening the roof will be made on a match-by-match basis depending upon current conditions and the weather forecast.
- If play commences with the roof closed, the roof shall remain closed for the remainder of such match. A decision may be made to open the roof for the following scheduled matches.
- If play commences with the roof open, a decision to close the roof will normally be made after play has stopped due to rain, although if other factors warrant the roof to be closed prior to play being stopped, the Supervisor shall make such decision.
- In general, the roof will not be closed because of a threat of rain.
- In the event high winds of a sufficient capacity to harm the retractable roof are forecasted with reasonable certainty, the roof may be closed prior to the start of the match. The reverse is applicable when the roof is closed and high winds or other conditions necessitate, for safety reasons, that the roof be reopened.

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- Changes to the order of play, including the completion of an unfinished match on a different court than the one on which it started, may be authorized in exceptional circumstances in the best interests of completing a Tournament on schedule.

Darkness:

- If the roof must be partially closed in order for the lights to work properly, then the roof must be partially closed prior to the start of the match. The Supervisor will determine the exact time of day after which the roof will be closed for this purpose.

Cold:

- In the event the temperature is below 50F/10C prior to the start of a match, in order to enhance the fan experience, the roof may be closed as directed by the Supervisor. Decisions on whether to close the roof for cold will be made on a match-by-match basis.

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All fines will be deducted from player prize money at Tournaments to be determined by the WTA, in its sole discretion. †

Category	Fines
Main Draw Late Withdrawal (IV.A.3)	Based on ranking at the entry deadline and Tournament Category [^] (See IV.A.3.b.ii for amounts)
Main Draw No Show (IV.A.3.c)	Fine 50% greater than the applicable Late Withdrawal fine.
Qualifying Late Withdrawal (IV.A.4)	\$500 \$250 at WTA 125 Tournaments
Qualifying No Show (IV.A.4.c)	\$600 [^] \$300 at WTA 125 Tournaments [^]
Failure to Submit a Withdrawal Statement (IV.A.1.c.ii)	Qualifying \$500 Main Draw \$1,000 Doubles \$1,000 \$250 for all players at WTA 125 Tournaments
Failure to Comply with On-Site Withdrawal Requirements (IV.A.2.b)	Based on ranking at the entry deadline and Tournament Category
Violation of ACES Program (VII.A)	Based on ranking at the entry deadline (See VII.A.6.c for amounts)
Violation of Marketing Activity Requirements (VII.B.2)	Based on ranking at the time of notification of the activity (See VII.B.2.c for amounts)
Violation of WTA Patch Rule (unless conflicting contract) (VII.C.8.d)	1st offense warning 2nd offense \$100 3rd offense \$500 4th offense up to \$25,000
Not Wearing the WTA Patch for duration of the match (after 5 warnings) (VII.C.8.d)	\$100
Violation in any televised match from QF on (VII.C.8.d)	up to \$50,000

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Category	Players	Fines
Tennis Anti-Corruption Program	All Players	up to \$250,000 plus amounts received
Violation of AER or Player Development Requirements (X.C)	All Players	up to \$25,000
On Court Match Violations§ (XVII.D.4)	All Players	
Visible Obscenity		up to \$ 5,000
Audible Obscenity		up to \$ 5,000
Verbal Abuse		up to \$ 10,000
Physical Abuse		up to \$ 10,000
Ball Abuse		up to \$ 2,500
Racquet Abuse		up to \$ 2,500
Coaching & Coaches		up to \$ 5,000
Unsportsmanlike Conduct		up to \$ 10,000
Best Efforts		up to \$ 10,000
Leaving the Court		up to \$ 3,000
Failure to Complete a Match		up to \$ 5,000
Punctuality		
- 10 minutes late		\$ 250
- 15 minutes late		\$ 750
- Missed TV "walk-on" time		up to \$ 10,000
Dress & Equipment (VII.C)		
- Commercial Identification		**up to \$25,000
- Manufacturer's Logo		**up to \$25,000
- Other Tennis Events		up to \$ 5,000
- Unacceptable Attire		up to \$ 500
Dishonorable or Unprofessional Conduct (XVII.D.13)	All Players	up to \$ 10,000
Aggravated Behavior (XVII.D.13.b)	All Players	up to \$25,000 or prize money won, whichever is greater
Mandatory Physical Exam Violation	All Players	\$ 500
Exhibition/Non-WTA Event Rule Violation (XVII.E)***	1 - 10 11 - 20 21 - 35 36 - 50 Exemption WC	\$100,000 \$ 75,000 \$ 50,000 \$ 25,000 \$ 75,000

† If a discrepancy exists between this chart and the Rule language, the Rule language shall prevail.

^ The fine shall double with each subsequent offenses.

* Top 10 Players who enter but are not accepted into a WTA 250 Tournament due to the Prize Money Policy, may withdraw before acceptance, without penalty.

§ Monetary fines do not apply for Code Violations received due to loss of physical conditioning or as a result of the medical treatment not being complete in the allocated time, unless it is interpreted by the Referee/ Supervisor as gamesmanship.

** For each offense.

*** Based on a player's WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking, whichever is better at the Tournament's Singles Main Draw Entry Deadline, or her meeting the Exemption Wild Card criteria.

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Level 1 Violations	WTA 1000 Mandatory		WTA 500		WTA 250		WTA 125	
Issue	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Ball Persons	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$2,500
FitnessCenter								
Media Facilities								
Officials' Clothing								
Officiating								
On-Court Equipment								
On-Court Supplies								
Player Lounge								
Player Travel Documentation								
Tournament Personnel/ Player Services/ Welcome Desk								
Towels & Sheets								
Training Room								
Walkie-Talkies								
Web Filter								
WTA Office								
Other Level 1 Violations								

Level 2 Violations	WTA 1000 Mandatory		WTA 500		WTA 250		WTA 125	
Issue	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Balls	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$1,875	\$3,750
Center Court Seating								
Court Signage								
Credentials/ Tickets								
Seating								
Hotel								
Internet Communication								
Locker Rooms								
Physician								
Player Restaurant								
Prize Money								
Scoreboards/ Video Screens								
Transport & Parking								
Other Level 2 Violations								
Level 3 Violations	WTA 1000 Mandatory		WTA 500		WTA 250		WTA 125	
Issue	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Marketing	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
Match Court Specifications (including the Net)								
Number of Courts								
Practice Facilities								
Security								
Anti-Doping Facilities/ Chaperones								
Other Level 3 Violations								
Level 4 Violations								
Live Scoring	Up to \$100,000							
Commercial Benefit Requirements								
Television								
Betting, Fantasy & Gambling Sponsorship Rules								

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ON-COURT SIGNAGE

Court Host Locality
Signage Option 1

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ON-COURT SIGNAGE

Court Host Locality
Signage Option 2 - Hard or grass courts

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Court Host Locality

Signage Option 2 - Hard, grass, or clay courts

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WTA Logo - Court Surface

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ON-COURT SIGNAGE

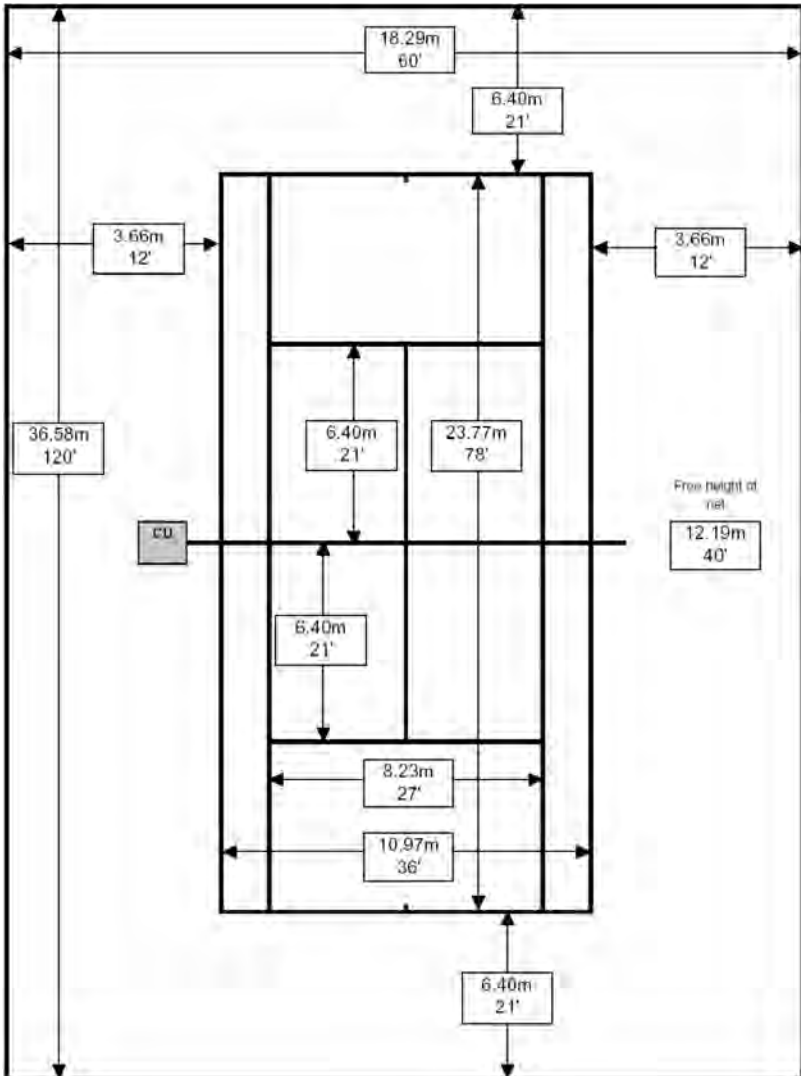
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The United Cup is a country vs country mixed team competition for eighteen (18) teams with a minimum of four (4) players (two (2) WTA players and two (2) ATP players) and a maximum of six (6) players (three (3) WTA players and three (3) ATP players) on each team.

A. Player Nationality

1. A player's nationality as of the entry date shall be used to determine team entry. All player nationality determinations are subject to WTA approval.
2. Change of Nationality
 - a. A player may only represent one (1) country in the United Cup during her career, unless:
 - i. The player changes her nationality in the WTA database; and
 - ii. Any of the following apply:
 - (a) The player competed under such nationality in the Billie Jean King Cup or Olympic Tennis Event;
 - (b) The player competed under such nationality in Professional Tennis tournaments during the Tour Year immediately preceding the United Cup;
 - (c) WTA determines the full circumstances of the player's situation demonstrate the player has a sufficient, genuine connection to the country that the player wishes to represent; or
 - (d) In exceptional circumstances, as determined by WTA.
 - b. All requests to change a player's nationality are subject to WTA approval.

B. Team Qualification

1. Entry
 - a. Players must enter the Tournament to be eligible.
 - b. The entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (New York, USA time) on October 17, 2023.

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2. Acceptance

a. At the entry deadline

- i. Acceptance is determined using the WTA/ATP Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking/Protected Ranking of a country's highest-ranked singles player based on the rankings as of the Monday before the entry deadline.
- ii. The teams with the five (5) highest-ranked WTA players and five (5) highest-ranked ATP players to enter will be accepted as the first ten (10) teams. If players of the same nationality qualify in both WTA and ATP, the next-highest-ranked players will qualify their country until ten (10) teams are qualified (five (5) from WTA top-ranked players and five (5) from ATP top-ranked players).

If two (2) or more players' rankings are tied, then a player using her actual WTA Ranking receives priority over a player using her Special Ranking. If two (2) or more players' actual WTA Rankings are tied or Special Rankings are tied, the ranking (actual WTA Ranking or Special Ranking) of the next highest ranked player on each team will break the tie. If still tied, the next highest ranked player, and so on.

- iii. The next six (6) teams are determined using the highest combined ranking of the highest-ranked WTA player and highest-ranked ATP player from each team (other than players on the teams already accepted); provided, however, that if the host country does not qualify for acceptance, it will receive one (1) Wild Card and only five (5) teams will be accepted using combined rankings.

If two (2) or more teams are tied, the team with the highest ranked singles player (WTA or ATP) takes priority. If still tied, the team with the next highest ranked singles player (WTA or ATP) takes priority.

- b. On November 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time, the remaining two (2) teams (one (1) based on a highest-ranked ATP player and one (1) based on a highest-ranked WTA player) will be accepted based on rankings as of that day; provided, however, that the teams must have entered by the entry deadline.

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3. Alternates

- a. The Alternate Team is the first team out of the final acceptance list.
- b. If needed, players may be granted a release from any other WTA Qualifying they are entered in during the period of the United Cup if released prior to the start of Qualifying of the WTA Tournament, pending WTA approval.
- c. The Alternate Team may be selected for participation until 10:00 a.m. local time in Perth/Sydney the day prior to the start of competition.

C. Team Composition

1. Each team represents one (1) country and must have a minimum of two (2) WTA players, all of which must have a WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking as of the Monday before the entry deadline.
 - a. Players 1-2 on each team are determined using a player's WTA Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking.
 - b. If two (2) or more players' rankings are tied, then the following player receives priority:
 - i. The player using her actual WTA Ranking over the player using her Special Ranking; then
 - ii. The player with the most total points from Grand Slams, WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments, and the WTA Finals; then
 - iii. The player with the fewest Tournaments played (counting all missed Grand Slams and WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments a player could have played as if she played them); then
 - iv. The player with the highest number of points from a single Tournament, then, if needed, the second highest points from a single Tournament, and so on; then
 - v. The player who wins a coin toss.
2. Teams may include a third WTA player.
 - a. Position 3 on each team is determined using the highest of a player's WTA Singles Ranking (up to 500), Singles Special Ranking (up to 500), WTA Doubles Ranking (up to 250), or Doubles Special Ranking (up to 250).

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- b. If two (2) or more players' rankings are tied, then the following player receives priority:
 - i. The player using her actual WTA Ranking over the player using her Special Ranking; then
 - ii. If the best-of ranking is tied, the player with the highest WTA Singles Ranking (ties between singles rankings are broken according to B.1.b above).
 - 3. Provided that only one (1) junior player may be included per gender per team, if a team does not have a third player who meets the criteria above, a junior player may be a team's third player if she:
 - a. Is under 18 years of age; provided, however, that she is subject to the Age Eligibility Rule*;
 - b. Has entered; and
 - c. As of the Entry Deadline, has an ITF Junior World Ranking of 50 or better;
- *If a player subject to the Age Eligibility Rule is accepted into the United Cup, the Tournament counts toward the player's AER Tournament Allotment.
- 4. If a team includes a Top 20 WTA or ATP player but does not meet the qualification criteria for the WTA or ATP second player, the United Cup Steering Committee has discretion to determine such team's qualification.

D. Withdrawals and Replacements

A player's withdrawal from the United Cup is subject to all applicable withdrawal requirements and penalties in Section IV of the WTA Rules.

- 1. Late Withdrawals
 - a. Any withdrawal after 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on October 17, 2023 will be considered a Late Withdrawal.
 - b. Any player withdrawing after acceptance is not permitted to participate in any other Tennis Event during the United Cup Competition; provided, however, that a player accepted as the third player on a team may withdraw from the team to play another Tennis Event during the United Cup if she withdraws prior to the applicable entry deadline for such Tennis Event.

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2. After Entry Deadline But Prior to 10am Local Time the Day Before Competition Starts

A withdrawing player may be replaced with another player who has entered in accordance with the below procedures. Only when a team number drops below two (2) may a team replace a withdrawing player with a player who has not entered. All player replacements are subject to WTA/ATP approval.

a. Number 1 Player Withdrawal

- i. If the highest ranked player on a team withdraws, the team remains in the competition provided that (i) the team has a minimum of two (2) WTA players with a WTA Singles Ranking, unless otherwise approved by the WTA/ATP, and (ii) one (1) team member (WTA or ATP) has a WTA/ATP Singles Ranking of 250 or better*. This can include a replacement player. Number 1 and Number 2 Players (as defined below) are reclassified if necessary.
- ii. The next highest ranked singles player from the team's country as of the Monday before the entry deadline who has entered will be added to the team, unless otherwise approved by the WTA/ATP.
- iii. If the team's number drops below two (2) and no other players are entered from the team's country, the team may add a replacement player who has not entered provided that the above criteria for the team to remain in the competition is met.

*If through the withdrawal of the Number 1 Player or the Number 1 and Number 2 Players, a team does not have at least one (1) player ranked 250 or better in singles, then the team may be withdrawn and replaced by an alternate team.

b. Number 2 Player Withdrawal

- i. If the second highest ranked player on a team withdraws, the next-highest-ranked singles player from the team's country as of the Monday before the entry deadline who has entered will be added to the team, unless otherwise approved by WTA/ATP. Such player may be (a) a player not already accepted into a Tournament in the same week; (b) a player who by approval of WTA/ATP may withdraw from Qualifying of a Tournament in the same week before the start of Qualifying without penalty; or (c) a player who by approval of WTA/ATP may withdraw from the

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Main Draw of a WTA 125 Tournament in the same week before the draw is made without penalty.

- ii. If the team's number drops below two (2) and no other players are entered from the team's country, the team may add a replacement player who has not entered.

3. Withdrawal After Competition Starts

- a. If the team number falls below two (2) WTA players, the Team Captain may nominate a replacement player during the competition provided that the player is not accepted into any draw for another Tournament in the same week.
- b. If a team only has one (1) player remaining from the WTA, the team may continue in the competition provided that the player has a WTA Singles Ranking, unless otherwise approved by WTA/ATP. The players must play singles and be available for mixed doubles.
- c. A team may replace a player after the competition has begun provided that the player is not violating WTA Rules by withdrawing from one Tournament to play another, or as approved by WTA/ATP. In no case may a player compete in two Tournaments held in the same week.
- d. In the event of a conduct default, the Supervisor may decide to remove the offending player(s) for the remainder of the Tie or Tournament.

E. Competition Format

1. The Tie

a. Format

A Tie consists of one (1) WTA singles match, one (1) ATP singles match, and one (1) mixed doubles match. The team that wins the most matches wins the Tie. Players are permitted to play both singles and doubles.

i. Singles

- (a) The singles players are the highest ranked WTA and ATP players (including Special Rankings) as of the Monday before the entry deadline, unless there is a medically supported substitution or otherwise approved by the Supervisor.

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- (b) The highest-ranked singles players from each team ("Number 1 Players") compete against each other. Positions are based upon the WTA Rankings (including Special Rankings) as of the Monday before the start of the competition. Changes may be allowed for medical conditions or for unforeseen circumstances if approved by the WTA/ATP Supervisors.
 - (c) If a player withdraws and changes the player positions on a team after the order of play is released but before the start of the first match, the order of play will be adjusted based upon the new team order (e.g., if the Number 1 Player withdraws, the next highest-ranked singles player becomes the Number 1 player.
 - (d) All singles matches are the best of three (3) sets.
- ii. Doubles
 - (a) The mixed doubles team may be chosen from any players named to the team.
 - (b) A player who withdraws from singles is eligible to play mixed doubles in the same Tie.
 - (c) All doubles matches are the best of three (3) sets with No-Ad scoring in the first two (2) sets and a 10-point match tie-break as the third set.
 - (d) The doubles match must be played regardless of the results of the singles matches.*

*For the Final Tie, if the Tie is decided following the singles matches, then the mixed doubles match will not be played (unless mutually agreed by both teams). In such case, the prize money for the doubles win will be split evenly between the members of both teams.

b. Timing

- i. Each team Captain must submit in writing to the Supervisor the name of the team's four (4) singles players and the mixed doubles team selected to compete by 3:00 p.m. local time the day prior to the scheduled Tie.
- ii. The Team Captain must notify the WTA/ATP Supervisor in writing of any change to the mixed doubles team within ten (10) minutes

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of the conclusion of the second singles match. The Supervisor will notify the opposing Team Captain and all other relevant staff once both Team Captains have submitted their doubles teams.

- iii. The Team Captain must name the mixed doubles team one (1) hour before the start of the day's play if her or his team has no singles matches on that day.
- iv. If none of the players designated for the mixed doubles has competed in the last singles match, the mixed doubles shall be scheduled as "followed by" with the exact time determined by the Supervisor (fifteen (15) minutes is recommended). If one (1) or more of the doubles players competed in the last singles match, there shall be a maximum of twenty-five (25) minutes between the end of the last singles match and the start of the mixed doubles match.
- v. The Team Captain must submit in writing to the Supervisor the names of the four (4) singles players and the mixed doubles team to the Supervisor within fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the second Semi-Final determining the teams for the Finals.
- vi. In the event of player changes in a match, the Supervisor may allow reasonable time adjustments in the schedule.

2. Group Stage

The group stage of the competition is a round robin format with six (6) groups of three (3) teams each. Each team plays both other teams in its group during round robin stage.

a. Seeding

- i. Seeding is based on the combined ranking (not including Special Rankings) of the top WTA player and top ATP player on each team as of the rankings the Monday before the entry deadline.
- ii. In the case of a tie, the team with the highest ranked singles player (WTA or ATP) becomes the higher seed. If teams are still tied, the team with the highest ranked second singles player becomes the higher seed.

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b. The Draw

- i. Group A consists of Seed 1 plus one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 7-12 and one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 13-18.
- ii. Group B consists of Seed 2 plus one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 7-12 and one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 13-18.
- iii. Group C consists of Seed 3 plus one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 7-12 and one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 13-18.
- iv. Group D consists of Seed 4 plus one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 7-12 and one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 13-18.
- v. Group E consists of Seed 5 plus one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 7-12 and one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 13-18.
- vi. Group F consists of Seed 6 plus one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 7-12 and one (1) randomly selected team from seeding group 13-18.
- vii. Two (2) cities are assigned three (3) groups each, according to the following:
 - (a) Group A, Group C, and Group E
 - (b) Group B, Group D, and Group F

c. Determination of Group Winners

- i. The first of the following methods that applies determines the group winners from the Group Stage:
 - (a) Greatest number of Ties won; then
 - (b) Greatest number of Ties played; then
 - (c) Head-to-head results if only two teams are tied; or

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- (d) If three (3) teams are tied:
 - (i) The team with fewer total matches (singles and doubles) will be eliminated and the winner of the head-to-head matchup between the two (2) remaining teams advances; or if still tied,
 - (ii) The team with the most match wins (singles and doubles); or if still tied,
 - (iii) The team with the highest percentage of matches won; or if still tied,
 - (iv) The team with the highest percentage of sets won; or if still tied,
 - (v) The team with the highest percentage of games won; and
 - (vi) If (b), (c), (d), or (e) produces one superior team, then the tie is broken; or
 - (vii) If (b), (c), (d), or (e) produces one inferior team, then that team is eliminated and the winner of the head-to-head matchup between the two (2) remaining teams is the winner of the group.
- ii. In all tie-break situations, the following applies:
 - (a) A walkover counts as a Tie played in the winning team's results, but it does not count as a Tie played for the team causing the walkover;
 - (b) Unplayed singles or doubles matches are scored as completed for purposes of matches played;
 - (c) Defaulted and retired singles or doubles matches are scored as completed for purposes of matches played and count as a straight set win or loss; however, games won or lost in matches with a defaulting or retiring player are not counted for percentage of games won;
 - (d) Teams advancing from a Tie via a team walkover (i.e., no alternate) count as a Tie won, but it does not count toward total matches won, percentage of sets won, or percentage of games won;

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- (e) Any team that withdraws from any round robin Tie after the first round robin Tie is not eligible for the Quarterfinals; and
- (f) The doubles match tie-break counts as a set won and a game won.

3. Quarterfinals

- a. The six (6) Group Winners advance to the Quarterfinals with the final two (2) spots awarded to the one (1) best runner up in each city. The Quarterfinals is a knock-out competition for a guaranteed spot in the Semi-Finals.
- b. Determination of Best Runner-Up
 - i. The first of the following methods that applies determines the best runner-up*:
 - (a) Greatest number of Ties won; then
 - (b) Greatest number of Ties played; then
 - (c) In a tie between three (3) teams, the following applies:
 - (i) If the teams have the same number of wins, then the team having played fewer total matches (singles and doubles) will be eliminated; or if still tied,
 - (ii) The team with the most match wins (singles and doubles); or if still tied,
 - (iii) The team with the highest percentage of matches won; or if still tied,
 - (iv) The team with the highest percentage of sets won; or if still tied,
 - (v) The team with the highest percentage of games won; and
 - (vi) If (b), (c), or (d) produces one superior team, then the tie is broken.
 - ii. In all tie-break situations, the following applies:
 - (a) A walkover counts as a Tie played in the winning team's

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- (b) Unplayed matches are scored as completed for purposes of matches played;
- (c) Defaulted and retired singles or doubles matches are scored as completed for purposes of matches played and count as a straight set win or loss; however, games won or lost in matches with a defaulting or retiring player are not counted for percentage of games won;
- (d) Advancing from a Tie via a team walkover (i.e., no alternate) counts as a Tie won, but it does not count toward total matches won, percentage of sets won, or percentage of games won; and
- (e) Any team that withdraws from the Quarterfinals is not eligible for the Semi-Finals.
- (f) The doubles match tie-break counts as a set won and a game won.

b. Draw

- i. The winner of Group 1 will play the best runner-up* from the remaining groups from the city.
- ii. The winner of Group 3 will play the winner of Group 5*.
- iii. The winner of Group 2 will play the best runner-up* from the remaining groups from the city.
- iv. The winner of Group 4 will play the winner of Group 6*.

*If a runner-up team is from Group 1 or Group 2, it will swap positions with the winner of the lowest ranked group in its city to prevent two teams from the same group playing against each other before the Final of the competition.

4. Semi-Finals

The four (4) winners of the Quarterfinals play in a knock-out competition in the Semi-Finals.

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5. Finals

The winner of each Semi-Final will play in a knock-out competition in the Finals.

F. Team Captain

1. Designation of Team Captain

a. The highest-ranked player (WTA or ATP) on each team at the time at which the team is accepted is the default Team Captain; however, each team can elect another player or person as Team Captain. The highest-ranked player has the authority on the Team Captain. If the highest-ranked player decides to appoint a Team Captain, the chosen person must be of the same nationality and one of the following: (i) a current or former WTA or ATP player; or (ii) a WTA or ATP coach; provided, however, that exceptions are subject to approval by the United Cup Steering Committee.

b. The Team Captain must be confirmed and submitted to the WTA or ATP, as applicable, no later than December 1.

2. Duties of Team Captain

a. Attend all team meetings;

b. Submit the team's lineup;

c. Act as official representative for the team; and

d. Be on-site for the duration of the team's participation in the competition.

The designated Team Captain may sit on court during matches, and coaching is permitted. However, only a player playing in a match can initiate challenges to line calls.

G. Coaches

1. Each player's personal coach may coach during her matches.

2. Coaches with multiple players may coach their players even if they are competing for different teams. If the coach has a player competing on each team during a match, then the coach may only be in the team box for one (1) country in that Tie.

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3. A Team Captain may only sit on court and coach for the team she or he is captaining.

H. Clothing

1. All team members must dress in similar clothing that identifies them with the country they are representing.
2. Team clothing must be submitted to and approved by WTA and ATP in advance of the event.
3. Team Captains must wear Tournament provided clothing (polo shirt/jacket/hat) with the United Cup logo while on the team bench and performing all Captains' duties both on and off court. Captains with ongoing personal clothing sponsorships are permitted to wear to wear a shirt other than the United Cup polo shirt provided that: (i) the shirt is in the team color or similar; (ii) the sponsor logos comply with WTA/ATP sizing and placement guidelines; and (iii) the WTA/ATP have approved the shirt in advance of the event.

I. Prize Money

Total prize money is \$10,000,000 (\$5,000,000 each to WTA players and ATP players). All prize money figures are in USD.

1. Participation Fee

Ranking*	Number 1 Player	Number 2 Player
1-10	\$200,000	\$200,000
11-20	\$100,000	\$100,000
21-30	\$60,000	\$50,000
31-50	\$40,000	\$30,000
51-100	\$30,000	\$20,000
101-250	\$25,000	\$15,000
251+	\$20,000	\$10,000

Ranking*	Number 3 Player
1-30	\$30,000
31-100	\$15,000
101-250	\$7,500
251+	\$6,000

*Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking used for acceptance.

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Notes

- Players may only receive a participation fee in one category (singles or mixed doubles, whichever was used for their acceptance).
- Participation fees for any team replacements following the October 17, 2023 entry deadline are based on the entry ranking team order and player ranking.
- Number 2 players receive 100% of the participation fee regardless of whether they compete in any of the Group Stage matches.
- Number 1 singles players receive 100% of the participation fee if they compete in all Group Stage singles matches. Number 1 players competing in less than all Group Stage singles matches receive pro-rata participation fees according to the schedule below.

2024 Participation Fee – Group Stage Pro-Rata Schedule			
Number 1 Players	Promotional Percentage	Per Singles Match Percentage	Doubles Match Percentage
	40%	30%	15%*

- Applies to Group Stage matches and Ties only
- Applies to all Number 1 Players including players using their Special Ranking
- Promotional Percentage = minimum participation fee

*15% maximum for mixed doubles matches, regardless of whether a player plays one (1) or two (2) mixed doubles matches during the Group Stage. Players competing in singles and mixed doubles in a Tie receive the Promotional fee plus 30% per singles match. A Number 1 Player only playing two (2) mixed doubles matches during the Group Stage receives 40% Promotional + 15% total for both mixed doubles matches (55% overall). See examples in the table below.

	Group Tie 1		Group Tie 2		
Scenario	Singles	Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Fee Collected
A	X		X		100%
B	X			X	85%
C	X	X			70%
D	X				70%
E		X		X	55%
F		X			55%
G					40%

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2. Per Individual Wins

Match Wins	Number 1 Player	Doubles Player
Final Win	\$251,000	\$47,255*
Semifinal Win	\$132,000	\$24,750*
Quarterfinal Win	\$69,500	\$13,000
Group Win	\$38,325	\$7,200

*If a Tie is decided following the singles matches, the doubles match may not be played. In such case, the doubles win prize money will be split evenly among the members of both teams.

3. Per Team Wins

Team Wins	Prize Money per Player*
Final Win	\$23,155
Semifinal Win	\$13,650
Quarterfinal Win	\$8,025
Group Win	\$5,000

*All players on a team earn the same prize money for a team win regardless of whether a player plays a match.

J. WTA Ranking Points

WTA ranking points at the United Cup are awarded for the singles competition only. No points are awarded if no matches of a Tie are played. The ranking points that a player earns at the United Cup may count on her ranking as one (1) of her other best six (6) results.

Match Wins	Opponent's Ranking*						
	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-50	51-100	101-250	251+**
Final Win	180	140	120	90	60	40	35
Semifinal Win	130	105	90	60	40	35	25
Quarterfinal Win	80	65	55	40	35	25	20
Group Win	55	45	40	35	25	20	15
Max Points^	500	400	345	260	185	140	110

*Singles Ranking or Singles Special Ranking as of the Monday before the start of the competition.

**If an individual match in a Tie is won by a walkover, points are awarded based upon the lowest ranking category (251+).

^A player who wins all five (5) matches receives 500 points. A player who wins four (4) of five (5) matches receives a minimum of 325 points or points per the table above, whichever is higher.

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K. Special Ranking

The Special Ranking Rules and restrictions in Section VIII.C and the following apply to the United Cup:

- a. Special Rankings may be used for team entry, position in the singles lineup, and categories for ranking points;
- b. Special Rankings do not count for team seeding;
- c. If a player uses her Special Ranking for team entry, it will count toward her maximum Tournaments to use her Special Ranking; and
- d. A player may use her Special Ranking to participate in the United Cup only one (1) time per Special Ranking.

L. Jurisdiction Governing the Competition

1. The Competition is sanctioned and recognized by WTA Tour and ATP Tour, Inc.
2. All players who enter and compete in the competition agree to be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the WTA and ATP, including, but not limited to, the Code of Conduct, the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, and the Tennis Anti-Doping Program.
3. The WTA/ATP Supervisors, in consultation with the WTA SVP, Competition & On-Site Operations and the ATP SVP, Rules & Competition, shall determine and resolve all questions not considered in these Rules and Regulations.

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ACES - Media/sponsor/WTB-related activities at each Tournament.

Additional Seed - A player in the Main Draw who does not play another seeded player in the first-round of that draw because of her Special Ranking.

Age - For the purposes of the Age Eligibility Rule, a player's age is determined by her age as of the date of the start of a Tournament's singles Main Draw. For the purposes of the Years of Service Rule, a player's age is determined by her age as of January 1 of a Tour Year.

Alternate - Any player who has entered a Tournament but who has not been accepted into either the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of that Tournament.

Board of Directors - The Board of Directors of the WTB, comprised of three (3) Player Board Representatives, three (3) Tournament Board Representatives, one (1) ITF Board Representative, and the CEO.

Breach - Violation of a rule.

Bye - Advances a player to the second round without playing a match, either because there are a designated number of byes assigned to seeded players from the outset, or because there are vacancies in the draw and no Alternates are available to fill the spots.

Commitment Tournaments - All Tournaments that a player must play if she is accepted, or would have been accepted if she had entered, into the Singles Main Draw at the Tournament's Entry Deadline.

Committee - The WTB Code of Conduct Committee, the body comprised of WTB staff members, Player Board Representatives, Tournament Board Representatives, and an ITF Board Representative, which shall hear appeals of Code of Conduct violations and fines and consider changes to the Code.

Default -The losing player is defaulted under the Code of Conduct after the match has been called.

ELC System - A WTB-approved electronic system for reviewing line calls and/or overrules.

Exhibition/Non-WTB Event - A tennis competition involving one (1) or more Players who compete in Professional Tennis tournaments whether or not the Player or Players receive remuneration for their participation in the event, which is not a part of the WTB or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour and is not recognized on the WTB or ITF Women's

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calendars. These events include single-day, multiple-day, week-long, and seasonal team-oriented competitions, as well as charity events.

Identification - Any sort of identification associated with, or intended to be associated with, a commercial sponsor, an apparel manufacturer, or any other person or entity, regardless of the trademark registration status of the identification, and shall include any and all forms of writing.

ITF Rules of Tennis - The rules of tennis promulgated by the ITF, which can be found at www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/.

ITF World Tennis Tour W15+ Event - A Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event with prize money between \$15,000 and \$100,000. Results from these events are eligible for inclusion on the WTA Rankings.

ITIA - International Tennis Integrity Agency.

Long-Term Injury - An absence from play in any form of women's Professional Tennis due to a Medical Condition for at least eight (8) consecutive weeks counting from the player's last Tournament played.

Lucky Losers - Players who are placed in the Main Draw to fill vacancies after they have been eliminated in the final Qualifying round or, if more Lucky Losers are required, in the previous Qualifying round(s).

Manufacturer - The entity that distributes, or offers for sale, tennis racquets, clothing, strings, or shoes.

Medical Condition - A medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation or medical treatment.

Minimum Player Compensation (MPC) - A Tournament's minimum gross publicized compensation paid to players.

Modification of Play - A ten (10) minute break allowed between the second and third sets when the Heat Stress Index (WBGT) meets or exceeds 30.1 degrees Celsius/86.2 degrees Fahrenheit or the Heat Index (Apparent Temperature) meets or exceeds 34.0 degrees Celsius/93.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

Off Season - Weeks 45-52.

Official with International Certification - An official who has successfully passed the ATP-ITF-WTA Joint Officiating Program school, proven by earning an international certification (Green, White, Bronze, Silver, or Gold).

Out of Competition - Not participating in any Tennis Event other than an Exhibition/

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Non-WTA Event for which a player was granted a waiver or competing in any other organized sport.

Out-of-Competition Period - A period during which a player is Out of Competition for a minimum of twenty-six (26) weeks, which for a particular player is calculated using the last day of the last Tennis Event that she played and the date of her Return to Competition.

Parental Start - Adoption, surrogacy, or becoming the legal guardian of a person under the age of eighteen (18).

Penalty - Financial or disciplinary action taken against a WTA player or Tournament that fails to fulfill their professional obligations or violates a Rule.

Performance Bye - The type of bye awarded to a player based on her previous week's performance as determined by the WTA when approving the calendar and draw sizes.

Player - Any professional or amateur woman tennis player, whether a member of the WTA/WTBA or not, who applies to enter a Tournament.

Player Support Team Member - Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical, paramedical, family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate of any player.

Prize Money Formula (PMF) - The formula used to determine the Minimum Player Compensation a Tournament must pay to players.

Point - Unit of counting in the scoring of a game or contest.

Pregnancy - The medically-diagnosed condition of being pregnant.

Professional Tennis - For the purposes of the Age Eligibility Rule, any Tournament at which a player earns WTA Ranking points (singles or doubles) or, but for the operation of the WTA Rules or the player's violation of the WTA Rules, would have earned WTA ranking points. For the purposes of a Long-Term Injury, any form of women's professional tennis, including WTA Tournaments, Grand Slams, Billie Jean King Cup, Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events, and any Exhibition/Non-WTA Event.

Qualified Singles Event - The singles event of a Tournament in the week before a Special Exempt Tournament in accordance with the chart in Section V.A.1.a.vii.

Qualifier - Those players accepted into the Main Draw because of their success in the Qualifying competition.

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Race Year - Tournaments starting the week before the previous year's WTA Finals through and including Tournaments two weeks before the current year's WTA Finals.

Referee - Any official so designated by a Tournament at which the Code is in effect and approved by the WTA.

Related Geographic Area - In a country which has multiple WTA Tournaments, Related Geographic Area is a radius of approximately 125 miles (200 km) from an original venue. For those countries with only one (1) WTA Tournament, the Related Geographic Area is the entire country.

Retirement - After a match has started, a player does not finish the match because of illness or injury.

Sanctioned Entity - any individual or entity on any sanctions lists administered by the United States Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, the United Kingdom HM Treasury's Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation, or the European Union's European External Action Service.

Shot Clocks - Electronic timing devices controlled directly by the Chair Umpire's tablet.

Special Exempt Spot - A singles Main Draw spot reserved for a singles player who is unable to compete in the Qualifying of a WTA Tournament in which she has been accepted because she is still competing in a Qualified Singles Event.

Special Ranking - A player's ranking as of the WTA Rankings published immediately after (i) the points of the last Tournament she played before her Out-of-Competition Period began have been added to the WTA Rankings or (iii) the last Tennis Event she played before her Out-of-Competition Period began.

Special Ranking Application - Required documentation that a player must submit to WTA Operations for approval of a Special Ranking.

Special Ranking Period - A player has fifty-two (52) weeks from the date of her Return to Competition to use her Special Ranking.

Supervisor - Any official so designated or approved by the WTA at any Tournament at which the Code is in effect.

Suspension of Play - Suspending play because the Heat Stress Index (WBGT) meets or exceeds 32.2 degrees Celsius/90.0 degrees Fahrenheit or the Heat Index (Apparent Temperature) meets or exceeds 40.1 degrees Celsius/104.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

TACP - The Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, which can be found at itia.tennis/tacp/.

TADP - The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, which can be found at itia.tennis/tadp/.

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Tennis Event - Any WTA Tournament, Grand Slam, ITF (including World Tennis Tour and Billie Jean King Cup) event, Olympic or Olympic Qualification event, or Exhibition/ Non-WTA Event, regardless of whether ranking points are awarded.

Top 10 Player - A player whose WTA Singles Ranking is 1-10 at a Tournament's Main Draw Entry Deadline.

Top 30 Player - A player whose WTA Singles Ranking is 1-30 at a Tournament's Main Draw Entry Deadline.

Tour Year - A year commencing the day immediately following the final day of the WTA Finals and extending through the final day of the WTA Finals the following calendar year.

Tournament - Any singles or doubles tennis competition administered by the WTA or approved as a WTA Ranking event by the WTA.

Tournament Director - The person or persons designated by a Tournament and responsible for the overall organization and conduct of the Tournament and other personnel as necessary.

Tournament Logo - The official identity of the Tournament that includes the Tournament name.

Tournament Owner - A person who or entity that owns the right to organize, promote, and conduct a professional women's tennis tournament on the WTA in a specific geographic region.

Tournament Support Personnel - Any Tournament Director, Tournament Owner, Tournament operator, Tournament employee, or any designated agent of the Tournament.

Waive - To make an exception to a rule or policy or dismiss charges brought against a recognized body or constituent of the WTA.

Walkover - Match did not begin because a) losing player was ill or injured or b) losing player was subjected to penalties of the Code of Conduct before first serve of match was struck or otherwise not permitted by the WTA or Tournament official to play. This would not be used when a Lucky Loser is substituted.

Wild Card - Players chosen by the Tournament Director to fill designated spots in the draw.

Withdrawal - The written communication by a player after her acceptance into a Tournament that officially notifies the WTA that the player will not participate in the Tournament.

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Withdrawal Statement - A statement provided at the time of a player's withdrawal that contains the reason for her withdrawal and a suitable, in WTA Communications Department's discretion, quotation that the WTA may release to the media and public.

WTA 125 - Tournaments sanctioned and licensed by the WTA that offer hospitality to the players, in addition to minimum prize money of \$125,000, and are eligible for inclusion of their results on the WTA Rankings.

WTA Logo - The logo that includes the WTA name and the name of any Title/Premier/Presenting sponsor, if applicable.

WTA Rankings - The worldwide computer rankings for women's Professional Tennis.

WTA Tournaments - The Tournaments comprising the WTA.

WTBA - Women's Tennis Benefit Association.

Year-End WTA Rankings - The WTA Rankings produced immediately following the previous year's WTA Finals.

Years of Service Player - A player thirty-four (34) years of age or older as of January 1 of the current Tour Year.

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This Appendix L is only an excerpt of the ITF Rules of Tennis. For the complete and current ITF Rules of Tennis, please visit www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/.

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FOREWORD

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) is the governing body of the game of tennis and its duties and responsibilities include protecting the integrity of the game through determination of the Rules of Tennis.

To assist the ITF in carrying out this responsibility, the ITF has appointed a Rules of Tennis Committee which continually monitors the game and its rules, and when considered necessary makes recommendations for changes to the Board of Directors of the ITF who in turn make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting of the ITF which is the ultimate authority for making any changes to the Rules of Tennis.

Appendix V lists approved alternative procedures and scoring methods. In addition, on its own behalf or on application by interested parties, certain variations to the rules may be approved by the ITF for trial purposes only at a limited number of tournaments or events and/or for a limited time period. Such variations are not included in the published rules and require a report to the ITF on the conclusion of the approved trial.

Note: *If there are any inconsistencies between the English version and Rules of Tennis translated into other languages, the English version shall prevail.*

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1. THE COURT

The court shall be a rectangle, 78 feet (23.77 m) long and, for singles matches, 27 feet (8.23 m) wide. For doubles matches, the court shall be 36 feet (10.97 m) wide.

The court shall be divided across the middle by a net suspended by a cord or metal cable which shall pass over or be attached to two net posts at a height of 3½ feet (1.07 m). The net shall be fully extended so that it completely fills the space between the two net posts and it must be of sufficiently small mesh to ensure that a ball cannot pass through it. The height of the net shall be 3 feet (0.914 m) at the centre, where it shall be held down tightly by a strap. A band shall cover the cord or metal cable and the top of the net. The strap and band shall be completely white.

- The maximum diameter of the cord or metal cable shall be 1/3 inch (0.8 cm).
- The maximum width of the strap shall be 2 inches (5 cm).
- The band shall be between 2 inches (5 cm) and 2½ inches (6.35 cm) deep on each side.

For doubles matches, the centres of the net posts shall be 3 feet (0.914 m) outside the doubles court on each side.

For singles matches, if a singles net is used, the centres of the net posts shall be 3 feet (0.914 m) outside the singles court on each side. If a doubles net is used, then the net shall be supported, at a height of 3½ feet (1.07 m), by two singles sticks, the centres of which shall be 3 feet (0.914 m) outside the singles court on each side.

- The net posts shall not be more than 6 inches (15 cm) square or 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter.
- The singles sticks shall not be more than 3 inches (7.5 cm) square or 3 inches (7.5 cm) in diameter.
- The net posts and singles sticks shall not be more than 1 inch (2.5 cm) above the top of the net cord.

The lines at the ends of the court are called baselines and the lines at the sides of the court are called sidelines.

Two lines shall be drawn between the singles sidelines, 21 feet (6.40 m) from each side of the net, parallel with the net. These lines are called the

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servicelines. On each side of the net, the area between the serviceline and the net shall be divided into two equal parts, the service courts, by the centre serviceline. The centre serviceline shall be drawn parallel with the singles sidelines and half way between them.

Each baseline shall be divided in half by a centre mark, 4 inches (10 cm) in length, which shall be drawn inside the court and parallel with the singles sidelines.

- The centre serviceline and centre mark shall be 2 inches (5 cm) wide.
- The other lines of the court shall be between 1 inch (2.5 cm) and 2 inches (5 cm) wide, except that the baselines may be up to 4 inches (10 cm) wide.

All court measurements shall be made to the outside of the lines and all lines of the court shall be of the same colour clearly contrasting with the colour of the surface.

No advertising is allowed on the court, net, strap, band, net posts or singles sticks except as provided in Appendix IV.

In addition to the court described above, the court designated as “Red” and the court designated as “Orange” in Appendix VII can be used for 10 and under tennis competition.

Note: Guidelines for minimum distances between the baseline and backstops and between the sidelines and sidestops can be found in Appendix IX.

2. PERMANENT FIXTURES

The permanent fixtures of the court include the backstops and sidestops, the spectators, the stands and seats for spectators, all other fixtures around and above the court, the chair umpire, line umpires, net umpire and ball persons when in their recognised positions.

In a singles match played with a doubles net and singles sticks, the net posts and the part of the net outside the singles sticks are permanent fixtures and are not considered as net posts or part of the net.

3. THE BALL

Balls, which are approved for play under the Rules of Tennis, must comply with the specifications in Appendix I.

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The International Tennis Federation shall rule on the question of whether any ball or prototype complies with Appendix I or is otherwise approved, or not approved, for play. Such ruling may be taken on its own initiative, or upon application by any party with a bona fide interest therein, including any player, equipment manufacturer or National Association or members thereof. Such rulings and applications shall be made in accordance with the applicable Review and Hearing Procedures of the International Tennis Federation.

The event organisers must announce in advance of the event:

- a. The number of balls for play (2, 3, 4 or 6).
- b. The ball change policy, if any.

Ball changes, if any, can be made either:

- i. After an agreed odd number of games, in which case, the first ball change in the match shall take place two games earlier than for the rest of the match, to make allowance for the warm-up. A tie-break game counts as one game for the ball change. A ball change shall not take place at the beginning of a tie-break game. In this case, the ball change shall be delayed until the beginning of the second game of the next set; or
- ii. At the beginning of a set

If a ball gets broken during play, the point shall be replayed.

Case 1: If a ball is soft at the end of a point, should the point be replayed?

Decision: If the ball is soft, not broken, the point shall not be replayed.

Note: Any ball to be used in a tournament which is played under the Rules of Tennis, must be named on the official ITF list of approved balls issued by the International Tennis Federation.

4. THE RACKET

Rackets, which are approved for play under the Rules of Tennis, must comply with the specifications in Appendix II.

The International Tennis Federation shall rule on the question of whether any racket or prototype complies with Appendix II or is otherwise approved, or not approved, for play. Such ruling may be undertaken on its own initiative, or upon application by any party with a bona fide

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interest therein, including any player, equipment manufacturer or National Association or members thereof. Such rulings and applications shall be made in accordance with the applicable Review and Hearing Procedures of the International Tennis Federation.

Case 1: Is more than one set of strings allowed on the hitting surface of a racket?

Decision: No. The rule mentions a pattern (not patterns) of crossed strings. (See Appendix II)

Case 2: Is the stringing pattern of a racket considered to be generally uniform and flat if the strings are on more than one plane?

Decision: No.

Case 3: Can vibration damping devices be placed on the strings of a racket? If so, where can they be placed?

Decision: Yes, but these devices may only be placed outside the pattern of the crossed strings.

Case 4: During a point, a player accidentally breaks the strings. Can the player continue to play another point with this racket?

Decision: Yes, except where specifically prohibited by event organisers.

Case 5: Is a player allowed to use more than one racket at any time during play?

Decision: No.

Case 6: Can a battery that affects playing characteristics be incorporated into a racket?

Decision: No. A battery is prohibited because it is an energy source, as are solar cells and other similar devices.

5. SCORE IN A GAME

a. Standard game

A standard game is scored as follows with the server's score being called first:

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No point	-	"Love"
First point	-	"15"
Second point	-	"30"
Third point	-	"40"
Fourth point	-	"Game"

except that if each player/team has won three points, the score is "Deuce". After "Deuce", the score is "Advantage" for the player/team who wins the next point. If that same player/team also wins the next point, that player/team wins the "Game"; if the opposing player/team wins the next point, the score is again "Deuce". A player/team needs to win two consecutive points immediately after "Deuce" to win the "Game".

b. Tie-break game

During a tie-break game, points are scored "Zero", "1", "2", "3", etc. The first player/team to win seven points wins the "Game" and "Set", provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s). If necessary, the tie-break game shall continue until this margin is achieved.

The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point of the tie-break game. The following two points shall be served by the opponent(s) (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next). After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the end of the tie-break game (in doubles, the rotation of service within each team shall continue in the same order as during that set).

The player/team whose turn it was to serve first in the tie-break game shall be the receiver in the first game of the following set.

Additional approved alternative scoring methods can be found in Appendix V.

6. SCORE IN A SET

There are different methods of scoring in a set. The two main methods are the "Advantage Set" and the "Tie-break Set". Either method may be used provided that the one to be used is announced in advance of the event. If the "Tie-break Set" method is to be used, it must also be

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announced whether the final set will be played as a “Tie-break Set” or an “Advantage Set”.

a. “Advantage Set”

The first player/team to win six games wins that “Set”, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If necessary, the set shall continue until this margin is achieved.

b. “Tie-break Set”

The first player/team to win six games wins that “Set”, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches six games all, a tie-break game shall be played.

Additional approved alternative scoring methods can be found in Appendix V.

7. SCORE IN A MATCH

A match can be played to the best of 3 sets (a player/team needs to win 2 sets to win the match) or to the best of 5 sets (a player/team needs to win 3 sets to win the match).

Additional approved alternative scoring methods can be found in Appendix V.

8. SERVER & RECEIVER

The players/teams shall stand on opposite sides of the net. The server is the player who puts the ball into play for the first point. The receiver is the player who is ready to return the ball served by the server.

Case 1: Is the receiver allowed to stand outside the lines of the court?

Decision: Yes. The receiver may take any position inside or outside the lines on the receiver’s side of the net.

9. CHOICE OF ENDS & SERVICE

The choice of ends and the choice to be server or receiver in the first game shall be decided by toss before the warm-up starts. The player/team who wins the toss may choose:

- a. To be server or receiver in the first game of the match, in which case the opponent(s) shall choose the end of the court for the first game

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of the match; or

- b. The end of the court for the first game of the match, in which case the opponent(s) shall choose to be server or receiver for the first game of the match; or
- c. To require the opponent(s) to make one of the above choices.

Case 1: Do both players/teams have the right to new choices if the warm-up is stopped and the players leave the court?

Decision: Yes. The result of the original toss stands, but new choices may be made by both players/teams.

10. CHANGE OF ENDS

The players shall change ends at the end of the first, third and every subsequent odd game of each set. The players shall also change ends at the end of each set unless the total number of games in that set is even, in which case the players change ends at the end of the first game of the next set.

During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after every six points.

Additional approved alternative procedures can be found in Appendix V.

11. BALL IN PLAY

Unless a fault or a let is called, the ball is in play from the moment the server hits the ball, and remains in play until the point is decided.

12. BALL TOUCHES A LINE

If a ball touches a line, it is regarded as touching the court bounded by that line.

13. BALL TOUCHES A PERMANENT FIXTURE

If the ball in play touches a permanent fixture after it has hit the correct court, the player who hit the ball wins the point. If the ball in play touches a permanent fixture before it hits the ground, the player who hit the ball loses the point.

14. ORDER OF SERVICE

At the end of each standard game, the receiver shall become the server

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and the server shall become the receiver for the next game.

In doubles, the team due to serve in the first game of each set shall decide which player shall serve for that game. Similarly, before the second game starts, their opponents shall decide which player shall serve for that game. The partner of the player who served in the first game shall serve in the third game and the partner of the player who served in the second game shall serve in the fourth game. This rotation shall continue until the end of the set.

15. ORDER OF RECEIVING IN DOUBLES

The team which is due to receive in the first game of a set shall decide which player shall receive the first point in the game. Similarly, before the second game starts, their opponents shall decide which player shall receive the first point of that game. The player who was the receiver's partner for the first point of the game shall receive the second point and this rotation shall continue until the end of the game and the set.

After the receiver has returned the ball, either player in a team can hit the ball.

Case 1: Is one member of a doubles team allowed to play alone against the opponents?

Decision: No.

16. THE SERVICE

Immediately before starting the service motion, the server shall stand at rest with both feet behind (i.e. further from the net than) the baseline and within the imaginary extensions of the centre mark and the sideline.

The server shall then release the ball by hand in any direction and hit the ball with the racket before the ball hits the ground. The service motion is completed at the moment that the player's racket hits or misses the ball. A player who is able to use only one arm may use the racket for the release of the ball.

17. SERVING

When serving in a standard game, the server shall stand behind alternate halves of the court, starting from the right half of the court in every game.

In a tie-break game, the service shall be served from behind alternate halves of the court, with the first served from the right half of the court.

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The service shall pass over the net and hit the service court diagonally opposite, before the receiver returns it.

18. FOOT FAULT

During the service motion, the server shall not:

- a. Change position by walking or running, although slight movements of the feet are permitted; or
- b. Touch the baseline or the court with either foot; or
- c. Touch the area outside the imaginary extension of the sideline with either foot; or
- d. Touch the imaginary extension of the centre mark with either foot.

If the server breaks this rule it is a “Foot Fault”.

Case 1: In a singles match, is the server allowed to serve standing behind the part of the baseline between the singles sideline and the doubles sideline?

Decision: No.

Case 2: Is the server allowed to have one or both feet off the ground?

Decision: Yes.

19. SERVICE FAULT

The service is a fault if:

- a. The server breaks Rules 16, 17 or 18; or
- b. The server misses the ball when trying to hit it; or
- c. The ball served touches a permanent fixture, singles stick or net post before it hits the ground; or
- d. The ball served touches the server or server's partner, or anything the server or server's partner is wearing or carrying.

Case 1: After tossing a ball to serve, the server decides not to hit it and catches it instead. Is this a fault?

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Decision: No. A player, who tosses the ball and then decides not to hit it, is allowed to catch the ball with the hand or the racket, or to let the ball bounce.

Case 2: During a singles match played on a court with net posts and singles sticks, the ball served hits a singles stick and then hits the correct service court. Is this a fault?

Decision: Yes.

20. SECOND SERVICE

If the first service is a fault, the server shall serve again without delay from behind the same half of the court from which that fault was served, unless the service was from the wrong half.

21. WHEN TO SERVE & RECEIVE

The server shall not serve until the receiver is ready. However, 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 receiver who attempts to return the service shall be considered as being ready. If it is demonstrated that the receiver is not ready, the service cannot be called a fault.

22. THE LET DURING A SERVICE

The service is a let if:

- a. The ball served touches the net, strap or band, and is otherwise good; or, after touching the net, strap or band, touches the receiver or the receiver's partner or anything they wear or carry before hitting the ground; or
- b. The ball is served when the receiver is not ready.

In the case of a service let, that particular service shall not count, and the server shall serve again, but a service let does not cancel a previous fault.

Additional approved alternative procedures can be found in Appendix V.

23. THE LET

In all cases when a let is called, except when a service let is called on a second service, the whole point shall be replayed.

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Case 1: When the ball is in play, another ball rolls onto court. A let is called. The server had previously served a fault. Is the server now entitled to a first service or second service?

Decision: First service. The whole point must be replayed.

24. PLAYER LOSES POINT

The point is lost if:

- a. The player serves two consecutive faults; or
- b. The player does not return the ball in play before it bounces twice consecutively; or
- c. The player returns the ball in play so that it hits the ground, or before it bounces, an object, outside the correct court; or
- d. The player returns the ball in play so that, before it bounces, it hits a permanent fixture; or
- e. The receiver returns the service before it bounces; or
- f. The player deliberately carries or catches the ball in play on the racket or deliberately touches it with the racket more than once; or
- g. The player or the racket, whether in the player's hand or not, or anything which the player is wearing or carrying touches the net, net posts/singles sticks, cord or metal cable, strap or band, or the opponent's court at any time while the ball is in play; or
- h. The player hits the ball before it has passed the net; or
- i. The ball in play touches the player or anything that the player is wearing or carrying, except the racket; or
- j. The ball in play touches the racket when the player is not holding it; or
- k. The player deliberately and materially changes the shape of the racket when the ball is in play; or
- l. In doubles, both players touch the ball when returning it.

Case 1: After the server has served a first service, the racket falls out of the server's hand and touches the net before the ball has bounced. Is

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this a service fault, or does the server lose the point?

Decision: The server loses the point because the racket touches the net while the ball is in play.

Case 2: After the server has served a first service, the racket falls out of the server's hand and touches the net after the ball has bounced outside the correct service court. Is this a service fault, or does the server lose the point?

Decision: This is a service fault because when the racket touched the net the ball was no longer in play.

Case 3: In a doubles match, the receiver's partner touches the net before the ball that has been served touches the ground outside the correct service court. What is the correct decision?

Decision: The receiving team loses the point because the receiver's partner touched the net while the ball was in play.

Case 4: Does a player lose the point if an imaginary line in the extension of the net is crossed before or after hitting the ball?

Decision: The player does not lose the point in either case provided the player does not touch the opponent's court.

Case 5: Is a player allowed to jump over the net into the opponent's court while the ball is in play?

Decision: No. The player loses the point.

Case 6: A player throws the racket at the ball in play. Both the racket and the ball land in the court on the opponent's side of the net and the opponent(s) is unable to reach the ball. Which player wins the point?

Decision: The player who threw the racket at the ball loses the point.

Case 7: A ball that has just been served hits the receiver or in doubles the receiver's partner before it touches the ground. Which player wins the point?

Decision: The server wins the point, unless it is a service let.

Case 8: A player standing outside the court hits the ball or catches it before it bounces and claims the point because the ball was definitely going out of the correct court.

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Decision: The player loses the point, unless it is a good return, in which case the point continues.

25. A GOOD RETURN

It is a good return if:

- a. The ball touches the net, net posts/singles sticks, cord or metal cable, strap or band, provided that it passes over any of them and hits the ground within the correct court; except as provided in Rule 2 and 24 (d); or
- b. After the ball in play has hit the ground within the correct court and has spun or been blown back over the net, the player reaches over the net and plays the ball into the correct court, provided that the player does not break Rule 24; or
- c. The ball is returned outside the net posts, either above or below the level of the top of the net, even though it touches the net posts, provided that it hits the ground in the correct court; except as provided in Rules 2 and 24 (d); or
- d. The ball passes under the net cord between the singles stick and the adjacent net post without touching either net, net cord or net post and hits the ground in the correct court, or
- e. The player's racket passes over the net after hitting the ball on the player's own side of the net and the ball hits the ground in the correct court; or
- f. The player hits the ball in play, which hits another ball lying in the correct court.

Case 1: A player returns a ball which then hits a singles stick and hits the ground in the correct court. Is this a good return?

Decision: Yes. However, if the ball is served and hits the singles stick, it is a service fault.

Case 2: A ball in play hits another ball which is lying in the correct court. What is the correct decision?

Decision: Play continues. However, if it is not clear that the actual ball in play has been returned, a let should be called.

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26. HINDRANCE

If a player is hindered in playing the point by a deliberate act of the opponent(s), the player shall win the point.

However, the point shall be replayed if a player is hindered in playing the point by either an unintentional act of the opponent(s), or something outside the player's own control (not including a permanent fixture).

Case 1: Is an unintentional double hit a hindrance?

Decision: No. See also Rule 24 (f).

Case 2: A player claims to have stopped play because the player thought that the opponent(s) was being hindered. Is this a hindrance?

Decision: No, the player loses the point.

Case 3: A ball in play hits a bird flying over the court. Is this a hindrance?

Decision: Yes, the point shall be replayed.

Case 4: During a point, a ball or other object that was lying on the player's side of the net when the point started hinders the player. Is this a hindrance?

Decision: No.

Case 5: In doubles, where are the server's partner and receiver's partner allowed to stand?

Decision: The server's partner and the receiver's partner may take any position on their own side of the net, inside or outside the court. However, if a player is creating a hindrance to the opponent(s), the hindrance rule should be used.

27. CORRECTING ERRORS

As a principle, when an error in respect of the Rules of Tennis is discovered, all points previously played shall stand. Errors so discovered shall be corrected as follows:

- a. During a standard game or a tie-break game, if a player serves from the wrong half of the court, this should be corrected as soon as the error is discovered and the server shall serve from the correct half of

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the court according to the score. A fault that was served before the error was discovered shall stand.

- b. During a standard game or a tie-break game, if the players are at the wrong ends of the court, the error should be corrected as soon as it is discovered and the server shall serve from the correct end of the court according to the score.
- c. If a player serves out of turn during a standard game, the player who was originally due to serve shall serve as soon as the error is discovered. However, if a game is completed before the error is discovered the order of service shall remain as altered. In this case, any ball change to be made after an agreed number of games should be made one game later than originally scheduled.

A fault that was served by the opponents(s) before the error was discovered shall not stand.

In doubles, if the partners of one team serve out of turn, a fault that was served before the error was discovered shall stand.

- d. If a player serves out of turn during a tie-break game and the error is discovered after an even number of points have been played, the error is corrected immediately. If the error is discovered after an odd number of points have been played, the order of service shall remain as altered.

A fault that was served by the opponent(s) before the error was discovered shall not stand.

In doubles, if the partners of one team serve out of turn, a fault that was served before the error was discovered shall stand.

- e. During a standard game or a tie-break game in doubles, if there is an error in the order of receiving, this shall remain as altered until the end of the game in which the error is discovered. For the next game in which they are the receivers in that set, the partners shall then resume the original order of receiving.
- f. If in error a tie-break game is started at 6 games all, when it was previously agreed that the set would be an "Advantage set", the error shall be corrected immediately if only one point has been played. If the error is discovered after the second point is in play, the set will continue as a "Tie-break set".

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- g. If in error a standard game is started at 6 games all, when it was previously agreed that the set would be a “Tie-break set”, the error shall be corrected immediately if only one point has been played. If the error is discovered after the second point is in play, the set will continue as an “Advantage set” until the score reaches 8 games all (or a higher even number), when a tie-break game shall be played.
- h. If in error an “Advantage set” or “Tie-break set” is started, when it was previously agreed that the final set would be a match tie-break, the error shall be corrected immediately if only one point has been played. If the error is discovered after the second point is in play, the set will continue either until a player or team wins three games (and therefore the set) or until the score reaches 2 games all, when a match tie-break shall be played. However, if the error is discovered after the second point of the fifth game has started, the set will continue as a “Tie-break set”. (See Appendix V)
- i. If the balls are not changed in the correct sequence, the error shall be corrected when the player/team who should have served with new balls is next due to serve a new game. Thereafter the balls shall be changed so that the number of games between ball changes shall be that originally agreed. Balls should not be changed during a game.

28. ROLE OF COURT OFFICIALS

For matches where officials are appointed, their roles and responsibilities can be found in Appendix VI.

29. CONTINUOUS PLAY

As a principle, play should be continuous, from the time the match starts (when the first service of the match is put in play) until the match finishes.

- a. Between points, a maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds is allowed. When the players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of ninety (90) seconds are allowed. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break game, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest.

At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds.

The maximum time starts from the moment that one point finishes until the first service is struck for the next point.

Event organisers may apply for ITF approval to extend the ninety

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(90) seconds allowed when the players change ends at the end of a game and the one hundred and twenty (120) seconds allowed at a set break.

- b. If, for reasons outside the player's control, clothing, footwear or necessary equipment (excluding the racket) is broken or needs to be replaced, the player may be allowed reasonable extra time to rectify the problem.
- c. No extra time shall be given to allow a player to recover condition. However, a player suffering from a treatable medical condition may be allowed one medical time-out of three minutes for the treatment of that medical condition. A limited number of toilet/change of attire breaks may also be allowed, if this is announced in advance of the event.
- d. Event organisers may allow a rest period of a maximum of ten (10) minutes if this is announced in advance of the event. This rest period can be taken after the 3rd set in a best of 5 sets match, or after the 2nd set in a best of 3 sets match.
- e. The warm-up time shall be a maximum of five (5) minutes, unless otherwise decided by the event organisers.

30. COACHING

Coaching is considered to be communication, advice or instruction of any kind and by any means to a player.

In team events where there is a team captain sitting on-court, the team captain may coach the player(s) during a set break and when the players change ends at the end of a game, but not when the players change ends after the first game of each set and not during a tie-break game.

In all other matches, coaching is not allowed.

Case 1: Is a player allowed to be coached, if the coaching is given by signals in a discreet way?

Decision: No.

Case 2: Is a player allowed to receive coaching when play is suspended?

Decision: Yes.

Case 3: Is a player allowed to receive on-court coaching during a match?

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Decision: Sanctioning bodies may apply to the ITF to have on-court coaching allowed. In events where on-court coaching is allowed, designated coaches may enter the court and coach their players under procedures decided by the sanctioning body.

31. PLAYER ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGY

Player analysis technology, that is approved for play under the Rules of Tennis, must comply with the specifications in Appendix III.

The International Tennis Federation shall rule on the question of whether any such equipment is approved, or not approved. Such ruling may be taken on its own initiative, or upon application by any party with a bona fide interest therein, including any player, equipment manufacturer or National Association or members thereof. Such rulings and applications shall be made in accordance with the applicable Review and Hearing Procedures of the International Tennis Federation.

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF TENNIS

(Article 28 of the Constitution of ITF Ltd)

The official and decisive text to the Rules of Tennis shall be for ever in the English language and no alteration or interpretation of such Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting of the Council, nor unless notice of the Resolution embodying such alterations shall have been received by the ITF in accordance with Article 17 and such Resolution or one having the like effect shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes recorded in respect of the same.

Any alteration so made shall take effect as from the first day of January following, unless the Meeting shall by the like majority decide otherwise.

The Board of Directors shall have power, however, to settle all urgent questions of interpretation subject to confirmation at the General Meeting next following.

This text shall not be altered at any time without the unanimous consent of a General Meeting of the Council.

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APPENDIX I

THE BALL

For all measurements in Appendix I, SI units shall take precedence.

- a. The ball shall have a uniform outer surface consisting of a fabric cover except for the Stage 3 (Red) foam ball. If there are any seams they shall be stitchless.
- b. The ball shall conform to one of the types specified in the table immediately below or in the table under paragraph (d).

	Type 1 (Fast)	Type 2 (Medium)¹	Type 3 (Slow)²	High Altitude³
Weight (Mass)	56.0-59.4 grams (1.975-2.095 ounces)	56.0-59.4 grams (1.975-2.095 ounces)	56.0-59.4 grams (1.975-2.095 ounces)	56.0-59.4 grams (1.975-2.095 ounces)
Size	6.54-6.86 cm (2.57-2.70 inches)	6.54-6.86 cm (2.57-2.70 inches)	7.00-7.30 cm (2.76-2.87 inches)	6.54-6.86 cm (2.57-2.70 inches)
Rebound	138-151 cm (54-60 inches)	135-147 cm (53-58 inches)	135-147 cm (53-58 inches)	122-135 cm (48-53 inches)
Forward Deformation⁴	0.56-0.74 cm (0.220-0.291 inches)	0.56-0.74 cm (0.220-0.291 inches)	0.56-0.74 cm (0.220-0.291 inches)	0.56-0.74 cm (0.220-0.291 inches)
Return Deformation⁴	0.74-1.08 cm (0.291-0.425 inches)	0.80-1.08 cm (0.315-0.425 inches)	0.80-1.08 cm (0.315-0.425 inches)	0.80-1.08 cm (0.315-0.425 inches)
Colour	white or yellow	white or yellow	white or yellow	white or yellow

Notes:

- 1 This ball type may be pressurised or pressureless. The pressureless ball shall have an internal pressure that is no greater than 7kPa (1 psi) and may be used for high altitude play above 1,219 m (4,000 feet) above sea level and shall have been acclimatised for 60 days or more at the altitude of the specific tournament.
- 2 This ball type is also recommended for high altitude play on any court surface type above 1,219 m (4,000 feet) above sea level.
- 3 This ball type is pressurised and is specified for high altitude play above 1,219 m (4,000 feet) above sea level only.
- 4 The deformation shall be the average of a single reading along each of three perpendicular axes. No two individual readings shall differ by more than 0.08 cm (0.031 inches).

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- c. In addition, all ball types specified under paragraph (b) shall conform to the requirements for durability as shown in the following table:

	<u>MASS (WEIGHT)</u>	<u>REBOUND</u>	<u>FORWARD DEFORMATION</u>	<u>RETURN DEFORMATION</u>
<u>MAXIMUM CHANGE</u> ¹	0.4 grams (0.014 ounces)	4.0 cm (1.6 inches)	0.08 cm (0.031 inches)	0.10 cm (0.039 inches)

Notes:

- ¹ The largest permissible change in the specified properties resulting from the durability test described in the current edition of *ITF Approved Tennis Balls & Classified Court Surfaces*. The durability test uses laboratory equipment to simulate the effects of nine games of play.
- d. Only the ball types specified in the ITF Rules of Tennis can be used in 10 and under tennis competition. See the complete rules for details.
- e. All tests for rebound, mass, size, deformation and durability shall be made in accordance with the Regulations described in the current edition of *ITF Approved Tennis Balls & Classified Court Surfaces*.

CLASSIFICATION OF COURT PACE

The ITF test method used for determining the pace of a court surface is ITF CS 01/02 (ITF Court Pace Rating) as described in the ITF publication entitled "ITF guide to test methods for tennis court surfaces".

Court surfaces which have an ITF Court Pace Rating of 0 to 29 shall be classified as being Category 1 (slow pace). Examples of court surface types which conform to this classification will include most clay courts and other types of unbound mineral surface.

Court surfaces which have an ITF Court Pace Rating of 30 to 34 shall be classified as being Category 2 (medium-slow pace), while court surfaces with an ITF Court Pace Rating of 35 to 39 shall be classified as being Category 3 (medium pace). Examples of court surface types which conform to this classification will include most acrylic coated surfaces plus some carpet surfaces.

Court surfaces with an ITF Court Pace Rating of 40 to 44 shall be classified as being Category 4 (medium-fast pace), while court surfaces which have an ITF Court Pace Rating of 45 or more shall be classified as being Category 5 (fast

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pace). Examples of court surface types which conform to this classification will include most natural grass, artificial grass and some carpet surfaces.

Case 1: Which ball type should be used on which court surface?

Decision: 3 different types of balls are approved for play under the Rules of Tennis, however:

- a. Ball Type 1 (fast speed) is intended for play on slow pace court surfaces*
- b. Ball Type 2 (medium speed) is intended for play on medium-slow, medium and medium-fast pace court surfaces*
- c. Ball Type 3 (slow speed) is intended for play on fast pace court surfaces*

Note:

In addition to the ball types specified under paragraph (b) above, the Stage 1 (Green) ball may be used for all levels of competitive play except for world ranking professional tennis events, Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Tennis Events, World Tennis Tour Men's, Women's and Junior Tournaments and Team events sanctioned by the ITF and affiliated Regional Associations, ITF Senior Circuit and Team events and ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour Circuit and Team events.

Each National Association shall have the right to decide which national competitive events should use the Stage 1 (Green) ball.

APPENDIX II

THE RACKET

For all measurements in Appendix II, SI units shall take precedence

- a. The racket shall consist of a frame and string(s). The frame shall consist of a handle and head, and may also include a throat. The head is defined as that part of the racket to which the string(s) connect. The handle is defined as that part of the racket connected to the head which is held by the player in normal use. The throat, where present, is that part of the racket that joins the handle to the head.
- b. The hitting surface, defined as the main area of the stringing pattern bordered by the points of entry of the strings into the head or points of contact of the strings with the head, whichever is the smaller, shall be flat and consist of a pattern of crossed strings, which shall

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be alternately interlaced or bonded where they cross. The stringing pattern must be generally uniform and, in particular, not less dense in the centre than in any other area.

The racket shall be designed and strung such that the playing characteristics are identical on both faces.

- c. The racket shall not exceed 73.7 cm (29.0 inches) in overall length, and 31.7 cm (12.5 inches) in overall width. The hitting surface shall not exceed 39.4 cm (15.5 inches) in overall length, when measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the handle, and 29.2 cm (11.5 inches) in overall width, when measured perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle.
- d. The racket shall be free of any attached object, protrusion or device which makes it possible to change materially the shape of the racket, or its moment of inertia about any principal axis, or to change any physical property which may affect the performance of the racket during the playing of a point. Attached objects, protrusions and devices that are approved as Player Analysis Technology, or that are utilised to limit or prevent wear and tear or vibration or, for the frame only, to distribute weight, are permitted. All permissible objects, protrusions and devices must be reasonable in size and placement for their respective purpose(s).

No energy source that in any way could change or affect the playing characteristics of a racket may be built into or attached to a racket.

APPENDIX III

PLAYER ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGY

Player Analysis Technology is equipment that may perform any of the following functions with respect to player performance information:

- A. Recording
- B. Storing
- C. Transmission
- D. Analysis
- E. Communication to a player of any kind and by any means

Player Analysis Technology may record and/or store information during a match. Such information may only be accessed by a player in accordance with Rule 30.

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APPENDIX IV

ADVERTISING

1. Advertising is permitted on the net as long as it is placed on the part of the net that is within 3 feet (0.914 m) from the centre of the net posts and is produced in such a way that it does not interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.

A mark (non-commercial) of the sanctioning body is permitted on the lower part of the net, minimum 20 inches (0.51 m) from the top of the net, as long as it is produced in such a way that it does not interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.

2. Advertising and other marks or material placed at the back and sides of the court shall be permitted unless it interferes with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.
3. Advertising and other marks or material placed on the court surface outside the lines is permitted unless it interferes with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.
4. Notwithstanding paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above, any advertising, marks or material placed on the net or placed at the back and sides of the court, or on the court surface outside the lines may not contain white or yellow or other light colours that may interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.
5. Advertising and other marks or material are not permitted on the court surface inside the lines of the court.

APPENDIX V

ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES AND SCORING METHODS

The alternatives listed in this Appendix V may be used.

SCORE IN A GAME (RULE 5)

“No-Ad” SCORING METHOD

A “No-Ad” game is scored as follows with the server’s score being called first:

No point	-	“Love”
First point	-	“15”

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Second point	-	“30”
Third point	-	“40”
Fourth point	-	“Game”

If both players/teams have won three points each, the score is “Deuce” and a deciding point shall be played. The receiver(s) shall choose whether to receive the service from the right half or the left half of the court. In doubles, the players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the “Game”.

In mixed doubles, the player of the same gender as the server shall receive the deciding point. The players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive the deciding point.

SCORE IN A SET (RULES 6 AND 7)

1. SHORT SETS

The first player/team who wins four games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches four games all, a tie-break game shall be played. Alternatively (at the discretion of the sanctioning body), if the score reaches three games all, a tie-break game shall be played.

2. SHORT SET TIE-BREAK

When playing Short Sets only, a Short Set tie-break may be used. The first player/team to win five points wins the “Game” and “Set”, with a deciding point if the score reaches four all. The order and number of serves shall be determined by the sanctioning body. Players/Teams will only change ends after the first four points have been played.

3. MATCH TIE-BREAK (7 POINTS)

When the score in a match is one set all, or two sets all in best of five sets matches, one tie-break game shall be played to decide the match. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set.

The player/team who first wins seven points shall win this match tie-break and the match provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s).

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4. MATCH TIE-BREAK (10 POINTS)

When the score in a match is one set all, or two sets all in best of five sets matches, one tie-break game shall be played to decide the match. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set.

The player/team who first wins ten points shall win this match tie-break and the match provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s).

Note: *When using the match tie-break to replace the final set:*

- *the original order of service continues. (Rules 5 and 14)*
- *in doubles, the order of serving and receiving within the team may be altered, as in the beginning of each set. (Rules 14 and 15)*
- *before the start of the match tie-break there shall be a 120 seconds set break.*
- *balls should not be changed before the start of the match tie-break even if a ball change is due.*

CHANGE OF ENDS (RULE 10)

During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after the first point and thereafter after every four points.

THE LET DURING A SERVICE (RULE 22)

"NO LET" RULE

This alternative is play without the service let in Rule 22a, whereby a serve that touches the net, strap or band is in play.

At the discretion of the sanctioning body, when playing doubles using Short Sets in combination with No-Ad scoring and the No-Let rule, either player on the receiving team is permitted to return a serve that touches the net, strap or band and lands within the correct service box.

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APPENDIX VI

ROLE OF COURT OFFICIALS

The referee is the final authority on all questions of tennis law and the referee's decision is final.

In matches where a chair umpire is assigned, the chair umpire is the final authority on all questions of fact during the match.

The players have the right to call the referee to court if they disagree with a chair umpire's interpretation of tennis law.

In matches where line umpires and net umpires are assigned, they make all calls (including foot-fault calls) relating to that line or net. The chair umpire has the right to overrule a line umpire or a net umpire if the chair umpire is sure that a clear mistake has been made. The chair umpire is responsible for calling any line (including foot-faults) or net where no line umpire or net umpire is assigned.

A line umpire who cannot make a call shall signal this immediately to the chair umpire who shall make a decision. If the line umpire cannot make a call, or if there is no line umpire, and the chair umpire cannot make a decision on a question of fact, the point shall be replayed.

In team events where the referee is sitting on-court, the referee is also the final authority on questions of fact.

Play may be stopped or suspended at any time the chair umpire decides it is necessary or appropriate.

The referee may also stop or suspend play in the case of darkness, weather or adverse court conditions. When play is suspended for darkness, this should be done at the end of a set, or after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress. After a suspension in play, the score and position of players on-court in the match shall stand when the match resumes.

The chair umpire or referee shall make decisions regarding continuous play and coaching in respect of any Code of Conduct that is approved and in operation.

Case 1: The chair umpire awards the server a first service after an overrule, but the receiver argues that it should be a second service, since the server had already served a fault. Should the referee be called to court to give a decision?

Decision: Yes. The chair umpire makes the first decision about questions of tennis law (issues relating to the application of specific facts).

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However, if a player appeals the chair umpire's decision, then the referee shall be called to make the final decision.

Case 2: *A ball is called out, but a player claims that the ball was good. May the referee be called to court to make a decision?*

Decision: *No. The chair umpire makes the final decision on questions of fact (issues relating to what actually happened during a specific incident).*

Case 3: *Is a chair umpire allowed to overrule a line umpire at the end of a point if, in the chair umpire's opinion, a clear mistake was made earlier in the point?*

Decision: *No. A chair umpire may only overrule a line umpire immediately after the clear mistake has been made.*

Case 4: *A line umpire calls a ball "Out" and then the player argues that the ball was good. Is the chair umpire allowed to overrule the line umpire?*

Decision: *No. A chair umpire must never overrule as the result of the protest or appeal by a player*

Case 5: *A line umpire calls a ball "Out". The chair umpire was unable to see clearly, but thought the ball was in. May the chair umpire overrule the line umpire?*

Decision: *No. The chair umpire may only overrule when sure that the line umpire made a clear mistake.*

Case 6: *Is a line umpire allowed to change the call after the chair umpire has announced the score?*

Decision: *Yes. If a line umpire realises a mistake, a correction should be made as soon as possible provided it is not as the result of a protest or appeal of a player.*

Case 7: *If a chair umpire or line umpire calls "Out" and then corrects the call to good, what is the correct decision?*

Decision: *The chair umpire must decide if the original "Out" call was a hindrance to either player. If it was a hindrance, the point shall be replayed. If it was not a hindrance, the player who hit the ball wins the point.*

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Case 8: A ball is blown back over the net and the player correctly reaches over the net to try to play the ball. The opponent(s) hinders the player from doing this. What is the correct decision?

Decision: The chair umpire must decide if the hindrance was deliberate or unintentional and either awards the point to the hindered player or order the point to be replayed.

BALL MARK INSPECTION PROCEDURES

1. Ball mark inspections can only be made on clay courts.
2. A ball mark inspection requested by a player (team) shall be allowed only if the chair umpire cannot determine the call with certainty from their chair on either a point-ending shot or when a player (team) stops playing the point during a rally (returns are permitted but then the player must immediately stop).
3. When the chair umpire has decided to make a ball mark inspection, they should go down from the chair and make the inspection themselves. If they do not know where the mark is, they can ask the line umpire for help in locating the mark, but then the chair umpire shall inspect it.
4. The original call or overrule will always stand if the line umpire and chair umpire cannot determine the location of the mark or if the mark is unreadable.
5. Once the chair umpire has identified and ruled on a ball mark, this decision is final and not appealable.
6. In clay court tennis the chair umpire should not be too quick to announce the score unless absolutely certain of the call. If in doubt, wait before calling the score to determine whether a ball mark inspection is necessary.
7. In doubles the appealing player must make their appeal in such a way that either play stops or the chair umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the chair umpire then they must first determine that the correct appeal procedure was followed. If it was not correct or if it was late, then the chair umpire may determine that the opposing team was deliberately hindered.
8. If a player erases the ball mark before the chair umpire has made a final decision, they concede the call.
9. A player may not cross the net to check a ball mark without being subject to the Unsportsmanlike provision of the Code of Conduct.

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ELECTRONIC REVIEW PROCEDURES

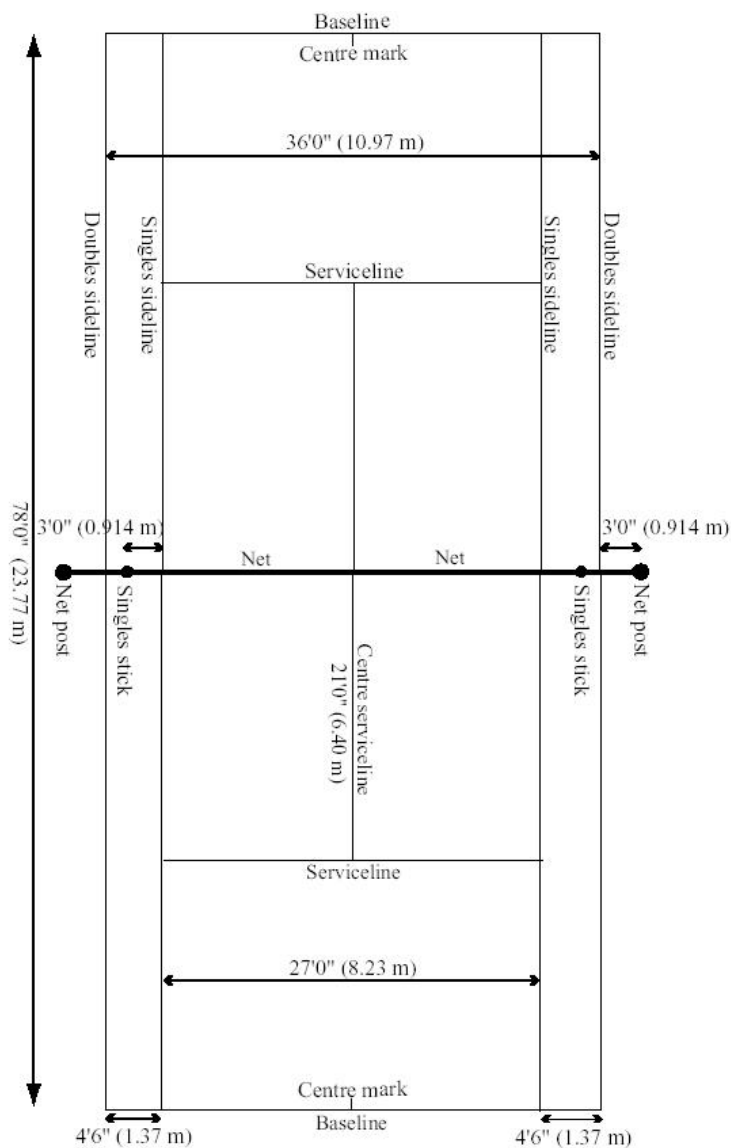
At tournaments where an Electronic Review System is used, the following procedures should be followed for matches on courts where it is used.

1. A request for an Electronic Review of a line call or overrule by a player (team) shall be allowed only on either a point-ending shot or when a player (team) stops playing the point during a rally (returns are permitted but then the player must immediately stop).
2. The chair umpire should decide to use the Electronic Review when there is doubt about the accuracy of the line call or overrule. However, the chair umpire may refuse the Electronic Review if they believe that the player is making an unreasonable request or that it was not made in a timely manner.
3. In doubles the appealing player must make their appeal in such a way that either play stops or the chair umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the chair umpire then they must first determine that the correct appeal procedure was followed. If it was not correct or if it was late, then the chair umpire may determine that the opposing team was deliberately hindered, in which case the appealing team loses the point.
4. The original call or overrule will always stand if the Electronic Review is unable, for whatever reason, to make a decision on that line call or overrule.
5. The chair umpire's final decision will be the outcome of the Electronic Review and is not appealable. If a manual choice is required for the system to review a particular ball impact, a review official approved by the referee shall decide which ball impact is reviewed.
6. Each player (team) is allowed three (3) unsuccessful appeals per set, plus one (1) additional appeal in the tie-break. For matches with advantage sets, players (teams) will start again with a maximum of three (3) unsuccessful appeals at 6 games all and every 12 games thereafter. For matches with match tie-break, the match tie-break counts as a new set and each player (team) starts with three (3) appeals. Players (teams) will have an unlimited number of successful appeals.

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APPENDIX VIII

PLAN OF THE COURT



Note: All court measurements shall be made to the outside of the lines.

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APPENDIX IX

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO MARK OUT A COURT
Including Blended Lines

Note: *All court measurements shall be made to the outside of the lines.*

The following procedure is for the usual combined doubles and singles court.
(See note at foot for a court for one purpose only.)

First select the position of the net; a straight line 42 feet (12.80 m) long.
Mark the centre (X on the diagram above) and, measuring from there in each direction, mark:

at 13'6" (4.11 m) the points a, b, where the net crosses the inner sidelines,
at 16'6" (5.03 m) the positions of the singles sticks (n, n),
at 18'0" (5.48 m) the points A, B, where the net crosses the outer sidelines,
at 21'0" (6.40 m) the positions of the net posts (N, N), being the ends of the
original 42'0" (12.80 m) line.

Insert pegs at A and B and attach to them the respective ends of two measuring tapes. On one, which will measure the diagonal of the half-court,

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take a length 53'1" (16.18 m) and on the other (to measure the sideline) a length of 39'0" (11.89 m). Pull both taut so that at these distances they meet at a point C, which is one corner of the court. Reverse the measurements to find the other corner D. As a check on this operation it is advisable at this stage to verify the length of the line CD which, being the baseline, should be found to be 36'0" (10.97 m); and at the same time its centre J can be marked, and also the ends of the inner sidelines (c, d), 4'6" (1.37 m) from C and D.

The centreline and serviceline are now marked by means of the points F, H, G, which are measured 21'0" (6.40 m) from the net down the lines bc, XJ, ad, respectively.

Identical procedure the other side of the net completes the court.

If a singles court only is required, no lines are necessary outside the points a, b, c, d, but the court can be measured out as above. Alternatively, the corners of the baseline (c, d) can be found if preferred by pegging the two tapes at a and b instead of at A and B, and by then using lengths of 47'5" (14.46 m) and 39'0" (11.89 m). The net posts will be at n, n, and a 33'0" (10 m) singles net should be used.

When a combined doubles and singles court with a doubles net is used for singles, the net must be supported at the points n, n, to a height of 3 feet 6 inches (1.07 m) by means of two singles sticks, which shall be not more than 3 inches (7.5 cm) square or 3 inches (7.5 cm) in diameter. The centres of the singles sticks shall be 3 feet (.914 m) outside the singles court on each side.

To assist in the placing of these singles sticks it is desirable that the points n, n, should each be shown with a white dot when the court is marked.

When sanctioning bodies approve so called "Blended Lines" on courts the following guidelines must be followed:

Colour:

- Within the same colour family as the background playing surface.
- Lighter than the background playing surface.
- Limit on colour variation of +22 points on the L* scale
(Add 25% by volume of white paint to the background colour)

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Pace:

- Within 5 CPR of the playing surface.

Dimensions:

- 1.0-1.5 cm narrower than the standard lines.

Marking:

- Terminate 8 cm from intersection with white playing lines.

Note:

As a guide for international competitions, the recommended minimum distance between the baselines and the backstops should be 21 feet (6.40 m) and between the sidelines and the sidestops the recommended minimum distance should be 12 feet (3.66 m).

As a guide for recreational and Club play, the recommended minimum distance between the baselines and the backstops should be 18 feet (5.48 m) and between the sidelines and the sidestops the recommended minimum distance should be 10 feet (3.05 m).

As a guide, the recommended minimum height measured at the net from the court surface to the ceiling should be 29.6 feet (9.0 m).

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ANTI-DOPING CONTROL STATION

The Doping Control Station must be a dedicated facility for the exclusive use of the Doping Control team for the duration of the event.

Location: Near the locker room (but not with direct access).

Accommodation: A minimum of two (2) (and preferably three (3)) connected areas or rooms including a Sample Collection Room and a Waiting Room at a minimum, plus an Administration Room if possible, all of which should be air-conditioned or well ventilated. The Sample Collection Room should be directly connected to a toilet (for the sole use of Doping Control).

Security: If free-standing, a security guard should be posted to restrict admission to those with appropriate credentials. It must be lockable, with access restricted to the Doping Control team. The Doping Control Officer must be given charge of all keys to all rooms for the duration of testing.

Hygiene: The Doping Control Station should be cleaned every day at a time agreed with the Doping Control Officer.

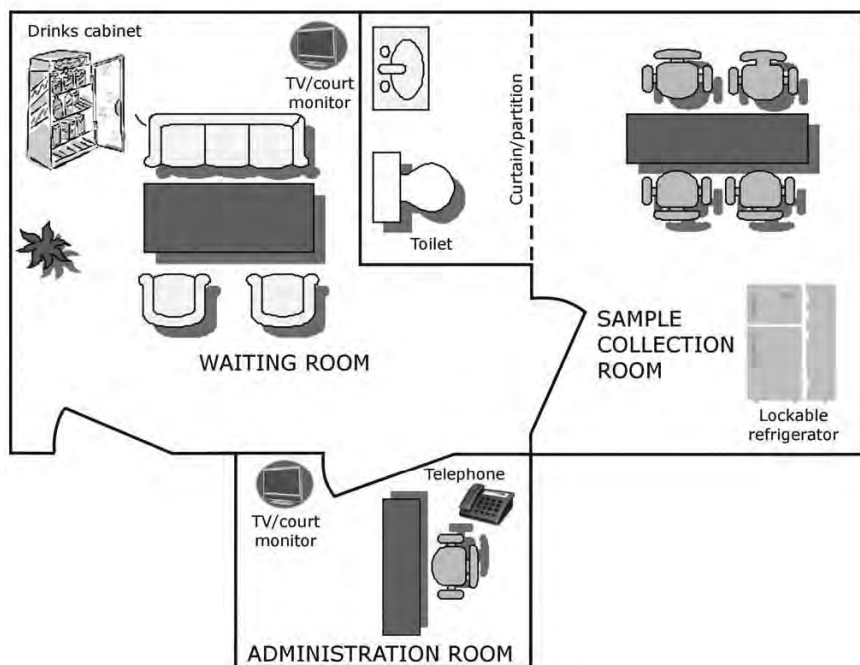
Items to be supplied in the Doping Control Station (for all draw sizes):

SAMPLE COLLECTION ROOM	WAITING ROOM
1 toilet	Comfortable seating for at least 8 people
Desk and 4 chairs	Refrigerator with an adequate supply of individually sealed, non-caffeinated and non-alcoholic beverages
Table to display testing material	Table to display reading material
TV/court monitor (and also in the Administration Room if provided)	Various newspapers and magazines
Telephone (to be placed in Administration Room if provided)	TV/court monitor
Main electricity supply	Waste bin
Lockable refrigerator	
2 large waste bins	
Sink, with soap or hand-wash	
Paper towels	
Storage cupboard	

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A suggested layout for a Doping Control Station is shown in the diagram below.



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1.01 Categories of Tournaments

In official men's professional tennis, there are five (5) categories of events. ATP Tour tournaments and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments are governed by ATP. Unless otherwise specified, all regulations are applicable to both ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.

ATP Tour tournaments

- ATP Tour Finals (singles & doubles)
- United Cup
- ATP Tour Masters 1000
- ATP Tour 500
- ATP Tour 250

ATP Challenger Tour tournaments

- Grand Slams
- Davis Cup
- ITF Men's WTT

1.02 Tournament Week

A. Main Draw. Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament is assigned a specific tournament week on the calendar for scheduling of the main draws in singles and doubles commencing on a Monday and concluding on a Sunday, except as approved by ATP. ATP Challenger Tour 75 to 125 tournaments scheduled in the weeks prior to the qualifying or first week of a Grand Slam tournament shall schedule their singles and doubles final on a date no later than the Saturday in the assigned week, unless otherwise approved by ATP. Requests from other Challengers for Saturday final shall be considered on a case by case basis. The deadline for applying for a Saturday final is four (4) months prior to the first Monday of the event or prior to the tournament being added to the calendar, whichever is first.

ATP reserves the right to require different schedule for Challengers scheduled prior to Grand Slam tournaments and ATP Masters 1000.

Case: *A tournament, scheduled and announced for a Saturday final, during the week requests to move the final to Sunday (no weather issues), is this allowed?*

Decision: *Unless weather or other unavoidable circumstances cause the tournament to be extended to Sunday then no change to the original approved schedule may be made.*

B. Matches – Number of Sets.

- 1) Singles.** All matches, including finals, shall be the best of three (3) tie-break sets.
- 2) Doubles.** All matches, including finals, shall be two (2) tie-break sets with a deciding Match Tie-break (10 point) at one (1) set all. Games shall be decided using the No-Ad scoring method.

C. Monday Finals. No ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall extend its tournament week for a Monday final without prior approval from ATP.

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D. Qualifying.

A tournament may petition, forty-two (42) days prior to the event, for expansion of draw size as long as there is no change in the number of direct acceptances.

- 1) **ATP Tour.** One (1) round per day except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances require two (2) rounds to be played on the same day.
- 2) **ATP Challenger Tour.**
 - a) **ATP Challenger 50-125.** One (1) round per day except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances require two (2) rounds to be played on the same day.
- 3) **General.** All tournaments must have a singles qualifying competition (unless there are sufficient places available in the main draw). The singles qualifying competition shall be a single elimination tournament.
 - a) All ATP Tour 250 events shall have a 16 draw qualifying.
 - b) ATP Tour Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 500 qualifying will be one half (1/2) the size of the main draw; i.e. a 56 main draw would have a 28 qualifying draw for the 7 qualifying positions.
- 4) **Location.** If the qualifying competition is not held at the same site as the main draw, the alternate site must have similar facilities, courts, staff, service and equipment. The qualifying competition may not be held at a site outside the metropolitan area of the main draw without prior written approval of ATP.
- 5) **Surface.** The qualifying competition shall be played on the same surface as the main draw. In situations beyond the control of the tournament, the Supervisor may approve the use of courts with a different surface.

1.03 Match Schedule Plan

Each tournament shall provide ATP, at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the start of the tournament, a typed schedule that includes proposed daily starting times and number of courts to be used.

ATP Challenger Tour tournaments should submit their match schedule plan at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the tournament.

1.04 Finals Options

A. General

- 1) When the singles and doubles finals are to be played on the same day, the doubles final shall be scheduled prior to the singles final, unless otherwise approved by ATP or due to player conflict.
- 2) When possible, there should be one Awards Ceremony that follows the completion of the singles final. It is mandatory that both singles and doubles finalist players participate in the awards ceremony, whether ceremonies are separate or combined.

B. Singles

- 1) If any ATP Tour tournament singles final is not played, the tournament may elect to replace it as follows:

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- a) Schedule a singles exhibition; or
 - b) Re-schedule the doubles final in its place; or
 - c) In the case where the doubles final has been completed or is in progress when it is discovered that there will not be a singles final, the tournament may elect to have the doubles finalists play a one (1) hour exhibition.
- 2) The awards ceremony shall take place immediately following the singles or doubles exhibition or following the doubles final if it has been re-scheduled.

C. Doubles.

The doubles final should be scheduled approximately two (2) hours prior to the published start time of the singles final, unless otherwise approved by ATP.

- 1) Exceptions shall be when one (1) or both of the singles finalists are also involved in the doubles final.
- 2) Tournaments may petition ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition for an exemption to this provision; however, it is the responsibility of the tournament to show that there are valid reasons for justifying the exemption.

1.05 Significant Changes to Tournament

Prior to making any significant changes to the tournament, including but not limited to, changes to the site (e.g., significant construction or changes to the existing venue during the tournament), making the tournament a combined event, relocating the event, adding events which detrimentally affect player members, or such other change determined by ATP to be significant, the tournament must first seek and obtain ATP approval. A request to make any such significant change to the tournament site must be submitted in writing by the tournament and received by the appropriate ATP regional office no later than six (6) months prior to the first Monday of the event. Requests submitted after the deadline will only be considered if ATP determines there are extenuating circumstances out of the control of the tournament member. Any and all actual costs incurred by ATP during the site approval process shall be the responsibility of the tournament. Requests for relocation are further governed by the ATP Relocation Policy in effect from time to time.

1.06 Commitment to Rules/ATP Official Rulebook

All ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments are subject to the jurisdiction of ATP and shall comply with, be bound by and conduct the tournament in accordance with ATP rules and regulations.

The online ATP Official Rulebook is the official version of the rules.

1.07 Commitment, Membership Obligations and Bonus Pool

A. Player Entry and Commitment to Rules

Any player who is included in the PIF ATP Rankings for singles (hereafter referred to as "PIF ATP Rankings") or the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings and/or commits to enter or participates in any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament consents and agrees with the following:

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- 1) To comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the 2024 ATP Official Rulebook and ATP By-Laws (the “ATP Rules”), including, but not limited to, all amendments to ATP Rules.
- 2) The International Tennis Integrity Agency (“ITIA”) may conduct anti-doping testing at ATP sanctioned events under the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (the “TADP”), the full text of which can be found at <https://www.itia.tennis/>. ATP Tour, Inc. (“ATP”) will honor and enforce any penalties or sanctions against players resulting from the TADP. The TADP shall apply to and be binding upon all players and shall govern all ATP-sanctioned events including ATP Challenger Tour events. Players shall submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITIA to manage, administer and enforce the TADP and to the jurisdiction and authority of the Anti-Doping Tribunal and the Court of Arbitration for Sport to determine any charges brought under the TADP. Players also consent to the release to ATP of their Anti-Doping results obtained by the ITIA at ATP events, including missed tests and/or filing failures.
- 3) To comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the 2024 Tennis Anti-Corruption Program Rules, the full text of which can be found at: <https://www.itia.tennis/tacp/rules/> and Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (the “TADP”), a copy of which is available online at <https://www.itia.tennis/tadp/rules/>.
- 4) To review and agree to the terms and conditions contained in the Notice of Privacy Practices set forth in “Exhibit P - Privacy Notice (“HIPAA”).
- 5) Each calendar year all players shall, as a condition of entering or participating in any event organized or sanctioned by ATP, deliver to ATP a signed Consent and Agreement in the form set out in “Exhibit O - Consent and Agreement Form”.
- 6) For entry into an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament, all players must be an ATP Player Member (“Member”) or an ATP Registered Player. Wild cards are exempt from this provision.
- 7) All Members must, every two (2) years, submit an authorized physical examination form as shown in “Exhibit Y - Mandatory Physical” to be eligible to enter and compete on the ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour.
 - a) A pre-competition medical examination is mandatory and must be submitted prior to a player participating in his first event of 2024.
 - b) Members competing in their first ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event after 1 January 2024 shall have thirty (30) days after the Member’s first match to complete and submit the medical examination forms. After the thirty (30) day period has ended the member will not be allowed to enter or compete in any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event until such time that the medical examination form has been submitted and accepted.
 - c) Members submitting a medical examination form which indicates they are “unfit to play” will be required to sign a release/waiver form before they will be allowed to compete in any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event. This form will be provided by ATP upon request.

B. Official Means of Communication

The [PlayerZone](#) and Tour Weekly are ATP’s official means of communicating with its player members. All players must stay informed of all information published by ATP through these official means of communication. Notification of any modifications, deletions or additions to the rules set forth in this Rulebook shall be through such means of communication and shall become effective upon their publication.

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C. Commitment Player

A 2024 ATP commitment player is any player positioned in the Top 30 in the ATP 2023 Rankings (singles) as of November 13, 2023.

D. Commitment

The commitment for the commitment player is, the singles event of all ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments for which he is accepted, the Nitto ATP Finals (if qualified as a direct acceptance or designated as the alternate) and four (4) ATP Tour 500 tournaments, one (1) of which must be held following the US Open. For commitment and ranking purposes, the Monte Carlo Masters 1000 will be included in the minimum requirements for the 500 category.

E. Commitment Player Entry Exception – Top 30

Except as otherwise set forth herein, commitment players are automatically accepted into the main draw of all ATP Tour 500 events in which they have entered in a proper manner.

F. Good Standing

A player is in good standing with ATP if he is in full compliance with all ATP Rules (including the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program Rules and Tennis Anti-Doping Programme), is not suspended and has paid/complied with any debts and/or obligations to ATP (e.g., complete all Stars Program responsibilities, if applicable) or is otherwise confirmed to be in good standing by the ATP Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Penalties for not being in good standing with ATP result in a player:

- 1) Not being eligible to participate in the bonus program;
- 2) Not being eligible to participate as a main draw entry in the following ATP Year;
- 3) Not being eligible to earn a year of credit toward ATP retirement program.
- 4) Not being eligible for the Platinum Benefits (as defined below).

For the avoidance of doubt, accrued benefits that have not been paid prior to the determination of a breach of the ATP Rules (including the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program Rules and Tennis Anti-Doping Programme) shall remain payable unless otherwise determined by ATP.

G. ATP Tour 500 Bonus Pool

Only members who are in good standing meet the Platinum Benefit eligibility criteria (as defined in Section 1.21) and fulfill the ATP Tour 500 commitment requirements, shall be eligible for the ATP Tour 500 bonus pool. The order of standings will be based on total PIF ATP Rankings points earned at the ATP Tour 500 events in 2024. The 2024 ATP Tour 500 bonus pool will be a total of USD \$1,340,000, with distribution to the top 5 players as follow:

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Highest ATP Tour 500* Points Total	Amount (USD)
1	\$615,000
2	\$310,000
3	\$205,000
4	\$130,000
5	\$80,000

*For the avoidance of doubt, points from the Monte Carlo Masters 1000 tournament will not be included in the ATP Tour 500 bonus pool point calculation.

The order of standings for the ATP 500 Bonus Pool will be based on total PIF ATP Rankings points earned at the 500 events.

Ties shall be broken as follows:

1. Most ATP Tour 500 events played; followed by
2. Highest number of points earned from a single event, followed by 2nd highest and so on.

If players have the same points breakdowns:

3. The higher ranked player as per the Year-End PIF ATP Singles Rankings wins the tie.

H. ATP Tour Masters 1000 & Nitto ATP Finals (“Finals”) Bonus Pool

General. The ATP Tour Masters 1000 and Nitto ATP Finals 2024 Bonus Pool will be USD \$20,500,000. The order of standings will be based on total PIF ATP Ranking points earned across the ATP Tour Masters 1000 and Nitto ATP Finals in 2024. The bonus pool financial distribution is to be confirmed.

The bonus pool distribution payment to players will be made by the end of January 2025.

1) Conditions of Eligibility for ATP Tour Masters 1000 and Nitto ATP Finals 2024 Bonus Pool.

- a) Platinum Benefit Eligibility Criteria.** Only members who are in good standing and meet the Platinum Benefit eligibility criteria (as defined in Section 1.21 below) shall be eligible for the ATP Tour Masters 1000 and Nitto ATP Finals Bonus Pool.
- b) Nitto ATP Finals.** All players must play, if they qualify, in the Nitto ATP Finals. Alternates must appear and fulfill the requirements of the alternate, as determined by ATP. A player who is otherwise qualified but does not play in the Nitto ATP Finals for a bona fide injury or other reason which constitutes good cause in ATP's determination may receive 80% of the bonus he earned (subject to Section 1.07.H.2) by appearing at the finals event to do promotional activities, as determined by ATP. For the avoidance of doubt, if a player misses the Nitto ATP Finals and does not engage in promotional activities as described above, such player will not be eligible to receive any bonus, unless approved by ATP.

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- c) Suspended player.** A player who is suspended from an event shall have the suspension count as a missed event for the bonus year in which the event is held.
 - d) Not direct acceptance.** Any player who is not a direct acceptance to a mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 event shall not have that event count as a missed event.
 - e) Promotional work.**
 - i) On-site promotional activities for withdrawn players are applicable for relief of fines, bonus pool reduction recoupment pursuant to Section 1.07.H.2, and/or suspensions but shall not provide relief for the ranking penalty and shall count as a missed event.
 - ii) On-site promotional activities are not applicable to players missing the event due to being suspended.
- 2) Subject to the limitations and eligibility criteria herein, players shall be eligible for the bonus pool in this section based upon the total PIF ATP Rankings points earned at the ATP Tour Masters 1000 and Nitto ATP Finals events in 2024. To be paid the full bonus pool amount set forth in this section a player must play all mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 events and the Nitto ATP Finals in which such player is a main draw direct acceptance.

ATP Tour Masters 1000 main draw direct acceptance players who fail to compete (for any reason) in an ATP Tour Masters 1000 event shall have their bonus pool amount reduced as follows:

Number of ATP Tour Masters 1000s Tournaments Missed	Bonus Pool Reduction (no on-site promotional activities)	Bonus Pool Reduction (1 on-site promotional activities requirement fulfilled)	Bonus Pool Reduction (2 on-site promotional activities requirements fulfilled)
1	25%	12.5%	N/A
2	50%	37.5%	25%
3	75%	62.5%	50%
4 or more	100%	100%	100%

In no event shall a player be able to recoup an amount greater than USD \$200,000 by fulfilling on-site promotional activities requirements.

- 3) A player who, as of December 31, 2022, earned commitment and elected to maintain his earned commitment reductions pursuant to the 2022 ATP Tour Official Rule Book shall continue to hold such commitment reductions and be bound by the applicable provisions of the 2022 ATP Tour Official Rule Book relating to bonus pool and commitment penalties (for the avoidance of doubt, such player will not be able to replace zero (0) point ranking penalties for missing ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments for any reason except as permitted in Section 9.03).
- 4) The order of standings for the ATP Masters 1000 Bonus Pool will be based on the total PIF ATP Rankings points earned across the ATP Tour Masters 1000 category and Nitto ATP Finals.

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Ties shall be broken as follows:

1. Most ATP Tour 1000 events played; followed by
2. The highest number of points earned from a single event, followed by the 2nd highest and so on.

If players have the same points breakdowns:

3. The higher-ranked player, as per the Year-End PIF ATP Singles Rankings, wins the tie.

1.08 Unsatisfied Player Commitment Penalties

A. Failure To Participate in the Nitto ATP Finals

- 1) If a player qualified for the Nitto ATP Finals as a direct acceptance or was designated as the alternate, fails or refuses to participate in this event, except for bona fide injury or other reason which constitutes good cause, the player shall not be in good standing.
- 2) All direct acceptances and the alternate must appear at the site of the event(s) as determined by ATP and participate in the pre-tournament media conference. Failure to appear shall result in a penalty of five percent (5%) of total ATP prize money earned during the ATP Tour circuit year.

B. Review of Penalties for Breach of Commitment

Any player found to have committed a player commitment offense may petition the Appeals Tribunal for discretionary review. This written petition shall detail the basis for the appeal. The tribunal shall review the petition within twenty-one (21) days and, if necessary, designate a date, time and place for a hearing. At the hearing, the player shall present to the tribunal his respective positions on the facts. The tribunal may affirm, reverse or modify the penalty initially imposed by ATP.

1.09 Mandatory Player Meeting

Mandatory player meetings may be scheduled throughout the year as determined and announced in advance by ATP. These meetings are limited to and mandatory for all main draw singles and doubles players. Player members not entered will be sent the minutes.

The penalty for non-attendance is the following:

Year-end PIF ATP Rankings	Amount (USD)
1-10	\$10,000
11-25	\$5,000
26-50	\$2,000
51-100	\$1,000
101 +	\$500

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1.10 Player Eligibility/Player University/Physical Exam

A. Pursuant to ATP Bylaws, a player shall be entitled to become an active ATP player member as follows:

- 1) Group 1 player membership in ATP shall be open to any individual who: (i) as of the 2023 official year-end ATP Rankings or at any point during 2024 (in each case, including pursuant to protected ranking) shall be positioned among the top 250 players in the PIF ATP Singles Rankings or among the top 50 players in the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, (ii) pays ATP dues and (iii) satisfies criteria established from ATP from time to time.
- 2) Group 2 player membership in ATP shall be open to any individual who does not qualify for Group 1 membership and who shall had at least one (1) ranking point as of the 2023 official year-end ATP Rankings or at any point during 2024, (ii) pays ATP dues and (iii) satisfies criteria established from ATP from time to time.

B. All Group 1 ATP player members must attend an ATP player university within one (1) year after becoming a member.

C. All Group 1 and 2 ATP player members must submit an authorized physical examination as specified in section 1.07.A.7).

D. Any ATP player who is eligible for Group 1 membership and does not fulfill the obligations in subsection B and C above shall not be entitled to the privilege of membership.

E. All Group 1 ATP player members must complete an ATP University refresher course two years after completing the ATP University as prescribed and designed by ATP. Any player Group 1 member who fails to complete the refresher course within the stated time period shall not receive the benefits of membership.

1.11 Waiver of Claims

All players entering ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments agree, as a condition of their 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 traveling to or from, or participating in, any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament, as against ATP, the tournaments concerned and the organizers and sponsors of the tournaments and circuits thereon.

1.12 Waiver/Player Publicity and Promotion

All players agree to the following:

A. I grant and assign to ATP and ATP Tour tournaments and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments in which I am or have been entered the right in perpetuity to record in tangible form and use my name, performance, likeness, voice, and biography, in any and all media (including the right to produce, display and otherwise use motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of me), solely for purposes of advertising and promoting ATP Tour, ATP Tour tournaments, ATP Challenger Tour tournaments and other events held as part of ATP. Any such

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use of my name, performance, likeness, voice or biography shall be without separate compensation to me or to my heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, legal representatives or assignees. Nothing in this section shall permit ATP, or ATP Tour tournaments and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments to use my name, performance, likeness, voice or biography on any product, service or clothing, or in any manner that constitutes an endorsement of any product, service or company.

- B.** I agree to cooperate with the news media and to participate upon request in reasonable promotional activities of ATP and ATP Tour tournaments and events in which I am entered, subject to my reasonable availability to participate therein. My participation in any such promotional activities or other events shall not be represented to third parties as an endorsement by me of any product or company.
- C.** Any use of my name, likeness, signature, photograph, depiction or video (my "Likeness") on official ATP or ATP Tour branded merchandise (the "ATP Merchandise") shall be subject to my prior written approval. I agree that my response to any request for my approval will not be unreasonably delayed. With my prior written approval as to the items of ATP Merchandise, the use of my Likeness and the compensation for this use, I grant and assign to ATP the right to use my Likeness on ATP or ATP Tour Merchandise, provided that use of my Likeness on any such merchandise shall not conflict with or cause me to be in breach of any current endorsement contract to which I am bound. In the event ATP desires to use my Likeness on ATP or ATP Tour Merchandise, I acknowledge that I will receive a commission amount agreed upon in writing on any proceeds or revenue generated from such use.

1.13 Stars Program

Responsibilities

- A.** All players competing in the main draw of any ATP Tour and Challenger Tour tournament will be required, if asked, to participate in ATP sponsored activities.
- B.** Each player is obligated to provide up to two (2) hours each week as arranged by ATP staff, for a maximum of up to four (4) separate activities.
- C.** Each player, if requested, is obligated to conduct visits to private sponsor lounges. Tournaments shall instruct sponsors that no video or photos shall be taken if the player has a conflicting sponsor contract (i.e., is within the same product or service category), however, personal photos that do not include any corporate or product signage/identification and will not be used for a commercial purpose are allowed. Tournaments must ensure that no images or footage of any player visit shall be used by the sponsor for a commercial purpose (i.e., giving the appearance the player endorses a product or service) without the prior written consent of the player. No players are permitted to visit the sponsor lounge (or other location) of a company that offers betting on tennis.
- D.** Each player, if requested, is obligated to conduct visits to sponsor public booths except if the player has a conflicting sponsor contract (i.e., is within the same product or service category). Tournaments must ensure that no images or footage of such visits shall be used by the sponsor for a commercial purpose (i.e., giving the appearance the player endorses a product or service) without the prior written consent of the player. No players are permitted to visit the public booth (or other location) of a company that offers betting on tennis.

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- E.** Each player, if requested, is obligated to participate in official tournament activities. However, Tournaments must ensure, pursuant to rule 1.13 B, that any player's participation in an official tournament activity shall not be conducted or promoted in a manner that would give the appearance that such player endorses a particular product, service or company without the prior written consent of the player. In addition, Tournaments must ensure that no images or footage of an official tournament activity shall be used by a sponsor for a commercial purpose (i.e., giving the appearance that a player endorses a product or service) without the prior written consent of each player.
- F.** Each player, if requested, is obligated to participate in up to two (2) sets of activities/ days for promotional purposes as arranged by ATP. Such activities/days may take place outside of an ATP Tour tournament week and/or location. Players and their agents will be consulted in advance to ensure that any such activities will not substantially intrude upon the player's schedule. Players and their agents will also be consulted with respect to the scope and substance of the activities to ensure that the player is comfortable with the proposed activities. ATP will cover all expenses incurred by a player while participating in any such activities.

1.14 Special Events - Exhibitions

- A.** This rule shall not apply to players outside the top thirty (30) as of November 13, 2023 (Commitment Players).

B. Restrictions

- 1)** Special events are those other than Grand Slams, ATP Tour tournaments or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments. A player may not compete in a special event if it is scheduled as follows:
- a)** Within the tournament weeks of any ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament, ATP Tour 500 tournament and the Nitto ATP Finals (singles or doubles). A player who has qualified for and chooses not to play in the ATP Tour Doubles Championship shall not be eligible for an exemption to play in any special event during that week.
 - b)** Within thirty (30) days before or after the tournament weeks of any ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament, ATP Tour 500 tournament, the Nitto ATP Finals (singles or doubles), if the special event is located within:
 - i)** One hundred (100) miles or one hundred sixty (160) kilometers of the same; or
 - ii)** The same market area of the city where the tournament is located as determined by the ATP CEO.
 - c)** Within the period of any ATP Tour 250 tournament (qualifying competition and main draw) if the special event is located within:
 - i)** One hundred (100) miles or one hundred sixty (160) kilometers of the same; or
 - ii)** The same market area of the city where the tournament is located as determined by the ATP CEO.
- 2)** Within the tournament week of any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament in which he is entered including the Sunday night after such tournament final, except as otherwise expressly permitted in the following subsection C.
- C.** A player who is entered into an ATP Tour 250 tournament may participate in a special event on the Monday of such tournament, provided:

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- 1) He has the permission of the Tournament Director of the ATP Tour 250 tournament he is entered in that week; and
 - 2) If he competes in a tournament during the preceding week, he agrees to complete the same if rain or other unavoidable circumstances delay the finals until Monday; and
 - 3) Such special event is not located within:
 - a) One hundred (100) miles or one hundred sixty (160) kilometers of the same; or
 - b) The same market area of the city where the tournament is located as determined by the ATP CEO; or
 - c) Such special event does not violate any of the other restrictions of this rule.
- D. A player has the right to petition the ATP CEO or his designee for an exemption to these requirements unless otherwise specified above.

Case: *May a player, who is not a Commitment Player after losing, retiring or withdrawing from the qualifying, play in a special event held the following week-end?*

Decision: *Yes. However, the player must still ask for and receive a release from the Supervisor prior to participating in such special event. (Also see provisions listed in section 7.06 One Tournament Per Week and Exception)*

- E. Violations of this section are subject to penalties described under the player Major Offense Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game.

1.15 Promotional Fees

- A. Except as expressly permitted in subsection B below, a player shall not accept money or anything of value that is given from any source, directly or indirectly, to influence or assure his competing in any ATP Tour tournament, or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, other than prize money unless authorized by ATP.
- B. ATP Tour 500 and ATP Tour 250 tournaments have the option to offer fees for promotional services. No other ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament owner, operator, sponsor or agent is permitted to offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall the 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 assure a player's competing in a tournament, other than prize money, unless authorized to do so by ATP.

1.16 Virtual Insertion

Each ATP Tour tournament shall comply with the rules established for virtual insertion. ("Exhibit E - Virtual Insertion")

1.17 Non-Exclusive Media Highlight Rights.

Each ATP Tour tournament shall each year promptly (within two business days) provide to ATP without charge existing footage of the tournament as ATP may request. Each ATP tournament hereby grants to ATP the non-exclusive right to broadcast, or permit to be broadcast, by any means, whether presently existing or hereafter creat-

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ed, in perpetuity worldwide, a total each year of (i) fifteen (15) minutes of footage for ATP Highlight Show or any other programs, produced by or for ATP, which are primarily intended to promote the ATP tennis circuit and/or ATP; and (ii) three (3) minutes daily of footage for any local, regional, national or international news or sports news programming.

1.18 Quality/Broadcast

Each ATP Tour tournament shall comply with the Broadcast Quality Standards and regulation regarding Same Day Exclusivity, as per "Exhibit C".

1.19 Seating and Attendance

- A. ATP Tour tournaments shall have the following minimum Center court seating capacities, except as approved by ATP.

	Center	Show	Show	Show
<u>Tournament Category</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Court 1</u>	<u>Court 2</u>	<u>Court 3</u>
ATP Tour Masters 1000 (Combined)	12,000	5,000	2,000	1,000
ATP Tour Masters 1000 (Outdoors)	10,000	3,000	1,000	
ATP Tour Masters 1000 (Indoors)	10,000	1,000	400	
ATP Tour 500 (Outdoors)	7,000	1,000		
ATP Tour 500 (Indoors)	6,000	500		
ATP Tour 250 (Outdoors)	3,500			
ATP Tour 250 (Indoors)	2,500			

- B. The recommended attendance criteria for each ATP Tour tournament is as follows:

- 1) Minimum attendance for the week.
 - 2) Average minimum attendance per session during the final weekend (Friday through Sunday) of play in excess of 75% capacity for the Center court.
- Specific recommendations and methods are specified in "Exhibit D".

1.20 Hotel Accommodations (Rooms)

All ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments shall provide hotel accommodations, subject to player obligations, as follows:

A. Tournament Obligations - ATP Tour Tournaments.

- 1) Each tournament shall provide one (1) complimentary double room (2 beds) for the use of each singles player including one (1) guest, at a hotel approved by ATP. The room must be occupied by the registered player who is responsible for charges resulting from any third or more person(s) staying in the room as well as all incidental costs charged to the room. At a minimum, ATP Masters 1000 and ATP 500 tournaments shall provide hotel accommodations in 4 Star hotels (5 Star hotels recommended) within thirty (30) minutes from the tournament site. ATP

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Standards Committee (as defined in Exhibit K) approval is required for ATP 250 tournament hotel accommodations with ratings below 4 Stars and/or greater than thirty (30) minutes from the tournament site. ATP tournaments are required to provide a dedicated tournament concierge and transportation desk at official tournament hotels. At a minimum, hotel accommodations shall include complimentary breakfast with adequate breakfast options for the occupants of the player's room (as determined by ATP). ATP Tournaments are also required to provide a complimentary gym and internet service for the players at the official hotels.

- 2) Tournaments using more than one (1) hotel as the official hotel may not make player hotel assignments based on a player's entry into the event as a singles or doubles player.
- 3) Complimentary use of rooms for the tournament week is to be available for players as follows (accommodations begin no later than Monday).
- 4) Main draw players who are no longer eligible for tournament-provided hotel rooms shall receive the published tournament room rate if they extend their stay.
- 5) Main draw and qualifying players who have withdrawn on-site for medical reasons and who are examined by the on-site tournament Doctor, shall receive tournament provided hotel rooms through the night of the examination.

***Case:** A player plays and wins his first match. He then becomes ill and withdraws from the tournament. When does his hospitality end?*

***Decision:** The player who retired from a match or withdrew after completing a match is entitled to the complete set minimum number of nights per the tournament category or through the night of the examination, whichever is later.*

- 6) Players who travel to the event to complete their promotional activity requirement shall receive full hospitality from the day of arrival through the night following the completion of their promotional obligation.

a) ATP Tour Masters 1000 Tournaments - 96 Main Draw.

- i) **Singles:** Rooms for singles players should be available beginning two days prior to the start of the qualifying competition for a minimum of ten (10) nights. Accommodations continue through the night that he plays his last match or until his ten (10) night minimum has been provided, whichever is later.
- ii) **Lucky Loser:** The top four (4) lucky losers to sign in the Lucky Loser list each day shall receive accommodation through each night he is eligible to be inserted into the draw. If any of the top four (4) lucky losers move in, then the next player receives hospitality for that night and each night thereafter when he is among the top four (4) lucky losers.
- iii) **Doubles:** Rooms for doubles players shall be available beginning three (3) days prior to the start of the doubles competition. For doubles players who stay in individual rooms, hospitality shall be for a minimum of five (5) nights or through the night that the player plays his last match, whichever is later.
- iv) **Doubles Alternates:** Rooms for the top two (2) doubles alternate teams shall be available from the night prior to the start of the doubles competition through each night they are eligible to be inserted into the draw.

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b) ATP Tour Masters 1000 Tournaments - 56 Main Draw.

- i) **Singles:** Rooms for singles players should be available beginning two days prior to the start of the qualifying competition for a minimum of seven (7) nights. Accommodations continue through the night that he plays his last match or until his seven (7) night minimum has been provided, whichever is later.
- ii) **Lucky Loser:** The top two (2) lucky losers to sign in the Lucky Loser list each day shall receive accommodation through each night he is eligible to be inserted into the draw. If any of the top two (2) lucky losers move in, then the next player receives hospitality for that night and each night thereafter when he is among the top two (2) lucky losers.
- iii) **Doubles:** Rooms for doubles players shall be available beginning two (2) days prior to the start of the doubles competition. For doubles players who stay in individual rooms, hospitality shall be for a minimum of four (4) nights or through the night that the player plays his last match, whichever is later. A doubles player who shares a room with another main draw doubles player shall have a minimum of six (6) nights or through the night of that player's last match, whichever is later.
- iv) **Doubles Alternates:** Rooms for the top doubles alternate team shall be available from the night prior to the start of the doubles competition through each night they are eligible to be inserted into the draw.
- v) **Sunday Start.** Where the main draw has been approved for a Sunday start, Hospitality shall begin one (1) day earlier than specified. This is applicable to both the singles and doubles main draw players.

c) ATP Tour 500 Tournaments Main Draw.

- i) **Singles:** Rooms for singles players should be available beginning on Friday and continuing for a minimum of six (6) nights. Accommodations continue through the night that he plays his last match or until his six (6) night minimum has been provided, whichever is later.
- ii) **Lucky Loser:** The number one (1) lucky loser to sign in the Lucky Loser list each day shall receive accommodation through each night he is eligible to be inserted into the draw. If the number one (1) lucky loser moves in, then the next player receives hospitality for that night and each night thereafter when he is the number one (1) lucky loser.
- iii) **Doubles:** Rooms for doubles players shall be available beginning Saturday. For doubles players who stay in individual rooms, hospitality shall be for a minimum of two (2) nights or through the night that the player plays his last match, whichever is later. A doubles player who shares a room with another main draw doubles player shall have a minimum of five (5) nights or through the night of that player's last match, whichever is later.
- iv) **Doubles 500 Lucky Loser:** The top lucky loser team to sign in the Lucky Loser list each day shall receive accommodation through each night they are eligible to be inserted into the draw. If the top lucky loser team moves in, then the next team receives hospitality for that night and each night thereafter when they are the top lucky loser.
- v) **Sunday Start.** Where the main draw has been approved for a Sunday start, Hospitality shall begin one (1) day earlier than specified. This is applicable to both the singles and doubles main draw players.

d) ATP Tour 250 Tournaments Main Draw.

- i) **Singles:** Rooms for singles players should be available beginning on Saturday and be available to each singles player for a minimum of five

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(5) nights, regardless of when the player is finally accepted into the main draw (singles qualifiers). Accommodations continue through the night that he plays his last match or until his five (5) night minimum has been provided, whichever is later.

- ii) **Lucky Loser:** The number one (1) lucky loser to sign the Lucky Loser list each day shall receive accommodation through each night he is eligible to be inserted into the draw. If the number one (1) lucky loser moves in, then the next player receives hospitality for that night and each night thereafter when he is the number one (1) lucky loser.
 - iii) **Doubles:** Rooms for doubles players shall be available beginning Saturday.
For doubles players who stay in individual rooms, hospitality shall be for a minimum of two (2) nights or through the night that the player plays his last match, whichever is later. A doubles player who shares a room with another main draw doubles player shall have a minimum of five (5) nights or through the night of that player's last match, whichever is later.
 - iv) **Doubles 250 Alternates:** Rooms for the top doubles alternate team shall be available from the night prior to the start of the doubles competition through each night they are eligible to be inserted into the draw.
 - v) **Sunday Start.** Where the main draw has been approved for a Sunday start, Hospitality shall begin one (1) day earlier than specified. This is applicable to both the singles and doubles main draw players.
- e) **ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500 and ATP Tour 250 Qualifying:**
- i) Hotel accommodations for players in the ATP Tour Masters 1000 qualifying shall be available two (2) days prior to the start of the qualifying competition for a minimum of five (5) nights (96 draw tournament) or for a minimum of three (3) nights (56 draw tournament). Accommodations continue through the night a player plays his last match or until his five/ three night minimum have been provided, whichever is later.
 - ii) Hotel accommodations for players in the ATP Tour 500 and ATP Tour 250 singles qualifying shall be available to begin on the night before the start of qualifying competition and be available to each player through the night of the player's last qualifying match.
 - iii) **Doubles 500 Qualifying.** Rooms for doubles qualifying players shall be available from the day prior to the start of the doubles qualifying competition and continue through the night of their last match.
 - iv) Successful qualifiers shall be afforded the same hotel accommodations as those offered to main draw singles players, however, the nights used under qualifying hotel accommodations shall count toward the tournament's minimum number of nights required.

B. Player Obligations - ATP Tour Tournaments

- 1) **Singles.** Each main draw player must make a hotel reservation no later than two (2) weeks prior to the first Monday of the tournament with either the hotel or the tournament, as specified on the tournament detail sheet. Reservation changes can be made up to two (2) days prior to the first day of the reservation except that a player still competing in either singles or doubles in the prior week's tournament must also confirm his reservations when travel plans are finalized. Failure to make or modify the reservation by the deadlines stated above shall result in the automatic loss of hospitality for that tournament week.

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- 2) **Alternates.** Players that move into the main draw between the entry deadline and all day Thursday before the event, must notify the tournament two (2) days in advance if their arrival is later than Saturday, unless provisions specified above for players still competing apply. Players moving into the main draw after Thursday must notify the tournament of their arrival by 2:00 PM Eastern Time, USA on the Friday prior to the event. Players moving into the main draw after this deadline must confirm arrival day/date with the tournament as soon as possible.
- 3) **Doubles-Only Players.** Tournaments shall provide hospitality from Sunday. Players that wish to start their hospitality later than Sunday must make such change by 3:00 PM local time on the Saturday before the tournament starts. Players that fail to make their change by the deadline will be charged at the published rate for each night they are a no show. A refusal to pay shall result in automatic loss of hospitality for the remainder of the tournament week.
- 4) **Penalties for breaching obligation:**
 - a) Failure to make a reservation two (2) weeks prior to a tournament shall result in a player losing his hotel accommodation privileges for that tournament.
 - b) Player forfeits hotel accommodations for nights reserved but not used.
 - c) Player forfeits hotel accommodation privileges for four (4) consecutive tournaments when he either:
 - i) Does not pay all incidental costs charged to a room; or
 - ii) Does not personally stay in the room as required; or
 - iii) Does not cancel reservation(s) previously made at tournament hotel(s); or
 - iv) Damages a room or hotel facilities;
 - v) Exhibits unprofessional or abusive behavior towards any hotel employee or guest;
 - vi) Exhibits severe unprofessional behavior in or on the hotel premises and not specifically covered above.
- 5) **Other Reservations.** Players can request additional room reservations at the player rate if they contact the tournament no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
- 6) **Qualifier Reservations.** Players participating in the qualifying competition who wish to receive a player rate at a tournament hotel must make a hotel reservation no later than five (5) days prior to the start of qualifying with either the hotel or the tournament, as specified on the tournament detail sheet. Reservation changes can be made up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the reservation except that a player still competing in either singles or doubles in the prior week's tournament must confirm reservations when his travel plans are finalized.

C. Tournament Obligations - ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

- 1) Complimentary hotel accommodations are mandatory at all ATP Challenger Tour tournaments as described in this section. Accommodations are defined as one (1) complimentary double room (2 beds) for the use of each player. The hotel, to be approved by ATP, shall be of a suitable international standard. At a minimum, hotel accommodations shall include complimentary breakfast with adequate breakfast options for the players (as determined by ATP). The room must be occupied by the registered player who is responsible for all incidental costs charged to the room and any charges resulting from any third or more person(s) staying in the room.

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- 2) **Singles Main Draw.** Complimentary hotel accommodations shall be available for Main Draw Singles players from the first Saturday and for a minimum of five (5) nights, Saturday through Wednesday, or through the night of the player's last singles or doubles match, whichever is later.
- 3) **Qualifying and Lucky Losers.** Complimentary hotel accommodations shall be available for Qualifying and Lucky Losers singles players from Saturday through the night of the player's last match. Qualifiers and Lucky Losers accepted into the main draw shall be entitled to the same complimentary hotel accommodations as offered to main draw singles players; however, the nights used under qualifying hotel accommodations shall count toward the tournament's minimum nights entitlement.
- 4) **Doubles Main Draw.** For doubles-only players who stay in individual rooms, complimentary hotel accommodations shall be available from Sunday through the night of the player's last match. A doubles-only player who shares a room with another main draw doubles-only player shall have a minimum of six (6) nights, Sunday through Friday, or through the night of that player's last match, whichever is later.
- 5) Main draw and qualifying players who are no longer eligible for accommodations shall receive the published tournament room rate if they extend their stay within the date range of the tournament.
- 6) Main draw players (singles and doubles players, includes partner) who have withdrawn on-site for medical reasons and who are examined by the tournament Doctor shall receive complimentary hotel accommodations through the night of the examination.
- 7) Tournaments using more than one (1) hotel as the official hotel may not make player hotel assignments based on a player's entry into the event as a singles or doubles player.
- 8) Any ATP Challenger Tour tournament which has been approved for a Saturday start shall make complimentary hotel accommodations available one (1) day earlier than specified. At a minimum, any ATP Challenger Tour tournament which has been approved for a Tuesday start shall make complimentary hotel accommodations available one (1) day later than specified.
- 9) **Confirmation of Reservation.** ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments shall oversee requests for complimentary hotel accommodations and confirm reservations through a platform designated by ATP, as specified on the ATP Challenger Tour tournament's detail sheet, to players stating the hotel name, address, telephone number, the check-in date and a notice that cancellations or changes can be made up to two (2) days prior to the reservation's start date.
- 10) The official hotel(s) shall be instructed to take a reasonable credit card guarantee from players and/or support team members at the time of check-in for any incidentals or room nights not covered under the ATP Challenger Tour tournament's obligation. ATP shall not be responsible for managing and/or covering any unpaid charges.

D. Player Obligations - ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

- 1) **Singles Players Who Gain Acceptance In The Main Draw Through Advance Entry.** Each player must make their hotel room request no later than 11:59 p.m. (23:59) local time at the tournament ten (10) days prior to the tournament's start

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through the platform designated by ATP, as specified on the tournament's detail sheet.

- 2) **Doubles-Only Players Who Gain Acceptance In The Main Draw Through Advance Entry.** Each player must make their hotel room request no later than 11:59 p.m. (23:59) local time at the tournament on five (5) days prior to the tournament's start, through the platform designated by ATP, as specified on the tournament's detail sheet.
- 3) **Alternates.** Players moving into the qualifying or main draw between the deadlines outlined in sections D.1) and D.2) hereinbefore set forth and four (4) days prior to the Tournament Monday shall make their room request no later than 11:59 p.m. (23:59) local time at the tournament four (4) days before the Tournament Monday through the platform designated by ATP, as specified on the tournament's detail sheet, unless provisions for players still competing hereinafter set forth apply. Players moving into the qualifying or main draw after this deadline shall make their room request and notify the tournament of their arrival date without delay, through the platform designated by ATP, as specified on the tournament's detail sheet, unless provisions for players still competing hereinafter set forth apply.
- 4) **Doubles-Only Players Who Gain Acceptance In The Draw Through On-Site Entry.** Players must make their hotel room request and notify the tournament by 3:00 p.m. (15:00) local time on Saturday at the tournament, through the platform designated by ATP, as specified on the tournament's detail sheet.
- 5) **Singles and Doubles.** Players accepted both in the singles and doubles event shall comply with the room request deadline of whichever (singles or doubles) they gain acceptance in first.
- 6) **Players Still Competing In The Previous Week's Tournament.** A player still competing in either singles or doubles in the prior week's tournament must keep the tournament informed if his reservation(s) may change and confirm the final arrival date with the tournament when his travel plans are finalized.
- 7) **Cancellation Or Change of Reservation.** Any player who needs to cancel or amend his reservation to a later date must do so by 6:00 p.m. (18:00) tournament local time four (4) days prior to the tournament's start through the platform designated by ATP, as specified on the tournament detail sheet. Players withdrawing after the preceding sentences deadline, must cancel their reservation as soon as possible after the withdrawal.
- 8) Notwithstanding the provisions above, any cancellation or change of reservation less than two (2) days before the start of the reservation, is subject to ATP approval.

E. Penalties for Breaching Obligation:

- 1) For the avoidance of doubt, forfeiture of hotel accommodations privileges covers the player, his support team member and/or doubles partner. ATP, in its sole discretion, shall determine if a player forfeits any hotel accommodations privileges.
- 2) Failure to make a reservation by any of the deadlines hereinbefore set forth shall result in that player's forfeiture of hotel accommodations for the tournament's week.

Case: A player accepted into the Singles Main Draw of a Challenger Tour event did not make his hotel reservation by the deadline and

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the tournament decided to withdraw his hotel accommodation privileges. Player signs in on-site for Doubles on Saturday. Is he entitled to hotel accommodations as a Doubles player?

Decision: No, the player forfeits hotel accommodation privileges for the tournament week (singles and doubles).

- a) Failure to make a reservation change by the deadline shall result in that player's forfeiture of hotel accommodations for nights reserved but not used. In addition, ATP, on behalf of the tournament, shall have the right to charge the player at the official tournament hotel's published rate for each night he did not use the room. Any refusal to pay shall result in that player's forfeiture of hotel accommodations for the tournament's week and may be subject to provisions under the Code of Conduct.
- b) Failure to cancel a reservation by the set deadline, including for players who have withdrawn on-site at a tournament in the previous week, shall result in that player being charged at the published hotel room rate for each night he did not use the room. Any refusal to pay shall be subject to provisions under the Code of Conduct in addition to settling the hotel charge.
- c) A player may be subject to the provisions under the Code of Conduct if:
 - i) Does not pay 'no show' charges, including any applicable taxes; or
 - ii) Does not pay all incidental costs charged to a room; or
 - iii) Does not personally stay in the room as required; or
 - iv) Damages a room or hotel facilities; or
 - v) Exhibits unprofessional or abusive behavior towards any hotel employee or guest; or
 - vi) Exhibits severe unprofessional behavior in or on the hotel premises and not specifically covered above.

The payment of any monetary fines under the provisions of the Code of Conduct shall apply in addition to settling any outstanding charges and/or damages.

- d) Players shall have the right to appeal any of the above fines and charges which must be submitted in writing to the ATP Fines Committee.

1.21 Benefits (Effective January 1, 2024)

A. Standard Benefits. All Members in good standing shall be entitled to receive certain standard benefits. These benefits are stated in detail on the Player Zone ("Standard Benefits").

B. Platinum Benefits. ATP recognizes and values the significance of offering its loyal and dedicated Members various additional benefits. These advantages are meant to recognize their contributions to serving ATP's fans and stakeholders and to the overall well-being, goodwill and success of the ATP Tour.

These benefits, defined as "Platinum Benefits," encompass a range of offerings, which include retirement programs, bonus programs, financial security plans (including, Baseline), the privilege to actively participate, including voting, in ATP governance, and such other benefits as may be determined by ATP from time to time and are discussed in detail on the Player Zone.

C. Eligibility for Platinum Benefits. In addition to the Standard Benefits, a Member shall be entitled to receive Platinum Benefits if such player is 1) in good standing and 2) he

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does not have any relationship or affiliation with any business, corporation, company, partnership, association, organization, person, or entity that is not in the best interests of ATP or the sport of tennis and 3) does not participate in 1 or more Qualified Non-Covered Events (as defined below).

D. Criteria for Reinstating Eligibility. In the event a player fails to meet the criteria set forth above, while being in the ranking range eligible for Group 1 membership pursuant ATP By-Laws, for any of the Platinum Benefits provided by ATP due to Rule 1.21.C.2 or Rule 1.21.C.3, he must successfully satisfy each of the elements for the 2 calendar years following such failure in order to reestablish his eligibility.

E. Amendments to Benefits. ATP reserves the authority to continuously evaluate and tailor the Standard Benefits and Platinum Benefits to better serve its Members. As such, ATP retains the right to amend/introduce new benefits, modify or withdraw existing benefits, and/or change the eligibility criteria.

F. Definitions.

For purposes of this Section 1.21, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1) "Qualified Non-Covered Event" is an event that includes a Top 100 PIF ATP Singles Ranked player and meets one of the following criteria:
 - a. Its duration is 3 or more consecutive days within a 7-day period.
 - b. Events operated by a single person or group of affiliated persons that contain in the aggregate 11 or more days within a calendar year. Solely with respect to 1.21.F.1.b, the events that occur before the 11th day shall not be deemed a Qualified Non-Covered Event.
 - c. Individual events when announced are part of a schedule or series of schedules of events that the overall number of days exceeds 11 days or more within a calendar year.
 - d. It includes 2 or more events that are connected through player qualification, entry, ranking system, or any other similar means.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Non-Covered Event shall not be deemed a Qualified Non-Covered Event. In addition, events that took place in 2023 shall not be deemed a Qualified Non-Covered Event until December 31, 2026 provided that such events remain at or below their existing 2023 format (factors for determining format include but not limited to event duration, number of participating players, and competition structure).

- 2) "Non-Covered Events" are those events other than Grand Slams, ATP Tour tournaments, ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, Laver Cup, Davis Cup, Olympic Games, ITF World Tennis Tour and existing regional league events at or below their existing format (factors for determining format include but not limited to event duration, number of participating players, and competition structure).

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2.01 Identification - ATP Tour Tournaments

A. Each ATP Tour tournament shall identify itself clearly to the public as being part of the ATP Tour and shall cooperate fully with ATP in furthering public awareness of the ATP Tour. Participation in the ATP Tour shall not restrict the right of the tournament to obtain individual sponsorship or to retain its usual title.

B. Trademark and Logo Identification. Each ATP Tour tournament and ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall comply with the terms and conditions for the use of the ATP Tour and the ATP Challenger Tour trademark and logo outlined in “Exhibit B and G”.

C. Except as otherwise approved by ATP, each ATP Tour tournament shall comply with the ATP Tour Branding Application Requirements and shall assume all costs associated with such compliance. Branded nets and microphone flags will be provided, without cost, to all tournaments by ATP. ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Application Requirements will be provided to each tournament by ATP.

1) ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps: Application Rules (“Exhibit A.01”)

All ATP Tour tournaments must display the appropriate ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp (Masters 1000, 500, or 250) on all compulsory materials containing the tournament logo, as identified in the rules below. The tournament logo is the official identity of the tournament that includes the tournament name. When a text alternative to the tournament logo is used, it will be regarded as the tournament logo and the rules below will continue to apply. When a tournament logo is used repeatedly, or if both tournament logo and tournament title are used, application rules will apply to the largest tournament logo or title. For multiple page external documents, the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be applied on the front page in accordance with the rules below.

a) Size Relationship

i) Men only events (“Exhibit A.02”)

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be a minimum of 60% of the surface area of the tournament logo or tournament title, whichever is larger. This is subject to the minimum size rules for the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps below.

ii) Combined events (“Exhibit A.03”)

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp should be presented with the WTA logo to communicate to audiences that the tournament is part of both tours.

- **Size relationship: WTA logo**

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be the same visual size (cover the same surface area) as the WTA logo.

- **Size Relationship: Tournament Logo**

When the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp is used in conjunction with the WTA logo, the Official Stamp must be at a minimum equal size to the WTA logo or 30% of the surface area of the tournament logo, whichever is greater. This is subject to the minimum size rules for Official Stamps below.

iii) Minimum Size

To ensure the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps are reproduced to best effect, the tournaments must adhere to the application rules stated in i) and ii) above or the following minimum sizes, whichever is greater:

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In quality print	9mm wide
In newsprint	13mm wide
On screen	45 pixels wide

Size Requirements

Below are the minimum size requirements for using the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps on printed materials.

A7	9mm wide
A6	11mm wide
A5	14mm wide
A4	18mm wide
A3	26mm wide
A2	36mm wide
A1	51mm wide

In non 'A' format communications the width of the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps should be no smaller than 6% of the longest side of the layout.

b) Positioning ("Exhibit A.04")

i) Proximity to the tournament logo

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be placed closest to the tournament logo. No sponsor (with exception of the presenting sponsor), federation, series logo or any other logo may be closer to the tournament logo than the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp. Tournament logos cannot include any series name, federation name or any other name or brand mark.

ii) Proximity to Sponsor logos

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps are used as an endorsement of the quality and authenticity of a tournament and its inclusion within the ATP Tour. The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps should never be placed alongside sponsor logos or added to sponsor logo strips.

c) Exclusion Area ("Exhibit A.05")

i) Exclusion Area 1: For graphics, images, text, WTA Tour and tournament logos (including 'presented by' sponsor)

A minimum exclusion area equal to the height of the ATP type has been established around the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps. No graphics, images, text, WTA Tour or tournament logos must appear in this area. This exclusion area must be maintained.

ii) Exclusion Area 2: For sponsor, federation and series logos

A minimum exclusion area equal to the width of two ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps has been established around the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps. No sponsor, federation or series logos must appear in this area. This exclusion area must be maintained.

d) Acceptable and unacceptable applications ("Exhibit A.06.1 to A.06.6")

2) ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps : Compulsory Applications

An ATP Tour tournament must identify itself as an ATP Tour event by applying the appropriate ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp, in accordance with the rules listed in section 1) above, in the following compulsory applications:

a) Promotion

i) Advertising

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be applied to all tournament advertising communications.

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ii) Communication / Administration / Presentations

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be applied to all external tournament communications. To include but not limited to: stationery, memos, powerpoint presentations, documents and press releases. For multiple page documents, the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp needs only to be applied on the front page that contains tournament logo or tournament name.

iii) Website / Other Digital Products ("Exhibit A.07")

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be displayed on all pages of the official tournament website intended for large format display (tablet and desktop). The official stamp must be located within the upper 20% of the pages within the masthead area as the closest logo to the tournament logo. The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp should be no smaller than 45 pixels wide for websites and other digital products intended for large format display. For mobile website display the official stamp must be used in a way that clearly identifies the particular tournament category.

The official stamp must also be prominently displayed on all other digital products, including social media landing pages and apps for both mobile and tablet devices. Given the huge differences and ever evolving nature of these devices and applications, the official stamp must be used in a way that clearly identifies the tournament as an ATP Tour event and its respective category. See exhibit for examples.

iv) Promotional Materials

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp needs only to be applied to the front page of all promotional communications. To include but not limited to: tournament programs, daily programs, leaflets, draw sheets, announcements and notices. For multiple page documents, the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp need only be applied on the front page that contains tournament logo or tournament name.

v) ATP Advertisement.

Three (3) full pages of ATP Tour advertisements must be included in the tournament program with two (2) of the three (3) pages within the first third (1/3) of the tournament program to be used to promote and advertise the ATP Tour. (The three (3) pages are separate from any other page requirements specified in an ATP Sponsorship Agreement between a tournament and ATP).

ATP will supply the advertisement and it shall be printed without expense to ATP. One (1) of the three (3) pages must be the doubles program ad as furnished by ATP.

Violations.

Violation of this section shall subject a tournament to a fine under the Tournament Standards Violations Fines Table (as defined in Section 8.02).

Note: When possible, tournaments will be given notice of and the opportunity to correct any issues that would put them in a violation of the above rules.

b) Compulsory Application: On-site

i) Entrance

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be displayed at all entrances to the tournament that include the tournament logo or the tournament name.

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ment title, unless otherwise approved by ATP. To include but not limited to: car parks, main stadium, press, player and VIP entrances.

ii) **Scoreboards / Drawboards (“Exhibit A.08”)**

If a scoreboard / drawboard includes the tournament logo or tournament title then the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be displayed.

iii) **Singles / Doubles Leader Boards (See ATP Tournament Guidelines)**

The current standings of the 2024 PIF ATP Rankings and 2024 PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings must be placed prominently in the tournament stadium grounds. Artwork will be provided by ATP. Preferred position is in the main welcome area.

iv) **Vehicles**

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be applied to any vehicle that displays the tournament logo or the tournament title.

c) **Compulsory Application: On-court**

i) **The Court**

No commercial branding (sponsor, series or federation), court manufacturer branding or any other mark may be placed on the surface of the court, with the exception of “Host Locality” (See 3.b.) and the provisions outlined below unless otherwise approved by ATP.

Provisions for commercial branding placement:

1. ATP approval required for printing or insertion on the court surface of any sponsor logo at any tournament (ATP Tour Masters 1000, 500, 250 and Challenger Tour).
2. The sponsor logo can be inserted virtually (technology to be approved by ATP) or printed on the surface.
3. Only 1 sponsor logo per court/tournament.
4. Logo can be placed on all courts for all matches.
5. On hard courts and grass courts, sponsor logo must be on the side of the double alley opposite to the chair umpire at the extension of the service line.
6. On clay the sponsor logo will replace one of the host locality signs centered between the net and service line. Only in exceptional cases ATP may approve the sponsor logo to be placed below and in addition to the second host locality at the extension of the service line opposite to the Chair Umpire (in case by contract the tournament must display 2 host locality logos).
7. The sponsor logo area must not exceed 15,000 sq. cm (100cm high maximum, 300cm wide maximum and placed 40cm from the doubles line). It is recommended that the sponsor logo should be elongated for improved television visibility.
8. The sponsor logo must be white.

Host locality rules to remain status quo, except in case a host locality logo/emblem is used. In those cases, the same rules for the sponsor logo would apply.

ii) **Net (“Exhibit A.10”)**

All ATP Tour tournaments must use the ATP Tour branded net on all courts, as determined and provided by ATP. Branded nets will be provided, without cost, to all tournaments by ATP. No commercial or other

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branding is allowed on the net or net posts other than that specified or otherwise approved solely by ATP.

Violation of this requirement (c. ii.) shall subject a tournament to a fine under the Tournament Standards Violations Fines Table.

Note: When possible, tournaments will be given notice of and the opportunity to correct any issues that would put them in a violation of the above rules.

• **Net Example 1: Net without sponsor branding**

At tournaments where the ATP Tour premier partner branding is not used, ATP net signage shall be displayed on the left and right sides of the net on all match courts.

• **Net Example 2: Net with sponsor branding**

At tournaments where the ATP Tour premier partner branding is used, net signage will be displayed on the left and right sides of the net on all match courts.

• **Positioning of net signage (ATP or ATP Tour premier partner)**

- o For singles matches using a doubles net, net signage must be centered between the singles stick and the net post.
- o For singles nets, net signage must be centered between the singles sideline and the net post.

iii) **ATP Supervisors / ATP Designated Chair Umpires**

The officiating uniform provided by ATP must be worn. No other commercial branding may be applied to the uniform without prior approval from ATP.

iv) **ATP Physiotherapists**

The uniform provided by ATP must be worn.

v) **Chair Umpire Microphones**

An ATP Tour microphone cover must be used on the Chair Umpire’s microphone. The appropriate ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must appear on all four sides. Microphone covers will be provided by ATP.

Violations.

Violation of this section (with the exception of c. ii) shall subject a tournament to a fine under the Tournament Standards Violations Fines Table.

Note: When possible, tournaments will be given notice of and the opportunity to correct any issues that would put them in a violation of the above rules.

d) **Compulsory Application: Media & Broadcast**

i) **Media Backdrop (“Exhibit A.11”)**

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be displayed on the official tournament media backdrop in such a way that it is clearly visible during the actual interview, in accordance with size, positioning and exclusion area rules.

ii) **Interview Room Microphone**

An ATP Tour microphone cover must be used on all player interview microphones. The appropriate ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must appear on all four sides. Microphone covers will be provided by ATP.

iii) **Broadcast**

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be displayed on all tournament broadcasts on any screen where the tournament logo is featured, unless otherwise approved by ATP.

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Violations.

Violation of this section shall subject a tournament to a fine under the Tournament Standards Violations Fines Table.

Note: When possible, tournaments will be given notice of and the opportunity to correct any issues that would put them in a violation of the above rules.

3) ATP Tour Branding: Optional Applications

An ATP Tour tournament may wish to further identify itself as an ATP Tour event by applying the appropriate ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp in the following optional applications:

a) Court Surface Color (“Exhibit A.12”)

The preferred hard court surface color for all ATP Tour events is a match to PMS 281, to be used inside the court lines and a match to PMS Cyan, used outside the court lines.

b) Court Host Locality (“Exhibit A.13.1 to A.13.2”)

Tournaments may feature only the name of the country, city or region (example: Germany, Munich or Bavaria) on the court surface, subject to the placement and size restrictions set forth below. The preferred font is ROC GROTESK-Bold, however, tournaments may use the official logo or font of the host country, city or region; all versions other than the preferred font must receive the prior approval of ATP. The on-court logo must be consistent with the texture and feel of the court surface so as not to affect play or be a safety hazard, as further described below.

i) Host Locality Option 1

a) Clay Courts/Hard Courts:

Host country/city/region must be written in upper case if using the preferred font and all versions must be in white on one or both sides of the court and is to be centered between the net post and the service line for clay courts or at the extension of the service line for hard/grass courts.

Host country/city/region can be displayed on one or two lines, facing the main camera.

Maximum text height is 40cms (16”).

Text should be placed 40cms (16”) from the doubles line.

When text is displayed on two lines, they should together be centered between the net post and the service line.

Line spacing should be 20cms (8”).

Host country/city text should be elongated by 27% for improved television visibility.

On a clay surface, the text must not protrude above the surface of the court.

The material used for the name, on a hard court, must be of the same material and texture as the court surface to ensure safe footing for the players.

If a host locality emblem/logo is used, the size and placement restrictions applicable to the on court surface commercial branding will apply.

ii) Host Locality Option 2 (Not for use on clay)

Host country/city/region must be written in upper case, if using the preferred font, in white on both sides of the court, centered between the singles sidelines.

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Host country/city/region must be displayed on one line, facing the main camera.

Maximum text height is 50cms (20”).

The closest distance permitted from the baseline is 300cms (9’ 10”).

The material used for the name, on a hard court, must be of the same material and texture as the court surface to ensure safe footing for the players.

c) Court Backdrops – Color (“Exhibit A.14)

The preferred backdrop color for all ATP Tour tournaments is the closest match to PMS 281.

i) Lettering.

PMS Cool Grey 5 is the preferred color used for lettering. If the tournament selects color combinations other than those outlined in the previous sentence, then such color combinations may not include shades of white, yellow or other light colors and must be approved in advance by ATP.

ii) Rotating / LED Banners.

Background and lettering on Rotating / LED Banners should be consistent with the color of the back walls.

d) Court Backdrops – ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps (“Exhibit A.14”)

i) ATP Tour Men Only Events.

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp may be used in the left and right corners of the backdrop, facing the main camera. If a tournament decides to do so, the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be placed in a non-obstructed position, away from ball persons, scoreboards or corner camera positions. The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be 40% of the height of the board, and placed in the top 60% of the board.

ii) Combined Events.

If the WTA logo is placed on the back wall of the court then the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must also be placed on the back wall in equal size and with equal television visibility.

e) On-court Ball Persons / Linesmen

If a tournament wishes to use the appropriate ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp on the uniforms of ball persons or linesmen, the application of the ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp must be approved in advance by ATP.

f) Merchandise

The ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp may be used on tournament merchandise only in conjunction with the official Tournament logo, provided that such a use complies with the terms and conditions set forth in the ATP Rulebook. Specific application requirements will be provided to tournaments separately. Any and all applications must be approved by ATP’s retail merchandise consultant, at a minimum three (3) months in advance. No approval is required if merchandise is obtained from an approved ATP licensee.

2.02 Identification - ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

A. Challenger Tournaments. (“Exhibit A.15”)

Each Challenger tournament shall identify itself as an ATP Challenger Tour tournament and shall use the ATP Challenger Tour Brand Mark as presented in “Exhibit A.15” (the “Brand Mark”). Tournaments are prohibited from using “ATP” as part of the tournament name. The Challenger Brand Mark is mandatory.

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1) Size Relationship.

The ATP Challenger Brand Mark must be a minimum of 60% of the surface area of the tournament logo or tournament title, whichever is larger.

2) ATP Challenger Tour Brand Mark: Compulsory Applications

An ATP Challenger Tour tournament must identify itself as an ATP Challenger Tour tournament by applying the Brand Mark in the following compulsory applications:

a) Website / Other Digital Products (“Exhibit A.16”)

The Brand Mark must be displayed on all pages of the tournament website and other digital products intended for large format display, e.g., desktop, laptop, tablet computers, and be located within the upper 20% of the pages within the masthead area as the closest logo to the tournament logo. It must not be smaller than 112 pixels wide for websites and other digital products intended for large format display. For mobile websites and other digital products intended for small format display, e.g., mobile handsets, follow the 2.01.C. 1) a) Size Relationship rule.

Note: “ATP” is prohibited from use in any web address or URL.

b) Program

The Brand Mark must be displayed on the cover in the top 40%. It must not be smaller than 28mm (1.1”) wide.

c) Drawsheets

The Brand Mark must be displayed in the top 40%. It must not be smaller than 28mm (1.1”) wide.

d) Entrance

The Brand Mark must be displayed prominently at the main entrance to the tournament.

e) Court Backdrops (“Exhibit A.17”)

The Brand Mark must be displayed in the left and right corners of the court backdrops (back fences or back walls), it must not be used smaller than 60cm (23.625”) wide. Brand Marks must be placed in a non-obstructed position.

f) Advertising

The Brand Mark must be applied to any advertising where the tournament logo is featured.

g) On-Site

The Brand Mark must be applied to any on-site drawboards, scoreboards, vehicles, banners, flags or signage featuring the tournament logo.

h) Media Center

The Brand Mark must be displayed on tournament media backdrops.

i) Broadcast

The Brand Mark must be displayed on any tournament broadcasts.

Violations.

Violation of this section shall subject a tournament to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In cases that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the ATP Tour, the Senior Vice-President Rules & Competition may refer the matter to the ATP Challenger Committee for further action which could include additional fines and/or loss of sanction.

3) ATP Challenger Tour Brand Mark: Optional Applications

An ATP Challenger Tour tournament may wish to identify itself as an ATP Challenger Tour event by applying the Brand Mark in the following optional applications:

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a) Merchandise

The Brand Mark may be used on tournament t-shirts and sweatshirts (not colored shirts). The Brand Mark must not exceed 100mm (3.937”) wide. Written approval is required from ATP if producing these items yourself. No approval is required if merchandise is obtained from an approved ATP licensee.

b) On-court Ball Persons / Linesmen

If a tournament wishes to use the appropriate ATP Challenger Tour Brand Mark on the uniforms of ball persons or linesmen, the application of the ATP Challenger Tour Brand Mark must be approved in advance by the ATP.

B. ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments - The Court

No commercial branding (sponsor, series or federation) or any other mark may be placed on the surface of the court, except as follows:

1) “Host Locality” (See 2.01 C. 3.b. and “Exhibit A.13.1 to A.13.2”).

2) On-Court Surface Commercial Branding. ATP Challenger Tour tournaments are allowed* to place a commercial branding on the court surface. The size and placement must be approved three (3) months in advance by ATP. (See “Exhibit A.13.1 to A.13.2”)

*ATP reserves the right to use this Commercial branding position for an ATP Challenger Tour sponsor (at Regional level, i.e., multiple tournaments in the same region and **Global** level, i.e., all tournaments globally). Tournaments may be approved to use this commercial location in the absence of an ATP Challenger Tour sponsor.

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3.01 Composition of Commitment

Each tournament's financial commitment is composed of on-site prize money and tournament fee obligations unless otherwise approved by ATP.

3.02 Currency

All references to money are expressed in United States Dollars (USD) and Euros (EUR), unless otherwise designated. Tournament fees, fines and other amounts payable to ATP are payable in USD or EUR.

3.03 Default of Prize Money Payments

Any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament that defaults in payment of prize money, tournament fee or any other payments due to ATP may have its membership status (sanction status if ATP Challenger Tour tournament) changed subject to ATP Bylaws.

3.04 Fee Obligation

A. ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments must pay to ATP as part of their total financial commitment the following fees based on prize money level and tournament classification, unless otherwise determined by ATP:

ATP Tour Masters 1000

- Service Fee
- Category Protection Fee
- Extra Week Fee

ATP Tour 500

- Service Fee
- Category Protection Fee

ATP Tour 250

- Service Fee

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- Tournament fees shall be 5% of total prize money.

B. All fees shall be due and payable as follows:

1) ATP Masters 1000 and ATP 500 Tournaments:

- a)** Six (6) months prior to the first day of the tournament, the Advance Fee is due:
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| ATP Tour Masters 1000 | \$60,000/€51,000 |
| ATP Tour 500 | \$50,000/€42,500 |
- b)** On the first day of the tournament, the balance of unpaid fees is due and payable.

2) ATP 250 Tournaments:

On the first day of the tournament, the total fee is due and payable.

3) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments. The full fee is due with the tournament application.

4) Late Payments. Fee payments not received by due dates are subject to an initial 2% late fee, followed by a subsequent 2% late fee every 30 days.

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3.05 Fees/Other Payments

A. All fees and monies due to ATP are to be sent by wire in USD or EUR.

1) U.S. Dollar payment by wire

Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
420 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94163
United States of America
Swift/BIC Code: WFBUS6S
Account Number: 2130600027348
Routing Number (Domestic Banks): 121000248
Beneficiary: ATP TOUR INC.
Reference: Tournament Name & Invoice Number

2) Euro payment by wire

Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, NA - London
One Plantation Place
30 Fenchurch Street
London, EC3M 3BD
Swift/BIC Code: PNBPG2L
IBAN: GB31 PNB2 1656 7121 4741 66
Account: 21474166
Beneficiary: ATP TOUR INC.
Intermediary Bank: ING BELGIUM SA
BBRUBEBB010
Reference: Tournament Name & Invoice Number

B. Any amounts (e.g. player fines, non-member service fees, air-tickets) collected or owed by the tournament to ATP must be remitted to ATP.

3.06 Insurance

A. Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall obtain and maintain general liability insurance or the equivalent thereof, with an insurance carrier maintaining a financial rating of "A" by AM Best and acceptable to ATP.

- 1) Masters 1000 events shall maintain a minimum limit of \$10,000,000 USD.
- 2) ATP Tour 500 and ATP Tour 250 events shall maintain limits of not less than \$5,000,000 USD.
- 3) ATP Challenger Tour events offering prize money of \$100,000 and above shall maintain limits of not less than \$€1,000,000 in coverage.
- 4) ATP Challenger Tour events offering prize money less than \$100,000 shall maintain limits of not less than \$€500,000 in coverage.
- 5) The liability insurance shall include bodily injury and property damage liability, personal injury, participant legal liability, hired and non-owned auto and contractual liability coverage.
- 6) The tournament liability insurance shall name ATP Tour, Inc. (a United States Corporation), its director and officers, employees, agents as additional named insureds with respect to any claim or suits brought against ATP, its officials, employ-

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ees, agents, regardless of the court of jurisdiction, arising out of the negligence of the tennis tournament, its directors or representatives.

- 7) Coverage will include volunteers, on-court officials and ball persons as "named insureds" under the policy.

B. Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament is responsible for determining whether applicable worker's compensation statutes apply to injuries sustained by volunteers, sub-contractors, on-court officials or ball persons. In the absence of a worker's compensation coverage requirement, it is recommended that the tournament purchase excess medical insurance for the event to provide medical payments coverage to injured volunteers, on-court officials or ball persons involved in the event.

C. All such insurance shall provide, not less than thirty (30) days, prior written notice to ATP of cancellation.

D. Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall furnish to ATP no later than sixty (60) days prior to such tournament a certificate of insurance from such insurance carrier certifying compliance with the above requirements.

3.07 Letter of Credit - New/Conditional Tournaments

Unless otherwise determined by ATP, each ATP Tour tournament with conditional membership status must submit to ATP within the time period required, an approved irrevocable Letter of Credit, in form and substance, satisfactory to ATP, from an ATP approved bank in the amount of the on-site prize money. Such Letter of Credit must have an expiration date no earlier than one (1) month after the last scheduled day of ATP event.

3.08 Prize Money

A. All prize money due to ATP is to be sent by wire in USD or EUR.

1) U.S. Dollar payment by wire

Bank: BNP PARIBAS
1 boulevard des Moulins
98000 Monaco
Swift/BIC Code: BNPAMCM1XXX
IBAN Number: MC58 3000 4091 7000 0140 0573 253
Account Number: 00014005732
Beneficiary: ATP TOUR PRIZE MONEY
201 ATP Tour Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Intermediary Bank: BNP PARIBAS USA – NEW YORK
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10109
Swift/BIC Code: BNPAUS3N

Reference: Tournament Name & Invoice Number

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2) Euro payment by wire

Bank: BNP PARIBAS
1 boulevard des Moulins
98000 Monaco
Swift/BIC Code: BNPAMCM1XXX
IBAN Number: MC58 3000 4091 7000 0101 1541 076
Account Number: 00010115410
Beneficiary: ATP TOUR PRIZE MONEY
201 ATP Tour Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Reference: Tournament Name & Invoice Number

B. General

1) ATP Tour

- a) Prize money at all ATP Tour events shall be paid through ATP or its designated agent at the conclusion of the tournament, unless otherwise approved by ATP. Prize money shall be distributed based on breakdowns established by ATP. ATP must approve any changes in prize money, including from year to year.
- b) ATP must receive the electronically completed ATP prize money excel spreadsheet no later than the end of the business day on the Monday following the conclusion of the tournament. The spreadsheet must be emailed to accounting@atptour.com.
- c) Tournaments are required to wire net prize money to the designated bank trust account to ensure receipt by the Wednesday following the conclusion of their respective events.

2) ATP Challenger Tour

- a) Prize money at all ATP Challenger Tour events shall be paid through ATP or its designated agent at the conclusion of the tournament, unless otherwise approved by ATP.
 - b) ATP must receive 100% of the prize money as follows:
 - New applicants – prize money must be deposited in ATP account six (6) weeks prior to the first day of the tournament.
 - Existing Events – prize money must be deposited in ATP account four (4) weeks prior to the first day of the tournament.
 - c) ATP must receive the electronically completed ATP prize money excel spreadsheet no later than the end of the business day on the Monday following the conclusion of the tournament. Spreadsheet must be emailed to accounting@atptour.com.
 - d) ATP reserves the right to seek assurances of a tournament's financial viability in the form of a letter of credit, advance payment of prize money or any other means ATP deems necessary.
- 3) Prize money shall be paid only for matches played. If a final cannot be played, then each finalist shall be paid runner-up prize money. For purposes of this section, a match is played when it is won as a result of a retirement, default, walkover or no show. (See "Exhibit K - Glossary")

Singles:

- a) A player who withdraws prior to his first match from the singles qualifying (after the Friday 10AM freeze deadline) or from the main draw singles competition at an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event (after the start of the

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qualifying and prior to his first match) shall receive first round prize money (second round in the case of a Bye) if the following conditions are met:

- i) The player must be on-site at the time of the withdrawal and must be declared unfit to compete by the tournament doctor.
 - ii) Each player is limited to two (2) tournaments*, non-consecutive, in a calendar year where he may receive prize money for the on-site withdrawal.
 - * There are no limits to the number of events a player may receive prize money for the on-site withdrawal due to Covid-19 reasons as long as the events are not in back to back weeks.
 - iii) Players who have been out of competition due to long term injuries (30 days or more) and withdraw on-site become eligible for the provision to receive prize money only after they have returned to competition and competed in their first event.
 - iv) Players who have been out of competition, for any reason, 60 days or more and withdraw on-site become eligible for the provision to receive prize money only after they have returned to competition and competed in their first event.
- b) The Lucky Loser replacing a player who has withdrawn on-site shall receive qualifying prize money earned plus money earned in the main draw minus the prize money paid to the withdrawing player.

Case: A player withdraws on-site from singles before his first singles match but is still in doubles. Is he eligible for first round prize money compensation if all other conditions are met?

Decision: Yes. The player may collect the on-site prize money if he is still competing in the doubles of that tournament as long as he receives medical clearance prior to the doubles match. The doubles match cannot be on the same day as his withdrawal or on the day of his scheduled singles match.

Case: A player withdraws from singles before his first singles match and collects on site prize money. Can he play a special event or another tennis event that week?

Decision: No. Once a player withdraws he cannot continue or participate in any other event that week; whether he collects the on-site prize money compensation or not.

Case: A player withdraws on site and collects prize money. Is he allowed to do the same at the next tournament he's entered in.

Decision: No. A player is not allowed to collect prize money when withdrawing on-site at two consecutive tournaments. A player must compete in a tournament where ATP points are awarded or Davis Cup or Olympics before being allowed to collect prize money at another event.

Case: A player withdraws on site and receives prize money at an ATP Challenger Tour tournament. Subsequently, he withdraws on site and receives prize money at an ATP Tour tournament. Is the player allowed to withdraw on site and receive prize money at another ATP Challenger Tour or ATP Tour tournament?

Decision: No. Once the player has withdrawn on site and received prize money at any two, non-consecutive ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, he has used his 2 tournament limit for the year and is not eligible to receive prize money for any future on-site

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withdrawal at an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament in that calendar year.

Case: A player is out of competition for 30 days after retiring or withdrawing due to injury. Is he eligible to receive prize money if he withdraws on-site after being out the 30 consecutive days since his retirement/withdrawal?

Decision: No: The player is only eligible for the provision to receive prize money for an on-site withdrawal after he has returned to competition and competed in his first event.

Case: A player using a protected ranking for entry withdraws on site and collects prize money. Does this tournament count towards the total number of tournaments the player has used with his protected ranking?

Decision: Yes.

Case: If a player qualifies, accepts a special exempt or accepts a wild card and becomes a main draw player, can he receive on-site prize money if otherwise eligible?

Decision: Yes. Once he is accepted into the main draw as a qualifier, special exempt or wild card, he can receive on-site prize money compensation if otherwise eligible.

Case: A player who is not on-site withdraws after the 10 AM, Friday deadline and comes on-site to do promotional activity or to be medically examined (Challengers) in order to avoid the applicable penalties. Is he eligible for first round prize money compensation?

Decision: No. The player must be on-site at the time of the withdrawal in order to be eligible for first round prize money compensation under the rule.

Case: May a player who withdraws on-site and otherwise qualifies, decline the first round prize money?

Decision: Yes, the player may decline to accept the money and then it becomes a normal on-site withdrawal.

Case: A player is an on-site withdrawal and wants to wait to decide whether or not to accept the first round prize money if otherwise eligible. Is the player allowed to wait?

Decision: No. The player must declare his intent at the time of the on-site withdrawal.

Case: A main draw player that would have been seeded with a bye withdraws on-site after the Qualifying started but before the main draw was done. He is eligible for compensation. Does he get 1st or 2nd round PM compensation?

Decision: The player receives 1st round PM compensation. Seeding is not official until the draw is made.

Case: A main draw player withdraws late after the Qualifying has started and travels to the tournament site to perform Promotional Activities to avoid the LW fine. Is he eligible for prize money compensation?

Decision: The player is not eligible for compensation as he was not on-site when the withdrawal was done.

Case: During Qualifying, two players withdraw from the main draw

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list. One player was on-site and eligible for compensation while the other player was not on-site or otherwise ineligible to receive prize money. Neither player was seeded with a Bye. How is it decided what PM will the LL's be receiving?

Decision:

1. The lucky loser who was drawn as the number 1 LL is eligible to receive first round prize money or whatever money he earns in the main draw. He does not keep qualifying prize money.

2. The lucky loser who was drawn as number 2 LL receives qualifying money earned plus money earned in main draw, less the amount paid to the withdrawing player.

3. The same principle applies if there were more than two withdrawing players prior to the completion of the qualifying or the qualifiers being placed in the draw.

Case: A seeded main draw player with a Bye withdraws on-site after the Qualifying started, the main draw has been made and the player is eligible to collect 2nd round prize money compensation. The order of play for the first day has not been released and the next seeded player who did not receive a Bye moves into that position. How is the prize money distributed?

Decision: The seeded player moving to the bye position will receive first round prize money if he loses and first round prize money plus the difference between 2nd round and the round reached if he wins. The LL inserted in the draw receives qualifying prize money earned plus prize money earned in main draw less the 1st round prize money.

Case: Same situation as above, however the order of play for the first day has been released.

Decision: If a qualifier is drawn into the bye position he will receive first round prize money if he loses and first round prize money plus the difference between 2nd round and the round reached if he wins. The lucky loser who was drawn into the 1st round position receives qualifying prize money earned plus money earned in main draw, less the 1st round money paid to the qualifier drawn into the bye position.

Case: Two main draw players withdraw overnight after the Qualifying has finished. The Qualifiers were drawn into their respective positions in the draw. The Order of Play for the first day of main draw is released. One of the withdrawing players was seeded with a bye. The LL's are drawn into the vacant position in the draw. The second LL is drawn to replace the seeded player with the bye. How is the prize money decided if the withdrawing players have received compensation?

Decision: The LL's receive PM dependent on which player they were drawn to replace in the draw. This is a different procedure than the cases when the WD's happen before the Q is finished and the Q/LL's inserted into the draw.

Case: After the withdrawal deadline on Friday, two players/ teams withdraw from the Qualifying/Main Draw Doubles list. One player/ team was on-site and eligible for compensation while the other

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player/team was ineligible to receive prize money. How is it decided what PM the Alternates will be receiving?

Decision:

1. The highest ranked Alternate player/team who was accepted in the draw is eligible to receive first round prize money or whatever money he/they earn in the tournament.
2. The second ranked Alternate player/team who was accepted in the draw will receive the prize money earned in the tournament, less the amount paid to the withdrawing player/team.
3. The same principle applies if there were more than two withdrawing players/teams eligible for substitution by Alternates in the singles qualifying/main draw doubles.

Doubles - Prior to First Match:

A player/team accepted into the doubles main draw of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event that withdraws prior to their first match from the main draw doubles after the doubles online on-site alternate deadline (Tour events) or the doubles on-site entry deadline (Challengers) for medical reasons shall receive first round prize money (second round in the case of a Bye) if the following conditions are met:

- a) The withdrawal was after the withdrawal deadline
- b) The withdrawing player (and his partner) must be on-site at the time of the withdrawal and the withdrawing player must be declared unfit to compete by the tournament doctor
- c) Both players used or could have used their doubles ranking for acceptance into the doubles draw.
- d) Players who have been out of competition due to long term injuries (30 days or more) and withdraw on-site become eligible for the provision to receive prize money only after they have returned to competition and competed in their first event.
- e) Players who have been out of competition, for any reason, 60 days or more and withdraw on-site become eligible for the provision to receive prize money only after they have returned to competition and competed in their first event.
- f) Each player is limited to two (2) tournaments*, non-consecutive, in a calendar year where he may receive prize money for doubles on-site withdrawal.

*There are no limits to the number of events a player may receive prize money for the on-site withdrawal due to Covid-19 reasons as long as the events are not in back to back weeks.

The alternate team replacing a team withdrawn on-site shall receive money earned in the main draw minus the prize money paid to the withdrawing player/team.

Doubles - After First Round:

Should a doubles match in an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event be uncontested* or fail to be completed, the losing team shall only receive points and prize money from the previous round unless one of the following exceptions is applicable:

- * A team withdrawing from the first round will not receive prize money whether there is or is not an alternate/lucky loser team, except if the team qualifies for compensation as defined above.

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- a) Neither player was in the singles main draw;
- b) Both players used, or could have used**, their doubles ranking for entry into the doubles draw (does not apply to wild card teams).
- c) The retiring/withdrawing player is still in the singles competition and at the time of the medical examination is declared unfit to play in the singles of that event or, if no longer involved in the singles competition of that event, is forced to withdraw from the singles or doubles*** of the next tournament in which he is entered.
 - i) For ATP Tour events if the retiring/withdrawing player was not in the singles draw of that event and is forced to withdraw from the next event in which he is accepted in the main draw (singles or doubles).
 - ii) For ATP Challenger events if the retiring/withdrawing player was not in the singles draw of that event and is forced to withdraw from the following week's event (single or doubles) after the withdrawal deadline.
- d) The retiring/withdrawing player was not involved in the singles draw of that event and:
 - i) For ATP Tour events is forced to withdraw from the next event in which he is entered (singles or doubles).
 - ii) For ATP Challenger events is forced to withdraw from the following week's event (singles or doubles***).
- e) The retiring/withdrawing player had withdrawn/retired from his singles match, which was scheduled the same day; or, if the doubles match is scheduled for a following day the player is examined by the tournament Doctor and is declared unfit for competition in the doubles event.

** Example: Player A is not in the singles draw and his doubles ranking is 20; his partner, Player B, is in the singles draw with a ranking of 15. Player B's doubles ranking is 30. The cutoff for their method of entry is 60. Using player B's doubles ranking would have kept them as a direct acceptance so they qualify for exception b) above.

*** For ATP Challenger events the withdrawal for doubles must be after the withdrawal deadline.

- 4) A player who receives a "bye" and loses in the second round shall receive second round loser's prize money.
- 5) Players affected by the entries or seedings not in accordance with ATP Rules and Regulations shall not be entitled to compensation. Such entry or seeding variances shall be resolved at the sole discretion of the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition.
- 6) A tournament must send to ATP any prize money not paid to a player who is defaulted for improper conduct.

3.09 On-Site Prize Money

Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament is required to offer and pay as part of its financial commitment the on-site prize money shown in "Exhibit J" plus hotel accommodations, unless otherwise determined by ATP. The minimum prize money for ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments is \$41,000/€36,900.

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A. ATP Tour Tournaments

Prize money and fee payments by all ATP Tour level tournaments shall be determined as follows:

- 1) **U.S. Tournaments:** All prize money, fees etc. must be paid in USD.
- 2) **European Region Tournaments:** All prize money, fees etc. must be paid in EUR.
- 3) **All Other Tournaments:** All prize money, fees etc. must be paid in USD. Any change from USD payment must be approved by the ATP Board.

B. ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

Prize money and fee payments by all ATP Challenger Tour tournaments shall be determined as follows:

- 1) **U.S. Challengers:** All prize money and fees must be paid in USD.
- 2) **European Region Challengers:** All prize money and fees must be paid in EUR.
- 3) **All Other ATP Challenger Tour Events:** Prize money and fees must be paid in USD.

3.11 On-Site Prize Money Adjustment

A. Exchange Rate Adjustment Rule

There will be no prize money adjustment for tournaments in the U.S. and tournaments in ATP's European Group, except for those in non-euro based countries. For all other tournaments, the on-site prize money will be increased or decreased from approved prize money levels when there are significant exchange rate changes between USD or EUR / local currency. The amount of the prize money adjustment shall be determined as follows:

- 1) As of March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year, ATP will compare the current market exchange (ratio of local currency to USD or EUR) with the 5-year average of the same currency exchange rate for each non-U.S./ non-European group and calculate the change between the current rate and average rate as a percentage of the average rate. Prize money amounts for tournaments in countries where more than a 10% change occurs will be adjusted by one-half of the percentage change subject to a maximum adjustment of 15%.

The calculations will apply to tournaments in the following year on the dates as follows:

- a) March 31 calculation-tournaments that begin from January 1 through March 31
 - b) June 30 calculation-tournaments that begin from April 1 through June 30
 - c) September 30 calculation-tournaments that begin from July 1 through September 30
 - d) December 31 calculation-tournaments that begin from October 1 through December 31
- 2) PIF ATP Rankings points will be based on approved prize money levels prior to any adjustment pursuant to this section. This section will not apply to tournaments in countries where currencies are not actively traded.

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- 3) The Exchange Rate Adjustment rule will not apply to: new ATP Tour tournaments who have run their event for less than 5 years, existing tournaments that relocate to a country with different currency for the first 5 years in the new location, existing tournaments who previously elected to opt out of this rule and ATP Challenger Tour events. New ATP tournaments may not opt out of this rule.

3.12 Late Payment

Prize money payments not received by the due dates specified herein are subject to an initial 2% late fee, followed by a subsequent 2% late fee every 30 days.

3.13 Taxes-Notice of Withholdings

Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament is required to give at least ninety (90) days notice to ATP of the percentage of the applicable player income tax deduction. No other tax deduction(s) will be permitted from the on-site prize money paid to a player. Tournaments are responsible for any additional taxes imposed. Each tournament is responsible for withholding required income taxes from each player's prize money payment and remitting such amounts to the applicable taxing authorities on a timely basis.

3.14 Withholding From Prize Money

- A. Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall withhold from prize money only a player's applicable income tax deduction, non-member service fee, fines, advances and other ATP designated expenses.
- B. Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall document the player income tax deduction, if any, and provide players on-site with a withholding income tax receipt.
- C. When a fine is deducted from a player's prize money paid in a currency other than the assessed currency, the exchange rate used (on the day the fine is deducted) by ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament for the payment of prize money shall be applicable to the payment of the fine.

3.15 Prizes and Non-Cash Awards

- A. In addition to on-site prize money, each ATP Tour tournament may give to each singles and doubles winner during the on-site awards presentation one (1) non-cash award or prize plus a trophy. Non-cash awards or prizes valued over \$5,000 must be approved by the ATP CEO no later than forty-two (42) days prior to the tournament and can be offered for results in that tournament only.
- B. All non-cash awards or prizes must be the product of, or service provided by, a principal tournament sponsor.
- C. Pre-existing tournament sponsorship agreements made before 1993 for non-cash awards or prizes are exempt until the expiration of such agreements. The tournament must notify the appropriate ATP Regional Office of such non-cash awards or prizes forty-two (42) days prior to the tournament.

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D. Tournaments may not pay travel expenses without special written permission from ATP.

3.16 Release from Financial Commitment

A. Each ATP Tour tournament is required to pay its financial commitment for each calendar year tournament.

B. No refund shall be made for any sums paid whether or not the event is actually held, unless ATP in its sole discretion determines that extraordinary circumstances exist justifying such action.

3.17 ATP Masters 1000 Tournament Financial Information

A. Each Masters 1000 tournament member is required to annually submit to the M1000 PM Committee Auditor an independently audited tournament income statement and related footnotes, along with other information as requested by the M1000 PM Committee and the M1000 PM Committee Auditor. This income statement must be a complete and accurate determination of actual net income and net income before income taxes. In connection with the foregoing, each Masters 1000 tournament member shall provide its full cooperation to the M1000 PM Committee Auditor, who will examine and verify the accuracy of such information.

B. The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

“M1000 Prize Money Committee (M1000 PM Committee)” means the committee appointed by the ATP Board of Directors and authorized to act in accordance with this rule, which shall be comprised of the ATP Chairman or his designee, an M1000 Independent Member (as defined below) and an equal number of tournament and player representatives, with only one (1) tournament representative and one (1) player representative serving on such M1000 PM Committee being designated by the class of ATP Board Directors that appointed such representatives with the right to vote on any M1000 PM Committee matters, regardless of the number of tournament and player representatives appointed to serve on the M1000 PM Committee. The player representative and the tournament representative designated with the right to vote on M1000 PM Committee matters shall be collectively referred to herein as the “M1000 Voting Members”. If appointed voting member is unable to attend meeting, provided that proper notice has taken place for such meeting, a vote would automatically proxy to the non-voting member.

“M1000 PM Committee Auditor” means an independent accounting firm appointed by the M1000 PM Committee to (i) receive and evaluate each tournament member's M1000 Submissions and tournament financials, (ii) perform agreed upon procedures regarding financial information included in each M1000 Submission, and (iii) prepare reports to be provided to the M1000 PM Committee and to the ATP Board of Directors in accordance with this rule summarizing the M1000 Submissions. The M1000 PM Committee Auditor will also act as advisor to the M1000 PM Committee on financial and accounting related matters and GAAP reporting issues and questions. The M1000 PM Committee Auditor will be instructed not to provide to any party, including the M1000 PM Committee, any of its members, the ATP Board of Directors, ATP or its staff, except for the M1000 Player Auditor, the ATP Chairman, CEO and CFO, individual tournament information or any information that could reasonably lead to the

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calculation of individual tournament information and the matching of the information to a particular tournament. The M1000 PM Committee Auditor will be required to execute and deliver to the M1000 PM Committee a statement of confidentiality and non-disclosure prohibiting the M1000 PM Committee Auditor from making any such disclosure.

“M1000 Independent Auditor” means a highly qualified independent certified public accounting firm selected by each 1000 tournament member and approved by ATP to perform a full scope independent audit of the M1000 Tournament Income Statement and perform certain other agreed upon procedures and to provide results of such procedures to the M1000 PM Committee Auditor.

“M1000 Independent Member” means the independent member of the M1000 PM Committee appointed by the ATP Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a super majority vote of the Board to serve on the M1000 PM Committee for a 3-year term. The Independent Member will serve as Chair of M1000 PM Committee. The Independent Member is subject to removal at any time by the ATP Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a super majority vote of the Board.

“M1000 Player Auditor” means an independent certified public accountant and/or financial advisor selected by the player member(s) of the M1000 PM Committee and approved by the M1000 PM Committee in accordance with Section C below, who meets the appropriate level of expertise and experience to evaluate the accuracy of the M1000 Submissions. The M1000 Player Auditor will act as advisor to the player member(s) of M1000 PM Committee. The M1000 Player Auditor may also review items and information related to the application of the Masters 1000 Player Compensation Rule to the extent requested by the player member(s) of the M1000 PM Committee and shall provide comfort to such member(s) as to the accuracy of the M1000 Submissions to confirm the reasonableness of the M1000 PM Committee Auditor's evaluation thereof. M1000 Player Auditor will be instructed not to provide to any party, including the M1000 PM Committee, any of its members, ATP or its staff, except for the ATP Chairman, CEO and CFO, individual tournament information or any information that could reasonably lead to the calculation of individual tournament information and the matching of the information to a particular tournament. The M1000 Player Auditor will be required to execute and deliver to the M1000 PM Committee a statement of confidentiality and non-disclosure prohibiting the M1000 Player Auditor from making any such disclosure.

“Related Party” means a person or company that has control, joint control or significant influence over the tournament or a tournament entity, either by ownership, by agreement, or by power to manage, govern or influence the tournament's finances and/or operations. Also, a person or company is considered to be a related party to the tournament if the tournament has control, joint control or significant influence over the person or company, either by ownership, by agreement, or by power to manage, govern or influence the person or company's finances and/or operations.

“M1000 Submission” means the prescribed, mandatory annual financial information report required to be submitted to the M1000 PM Committee Auditor by each Masters 1000 tournament member (or its M1000 Independent Auditor) hereunder, which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include a M1000 Tournament Income Statement and further information reasonably requested by the M1000 PM Committee Auditor similar in detail to the previous Tournament Financial Review process, but also

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including full disclosure and armslength fair valuation of related party transactions for both income and expenses and owner transactions. M1000 Submission must reconcile (with a schedule and explanation of any reconciling differences provided) to the audited M1000 Tournament Income Statement. M1000 Submission may also include any other information reasonably requested by the

M1000 PM Committee. The M1000 Submission must be completed in full as determined by the M1000 PM Committee Auditor to be considered in compliance with this rule.

“M1000 Tournament Income Statement” means the independently audited income statement which includes all revenues, costs and expenses and provides both net income and net income before income taxes related to the tournament. Such M1000 Tournament Income Statement will be reported in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States (“US GAAP”), the International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) for small and medium size businesses or the applicable General Accepted Accounting Principles (“local GAAP”) in the country in which the tournament operates. These reporting standards must be consistently applied over a period of five years at least. Each M1000 Tournament Income Statement shall include all revenues, costs and expenses related to the tournament’s event operations regardless of which entity affiliated with the tournament event receives, or accounts for, such revenues, costs or expenses or which jurisdiction such items are reported. All such amounts shall be reported in the tournament’s domestic reporting currency. The M1000 PM Committee has the authority to create additional rules for such reporting. Consistent with local GAAP, US GAAP and IFRS, tournaments will report estimated revenues, costs and expenses where final amounts are not determinable by the deadline for completing the M1000 Submission. Subsequent adjustments of these estimates to actual will be included in the M1000 Tournament Income Statement in the subsequent M1000 Submission when such final amounts are known.

C. The M1000 PM Committee will administer, implement and enforce this rule, including, but not limited to (i) determining procedures for audits for purposes of financial disclosures in accordance with the terms of this rule; (ii) determining the process of receiving financial information from tournament members and audits with respect to such information (iii) evaluating and resolving questions and issues that may arise in respect of any audit, M1000 Submission or violation of this rule; (iv) enforcing this rule pursuant to Section G below; and (v) implementing any other aspect of this rule. All actions, approvals and determinations of the M1000 PM Committee shall require a unanimous vote of the M1000 Voting Members, unless otherwise expressly provided in this rule (including as set forth in Sections D, E, F and G). The ATP Chairman shall have no right to vote on M1000 PM Committee matters; provided, however, that in the event that the M1000 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on the appointment of the M1000 Player Auditor, the ATP Chairman acting reasonably shall have the right to vote on whether approval of the proposed M1000 Player Auditor should be granted. If any such vote by the ATP Chairman occurs and the ATP Chairman votes against the approval of any proposed M1000 Player Auditor, then the ATP Chairman will provide a brief description of his or her reason for such decision to the M1000 PM Committee. The M1000 PM Committee will meet regularly as deemed necessary by the M1000 PM Committee to properly administer, implement and enforce this rule. The ATP Board of Directors will make reasonable and adequate

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funding available to enable to the M1000 PM Committee to administer, implement and enforce this rule in accordance with the terms herein.

D. Each Masters 1000 tournament member is required to provide a complete and accurate M1000 Submission annually to the M1000 PM Committee Auditor no later than 120 days following the conclusion of tournament’s fiscal year-end. Each M1000 Submission must be certified by the applicable tournament member as complete and accurate and in compliance with this rule in all material respects.

E. Each year, the M1000 PM Committee Auditor will perform agreed upon audit procedures (as directed by the M1000 PM Committee) of each tournament member M1000 Submission, and report to the M1000 PM Committee any issues that it may identify as a result of these procedures for which the M1000 PM Committee Auditor is unable to resolve with the respective tournament. Once this process is complete, the M1000 PM Committee Auditor will provide the results of its procedures and the supporting audit work papers to the M1000 Player Auditor. Such information will be provided to the M1000 Player Auditor without identifying individual tournament names. The M1000 Player Auditor will undertake a review of the provided information and results. After completing this review, if the M1000 Player Auditor has any outstanding issues or questions, the M1000 Player Auditor will work with the M1000 PM Committee Auditor to resolve such issues and questions. In the event that the M1000 PM Committee Auditor and the M1000 Player Auditor are unable to resolve any such issues or questions, the M1000 PM Committee Auditor and the M1000 Player Auditor will inform the M1000 PM Committee and may jointly conduct an on-site audit at the offices of the relevant tournament or Related Party to review and evaluate the books and records of such tournament or Related Party that are reasonably necessary to resolve such issue or question; provided, that any such joint on-site audit must be conducted during regular business hours. If after any joint on-site audit, the M1000 PM Committee Auditor and the M1000 Player Auditor are still unable to resolve any such issues or questions (or in the event the M1000 PM Committee Auditor and the M1000 Player Auditor elect not to conduct an on-site audit and such issues or questions remain), the M1000 PM Committee Auditor and the M1000 Player Auditor will inform the M1000 PM Committee and the M1000 PM Committee will evaluate the information presented and make a determination on the issue(s) or question(s), and then issue a determination as to whether the unresolved issue(s) or question(s) is due to an act or omission of a tournament member. In the event that the M1000 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on such determination, then the M1000 Independent Member will make such determination in his or her sole discretion. If it is determined that the unresolved issue(s) or questions(s) are due to an act or omission of a tournament member, then the M1000 PM Committee will determine the implications for the purpose of the prize money formula calculation and/or that tournament may be subject to a fine pursuant to Section G below.

F. Any tournament member that (i) fails to provide a M1000 Submission to the M1000 PM Committee Auditor as required under this rule (including with respect to the timing, accuracy and/ or completeness thereof), (ii) submits a report or document that contains a material misstatement or omits material information, (iii) does not fully cooperate with the M1000 PM Committee Auditor and M1000 Player Auditor as required hereunder, or (iv) otherwise fails to comply with this rule, may request from the M1000 PM Committee a 10 day extension in order to comply with its submission failure. Following any such extension the tournament in each case, may be subject to a fine in a maximum amount of \$250,000. This maximum fine amount will increase by

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100% for each consecutive year submission failure by a tournament. The M1000 PM Committee shall evaluate the circumstances that led to the failure of such tournament member to comply with the terms of this rule and assess an appropriate fine taking into consideration the guidelines set forth in Section G below or as otherwise provided by the ATP Board of Directors from time to time. For clarity, any such guidelines will be for guidance purposes only and the M1000 PM Committee will have the right to determine an appropriate fine in its sole discretion. In the event that the M1000 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on a fine, the M1000 Independent Member will make such determination in his or her sole discretion taking into account the circumstances that led to the failure of the tournament member to comply with the terms of this rule. All fines assessed under this rule will be contributed to player programs as determined by the Player Board Representatives.

- G. The following guidelines are fines that may be imposed for violations of this rule (subject to the discretion of M1000 PM Committee as set forth in this rule):

Violation	Fine*
Failure to meet 120-day deadline to provide a M1000 Submission in accordance with this rule	\$20,000
Prolonged failure to meet 120-day deadline to provide a M1000 Submission in accordance with this rule (over a month late)	\$60,000
M1000 Submission contains a material misstatement or material omission of information	\$60,000 (up to a maximum of \$250,000)
Willful non-compliance with this rule (e.g., failure to provide a M1000 Submission)	Up to a maximum of \$250,000

* Specific amounts should depend on the severity of the violation and issue(s) presented.

3.18 ATP Tournament 500 Financial Information

- A. Each ATP 500 tournament member is required to annually submit to the 500 PM Committee Auditor an independently audited tournament income statement and related footnotes, along with other information as requested by the 500 PM Committee and the 500 PM Committee Auditor. This income statement must be a complete and accurate determination of actual net income and net income before income taxes. In connection with the foregoing, each 500 tournament member shall provide its full cooperation to the 500 PM Committee Auditor, who will examine and verify the accuracy of such information.

- B. The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

“500 Prize Money Committee (500 PM Committee)” means the committee appointed by the ATP Board of Directors and authorized to act in accordance with this rule, which shall be comprised of the ATP Chairman or his designee, a 500 Independent Member (as defined below) and an equal number of tournament and player

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representatives, with only one (1) tournament representative and one (1) player representative serving on such 500 PM Committee being designated by the class of ATP Board Directors that appointed such representatives with the right to vote on any 500 PM Committee matters, regardless of the number of tournament and player representatives appointed to serve on the 500 PM Committee. The player representative and the tournament representative designated with the right to vote on 500 PM Committee matters shall be collectively referred to herein as the “500 Voting Members”. If appointed voting member is unable to attend meeting, provided that proper notice has taken place for such meeting, a vote would automatically proxy to the non-voting member.

“500 PM Committee Auditor” means an independent accounting firm appointed by the 500 PM Committee to (i) receive and evaluate each tournament member’s 500 Submissions and tournament financials, (ii) perform agreed upon procedures regarding financial information included in each 500 Submission, and (iii) prepare reports to be provided to the 500 PM Committee and to the ATP Board of Directors in accordance with this rule summarizing the 500 Submissions. The 500 PM Committee Auditor will also act as advisor to the 500 PM Committee on financial and accounting related matters and GAAP reporting issues and questions. The 500 PM Committee Auditor will be instructed not to provide to any party, including the 500 PM Committee, any of its members, the ATP Board of Directors, ATP or its staff, except for the 500 Player Auditor, the ATP Chairman, CEO and CFO (or their respective reasonably appointed designees), individual tournament information or any information that could reasonably lead to the calculation of individual tournament information and the matching of the information to a particular tournament. The 500 PM Committee Auditor will be required to execute and deliver to the 500 PM Committee a statement of confidentiality and non-disclosure prohibiting the 500 PM Committee Auditor from making any such disclosure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the 500 PM Committee Auditor, the 500 Player Auditor, the ATP Chairman, CEO and CFO (or their respective reasonably appointed designees) may share individual tournament information or documentation across the 500 category tournament members in an anonymized fashion.

“500 Independent Auditor” means a highly qualified independent certified public accounting firm selected by each 500 tournament member and approved by ATP to perform a full scope independent audit of the 500 Tournament Income Statement and perform certain other agreed upon procedures and to provide results of such procedures to the 500 PM Committee Auditor.

“500 Independent Member” means the independent member of the 500 PM Committee appointed by the ATP Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a super majority vote of the Board to serve on the 500 PM Committee for a 3-year term. The Independent Member will serve as Chair of the 500 PM Committee. The Independent Member is subject to removal at any time by the ATP Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a super majority vote of the Board.

“500 Player Auditor” means an independent certified public accountant and/or financial advisor selected by the player member(s) of the 500 PM Committee and approved by the 500 PM Committee in accordance with Section C below, who meets the appropriate level of expertise and experience to evaluate the accuracy of the 500 Submissions. The 500 Player Auditor will act as advisor to the player member(s) of 500 PM Committee. The 500 Player Auditor may also review items and information

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related to the application of the 500 Prize Money Formula Rule to the extent requested by the player member(s) of the 500 PM Committee and shall provide comfort to such member(s) as to the accuracy of the 500 Submissions to confirm the reasonableness of the 500 PM Committee Auditor's evaluation thereof. 500 Player Auditor will be instructed not to provide to any party, including the 500 PM Committee, any of its members, ATP or its staff, except for the ATP Chairman, CEO and CFO (or their respective reasonably appointed designees), individual tournament information or any information that could reasonably lead to the calculation of individual tournament information and the matching of the information to a particular tournament. The 500 Player Auditor will be required to execute and deliver to the 500 PM Committee a statement of confidentiality and non-disclosure prohibiting the 500 Player Auditor from making any such disclosure.

"Gross Revenues" means the total amount of gross revenues related to a tournament determined on the basis of local GAAP, US GAAP or the IFRS (depending on the applicable accounting rules in the country in which the tournament operates), in each case, as in effect on such date of determination and consistently applied, which shall include all revenues related to the tournament's operations regardless of which entity affiliated with the tournament receives, or accounts for, such revenues or in which jurisdiction such revenues are reported. All such revenues shall be reported in the tournament's domestic reporting currency. For men's and women's combined tournaments, total Gross Revenues should be broken out by tournament and categorized by those identifiable only to the men's tournament, those identifiable only to the women's tournament, and all other revenues. The 500 PM Committee has the power to create additional rules for reporting Gross Revenues. Consistent with local GAAP, US GAAP and IFRS, tournaments will report estimated revenues for those revenue sources where final revenue amounts are not determinable by the deadline for completing the 500 Submission. Subsequent adjustments of these estimates to actual will be included in Gross Revenues in the subsequent 500 Submission when such final revenue amounts are known.

"Barter" a description of each Barter transaction must be included as part of each 500 Submission. Barter transactions as defined below for each revenue category are required to be included in Gross Revenues. Barter for this purpose is non-cash transactions (for example advertising) where value is exchanged (for example, when cars are provided as part of a car sponsor deal the value of the cars provided must be included in sponsor revenues. Another example is tickets given to a local club or charity for no consideration would not be valued or included in ticketing revenues). Barter valuations should be in accordance with local GAAP, US GAAP or IFRS applicable to each tournament. The 500 PM Committee will work with the 500 PM Committee Auditor and include a comprehensive definition of barter transactions and their valuation for Gross Revenue purposes and include such comprehensive definition as part of the 500 Submission.

The following Barter transactions are excluded from Gross Revenues:

- (a) Media commitments for promotional time or space that are not for resale and are used solely (i) to promote the tournament, (ii) to promote the ATP or any related event or activity of the tournament that generates Gross Revenues, (iii) to promote charitable or not for profit organizations or agencies that are unrelated to the tournament or tournament affiliates, or (iv) for public service announcements.

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- (b) Any barter transaction that is both used to satisfy tournament standards and is for the direct benefit of the players. Such direct player benefits include, but are not limited to, hotel accommodations; player transportation, player food, meals and beverages; lounge for players; internet access for players; and gifting and on-court supplies for players.
- (c) De Minimus barter transactions are defined as individual transactions with valuations under \$20,000 for 500 tournaments. De Minimus transactions are not required to be reported individually in the 500 Submission as long as the total of such individual transactions is 5% or less of Gross Revenues. In the event such total exceeds 5% of Gross Revenues, tournaments must individually report the highest valued barter transactions included in the total such that the total excluding those transactions is 5% or less of Gross Revenues. A summary written description of each De Minimus transaction is required to be included in the Submission.

"500 Submission" means the prescribed, mandatory annual financial information report required to be submitted to the 500 PM Committee Auditor by each 500 tournament member (or its 500 Independent Auditor) hereunder, which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include a 500 Tournament Income Statement and further information reasonably requested by the 500 PM Committee Auditor similar in detail to the previous Tournament Financial Review process, but also including full disclosure and arms-length fair valuation of related party transactions for both income and expenses and owner transactions. 500 Submission must reconcile (with a schedule and explanation of any reconciling differences provided) to the audited 500 Tournament Income Statement. 500 Submission may also include any other information reasonably requested by the 500 PM Committee. The 500 Submission must be completed in full as determined by the 500 PM Committee Auditor to be considered in compliance with this rule.

"500 Tournament Income Statement" means the independently audited income statement which includes all revenues, costs and expenses and provides both net income and net income before income taxes related to the tournament. Such 500 Tournament Income Statement will be reported in accordance with local GAAP, US GAAP, the IFRS for small and medium size businesses, in each case consistently applied. Each 500 Tournament Income Statement shall include all revenues, costs and expenses related to the tournament's event operations regardless of which entity affiliated with the tournament event receives, or accounts for, such revenues, costs or expenses or which jurisdiction such items are reported. All such amounts shall be reported in the tournament's domestic reporting currency. The 500 PM Committee has the authority to create additional rules for such reporting. Consistent with both GAAP, the IFRS for small and medium size businesses, or Local GAAP, tournaments will report estimated revenues, costs and expenses where final amounts are not determinable by the deadline for completing the 500 Submission. Subsequent adjustments of these estimates to actual will be included in the 500 Tournament Income Statement in the subsequent 500 Submission when such final amounts are known.

- C. The 500 PM Committee will administer, implement and enforce this rule, but not limited to (i) determining procedures for audits for purposes of financial disclosures in accordance with the terms of this rule; (ii) determining the process of receiving financial information from tournament members and audits with respect to such information (iii) evaluating and resolving questions and issues that may arise in respect

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of any audit, 500 Submission or violation of this rule; (iv) enforcing this rule pursuant to Section G below; and (v) implementing any other aspect of this rule. All actions, approvals and determinations of the 500 PM Committee shall require a unanimous vote of the 500 Voting Members, unless otherwise expressly provided in this rule (including as set forth in Sections D, E, F and G). The ATP Chairman shall have no right to vote on 500 PM Committee matters; provided, however, that in the event that the 500 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on the appointment of the 500 Player Auditor, the ATP Chairman acting reasonably shall have the right to vote on whether approval of the proposed 500 Player Auditor should be granted. If any such vote by the ATP Chairman occurs and the ATP Chairman votes against the approval of any proposed 500 Player Auditor, then the ATP Chairman will provide a brief description of his or her reason for such decision to the 500 PM Committee. The 500 PM Committee will meet regularly as deemed necessary by the 500 PM Committee to properly administer, implement and enforce this rule. The ATP Board of Directors will make reasonable and adequate funding available to enable the 500 PM Committee to administer, implement and enforce this rule in accordance with the terms herein.

D. Each 500 tournament member is required to provide a complete and accurate 500 Submission annually to the 500 PM Committee Auditor no later than 120 days following the conclusion of its tournament for such year. Independently audited financial information is to be provided no later than 120 days following the conclusion of tournament's fiscal year-end. Each 500 Submission must be certified by the applicable tournament member as complete and accurate and in compliance with this rule in all material respects.

E. Each year, the 500 PM Committee Auditor will perform agreed upon audit procedures (as directed by the 500 PM Committee) of each tournament member 500 Submission, and report to the 500 PM Committee any issues that it may identify as a result of these procedures for which the 500 PM Committee Auditor is unable to resolve with the respective tournament. Once this process is complete, the 500 PM Committee Auditor will provide the results of its procedures and the supporting audit work papers to the 500 Player Auditor. Such information will be provided to the 500 Player Auditor without identifying individual tournament names. The 500 Player Auditor will undertake a review of the provided information and results. After completing this review, if the 500 Player Auditor has any outstanding issues or questions, the 500 Player Auditor will work with the 500 PM Committee Auditor to resolve such issues and questions. In the event that the 500 PM Committee Auditor and the 500 Player Auditor are unable to resolve any such issues or questions, the 500 PM Committee Auditor and the 500 Player Auditor will inform the 500 PM Committee and may jointly conduct an on-site audit at the offices of the relevant tournament or Related Party to review and evaluate the books and records of such tournament or Related Party that are reasonably necessary to resolve such issue or question; provided, that any such joint on-site audit must be conducted during regular business hours. If after any joint on-site audit, the 500 PM Committee Auditor and the 500 Player Auditor are still unable to resolve any such issues or questions (or in the event the 500 PM Committee Auditor and the 500 Player Auditor elect not to conduct an on-site audit and such issues or questions remain), the 500 PM Committee Auditor and the 500 Player Auditor will inform the 500 PM Committee and the 500 PM Committee will evaluate the information presented and make a determination on the issue(s) or question(s), and then issue a determination as to whether the unresolved issue(s) or question(s)

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is due to an act or omission of a tournament member. In the event that the 500 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on such determination, then the 500 Independent Member will make such determination in his or her sole discretion. If it is determined that the unresolved issue(s) or questions(s) are due to an act or omission of a tournament member, then the 500 PM Committee will determine the implications for the purpose of the prize money formula calculation and/or that tournament may be subject to a fine pursuant to Section G below.

F. Any tournament member that (i) fails to provide a 500 Submission to the 500 PM Committee Auditor as required under this rule (including with respect to the timing, accuracy and/ or completeness thereof), (ii) submits a report or document that contains a material misstatement or omits material information, (iii) does not fully cooperate with the 500 PM Committee Auditor and 500 Player Auditor as required hereunder, or (iv) otherwise fails to comply with this rule, may request from the 500 PM Committee a 10 day extension in order to comply with its submission failure. Following any such extension the tournament in each case, may be subject to a fine in a maximum amount of \$250,000. This maximum fine amount will increase by 100% for each consecutive year submission failure by a tournament. The 500 PM Committee shall evaluate the circumstances that led to the failure of such tournament member to comply with the terms of this rule and assess an appropriate fine taking into consideration the guidelines set forth in Section G below or as otherwise provided by the ATP Board of Directors from time to time. For clarity, any such guidelines will be for guidance purposes only and the 500 PM Committee will have the right to determine an appropriate fine in its sole discretion. In the event that the 500 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on a fine, the 500 Independent Member will make such determination in his or her sole discretion taking into account the circumstances that led to the failure of the tournament member to comply with the terms of this rule. All fines assessed under this rule will be contributed to player programs as determined by the Player Board Representatives.

G. The following guidelines are fines that may be imposed for violations of this rule (subject to the discretion of 500 PM Committee as set forth in this rule):

Violation	Fine*
Failure to meet 120-day deadline to provide a 500 Submission in accordance with this rule	\$10,000
Prolonged failure to meet 120-day deadline to provide a 500 Submission in accordance with this rule (over a month late)	\$30,000
500 Submission contains a material misstatement or material omission of information	\$30,000 (up to a maximum of \$250,000)
Willful non-compliance with this rule (e.g., failure to provide a 500 Submission)	Up to a maximum of \$250,000

* Specific amounts should depend on the severity of the violation and issue(s) presented.

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3.19 ATP 250 Tournament Financial Information

A. Each 250 category tournament member is required to annually provide to the 250 PM Committee Auditor (as defined below) a complete and accurate determination and calculation of its actual tournament Gross Revenues (as defined below), costs, expenses and net income and all other financial information and supporting documentation relating thereto, in each case, as requested by the 250 PM Committee Auditor and in accordance with the terms of this rule. In connection with the foregoing, each 250 category tournament member shall provide its full cooperation to the 250 PM Committee Auditor, who will examine and verify the accuracy of such information.

B. The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

“250 Prize Money Committee (250 PM Committee)” means the committee appointed by the ATP Board of Directors and authorized to act in accordance with this rule, which shall be comprised of the ATP Chairman or his designee, an Independent Member (as defined below) and an equal number of tournament and player representatives, with only one (1) tournament representative and one (1) player representative serving on such 250 PM Committee, being designated by the class of ATP Board Directors that appointed such representatives, with the right to vote on any 250 PM Committee matters, regardless of the number of tournament and player representatives appointed to serve on the 250 PM Committee. The player representative and the tournament representative designated with the right to vote on 250 PM Committee matters shall be collectively referred to herein as the “250 Voting Members”.

“250 PM Committee Auditor” means an independent accounting firm appointed by the 250 PM Committee to (i) receive and evaluate each tournament member’s 250 Submissions and projected tournament financials, (ii) perform agreed upon procedures regarding financial information included in each 250 Submission, and (iii) prepare reports to be provided to the 250 PM Committee and to the ATP Board of Directors in accordance with this rule summarizing the 250 Submissions. The 250 PM Committee Auditor will also act as advisor to the 250 PM Committee on financial and accounting related matters and Gross Revenue, costs, expenses and net income reporting issues and questions.

“Independent Member” means the independent member of the 250 PM Committee appointed by the ATP Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of a super majority of the Board, to serve on the 250 PM Committee for a 3-year term. The Independent Member is subject to removal at any time by the ATP Board of Directors by the same vote required for appointment.

“250 Player Auditor” means an independent certified public accountant and/or financial advisor selected by the player member(s) of the 250 PM Committee and approved by the 250 PM Committee in accordance with Section C below, who meets the appropriate level of expertise and experience to evaluate the accuracy of the 250 Submissions. The 250 Player Auditor will act as advisor to the player member(s) of 250 PM Committee.

“250 Submission” means the prescribed, mandatory annual financial information report required to be submitted hereunder to the 250 PM Committee Auditor by each 250 category tournament which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include a determination and calculation of Gross Revenues, costs, expenses and net income, similar

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in detail to the prior Tournament Financial review process and any other information required or reasonably requested by the 250 PM Committee. The 250 Submission must be completed in full as determined by the 250 PM Committee Auditor to be considered in compliance with this rule.

C. The 250 PM Committee will administer, implement and enforce this rule, including, but not limited to (i) determining procedures for audits for purposes of financial disclosures in accordance with the terms of this rule; (ii) determining the process of receiving financial information from tournament members and audits with respect to such information; (iii) evaluating and resolving questions and issues that may arise in respect of any audit, 250 Submission or violation of this rule; (iv) enforcing this rule pursuant to Section H below; and (v) implementing any other aspect of this rule. All actions, approvals and determinations of the 250 PM Committee shall require a unanimous vote of the 250 Voting Members, unless otherwise expressly provided in this rule (including as set forth in Sections D, E, F, G and H below). The ATP Chairman shall have no right to vote on 250 PM Committee matters; provided, however, that in the event that the 250 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on the appointment of the 250 Player Auditor, the ATP Chairman acting reasonably shall have the right to vote on whether approval of the proposed 250 Player Auditor should be granted. If any such vote by the ATP Chairman votes against the approval of any proposed 250 Player Auditor, then the ATP Chairman will provide a brief description of his or her reason for such decision to the 250 PM Committee. The 250 PM Committee will meet regularly as deemed necessary by the 250 PM Committee to properly administer, implement and enforce this rule. The ATP Board of Directors will make reasonable and adequate funding available to enable the 250 PM Committee to administer, implement and enforce this rule in accordance with the terms herein.

D. Each 250 category tournament member is required to provide a complete and accurate 250 Submission annually to the 250 PM Committee Auditor no later than 120 days following the conclusion of its tournament for such year. Each 250 Submission must be certified by the applicable tournament member as complete and accurate and in compliance with this rule in all material respects. The financial information included in each 250 Submission shall be construed and prepared in accordance with GAAP or IFRS, unless a different basis is legally mandated by the country in which the tournament operates. In such case, differences between any such other basis and GAAP or IFRS, as applicable, must be identified and resolved by such tournament member as part of its 250 Submission. Upon appointment by the 250 PM Committee, each of the 250 PM Committee Auditor and the 250 Player Auditor will be instructed not to disclose any individual tournament information or documentation that it receives to any party, including the 250 PM Committee, any of its members, the ATP Board of Directors, ATP or its staff, except for the ATP Chairman, CEO and CFO (or their respective reasonably appointed designees). The 250 PM Committee Auditor and 250 Player Auditor will be required to execute and deliver to the 250 PM Committee a statement of confidentiality and non-disclosure prohibiting either the 250 PM Committee Auditor or 250 Player Auditor from making any such disclosure.

E. Each year, the 250 PM Committee Auditor will perform an agreed upon desk-based procedures audit (as directed by the 250 PM Committee) of each tournament’s Gross Revenues included in the 250 Submission and report to the 250 PM Committee any issues that it may identify as a result of these procedures for which the 250 PM Committee Auditor is unable to resolve with the respective tournament. Once this process is complete, the 250 PM Committee Auditor will provide the results of its procedures

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and the supporting audit work papers to the 250 Player Auditor. The 250 Player Auditor will undertake a review of the provided information and results. After completing this review, if the 250 Player Auditor has any outstanding issues or questions, the 250 Player Auditor will work with the 250 PM Committee Auditor to resolve such issues and questions. In the event that the 250 PM Committee Auditor and the 250 Player Auditor are unable to resolve any such issues or questions, the 250 Committee Auditor and the 250 Player Auditor will inform the 250 PM Committee and may jointly conduct an on-site audit at the offices of the relevant tournament or Related Party to review and evaluate the books and records of such tournament or Related Party that are reasonably necessary to resolve such issue or question; provided, that any such joint on-site audit must be conducted during regular business hours and no more than three (3) joint on-site audits may be conducted during any consecutive twelve (12) month period. If after any joint on-site audit, the 250 PM Committee Auditor and the 250 Player Auditor are still unable to resolve any such issues or questions (or in the event the 250 PM Committee Auditor and the 250 Player Auditor elect not to conduct an on-site audit and such issues or questions remain), the 250 PM Committee Auditor and the 250 Player Auditor will inform the 250 PM Committee and the 250 PM Committee will evaluate the information presented and then issue a determination as to whether the unresolved issue(s) or question(s) is due to an act or omission of a tournament member. In the event that the 250 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on such determination, then the 250 Independent Member will make such determination in his or her sole discretion.

F. Any tournament member that (i) fails to provide a 250 Submission to the 250 PM Committee Auditor as required under this rule (including with respect to the timing, accuracy and/ or completeness thereof), (ii) submits a report or document that contains a material misstatement or omits material information, (iii) does not fully cooperate with the 250 PM Committee Auditor and 250 Player Auditor as required hereunder, or (iv) otherwise fails to comply with this rule, may request from the 250 PM Committee a 10 day extension in order to comply with its submission failure. Following any such extension the tournament in each case, may be subject to a fine in a maximum amount of \$250,000. This maximum fine amount will increase by 100% for each consecutive year submission failure by a tournament. The 250 PM Committee shall evaluate the circumstances that led to the failure of such tournament member to comply with the terms of this rule and assess an appropriate fine taking into consideration the guidelines set forth in Section G below or as otherwise provided by the ATP Board of Directors from time to time. For clarity, any such guidelines will be for guidance purposes only and the 250 PM Committee will have the right to determine an appropriate fine in its sole discretion. In the event that the 250 Voting Members are unable to unanimously agree on a fine, the 250 Independent Member will make such determination in his or her sole discretion taking into account the circumstances that led to the failure of the tournament member to comply with the terms of this rule. All fines assessed under this rule will be contributed to player programs as determined by the Player Board Representatives.

G. The following guidelines set forth fines that may be imposed for violations of this rule (subject to the discretion of 250 Committee as set forth in this rule):

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Violation	Fine* 250
Failure to meet 120-day deadline to provide a 250 Submission in accordance with this rule	\$5,000
Prolonged failure to meet 120-day deadline to provide a 250 Submission in accordance with this rule (over a month late)	\$15,000
250 Submission contains a material misstatement or material omission of information	\$15,000 (up to a maximum of \$250,000)
Willful non-compliance with this rule (e.g., failure to provide a 250 Submission)	Up to a maximum of \$250,000

*Specific amounts should depend on the severity of the violation and issue(s) presented.

3.20 ATP Masters 1000 Player Compensation & ATP Variable Bonus Pool

A. On-site prize money for 2023 was the amount approved by the ATP Board for each tournament. The yearly aggregated on-site prize money for all Masters 1000 tournaments (Base Prize Money or “BPM”) increases by 2.5% annually beginning in 2023. The 2.5% annual increase in BPM will be divided as determined by the tournaments.

B. VBP (as defined below) is an additional annual amount that will vary with the calculation for each year and the amounts are not cumulative (don’t carry over year to year). VBP is calculated using current year ANI, as defined below, compared to the BPM of the then current year. 50% of any excess of ANI over BPM will be contributed to VBP and paid to players based on participation and performances at the Masters 1000 and ATP Finals tournaments during the respective calendar year. The M1000 PM Committee Auditor will be responsible for making these calculations and reporting such results to the M1000 PM Committee for approval by the end of September each year. Any VBP contribution approved for payment will be shared as determined by the tournaments and will be paid to ATP for distribution to players at the end of each respective calendar year in conjunction with the payment of the ATP Fixed Bonus Pool. Allocation to players of both ATP Fixed Bonus Pool and Variable Bonus Pool as determined by the ATP Board.

C. The following terms used in this Rule shall have the meanings set forth below:

Tournament Financial Information Rule for Masters 1000 Tournaments (“1000s Audit Rule”) – The ATP rule which, among other provisions, specifies the required annual independently audited reporting by each Masters 1000 tournament of its revenues, costs and expenses, net income, net income before taxes and other financial information, and specifies the audit procedures to be applied to submitted information. Definitions within the 1000s Audit Rule are incorporated herein by reference. Implementation of this Masters 1000 Player Compensation Rule will be the responsibility of the M1000 PM Committee (as defined in the 1000s Audit Rule).

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Aggregated Net Income (“ANI”) - Total of annual audited net income before income taxes for each of the Masters 1000 tournaments as calculated by M1000 PM Committee Auditor and approved by the M1000 PM Committee. Level 1 data revenues and any fines assessed under the Tournament Financial Information Rule for Masters 1000 Tournaments will be excluded from each tournament’s audited net income. For combined men/women tournaments, ANI will be determined with a direct allocation method where revenues and expenses/costs directly attributable to men or women will be allocated 100% to men or women. Remaining revenues and expenses will be allocated equally. The resulting men’s net income before income taxes will be included in ANI.

VBP - 50% of the excess of current year ANI over current year BPM.

3.21 ATP 500 Prize Money Formula Rule

The formula within this rule will be used to determine increases in on-site prize money for the 500 category tournaments (as this category is currently composed) for the years 2023 through 2037. In the event Net Income before taxes equals aggregated on-site prize money then this formula and the related reporting rule will be replaced with a 50/50 prize money formula similar to the Masters 1000’s Prize Money Formula Rule. In the event this category is materially changed during this period, the 500 PM Committee will determine what effect such material changes have on applying this rule for the remainder of the term. The formula will be based on a 2-year Average Growth Percentage (“AGP”) in Defined Revenues (“DR”) for all tournaments in the category. The 500 PM Committee Auditor will calculate AGP and submit such calculations to the 500 PM Committee for review and approval. Such AGP will be applied to current year category total on-site prize money as follows:

AGP up to 2.5%	On-site prize money increases by 2.5%
AGP over 2.5% to 6%	On-site prize money increases by AGP
AGP over 6%	On-site prize money increases by AGP times 1.167

The resulting overall on-site prize money increase will be allocated equally to each of the thirteen 500 tournaments, regardless of their current on-site prize money level.

Definitions:

Tournament Financial Information Rule for 500 Tournaments (“500 Audit Rule”) – The ATP rule which, among other provisions, specifies the required annual independently audited reporting by each 500 tournament of its revenues, costs and expenses, net income, net income before taxes and other financial information, and specifies the audit procedures to be applied to submitted information. Definitions within the 500s Audit Rule are incorporated herein by reference. Implementation of this 500 Prize Money Formula Rule will be the responsibility of the 500 PM Committee (as defined in the 500 Audit Rule).

Average Growth Percentage (“AGP”) - AGP is the 2-year average growth in the most recent actual years DR as reported to and calculated by the 500 PM Committee Auditor. The annual period for purposes of AGP will be the 12-month periods ending in April each year immediately following the Barcelona tournament.

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Defined Revenues (“DR”) - Defined revenues are the basis for the AGP calculations and include the following four broad revenue categories as long as the 2-year average of these revenues exceed 92% of average gross revenues as reported to the 500 PM Committee Auditor:

1. Sponsorships
2. Ticketing and on-site hospitality
3. Media and television revenues
4. Government funding and/or government subsidies

Other Revenues (“OR”) - OR includes all tournament revenues not otherwise included in DR.

Revenues within each of these categories must include all amounts earned in connection with each category. For example, if a sponsor agreement, in addition to sponsor signage and benefits, provides for on-site parking or event merchandise, total sponsor payments must be included within this category and not allocated to another revenue category. Similarly, if food and beverage and/or parking are included in a ticketing/hospitality package, the total package proceeds will be included in the ticketing/hospitality category as DR and not allocated to another revenue category.

Consistent with the 500 Audit Rule, where applicable, Gross Revenues and DR include tournament revenues received by related parties. A person/company is considered to be a Related Party to the tournament if that person/company has control, joint control or significant influence over the tournament or a tournament entity, either via ownership, via agreement, or via power to manage/govern/influence the tournament’s finances and/or operations. Also, a person/company is considered to be a Related Party to the tournament if the tournament has control, joint control or significant influence over the person/company, either via ownership, via agreement, or via power to manage/govern/influence the person/company’s finances and/or operations.

If two-year average DR are less than 92% of average gross revenues, the next largest revenue category as determined by the 500 Committee Auditor and approved by the 500 Committee will be added to DR so that the 92% minimum is achieved.

For purposes of DR, barter transactions for each category are required to be included.

ATP payments to tournaments for rebates and prize money subsidy are not included in DR or OR. Data distribution revenues shall be included in OR and subject to reclassification within DR as provided above.

For purposes of DR, the following will also apply:

- For men’s and women’s combined tournaments, direct men only revenues will be included in DR at 100%. Direct women only revenues will be excluded.
- A 70% factor will be applied to combined tournaments revenues which are not directly men or women tournament revenues.

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- Exchange rates to USD for formula calculation purposes and for equal prize money allocation among tournaments will be based on a 2-year average exchange rate.
- Complimentary tickets where no value is received will not be included in revenues. Complimentary tickets provided to Related Parties will be valued and included in DR.
- Taxes and fees required to be paid on tickets sales will be excluded from revenues.

Insurance proceeds which replace lost revenues will be included as revenues in the category for which the proceeds relate.

Agreed Upon Procedures as defined in the 500 Audit Rule will only be applied to DR of the 500s tournaments. Remaining OR as reported under the 500 Audit Rule will be subject only to overall fluctuation reviews and resulting inquiries by the 500 PM Committee and 500 Player Auditor necessary to understand significant changes.

3.22 ATP 250 Tournament Prize Money

On-site prize money for 2023 was the amount approved by the ATP Board for each tournament.

On site prize money for the 250 category tournaments increases annually by 2.5% for the period 2023 through 2030. Such 2.5% annual increases in on site prize money will be calculated using the total of on-site prize money for all 250 tournaments and then divided equally among the tournaments.

3.23 Challenger Tournament Prize Money

On site prize money for the Challenger Tour tournaments will increase annually by 2.5% per each tournament category.

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4.01 Nitto ATP Finals - Singles

A. Competition Format

The tournament shall be a singles round robin format with eight (8) players. There shall be two (2) groups of four (4) players each with eight (8) seeds to be determined by the PIF ATP Rankings on the Monday after the last ATP Tour tournament of the calendar year. All matches shall be the best of three (3) tie-break sets, including the final. The round robin shall determine the four (4) players for the semifinals with the format thereafter being a single elimination competition.

B. Entries

- 1) **Selection List.** The selection list for the event shall be:
 - a) The top seven (7) players in the PIF ATP Rankings as of the Monday after the last ATP Tour tournament of the calendar year, followed by
 - b) Up to two (2) Grand Slam winners of that year, in order of their positions, positioned between eight (8) and twenty (20) in the PIF ATP Rankings as of that Monday; followed by
 - c) Players positioned eight (8) and below in the PIF ATP Rankings as of that Monday.
- 2) **Direct Acceptances.** The top eight (8) players in the selection list shall qualify for the event as direct acceptances. Participation is mandatory, and all qualified players shall be entered. All direct acceptances must be at the tournament site to attend the official pre-tournament media conference and must be available for play through the completion of the round robin competition and the knock-out competition if eligible.
- 3) **Withdrawal.** Any withdrawal, before the official pre-tournament media conference starts, shall be replaced by the next highest positioned player on the selection list, who shall be qualified as a direct acceptance.
- 4) **Alternate(s).**
 - a) The next highest positioned player on the selection list (who is not a direct acceptance at the time of the official pre-tournament media conference) shall be designated as the alternate and shall replace any player who subsequently withdraws. The alternate must appear at the official pre-tournament media conference and remain available through the start of the last scheduled round robin match.
 - b) Additional alternates may be selected by ATP to fill the draw, based on the selection list, upon terms satisfactory to ATP. Participation of such additional alternates is not mandatory.
 - c) The alternate(s) is eligible to play in the single elimination competition and to receive points and prize money if he qualifies.
 - d) If the alternate(s) does not play in the draw, then a fee shall be paid to the alternate(s). If the alternate(s) is inserted for the second or third round robin match, then he shall receive the alternate fee plus any prize money and points won. If the alternate(s) replaces a player that does not compete in his first round robin match, the alternate(s) becomes a direct acceptance and does not receive the alternate fee.

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C. Failure To Participate in the Nitto ATP Finals

- 1) If a player, qualified for the Nitto ATP Finals as a direct acceptance or designated as the alternate, fails or refuses to participate in this event, except for bona fide injury or other reason which constitutes good cause, the player shall not be in good standing.
- 2) All direct acceptances and the alternate must appear at the site of the event(s) as determined by ATP and participate in the pre-tournament media conference.

Failure to appear shall result in a penalty of five percent (5%) of total ATP prize money earned during the ATP circuit year.

Please also see 1.07 H. 2) b).

D. Order of Play

Round Robin

- 1) The field shall be divided into two (2) groups of four (4) players each. The top-seeded player shall be placed in Group "A" and the second-seeded player shall be placed in Group "B". Players seeded three (3) and four (4), five (5) and six (6), and seven (7) and eight (8), shall then be drawn in pairs with the first drawn placed into Group "A."
- 2) Each player shall play every other player in his group to determine the top two (2) players in each group.
- 3) The final standings of each group shall be determined by the first of the following methods that apply:
 - a) Greatest number of wins.
 - b) Greatest number of matches played.
Comment: 2-1 won-loss record beats a 2-0 won-loss record; a 1-2 record beats a 1-0 record.
 - c) Head-to-head results if only two (2) players are tied.
 - d) If three (3) players are tied, then:
 - i) If three (3) players each have one (1) win, a player having played less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the player advancing to the single elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) players tied with 1-2 records; or
 - ii) Highest percentage of sets won; or
 - iii) Highest percentage of games won; a player completing less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the player advancing to the single elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) remaining players; or
 - iv) The player positions on the PIF ATP Rankings as of the Monday after the last ATP Tour tournament of the calendar year.
 - v) If (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) produce one (1) superior player (first place), or one (1) inferior player (third place), and the two (2) remaining players are tied, the tie between those two (2) players shall be broken by head-to-head record.

Comment 1: 1 player has 3 wins and the other 3 players have 1 win. Of the 3 players with 1 win, 1 player has only played in 2 matches while the other 2 players have played 3 matches. The player who has only played 2 matches is eliminated and then the 2 remaining players revert back

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to head-to-head results with the winner of their match advancing to the semi-finals.

Comment 2: 1 player has 3 wins and the other 3 players have 1 win and they all have played 3 matches. The tie-break for % of sets won has 1 player with a better % than the other two. This player advances to the semi-final round.

Comment 3: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, they are ordered by their % of sets won. This produces a 1, 2 & 3 order and the players finishing 1 and 2 move to the semi-final round and the player finishing 3 in % of sets won is eliminated. The player with the best % of sets won is the winner of the group.

Comment 4: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, 1 player's sets won-loss is 5-2 for 71.43%; the other 2 players both have a 4-3 record in sets for 57.14%. In this case there is 1 superior player (71.43%) and the remaining 2 players are tied; it now reverts to the head to head result of the 2 remaining players with the winning player advancing as group runner-up.

Comment 5: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, 2 have set won-loss records of 5-3 (62.5%) while the other player is 4-3 (57.14%). In this case we have 1 inferior player (57.14%) and he is eliminated. The remaining two players both advance to the semi-finals with the winner of their head-to-head match advancing as the group winner.

Comment 6: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, all have played 3 matches and all 3 have set won-loss records of 5-4 (55.56%). In this case we move to % of games won. The % of games won breaks down like this: 44-40 for 52.38%, 45-43 for 51.14% and 44-43 for 50.57%. This produces a 1, 2 and 3 order of the group and the number 1 player in % of games won is the group winner while the player finishing 2nd in % of games won advances to the semi-finals as the group runner-up. The player with the 3rd best % of games won is eliminated.

- 4) In applying the tie-breaking procedures, a conduct default or retirement shall count as a straight-set win or loss. However, games won or lost in matches with the defaulting or retiring player shall not be counted in the application of subsection 3.d. (iii) above. A player who retires during the round robin because of illness or injury may continue in the competition if it is approved by the tournament Doctor.

Comment: This prevents a scenario where a player knows he only needs to win 1 set to qualify for the semi-finals from retiring once he has won a set.

- 5) Any player who is defaulted pursuant to the ATP Code during the round robin competition shall be defaulted from all other matches in the Championship and ATP default provisions shall apply, except for the following circumstances:
 - a) The loss of physical condition; or
 - b) Dress and Equipment.
- 6) Any player who withdraws from any round robin match after the first round shall not be eligible for the single elimination competition.

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E. Single Elimination Competition

- 1) The winner of each group shall be placed in separate semi-final brackets. The runner-up of each group shall be placed in the semi-final bracket with the winner of the opposite group.
- 2) The event shall be completed with a single elimination competition for the semi-finals and final.
- 3) There shall be no playoff for the third and fourth place positions.

F. Prize Money and Points

Final standings at the end of the tournament shall determine the prize money and PIF ATP Rankings points earned.

4.02 Nitto ATP Finals - Doubles

A. Competition Format

The tournament shall be a doubles round robin format with eight (8) teams. There shall be two (2) groups of four (4) teams each with eight (8) seeds to be determined by the 2024 PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings on the Monday after the last ATP Tour tournament of the calendar year. All matches shall be two (2) tie-break sets with a deciding Match Tie-break (10 point) at one (1) set all. The round robin shall determine the four (4) teams for the semi-finals with the format thereafter being a single elimination competition.

B. Entries

- 1) **Selection List.** The selection list for the event shall be:
 - a) The top 7 teams in the 2024 PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings as of the Monday after the last ATP Tour tournament of the calendar year; followed by
 - b) Up to two (2) Grand Slam winners of that year, in order of their positions, positioned between eight (8) and twenty (20) in the 2024 PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings as of that Monday; followed by
 - c) Teams positioned eight (8) and below in the 2024 PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings as of that Monday.
- 2) **Direct Acceptances.** The top eight (8) teams in the selection list shall qualify for the event as direct acceptances. Participation is mandatory, and all qualified teams shall be entered. All direct acceptances must be at the tournament site to attend the official pre-tournament media conference and must be available for play through the completion of the round robin competition and the knock-out competition if eligible.

A player who qualifies as a direct acceptance on two (2) or more teams may choose the team with which he participates. Any player with whom he does not choose to participate is ineligible to be a direct acceptance unless such player qualifies with another partner.

- 3) **Withdrawal.** All eligible teams shall be entered by ATP; however, teams may withdraw through the Monday following the last ATP Tour tournament of the year. Any withdrawal, before the official pre-tournament media conference starts, shall be replaced by the next highest positioned team on the selection list, who shall be

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qualified as a direct acceptance.

4) Alternate(s).

- a) On the Monday following the last ATP Tour tournament of the year, the next highest positioned team shall be asked to confirm its status as the alternate team. Alternate team(s) may be selected by ATP to fill the draw upon terms satisfactory to ATP. Any withdrawal after the official pre-tournament media conference through the start of the last scheduled round robin match shall be filled with the alternate team(s). The alternate team must appear at the official pre-tournament media conference and remain available through the start of the last scheduled round robin match.
- b) Additional alternate teams may be selected by ATP to fill the draw, based on the selection list, upon terms satisfactory to ATP. Participation of such additional alternate teams is not mandatory.
- c) The alternate team(s) is eligible to play in the single elimination competition and to receive points and prize money if they qualify.
- d) If the alternate team(s) does not play in the draw, then a fee shall be paid to the alternate team(s). If the alternate team(s) is inserted for the second or third round robin match, then they shall receive the alternate fee plus any prize money and points won. If the alternate team(s) replaces a team that does not compete in their first round robin match, the alternate team(s) becomes a direct acceptance and does not receive the alternate fee.

C. Order of Play

Round Robin

- 1) The field shall be divided into two (2) groups of four (4) teams each. The top-seeded team shall be placed in Group "A" and the second-seeded team shall be placed in Group "B". Teams seeded three and four, five and six, and seven and eight, shall then be drawn in pairs with the first drawn placed into Group "A".
- 2) Each team shall play every other team in their group to determine the top two (2) teams in each group.
- 3) The final standings of each group shall be determined by the first of the following methods that apply:
 - a) Greatest number of wins.
 - b) Greatest number of matches played.
Comment: 2-1 won-loss record beats a 2-0 won-loss record; a 1-2 record beats a 1-0 record.
 - c) Head-to-head results if only two (2) teams are tied.
 - d) If three (3) teams are tied, then:
 - i) If three (3) teams each have one (1) win, a team having played less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the team advancing to the single elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) teams tied with 1-2 records; or
 - ii) Highest percentage of sets won; (Winning the MTB counts as one (1) set won); or
 - iii) Highest percentage of games won. (Winning the MTB counts as one (1) game won); a team completing less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the team advancing to the single elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) remaining teams; or
 - iv) The team positions on the 2024 PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings as of

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the Monday after the last ATP Tour tournament of the calendar year.

- v) If (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) produce one (1) superior team (first place), or one (1) inferior team (third place), and the two (2) remaining teams are tied, the tie between those two (2) teams shall be broken by head-to-head record

Comment 1: 1 team has 3 wins and the other 3 teams have 1 win. Of the 3 teams with 1 win, 1 team has only played in 2 matches while the other 2 teams have played 3 matches. The team who has only played 2 matches is eliminated and then the 2 remaining teams revert back to head-to-head results with the winner of their match advancing to the semi-finals.

Comment 2: 1 team has 3 wins and the other 3 teams have 1 win and they all have played 3 matches. The tie-break for % of sets won has 1 team with a better % than the other two. This team advances to the semi-final round.

Comment 3: 3 teams have 2 wins and the other team has 0 wins. The team with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 teams with 2 wins, they are ordered by their % of sets won. This produces a 1, 2 & 3 order and the teams finishing 1 and 2 move to the semi-final round and the team finishing 3 in % of sets won is eliminated. The team with the best % of sets won is the winner of the group.

Comment 4: 3 teams have 2 wins and the other team has 0 wins. The team with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 teams with 2 wins, 1 team's sets won-loss is 5-2 for 71.43%; the other 2 teams both have a 4-3 record in sets for 57.14%. In this case there is 1 superior team (71.43%) and the remaining 2 teams are tied; it now reverts to the head to head result of the 2 remaining teams with the winning team advancing as group runner-up.

Comment 5: 3 teams have 2 wins and the other team has 0 wins. The team with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 teams with 2 wins, 2 have set won-loss records of 5-3 (62.5%) while the other team is 4-3 (57.14%). In this case we have 1 inferior team (57.14%) and this team is eliminated. The remaining two teams both advance to the semi-finals with the winner of their head-to-head match advancing as the group winner.

Comment 6: 3 teams have 2 wins and the other team has 0 wins. The team with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 teams with 2 wins, all have played 3 matches and all 3 have set won-loss records of 5-4 (55.56%). In this case we move to % of games won. The % of games won breaks down like this: 44-40 for 52.38%, 45-43 for 51.14% and 44-43 for 50.57%. This produces a 1, 2 and 3 order of the group and the number 1 team in % of games won is the group winner while the team finishing 2nd in % of games won advances to the semi-finals as the group runner-up. The team with the 3rd best % of games won is eliminated.

- 4) In applying the tie-breaking procedures, a conduct default or retirement shall count as a straight-set win or loss. However, games won or lost in matches with the defaulting or retiring team shall not be counted in the application of subsection 3.d. (iii) above. A team who retires during the round robin because of illness or injury may continue in the competition if it is approved by the tournament Doctor.

Comment: this prevents a scenario where a team knows he only needs to win 1 set to qualify for the semi-finals from retiring once he has won a set.

- 5) Any team who is defaulted pursuant to ATP Code during the round robin com-

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petition shall be defaulted from all other matches in the Championship and ATP default provisions shall apply, except for the following circumstances:

- a) The loss of physical condition; or
 - b) Dress and Equipment.
- 6) Any team who withdraws from any round robin match after the first round shall not be eligible for the single elimination competition.

D. Single Elimination Competition

- 1) The winner of each group shall be placed in separate semi-final brackets. The runner-up of each group shall be placed in the semi-final bracket with the winner of the opposite group.
- 2) The event shall be completed with a single elimination competition for the semi-finals and final.
- 3) There shall be no playoff for the third and fourth-place positions.

E. Prize Money and Points

Final standings at the end of the tournament shall determine the prize-money and PIF ATP Doubles Rankings points earned.

4.03 United Cup

The United Cup is an annual country vs country mixed team competition. Eighteen (18) countries will participate, with a minimum of two ATP and two WTA players per country.

A. Round Robin Competition

- 1) The United Cup is a competition for eighteen (18) teams, each team composed of a minimum of two (2) ATP and two (2) WTA players and a maximum of three (3) ATP/WTA players from the same country. The team criteria shall be:
 - a) The two (2) highest ranked singles ATP/WTA players; then
 - b) Teams may include a 3rd ATP and WTA player, whose entry will be accepted based on being the highest of singles ranking (up to maximum 500) or doubles ranking (up to maximum 250).
 - c) A junior player, meeting the criteria stated below, may be included as a country's 3rd respective Tour player.

The junior player must,

 - i) Be born in 2005 or later, and
 - ii) Be ranked 500 or better in Singles rankings as of the Rankings Deadline, or
 - iii) Be ranked 50 or better in the ITF Junior World Rankings as of the Rankings Deadline
 - iv) Have entered the event

Only one (1) junior player may be included per gender, per team (maximum 1 male, 1 female)

- d) All players except an approved junior player must have an ATP Ranking (singles or doubles).
- 2) A player's nationality as of the entry date shall be used to determine team entry.

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All player nationality determinations are subject to ATP approval.

- 3) The competition shall be a Round Robin format with six (6) groups of three (3) teams each. All singles matches shall be the best of three (3) tie-break sets. All mixed doubles matches shall be two (2) tie-break sets with a deciding Match Tie-Break (10 point) at one (1) set all.
- 4) Each team shall play each other in its group to determine the top team in each group. Group winners will advance to the Quarterfinals. One Quarterfinal spot in each city will be awarded to the best runner up in that City. Winners will advance to the Semi-Finals, to be hosted in the Finals City.

B. Player Nationality / Change of Nationality

A player's nationality as of the entry date shall be used to determine team entry. All player nationality determinations are subject to ATP/WTa approval.

- 1) **Nationality.** A player's nationality on the date of that country's acceptance to the United Cup shall determine the player's eligibility to compete for that country.
- 2) **Change of Nationality.**
 - a) A player may only represent one (1) country in the United Cup during their career, unless
 - a. The player change their nationality in the ATP/WTa database AND
 - b. Any of the following apply:
 - i. The player competed under such nationality in the BJK Cup, Davis Cup, or Olympic Tennis Event, or
 - ii. The player competed under such nationality in professional tennis tournaments during the Tour Year immediately preceding the United Cup,
 - iii. ATP/WTa determines the full circumstances of the player's situation demonstrate the player has a sufficient, genuine connection to the nation that the player wishes to represent, or
 - iv. In exceptional circumstances as determined by ATP/WTa.
 - b) All requests to change a player's nationality are subject to ATP/WTa approval.

C. Teams Qualifications

- 1) **Entry.** The teams shall be selected and entered in the following manner:
 - a) A team shall be entered based upon the ATP/WTa Ranking (singles) of the country's Number 1 singles player.
 - b) All players must confirm in writing they will be playing the event to confirm entry.
 - c) There shall be one (1) wild card allocated for the host country in case their team does not otherwise qualify. If no Wild Card is necessary, then that position shall revert to an additional Direct Acceptance.

If the Wild Card is needed for the host country, then the Wild Card team will be placed randomly into one of the six (6) groups.

2) Entry – Deadline and Acceptance

- a) **Entry deadline.** Tuesday 17 October 2023, 5pm Florida Time (Wednesday 18 October 2023, 8am Sydney Time). The top fifteen (15) Direct Acceptance countries that qualify using the 16 October 2023 ATP/WTa Ranking must con-

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firm their acceptance to the competition by this deadline.

b) At Second Qualification Date:

The Second Qualification Date is designed to account for results and changes in ranking within the Top ATP and WTA eligible singles players since the Entry Deadline. The next highest ranked ATP and WTA eligible and entered players not already accepted into the competition determine the remaining 1 x ATP and 1 x WTA qualifying teams, as long as the teams meet the minimum number of players required.

Note: Players will only be eligible to qualify at second qualification date if they have entered at the entry deadline.

- 3) **Qualification.** In order to qualify for the competition, a team that has accepted entry must comply with the following requirements:

At this entry deadline, the Top 5 WTA qualified countries, Top 5 ATP qualified countries and Top 6 combined entry countries (inclusive of host country as Direct in or by wildcard) will be admitted to the competition, with the final two remaining entrants to be admitted to the competition on Monday 20 November 2023, 12 noon Florida time (Tuesday, 21 November 4 am Sydney time) based on the 20 November 2023 rankings.

Players must enter the event to be eligible (i.e., no automatic entries)

- a) The team is composed of the two (2) highest positioned and eligible players based on the ATP/WTa Ranking (Singles) as of 17 October 2023 (ATP/WTa Ranking (Singles) as of 20 November for the two teams qualifying at the second qualification deadline).
 - b) A third player may be named, if eligible, at the time of the deadline. The No. 3 players will be chosen based on their highest ATP/WTa Ranking (Singles or Doubles) as of 17 October 2023 (ATP/WTa Ranking (Singles or Doubles) as of 20 November for the two teams qualifying at the second qualification deadline).
 - c) In the case of illness, injury or unforeseen circumstances, and the team number falls below two (2) members, the Supervisor and the Steering Committee may allow the team Captain to nominate a substitute player during the competition, although the team may continue with only one (1) member per gender.
 - d) The Steering Committee may use discretion if a team includes a Top 20 ATP/WTa player and does not wholly meet the qualification criteria pertaining to the ATP or WTA second player.
- 4) **Ties – Team Entry**

The 6 Highest ranked ATP and 6 highest ranked WTA players determine the first 12 teams. If players of the same nationality qualify a team in both ATP and WTA or within either ATP or WTA Top 6, the next ranked players outside of the Top 6 will qualify their country until 12 teams are qualified (6 from ATP top ranked players and 6 from WTA top ranked players).

- a) For the top singles spot to determine team entry, entry is based on the ATP/WTa Ranking (Singles):
 - i) If tied a current singles ranking beats a Protected Ranking/Special Ranking.
 - ii) If tied between two current rankings or two Protected Rankings/Special

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Rankings, the ranking of the highest number 2 players will break the tie. If still tied, we move on to the number 3 player, etc.

The final 6 teams will be determined by the highest combined ranking of the Top ATP and Top WTA ranked players who have not yet qualified their country. Where a combined ranking is equal between two teams, the team with the highest ranked singles player (ATP or WTA) will take priority. If still equal, the team with the highest ranked second singles player will take priority.

5) Ties – Individual Entry

- a) For spots 1-2 where entry is based on the ATP/WTA Ranking (Singles).
 - i) If tied.
 - A current ranking beats a Protected Ranking/Special Ranking.
 - If still tied, the most total points from the Grand Slams, mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000, WTA 1000 tournaments and Nitto ATP Finals/WTA Finals main draws, and if still tied, then,
 - If still tied, the fewest events played, counting all missed Grand Slams, ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments/WTA 1000 events they could have played (as described under A. above) as if played, and if still tied, then,
 - If still tied, coin toss
- b) For spot 3 where entry is based on the best-of ATP/WTA Ranking (Singles or Doubles).
 - i) If tied.
 - If best-of ranking is the same, the player with the highest ATP/WTA Singles Ranking wins the tie. Ties between singles rankings are broken as per point a) above.
 - If both ATP/WTA Doubles Rankings are the same, the player with the highest ATP/WTA Ranking (Singles) wins the tie. Ties between doubles rankings are broken as per the ATP/WTA tie breaking rules.
 - A current ranking beats a Protected Ranking/Special Ranking.
 - If still tied, coin toss

6) Withdrawal of entry

- a) The deadline for withdrawal of entry for a player / team shall be as follows:
 - i) For those players/teams confirming entry on the entry deadline, any withdrawal after 5:00pm Eastern US on Tuesday, 17 October 2023 will be considered as a Late Withdrawal.
 - ii) WTA - A player's withdrawal from United Cup is subject to all applicable withdrawal requirements and penalties in Section IV of the WTA Rules.
- b) Violation of this Section shall be penalized consistent with the Player Code of Conduct. Late Withdrawal Fines shall apply and be based upon the player's ranking at the date of acceptance. Any player withdrawing after accepting entry shall not be permitted to participate in any other event, including exhibitions, during the United Cup Competition. Any players accepted as the #3 player, may withdraw from the team without penalty to play another event during United Cup if she/he withdraws prior to the applicable entry deadlines for that tournament.
- c) Players have the right to an Appeal of the Late Withdrawal Fine which must be submitted to the ATP Appeals Tribunal/WTA, which consideration is limited to the fine only.

7) Late Withdrawals / Substitutions

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- a) Number 1 player withdraws after the deadline, 17 October 2023.
 - i) The team remains in the competition as long as there is a minimum of two (2) ATP/WTA Ranked players on the team, which must have an ATP/WTA Ranking (Singles), unless otherwise approved by ATP/WTA or, an Alternate is inserted as approved by ATP/WTA. This can include a replacement player. The team must also have at least 1 ATP or WTA member of the team ranked 250 or better in singles to remain in the competition. Number 1 and 2 players to be reclassified if required (e.g. #2 becomes #1 and the replacement player becomes the new #2).
 - ii) The next highest ranked singles player from that country may be added to the team, unless otherwise approved by ATP/WTA. Non-entered substitute/alternate players may only be considered if the team does not have a minimum of 2 entered players meeting the criteria.
- b) The number 2 singles player withdraws prior to 10:00 am local time in Sydney, the day prior to the start of the competition.
 - i) The next highest singles ranked player from that country may be added to the team, unless otherwise approved by the ATP/WTA. That player may either be a player not already accepted to a Week 1 Tour event, or a player who by approval of ATP/WTA may be able to withdraw from main draw and qualifying of a week 1 without penalty (For ATP, Challenger Tour only. For WTA 125, only if for main draw withdrawal before the main draw is made.), prior to the start of the qualifying event without penalty.
- c) All substitutions are subject to ATP/WTA approval.
- d) If through the withdrawal of the number 1 player or the numbers 1 and 2 players between the deadline (17 October 2023) and 10:00 am local time in Perth/Sydney, the day prior to the start of competition, a team may be withdrawn and replaced by an alternate team if they do not have at least one member of the team ranked 250 or better in singles.

8) Alternate Team Selection

- a) The Alternate Team will be the first team out of the final selection.
- b) If needed, the individual players may be granted a release from any other ATP/WTA Tour Qualifying event they are entered in during the period of the United Cup Competition, pending ATP/WTA approval, or from any ATP Challenger Tour event.
- c) The Alternate Team may be selected for participation until 10:00 am local time in Perth/Sydney, the day prior to the start of competition.

9) Withdrawals after Start of the Competition

- a) Any team that through withdrawals of team members has only one (1) player from each Tour remaining may continue in the competition as long as those players have an ATP/WTA Ranking, unless otherwise approved by ATP/WTA. This player must play singles and be available for the mixed doubles.
- b) If a team does not have at least one (1) eligible ATP and one (1) WTA player, the team will lose by Walkover and no matches will be played, unless if approved by the Steering Committee the team may remain in competition and the matches for the missing player are lost by Walkover. No points are awarded for Walkovers.
- c) A team may add an alternate player after the competition has begun as long as the player is not violating ATP/WTA rules for "No Play after Withdrawal" or "One Tournament per Week", or as approved by ATP/WTA. In no case may a player compete in two events offering ATP/WTA Ranking points which are

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held in the same ranking week.

10) Seeding

Seeding for the event will be based off the combined regular ranking (no protected ranking/special ranking) of the top ATP and top WTA ranked player regardless of their qualification into the event. As per the entry order priority rule, where a combined ranking is equal between two teams, the team with the highest ranked singles player (ATP or WTA) will become the higher seed. If still equal, the team with the highest ranked second singles player will be the higher seed.

D. Competition Format

Host Cities

Sydney and Perth will host Countries for the Group Stages and Quarterfinals. Sydney will host the Semi Finals and Final.

At the Official Draw, Sydney and Perth will be drawn as host of one of 2 combinations of seeds –

- #1 (Group A), #3 (Group C), and #5 (Group E)
- #2 (Group B), #4 (Group D), and #6 (Group F)

Which City hosts which combination of seeds to be determined at the Official Draw.

1) Round Robin – The Groups

The Draw-Teams 1-18

- The official draw for the placement of teams 1-18 shall take place, on Monday 23 October 2023.
- The teams shall be positioned from 1 to 18 in accordance with the best combined ATP/WTA Ranking (Singles) as of 23 October 2023, of the number 1 players of each team accepted at the 17 October 2023 deadline. Two team positions 1 ATP Qualified position and 1 WTA position will be reserved. The final two remaining entrants to be admitted to the competition on Monday 20 November 2023 based on the November 20 rankings.
- The top six (6) teams shall be placed in separate groups.
- The next six (6) teams in rank order (7-12) shall be drawn at random into the six (6) groups.
- The next six (6) teams (13-18) shall be drawn at random for each of the six (6) groups.
- The final two (2) teams selected at the second deadline shall be drawn at random for each of the two (2) incomplete groups.

Groups will be assigned as follows:

Group A

#1 seeded country, plus one randomly selected team from each of the following bands –

- Seeded countries 7 – 12
- Seeded countries 13 – 18 inclusive of the final 2 countries to be included in the competition

Group B

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#2 seeded country, plus one randomly selected team from each of the following bands –

- Seeded countries 7 – 12
- Seeded countries 13 – 18 inclusive of the final 2 countries to be included in the competition

Group C

#3 seeded country, plus one randomly selected team from each of the following bands –

- Seeded countries 7 – 12
- Seeded countries 13 – 18 inclusive of the final 2 countries to be included in the competition

Group D

#4 seeded country, plus one randomly selected team from each of the following bands –

- Seeded countries 7 – 12
- Seeded countries 13 – 18 inclusive of the final 2 countries to be included in the competition

Group E

#5 seeded country, plus one randomly selected team from each of the following bands –

- Seeded countries 7 – 12
- Seeded countries 13 – 18 inclusive of the final 2 countries to be included in the competition

Group F

#6 seeded country, plus one randomly selected team from each of the following bands –

- Seeded countries 7 – 12
- Seeded countries 13 – 18 inclusive of the final 2 countries to be included in the competition

2) Daily Order of Play - The Tie

- A tie consists of two (2) singles matches and one (1) mixed doubles match.
- Each team Captain shall submit to the ATP/WTA Supervisor, in writing, the name of the two (2) singles players and the mixed doubles team selected to compete in the Tie. The singles players shall be the top two (2) ranked ATP/WTA players (including protected ranking/special ranking) as of the date of the entry deadline unless there is a medically supported substitution.
- The deadline to submit the names of the competing players (singles/doubles) is 3:00pm local time, the day prior to the scheduled Tie.
- For each Tie, the highest-positioned (hereafter, number ones) singles players named from each team shall compete against each other. The order of matches shall be as follows unless otherwise decided by the Steering Committee:
 - Number 1 ATP/WTA Singles followed by
 - Number 1 ATP/WTA Singles followed by
 - Mixed Doubles**Note:** "Not Before" times may be assigned as determined by the organizers in consultation with the ATP Supervisor.
- Upon the completion of the mixed doubles match, the winner of the tie shall be the team that wins at least two (2) of the three (3) matches.
- The mixed doubles match must be played regardless of the results of the two

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singles matches. *

*For the Final, if the tie is decided following the singles matches, the mixed doubles match will not be played (unless mutually agreed by both Countries), and the money will be split evenly amongst the members of both teams.

3) Format and Competition

a) Groups

There will be six Groups comprising of three countries in each group. Each city will host three groups (nine countries) for the Group stages, which will consist of round robin ties where each country will play both other countries in their group.

4) Determination of Group Winners

a) Number of ties won

b) Number of Ties Played

Comment: 2-1 win-loss beats 2-0 win-loss. A 1-2 win-loss beats a 1-1 or 1-0 record. A team winning by walkover shall have the tie count in its results as a tie played. The team causing the walkover shall not have the tie counted as a tie played.

c) In a tie between three (3) teams, the following shall apply:

i) If three (3) teams have the same number of wins, then the team having played fewer total matches (singles & mixed doubles) will be eliminated and the winner of the head-to-head matchup between the two remaining teams advance, if still tied then,
Comment: 5-1 win-loss beats 5-0 win-loss.

ii) The team with the most match wins (singles & doubles), if still tied then,

iii) The team with the highest percentage of matches won, if still tied then,

iv) The team that has the highest percentage of sets won, if still tied then,

v) The team with the highest percentage of games won,

d) If ii), iii), iv) or v) produce one superior team (first place), then the tie is broken, or

e) If ii), iii), iv) or v) produce one inferior team then that team is eliminated and the winner of the match between the two (2) remaining teams is the winner of the group.

Notes: In all tie-break situations, the following shall apply.

- Unplayed matches shall be scored as completed for purposes of matches played.
- Defaulted and retired singles or doubles matches shall be scored as completed for purposes of matches played and will count as a straight set win or loss. However, games won or lost in matches with defaulting or retiring player shall not be counted for percentage of games won.
- Teams advancing from a tie via a team walkover (i.e. no alternate) will count as a tie won but this does not count towards total matches won, percentage of sets or percentage of games won.
- Any team that withdraws from any round robin tie after the first-round robin tie shall not be eligible for the Quarterfinals.
- The Match Tie-Break (doubles) counts as a set won and for games won counts as 1-0

5) Quarterfinals

Group winners will advance to the Quarterfinals. One Quarterfinal spot in each city will be awarded to the best runner up in that City. Winners will advance to the Semi-Finals, to be hosted in the Finals City.

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6) Determination of Best Runner up Quarterfinal spot

a) Number of ties won

b) Number of Ties Played

Comment: 2-1 win-loss beats 2-0 win-loss. A 1-2 win-loss beats a 1-1 or 1-0 record. A team winning by walkover shall have the tie count in its results as a tie played. The team causing the walkover shall not have the tie counted as a tie played.

c) In a tie between three (3) teams, the following shall apply:

i) If teams have the same number of wins, then the team having played fewer total matches (singles & mixed doubles) will be eliminated and, if still tied then,

Comment: 5-1 win-loss beats 5-0 win-loss.

ii) The team with the most match wins (singles & doubles), if still tied then,

iii) The team with the highest percentage of matches won, if still tied then,

iv) The team that has the highest percentage of sets won, if still tied then,

v) The team with the highest percentage of games won,

d) If ii), iii), iv) or v) produce one superior team (first place), then the tie is broken, or

Notes: In all tie-break situations, the following shall apply.

- Unplayed matches shall be scored as completed for purposes of matches played.
- Defaulted and retired singles or doubles matches shall be scored as completed for purposes of matches played and will count as a straight set win or loss. However, games won or lost in matches with defaulting or retiring player shall not be counted for percentage of games won.
- Teams advancing from a tie via a team walkover (i.e. no alternate) will count as a tie won but this does not count towards total matches won, percentage of sets or percentage of games won.
- Any team that withdraws from any round robin tie after the first-round robin tie shall not be eligible for the Quarterfinals.

6) Quarter finals

a) The eight (8) teams advancing to the knock-out rounds shall be placed in the draw as follows:

Sydney:

- The winner of Group 1 will play the best runner-up* from the remaining groups from the city
- The winner of Group 3 will play the winner of Group 5*

Perth:

- The winner of Group 2 will play the best runner-up* from the remaining groups from the city
- The winner of Group 4 will play the winner of Group 6*

*No runner-up teams will play versus the winner of their groups before the Final of the competition.

To avoid that the runner-up teams in the quarter finals will swap position with the winner of the lowest ranked group in the specific city.

7) Semi-Finals

The four winners of the quarterfinals will qualify for the Semi Finals in Sydney.

8) The Final

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- Final – Winner Semi Final 1 v Winner Semi Final 2

- a) The Champion Team shall be decided by the result of a straight knock-out competition

E. Protected Ranking/Special Ranking*

The following applies to any player with a Protected Ranking ("PR")/Special Ranking ("SR") that has been used in any manner during the competition or to qualify a country for entry.

- 1) The PR must be valid at the entry deadline and remain valid through to the start of the competition.
- 2) Can be used for team entry.
- 3) Will count for position in the singles lineup.
- 4) Will count for Ranking points.
- 5) Will not count for team seeding.
- 6) **For WTA players** - Will count as Special Ranking used for the player(s).
- 7) **For ATP players** - Will not count as Protected Ranking used for the player(s).
- 8) May only be used at one (1) United Cup event.

F. Schedule of Play

The following is the schedule of play unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Committee and Supervisor:

- 1) The eighteen (18) teams shall play Round Robin matches over the first days to determine the six (6) winners of the Round Robin groups and the two best runner ups (one for each city) qualifying for the Quarterfinals.
- 2) Following the draw, the daily ties (country v country) for the round robin sessions will be scheduled and announced.
- 3) All players and Captains must be available for play on the first day of the event.
- 4) Once the Captain has named the two (2) players competing in the singles, the pairings for the Tie shall be made automatic as determined by the ATP/WTA Ranking.
- 5) Protected Ranking/Special Ranking (singles) will be used for a player's position on the team but cannot be used for team seeding.
- 6) A travel day for the Quarterfinal winners from Perth will take place on the 7th day (Thursday) of the Tournament.
- 7) The Semi-Finals will be held on the 9th day of the tournament.
- 8) The Final will be held on the 10th day of the tournament.
- 9) The ATP/WTA Supervisors reserve the right to change the schedule of play, alter starting times and make other changes deemed necessary for the smooth running of the competition.

G. Team Captain / Team Coaches

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1) Designation of Captain

- a) The number one player on each team (the highest ATP/WTA singles ranked player) is by default the Team Captain, however each team can elect another player or person as Team Captain, provided such person is of the same nationality as the team they are representing. The No 1 player has the overall authority on the position of team captain. If the No 1 player decides to appoint a team captain instead of fulfilling the role, the chosen person must be either an ATP / WTA player, former player or coach. Exceptions to this are subject to approval by the Event Steering Committee. The Team Captain must be confirmed and submitted to the ATP/WTA no later than December 1. The Team Captain is responsible for attending all meetings, submitting the team's line up and acting as the official representative for the team. Coaching is allowed, and the Team Captain will have the option to sit on the court throughout matches.

- b) The Captain must be communicated to ATP/WTA no later than December 1, 2023.
- c) In the event the Captain is not on-site or not available, the number one (1) player shall assume the role of Captain or designate a non-playing team member as Captain.
- d) The Captain must be on-site for the duration of that team's participation in the competition. The Captain shall be subject to all provisions of the Player Code of Conduct, including those pertaining to Dress and Equipment.

2) Duties of the Captain. The duties of the Captain are as follows:

- a) Designate the team's lineup, after consultation with the team members;
- b) Act as official representative for their respective team;
- c) Attend all team meetings; and
- d) The designated Captain may sit on court during the match and may coach during changeovers, set-breaks and during play as long as it does not interrupt play.
- e) The Captain may speak to the Chair Umpire, however only the Player may initiate Challenges to line calls.

3) Individual Coaches*

- a) Each player may have his personal coach be the designated coach for his matches.

*Individual coaches with multiple players can coach their players even if they are competing for different countries. If a coach has one player on each competing team, then the coach may only be on court for one country in that tie. This does not apply if the individual coach is also the Captain of a team. A Captain may only sit on court and coach for the team he is captaining.

4) Duties of the Coach. The duties of the coach are as follows:

- a) During each match the player involved may use his personal coach to assist him during the match.
- b) The coach will sit in the designated area assigned for the coach of that match.
- c) The coach may sit on court during the match and may coach during changeovers, set-breaks and during play as long as it does not interrupt play.
- d) Official team members/coaches may also communicate with the player during changeovers and set-breaks.
- e) All team members, Captain and coaches, when courtside, must sit in the area designated for the teams participating in that Tie.

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- f) The coach must adhere to the ATP Code of Conduct, including logo restrictions on attire.

5) Player Designations

- a) Each team Captain shall submit to the ATP/WTa Supervisor, in writing, the name of the two (2) singles players and the mixed doubles team selected to compete in the Tie. The singles players shall be the top ATP/WTa ranked players (including protected ranking/special ranking) as of the date of the entry deadline, unless there is a medically supported substitution, or otherwise approved by the Supervisor.
- b) Change may be allowed for medical conditions or for unforeseen circumstances approved by the ATP/ WTA Supervisor.
- c) The team Captains must give in writing the names of the two (2) singles players and the mixed doubles team to the Supervisor no later than 3:00pm on the day prior to the scheduled Tie. The mixed doubles team may be chosen from any ATP/WTa players named to the team.
For the Tournament Final, the team Captain must give in writing the names of the two (2) singles players and the mixed doubles team to the Supervisor within fifteen minutes after the completion of the second tie determining the teams for the upcoming Final.
- d) Following the conclusion of the second singles match, any change in the mixed doubles team must be communicated to the ATP/WTa Supervisor, in writing, within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the fourth singles match. The Supervisors shall notify the opposing Captain and all other relevant staff once both Captains have submitted their doubles teams.
- e) There shall be a maximum of twenty-five (25) minutes between the end of the last singles match and the start of the mixed doubles match if one or more of the doubles players competed in the last singles match. If none of the players designated for the mixed doubles has competed in the last singles match, the mixed doubles shall be scheduled as “followed by” with the exact time determined by the Supervisor. Fifteen minutes is recommended following the conclusion of the last singles match, however mixed doubles players who competed in the last singles match can elect to start after fifteen (15) minutes or after twenty-five (25) minutes.
- f) The Captain must name the mixed doubles team one hour before the start of the day's play if his team has no singles matches on that day (rain or other cause of delay).
- g) The team Captain may, whenever necessary, replace a singles player in the case of illness, injury or unforeseen circumstances approved by the ATP/WTa Supervisor.
 - i) A player who withdraws from the singles shall be eligible for mixed doubles on that same day.
- h) In the event of a conduct default, the Supervisor may decide to remove the offending player(s) for the remainder of the tie or event.

H. Medical

1) Tournament Doctor

- a) An official Tournament Doctor is required to be present at all times during play and a reasonable time before play begins.
- b) The tournament doctor shall be available for court calls as necessary.

2) ATP Physiotherapist/WTa Primary Health Care Provider (PHCP)

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- a) Each venue will have an ATP Physiotherapist(s)/WTa PHCP(s) assigned to the event.
- b) Only the ATP Physiotherapist/WTa PHCP will be allowed on court during the match.

I. Code of Conduct

1) Players. All players are subject to the ATP/WTa Code of Conduct.

a) Dress and Equipment.

- i) All team members must dress in similar attire that identifies them with the country they are representing.
- ii) Team attire must be submitted to and approved by ATP/WTa in advance of the event.

2) Team Captain / Coaches. All Team Captains and Coaches are subject to the provisions specified in the ATP/WTa Code of Conduct regarding Dress and Equipment and conduct on-site during the event.

During matches, official functions and media appearances, all Team Captains shall wear tournament provided unbranded clothing (polo shirt / jacket/ hat) with the United Cup logo provided by the event whilst sat on the team bench and performing all captains' duties both on and off court; for example but not limited to official functions, walk-ons, ceremonies, photo opportunities, media appearances etc.

Captains with ongoing personal clothing sponsorship, will be permitted to wear a different shirt to the unbranded United Cup polo shirt, provided it is in the team colour or similar and is approved prior to the event.

Captains wearing a personal shirt they will still be expected to wear the United Cup unbranded jacket for official functions, walk-ons, ceremonies, photo opportunities, media appearances etc.

If captains have other ongoing personal sponsorships (patch deals etc.) and wish to wear a shirt complying with the above provision during the event with sponsor logos on the shirt, all such sponsor logos must comply with ATP/WTa tour sizing guidelines and must be approved prior to the event.

Coaches / other team members – if they are wearing shirts with sponsor logos in accordance with ATP/WTa tour sizing rules, they may sit on the team benches. Those not complying with this requirement will need to sit in the allocated team area in the stands.

In addition, any violation occurring during the match shall be penalized with a “Coaches Warning”. The first violation results in a Warning and a second violation during the match will result in the coach being removed from the court for the remainder of that Tie.

3) Fines. Any fines issued during the Tie will be levied against the individual.

J. Prize Money (All figures in U.S. dollars)

Total Prize Money: USD\$10,000,000 (USD\$5,000,000 each for ATP and WTA)

Per Individual Wins:

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	#1 Singles Win	Doubles Win (per player)
Final Win	\$251,000	\$47,255*
Semi-Final Win	\$132,000	\$24,750
Quarterfinal Win	\$69,500	\$13,000
Group Win	\$38,325	\$7,200

*If the Tie is decided following the singles matches, the doubles match may not be played, and the money will be split evenly amongst the members of both teams.

Per Team Wins:

Team Wins	
Final Win	\$23,155
Semi-Final Win	\$13,650
Quarterfinal Win	\$8,025
Group Tie Win	\$5,000

All players on the team (whether the player plays a match or not) earn the same amount for a team win.

Participation Fee:

No. 1 Player	
Singles Ranking	\$/player
1-10	\$200,000
11-20	\$100,000
21-30	\$60,000
31-50	\$40,000
51-100	\$30,000
101-250	\$25,000
251+	\$20,000

No. 2 Player	
Singles Ranking	\$/player
1-10	\$200,000
11-20	\$100,000

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No. 2 Player	
21-30	\$50,000
31-50	\$30,000
51-100	\$20,000
101-250	\$15,000
251+	\$10,000

No. 3 Player	
Singles Ranking	\$/player
1-30	\$30,000
31-100	\$15,000
101-250	\$7,500
251+	\$6,000

Ranking as of 16 October 2023 or 20 November 2023, for the teams accepted at the second qualification date.

Participation Fee Notes

- Players may only receive a participation fee in one category. Players will receive a fee for singles or mixed doubles, whichever was used for their entry.
- Participation fee for any team substitutions following the 17 October 2023 entry order shall be based upon the entry ranking team order and player ranking.
- A number 1 singles player will receive 100% of the participation fee if they compete in all Group stage singles matches. Pro-Rata schedule for players number 1 competing in less than all Group stage singles matches is listed below including Pro-Rata schedule for mixed doubles matches participated in.
- Players number 2-3 will receive 100% participation fee regardless of whether they compete in any of the Group state matches.

2024 Participation Fee Pro-Rata Schedule			
For #1 Player	Promotional %	Per Singles Match %	Per Doubles Match %
	40%	30%	15%

- Max of 30% per tie
- Playing Singles and Doubles in same tie = 30%
- Applies to Group stage matches and ties only
- This applies to all #1 players including players competing with Protected Ranking (PR)/Special Ranking
- Promotional % = minimum participation fee

*15 % maximum per all mixed doubles matches, regardless of if a player plays 1 or 2 mixed doubles during the group stage. Players competing in singles and mixed doubles in a Tie will receive the Promotional fee plus 30 % per the singles match.

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A #1 Player only playing 2 mixed doubles during the group stage will receive 40 % Promotional + 15 % total for both mixed doubles matches (55 % overall). Examples in the table below.

	Group Tie 1		Group Tie 2		
Scenario	Singles	Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Fee Collected
A	x		x		100%
B	x			x	85%
C	x	x			70%
D	x				70%
E		x		x	55%
F		x			55%
G					40%

K. ATP/WTa Ranking Points

Singles

Opponent's Ranking on Monday, December 25, 2023	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-50	51-100	101-250	251+
Final Win	180	140	120	90	60	40	35
Semifinal Win	130	105	90	60	40	35	25
Quarterfinal-Win	80	65	55	40	35	25	20
Group Win	55	45	40	35	25	20	15
Max Points	500	400	345	260	185	140	110

Maximum 500 points for undefeated player

WTA Only: WTA player who wins all 5 matches to receive 500 points. WTA player who wins 4 of 5 matches to receive a minimum of 325 points or points per the table above whichever is higher.

L. Walkovers

- 1) No points are awarded if no matches of the tie are played
- 2) An individual match in the tie is won by a Walkover, points are awarded based upon the lowest ranking category (251+).

M. Media / STARS Obligations

- 1) All teams are requested to arrive in Australia on time for any pre-event media / STARS commitments, to be arranged.
- 2) Normal post-match interview protocol will be followed with the exception being a player competing in the 4th singles match who is also competing in the mixed doubles may postpone his media commitment until after the mixed doubles match. However, the ATP/WTA PR Manager may approach the player follow-

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ing the singles match to obtain a few quotes to give to media, if requested. Jurisdiction Governing the competition

N. Jurisdiction Governing the competition

- 1) The Competition is sanctioned and recognized by ATP Tour, Inc. and WTA Tour.
- 2) All players who enter and compete in the competition agree to be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the ATP/WTA, including, but not limited to, the Code of Conduct, the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program and the Tennis Anti-Doping Program.
- 3) The ATP/WTA Supervisor, in consultation with the SVP, Rules & Competition and WTA Senior Vice President Competition & On-Site Operations, shall determine and resolve all questions not considered in these Rules and Regulations.

4.04 Next Gen ATP Finals

A. Competition Format

The tournament shall be a round robin format with eight (8) players. There shall be two (2) groups of four (4) players each with eight (8) seeds to be determined by their position on the most recent PIF ATP Singles Rankings. All matches shall be the best of five (5) tie-break sets. Each set shall be the first to four (4) games with a margin of two (2) with a tie-break played at three (3) games all. Games shall be decided using the No-Ad scoring method. The round robin shall determine the four (4) players for the semi-finals with the format thereafter being a single elimination competition.

B. Entries

- 1) **Age Eligibility.** All players must be 20 years or under throughout the 2024 calendar year.
- 2) **Selection List.** The selection list for the event shall be:
 - a) The top seven (7) players in the PIF ATP Race to Jeddah standings as of Monday (20 November) following the Nitto ATP Finals event; followed by
 - b) One (1) Wild Card designated by the ATP. The Wild Card selection must meet the age restriction as specified in B. 1) above.
 - 3) **Direct Acceptances.** The top seven (7) players in the selection list shall qualify for the event as direct acceptances. Participation is mandatory, and all qualified players shall be entered. The exception to this is that any player(s) who are qualified for the Nitto ATP Finals as a Direct Acceptance or as a designated Alternate are excluded from mandatory participation. All direct acceptances must be at the tournament site to attend the official pre-tournament media events scheduled Sunday night and Monday and must be available for play through the completion of the round robin competition and the knock-out competition if eligible.
- 4) **Withdrawal.** Any withdrawal, before the official pre-tournament media conference starts, shall be replaced by the next highest positioned player on the selection list, who shall be qualified as a direct acceptance.
- 5) **Alternate(s).**
 - a) Alternate(s) (who are not a direct acceptance at the time of the official pre-tournament media conference) shall be designated as determined by ATP. The alternate shall replace any player who subsequently withdraws.

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The alternate must appear at the official pre-tournament media conference and remain available through the start of the last scheduled round robin match. Participation of the Alternate is not mandatory.

- b) Additional alternates may be selected by ATP to fill the draw, based upon terms satisfactory to ATP. Participation of such additional alternates is not mandatory.
- c) The alternate(s) is eligible to play in the single elimination competition and to receive prize money if he qualifies.
- d) If the alternate(s) does not play in the draw, then a fee shall be paid to the alternate(s). If the alternate(s) is inserted for the second or third round robin match, then he shall receive the alternate fee plus any prize money won. If the alternate(s) replaces a player that does not compete in his first round robin match, the alternate(s) becomes a direct acceptance and does not receive the alternate fee.

C. Appearance at Event

All direct acceptances and the alternate must appear at the site of the event(s) as determined by ATP and participate in the pre-tournament media events scheduled on Sunday night and Monday.

D. Failure to Participate

If a player, qualified for the Next Gen ATP Finals as a direct acceptance fails or refuses to participate in this event, except for bona fide injury or other reason which constitutes good cause, the player shall receive a fine in the amount of \$25,000.

E. Order of Play

Round Robin

- 1) The field shall be divided into two (2) groups of four (4) players each. The top-seeded player shall be placed in Group "A" and the second-seeded player shall be placed in Group "B". Players seeded three (3) and four (4), five (5) and six (6), and seven (7) and eight (8), shall then be drawn in pairs with the first drawn placed into Group "A."
- 2) Each player shall play every other player in his group to determine the top two (2) players in each group.
- 3) The final standings of each group shall be determined by the first of the following methods that apply:
 - a) Greatest number of wins.
 - b) Greatest number of matches played.
Comment: 2-1 won-loss record beats a 2-0 won-loss record; a 1-2 record beats a 1-0 record.
 - c) Head-to-head results if only two (2) players are tied.
 - d) If three (3) players are tied, then:
 - i) If three (3) players each have one (1) win, a player having played less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the player advancing to the single elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) players tied with 1-2 records; or
 - ii) Highest percentage of sets won; or
 - iii) Highest percentage of games won; or

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- iv) The player positions on the most recent PIF ATP Rankings.
- v) If (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) produce one (1) superior player (first place), or one (1) inferior player (third place), and the two (2) remaining players are tied, the tie between those two (2) players shall be broken by head-to-head record.

Comment 1: 1 player has 3 wins and the other 3 players have 1 win. Of the 3 players with 1 win, 1 player has only played in 2 matches while the other 2 players have played 3 matches. The player who has only played 2 matches is eliminated and then the 2 remaining players revert to head-to-head results with the winner of their match advancing to the semi-finals.

Comment 2: 1 player has 3 wins and the other 3 players have 1 win and they all have played 3 matches. The tie-break for % of sets won has 1 player with a better % than the other two. This player advances to the semi-final round.

Comment 3: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, they are ordered by their % of sets won. This produces a 1, 2 & 3 order and the players finishing 1 and 2 move to the semi-final round and the player finishing 3 in % of sets won is eliminated. The player with the best % of sets won is the winner of the group.

Comment 4: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, 1 player's sets won-loss is 5-2 for 71.43%; the other 2 players both have a 4-3 record in sets for 57.14%. In this case there is 1 superior player (71.43%) and the remaining 2 players are tied; it now reverts to the head to head result of the 2 remaining players with the winning player advancing as group runner-up.

Comment 5: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, 2 have set won-loss records of 5-3 (62.5%) while the other player is 4-3 (57.14%). In this case, we have 1 inferior player (57.14%) and he is eliminated. The remaining two players both advance to the semi-finals with the winner of their head-to-head match advancing as the group winner.

Comment 6: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, all have played 3 matches and all 3 have set won-loss records of 5-4 (55.56%). In this case, we move to % of games won. The % of games won breaks down like this: 44-40 for 52.38%, 45-43 for 51.14% and 44-43 for 50.57%. This produces a 1, 2 and 3 order of the group and the number 1 player in % of games won is the group winner while the player finishing 2nd in % of games won advances to the semi-finals as the group runner-up. The player with the 3rd best % of games won is eliminated.

- e) In applying the tie-breaking procedures, a conduct default or retirement shall count as a straight-set win or loss. However, games won or lost in matches with the defaulting or retiring player shall not be counted in the percentage of games won. A player who retires during the round robin because of illness or injury may continue in the competition if it is approved by the tournament Doctor.

Comment: This prevents a scenario where a player knows he only needs to win 1 set to qualify for the semi-finals from retiring once he has won a set.

- f) Any player who is defaulted pursuant to the ATP Code during the round robin competition shall be defaulted from all other matches in the Championship

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and ATP default provisions shall apply, except for the following circumstances:

- i) The loss of physical condition; or
- ii) Dress and Equipment.
- g) Any player who withdraws from any round robin match after the first round shall not be eligible for the single elimination competition.

F. Single Elimination Competition

- 1) The winner of each group shall be placed in separate semi-final brackets. The runner-up of each group shall be placed in the semi-final bracket with the winner of the opposite group.
- 2) The event shall be completed with a single elimination competition for the semi-finals and final.

G. Prize Money

Final standings at the end of the tournament shall determine the prize money earned.

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5.01 Tournament Director

A. Appointment

- 1) A tournament may change the Tournament Director named in the tournament application by submitting the proposed change to the ATP Board for approval.
- 2) The ATP Board may require a tournament to change the Tournament Director upon a finding that such Tournament Director has failed to or refused to comply with any provision of ATP's rules and regulations.

B. Responsibilities

Each Tournament Director shall:

- 1) Act in cooperation with ATP staff on-site.
- 2) Be responsible for tournament compliance with all rules and regulations.
- 3) Not go on court during a match (including warm-up) or otherwise become involved in any Code of Conduct matter.

NOTE: Tournament Directors are prohibited from playing in their own event (Tour Policy).

5.02 Tour Manager

A. Appointment

ATP shall provide a Tour Manager for each ATP Tour tournament.

B. Responsibilities

- 1) The Tour Manager shall be present for all sign-ins.
- 2) The Tour Manager shall be present at the making of all draws.
- 3) The Tour Manager shall act as the player representative for all aspects of the tournament, including as a member of the scheduling committee.

5.03 Public Relations ("PR")

A. Appointment

- 1) ATP will provide a PR representative for each ATP Tour tournament to coordinate advance publicity, help organize facilities and provide media assistance on-site.

B. Responsibilities

- 1) The PR representative shall liaise with journalists, players and sponsors.
- 2) The PR representative shall organize and supervise post-match press conferences.
- 3) The PR representative shall coordinate exclusive interviews.
- 4) The PR representative shall provide statistical and biographical information to journalists.
- 5) The PR representative shall disseminate information to international journalists.
- 6) The PR representative shall suggest story lines to journalists.

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5.04 Doctor, Physiotherapist and Massage Therapist

A. ATP Tour Tournaments

1) Tournament Doctor.

Beginning with the qualifying competition, it is the responsibility of each ATP Tour tournament to provide on-site during the entire tournament an English-speaking Doctor who specializes in sports medicine, unless otherwise approved by ATP's Medical Services Committee. Each tournament shall send the name and address of the tournament Doctor (or all Doctors, if more than one) to the appropriate ATP regional coordinator ninety (90) days in advance of the tournament. The tournament doctor shall be responsible for the medical care and treatment of the players at all times during the event and shall have no other official duties while at the tournament site. ATP tournaments shall provide for the Tournament Doctor, a private space in the vicinity of the ATP Physiotherapist area. Please refer to the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre.

Thirty (30) days prior to the start of the tournament, a physician schedule is required outlining the schedule of physicians for the tournament (days and hours). No more than 2-3 physicians should be used. Tournament physicians are required to arrive on-site ninety (90) minutes prior to the start of play each day and remain onsite until the last match concludes, and all players have been checked and cleared for not requiring physician services. Tournament physicians must present themselves to the ATP physiotherapist upon arrival to the site the first day for debriefing and orientation of ATP Medical Services Policies and Procedures. All on-site tournament doctor treatments are provided to players free of charge.

2) Physiotherapist.

ATP shall provide a Physiotherapist for all tournaments except that ATP may require assistance from a tournament to provide a Physiotherapist for the qualifying competition.

Combined Events. Each combined tournament must provide one (1) ATP Physiotherapist with single room hotel accommodations. Complimentary room shall be in the player hotel or another hotel approved by ATP Medical Services.

3) Massage Therapist.

It is the responsibility of each ATP Tour tournament to provide a Massage Therapist in the following amounts: (i) 96-draw: 5, (ii) 56-draw: 4, (iii) 48-draw: 3, and (iv) 32/28-draw: 2. Tournaments should provide a separate ventilated room for tournament massage therapists. In exceptional circumstances massage therapists may be located in the ATP treatment room, provided there are no other options, and the room size is sufficient to accommodate the increased number of tables and therapists. Please refer to the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre.

4) ATP Mental Health and Wellbeing

ATP shall provide a player Mental Health and Wellbeing specialist at select ATP Masters 1000 tournaments. Tournaments shall provide for the ATP Mental Health and Wellbeing specialist a private space per the specifications in the Standards and Best Practices Section on ATP Tournament Centre.

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B. ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

1) **Tournament Doctor.** Each ATP Challenger Tour tournament is required to have an English-speaking tournament Doctor at the site from one (1) hour prior to the start of play through its conclusion on each day. If the ATP Challenger Tour tournament cannot provide a doctor on-site during all hours of play, a doctor shall be available during all hours of play on each day:

- a) On call and able to respond immediately for consultation from the tournament medical team by telephone on each day for urgent medical situations that arise; and
- b) Through a schedule of daily on-site visits (minimum 1 hour during normal business hours or as required by the ATP Supervisor) by the tournament doctor established at the start of the tournament and posted in the player treatment room to allow for in-person consultations with player as needed throughout the tournament and within the allocated time frame for each day; and
- c) To see a player in-practice (physician's office) if a player, for reasons outside his own control, requires a doctor's consultation outside the daily allocated time frame for the doctor's on-site visit.

Each tournament shall send the name and address of the tournament Doctor to ATP's Medical Services Committee forty-two (42) days in advance of the tournament.

***Case:** A player requests to see the doctor for an in-practice consultation outside the doctor's scheduled on-site visit time slot for that day. He claims that he has an early match that day (non-urgent reason) and will likely not be on-site later in the day during the doctor's on-site visit.*

***Decision:** The request is denied. The player can organize transportation to the site and consult with the doctor during the doctor's on-site visit.*

2) **Physiotherapist.** Each ATP Challenger Tour tournament must provide an English-speaking Physiotherapist(s) as shown below. All Physiotherapy treatments are provided to players free of charge.

a) Challenger 125 and 175 events

- i) Two (2) Physiotherapists designated and paid for by ATP.
- ii) The tournament may apply to have a local physiotherapist in lieu of the 2nd ATP Physiotherapist. If approved, the local physiotherapist would work Saturday through Thursday. All fees and expenses for the local Physiotherapist will be paid by the tournament.

b) Challenger 100 events

- i) One (1) Physiotherapist designated and all fees/expenses paid by ATP.
- ii) One (1) Physiotherapist nominated by the tournament and approved by ATP. This Physiotherapist is to be scheduled to work Saturday through Thursday with all fees/expenses paid by the tournament.

c) Challenger 50 and 75 events

- i) Two (2) Physiotherapists designated by the tournament and approved by ATP.
- ii) The tournament is responsible for all fees and expenses.
- iii) One Physiotherapist to work Saturday through Thursday and one physiotherapist to work Sunday through Sunday.

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- d) **Education module.** All non-ATP Physiotherapists must have successfully completed the ATP Medical Services education online program prior to working at ATP Challengers.
- 3) **Massage Therapist.** A minimum of one (1) Massage Therapist must be provided at each Challenger. Please refer to the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre.
 - At Challenger 50 and 75 events, the second Physiotherapist may work as the Massage Therapist.
 - a) For Challenger 125 and 175 events, the service shall be provided to the players, while remaining in the event, free of charge.
 - b) For all other Challenger Tour events, a fee may be charged with a recommended maximum fee of \$25/€25 for a 30-minute massage.

5.05 Agents, Tier I and Tier II

A list of Tier I and Tier II Agents will be established and revised on a yearly basis following the conclusion of the Nitto ATP Tour Finals. The criteria for becoming a Tier I or II Agent is defined below.

A. Tier I

- 1) Minimum of five (5) years of service, beginning with the first year's representation of an ATP player, and
- 2) Agent's Player must be active, and
- 3) Number of Singles Players representing
 - a) Ranking 1-10 = 1 player, or
 - b) Ranking 11-50 = 2 players, or
 - c) Ranking 11-100 = 4 players, or
- 4) Number of Doubles Players representing
 - a) Ranking 1-20 = 4
 - b) If agent does not represent four (4) doubles players, each doubles player ranked in the top 20 shall count as ½ player towards meeting the singles criteria.

B. Tier II

Agents that do not meet the criteria to be in Tier I may apply for consideration as a Tier II Agent. There are no benefits associated with Tier II classification.

5.06 Supervisor

A. Assignment & Designation

1) ATP Tour Tournaments

An ATP Supervisor shall be provided by ATP for each ATP Tour tournament.

2) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

ATP shall provide a Supervisor for each ATP Challenger Tour tournament.

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B. Fees and Expenses

ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

ATP shall pay the fees and travel expenses of the supervisors hired by ATP.

Each tournament must provide each Supervisor with single room hotel accommodations, meals and laundry. Complimentary rooms shall be in the player hotel or another hotel approved by ATP or the Supervisor.

C. General

The Supervisor at each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament is provided by ATP. Whenever the Supervisor is not available, the Supervisor shall designate an approved Referee or ATP Official to assume all duties and responsibilities. (All references to Supervisor includes "or his designee.")

D. Responsibilities

In all ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments the Supervisor shall:

- 1) Act as ATP's representative, speaking with the full authority of ATP during the tournament.
- 2) Act as final on-site authority ensuring that the tournament is conducted fairly in accordance with ATP's Rules and Regulations as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament site including the evaluation of tournament compliance with Facilities and On-Site Condition requirements.
- 3) Issue player conduct fines as necessary and appropriate.
- 4) Direct, supervise, instruct and evaluate the Referee, Chief of Umpires and all on-court officials, including the authority to:
 - a) Make the assignment of all Chair Umpires and approve all Line Umpires and net judge for tournament matches.
 - b) Remove a Chair Umpire and/or remove, rotate or replace any Line Umpire or net judge when necessary to improve the officiating of a match.
- 5) Make all draws for the qualifying and main draw competitions.
- 6) When weather or other conditions threaten the immediate safety of the players, spectators, officials or any other persons on the tournament site, the Supervisor may suspend or postpone the match(es) until such time that in his opinion the threat to safety is no longer evident.
- 7) Decide if a court is fit for play or decide if a match should be moved to another court. The Supervisor may, if necessary to eliminate the possibility of a player having to play two singles matches in one day, or if necessary to complete the event, move a match to another court, indoors or outdoors, regardless of surface.
- 8) Serve as the Chairman of the scheduling committee and make the final decision on all scheduling matters if the committee is not in agreement. Ensure that the daily order of play is posted on the bulletin board and at the official hotel.
- 9) Designate a highly visible place in the general player area as the official bulletin board.
- 10) Designate a visible timepiece at a fixed location as the "Official Clock" of the tournament.

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- 11) Designate a specific area from which matches shall be called and determine when a match is to be called.
- 12) Maintain a continuous dialogue during the week with the Tournament Director and submit a report to ATP evaluating the tournament, including attendance, and officials. The Tournament Director shall receive a copy of the report prior to the Supervisor's departure.
- 13) Decide with the Tournament Director the designation of the lowest tier of seats that surround the playing area of the courts at each tournament.

E. Clothing - ATP Tour

The officiating uniform provided by ATP must be worn. No other commercial branding may be applied to the uniform without prior approval from ATP.

5.07 Chair Umpire / Review Official

A. Assignment and Designation Process

- 1) ATP Tour Tournaments. Officials required to support the tournament are as follows:

ATP shall hire designated Chair Umpires as follows:

<u>Main Draw Size (Singles)</u>	<u>Total # of chair Umpires</u>
96	9
56	7
48	5
32	4
28	4

NOTE: In the event the tournament elects to employ the services of an electronic line calling system, ATP will hire a Review Official in addition to the Chair Umpires as stated above.

Each tournament is required to provide supplemental Chair Umpires approved by ATP for the qualifying competition as well as for some main draw matches not covered by the designated Chair Umpires hired by ATP. Supplemental Chair Umpires must have international certification of Gold, Silver or Bronze.

- 2) **ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments.** Tournaments must hire Chair Umpires as specified below:
 - a) **Chair Umpires.** Each tournament shall have a minimum of four (4) designated Chair Umpires for the entire week as selected and coordinated by ATP. Under special circumstances, ATP may require additional Chair Umpire(s) to be hired by the tournament.
 - b) **Supplemental Chair Umpires.** Each tournament shall provide supplemental Chair Umpires approved by ATP for matches not covered by the designated Chair Umpires. Supplemental Chair Umpires must have certification of Gold, Silver, Bronze or White.

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B. Fees and Expenses

ATP shall pay the fees and travel expenses of the designated Chair Umpires and review officials (if any) hired by ATP.

1) ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments.

Each tournament must provide each designated Chair Umpire and Review Official (if any) with single room hotel accommodations, meals and laundry. Complimentary rooms shall be in the player hotel or another hotel approved by ATP or the Supervisor.

Each ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall pay a fair and reasonable fee and travel expense to each Chair Umpire hired by the tournament.

C. General

Chair umpires are assigned matches by the ATP Supervisor and are responsible to ensure those matches are conducted according to the rules of ATP in order to present a professional tournament.

D. Responsibilities

- 1) Enforce all ATP Rules and Regulations and on-court procedures to ensure accuracy, fairness and safety. Ensure that the players and all on-court officials observe the rules.
- 2) The following pertain to the rules for continuous play: Have a stopwatch in his possession which shall be used to time the warm-up, the time between points, the time permitted on changeovers, the time permitted during the set break and all other specified time periods designated under the provisions of any rule or regulation.
- 3) Dress uniformly with other Chair Umpires as prescribed by the Supervisor.
- 4) If appropriate, conduct a pre-match meeting with all of the on-court officials for the match to specify court assignments and the procedures to be used for making calls, hand signals, rotation of court assignments, etc.
- 5) Ascertain prior to matches from the Supervisor or the Chief of Umpires that the tournament has made appropriate arrangements for the safe escorting of players to and from the court before and after the match.
- 6) Immediately before the start of the match meet with the players to:
 - a) Verify the correct pronunciation of the player's names.
 - b) State any pertinent information (rule changes, new procedures, etc. for the players.
- 7) Flip a coin in the presence of both players or teams to determine choice of serve and side at the beginning of the match prior to the warm-up. If play is suspended before the match begins, the winner of the toss may choose again before the match commences.
- 8) Determine if each player is dressed in accordance with the dress provisions of ATP rules. Corrective action taking more than fifteen (15) minutes shall result in a default in consultation with the Supervisor. An appropriate re-warm-up may be authorized.

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- 9) Determine all Questions of Fact arising during the match (including the permitted five (5) minute warm-up).
- 10) Make the first determination of all Questions of Tennis Law arising during the match, subject to the right of a player to appeal to the Supervisor.
- 11) Announce the score after each point in accordance with On-Court Procedures. Announcements as a minimum must be in English. If two (2) languages must be used, announce in the local language first, then English. Conversations between the Chair Umpire and a player can be in any language. However, if the language used is not English, then the Chair Umpire must be prepared to advise the other player of the nature of the discussion.
- 12) Repeat the calls of a Line Umpire or net judge if the call is made in a weak voice or there is a close call that must be confirmed to remove any doubt from the minds of the players.
- 13) Be responsible for any ball mark inspection on clay courts. A ball mark inspection must be made in accordance with the approved on-court procedures.
- 14) Overrule a Line Umpire only in the case of a clear mistake by the Line Umpire and only if the overrule is made promptly after the mistake is made. All overrules must be made in accordance with the approved on-court procedures. Obvious foot faults must be called by the Chair Umpire consistent with the procedures used for handling "clear mistakes".
- 15) Remove, rotate or replace any Line Umpire or net judge whenever, in the opinion of the Chair Umpire, it will improve the officiating of a match.
- 16) Exercise his best efforts to control the crowd. Spectator involvement is encouraged as long as the Chair Umpire does not determine such involvement to be deliberately distracting. Whenever the spectators are impeding the progress of the match, the Chair Umpire should address them respectfully and request their cooperation. The tournament announcer and security personnel may be used to assist the Chair Umpire after consultation with the Supervisor.
- 17) Be responsible for the direction of the ball persons during the match so that they assist but do not disturb the players.
- 18) Be responsible for having the appropriate number of balls on-court for the match, for all changes of balls and for determining if a ball is fit for play. The appropriate number of ball containers should be opened and inspected sufficiently in advance of each ball change so as to avoid any delay of the match at the time of a ball change.
- 19) Complete a scorecard in accordance with the approved on-court procedures. Following the completion of a match, the scorecards or printouts are to be finalized and distributed to appropriate ATP tournament and/or media personnel. Maintain the ATP Point Penalty Card in accordance with the approved on-court procedures.
- 20) Determine if a court continues to be fit for play. If a change in condition occurs during a match that the Chair Umpire considers sufficient to make the court unfit for play or if weather conditions require stoppage of play, he should stop play and immediately notify the Supervisor.
- 21) Following the conclusion of the match, complete and give to the Supervisor, the Post Match Review form including all actions taken under the Code during the

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match. If required by the Supervisor, in addition to the brief summary of the violation made on the Point Penalty Card, the Chair Umpire shall write a detailed statement of the incident. All reports shall be signed, dated and delivered to the Supervisor.

- 22) Chair umpire responsibilities to include primary responsibility to call nets or throughs, unless otherwise assigned.
- 23) Chair umpires must promptly and accurately score matches using the handheld or other method provided by ATP. In addition, Chair Umpires agree not to, and shall not authorize or assist any third party to, disseminate, transmit, publish or release any match related data or information to or for any third party without the express written consent of ATP. Further, each Chair Umpire agrees that any and all work or data he/she collects or creates in connection with any match shall constitute a "work made for hire" and any and all rights attributable to such work shall be retained by, or if necessary automatically assigned to, ATP and its members.

E. Clothing - ATP Tour

The officiating uniform provided by ATP must be worn. No other commercial branding may be applied to the uniform without prior approval from ATP.

5.08 Line Umpire

A. Assignment and Designation Process

1) ATP Masters 1000 Tournaments

Officials required to support the tournament are as follows:

Unless otherwise approved by ATP, the following are required: a minimum of seven (7) Line Umpires must be provided per main draw match and qualifying match.

2) ATP 500 and 250 Tournaments

Officials required to support the tournament are as follows:

Unless otherwise approved by ATP, the following are required: A minimum of seven (7) Line Umpires must be provided per main draw match. A minimum of five (5) Line Umpires per qualifying match must be provided.

3) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

Tournaments must hire officials as specified below:

For Challenger 50 and 75 events on clay court, a minimum of three (3) Line Umpires shall be provided for every qualifying match and also every main draw match up until the quarterfinal. From the quarterfinals on, a minimum of five (5) Line Umpires shall be provided.

For Challenger 50 and 75 events on hard, grass or indoor synthetic court, a minimum of five (5) line umpires shall be provided for every qualifying and main draw match.

For Challenger 100 and 125 events, regardless of court surface, a minimum of five (5) Line Umpires shall be provided for every qualifying and every main draw match up until the quarter-finals. From the quarter-finals on, a minimum of seven (7) Line Umpires shall be provided.

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For **Challenger 175** events, a minimum of five (5) Line Umpires shall be provided for every qualifying match. A minimum of seven (7) line umpires shall be provided for every main draw match.

B. General

Line umpires are assigned by the Chief of Umpires and are responsible for calling their assigned lines according to ATP rules under the direct on-court supervision of the Chair Umpire.

C. Clothing

Clothing provided by the tournament for Line Umpires shall not be solid white, yellow or other colors that may interfere with the vision of the players, unless otherwise approved by ATP. It is recommended that dark-colored clothing be avoided for outdoor tournaments played in high temperatures. Clothing should not be identical to clothing provided to the ball persons.

D. Responsibilities

- 1) Carry out all duties in accordance with the approved procedures of ATP.
- 2) Not catch balls or hold towels for a player.
- 3) Not leave the court without permission of the Chair Umpire.
- 4) Dress uniformly with other Line Umpires as prescribed by the tournament and/or ATP.
- 5) Sit erect with both feet on the ground with arms resting on his or her legs.
- 6) Concentrate on the assigned line; conversation with spectators or others is to be avoided.
- 7) Be accountable to the Chair Umpire only and have no discussions with the players. A player's questions must always be referred to the Chair Umpire. However, a Line Umpire may answer a reasonably precise question if it relates to a call, especially foot faults, unless that call has been overruled.
- 8) Move away from the on-court chair if necessary to get the best view possible of the assigned line.
- 9) Make all calls as quickly as possible, maintaining consistency and accuracy. On very close calls a fraction of a second's hesitation is recommended to make sure that the call is correct.
- 10) Never call a ball "Out" until it actually hits out or it hits a permanent fixture.
- 11) Make "Out," "Fault," "Net" and "Foot Fault" calls loudly and crisply followed by the appropriate hand signal. Foot faults are never called until the serve is struck.
- 12) Do not make a call for a "good" ball. However, whenever there is a close call on a good ball, the "good" ball hand signals should be given quickly to confirm the call.
- 13) When there is an erroneous call, immediately call "Correction" so that the Chair Umpire and the players are aware of the error. Then, make the corrected call.
- 14) Do not give an opinion on a call that is not his or her responsibility.

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- 15) Remain silent if the Chair Umpire overrules a call. Direct player inquiries to the Chair Umpire.
- 16) If directed by the Chair Umpire to identify a mark, and the Line Umpire is sure of the location of the mark, the Line Umpire should walk directly to the mark and point to it in a manner that is clear to the Chair Umpire. The Line Umpire should then return to his position without comment.
- 17) Promptly yield to the Chair Umpire when unsighted on a call.
- 18) If the Line Umpire sees that he or she may hinder a player's stroke, make a reasonable effort to get out of the way, but in so doing, make as little movement as possible.
- 19) When there are Code Violations by players not witnessed by the Chair Umpire, inform the Chair Umpire immediately or as soon as is reasonable prior to the start of the next point, without disrupting a point or the match. The Line Umpire should quickly approach the Chair Umpire and report the facts of the violation.

5.09 Referee

A. Assignment and Designation Process

1) ATP Tour Tournaments

Each tournament is required to hire a certified Referee approved by ATP.

2) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

Each tournament is required to hire a certified Referee approved by ATP.

B. Waiver of Obligation – Referee

A tournament may petition ATP to waive the Referee requirement. Waivers shall not be granted to:

- 1) Challenger 125 and 175 events
- 2) Any new Challenger tournament
- 3) Tournaments played on two (2) separate sites, including qualifying
- 4) Back-to-back tournaments (for a minimum of the overlapping week-end)

Furthermore, the following elements shall be used to determine whether or not a waiver will be considered:

- 1) 2-court event
- 2) Venue size
- 3) Recommendation of the supervisor from previous year that a waiver, if approved, will not jeopardize the quality of the service.

Where a waiver is granted, tournament shall provide a suitable assistant to the supervisor.

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C. Fees and Expenses

1) ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

Each tournament must provide each Referee with single room hotel accommodations, meals and laundry. Complimentary rooms shall be in the player hotel or another hotel approved by ATP or the Supervisor.

Each tournament shall pay a fair and reasonable fee and travel expense to each designated and approved Referee hired by the tournament.

D. General

The Referee is hired by the tournament to advise in planning the event and shall assist the Supervisor while being available to serve on the scheduling committee.

E. Responsibilities

Advise, assist and cooperate with the Supervisor as appropriate and necessary when carrying out any assigned duties or responsibilities. Assigned duties may include;

- 1) Organizing the facilities, equipment and staff, to support play beginning with the qualifying competition.
- 2) Confirming the conditions of play, (i.e.), make and number of tennis balls, types of beverages including electrolyte, how matches are to be called, etc.
- 3) Ensure that each court is equipped as follows:
 - a) Umpire's chair.
 - b) Line umpire chairs.
 - c) Player's chairs.
 - d) On-court beverages.
 - f) Writing Tables and electrical outlet for the Electronic Scoring Device.
 - g) Microphones (if applicable)
- 4) Designate a highly visible place in the general player's area as the "Official Bulletin Board" and notify all players of its designation and location.
- 5) Make appropriate arrangements for the safe escorting of players to and from the court before and after the match.
- 6) Be on-site at all times during the playing of matches in the tournament. The Referee may not be a Chair Umpire or Chief of Umpires.

5.10 Chief of Umpires

A. Assignment and Designation Process

ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments are required to hire a certified Chief of Umpires approved by ATP, unless otherwise determined by ATP.

B. Fees and Expenses

1) ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

Each tournament must provide each Chief of Umpires with single room hotel accommodations, meals and laundry. Complimentary rooms shall be in the player

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hotel or another hotel approved by ATP or the Supervisor.

Each tournament shall pay a fair and reasonable fee and travel expense to the Chief of Umpires hired by the tournament.

C. General

The Chief of Umpires is approved by ATP, hired by the tournament and is responsible for having sufficient quality Line Umpires assigned to each match.

D. Responsibilities

- 1) Recruit a sufficient number of competent officials for the tournament. Be prepared to respond to or make recommendations to the Fulltime Official who is coordinating assignments and designations of all necessary and required Chair Umpires.
- 2) Conduct the necessary pre-tournament training of officials including review of all appropriate ATP Rules and Regulations.
- 3) Prepare a list of officials, which shall include the mailing address and national or local certifications, if any, of all officials used during the tournament. A copy of such list shall be delivered to the Referee and to the Supervisor.
- 4) Be on-site at all times during play. The Chief of Umpires may not be a chair or Line Umpire unless authorized by the Supervisor.
- 5) Schedule the on-court assignments of Line Umpires for each day of the tournament, subject to the approval of the Supervisor. Line umpires for the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals must have worked a minimum of two (2) days prior to the quarterfinals and have the Supervisor's specific approval.

5.11 Ball Persons

Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament must provide ball persons for all main draw and qualifying competition matches. Ball persons should be on-site and available at a reasonable time prior to the first match of the day and there shall be ball persons available until the conclusion of play each day.

A. Number.

At ATP Tour events, six (6) ball persons are recommended per court. At Challenger Tour events a minimum number of four (4) ball persons is required per court, although it is recommended to provide six (6).

B. Clothing

Clothing provided by the tournament for ball persons shall not be solid white, yellow or other colors that may interfere with the vision of the players, unless otherwise approved by ATP. It is recommended that dark-colored clothing be avoided for outdoor tournaments played in high temperatures. Clothing should not be identical to clothing provided to the Line Umpires.

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5.12 ATP/GRAND SLAMS/ITF/WTAs Code of Conduct for Officials

A. The ATP, the Grand Slam Tournaments, the ITF and the WTA as members of the Joint Certification Programme require a high standard of professionalism from all Certified Officials (National, Green, White, Bronze, Silver and Gold) and all other Officials, (together, “Officials”) working at ATP, Grand Slam, ITF and WTA events. All Officials are automatically bound by, and must comply with, this Code of Conduct for Officials (“Code”). The ATP, Grand Slam Board, ITF and WTA shall continue to have jurisdiction over a retired Official under the Code and, as applicable, ATP, Grand Slam, ITF and WTA Tournament Regulations and Codes of Conduct in respect of matters taking place prior to his/her retirement.

The full text of the Code of Conduct for Officials can be found at the following website:
<https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>

VI. FACILITIES & ON-SITE CONDITIONS

6.01 Courts

A. Court Surface

- 1) Outdoor court surfaces shall be classified as either a) hard; b) clay; or c) grass.
- 2) Indoor surfaces shall be Indoor Hard and shall be constructed using an acrylic or similar surface paint applied on a hard or semi-hard base.
- 3) Any court surface or change in a tournament’s court surface must be approved by ATP.
- 4) A change in a tournament’s court surface will not be considered for approval without a written petition by the tournament.

B. Size, Position and Color of Courts

- 1) The Court shall conform to the specifications of the [Rules of Tennis](#). ATP reserves the right to restrict the color of an indoor synthetic court as well as outdoor surfaces. The lines of the court shall be white.
- 2) Courts shall be laid out with the long axis north and south; however, geographic considerations may modify this orientation in order to minimize the adverse effect of serving into the sun.
- 3) Courts shall not be less than 60 feet (18.29 m.) wide and 120 feet (36.58 m.) long. Center courts should be 66 feet (20.11 m.) x 132 feet (40.23 m.).

C. Preparation of Surface

Clay, composition and loose surface courts shall be swept and lines cleaned before the start of all matches and properly maintained.

D. Lighting

- 1) **Minimum Number of Lighted Courts** – Outdoor events
 - a) ATP Tour Masters 1000. Center Court, two (2) other show courts plus one (1) practice court.
 - b) ATP Tour 500. Center Court plus one (1) other show court plus one (1) practice court based on match schedule plan.
 - c) ATP Tour 250. No minimum requirement.
- 2) **Intensity**
 - a) **ATP Tour Tournaments.** Lighting must be evenly distributed on the court with a minimum recommended intensity of 100 foot-candles (1076 LUX), averaged over 15 readings on court.
The recommended minimum lighting for televised events broadcasting in high definition is an average of 185 foot candles (approximately 2,000 lux). The light should be distributed across the court evenly with a consistent color temperature.
 - b) **ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments.** Lighting must be evenly distributed on the court with a minimum recommended intensity of 70 foot-candles (750 LUX), averaged over 15 readings on court.
- 3) **High/low ratio.** A ratio of the highest to lowest readings should be no greater than 1x2.0 but the recommended ratio is 1x1.5.

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- 4) **Light poles.** Light poles should be positioned so that they are evenly distributed around the court and it is recommended that light pole heights for other than show courts be no lower than forty (40) feet (12.19 m.) or no lower than other non-show court lights at the facility, e.g., if others are sixty (60) feet (18.29 m.), then new lights should be sixty (60) feet (18.29 m.) high.
- 5) The Supervisor has the authority to suspend play on any court if the intensity of illumination, in his judgment, is insufficient for professional tennis.

E. Back Fences, Back Walls, Banners, Signs and Seats

- 1) The back fences, back walls, net, net posts, Line Umpire boxes and other fixtures on a court shall not have any white, gray, yellow or other light colors that can interfere with the vision of the players as determined by the Supervisor.
- 2) Background and lettering on rotating / LED banners should be consistent with the color of the back walls. If placed in front of back walls, rotating / LED banners can change between games. The ATP may approve the use of entertainment images / changes after every point if not disturbing play. If placed in front of side walls, rotating / LED banners can change only after the completion of any point in progress. ATP Tour Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 500 tournaments are recommended to install LED banners around their center court (both backwall and sidewall boards).

Each ATP Tournament must comply with the following in order to use electronic perimeter boards (LEDs):

- a) The company and methodology used to produce electronically inserted signage must meet quality and technical standards and be pre-approved by ATP.
 - b) Electronically inserted signage may be used across the whole court perimeter.
 - c) Electronically inserted signage may be altered only between points and operator must insure through synchronisation with the umpire's tablet and a view of the court, that such changes do not happen during play.
 - d) Only static logos may be inserted during play. Animations or videos may be inserted between points so long as static logos are featured as soon as players are ready to serve/receive.
 - e) Electronically inserted signage must be compliant with colour restrictions and brightness of the LED boards at the supervisor's discretion.
- 3) Spectator seating shall not have any white, gray, yellow or other light colors that can interfere with the vision of the players. Light colored seats shall be covered to comply with this rule.

F. Ceiling Height.

- 1) **ATP Events.** Indoor or covered show courts shall have a minimum top height of forty (40) feet (12.19 m.) except as otherwise approved by ATP.
- 2) **Challenger Events.** Indoor or covered show courts shall have a minimum top height of thirty (30) feet (9.14 m. except as otherwise approved by ATP.

G. On-Court Timing Devices.

It is mandatory for all ATP Tour events (250-500-1000-United Cup-Nitto ATP Finals) to provide electronic timing devices ("shot clocks") on each match court from the first day of qualifying through the finals.

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- 1) **Size.** Each shot clock panel's minimum recommended size is 2 x 2 feet (0.6 x 0.6 meters). The recommended maximum size is 3 x 2 feet (0.91 x 0.6 meters).
- 2) **Number and Placement.** Each court shall have, as a minimum, two (2) timing panels. The placement of the shot clock panels shall be on the back wall or corner of the court and located one (1) each on the left far and right far side from the umpire chair. The placement shall ensure that the shot clock is in clear view of the players and the Chair Umpire.
- 3) **Additional Positions.** Beyond the two (2) clock placements specified in 2) above, at the tournament's option they may show the shot clock timing in other locations on or around the court and spectator areas.

H. Electronic Review.

- 1) With the exception of clay court events, all ATP Tour tournaments are required to provide an ATP approved electronic review system.
Note: ATP approved electronic review systems is permitted for use at clay court events in 2024 on a voluntary basis.
- 2) The system must, at a minimum, be available for use on the Stadium/Centre Court.
- 3) **Masters 1000 and ATP 500.** The system must be available from the first day of qualifying* through the end of the event on all show courts.
- 4) **ATP 250 Events.** If qualifying and main draw matches are scheduled on the same day and on the same court(s), then the electronic review must be used for all matches on that court(s).
- 5) The tournament must comply with all of the provisions specified in "Exhibits S and T".

*If qualifying matches are played on courts where an electronic review system is installed, then the electronic review system must be used from the first day of qualifying.

6.02 Match and Practice Courts

A. Each tournament must provide match and practice courts as follows:

ATP Tour Masters 1000 96-draw (Combined)	9 match courts 8 practice courts (on-site)
ATP Tour Masters 1000 96-draw (Outdoors)	6 match courts 4 practice courts (on-site)
ATP Tour Masters 1000 56-draw (Outdoors and Combined)	8 match courts 8 practice courts (on-site)
ATP Tour Masters 1000 56-draw (Indoors)	3 match courts 4 practice courts (minimum 1 on-site)
ATP Tour 500 (Outdoors and Combined)	5 match courts 4 practice courts (minimum 3 on-site)

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ATP Tour 500 (Outdoors) 3 match courts
4 practice courts (minimum 3 on-site)

ATP Tour 500 (Indoors) 2 match courts
4 practice courts (minimum 1 on-site)

ATP Tour 250 (Outdoors) 3 match courts
1 practice court for every 16 players in
singles draw (minimum 2)

ATP Tour 250 (Indoors) 2 match courts
1 practice court for every 16 players in
singles draw (minimum 2)

ATP Challenger Tour
(Outdoors)* 3 match courts
1 practice court for every 16 players in
singles draw (minimum 2)

ATP Challenger Tour (Indoors) 2 match courts
1 practice court for every 16 players in
singles draw (minimum 2**)

All courts must be the same surface, color, speed and conditions.

For combined events, the minimum number of match/practice courts must be available exclusively to ATP.

* Minimum number of match/practice courts will be reviewed and approved on a case by case basis. Factors considered when determining minimum number of courts include, but are not limited to, daylight hours, night sessions, number of lighted courts meeting or exceeding minimum requirement.

** Existing indoor events where meeting the minimum requirement is not possible may appeal for a waiver.

B. All match and practice courts must be the same surface, speed and conditions as the main draw and must be available for practice from 9:00 A.M. on Friday prior to the start of the tournament until the conclusion of the tournament. For outdoor tournaments the practice courts must be available for practice at a minimum of two (2) complete days prior to the start of the tournament.

For ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, practice courts to be available from 12:00 Noon on the Saturday preceding the start of the tournament (Friday, in case of Sunday to Saturday schedule).

C. Courts must be set up to provide normal support, including a practice desk, balls, drinks (bottled water), fruit, sawdust and towels.

6.03 Balls

Tennis balls used at ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments must be approved by ATP a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the start of the tournament.

A. Changes and Number.

Ball changes and the number of balls used per match shall be the same for all main draw matches throughout the tournament unless authorized by the Supervisor. Balls

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should be opened just prior to the match or ball change. In case of a suspended or postponed match, the match balls shall not be used in the warm-up, they shall only be used when play resumes. Each tournament must provide approved tennis balls in accordance to the following:

- 1) **ATP Tour Tournaments:** Six (6) balls for each main draw and qualifying match to be changed after seven (7) and nine (9) games throughout the tournament.
- 2) **ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments:** Six (6) balls, for each main draw and qualifying match to be changed after seven (7) and nine (9) games for all matches. This will be mandatory for Challenger 50 and 75 events from 1 May 2024.

B. Lost Balls. Play must be continuous even if a ball needs to be replaced.

- 1) **ATP Tour Tournaments:** If a ball is lost or becomes unplayable, then another shall be added as soon as it is reasonably possible. During the warm-up or within two (2) games (before first point is begun in the third game or if the first point has to be replayed for any reason) after a change of ball, a new ball shall be used as a replacement; otherwise a ball of like wear shall be supplied.
- 3) **ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments:** If a ball is lost or becomes unplayable and there are fewer than three (3) balls remaining, then another ball must be added immediately for use in play. During the warm-up or within two (2) games (before first point is begun in the third game or if the first point has to be replayed for any reason) after a change of balls, a new ball shall be used as a replacement; otherwise a ball of like wear shall be supplied.

C. Practice Balls

- 1) **ATP Tour Masters 1000 and ATP 500 Tournaments:** Each main draw player is entitled to twelve (12) new balls per day for practice, free of charge, two (2) day prior to the start of qualifying until that player is eliminated. Once eliminated, he shall be entitled to six (6) new balls per day for practice. Tournaments should provide tennis ball baskets upon request. Players must return practice balls.
- 2) **ATP 250 Tournaments:** Each main draw player is entitled to nine (9) new balls per day for practice, free of charge, two (2) day prior to the start of qualifying until that player is eliminated. Once eliminated, he shall be entitled to six (6) new balls per day for practice. Tournaments should provide tennis ball baskets upon request. Players must return practice balls.
- 3) **ATP Qualifying Competition:** Players listed in the PIF ATP Rankings (singles/doubles) who are practicing for qualifying competition are entitled to six (6) new balls per day for practice, free of charge, two (2) days prior to the start of the qualifying competition until that player is eliminated. Players must return practice balls.
- 4) **ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments:** Each main draw and qualifying player is entitled to three (3) new balls per day for practice (six (6) balls for Challenger 125 and 175 events), free of charge, from 12 Noon two (2) days prior to the start of the event until that player is eliminated. Once eliminated, he shall be entitled to six (6) used balls per day for practice. Players must return practice balls

D. Ball Logo. Tournaments may add an additional logo to the tournament ball under the following conditions.

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- 1) The logo is no larger than the logo of the ball manufacturer, and
- 2) The logo is positioned on the side of the ball opposite the ball manufacturer logo.

Ball Change Error

Case: A player serves a first service fault. He starts to serve the second serve and the Chair Umpire realizes that there should be new balls in play.

Decision: The Chair Umpire should wait to change balls until that player or team is scheduled to serve (Rules of Tennis, "Rule 27"), unless a let is called resulting in the first point being replayed.

New Balls to Wrong Player(s)

Case: The wrong player or team was given new balls with which to serve.

Decision: If the error is discovered after the first point, then the team/player continues to serve with the new balls. The team/player who should serve with new balls receives new balls to serve the next game. Once a point has been played in the second game, the ball change sequence shall remain as altered. In no case shall new balls be replaced by the old balls after a service game has started.

Re-Warm-Up, Balls

Case: At the end of a game there is a twenty (20) minute rain delay. A ball change was also to occur after that game. When play is resumed, new balls will be in play. What balls are used for the re-warm-up?

Decision: New balls should be used for the re-warm-up. At the end of the warm-up, these balls will be taken away and replaced with new balls to resume the match.

Broken Ball

Case: A ball in play breaks (no compression).

Decision: Replay the point.

Soft Ball

Case: After the point has been completed, the player claims that the point should be replayed because the ball is soft and unplayable.

Decision: The point stands as played. A "soft" ball is not cause for replaying a point even if the Chair Umpire decides that the ball must be replaced.

Case: During a rally, player A catches the ball and wants the point re-played, claiming that the ball is "soft" and unfit for play.

Decision: Player A loses the point. A "soft" ball is not cause for replaying a point. The ball, however, may be taken out of play.

6.04 Crowd Movement / Spectator Seating

- A. Each tournament shall allow fans to enter stadiums after the first game of each set, excluding the area behind the baselines. In addition tournaments shall allow fans to enter stadiums after each of the first five games of each set, excluding the area behind the baselines, on a trial basis. The trial will begin with events taking place in the week of June 10, 2024 and run through the end of the year.

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- B. Each ATP Tour tournament shall allow spectators seated above the lowest tier of seats that surround the playing area of the courts to move to and from their seats at any time during play.

- 1) The Tournament Director and the Supervisor will make the designation of the lowest tier at each tournament.
- 2) In cases where there is no clear break in the seating configuration, the Tournament Director and the Supervisor shall determine the most logical designation.

6.05 Security at Tournaments

- A. Each tournament has the responsibility to provide adequate security at the tournament site. Players have the responsibility to report any threat or unusual occurrence to the Tournament Director, Supervisor or Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition when at a tournament.

- B. The continual use of laptop computers or other handheld electronic devices within the confines (spectator area) of the tournament match courts shall be prohibited and each tournament shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition. The exception to this provision is properly credentialed media, tournament vendors and tournament staff when used in the performance of their duties.

6.06 Equipment & Supplies

A. Placement /Approval

The Supervisor must approve the placement of items or equipment on any court. The Supervisor may remove or have removed any item (including advertising) that may affect the safety of a player, official or ballperson.

B. Chairs

1) Chair Umpire

- a) The sitting platform of the chair for the Chair Umpire must be between six (6) feet (1.83 m.) and eight (8) feet (2.44 m.) high. The seating area should be approximately two (2) feet (.61 m.) wide. The chair shall be centered along the extension of the net approximately three (3) feet (.914 m.) from the net post if the court configuration will accommodate such placement.
- b) The Chair Umpire's and on-court announcer's, if any, microphone must have an "on-off" switch.
- c) Umbrellas are required if the sun is a factor.
- d) Each chair must have a writing platform as specified in "Exhibit W" or as otherwise approved by ATP.
- e) At all outdoor events, the positioning of the umpire's chair shall be on the West side of the court on all courts except for competition court that had the umpire's chair on the East side of the court in 2000 due to infrastructure or other agreed unusual requirements.

2) Line Umpire

- a) Each tournament shall provide chairs for service and base Line Umpires located on an extension of their respective lines along the side fence not closer than twelve (12) feet (3.66 m.) from the doubles sideline. Chairs for sideline

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and center service Line Umpires should be located next to the back of the court at least twenty-one (21) feet (6.40 m.) behind the baseline. Service and baseline umpire chairs should not be elevated above the surface of the court. The seating area must be a minimum of two (2) feet (.61 m.)

- b) In outdoor events whenever the sun is a factor, Line Umpire chairs shall be positioned so that Line Umpires are not facing the sun unless otherwise approved by ATP. When the sun is not a factor, the chairs should be positioned on the opposite side of the court from the Chair Umpire.

3) Net Judge

- a) A sponsorship box, which surrounds the net judge chair, may not extend past the net post into the court.
- b) An approved electronic net device can replace the net judge.

4) Player

- a) Each tournament shall provide chairs for the players located on each side of the Chair Umpire. As a guide, the front portion of the player chair/bench should be no closer to the court than the back support/leg of the umpire's chair.
- b) Umbrellas are required if the sun is a factor.

C. Measuring Devices

Each tournament shall provide a measuring stick, tape measure or other measuring device for the measuring of the net height and location of the singles sticks.

D. Net

- 1) The net band shall be cloth, canvas or vinyl, and the net shall extend to the ground, unless otherwise approved by the on-site Supervisor.
- 2) Each tournament shall have spare nets available.
- 3) There can be no commercial or manufacturer identification on the net except as approved by ATP.

Note: Each ATP Tour tournament will be provided with Official ATP Tour nets for a minimum of four (4) years (number of nets provided will vary depending on tournament category). These nets should be used for the tournament matches and practice during the tournament week only. Each tournament is responsible for properly storing the Official ATP Tour nets. Should damage caused by misuse, poor maintenance or modification lead to the need to replace the net, the costs for the new net will be tournament responsibility.

E. Net Posts and Net Post Signage. The net posts shall conform to the specifications in the [Rules of Tennis](#), unless otherwise approved by ATP. No signage of any type may be placed on the net posts or net except as determined solely by ATP.

F. Sawdust. Each tournament shall provide sawdust for players on match and practice courts.

G. Scoreboards. Each tournament must provide scoreboards for all courts to be placed at the corner or side of the courts. Placement and color of scoreboards shall not interfere with a player's vision.

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H. Towels. Each tournament shall provide towels for players on match and practice courts and in the player's locker room. Towels should be pre-washed and of sufficient size for the intended use.

Each court shall be equipped with bins/baskets for the players to leave their towels during the match. This area should be located at the closest point for the player to be able to use their towel without delay. The two designated areas are near the baseline umpire position or the corner of the courts. Each player/team should have their own bin/basket where they can place their towels. There should be identification to clearly show each player's allocated bin/basket. There should be four (4) of these at each end and each side of the court for a total of eight (8) on the court. This would be applicable for singles and doubles.

I. Beverages.

- 1) **Players.** Each tournament shall provide, in sealed containers, electrolyte replacement drinks, non-carbonated bottled water and other beverages for players on-court, in the player's lounges and on the practice courts.
- 2) **Officials.** Each tournament shall provide bottled water and other beverages for Officials on match courts and in the official's off-court area.

6.07 Temperature and Ventilation For Indoor Facilities

Indoor facilities must provide normal and standard heating, cooling and ventilation. The Supervisor may suspend play if, in his judgment, the conditions of play are unacceptable for professional tennis.

6.08 Offices

Each tournament shall provide suitable workspace/office for ATP staff and officials.

6.09 Communication Devices

Each tournament must provide communication devices to the Referee, Chief of Umpires, and Physiotherapist(s) except if otherwise approved by ATP. In addition, the following equipment is required to be on-site:

A. Copy machine

A copy machine should be provided in, or near, the Supervisor's office. Copy machine should be available on the morning prior to the start of the qualifying competition.

B. Printer

A printer shall be provided in the office of the Supervisor. Printer should be available on the morning prior to the start of the qualifying competition and be available through the last match of the tournament.

C. Internet

Always-on high speed Internet connection is to be provided in the offices of the ATP Supervisor, ATP Tour Manager, ATP Physiotherapist, ATP scoring system specialist

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and ATP PR unless otherwise approved by ATP. The required minimum upload and download speeds allocated to ATP staff are 0.6 megabits per second (Mbps) for uploads and 5 Mbps for downloads.

Tournaments are recommended to use web filtering technology to restrict access to internet gambling sites in all areas where tournament provided access is provided.

D. Live Scoring

Each Tournament shall be responsible for the set up and maintenance of a network based on specifications provided by ATP, to support live scoring services for each match* of the event and subject to 6.09 E, will assist ATP in its efforts to produce and host the live score data generated from each match. Each tournament hereby consents to ATP's non-exclusive use of such live score data and each Tournament shall not allow or authorize the dissemination, transmission, publication or release from the grounds of the Tournament of any live match score or related statistical data, including without limitation the live score data from the network, by a third party until :30 seconds after the actual occurrence of the incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (e.g., a point being scored), such delay shall not be applicable to the live audio and/ or visual broadcast or streaming by any method or means (i.e., moving pictures and/or sound/audio reporting of the actual on-court action) and purposes related to such broadcast, of any match (subject to "Exhibit C" – Broadcast Standards set forth herein). Further, each Tournament shall notify ATP in advance of any third party to whom the Tournament has granted access for the purpose of accessing the live score data.

*Tournaments using an alternate venue for main draw matches due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances are encouraged but not required to provide services to support live scoring. Tournaments are not required to provide live scoring support for qualifying matches played at an alternate venue.

E. Live Streaming

Each Challenger tournament shall be responsible for providing and bearing the cost of a secure adequate office space within reasonable distance of the streamed competition courts. In addition, power, including but not limited to an uninterruptible power supply (UPS), shall be made available at no cost to the streaming production partner both in the office space and by the camera positions.

6.10 Tournament Credentialing and Ticketing

A. ATP Membership Card. A 2024 ATP Membership Card shall be honored at all ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour events and will permit the holder entry to the tournament office (or such other location as directed by a Tournament or ATP) in order to receive the appropriate credential.

B. General. The following general rules apply with respect to credentialing:

- 1) Players must be accepted into the event to be eligible for a credential.
- 2) Issued player credential badges shall not distinguish between qualifying players and main draw players (for example: qualifying players should not be issued a "Q"

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badge while main draw players are issued a "P" badge; all players must be issued the same category/type of badge).

- 3) Policies regarding access to practice facilities and locker room for players after they have been eliminated from the event shall be applied equally to both qualifying and main draw players.
- 4) Policies regarding access to amenities (food, transportation, etc.) for players after they have been eliminated from the event shall be applied equally to both qualifying and main draw players.
- 5) In all cases, priority shall be given to players still competing in the event with respect to access to facilities and amenities.
- 6) Player Support Team members must be in the company of a player who is accepted into the event.
- 7) ATP staff members and ATP Media staff members working on-site at an event shall be provided with a credential with appropriate access upon proper application.
- 8) All others must have applied in advance and been approved for a credential by the tournament.
- 9) **Special provisions for Combined Events.**
 - a) **Tour Guests.** One credential for each "official" guest of ATP, provided that such requests are reasonable, and access is limited as appropriate for security.
 - b) **Tour Sponsor.** One (1) credential for a "Tour" sponsor.
 - c) **Alumni.** Tournaments may provide alumni players credentials at their discretion.
 - d) **Tournament Members.** Each tournament shall provide ATP Tournament Directors with on-site access.

C. Applicability. Tournaments must ensure that they have one single accreditation system and policy in place to cover all third party credentials (including, without limitation, credentials for players, player support team members, ATP staff members, suppliers, contractors, media representatives (e.g. photographers, TV crew members, journalists and commentators), Tournament employees and spectators provided with accreditation).

D. Accreditation Policy. Tournaments must base their accreditation policy on the standard "ATP Accreditation Policy" as specified in "Exhibit AA" to create their "Tournament Accreditation Policy".

E. Application. All persons applying for credentials must have applied in advance and been approved by the Tournament for a credential for the relevant Tournament. Once approved, all persons must sign an "Accreditation Acceptance Form" as provided by the tournament. Tournaments must ensure that the Accreditation Acceptance Form is available in hard copy at the Tournament site, as well as online for those persons applying for credentials through an online system.

F. Proof of Identity. As part of the accreditation process, Tournaments must require proof of identity for all persons prior to issuing credentials; this must be through photo identification such as passport, national ID card or driving license and may be provided

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ed in hard copy at the Tournament site or via upload when completing the Accreditation Acceptance Form online.

G. Tournament Credentials. All persons who have successfully applied for accreditation and have signed the Accreditation Acceptance Form shall be issued with a physical credential pass by the Tournament. Tournaments must ensure that such pass must include, without limitation: (i) photo identification (as per Section F above); (ii) the name of the accreditee; (iii) a summary of the material points contained in the Tournament Accreditation Policy (including, as a minimum and without limitation, that, unless approved in advance in writing by the ATP, the accreditee may not: (a) continually collect, disseminate, transmit, publish or release from the grounds of the Tournament any match scores or related statistical data during match play (from the commencement of a match through its conclusion) for any commercial, betting or gambling purpose; and (b) film, photograph, broadcast, stream, publish, transmit and/or otherwise offer to the public (or assist any third party in offering to the public), on a live or on a delayed basis, in whole or in part, and whether on a free basis or subject to payment, any sound recording, photograph, video footage, motion picture, film and/or other audio-visual content captured by any means whatsoever inside the Tournament site (except as is allowed in the Tournament Accreditation Policy)); (iv) a web address where the Tournament Accreditation Policy can be found; (v) an Standardized Accreditation Policy Proposal acknowledgement agreeing to abide by the rules of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program and for players, the Tennis Anti-Doping Program (as amended from time to time); and (vi) an acknowledgement that the accreditation may be revoked at any time.

H. Ticketing. Tournaments must take reasonable steps to enforce the material points of the ATP Accreditation Policy as would apply to ticket holders. Tournaments must ensure that appropriate wording is contained on all tickets provided to ticket holders including, without limitation: (i) a summary, or clear notice directing to a webpage, with the material points contained in the Tournament Accreditation Policy as they apply to ticket holders (including, as a minimum and without limitation, that, unless approved in advance in writing by the ATP, the ticket holder may not: (a) continually collect, disseminate, transmit, publish or release from the grounds of the Tournament any match scores or related statistical data during match play (from the commencement of a match through its conclusion) for any commercial, betting or gambling purpose; and (b) film, photograph, broadcast, stream, publish, transmit and/or otherwise offer to the public (or assist any third party in offering to the public), on a live or on a delayed basis, in whole or in part, and whether on a free basis or subject to payment, any sound recording, photograph, video footage, motion picture, film and/or other audio-visual content captured by any means whatsoever inside the Tournament site (except as is allowed in the Tournament Accreditation Policy)); (ii) a web address where the Tournament Accreditation Policy can be found; and (iii) a notice that the continual use of laptop computers or other handheld electronic devices within the spectator area of the Tournament match courts shall be prohibited.

I. Laptops and Communication Devices. The continual use of laptop computers or other handheld electronic devices within the confines (spectator area) of the tournament match courts shall be prohibited and each tournament shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition. The exception to this provision is properly credentialed media, tournament vendors and tournament staff when used in the performance of their duties.

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6.11 Player Benefits - Guest Passes/Credentials/Tickets

A player entered in ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments shall be issued a reasonable number (a minimum of two) guest passes/credentials for his use while competing in the event. Guest passes / credentials shall be issued only after the player guest has provided proof of identity (photo I.D.) and has completed and signed the player guest form. These guest passes/credentials include access to the site, seating in designated areas and other benefits as determined by individual tournaments and shall be valid as long as the player remains at the tournament. Player guest passes/credentials shall not allow access to the player locker room or the Physiotherapist room. All other access is at the sole discretion of the tournament. Passes/credentials can be revoked at any time based on recommendation of the Supervisor to the Tournament Director.

Credentials provided to the player may not be exchanged, directly or indirectly, for money, benefit or anything of value. Violation of this section shall subject the player to the penalties set forth under the Player Major Offense – Aggravated Behavior.

Receipt by any person of guest passes/credentials or any other benefits or special accommodations are expressly subject to the “Limits to On-Site Access” set forth in the Rulebook.

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A. Players. Players shall receive two (2) tickets per day while they are still competing. For ticketed matches, a player box with a minimum of six (6) seats shall be provided for that players’ match only. The boxes should be equally located at opposite ends of the court.

B. Staff. Each Tournament must provide the ATP and WTA each three (3) seats close to the entrance of and with easy access to the court during all matches for the following ATP/WTA staff members: (i) Supervisor; (ii) Physiotherapist / PHCP; and (iii) Tour Manager / PR representative.

6.12 ATP Family Lounge and ATP Player Lounge

General. The ATP Family Lounge and ATP Player Lounge (each as defined below) should be secure with only persons with proper access allowed to enter.

Tournaments are recommended to use web filtering technology to restrict access to internet gambling sites in all areas where tournament provided access is provided.

Receipt by any person of guest passes/credentials or any other benefits or special accommodations are expressly subject to the “Limits to On-Site Access” set forth in the Rulebook.

ATP Family Lounge. ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments shall provide a suitable space appropriately equipped for the players, their PST members and their properly credentialed guests (“ATP Family Lounge”). Tier 1 Player agents will not count towards the number of PST members allowed and will be granted access to the ATP Family Lounge.

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ATP 500 Family Lounge. ATP 500 tournaments shall provide complimentary high-speed internet, high-quality coffee, snacks, drinks, juice, and smoothie stations.

ATP 250 Family Lounge. ATP 250 tournaments shall provide for players and two (2) PST members per player complimentary internet, coffee, snacks, and smoothies.

ATP Masters 1000 Tournaments Player Lounge. In addition to the ATP Family Lounge, ATP Masters 1000 tournaments shall also provide a separate quiet room (“ATP Tour Player Lounge”) with access for the players and one (1) PST member per player.

6.13 Locker Room

A. General. Each tournament shall provide players with a suitably equipped and secure locker room. The entrance to the locker room shall be monitored and only properly credentialed persons shall be allowed to enter. Only those persons with access approval and properly credentialed tournament staff, who in the performance of their duties justify access to the locker room, shall be authorized to enter the locker room. ATP Tour Tournaments are required to provide shower gel and shampoo in the player locker rooms free of charge.

ATP Masters 1000, 500 and 250 Tournaments. Each tournament shall provide a small seating area for players inside the locker room with a minimum size requirement as determined by ATP dependent on the size of the facility.

B. It is recommended that tournaments located where extreme weather conditions exist provide a submersion bath (ice bath) in or near the shower area. For combined events, if a submersion bath is provided, it must be provided in both male and female locker/shower areas.

C. Lockers

- a) A lockable locker must be available for use by each player.
- b) If the locker requires a separate lock, then this must be provided to each player upon arrival.
- c) If the lockers do not have the ability to be locked; or cannot be locked in a manner that provides reasonable safety, then:
 - i) The tournament must provide separate lock boxes where a player may secure his valuables; or
 - ii) Another method where a player may secure his valuables with reasonable expectations of safety must be provided.
- d) For ATP Masters 1000 and 500 tournaments, personal lockers should be able to fit a racket bag inside.

6.14 The Gymnasium (“Gym”)

All ATP Tour events are required to provide a gym as follows:

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A. All ATP Tour events. A fully equipped gym of adequate size must be provided, free of charge, on-site as specified in the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre.

In addition to the on-site required gym, ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments shall provide: (i) an additional professional quality level gym (off-site location acceptable in order to provide the requested quality) and (ii) a separate on-site area for player warm-up, light sprints, and movement drills.

In addition to the on-site required gym, all ATP Tour tournaments shall provide a separate on-site area for player warm-up, light sprints, and movement drills.

B. ATP Challenger Tour events. A fully equipped gym (as specified in the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre), of adequate size must be provided free of charge on-site, off-site at a reasonable distance from the tournament site/official hotel or at the official tournament hotel with the following exception:

Challenger 50 events may petition ATP to waive the fully equipped gym requirement if they are not reasonably able to provide it.

Each Challenger tournament regardless of category must provide an area on-site to be used for warm up/cool down, with equipment for this purpose as specified in the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre if fully equipped gym is not available on-site

6.15 Laundry Service

A. ATP Masters 1000 and ATP 500 Tournaments. A complimentary laundry service of a high standard must be made available to the players, coaches and ATP/tournament personnel starting two (2) days prior to the start of qualifying throughout the length of the event, while still competing or working at the event.

B. ATP 250 Tournaments. A complimentary wash and fold laundry service of a good quality must be made available to the players starting two (2) days prior to the start of qualifying throughout the length of the event, while still competing.

6.16 Stringing Service

A. General. A stringing service of a high professional standard must be made available to the players starting two (2) days prior to the start of qualifying throughout the length of the event. The machines used for stringing must be an electronic model of the same brand selected by each tournament.

B. Days / Hours of Service.

- 1) At a minimum, stringing service must be available two (2) days prior to the start of the qualifying competition and continue through the last day of the competition, including any carry-over days due to weather or other unavoidable circumstances.
- 2) At a minimum, must be on-site two (2) hours prior to the starting time for the first scheduled match of the day. Must be available continually throughout the day and until the completion of play for that day. For combined events, and recommended

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for non-combined events, stringing service must be available until thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the last match.

- 3) If play is scheduled at an approved alternate site, then access to the stringing service must be provided at such alternate site from the start of play until play has been completed at that site.

C. Fees.

- 1) **ATP Tour Events.** The recommended maximum fee per racquet is \$20 USD / €20 and is the responsibility of the stringing service to collect from the player.
- 2) **ATP Challenger Tour Events.** The recommended maximum fee per racquet is \$12 USD / €12 and is the responsibility of the stringing service to collect from the player.

6.17 Food

General. Each tournament must provide a variety of suitable and of high-quality food for the competitors on-site or, as approved by ATP, within reasonable distance of the tournament venue. Food service for ATP 250 and Challenger Tour tournaments should begin no later than the day before the start of the qualifying and continue until the completion of the tournament.

Type of food offered shall be subject to local health and safety regulations.

After a player permanently leaves the event, guest passes/credentials and associated benefits shall be automatically revoked for PST members, unless otherwise decided by the tournament.

Please refer to "Exhibit Q" and to the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre for minimum Player Food Service Guidelines.

ATP Tour Masters 1000 and ATP 500 Tournaments*. Each tournament shall provide complimentary food service available for each player and two (2) PST members for the same number of days as the player's hospitality through direct allocation on the individual credential or allowance on the player credential. Tournaments are encouraged to provide complimentary food for additional PST members.

The complimentary food service shall offer fresh, high-quality hot and cold food options with a combination of made to order and buffet food, variety of proteins including vegan protein (tofu or tempeh), carbs, salads, fruit and smoothies.

ATP 250 Tournaments*. Each tournament shall provide complimentary food service available for each player and two (2) PST members.

*ATP Tour events are required to provide complimentary adequate breakfast for the occupants of the players' room at the hotel.

Challenger 125 and 175 Tournaments. Challenger 125 and 175 events shall provide a minimum of one (1) complimentary meal per day (lunch or dinner in addition to breakfast at the hotel) to each player from the starting day of the draw in which he is accepted until the day of the player's last match in the tournament (singles or doubles).

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A. Hours of Service.

At a minimum, from one (1) hour prior to the start of play through a period after the completion of the last match.

B. Safety

- 1) All bottled water and electrolyte drinks must be served in unopened sealed containers.
- 2) All food and beverages must be properly stored and maintained at an appropriate temperature, which complies with local health regulations.

C. Combined Events

Working Staff. Food is to be provided free of charge to all working staff. Visiting staff are not included.

6.18 On-Site Access / Limits to On-Site Access

The ATP CEO, or his designee, may, in his sole discretion, instruct any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament to prohibit any person from obtaining access to any areas at a tournament site that are not generally open or available to all members of the public or from utilizing tournament transportation. The ATP CEO, or his designee may so act for any reason, including without limitation, any concern that the ATP CEO, or his designee may have, in his sole discretion, that such person may pose any issue with respect to security, reputation, integrity, misconduct, or competition.

6.19 Transportation

General. Each tournament must provide scheduled transportation for players (main draw and qualifying), credentialed Player Support Team ("PST") members, officials and ATP staff that ensures players arrive on-site at least "on the hour". Transportation vehicles shall be clean, safe, and of a good quality. Child seats shall be available upon request.

ATP Tour Tournaments. The scheduled transportation must meet ATP quality standards and be available from 7AM local time (with advanced booking required for the 7AM local time) through to one hour after the last match/practice session. As a guideline, airport transportation should be available, at a minimum, between 7AM and 10PM local time. PST airport transportation will depend on availability if arriving separately from the player. Airport and hotel-site-hotel transportation shall begin two (2) days prior to the start of the qualifying competition through the morning following the final day of the tournament.

Combined Events and Challenger 175. Each Tournament shall provide airport transportation beginning two (2) days prior to the start of the qualifying competition (provided that 24-hour notice is given to the Tournament) until the morning following the final day of the Tournament to:

- All Qualifying and Main Draw players;
- PST members when traveling with a player; and
- ATP and WTA staff working at the Tournament.

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6.20 Physiotherapist/Treatment Room

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A. General. Each tournament must provide a Physiotherapist/treatment room for players and physiotherapists centrally located to the courts and the locker room. If the Physiotherapist/treatment room is located in an area separate from the locker room, proper security at the entry point must be provided. Only those persons with approved access and properly credentialed tournament staff, who in the performance of their duties justify access to the locker room, shall be authorized to enter the Physiotherapist/treatment room. The room must be private and equipped with ice and ice chests/coolers, towels and electricity. This room must be fully functional by 8:00 am the day prior to the start of qualifying. (For ATP Masters 1000 events three (3) days before qualifying starts). Please refer to the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre for full medical facility guidelines.

B. High/Low Treatment/Massage Table.

- 1) **ATP Tour.** Two (2) high/low tables for a 28 or 32 draw event and additional high/low tables for larger draws, as determined by ATP Medical Services.
- 2) **ATP Challenger Tour.** Challenger 125 and 175 events are required to have two (2) electric or hydraulic high/low treatment tables in the physiotherapist's room, whereas Challenger 100 events are required to have one (1) electric or hydraulic high/low table in the physiotherapist room with a recommendation to have two (2) electric or hydraulic high/low tables. A minimum of one (1), but preferably two (2) high/low table(s) is recommended for all other Challenger levels.

C. Recovery Equipment and Facilities.

- 1) **ATP Masters 1000 Tournaments.** Each tournament shall provide: (i) high-quality (selected in consultation with ATP Medical Services) recovery modalities (e.g., compression devices and ice bath).
- 2) **ATP 500 Tournaments.** Each tournament shall provide: (i) high-quality dedicated ice bath and recovery modalities (selected in consultation with ATP Medical Services).
- 3) **ATP 250 Tournaments.** Each tournament shall provide: (i) high-quality ice bath, selected in consultation with ATP Medical Services.

Please refer to the Standards and Best Practices section on ATP Tournament Centre for full recovery and equipment facilities guidelines.

D. Private Physiotherapist Facilities.

- 1) **ATP Masters 1000 Tournaments.** Each tournament shall provide separate area with treatment tables (recommendation – 4 for 48-draw; 5 for 56-draw; 6 for 64-draw; and 9 for 96-draw).
- 2) **ATP 500 Tournaments.** Each tournament shall provide separate area with treatment tables (recommendation – 3 for 32-draw and 4 for 48-draw).
- 3) **ATP 250 Tournaments.** Each tournament shall provide separate private physiotherapist area with appropriate number of treatment tables.

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6.21 Automated External Defibrillator (“AED”)

An Automated External Defibrillator (“AED”) must be provided in the Physiotherapist/treatment room. In addition, AEDs must be located around the site so that an AED is within 2-3 minutes from all areas of play.

For ATP Challenger Tour events it is mandatory for an AED to be located in the Physiotherapist/treatment room and it is highly recommended that a sufficient number of AEDs are located around the site so that an AED is 2-3 minutes from all areas of play

6.22 First Aid

Each tournament must provide a First Aid Team present at all times on the tournament site for public emergencies. The First Aid Team must be separate from the medical team responsible for the care and treatment of the players.

6.23 Emergency Action Plan

Each ATP Tour Tournament shall submit an emergency action plan to the ATP Medical Services for review at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the tournament.

6.24 Anti-Doping Facilities and On-Site Personnel Assistance

A. On-Site Testing Facility

- 1) Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament, when requested, is obligated to provide at its own cost the following facilities:
 - a) A lockable private room with bathroom and an adjacent waiting room; or, at the discretion of the Anti-Doping Personnel,
 - b) An alternative on-site location with a suitable trailer.
- 2) In addition, the tournament is required to provide at its own cost appropriate furniture, bottled water, fruit and television or court monitoring systems for the testing facility as well as staff assistance for site set-up and facility maintenance during the tournament.

B. Volunteer Observers Provided by Tournament.

Each tournament must provide at its own cost male staff members and/or volunteers who can assist the Official Anti-Doping Personnel and Supervisor with the observation of players selected for testing. The Official Anti-Doping Personnel shall notify a tournament of the number of personnel required no later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of an event.

See “Exhibit U” for full Anti-Doping Facilities Guidelines.

6.25 Media Facilities Guidelines

A. General

All ATP Tour tournaments and the Nitto ATP Finals should provide adequate media facilities. All media areas shall be gambling free zones and any and all persons credentialed for this area, if found to be gambling on tennis or passing insider information to third parties for use in connection with gambling, shall have their credentials

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revoked. Media credentials must contain a provision whereby the media member acknowledges and agrees that, except as allowed pursuant to Rule 6.09 E, he/she will not disseminate, transmit, publish or release from the grounds of the Tournament any live match score or related live statistical data until :30 seconds after the actual occurrence of the incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (e.g., a point being scored), and that such use shall be solely for news reporting and editorial use.

B. Media Work Room

- 1) **Location.** The media work room should be located as near as possible to the player locker room (and for ATP Masters 1000 and ATP 500 tournaments near the ATP Family Lounge).
- 2) **Security.** Media work room must be secured with access provided only to properly credentialed media, players and other tournament and ATP Staff when in the performance of their duties.
- 3) **Specifications.** Requirements / recommendations for the media work room can be found in "Exhibit R - Media Facilities Guidelines".

C. Player Interview Rooms

- 1) **Location.** Should be located near both the player locker room and the media work room.
- 2) **Specifications.**
 - a) Must be "smoke free".
 - b) Sound proof
 - c) Interview room must be secured with access provided only to properly credentialed media, players and other tournament and ATP Staff when in the performance of their duties.
 - d) Interview backdrop shall comply with all branding requirements of ATP.
 - e) Space to be provided for journalists, photographers and television personnel.
- 3) **Small Interview Rooms.** ATP Masters 1000 and ATP 500 tournaments shall provide the following number of small private interview rooms: (i) 96-draw: 3, and (ii) 56-draw and 48-draw: 2.
- 4) **Transcripts.** ATP Masters 1000 and ATP 500 tournaments shall provide transcripts for all interviews.

D. Mixed Zone

- 1) **Location.** The Mixed Zone shall be in a suitable location, as determined by ATP, on the player route as close as possible to the player locker room and media work room.
- 2) **Branding.** The Mixed Zone shall be branded as stated under the rules for Media Backdrop ("Exhibit A.11").

Tournaments are recommended to use web filtering technology to restrict access to internet gambling sites in all areas where tournament provided access is provided.

See "EXHIBIT R" for full Media Facilities Guidelines.

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E. TV Studios. ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament shall provide the following number of TV studios: (i) 96-draw – 3, and (ii) 56-draw and 48-draw: 2.

F. Stars Program. ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments must provide a dedicated person to help implement the Stars Program.

6.26 Electronic Line Calling Facilities Guidelines

The use of an approved electronic system for reviewing line calls and/or overrules is authorized for use at ATP events.

See "Exhibit S - Electronic Line Calling Facilities Guidelines" and "Exhibit T1 - ELC Review Official Protocol" for full Electronic Line Calling Facilities Guidelines and Protocol.

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7.01 ATP Fees

A. Entry Fees

- 1) **ATP Tour Tournaments.** There are no entry fees.
- 2) **ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments.** There are no entry fees.

B. Service Fee

- 1) Players who are included in the main draw or qualifying (singles or doubles) of any ATP Tour tournament and who are not members in good standing with ATP must pay the following service fee to ATP:

ATP Tour Masters 1000	Main Draw \$400/€400 event	Qualifying \$100/€100
United Cup	\$350	
ATP Tour 500	Main Draw \$300/€300 event	Qualifying \$100/€100
ATP Tour 250	Main Draw \$200/€200 event	Qualifying \$100/€100

- 2) The Tour Manager will identify players who must pay a service fee that will be withheld from on-site prize money. Players who by virtue of their ranking position are not eligible for an ATP player membership may use these payments as a credit toward future membership fees. Service fees paid to ATP may only be applied against membership dues in the calendar year in which they were paid.

C. Membership Fees

Membership fees are defined in the ATP By-Laws.

7.02 Entries

A. Gender / Age Limitation

ATP will use the age of a player on the first (1st) day of the qualifying competition. Male players age sixteen (16) or older are not limited in the number of tournaments they may enter. Players under the age of sixteen (16) are subject to the following entry restrictions in ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments (includes entry as a wildcard):

- 1) Male players under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be eligible for entry into any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament.
- 2) Male players aged fourteen (14) shall be eligible for entry into a maximum of eight (8) ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.
- 3) Male players aged fifteen (15) shall be eligible for entry into a maximum of twelve (12) ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.
- 4) **Transgender Athlete Participation.** A trans male (FTM) athlete who has received a medical exception for treatment with testosterone* for diagnosed Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for purposes of competition may compete on the ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour. A trans male (FTM) athlete who is not taking testosterone related to gender transition may also participate in ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour events.

*Must have a valid TUE from the Tennis Anti-Doping Program.

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7.03 Entry Deadlines

A. Main Draw/Qualifying Singles

The deadline for entries and withdrawals for the singles main draw is as follows:

- 1) **ATP Tour Tournaments.** 12 Noon, Eastern Time, USA, twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (or the first tournament week in the case of tournaments scheduled for more than one (1) week). A player on the alternate list for the singles main draw may withdraw at any time prior to such time that he is moved into the main draw as a direct acceptance because of withdrawals of other players. A player who moves in from the alternate list will be considered a Direct Acceptance from Thursday, 10 AM Eastern Time, USA.
- 2) **ATP Tour Qualifying.** 12 Noon, Eastern Time, USA, twenty-one (21) days prior to the first Monday of the tournament week. A player on the Alternate List for the singles qualifying may withdraw at any time prior to such time that he is moved into the qualifying as a Direct Acceptance from Thursday, 10 AM Eastern Time, USA. A player directly accepted into the qualifying competition may withdraw, without penalty, if he is moved into the main draw, or accepts a wild card into an ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 tournament, or if he is still competing in an ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour, or ITF Men's WTT tournament at any time on the day prior to the commencement of qualifying or two days prior if competing on another continent. Once a player has lost his match in the preceding week's tournament, he must confirm to the Supervisor or Player Relations staff no later than one (1) hour following the completion of the match if he will compete in the following week's Qualifying or will withdraw with "still competing", except for those players who have decided to remain on the qualifying list as outlined below.

If a player is still competing past the qualifying sign in deadline, he may choose to remain on the qualifying list of the following week's tournament if the player can reasonably travel and arrive on time to compete at the qualifying event as determined by the supervisor. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supervisor should use great discretion when making such determination. Unless clearly impossible to arrive on-time for the next week's tournament, players should be given the benefit of the doubt. If he chooses to remain on the qualifying list and loses at the current event after the qualifying draw is made (and did not withdraw himself before the qualifying alternate sign in deadline) he is committed to play the qualifying and will be subject to applicable late withdrawal penalties if he withdraws. Players who are still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time and who cannot reasonably attend the following week's event due to the location of the current event where they are still competing or who choose not to remain on the qualifying list will be automatically withdrawn from the qualifying at this time. Players who withdraw or are withdrawn due to "still competing" will be allowed to accept a wild card or enter doubles into any ATP Tour 250, ATP Tour 500, ATP Challenger Tour or ITF Men's WTT tournament, including qualifying. If a withdrawal occurs prior to 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday, the qualifying vacancy shall be filled by the next player on the qualifying alternate list. This player is not required to sign in. If a withdrawal occurs after 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday, the qualifying vacancy will be filled from the on-site sign-in list, using the most recent PIF ATP Rankings list. Main draw vacancies will be filled from the main draw alternate list, not the qualifying acceptance list.

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NOTE: For ATP Tour qualifying tournaments, withdrawals occurring after 10 AM Eastern Time USA and prior to the draw* will be filled from that night's alternate sign-in. Vacancies occurring after the release of the qualifying draw, will be filled from the next day's on-site alternate list. Players must personally sign-in to be eligible as an on-site alternate.

* For events in a time zone where the qualifying draw is made prior to 10 AM Friday, Eastern USA, vacancies occurring after the Qualifying Alternate sign-in deadline but prior to the qualifying draw shall be filled from that night's alternate sign-in.

May I Accept a Wild Card after Withdrawing from an ATP Tour Qualifying?

Case: A player was still competing in a Challenger on the day before Qs started at an ATP Tour event. He wanted to withdraw from the Qs due to "still competing" and then take a wild card into a Challenger event. Is this allowed?

Decision: Yes. The rule states that he may withdraw without penalty from the qualifying if he is still competing on the day prior to the commencement of the qualifying. By withdrawing due to "still competing", he is allowed to accept a wild card.

Case: Can a player who is still competing the previous week on Thursday or Friday (on the same continent*), or on Wednesday (on a different continent*) be signed in over the phone as a Qualifying Alternate for the following week's event (Saturday Qualifying start)?

Decision: Yes, a player who is still competing the previous week on Thursday or Friday (on the same continent*), or on Wednesday (on a different continent*) can be signed in by the Supervisor over the phone if he has lost before the Qualifying Alternate sign-in deadline. Players who lose after the release of the qualifying draw must personally sign-in on-site the next day to be eligible as an on-site alternate.

*Continents are: Europe, Asia, Antarctica, Australia, Africa, North America (including Central America) and South America.

Case: If a player is competing in an event (including Davis Cup) that finishes on the day of the Qualifying Alternate sign-in for the following week's event, can he be signed in as a Qualifying Alternate, even though he may be competing past the Qualifying Alternate sign-in deadline?

Decision: Yes. Since the event finishes on the day of the Qualifying sign-in deadline, the player may be signed in as a Qualifying Alternate for the following week's event.

From Q to Main Draw of another event

Case: May a player who is a direct acceptance to an ATP Tour qualifying event be withdrawn to move into the main draw of an ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 event as a Direct Acceptance or Wild Card which is held in the same week?

Decision: Yes, as long as the first ball of the qualifying at the tournament where he is in the qualifying draw has not been struck.

Case: May a player withdraw BDA from the main draw alternate list of an ATP Tour Event and remain on and/or play the Qualifying of the same event?

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Decision: Yes, unless he would have moved into the main draw of that event, had he not withdrawn. A player may not turn down this main draw position to play the qualifying of that event.

Case: May a player who is accepted to play qualifying in an ATP Challenger Tour Tournament, ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 be withdrawn to move into the main draw singles of an ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 event as a Direct Acceptance or as a Wild Card which is held the same week?

Decision: Yes, as long as the first ball of the qualifying at the tournament where he is in the qualifying draw has not been struck.

Withdrawing from Qualifying to play Main Draw Doubles at another event.

Case: May a player who is direct acceptance in the singles qualifying event of an ATP Challenger, ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 enter through the Advance Entry system and become a direct acceptance into the main draw doubles of another ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 event which is held the same week?

Decision: No. Once a player enters and is accepted into the Qualifying of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour Tournament, he is committed to that tournament unless he moves into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour event. However, a player who competes and loses in the singles qualifying competition may enter the doubles event of any tournament, provided he has lost prior to the respective tournament's on-site doubles sign-in deadline.

Withdrawing from Qualifying to play Main Draw Doubles at the same event.

Case: May a player who is included in the singles qualifying event of an ATP Challenger Tour Tournament, ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 and is forced to withdraw, be allowed to come back and play doubles at the same event?

Decision: Yes

- 3) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments.** 12 Noon, Eastern Time, USA, twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. A player on the Alternate List for the singles main draw may withdraw at any time prior to such time that he is moved into the main draw as a direct acceptance because of withdrawals of other players. A player who moves in from the alternate list will be considered a Direct Acceptance from Thursday, 10 AM Eastern Time, USA.

If a withdrawal/vacancy occurs after the withdrawal deadline and prior to the start of Qualifying, the vacancy will be filled in ranking order from the original main draw Acceptance List by players who have preserved their position on the list. Players from the main draw alternate list who are directly accepted into the qualifying, are considered to have preserved their eligibility. A player can only preserve his eligibility on one list. If there are no alternates from the original main draw acceptance list who have preserved eligibility, the vacancy will be filled by the highest ranked player from the qualifying or alternate list using the PIF ATP Rankings, and then PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

After the start of the qualifying, any vacancy will come from the Lucky Loser/ Alternate list. The Alternates will be placed below the players who lost in qualifying and shall be ordered based upon their position in the PIF ATP Rankings, and then the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

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NOTE: In order to preserve his eligibility on the Acceptance List, the player must email the ATP Supervisor directly prior to 6PM local time on the day before qualifying starts (email listed on detail sheet) and personally inform the Supervisor that he wishes to preserve his position on the Acceptance List and the player must leave a contact number. The player should ask for confirmation that the Supervisor has received the email in a timely manner. A player can only preserve his eligibility on one list.

4) ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying.

12 Noon, Eastern Time, USA, on Wednesday, nineteen (19) days prior to the first Monday of the tournament week for ATP Challenger Tour. A player on the Alternate List for the singles qualifying may withdraw at any time prior to such time that he is moved into the qualifying as a Direct Acceptance because of withdrawals of other players. A player who moves in from the alternate list will be considered a Direct Acceptance from Thursday, 10 AM Eastern Time, USA. A player directly accepted into the qualifying competition may withdraw, without penalty, if he is moved into the main draw, or accepts a wild card into a Challenger, ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 tournament, or if he is still competing in an ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour, or ITF Men's WTT tournament at any time on the day prior to the commencement of qualifying or two days prior if competing on another continent. Once a player has lost his match in the preceding week's tournament, he must confirm to the Supervisor or Player Relations staff no later than one (1) hour following the completion of the match if he will compete in the following week's Qualifying or will withdraw with "still competing", except for those players who have decided to remain on the qualifying list as outlined below.

If a player is still competing past the qualifying sign in deadline, he may choose to remain on the qualifying list of the following week's tournament if the player can reasonably travel and arrive on time to compete at the qualifying event as determined by the supervisor. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supervisor should use great discretion when making such determination. Unless clearly impossible to arrive on-time for the next week's tournament, players should be given the benefit of the doubt. If he chooses to remain on the qualifying list and loses at the current event after the qualifying draw is made (and did not withdraw himself before the qualifying alternate sign in deadline) he is committed to play the qualifying and will be subject to applicable late withdrawal penalties if he withdraws. Players who are still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time and who cannot reasonably attend the following week's event due to the location of the current event where they are still competing or who choose not to remain on the qualifying list will be automatically withdrawn from the qualifying at this time. Players who withdraw or are withdrawn due to "still competing" will be allowed to accept a wild card or enter doubles into any ATP Tour 250, ATP Tour 500, ATP Challenger Tour or ITF Men's WTT tournament, including qualifying. If a withdrawal occurs prior to 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday, the qualifying vacancy shall be filled by the next player on the qualifying alternate list. This player is not required to sign in. If a withdrawal occurs after 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday, the qualifying vacancy will be filled from the on-site sign-in list, using the most recent PIF ATP Rankings list. Main draw vacancies will be filled from the main draw alternate list, not the qualifying acceptance list.

NOTE: For the purposes of this rule, the Continents are: Europe, Asia, Antarctica, Australia, Africa, North America (including Central America) and South America.

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Time. The ATP Challenger Alternate Sign-in shall begin no later than 4 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. local time on the day prior to the start of the qualifying competition. There shall also be an Alternate sign-in on the day of first round qualifying play, this deadline is one-half hour prior to the first scheduled qualifying match. This is a new sign-in and any player who is on-site with a PIF ATP Ranking (singles/doubles) is eligible to sign-in.

Case: *Can a player who is a direct acceptance in the qualifying of a Challenger tournament, preserve his eligibility at another Challenger tournament?*

Decision: *No. A player is considered to have preserved his eligibility only at the tournament where he is a Direct Acceptance into qualifying. He cannot withdraw and preserve eligibility at another event unless the withdrawal was for "still competing". However, he can withdraw and preserve his eligibility at the same event where he was a Direct Acceptance into qualifying.*

- 5) If a tournament date, site or surface is changed; it is the player's responsibility to withdraw from the event on or before the new entry/withdrawal deadline if he does not wish to play.

6) Late Entries.

Any player who submits an entry after the deadline may only be accepted into the singles main draw as a wild card, qualifier, or as a special exempt (if eligible).

7) Emergency Situations.

ATP Tour 250 Events

- a) Tournaments shall qualify for one (1) emergency substitution if the following conditions exist:
- Two (2) of the tournament's top four (4) ranked players on the original acceptance list withdraw; and
 - One (1) of the withdrawals involves the first highest or second highest ranked player; and
 - The substitute player (1) meets a minimum of one (1) of the following criteria:
 - A former top 20 player on the PIF ATP rankings within the previous 5 years from the tournament date.
 - Past tournament champion.
 - A current player ranked in the top 5 on the current ITF International Junior Ranking.
 - A current player ranked in the top 2 of the host country official National Junior Ranking.

Substitute players meeting any of the criteria listed above must be ranked 500 or better in the most recent PIF ATP Singles Ranking.

The withdrawals and substitution must occur within the period beginning with the release of the Acceptance List and ending at 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on the Friday before the event week, or if the second withdrawal occurs between 9:00 AM and 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA on the Friday before the event the deadline for naming a qualified substitute shall be extended by one (1) hour. During this one hour period all lists will be held awaiting a final cut-off for the affected event. If no substitution is

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made within this defined time period, then the next player on the acceptance list shall be moved into the main draw.

- b) The tournament shall pay prize money equal to that paid first-round losers to each player who would have been a direct acceptance if not for the late substitution. This payment shall not apply in the case where the player gained entry into a main draw singles, at any event, by other means.

B. Main Draw Doubles

1) ATP Tour Tournaments

- a) **Advance Entry.** 12 Noon, Eastern Time, USA, fourteen (14) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (or the first tournament week in the case of tournaments scheduled for more than one (1) week). A team on the alternate list for the doubles main draw may withdraw at any time prior to such time that they are moved into the main draw as a direct acceptance because of withdrawals of other teams.
- b) **Withdrawal Deadline.** The deadline for a team to withdraw from the advanced entry list closes at 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on the Friday prior to the tournament week.
- c) **On-site Entry.** The period for online on-site entries opens at 12:01 am, Eastern Time, USA on the Friday prior to the tournament week and closes at 3:00 pm Eastern Time, USA on the Friday prior to the tournament week. The online sign-in is blind and no preliminary lists will be produced. Players entering multiple events in the same week must do so with the same partner and shall designate tournaments by priority. The on-site entry process will populate an Alternate List for vacancies occurring after the tournament withdrawal deadline and prior to the doubles draw being made.

2) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

- a) **Advance Entry.** 12 Noon, Eastern Time, USA, seven (7) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week unless otherwise authorized by ATP. Players entering multiple events in the same week must do so with the same partner and shall designate tournaments by priority.
- b) **Withdrawal Deadline.** The deadline for a team to withdraw from the advanced entry list closes at 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on the Friday prior to the tournament week.
- c) **On-site Entry.** The on-site sign-in deadline for doubles shall be 12 Noon local time on the Saturday prior to the first day of the tournament unless otherwise authorized by ATP. The number of places available through the on-site entry is specified in the Composition of Draws (7.08 D. 3)) plus any spots made available through withdrawals occurring after the advance doubles entry deadline. Teams who did not enter through the on-site sign-in and teams where one member of the team is eligible to re-pair following the withdrawal of his partner are eligible* to sign the daily alternate sign-in and are placed below those teams on the alternate list who did enter through the on-site sign-in method.
- *To be eligible, alternate teams who did not enter through the on-site protocol must sign-in on the first day of the doubles competition.
- 3) The doubles sign-in record shall be available for player sign-in at a reasonable time prior to the sign-in deadline.

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C. Qualifying Doubles

1) ATP Tour 500

The size of the draw is four (4) with two (2) seeds. The composition of the doubles qualifying draw will be the first three (3) teams from the entry list plus one (1) wild card team. All matches will be played as two tie-break sets, no-ad scoring with a match tie-break at one set all. Qualifying matches are to be held on the Saturday / Sunday prior to the start of main draw, as determined by the Supervisor and Tour Manager. Teams shall receive hospitality. Rooms for doubles qualifying players shall be available beginning on Saturday and continue through the night of their last match.

Points. The qualifying team shall receive 45 ranking points. The team losing in the final round of qualifying shall receive 25 ranking points*.

*Teams receiving a first round Bye and subsequently losing in the final round receive no points.

2) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

There is no doubles qualifying at ATP Challenger tour events.

D. Entry Deadline Extensions

ATP may extend the deadline for entries and/or withdrawals when unforeseen circumstances arise.

7.04 Entry/Withdrawal Method

A player may enter a Grand Slam, ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament through a written entry form or other alternatives available to ATP player members. For entry into an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour main draw or qualifying singles and doubles, the player must be an ATP Player Member or an ATP Registered Player. Wild Cards are exempt from this provision.

ATP Tour 250 Main Draw Singles Late Entry (LE) Spot:

A Late Entry spot is a reserved position (one) in each ATP 250 tournament. Only players with a ranking better than the original tournament entry list cut are allowed to enter. The entry deadline for this spot is Thursday, 10 AM Eastern Time, USA prior to the Monday of the tournament week. At this deadline, the position will be filled by the highest ranked player who entered using the PIF ATP Rankings (Singles) used for tournament entries twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. If there are no entries for the LE spot by the deadline, then the position in the main draw goes to the next eligible player on the entry list.

ATP Next Gen Programme

Players born in 2004 or later will be eligible for the Programme in 2024. Players who begin the season aged 20&U and turn 21 in 2024 will not be considered for the Programme. Starting from 01 January 2024, playing opportunities for players aged 20 & under who break into the Top 250 & 350 of the PIF ATP Rankings will be reserved as follows:

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- Players who break into the Top 350 and are aged 20 & under will be eligible to receive up to 8 CH 100 & 125 Opportunities in a calendar year.
- Players who break into the Top 250 and are aged 20 & under will be eligible to receive up to 1 ATP 250 Main Draw Singles & 2 ATP 250 Qualifying opportunities each week with three ATP level events on the calendar in addition to their Challenger opportunities.

Draw spots will be reserved and will drop to the next highest-ranked player should they not be utilized

Junior Accelerator Spots (JAS)

Junior Accelerator Spots are awarded at the Challenger level to the Junior players who are ranked 1-20 in the year-end ITF Junior Rankings, Singles Junior Grand Slam Champions, and Finalists.

- **Challengers 50 and 75** - Junior Accelerator Spot can be awarded to up to two (2) players in every Main Draw (eligible Junior players ranked 1-10 and Junior Grand Slam Champions) and to up to two (2) players in every Qualifying (eligible Junior players ranked 11-20 and Singles Junior Grand Slam Finalists) of Challenger 50 and 75 tournaments.

Each Junior player ranked 1-10 and Junior Grand Slam Champion shall be eligible for up to eight (8) total Main Draw opportunities, with a maximum of four (4) uses per six (6) months. Each player ranked 11-20 and Junior Grand Slam Finalist shall be eligible for up to eight (8) total Qualifying opportunities, with a maximum of four (4) uses per six (6) months.

Any Junior Accelerator Spot will be determined at the relevant Challenger Main Draw or Qualifying Entry Deadline.

College Accelerator Spots (CAS)

College Accelerator Spots are awarded at the Challenger level to the College players who are ranked 1-20 in the season-end Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Collegiate Tennis Rankings, as well as individual NCAA Division I Tennis Championships quarterfinalists.

- **Challengers 50 and 75** - College Accelerator Spots can be awarded to up to two (2) players in every Main Draw (eligible College players ranked 1-10 and individual NCAA DI Champion) and to up to two (2) players in every Qualifying (eligible College players ranked 11-20 and individual NCAA DI quarterfinalists) of Challenger 50 and 75 tournaments.

Players who have finished College education – defined as any player who has obtained a College degree or who has stopped college education for the pursuit of full-time competition on the professional tennis circuit – shall be eligible for the following opportunities:

- i) Players ranked 1-10 in the season-end singles ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranking and NCAA Division I Champion shall be eligible for up to eight (8) Accelerator Spots over twelve (12) months at Challenger Main Draw, with a maximum of four (4) uses per six (6) months, starting July 1, 2023.

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- ii) Players ranked 11-20 in the season-end singles ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranking and NCAA Division I quarter-finalists shall be eligible for up to eight (8) Accelerator Spots over twelve (12) months at Challenger Tour Qualifying, with a maximum of four (4) uses per six (6) months, starting July 1, 2023.

Players who remain in College education – defined as any player who is scheduled to return to College in the following semester - shall be eligible for the following opportunities:

- i) Players ranked 1-10 in the season-end singles ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranking and NCAA Division I Champion shall be eligible for up to six (6) Accelerator Spots at Challenger Main Draw over six (6) months, starting July 1 2023, through to the last week of Challenger events in the season.
- ii) Players ranked 11-20 in the season-end singles ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranking and NCAA Division I quarter-finalists shall be eligible for up to six (6) Accelerator Spots at Challenger Qualifying over six months, starting July 1, 2023, through to the last week of Challenger events in December.

Any College Accelerator Spot will be determined at the relevant Challenger Main Draw or Qualifying Entry Deadline.

A. Main Draw - Singles

- 1) No player shall be considered entered or withdrawn from an *ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500**, ATP Tour 250 or ATP Challenger Tour tournament unless his written entry or written withdrawal is received on or before the entry or withdrawal deadline by a player relations staff member, ATP Supervisor or through the PlayerZone. A player must have entered in order to be moved into the main draw as a direct acceptance because of the withdrawals of other players. For each ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament, players with a PIF ATP Rankings position that qualifies them as a direct acceptance or alternate, shall be automatically entered by ATP.

* For the mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments, this section is applicable for withdrawals only as entries are automatic. If a withdrawal is made prior to the Acceptance List being published, any player directly accepted as a result of that withdrawal will be considered a Direct Acceptance once the list is published.

** Commitment players are automatically accepted into the main draw of all ATP Tour 500 events in which they have entered in a proper manner.

- 2) Once a player enters he is subject to all the withdrawal provisions.
- 3) Withdrawals, retirements or defaults during an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament must be made through the Supervisor.

B. Main Draw - Doubles

1) Advance Entry – ATP Tour Only

- a) No team shall be considered entered or withdrawn from an ATP Tour tournament* unless their written entry or written withdrawal is received on or before the entry or withdrawal deadline by a player relations staff member or ATP Supervisor. A team must have entered in order to be moved into the main draw as a direct acceptance because of the withdrawals of other players.

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- b) Once a team enters they are subject to all the withdrawal provisions.

*The top 13 teams from the final 2023 ATP Doubles Team Rankings shall receive automatic Direct Acceptance into the first 5 Masters 1000 events in the 2024 season (if not included as a Direct Acceptance on their own merit). To qualify for automatic acceptance a team must have competed as a team in 11 ATP Tour or Grand Slam events during the 2023 season. A player can only be eligible on one team.

For each of the remaining four (4) Masters 1000 events, the top 13 teams in the Team Race at the advanced entry deadline for that event, shall receive automatic Direct Acceptance into that Masters 1000 event (if not included as a Direct Acceptance on their own merit). A player can only be eligible on one team.

To qualify for automatic acceptance into the first 5 Masters 1000 events a team must have competed together as a team in each week of the 2024 season where both players were playing doubles in that week. The exception would be when they were both involved in the singles of different events.

To qualify for automatic acceptance into the final 4 Masters 1000 events, a team must compete together as a team in each week of the 2024 season where both players were playing doubles in that week. The exception would be when they were both involved in the singles of different events.

2) On-Site Entry - ATP Tour - See 7.03 B. 1) c)

On-Site Entry - ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

- a) No team shall be accepted for on-site entry into the doubles event unless one player of the team personally signs the on-site entry list unless subsection d) applies.
- b) If neither player of the team is able to sign the list then such team may enter the doubles event by submitting a written entry to ATP or by personally contacting the Tour Manager or Supervisor at the tournament he wants to play.
- c) Written entries submitted by a player(s) who is not on-site and who has not been able to talk to the Tour Manager or Supervisor, must be received by the on-site Supervisor prior to the deadline.
- d) The Tour Manager or Supervisor may sign-in and enter doubles teams.
- e) Each member of a team wishing to enter the doubles event must be either an ATP Player Member or an ATP Registered Player.

Emailed Doubles Entry

Case: The Supervisor/Referee is sent a doubles entry via email. The email was not seen by the Supervisor/Referee until after the entry deadline. The date/time of the email show that it was received prior to the deadline. Is this a valid entry?

Decision: No. To be considered as a valid entry the official at the site of the doubles event (Supervisor, Referee or Tour Manager) must have actually viewed the email. The same decision would be made on undelivered faxes or an entry left on voice mail.

Note: Proper procedure for any emailed or faxed entries would be to ask for a confirmation from the person who the entry was sent. Barring confirmation, you should make personal contact prior to the entry deadline.

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C. Qualifying

Players may be entered in the main draw (singles or doubles) as qualifiers based on their success in the respective qualifying competition.

- 1) **Challenger.** The ATP Challenger Alternate Sign-in shall begin no later than 4 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. local time on the day prior to the start of the qualifying competition. There shall also be an Alternate sign-in on the day of first round qualifying play, this deadline is one-half hour prior to the start of play on the day of the qualifying competition.
- 2) **ATP Tour.**
 - a) Direct acceptances to ATP Tour qualifying are not required to sign-in.
 - b) The ATP Tour Qualifying Alternate sign-in shall begin no later than 4 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. local time on the night prior to the start of the qualifying competition (Friday night for a qualifying commencing on Saturday).
- 3) **Challenger & ATP Tour.** There shall also be an Alternate sign-in on the day of first round qualifying play, this deadline is one-half hour prior to the first scheduled qualifying match. This is a new sign-in and any player who is on-site and with a PIF ATP Ranking (singles or doubles) is eligible to sign-in.

Can I Play Both?

Case: A player is playing a doubles match on the Friday night before a Saturday start to Qualifying that will not finish before 9 p.m. local time at the following week's tournament. The next tournament is 2-3 hours traveling time and because the doubles semi-finals is scheduled for Saturday night, it is feasible for the player to drive between the two locations so that he could compete in the qualifying singles and still play the doubles semi-final should he win on Friday night. Can he remain a direct acceptance?

Decision: Yes. The Saturday night doubles match (which cannot be a result of special scheduling) makes this possible for the player. Appropriate penalties apply if the player does not appear for his qualifying match or his doubles semi-final match, if he wins Friday night.

Players Miss Sign-In

Case: Players cannot be at the Lucky Loser/Alternate sign-in on time because of circumstances beyond their control. If the Supervisor is satisfied that the players were not at fault, may he sign them in?

Decision: No.

D. Sign-in Protocol:

All sign-ins (doubles, qualifying, alternates, lucky losers) must be done by phone via text messaging or by email. Each entry must be received and viewed by the on-site supervisor, or the designate listed on the official detail sheet, prior to the deadline. The player is responsible for having his entry confirmed by the supervisor or the designate listed on the official detail sheet.

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7.05 Withdrawal/Late Withdrawal Penalties

The following shall result when a player withdraws after the deadline from the singles main draw of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament:

- A. A player shall be subject to the sanctions provided in the Player Code of Conduct.
- B. If the withdrawal is from the singles main draw of an ATP Tour tournament, the player shall be required to fulfill his obligations under the ATP Stars Program.
- C. If the withdrawal occurs after 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday before the tournament week or, in the case of doubles, after the on-site entry deadline, then the withdrawal shall be considered a late withdrawal and shall also result in a late withdrawal fine, unless the injury on-site examination provisions or player promotional activity provisions apply as stated under repeal of penalties. In addition, in the case of a 96-draw tournament, if the withdrawal occurs after the qualifying or main draw is made, whichever comes first, the player shall receive a late withdrawal fine, unless the injury on-site examination or player promotional activity provisions apply. Players included in the draw that fail to appear on-site shall be classified as a late withdrawal.

Whom To Fine?

Case: Player A and player B agree to play doubles together in a tournament, so player B signs the team in to play. On Monday, player A withdraws from singles and consequently from doubles. As player A does not come on-site for promotional activities, he is aware that he will get a withdrawal penalty for singles. What penalties apply to the doubles team?

Decision: Player A gets a fine for doubles while player B does not as he is on-site.

D. No Play After Withdrawal

- 1) If a player withdraws after the entry/withdrawal deadline from the singles or doubles event of a Grand Slam, ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour or the qualifying competition of an ATP Tour/Challenger Tour tournament for any reason, he may not play in any other tournament or special event during that tournament week.
- 2) If the withdrawal was for medical reasons then the player may enter and compete in the doubles event of the same tournament provided he is determined by the Supervisor, upon written medical advice, to be physically capable to compete on a professional level of play.
- 3) No player may continue playing in an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament in singles or doubles after giving notice of withdrawal from a tournament scheduled in a future week on account of injury, illness or other medical reason. Players, however, may continue playing in that event if the withdrawal from the future event was for non-medical reasons.
- 4) **ATP TOUR:** The exception to No Play after Withdrawal is the withdrawal of a team accepted into the main draw of an ATP Tour tournament through the advance entry method due to one or both team members being accepted into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour, ATP Tour Qualifying or ATP Challenger Tour tournament. In this case, both players may enter a doubles competition, together or separately, through the on-site entry method.

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ATP CHALLENGER TOUR: The exception to No Play after Withdrawal is the withdrawal of a team accepted into the main draw of an ATP Challenger Tour tournament through the advance entry method due to one or both team members being accepted into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour, ATP Tour Qualifying, ATP Challenger Tour tournament, ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying or ITF WTT M25 or M15 main draw or qualifying tournament. In this case, both players may enter a doubles competition, together or separately, through the on-site entry method.

- 5) A violation of this section shall also be punishable by the provisions set forth in the Code of Conduct.

Case: A player is a Direct Acceptance in a Grand Slam or Masters 1000 96-draw tournament and withdraws. Can he play an ATP Challenger during the 2nd week of that tournament.

Decision: Yes as long as the withdrawal was prior to the start of qualifying.

Case: A player is an alternate on an ATP Tour Qualifying list and gets in and is inserted in the draw which is done before the official withdrawal deadline due to the difference in time zones. Is he allowed to withdraw once he is in the draw and play somewhere else?

Decision: When the player gets in the draw, he is automatically withdrawn from any other qualifying event where he was an alternate. He will be allowed to withdraw (up until the Thursday, 10 AM commitment deadline) from the event where he got in and not be penalized. However, he will only be allowed to play doubles at the same event.

Case: May a player withdraw from a tournament where he is a Direct Acceptance in singles or doubles (with his regular or protected ranking) and then accept a wild card into the same tournament?

Decision: Yes, provided the withdrawal is prior to the withdrawal deadline, a player may withdraw from a tournament and then accept a wild card into the same tournament. For doubles, the wild card must be with his original partner. He cannot accept a wild card nor play in any other tournament or event in the same week as the tournament he withdrew from. (Tour Policy)

Case: A player accepted in an ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour main draw or ATP Tour Qualifying list using a PR withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline and accepts a WC into the same event. Does this tournament count towards the total tournaments at which the player can use his PR?

Decision: No, this tournament will not count towards the player's total of tournaments.

Case: A player withdraws from an ATP Tour tournament prior to the Friday, 10 AM deadline with injury. He is allowed to play doubles in the same event provided he is determined to be physically capable to compete. Since he is coming on-site to play doubles, does he have to do promotional activity?

Decision: No, however, he is required to complete his Stars requirements if requested by ATP staff.

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Case: May a player withdraw BDA from the main draw alternate list of an ATP Tour or Challenger event and play the Qualifying of the same event?

Decision: Yes, unless he would have moved into the main draw of that event, had he not withdrawn. A player may not turn down this main draw position to play the qualifying of that event. He may, however, play the Qualifying of a different event.

Challenger Cancels, Where can I Play?

Case: A player enters and is main draw of a Challenger on the original Acceptance List. The Challenger cancels. The deadline has now passed for entering another Challenger or 250 tournament during the same week. What are the player's options for competing that week?

Decision: The player may sign in as an Alternate at any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour qualifying event the same week. Or he may accept, if offered, a Wild Card at any Challenger or ATP Tour event. He may not be inserted directly into the draw or placed on another Acceptance List.

Options if Tournament Changes Surface after the Entry Deadline

Case: Can a player withdraw from the main draw and play elsewhere during the same week if a tournament changes its surface after the Acceptance List has come out?

Decision: The player may sign in for Qualifying at any event that week or he may accept, if offered, a Wild Card at any Challenger or ATP Tour event. He may not be inserted directly into the draw or placed on another Acceptance List.

Case: A doubles team enters 4 Challenger tournaments in the same week through phone or email. The team is accepted and appears on two draws at the same time as well as the alternate lists of the other 2 tournaments. Is the team allowed to withdraw from one of the events it is accepted into and play at the other one?

Decision: No. The team is in violation of the One Tournament Per Week and No Play After Withdrawal rules and will be withdrawn from all tournaments that week.

Case: A player moves from the Alternate list into a Challenger Singles Main Draw at the 10 AM deadline on Friday before the event and later appears in the draw. Not knowing that he is in the main draw of a tournament already, the player requests and receives a Main Draw wild card at another Challenger tournament the same week and appears in the draw. Is the player allowed to withdraw from one of the events and compete at the other one?

Decision: No. The player is in violation of the One Tournament Per Week and No Play After Withdrawal rules and will be withdrawn from both tournaments that week.

- E. Withdrawals from the qualifying competition at ATP Tour/Challenger Tour tournaments will be without penalty if one of the following occurs:

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- 1) Player is accepted into the main draw of ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500 or ATP Tour 250 tournament, or in the case of an ATP Challenger Tour qualifying withdrawal, the main draw of another ATP Challenger Tour singles event.
- 2) Player is still competing in an ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour, or ITF Men's WTT tournament at any time on the day prior to the commencement of qualifying.
- 3) The first two (2) withdrawals are excused, thereafter, each withdrawal is subject to a fine in accordance with article 8.03 B., Fines.

7.06 One Tournament Per Week and Exception

A. Regulation:

A player may only enter and compete in one Grand Slam, ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour or special event during that tournament week. Once a player enters and is accepted into the main draw of singles, doubles, or the qualifying competition, he is committed to that tournament for the week, unless released by the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or Supervisor. A player who loses in the singles qualifying competition may enter the doubles event of any tournament.

Case: *May a team who enters and loses doubles qualifying at an ATP 500 event on Saturday enter doubles in a Challenger for the same week.*

Decision: *No. This would violate the provisions of the One Tournament Per Week rule.*

B. Exception:

A player who has lost in a tournament may enter the qualifying for a tournament scheduled for the next week*. The Supervisor may authorize a player who is still competing in the main draw of a tournament in singles and/or doubles to enter the qualifying for the next week's ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments provided that no special scheduling by either tournament shall be required. In the event of a conflict, he shall be withdrawn from such qualifying so as to compete in the singles and/or doubles of the main draw tournament in which he is competing. In addition, if the player does not appear for play as scheduled, there shall be an automatic fine.

*This does not apply to events in the same week as a Grand Slam qualifying event. Players accepted into the qualifying of a Grand Slam event will not be allowed to compete in any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger event (qualifying or main draw) held in the same week.

7.07 Play-Up Regulation (ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments)

A. Restrictions - Challengers 75-125

- 1) Players positioned 1-10 in the PIF ATP Rankings twenty-one (21) days prior to the first Monday of the ATP Challenger Tour tournament are prohibited from entering, accepting a wild card and/or competing in an ATP Challenger Tour tournament. Players who would have been, had they and all other players entered, a direct acceptance on the original acceptance list for a Grand Slam are prohibited from entering, accepting a wild card and/or competing in an ATP Challenger Tour tournament in the first week of the Grand Slam tournament.

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- 2) Players positioned 11-50 (excluding Entry Protection ranking) in the PIF ATP Rankings twenty-one (21) days prior to the first Monday of the ATP Challenger Tour tournament are prohibited from entering (with the exception of Challenger 175 category) but may receive an ATP-approved wild card in order to compete in the Challenger tournament. The Challenger Supervisor will make wild card determinations consistent with the limitations outlined below. Players positioned 11-50 are also prohibited from entering, accepting a wild card or competing in a Challenger 75 tournament.
- 3) ATP Challenger Tour tournaments scheduled the same week as an ATP Tour tournament may offer wild cards to players positioned 11-50 in the PIF ATP Rankings who have received approval from the ATP on-site Supervisor according to the following breakdown:

ATP Challenger 125	up to (2) two wild cards
ATP Challenger 100	up to (1) one wild card
ATP Challenger 75	no wild card

- 4) ATP Challenger Tour tournaments not scheduled in the same week as ATP Tour tournaments, or scheduled during the 2nd week of a Grand Slam, ATP Tour Masters 1000 96-draw tournaments may offer wild cards to players positioned 11-50 in the PIF ATP Rankings who have received approval from the ATP on-site Supervisor according to the following breakdown:

ATP Challenger 125	up to (3) three wild cards
ATP Challenger 100	up to (3) three wild cards
ATP Challenger 75	no wild card

NOTE: These restrictions apply only to **singles** draws.

B. Restrictions - Challenger 50

Players positioned 1-150 in the PIF ATP Rankings twenty-one (21) days prior to the first Monday of the ATP Challenger Tour tournament are prohibited from entering Challenger 50 events. ATP Challenger 50 tournaments may offer an ATP-approved wild card to players ranked 51-150 in the PIF ATP Rankings at the entry deadline who have received approval from the ATP on-site Supervisor according to the following breakdown:

51-100	1 wild card limited to a player of the same nationality as the event
101-150	1 wild card - no nationality restriction

Case: *A player ranked between 11-50 asks for a wild card into an ATP Challenger 100 and is denied by the tournament. The player then signs in for the qualifying. Is he allowed to play qualifying?*

Decision: *He is allowed to play only if the tournament grants him a wild card into the qualifying. The WC, however, will not count against the maximum allowed number of 11-50 players for the tournament.*

Case: *A player ranked 11-50 at the time of the entry deadline asks for a wild card into an ATP Challenger 100 and is denied by the tournament. The player then drops below 50 and he signs*

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in for the qualifying. Is he allowed to play qualifying?

Decision: Yes. Since his ranking dropped below 50, he is allowed to sign in and play qualifying and does not need a wild card.

Case: May a player who was ranked in the 11-50 range at the time of the entry deadline into an ATP Challenger 75 event, but whose ranking falls below this at the time of the qualifying sign-in, be accepted into the event as a main draw or qualifying wild card or sign-in for the qualifying event?

Decision: No. The rule under 7.07 A 2) states that these players are prohibited from entering, accepting a wild card or competing in an ATP Challenger 75 tournament.

7.08 The Draw

A. Minimum Draw Size

- 1) The singles draw size for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments shall be:

ATP Tour Masters 1000	96 Draw
ATP Tour Masters 1000 / Outdoors	56 Draw
ATP Tour Masters 1000 / Indoors	48 Draw
- 2) With the exception of the Nitto ATP Finals, the minimum singles draw size for all other ATP Tour tournaments is as follows:

ATP Tour 500 / Outdoors	32 Draw
ATP Tour 500 / Indoors	32 Draw
ATP Tour 250 / Indoors & Outdoors	28 Draw*
- * ATP Tour tournaments may petition ATP for an increased size of the main draw. The deadline for submitting the petition is six (6) months prior to Monday of the tournament week.
- 3) Doubles draw sizes may be found under "Composition of Draws".

B. Composition of Draws - ATP Tournaments

- 1) **Main Draw Singles:** The singles main draw shall be composed as follows:

a) ATP Tour Masters 1000 Tournaments:

Total	Direct		Wild	Special
<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Acceptances</u>	<u>Qualifiers</u>	<u>Cards</u>	<u>Exempts</u>
48	38-39	6	3	0-1
56	44-45	7	4	0-1
96	78-79	12	5	0-1

b) ATP Tour 500 Tournaments:

Total	Direct		Wild	Special
<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Acceptances</u>	<u>Qualifiers</u>	<u>Cards</u>	<u>Exempts</u>
32	23-25	4	3-4*	0-1
48	36-38	6	4-5*	0-1
56	42-44	7	5-6*	0-1

*Applies only for an A+ player from the region

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c) ATP Tour 250 Tournaments:

Total	Direct		Wild	Special	Late
<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Acceptances</u>	<u>Qualifiers</u>	<u>Cards</u>	<u>Exempts</u>	<u>Entry</u>
28	18-20	4	3	0-2	1
32	22-24	4	3	0-2	1
48	37-39	4	4	0-2	1
56	44-46	4	5	0-2	1

NOTE: All ATP Tour 250 tournaments shall have a 16 draw qualifying regardless of the size of the main draw.

One ATP NextGen Program spot will be reserved for ATP Tour 250 tournaments in weeks where three ATP Tour tournaments are scheduled.

C. Composition of Draws - Challenger Tour Tournaments (unless otherwise approved by ATP)

1) Main Draw 32 Players

- a) 21/19 Direct Acceptances based on PIF ATP Ranking
- b) 3 Wild Cards
- c) 6 Qualifying Positions
- d) 0-2 Special Exempts
- e) 0-2 JAS/CAS

2) Qualifying is a 24-player event for 6 positions in the main draw

- a) 18 Direct Acceptances based on most recent PIF ATP Ranking.
- b) 4 Wild Cards
- c) 0-2 JAS/CAS

3) Vacancies

- a) Any main draw vacancies occurring after the withdrawal deadline and prior to the start of Qualifying will be filled in ranking order from the original main draw acceptance list by players who have preserved their position on the list. Players from the main draw alternate list who are directly accepted into qualifying are considered to have preserved their eligibility. A player can only preserve his eligibility on one list. If there are no alternates from the original main draw acceptance list who have preserved eligibility, the vacancy will be filled by the highest ranked player from the qualifying or alternate list using the PIF ATP Rankings, and then PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

After the start of the qualifying, any vacancy will come from the Lucky Loser/ Alternate list. The Alternates will be placed below the players who lost in qualifying and shall be ordered based upon their position in the PIF ATP Rankings, and then the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

NOTE: In order to preserve his eligibility on the Acceptance List, the player must contact the ATP Supervisor directly prior to 6 PM local time on the day before qualifying starts by phone via text messaging or by email (contact details as listed on detail sheet) and personally inform the Supervisor that he wishes to preserve his position on the Acceptance List and the player must leave a contact number. The player should ask for confirmation that the

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Supervisor has received the message/email in a timely manner. A player can only preserve his eligibility on one list.

D. Composition of Draws - Doubles: The doubles main draw shall be composed as follows:

1) ATP Tour 250/500 Tournaments: Direct Acceptances

Singles	Doubles	Direct Acceptances	Wild
<u>Draw Size</u>	<u>Draw Size</u>	<u>Advance Entry</u>	<u>Cards</u>
28/32	16	14*	2
48	16	14*	2
56	24	22*	2

*For ATP 500 - 1 from Qualifying

2) ATP Masters 1000 Tournaments: Direct Acceptances

Singles	Doubles	Direct Acceptances	Wild
<u>Draw Size</u>	<u>Draw Size</u>	<u>Advance Entry</u>	<u>Cards</u>
96	32	29	3
56*	28	25	3
48*	24	22	2

*Optional Draw Size for ATP Masters 1000 56 & 48 Draw Singles

Singles	Doubles	Direct Acceptances	Wild
<u>Draw Size</u>	<u>Draw Size</u>	<u>Advance Entry</u>	<u>Cards</u>
56	32	29	3
48	28	25	3

3) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

Total	Direct Acceptances		Wild
<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Advance Entry</u>	<u>On-Site</u>	<u>Cards</u>
16	10	4	2

E. Qualifying

ATP Tour: The Alternate Sign In for ATP Tour singles qualifying shall begin no later than 4 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. local time on the night prior to the start of the qualifying competition (Friday night when qualifying commences on Saturday). There shall also be an Alternate sign-in on the day of first round qualifying play, this deadline is one-half hour prior to the first scheduled qualifying match. This is a new sign-in and any player who is on-site and with a PIF ATP Ranking (singles or doubles) is eligible to sign-in. Once the qualifying competition has begun, only those players who ultimately qualify and lucky losers may be accepted into the main draw. The qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

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ATP Challenger Tour. The on-site alternate sign-in shall begin no later than 4 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. local time on the night prior to the start of the qualifying competition. There shall also be an Alternate sign-in on the day of first round qualifying play, this deadline is one-half hour prior to the first scheduled qualifying match. This is a new sign-in and any player who is on-site and with a PIF ATP Ranking (singles or doubles) is eligible to sign-in.-Qualifying vacancies occurring after the withdrawal deadline - 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA on Friday shall be filled from the on-site alternate sign-in using the most recent PIF ATP Rankings.

Any main draw vacancies occurring after the withdrawal deadline and prior to the start of Qualifying will be filled in ranking order from the original main draw acceptance list by players who have preserved their position on the list. Players from the main draw alternate list who are directly accepted into qualifying are considered to have preserved their eligibility. A player can only preserve his eligibility on one list. If there are no alternates from the original main draw acceptance list who have preserved their eligibility, the vacancy will be filled by the highest ranked player from the qualifying or alternate list using the PIF ATP Rankings, and then the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

Once the qualifying competition has begun, only those players who ultimately qualify, lucky losers and eligible alternates may be accepted into the main draw. The qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck. The Alternates will be placed below the players who lost in qualifying and shall be ordered based upon their position in the PIF ATP Rankings, and then the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

NOTE: For ATP Challenger Tour qualifying tournaments, withdrawals occurring after 10 AM Eastern Time USA and prior to the draw* will be filled from that night's alternate sign-in. Vacancies occurring after the release of the qualifying draw, will be filled from the next day's on-site alternate list. Players must personally sign-in to be eligible as an on-site alternate.

* For events in a time zone where the qualifying draw is made prior to 10 AM Friday, Eastern Time USA, vacancies occurring after the Qualifying Alternate sign-in deadline but prior to the qualifying draw shall be filled from that night's alternate sign-in.

1) **Singles.** ATP Tour Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 500 qualifying draw size will be one-half (1/2) the size of the main draw. The qualifying size for all ATP Tour 250 tournaments shall be 16 with 4 qualifiers. The singles qualifying shall be composed as follows:

a) ATP Tour Tournaments - Qualifying:

<u>Total Accepted</u>	<u>Direct Acceptances</u>	<u>Wild Cards</u>
16	13	3
16*	14	2
24	20	4
28	24	4
48	43	5

* Denotes ATP Tour 250 Qualifying

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b) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments - Qualifying:

Total Accepted Direct Acceptances Wild Cards

24 20 4

2) Doubles Competition. The doubles qualifying shall be composed as follows:

ATP Tour 500 Tournaments Qualifying:

Total Accepted Direct Acceptances Wild Cards

4 3 1

7.09 Size and Method of Draw

A. Main Draw

1) Singles

- a) **28 Competitors.** A draw sheet with 32 places shall be used. After the seeds and byes are placed, the remaining players, including the qualifiers, shall be drawn and placed in the vacant spaces in the draw, beginning at the top of the draw.
- b) **32 or 64 Competitors.** A draw sheet of 32 or 64 places shall be used. After the seeds are placed, the remaining players, including the qualifiers, shall be drawn and placed in the vacant spaces in the draw, beginning at the top of the draw.
- c) **48 or 56 Competitors.** A draw sheet with 64 places shall be used. After the seeds and byes are placed, the remaining players, including the qualifiers, shall be drawn and placed in the vacant spaces in the draw, beginning at the top of the draw.
- d) **96 Competitors.** A draw sheet with 128 places shall be used. After the seeds and byes are placed, the remaining players, including the qualifiers, shall be drawn and placed in the vacant spaces in the draw, beginning at the top of the draw.

2) Doubles

- a) The draw shall be for 16, 24 or 32 teams.
- b) Placing of seeds and byes and the drawing of the remaining teams, including qualifiers, shall be in accordance with the same principles used in the singles main draw.

B. Qualifying Draw

The qualifying draw shall be made in sections, and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw, as determined by lot.

1) Singles

- a) If four (4) qualifiers are required, there shall be four (4) sections; six (6) qualifiers, six (6) sections; and so on. The draw shall be seeded and the selection of seeds shall be based on the most recent available and complete PIF ATP Rankings list.
- b) There shall be no pre-qualifying event; however, a tournament may conduct a separate or local event to determine wild cards in the qualifying competition or main draw, and unsuccessful participants in this event are eligible to be considered for entry into the qualifying competition.

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2) Doubles - ATP Tour 500

There shall be a four-draw event with one team qualifying.

Correct When Left Out of Draw

Case: After the qualifying draw has been made, it is discovered that player A, who was properly entered, has been left out of the draw. What is the procedure to correct this mistake?

Decision:

1. If player A is unseeded, replace the last direct acceptance in the qualifying draw with player A in the draw. Follow this procedure if play has begun unless the last direct acceptance has begun his first match. If the last direct acceptance has started his first match then no correction is to be made and player A is left out of the draw.

2. If player A is seeded, then if he is one of the top four (4) seeds he replaces seed four (4) and then seed four (4) replaces seed eight (8). Seed eight (8) then replaces the last direct acceptance. If player A is to be seeded 5-8, then he shall replace seed eight (8) and then seed eight (8) replaces the last direct acceptance. The same principle is followed for larger qualifying draws where you have a greater number of seeds. If play has begun, then the Supervisor shall evaluate the impact upon the draw and correct when possible. If the last direct acceptance has begun play, then no corrections are possible.

Correcting an Error in Seeding

Case: After the event has begun, it is discovered that a tie between 2 seeded players or teams was not broken correctly. What action may be taken?

Decision: If the players or teams involved in the error have not played their first match, then the error in seeding may be corrected by switching the positions of the affected players or teams.

Don't Have Eight Seeds

Case: In a qualifying draw, there are only seven (7) players listed in the PIF ATP Rankings or the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings. Since there will not be an eighth seed, how are seeds 5-7 placed in the Draw?

Decision: Draw seeds 5, 6 and 7 for placement in sections 2,3 and 4.

Main Draw Seed for a Qualifier

Case: May a player who gains a place in the main draw by qualifying be seeded in the main draw?

Decision: Yes. However, if the main draw is made prior to the completion of the qualifying, then the original seedings are final.

Who to Seed in singles Qualifying

Case: Seven (7) players listed in the PIF ATP Rankings sign in for the singles qualifying. Two (2) other players listed in the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings sign-in along with fifteen (15) other players. How many and which players will be seeded?

Decision: Eight (8) players. The seven (7) singles players and the highest-positioned doubles player.

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Player Pulled from ATP Tour 250 and 500 Qualifying

Case: *An ATP Tour 500 and an ATP Tour 250 or a different ATP Tour 250 or 500 event are being held the same week. Can a player inside the original cut of the ATP Tour 250 or 500 qualifying list be withdrawn in order to be moved into the main draw of the ATP Tour 250 or 500 or a different ATP Tour 500 or 250 event or accept a wild card?*

Decision: Yes.

7.10 Special Exempts (SE)

A. Eligibility

Players may receive a special exempt into the main draw of the following week's tournament if they meet the criteria and apply for it in a timely manner.

- 1) A player is eligible to receive a special exempt into the singles main draw of the following week's tournament, subject to the provisions of this section, if he is unable to compete in that qualifying competition because he is still competing on the date the qualifying competition begins in another qualified event, and his current ranking as of the date of the entry deadline would not have otherwise qualified him as a direct acceptance on the original acceptance list if he had entered. In addition, a player who is still playing a match at 9 p.m. local time at the qualifying site, is eligible to receive a special exempt only if he wins that match.

a) A Qualified event for special exempt to an ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament is the singles event of another ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500 or Grand Slam tournament.

b) A Qualified event for special exempt to an ATP Tour 500 tournament is the singles event of another ATP Tour 500, ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 250* or Grand Slam tournament.

*The 250 event must be located in the same region as the 500 event, as determined by ATP and specified in "Exhibit M".

c) A Qualified event for special exempt to an ATP Tour 250 tournament is the singles event of any ATP Tour 250, ATP Tour 500, ATP Tour Masters 1000 or Grand Slam tournament.

d) A Qualified event for special exempt to an ATP Challenger Tour tournament is the singles event of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament within the same geographic region, unless there are no Challengers in the same region the following week. If there are no Challengers in the same region the following week, then a qualified event would include all ATP Challenger Tour events scheduled in the following week, regardless of region. (Definition of Regions can be found in "Exhibit M").

EXCEPTION 1: A player who has entered and been accepted into the qualifying draw of an ATP Tour tournament and has been withdrawn because he is still competing in a Challenger or Tour event in the same region, will be added to the last position on the special exempt list of an ATP Challenger Tour tournament scheduled for the next week, even though he would have been a direct acceptance, had he entered the Challenger.

Note: EXCEPTION does not apply if player was Top 50 twenty one (21) days prior to the first Monday of the Challenger.

EXCEPTION 2: A player who has entered and been accepted into the qualifying draw of an ATP Tour 500 tournament and has been withdrawn because he

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is still competing in an ATP Tour event, will be added to the last position on the special exempt list of an ATP Tour 250 tournament located in the same region (as determined by ATP) if specific conditions are met. These conditions are:

- i) He is qualified for a Special Exempt spot in the ATP Tour 500 event.
- ii) Due to other qualified player(s) for the Special Exempt into the ATP Tour 500 event there is no Special Exempt available.
- iii) The player's ranking would have qualified him for the main draw of the 250 event, had he entered there instead of the 500 qualifying.

B. Number of Special Exempts

ATP Tour Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 500 tournaments shall have one (1) special exempt. ATP Tour 250 and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments shall have two (2).

C. Selection of Special Exempt

- 1) If there are not sufficient special exempt places in the draw for applicants, the players shall be selected according to their position on the most recent PIF ATP Rankings list issued prior to the tournament or by their protected ranking, except:
 - a) If he is a direct acceptance using his protected ranking, then he is not eligible for a special exempt place, or
 - b) If he would have been a direct acceptance had he entered using his protected ranking, then the protected ranking cannot be used to determine his position on the special exempt list.
- 2) **ATP Tour.** If the special exempt places are not needed before the beginning of the qualifying competition, the special exempt places shall be filled by additional direct acceptances selected from the original acceptance list. Thus a player may be pulled out of the qualifying before the first ball is hit and replaced by an alternate list player.
- 3) **ATP Challenger Tour.** If the special exempt place is not needed prior to the 10 AM withdrawal deadline, the special exempt place shall be filled by an additional direct acceptance selected from the original acceptance list. If the special exempt place has not been determined at the deadline, and then following the 10 AM-withdrawal deadline it is determined that the Special Exempt is not needed, the additional direct acceptance shall be filled from the next player who has properly preserved his eligibility on the original acceptance list for that event.

D. Special Exempt Process

- 1) A list of possible eligible players is compiled by the player relations department by Wednesday/Thursday of the current week for the next week's tournaments.
- 2) The list of eligible players is supplied to the supervisors where the players are competing. The supervisors need to contact each player to inquire if the player is interested in the special exempt position and then contact player relations immediately following the player's decision to remove himself from consideration for any tournament for which he is eligible.
- 3) If the player is interested in an event, player relations coordinates with the supervisors at both events until the SE positions are filled.
- 4) If the main draw is to be made before a potential special exempt player plays on Friday, then such place(s) shall be drawn in the same manner as qualifier, i.e., four qualifiers ("Q") and one or two "SE" depending on whether there are one or

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two possibilities. Each of the five or six slots are marked “Q/SE.” As soon as the “SE” match results are known, either the “SE” or the next direct acceptance (if the SE lost) is randomly drawn and inserted into the draw.

NOTE: The deadline for a player to declare his intent to accept a Special Exempt, if eligible, is no later than one hour following the completion of the match that qualified him for a Special Exempt. Once he has declared his intent to the Supervisor or Player Relations staff, he must accept the Special exempt, if eligible, or be subject to the applicable withdrawal/late withdrawal penalties.

- 5) If, on the day prior to the start of qualifying, a player does not finish his match by nine (9) p.m. local time at the qualifying site and subsequently loses his match, then he is not eligible to be signed in for qualifying or for a special exempt; however, he may receive a wild card from the tournament if it is known before the qualifying draw that he has lost and that no special scheduling shall be required.
- 6) A player who does not appear after accepting a special exempt shall be treated as an entered player and shall receive appropriate penalties.

Potential Special Exempt Playing at 9 p.m. Friday

Case: A player is competing in the singles event of a “qualified event” on the night before the next week’s qualifying. If the player wins, he will be eligible for a special exempt. His singles match, however, will not be completed by 9 p.m. local time at the qualifying site for the next week’s tournament. How does this affect the “composition of draws” at the next week’s tournament?

Decision: The special exempt slot in the main draw shall be left available pending the result of the player’s match. The qualifying draw should be made as required at 9 p.m. unless it is prudent to wait up to an hour for the match result. If the player vying for the special exempt loses, then the unused special exempt place shall be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list*. If the next player on the original acceptance list is in the qualifying draw, then he shall be withdrawn and moves into the main draw. The vacancy created in the qualifying draw shall be filled from the qualifying alternate list.

*For ATP Challenger Tour events, the vacancy is filled from the next player on the Acceptance List who properly preserved his eligibility at that event.

Potential Special Exempt Loses: After 9 p.m.

Case: A potential special exempt player loses his match at 9:15 p.m. on the night prior to the start of the qualifying competition and he calls the qualifying sign-in site requesting that he be given a wild card into the singles qualifying competition. May a wild card be given to him for the next week’s tournament if the qualifying draw has not been made?

Decision: Yes. The wild card belongs to the tournament, which may give it to this player as long as the draw has not been made and no special scheduling is required because of the travel plans of the player.

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Potential Special Exempt Playing at Midnight On the Night Prior to the Start of Qualifying

Case: Same situation as above, except that the player’s match is still in progress after midnight. Does this make the player eligible for a special exempt based on the fact that he was still competing on the date the qualifying competition begins in another qualified event?

Decision: No. For the purpose of the rule, competing on the date the qualifying competition begins shall be defined as: “Starting or resuming a match as part of that day’s (normally Saturday) scheduled program”. If the player wins the match, he is eligible to be considered for a special exempt position.

Special Exempt Awarded if Player Is in Semis?

Case: A tournament has a Saturday final and a player asks for a special exempt after he wins his quarterfinal match on Thursday. Is he eligible?

Decision: No. The player must be scheduled to play on Saturday when the “qualifying begins”.

Case: A player is a potential special exempt for one or more Challenger tournaments. Can he also preserve his eligibility on an original acceptance list?

Decision: Yes. A player who is a possible special exempt may also preserve his eligibility on an original acceptance list, however the player may only preserve his eligibility on one list.

NOTE: If he preserves his eligibility on an original acceptance list and gets in that main draw before he has completed his match for the special exempt spot, he would be removed as a possible special exempt. Conversely, if he wins his match and thus becomes the special exempt before he is accepted in the main draw from the original acceptance list, his name would be removed from eligibility on the original acceptance list. He is obligated to compete at whichever tournament he gets in the main draw first. Before he is accepted in the main draw from the original acceptance list, his name would be removed from eligibility on the original acceptance list. He is obligated to compete at whichever tournament he gets in the main draw first.

Case: A player has won a position as a Special Exempt but he is also next on the Acceptance List. After the draw is made, but prior to the start of the qualifying competition, there is a late withdrawal and the player gets in due to the withdrawal. Does his status change from SE to Direct Acceptance, thus allowing the Special Exempt to go to the next player who earned the Special Exempt spot?

Decision: Yes, since the player ultimately got in because he was next on the list, this frees up the Special Exempt for the next player who earned it. If there are no Special Exempts, the list drops by the applicable number of spots.

Am I kept on the Special Exempt List?

Case: A player expresses an interest in a Special Exempt spot prior to the match that will qualify him for the position and becomes a possible Special Exempt. He does not contact the Supervisor or

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Player Relations staff member to accept the Special Exempt within one hour after the completion of the match that qualifies him. Is he kept on the list of possible Special Exempts?

Decision: No. If the player does not contact the Supervisor or Player Relations staff member no later than one hour following the completion of the match that qualified him, to accept the Special Exempt spot, he will be taken off the list of possible Special Exempts.

Must I Appear for Play After Accepting a Special Exempt?

Case: A player is listed as a possible Special Exempt and the Supervisor confirms with him that he is interested in the spot. There are other Special Exempt players ahead of him on the list of possible Special Exempts whose matches are scheduled after his. No later than one hour after the match that qualifies him as a Special Exempt, he informs the Supervisor or Player Relations staff member that he accepts the Special Exempt spot. If the remaining possible Special Exempt players ahead of him on the list lose their matches, thus earning him the Special Exempt spot, must he accept the Special Exempt?

Decision: Yes. Because he had accepted the Special Exempt spot within one hour after the match that qualified him, he is obligated to accept the position and shall be treated as an entered player and be subject to the appropriate penalties if he does not appear for play.

Case: Can a player with no ranking receive a Special Exempt if otherwise eligible?

Decision: No. A player must have a singles ranking or a singles protected ranking in order to be considered for a Special Exempt.

Case: May a player who has entered and been accepted into an ATP Tour Qualifying draw starting on Sunday be considered for a possible Challenger Special Exempt position for the following week?

Decision: Yes, however the player must decide on Friday within an hour after winning his match whether he will accept the Challenger SE or stay on the ATP Qualifying list. Should the player decide to accept an available Challenger SE position, he will be withdrawn from the ATP Qualifying with "still competing".

7.11 Time of Draw

A. Main Draw

- 1) **Singles.** The tournament shall publicly make the singles draw no earlier than 10 AM Eastern Time, USA, on Friday prior to the Monday of the tournament week and no later than 10 p.m. local time two (2) days before the first day's play, unless the tournament receives prior written permission from ATP. The time and place of the draw shall be determined by the tournament. For events approved for a Sunday start, the draw shall be made no earlier than 10 AM Friday, Eastern time USA and no later than 12 noon local time the day prior to the start of the event.
- 2) **Doubles.** The draw for doubles is to be made as soon as possible after the on-site entry deadline unless otherwise approved by the Supervisor. If the draw for a tournament is played over eight (8) or more days, then the draw is to be made by midnight of the second day. Once the draw is finalized there can be no change

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except for substitution. Doubles main draw matches shall not begin until all doubles qualifying matches are completed unless approved by the Supervisor.

B. Qualifying

- 1) **Singles – ATP Tour.** The qualifying competition draw shall be made and the order of play announced as soon as possible but no earlier than 6:00 pm local time on the day prior to the start of the qualifying.
- 2) **Singles – ATP Challenger Tour.** The qualifying competition draw shall be made and the order of play announced as soon as possible but no earlier than 6:00 pm local time on the day prior to the start of the qualifying competition.
- 3) **Doubles - ATP Tour 500.** The qualifying competition draw shall be made and the order of play announced as soon as possible following the sign-in deadline unless otherwise determined by ATP.

7.12 Wild Cards

A. Regulations

- 1) **Singles.**
 - a) Wild cards are players included in the main draw at the sole discretion of the tournament. Wild cards must be named at the time the draw is made. Wild cards may be seeded. Tournaments may not receive compensation and players may not offer compensation in exchange for the awarding of a wild card.
 - b) A wild card is no longer eligible as an alternate at that event.
 - i) A main draw wild card may not be re-classified as a direct acceptance, due to withdrawals, once the acceptance list is finalized (when the first chip of the main draw has been drawn).
 - ii) A qualifying wild card is eligible to be moved into the main draw as a direct acceptance, due to withdrawals, up to the start of the qualifying event.
 - c) Once a qualifying competition has commenced (first ball of the first qualifying match is struck), an entered player may not be offered nor the player accept a wild card into any tournament that week.
 - d) A tournament may not offer a wild card or accept the entry from any player who has either accepted a wild card or been committed by an entry method to another tournament in the same week.

2) Singles – ATP Tour 500

An additional Wild Card is awarded to the tournament with the following restrictions.

- a) The Wild Card must be named no later than 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA on the Friday before the event week; and
 - b) The player must be an A+ player as designated by that event's region.
 - c) If the tournament does not use the additional Wild Card by the deadline then the position in the main draw goes to the next eligible player on the entry list.
- 3) **Doubles.**

A tournament may not enter players as a wild card team without the consent of both players. A wild card may be offered to any team that is not a direct acceptance on the original acceptance list after entries have closed. A wild card may be offered to one player on an entered team if it is conditioned on his playing with a specific player. Wild cards must be named at the time the draw is made. Wild

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cards may be seeded. Tournaments may not receive compensation and players may not offer compensation in exchange for the awarding of a wild card.

B. Limitation

- 1) **Singles.** Players may accept up to five (5) main draw singles wild cards into ATP Tour tournaments during any ATP Circuit Year. Wild cards shall only count toward the annual limit if the player would have been a direct acceptance on the original acceptance list. Additional exceptions are outlined below.
 - a) Players who cannot participate in ATP Tour tournaments and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments for six (6) months because of a physical injury may petition ATP for one additional wild card.
 - b) In the event that a player's position in the PIF ATP Rankings is insufficient to make him a direct acceptance on the forty-two (42) day acceptance list, then he shall be released from his commitment to that tournament, unless offered a wild card to the contract tournament within twenty-four (24) hours of the entry deadline. Such wild card accepted by a player shall not count in the player's annual limitation of five (5) wild cards in singles.
 - c) Any player who becomes thirty-five (35) years of age by December 31 of an ATP circuit year shall be exempt from the wild card limitation if he is:
 - i) A former singles Champion of a Grand Slam; or
 - ii) A former singles Champion of the ATP World Championships, Tennis Masters Cup or Nitto ATP Finals; or
 - iii) A former No. 1 ranked player in the ATP Rankings prior to January 2000; or
 - iv) A former No. 1 player in the year-end ATP Rankings.
 - d) Players may petition ATP for exceptions to these limitations.
- 2) **Doubles.** There shall be no limitations of doubles wild cards for players.

Two Chances

Case: Can a player who loses in the qualifying receive a wild card into the main draw?

Decision: No.

Wild Card After ATP Tour Qualifying Withdrawal

Case: A player withdraws from the qualifying of an ATP Tour tournament on Friday at any time because he is still competing in an ATP Challenger Tour tournament. The player is offered a wild card in another ATP Challenger Tour event to be held the following week. May the player accept the wild card or do the provisions of "No Play After Late Withdrawal" apply?

Decision: The player is allowed to accept the wild card. Because the player was competing in a qualified event on the Friday, he is allowed to withdraw from the ATP Tour qualifying event without penalty and therefore it is not considered as a "Late Withdrawal".

Wild Card Pulled from Challenger Qualifying

Case: After a Challenger qualifying draw has been made but before that challenger qualifying competition has officially begun, may a player who is included in that qualifying draw be offered and accept a wild card into that or another tournament's main draw?

Decision: Yes. As long as the qualifying competition has not begun (first ball is struck), a player may accept a wild card into the main

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draw of any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament and be withdrawn from that qualifying event. The vacancy created in the qualifying shall be filled by an eligible alternate.

Unused Wild Cards

Case: A tournament elects not to use all of its main draw singles wild cards. How are these spots filled?

Decision: If the qualifying has not begun, the next player on the acceptance list is moved into the main draw. If qualifying has begun, a lucky loser is to be inserted into the main draw.

7.13 Selection of Entries

A. Singles Main Draw

- 1) **Direct Acceptances.** Direct acceptances are players accepted directly in the draw by virtue of their position in the PIF ATP Rankings or by their protected ranking position (singles). The list to be used for ATP Tour tournaments shall be dated approximately forty-two (42) days prior to the Monday of the (first) tournament week and twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.
- 2) **Qualifiers.** Qualifiers are players who are included in the main draw as a result of their success in a qualifying competition. If the main draw is made prior to the completion of a qualifying competition, it shall include as many qualifying places as there are sections in the qualifying draw. Each of these qualifying places shall be positioned in the main draw in accordance with standard drawing procedures. Determination as to which qualifier goes into which qualifying place shall be by drawing after the qualifying competition ends.
- 3) **Special Exempts (SE).** Players may receive a special exempt into the main draw of the following week's tournament if they meet the criteria and apply for it in a timely manner. If the main draw is to be made before a potential special exempt player plays on Friday, then such place(s) shall be drawn in the same manner as qualifier, i.e., four qualifiers ("Q") and one or two "SE" depending on whether there are one or two possibilities. Each of the five or six slots are marked "Q/SE." As soon as the "SE" match results are known, either the "SE" or the next direct acceptance (if the SE lost) is randomly drawn and inserted into the draw.

NOTE: Once a player has become eligible for Special Exempt consideration, he must confirm to the Supervisor or Player Relations staff no later than one (1) hour following the completion of the match that qualified him for a Special Exempt, that he is applying for the Special Exempt position.
- 4) **Wild Cards.** Wild cards are players included in the main draw at the sole discretion of the tournament.* Wild cards must be named at the time the draw is made. Wild cards may be seeded. Tournaments may not receive compensation and Players may not offer compensation in exchange for the awarding of a wild card.

* See 7.12 A. 2) for restrictions pertaining to ATP Tour 500 additional Wild Card.

May I Accept a Challenger Wild Card after Losing in an ATP Tour Qualifying?

Case: Can a Tournament Director at a Challenger, which is held in the same week as an ATP event, request permission to offer a main

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draw wild card to a player who has lost in the qualifying of the ATP Tour event?

Decision: No. A player may only compete in one tournament per week.

May I Play Grand Slam Qualifying After Losing in an ATP Tour tournament?

Case: Can a player lose in the main draw of an ATP event, which is held the week before a Grand Slam tournament, and be eligible to compete in the qualifying for the Grand Slam event that is held that same week?

Decision: Yes, as long as he meets the entry deadline set by the Grand Slam event. The player is not violating the one tournament per week rule because the main draws for the two events are in different weeks.

May I Accept a Wild Card after Withdrawing from an ATP Tour Qualifying?

Case: A player was still competing in a Challenger on the day before Qs started at an ATP Tour event. He wanted to withdraw from the Qs due to "still competing" and then take a wild card into a Challenger event. Is this allowed?

Decision: Yes. The rule states that he may withdraw without penalty from the qualifying if he is still competing on the day prior to the commencement of the qualifying. By withdrawing due to "still competing", he is allowed to accept a wild card.

May I Sign In for Doubles after Withdrawing from an ATP Tour Qualifying?

Case: A player was still competing on the day before Qs started at an ATP Tour event. He wanted to withdraw from the Qs due to "still competing" and then sign in for doubles at the same or other event. Is this allowed?

Decision: Yes. The rule states that he may withdraw without penalty from the qualifying if he is still competing on the day prior to the commencement of the qualifying. The "without penalty" would relieve him from the "No Play After Withdrawal" provisions of the rules.

B. Singles Qualifying

- 1) **Direct acceptances – ATP Tour.** Direct acceptances are players accepted directly in the draw by virtue of their position in the PIF ATP Rankings or by their protected ranking position (singles). The list to be used for ATP Tour tournaments shall be dated approximately twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.
 - a) If there are still places available for direct acceptances in the qualifying draw, the next players selected shall be those with the highest position on the most recent PIF ATP Doubles Rankings list.
 - b) There shall be an alternate sign-in list comprised of players that sign in who are not selected as direct acceptances. In the event that direct acceptance players are not present for first-round qualifying matches or if players are moved into the main draw from the qualifying (before the first ball is hit), players shall be selected from the alternate sign-in list in the order described in sections 1), and 2) above. Alternate sign-in deadline is 6:00 pm local time the

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day before the start of the qualifying. Thereafter, the deadline is one half (1/2) hour before the first scheduled match each day an Alternate may be required.

2) Direct acceptances – ATP Challenger Tour (50-125).

- a) **Qualifying Sign-In.** Players who personally sign-in for the qualifying event shall be accepted based upon their position on the most recent PIF ATP Ranking followed by the most recent PIF ATP Doubles Ranking.

The sign-in shall also include those players coming from other events who are eligible to be signed-in by the ATP Supervisor or Tournament Referee.

Case: A player enters an event using his current ranking. After the deadline, he realizes he did not get in with his current ranking and informs the Supervisor that he wants to use his protected ranking. May he do this?

Decision: No, the intent to use a protected ranking must be declared at the time of entry and cannot be declared after the deadline for the event.

- b) **On-Site Alternate Sign-In.** There shall be an on-site alternate sign-in on the day of the start of qualifying. The sign-in deadline is one half (1/2) hour before the first scheduled qualifying match.

Priority for the on-site alternate sign-in is based upon the most recent PIF ATP Ranking and then players using their most recent PIF ATP Doubles Ranking.

- 3) Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed (for any reason), after the qualifying draw has been made but prior to the release of the order of play for the first day of the qualifying event, shall be filled by the next highest positioned player or team in the qualifying draw eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest positioned player or team shall then be filled by the next eligible player or team on the qualifying draw alternate list.

Can I Sign In

Case: An ATP Tour tournament with an advanced entry qualifying holds an Alternate Sign In on Friday night. If a player does not sign-in on Friday night, may he sign-in on the Saturday morning Alternate sign-in sheet?

Decision: Yes. Following the sign-in occurring prior to the qualifying draw being made, the Alternate sign-in on the day of first round play is a new list and any player who is on-site and with a PIF ATP Ranking (singles or doubles) is eligible to sign-in.

Unranked Players as Alternates

Case: The tournament has used their wild card allocation. Are players without a ranking eligible to sign in as alternates?

Decision: No. Unranked players are only allowed into the draw as a wild card selection.

Fill by Random or Alternative Method

Case: After concluding the qualifying sign-in, there are not a sufficient number of players listed in the PIF ATP Rankings (singles/doubles) to fill the draw. If there are still additional vacancies, may the Tournament Director fill the remaining spots with players according to the local system?

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Decision: No. Unranked players are only allowed into the draw as a wild card selection.

Case: A player asks to be signed-in to the doubles qualifying which begins on Saturday. He is in another tournament and is playing the doubles final scheduled for Saturday. He asks that he be signed-in if he gets a bye for Saturday, as he would not be able to play the qualifying on Saturday.

Decision: The entry for doubles qualifying cannot be accepted. The player could sign-in for main draw doubles, but not for qualifying.

C. Doubles Main Draw - ATP Tour. Direct acceptances for ATP Tour events shall be in the following order:

- 1) Teams composed of players in either the PIF ATP Rankings or the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings. The combined positions of the two players using best PIF ATP Rankings (singles or doubles) shall be added together and the total used to determine the direct acceptances. The most recent PIF ATP Rankings and/or PIF ATP Doubles Rankings list, including a protected ranking, shall be used.

Ties are broken as follows (including protected rankings):

- a) Team using two (2) doubles rankings.
- b) Team using one (1) doubles ranking.
- c) Team using two (2) singles rankings.

Note: For ties between teams with the same composition:

- i) For teams using two (2) PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, the fewest number of doubles tournaments played and then the team with the highest number of points.
 - aa) If one (1) team is using a protected ranking, then they are placed below the team using two (2) actual rankings;
 - bb) If both teams have one (1) or two (2) members using a protected ranking, then the team with the strongest individual PIF ATP Doubles Ranking, including protected ranking, will receive priority;
- ii) For teams using one (1) singles & one (1) doubles - the team with the strongest individual PIF ATP Doubles Ranking will receive priority;
- iii) For teams using two (2) PIF ATP Rankings, the team with the strongest individual PIF ATP ranking.
- iv) If none of the above break the tie, then the order shall be determined by a draw.

Case: A player enters an event using his current ranking. After the deadline, he realizes he did not get in with his current ranking and informs the Supervisor that he wants to use his protected ranking. May he do this?

Decision: No, the intent to use a protected ranking must be declared at the time of entry and cannot be declared after the deadline for the event.

- 2) If the doubles draw cannot be filled by teams where both members are listed in the PIF ATP Rankings or PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, the remaining places shall be filled with byes.

Only One Doubles Player Has Ranking

Case: A doubles team has one player who is listed in the PIF ATP Rankings or PIF ATP Doubles Ranking and one player who is not.

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Can the team be in the doubles draw?

Decision: Since one player does not have a ranking, the only way into the draw is via a wild card.

NOTE: The rationale for this is that all players, except Wild Cards, must be an ATP member or a registered player. Since one player of the team does not have a ranking, he is not eligible to register and therefore the only way into the draw is via Wild Card.

Use of Both Rankings

Case: A player has a protected singles ranking of 201, true singles ranking of 458, protected doubles ranking of 320 and true doubles ranking of 408. Can the player use his protected singles ranking to enter doubles when he has already used it to enter the singles of that tournament or does he have to use his 'true' singles ranking or his protected doubles ranking?

Decision: The protected singles ranking CAN be used for entry into the doubles. It would not count against his allowed total for singles events but would count against his doubles allotment.

D. Doubles Main Draw – ATP Challenger Tour

Challenger 50-125

Direct acceptances for ATP Challenger events shall be in the following order:

- 1) Teams composed of players in either the PIF ATP Rankings or the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings. The combined positions of the two players (using best PIF ATP Rankings - singles or doubles) shall be added together and the total used to determine the direct acceptances. The most recent PIF ATP Rankings and/or PIF ATP Doubles Rankings list, including a protected ranking, shall be used.

Ties are broken as follows (including protected rankings):

- a) Team using two (2) doubles rankings.
- b) Team using one (1) doubles ranking.
- c) Team using two (2) singles rankings.

Note: For ties between teams with the same composition:

- i) For teams using two (2) PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, the fewest number of doubles tournaments played and then the team with the highest number of points.
- ii) If one (1) team is using a protected ranking, then they are placed below the team using two (2) actual rankings;
- iii) If both teams have one (1) or two (2) members using a protected, then the team with the strongest individual PIF ATP Doubles Ranking, including protected ranking, will receive priority;
- iv) For teams using two (2) PIF ATP Rankings, the team with the strongest individual PIF ATP Doubles Ranking will receive priority.
- v) For teams using two (2) PIF ATP Rankings, the team with the strongest individual PIF ATP Ranking will receive priority.
- vi) If none of the above break the tie, then the order shall be determined by a draw.

E. Seeds - ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour

Seeded teams will be determined by using the combined PIF ATP Doubles Rankings of the two players (protected ranking not included). Ties shall be broken as follows:

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- 1) The team with the fewest events played is positioned higher.
- 2) The team with the highest number of points is positioned higher.
- 3) A coin flip or draw if a tie remains.

F. Qualifiers

Qualifiers are teams who are included in the main draw as a result of their success in a qualifying competition. If the main draw is made prior to the completion of a qualifying competition, it shall include as many qualifying places as there are sections in the qualifying draw. Each of these qualifying places shall be positioned in the main draw in accordance with standard drawing procedures. Determination as to which qualifier goes into which qualifying place shall be by drawing after the qualifying competition ends.

G.Wild Cards. Wild cards are players included in the main draw at the sole discretion of the tournament. Wild cards must be named at the time the draw is made. Wild cards may be seeded. Tournaments may not receive compensation and players may not offer compensation in exchange for the awarding of a wild card.

7.14 Seeds Definition

Seeds are players who are given preferential positions in the draw based on the PIF ATP Rankings. The selection and arrangement of seeds shall be based upon the most recent PIF ATP Rankings list (the protected ranking is not considered). Each tournament shall have a seeded draw and there shall be only one seeding list. Seeding shall not be official until the final draw is made. For doubles, seeded teams will be determined by using the combined PIF ATP Doubles Rankings of the two players (entry protection not included).

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed, after the draw has been made but prior to the release of the order of play for the first day of main draw, shall be filled according to the procedures described under vacancies.

Protected Ranking is for Entry, Not Seeding

Case: May a player's protected ranking be used for seeding purposes?

Decision: No. The protected ranking position can be used for: 1) entry into the qualifying competition and main draw, or 2) special exempt position. It may not be used for: 1) seeding, or 2) lucky loser order.

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7.15 Number of Seeds

The number of seeds shall be as follows:

<u>Singles</u>		<u>Doubles</u>	
4 competitors -	2 seeds (singles Q)*	4 teams -	2 seeds (Qualifying)
16 competitors -	8 seeds (singles Q)	16 teams -	4 seeds
24 competitors -	12 seeds (singles Q)	24 teams -	8 seeds
28 competitors -	14 seeds (singles (Q)	32 teams -	8 seeds
48 competitors -	24 seeds (singles Q)		
32 competitors -	8 Seeds		
28 competitors -	8 seeds		
48 competitors -	16 seeds		
56 competitors -	16 seeds		
96 competitors -	32 seeds		

*ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying only

7.16 Placement of Seeds - Main Draw

The procedures for placing seeds in the main draw are as follows:

- A. Place seed 1 on line 1 and seed 2 on line 32 (32 draw), line 64 (64 draw) or line 128 (96 draw); and
- B. To determine the location of the remaining seeds, draw in groups according to the following chart:

	16 Draw	32 Draw	64 Draw	96 Draw
<u>Seeds</u>	<u>4 Seeds</u>	<u>8 Seeds</u>	<u>16 Seeds</u>	<u>32 Seeds</u>
<u>3-4</u>				
First Drawn	5	9	17	33
Second Drawn	12	24	48	96
<u>5 - 8</u>				
First Drawn		8	16	32
Second Drawn		16	32	64
Third Drawn		17	33	65
Fourth Drawn		25	49	97
<u>9-12</u>				
First Drawn			9	17
Second Drawn			25	49
Third Drawn			40	80
Fourth Drawn			56	112
<u>13 - 16</u>				
First Drawn			8	16
Second Drawn			24	48

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Third Drawn	41	81
Fourth Drawn	57	113

17 - 24

First Drawn	9
Second Drawn	24
Third Drawn	41
Fourth Drawn	56
Fifth Drawn	73
Sixth Drawn	88
Seventh Drawn	105
Eighth Drawn	120

25 - 32

First Drawn	8
Second Drawn	25
Third Drawn	40
Fourth Drawn	57
Fifth Drawn	72
Sixth Drawn	89
Seventh Drawn	104
Eighth Drawn	121

7.17 Qualifying Placement

A. Singles

- 1) There will be one section, having two (2) seeds, for each qualifying position in the main draw. 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 placed together and drawn with the first drawn placed on the last line of the first section, second drawn placed on the last line of the second section and continued in this manner until each of the sections have two seeds.
- 2) The names of the remaining players shall be drawn and placed in the vacant spaces not occupied by the seeds or byes beginning at the top of the draw.

B. Doubles

Two teams shall be seeded in a four-draw event with the seeds being placed on lines 1 and 4.

7.18 Byes - Assignment and Placement

A. Singles Main Draw

- 1) If there is a 32 main draw, no byes shall be awarded unless there are an insufficient number of direct acceptances.
- 2) If there is a 28 main draw, the top four (4) seeds shall be awarded a bye.
- 3) If there is a 48 or 96 main draw, each seed shall be awarded a bye.
- 4) If there is a 56 main draw, the top eight (8) seeds shall be awarded a bye. Any player who received a "bye" and loses in the second round shall receive second

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round loser's prize money but only first round loser's points for the PIF ATP Rankings, if applicable.

B. Doubles Main Draw

- 1) If there is a 16 or 32 main draw, no byes shall be awarded.
- 2) If there is a 24 main draw, each seeded team shall be awarded a bye.
- 3) Any team that received a "bye" and loses in the second round shall receive second round loser's prize money but only first round loser's points for the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, if applicable.

C. Qualifying Draw

If there are not enough competitors to fill the qualifying draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded as follows:

- 1) Priority shall be to the highest seeds.
- 2) Remaining byes shall be drawn by groups of two (2) going into one (1) section (e.g., if there are 10 byes, eight go to seeds and the remaining two are drawn into one section; if there are 11 byes, nine and 10 are drawn into one section and the 11th is randomly drawn into one of the other three (for a 32 draw qualifying competition) remaining qualifying sections).

7.19 Remake of Draw

A. Singles

If two (2) or more of the top eight (8) seeds withdraw more than twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the singles tournament, the tournament may choose either to remake the draw or let the draw stand. If a wild card withdraws after the original draw and the draw is to be remade, the vacancy created may be filled at the tournament's option by a substitute wild card. If the tournament elects not to use a substitute wild card, the vacancy shall be treated as any other vacancy.

B. Doubles

Prior to the draw being finalized (not sooner than when it is published but not later than when the first ball of the doubles tournament is struck as determined by the Supervisor), use the following procedure: If one-fourth or more of the seeded teams withdraw, or a minimum of two (2) seeded teams in a 16-team draw withdraw, the Tournament Director has the option to have the draw remade if approved by the Supervisor. If the draw is remade, the original pairings may not be changed except where vacancies occur.

Case: A draw has to be remade. How is the remake of the draw done?

Decision: There are 2 methods for remaking a draw: (1) Retaining the original order of the chips drawn and (2) Starting from the beginning and redrawing the chips.

Retaining the original order of the chips drawn is the preferred method and is used in all cases except when the cause of the remake had to do with an issue with the chips, such as a loss of a chip; a

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chip being accidentally thrown back into the bowl and drawn a second time, etc.

In the instance of remaking the draw retaining the original order of the chips, the following procedure is followed:

- 1) The Chip List (order of the names of players and/or teams) is regenerated
- 2) The draw is populated using the list of chips drawn in the original order
- 3) No other action is taken

In the instance when the draw is remade by starting from the beginning and redrawing the chips., the following procedure is followed:

- 1) The Chip List (order of the names of players and/or teams) is regenerated.
- 2) The Chips are redrawn according to the procedures outlined in the ATP Rulebook 7.09

Where does the “No Match” go?

Case: *At an ATP Tour Qualifying, the draw is made and the OP is published on Friday night. Overnight, 3 withdrawals occur. The players who withdrew were on Line 2, Line 11 and Line 13. The next morning, only 2 players sign in for the on-site alternate list leaving a “No Match” spot for the draw. How is it determined on which line the “No Match” is placed?*

Decision: *By random draw.*

7.20 Lucky Losers, Substitutions and Vacancies

A. Lucky Loser Selection

32/16Q Draw events shall use the same protocol as specified for ATP Tour events in section 7.20 A. 1) below.

A player may be entered in the main draw of a tournament if he meets the criteria outlined for a lucky loser.

- 1) Lucky losers are players who have lost in the final round of the qualifying event or, if more lucky losers are required, those players who have lost in the previous qualifying round(s). Lucky Losers shall be selected based on the computer rankings as follows: If there are no vacancies when the qualifying event has been completed, then the order of the Lucky Loser list shall be selected on the basis of their position on the PIF ATP Rankings (singles or doubles) list used for determination of qualifying seeding (protected ranking is not considered). If there is a vacancy in the main draw when qualifying is completed then the order of the two (2) highest ranked players shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order shall follow the players' rankings, unless there are two (2) or more withdrawals at the time the Qualifying competition is finished in which case the size of the random draw will be the number of withdrawals plus one (1). In the case where players from the previous round are included in the draw they will be placed behind all players who have lost in the final round of qualifying. Only those accepted into the qualifying competition may sign in as lucky losers.
- 2) The lucky loser list shall be posted each day at least one (1) hour before the sign-in deadline, which shall be one-half (1/2) hour before the first scheduled match of the day. If rain or other disruptions occur, then the Supervisor can change the

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deadline as appropriate. Such list shall not be available for sign-in on the preceding day. All lucky loser sign-in deadlines must be placed on each day's schedule of play.

- 3) The sign-in for doubles lucky losers or alternates shall follow the same procedures as the sign-in for singles lucky losers or alternates. One member of a lucky loser team may sign in for the team. If there is no qualifying competition, substitutions shall come from the alternate list of teams not accepted directly into the main draw through the on-site sign-in procedure. In either case, only substitutions of the originally paired teams are permitted. If two (2) or more positions become available at the same time during the preceding period, the positions to be occupied shall be determined by drawing.
 - a) There shall be one Lucky Loser / alternate sign-in sheet that will have all eligible Lucky Loser / alternate* teams listed.
 - b) The system of merit for alternates is based on the same method as used in the system of merit for entry.
 - c) The system of merit for Lucky Losers is based on the same method as used to determine seeding.
- 4) Vacancies in ATP Tour 500 Doubles main draw will be filled by the following method:
 - a) Team losing in the final round of qualifying shall be the number 1 lucky loser; and
 - b) The two teams losing in the first round of the doubles qualifying shall be numbers two (2) and three (3) based upon their ranking as used in the determination of seeds; and then
 - c) All teams who signed in for the on-site alternate entry list and were not accepted or could not participate in the qualifying and shall be ordered based upon their rank on the acceptance list.
 - d) Teams who did not enter through the online on-site alternate sign-in are eligible* to sign the daily alternate sign-in and are placed below those teams on the alternate list as defined in a), b) and c) above.
 - e) One player from each team must sign the daily lucky loser / alternate sign-in sheet to be eligible to fill a vacancy.
 - * To be eligible, alternate teams who did not enter through the online protocol must sign-in on the first day of the doubles competition.
- 5) Vacancies in ATP Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 250 Doubles main draws occurring after the withdrawal deadline but prior to the draw being made will be filled by the next team on the on-site alternate list.
- 6) Vacancies in ATP Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 250 Doubles main draws occurring after the draw has been made will be filled by the first of the following methods:
 - a) Teams who were not accepted into the main draw through the on-site alternate sign-in list; then
 - b) Teams who did not enter through the online on-site alternate sign-in and teams where one member of the team is eligible to re-pair following the withdrawal of his partner are eligible* to sign the daily alternate sign-in and are placed below those teams on the alternate list who did enter through online on-site alternate sign-in method.
 - * To be eligible, alternate teams who did not enter through the online protocol must sign-in on the first day of the doubles competition.

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- 7) Teams may remain on the alternate list for multiple events in the same week, however, they may only sign-in at one of those events on any given day.
- 8) Vacancies in Challenger Doubles main draw will be filled from the on-site alternate list using the same protocol as used for entries. Teams who did not enter through the on-site sign-in and teams where one member of the team is eligible to re-pair following the withdrawal of his partner are eligible* to sign the daily alternate sign-in and are placed below those teams on the alternate list who did enter through the on-site sign-in method.

* To be eligible, alternate teams who did not enter through the on-site protocol must sign-in on the first day of the doubles competition.

Case: A team submits an advance entry for a 250 tournament with one of the players using a protected ranking. They are among 6 teams not ranked high enough to be selected. The other 5 teams are using their best of rankings. Where is the team using the protected ranking placed on the alternate list if they are the next team in based on that ranking or the 4th highest team using their best of ranking?

Decision: The team using the protected ranking is placed at the top of the alternate list. Protected ranking is used for entry into a tournament either directly or as an alternate (either an advanced entry or as an on-site entry).

Who is inserted as the doubles alternate?

Case 1: After the sign-in deadline for doubles alternate has closed, there are 7 teams signed-in. At 16:55 a team scheduled to play at 17:00 withdraws due to injury of one of the players. The #1 team on the alternate list is inserted into the draw. The match is called at 17:00. It is discovered that the inserted team is at the hotel and at 17:15 the alternate is defaulted for punctuality. What should be done now?

Decision: If an eligible alternate team cannot be found who is ready to go on court by 17:20, then a walkover is awarded. 7.20 B 2) b) states that to be eligible for substitution, a lucky loser (alternate) must "be ready to play within five (5) minutes after the announcement of a default for punctuality".

ATP POLICY: While every effort must be made to locate an eligible, signed-in alternate team, the 15 minute punctuality rule must be enforced to protect the opponent who is ready to play. It is incumbent upon the teams signed-in as alternates to be available, reachable and ready to go when the match is called or within 5 minutes of the announcement of a punctuality default. In the instance of one player on court in singles, his partner must be available, reachable and ready to go, the team would be inserted and the match rescheduled. This policy extends to Lucky Losers also.

Case 2: A doubles match is called at 11:00 AM and one of the teams cannot be found. At 11:15 AM a punctuality default is awarded. How is the vacancy filled?

Decision: The highest ranked doubles team from the alternate list who are eligible to be inserted in the draw and are ready to play within the five (5) minute allotted time period will replace the de-

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faulted team. 7.20 B 2) b) states that to be eligible for substitution, a lucky loser (alternate) must "be ready to play within five (5) minutes after the announcement of a default for punctuality".

ATP POLICY: Alternates (Lucky Losers) are to be ready when called upon to fill a vacancy. By signing the daily alternate (Lucky Loser) list they are declaring that they are on-site and ready to play, if needed. While every effort will be made by ATP staff to locate the alternate/LL teams it is the alternate/lucky loser teams/players responsibility to keep ATP staff informed of their whereabouts and to remove their names if they leave the site or otherwise become unavailable for substitution.

Advance Entry Qualifying

Case: How are vacancies handled for ATP Tour qualifying events if there are no eligible players remaining on the Advanced Entry list and there are not enough players who signed the Friday On Site Alternate list to fill the draw?

Decision: If there are no eligible players remaining on the Advanced Entry list and there are not enough players who signed the Friday On Site Alternate list to fill the draw then Byes should be awarded to the seeded players by ranking order. Any additional vacancies occurring after the draw will be filled from the "day of" Alternate sign-in list.

ATP 500 Doubles Qualifying

Case: How are vacancies handled for ATP Tour 500 doubles qualifying if there are not enough teams who entered the Qualifying Entry list or through the On-line On-site entry method to fill the draw?

Decision: If there are not enough teams who signed the Qualifying Alternate list to fill the draw then Byes should be awarded to the seeded teams by ranking order. Any additional doubles Qualifying vacancies occurring after the draw will be filled from the "day of" Alternate sign-in list.

B. Lucky Loser/Alternate Substitution

- 1) A lucky loser/alternate shall be inserted in the appropriate position as a substitution for any player who withdraws or is withdrawn before the first ball of his first match is struck.

NOTE: A player winning a match by walkover is considered to have played a match.
- 2) In order to be eligible for substitution, a lucky loser/alternate must:
 - a) Sign the lucky loser/alternate sign-in record at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to the first scheduled match of each day; and
 - b) Be ready to play within five (5) minutes after the announcement of a default for punctuality.
 - c) If the eligible lucky loser/alternate is not available to play, he shall be placed at the bottom of the lucky loser/alternate priority list for that day corresponding to the qualifying round in which he lost. If the eligible player is playing in the doubles event at the time he is called as a lucky loser/alternate in singles, the singles match may be rescheduled so he can fill the lucky loser/alternate position, provided the Supervisor determines that the rescheduling does not

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cause an unreasonable disruption of the schedule or does not cause the winner to play a second match that day; otherwise the next available lucky loser/alternate shall be selected to fill such vacancy.

Alternate Sign-In Procedures

Case: The two (2) players ahead on an alternate list do not sign in 1/2 hour before the singles qualifying matches are to begin. One (1) of the players arrives on-site just before it is known that an alternate is going to be needed. Who gets in?

Decision: Neither of the two (2) players. In order to be eligible for substitution, an alternate must sign in before the deadline and must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of being called.

Doubles Alternate at two tournaments?

Case: A team signs in for doubles at two tournaments the same week. They do not get into the main draw, but are the #1 alternate at both events. The team signs the Alternate list at tournament A on Monday and Tuesday and then wants to sign the Alternate list at tournament B on Wednesday. Are they permitted to do this?

Decision: Yes, however, a team is only eligible to be signed in on one "live" list per day.

Eligible for Lucky Loser - ATP Tour

Case: May a player or team sign the lucky loser sign-in sheet if they are not accepted into the qualifying competition?

Decision: No. To be eligible as a lucky loser, a player or team must have played and lost in the qualifying event.

Extending Closing Times

Case: The first-round singles matches are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. A steady rain is falling at 9 a.m. and it is decided to postpone the start of play until 11 a.m. should the lucky loser sign-in be extended?

Decision: Yes. Extend the deadline to 10:30 a.m.

Case: The lucky loser Sign-in closed at 10:30. A player arrives at 10:45 to sign in saying that:

1. The Referee told me that the deadline would be at 11:00; or
2. Somebody on the phone said the deadline was 11:00; or
3. Tournament transportation was 45 minutes late.

Decision:

1. Allow the player to sign in. Information given by the Referee (if verified) must be honored.
2. Sign-in not allowed. Players receiving information over the phone do so at their own risk unless they speak directly to the Supervisor or Referee.
3. Sign-in not allowed. The player is responsible for arriving on time.

Which Lucky Loser to Insert?

Case: On Monday before the last singles match has gone on court, a player whose first-round singles match is scheduled for Tuesday is forced to withdraw because of injury. No one signed the lucky loser list on Monday. How is the vacancy resolved?

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Decision: The vacancy should be filled from Monday's lucky loser list. However, since no one signed the lucky loser list on Monday, the vacancy shall be filled from the Tuesday lucky loser list, if any eligible players sign in. If no one signs on Tuesday, then a walkover shall be awarded.

Who Goes In?

Case: A player withdraws from the singles event on Tuesday. His singles match was not scheduled until Wednesday. There was a singles lucky loser sign-in on Tuesday. The last singles match scheduled for Tuesday has not gone on court. Is the vacancy filled from Tuesday or Wednesday's lucky loser sign-in?

Decision: Tuesday's sign-in.

C. Vacancies - Doubles

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- 1) A team shall constitute a doubles entry. If either of the players of a team cannot play, that doubles entry is subject to withdrawal and substitution.
- 2) If the withdrawal is from the advance acceptance list and prior to 10 AM (EST) on the Friday before the event, then the next team on the alternate list is moved into the main draw.*

*Exception - If a player has to withdraw based on a medical reason or other unavoidable circumstances after the entry deadline, but prior to 10 AM (EST) on the Friday before the event, his partner may enter again and re-pair with another player who has not already been accepted into the doubles event, and this new team may be considered for acceptance based on its position in the entry list including any entry protection position (the re-pairing team must have a combined entry ranking better than the first alternate team to remain as a Direct Acceptance).

- If the new combined entry ranking is worse than the first alternate team, the new team will lose their Direct Acceptance position and be placed on the Alternate List as per their new combined entry ranking.
- If a team is re-pairing on the Alternate List, and the new combined entry ranking is BETTER than the alternates above them, they will keep their original position on the list and NOT move up on the Alternate list.
- If a team is re-pairing on the Alternate List, and the new combined entry ranking is WORSE than the alternates below them, they WILL move down on the Alternate List.

The re-pairing team entry must be received prior to the withdrawal deadline by a player relations staff member or the ATP Supervisor. If the entry is not received by the deadline, the team will be withdrawn and the list will drop to the next active team, which will be considered committed at that point.

Players are allowed to use the re-pair option up to 4 times per a calendar year.

- 3) If the withdrawal is from the advance acceptance list and occurs after the 10 AM (EST) deadline on the Friday before the event then an additional on-site entry position is created for each withdrawal.

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- a) For both 2 and 3 above, the partner of the withdrawing player may enter doubles or sign in for the singles qualifying of the same or another event through the on-site entry method; or
 - b) If the withdrawal was due to one or both players being accepted into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event, then both players may enter the doubles of that event through the appropriate on-site entry procedure.
- 4) If a player from a team that is a direct acceptance withdraws based on a medical reason or other unavoidable circumstances after the on-site sign-in deadline, his partner may enter as an on-site alternate with another player who has not already been accepted into the main draw doubles event. This new team may be considered for acceptance based on its position in the on-site entry list including any entry protection position, as specified in 7.20 A. 6) b).

Can I Sign In For Q's after Withdrawing from Doubles?

Case: A player is withdrawing from a Doubles Advanced Entry list where he is a direct acceptance. Can he sign in for the singles qualifying of another ATP or Challenger tournament that same week or play doubles somewhere else?

Decision: No. However, his partner, who was not the reason for the withdrawal, can sign in for singles qualifying or find another partner and sign-in on-site for doubles at the same or another tournament.

Can I Withdraw from Doubles to Accept a Singles Wild Card?

Case: A player, who is main draw in doubles, is offered a singles wild card into an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event. Can he withdraw from main draw doubles to accept this singles wild card at another event?

Decision: Yes. The player can withdraw from the doubles before the doubles on-site entry deadline to accept a wild card into the singles. This would be considered the same as the player being accepted into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament which is allowed.

Partner Injured: Who May Replace Him?

Case: A player's doubles partner withdraws after the on-site sign-in deadline but before the draw is made. In looking for a new partner, is the withdrawing player's partner allowed to choose another partner from the qualifying draw?

Decision: No. The player seeking a new partner may not team with any player who is accepted into the qualifying or main doubles draws. He may re-enter with any player that he chooses as long as their combined position in the PIF ATP Rankings qualifies them by virtue of the system of merit for doubles entries. He may not select from players who will be or who are in the qualifying draw based on the sign-in sheet.

Case: Team A/B are direct acceptances in an ATP 500 main draw doubles. Team C/D are direct acceptances in the same ATP 500 tournament doubles qualifying. Player B withdraws due to injury. Player A asks to repair with either player C or D.

Decision: No. Players cannot repair with a player on a team already accepted in the doubles event of the tournament (Main Draw or Q).

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- 1) A team shall constitute a doubles entry. If either of the players of a team cannot play, that doubles entry is subject to withdrawal and substitution.
- 2) If a player from a team that is a direct acceptance in the main draw withdraws based on a medical reason or other unavoidable circumstances after the on-site sign-in deadline but before the draw, his partner may enter again with another player who has not already been accepted into the main draw doubles event. This new team may be considered for acceptance based on its position in the entry list including any entry protection position.

Remake of the Draw

Case: On Monday morning, two (2) of the four (4) seeded teams withdraw from a 16-draw doubles event. The doubles competition has not yet begun. May the draw be remade?

Decision: Yes. However, it is the option of the tournament.

D. Prior to Qualifying Competition

- 1) **ATP Tour Singles.** After the main draw is made and prior to the commencement of the qualifying competition, all vacancies created by the withdrawal of unseeded players including wild card withdrawals, shall be filled by the next highest positioned player(s) on the original acceptance list. If the vacancy was created by the withdrawal of a seed, then the procedures for replacing seeds are followed and the vacancy created by replacing the seed is filled by the next highest positioned player(s) on the original acceptance list.
- 2) **ATP Tour Doubles.** After the main draw is made and prior to the commencement of the qualifying competition, all vacancies created by the withdrawal of unseeded teams including wild card withdrawals, shall be filled by the next highest positioned player(s) on the on-site entry list. If the vacancy was created by the withdrawal of a seed, then the procedures for replacing seeds are followed and the vacancy created by replacing the seed is filled by the next highest positioned player(s) on the on-site entry list.
- 3) **ATP Challenger Tour.** After the withdrawal deadline and prior to the start of Qualifying, vacancies will be filled in ranking order from the original main draw acceptance list by players who have preserved their position on the list. Players from the main draw alternate list who are directly accepted into qualifying are considered to have preserved their eligibility. A player can only preserve his eligibility on one list. If there are no Alternates from the original main draw acceptance list who have preserved eligibility, the vacancy will be filled by the highest ranked player from the qualifying or alternate list using the PIF ATP Rankings, and then the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

If the vacancy was created by the withdrawal of a seed, then the procedures for replacing seeds are followed and the vacancy created by replacing the seed is filled by the next highest positioned player(s) from that event's alternate sign-in list, following the protocol specified above.

ATP Tour Main Draw Vacancy Before Qualifying Starts

Case: After making the qualifying draw, a vacancy occurs in the main draw. How is the vacancy filled?

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Decision: If the qualifying competition has begun, the vacancy is filled by the eligible lucky loser. If the qualifying competition has not begun, the vacancy is filled by the next player on the original acceptance list.

E. Qualifying started or finished

- 1) **During Qualifying Competition.** If a lucky loser position should become available during the qualifying competition, it shall be treated the same as the qualifying places for placement in the main draw. If a seeded player or team withdraws after the main draw has been made but prior to the release of the order of play for the first day of main draw in that event, the vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the following method:

- a) **32/48/64/96 Singles Draw and 16/24/32 Doubles Draws.** The vacancy shall be filled by the next highest positioned player or team in the main draw eligible to be seeded. The appropriate lucky loser shall fill the remaining vacancy.
- b) **28 Draw.** If the vacancy involves a seed #1-4, then seed #5 moves to the vacated seed position and the next highest positioned player in the main draw eligible to be seeded shall be placed in the position vacated by the #5 seed. The appropriate lucky loser shall fill the remaining vacancy. If the vacancy involves a seed #5-8, then the next highest positioned player in the main draw eligible to be seeded shall be placed in the vacated seed position. The appropriate lucky loser shall fill the remaining vacancy.
- c) **56 Draw.** If the vacancy involves a seed #1-8, then seed #9 moves to the vacated seed position and the next highest positioned player or team in the main draw eligible to be seeded shall be placed in the position vacated by the #9 seed. The appropriate lucky loser shall fill the remaining vacancy. If the vacancy involves a seed #9-16, then the next highest positioned player or team in the main draw eligible to be seeded shall be placed in the vacated seed position. The appropriate lucky loser shall fill the remaining vacancy.

Seeds Withdraw or Are Withdrawn

Case: The team seeded 4th withdraws after the draw but prior to the order of play being released for the first day of main draw. How is the vacancy filled?

Decision: For a 16 team draw, the vacancy created by the removal of a seeded team is filled by the next highest positioned team eligible to be seeded. The appropriate alternate or lucky loser team shall fill the remaining vacancy.

Qualifier Eligible To Be Seeded

Case: A qualifier's ranking was high enough for him to be seeded in the main draw. The main draw was completed prior to the end of the qualifying event. After the player had qualified but prior to the order of play being released for the first day of main draw a seeded player withdraws. Is the qualifier eligible to be seeded?

Decision: Yes. The successful qualifier shall be accorded the same right to be seeded as the other players who have gained entry as Direct Acceptances, Wild Cards, Special Exempt etc. As per ATP rules a player may not use his Protected Ranking for seed purposes

2) Other Vacancy Procedures After Qualifying Starts.

- a) After the qualifying commences (when the first ball of the first match is struck), main draw vacancies may only be filled by eligible lucky losers (and eligible

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alternates in the case of a Challenger event).

- b) If a lucky loser position becomes available after the places for qualifiers are drawn for the main draw but before the first day of the main draw event, the highest positioned lucky loser shall be inserted into the draw provided he can be notified.
- c) If a position becomes available during the day, the highest positioned player who has signed that day's lucky loser sign-in record shall be inserted at the time the withdrawal is confirmed.
- d) Positions becoming available after the start of play for the last match of each day in that event (singles or doubles) shall be filled by the highest positioned player who signs the lucky loser sign-in record on the successive day of play.
- e) When two or more positions become available at the same time, the positions to be occupied by each lucky loser shall be determined by drawing.
- f) In all such cases, the Supervisor is responsible to notify a player(s) that he is in the draw.

When is the withdrawn player replaced?

Case: A player withdraws from the main draw 2 hours prior to the close of the lucky loser sign-in deadline. A few minutes later, the highest ranked lucky loser signs in. There is still one hour left before the lucky loser sign-in deadline closes. As the player who signed-in is the highest ranked LL, is he inserted at that moment, or is the vacancy filled after the sign-in deadline passes?

Decision: The player is not inserted in the draw until after the sign-in deadline as others may withdraw necessitating drawing for the available spots. Multiple withdrawals occurring after the last match of that event began on the previous day, and the time that the sign-in deadline closes on the next day, are considered to have occurred at the same time and the positions to be occupied by each lucky loser shall be determined by drawing.

7.21 Match Scheduling

A. Scheduling Committee

The scheduling of matches and daily order of play in all tournaments shall be prepared by the Referee and/or Tour Manager and approved by a committee composed of the Tournament Director, Supervisor, Referee and the Tour Manager. In cases where the scheduling committee cannot agree, the Supervisor shall make the final decision.

B. Tournament Week Plan

- 1) **Main Draw.** The main draw should be scheduled so that the first round in singles begins on Monday and the finals in singles and doubles are completed by Sunday, unless the tournament has special permission from ATP forty-two (42) days in advance of the event to complete the tournament on Saturday or on Monday.
- a) **Considerations and Priorities.** The following priorities in the order listed should be followed:
- i) Schedule the halves of the draw together particularly from Wednesday onward. At indoor tournaments, second rounds can be split within sections if necessary to avoid Monday/Thursday (singles).

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- ii) Schedule quarters together as an alternative.
 - iii) Avoid Monday/Thursday (singles) or Tuesday/Friday (doubles). Schedule some doubles on Monday.
 - iv) The singles quarterfinal matches on Friday should be scheduled by halves and as close together as possible.
 - v) Schedule one doubles semi-final on Friday (cannot be done if there are two Saturday sessions).
 - vi) When weather or other unavoidable circumstances cause a disruption in the schedule, a player may not be scheduled for more than three (3) matches in a day without his consent.
 - 1. The matches may not all be singles without the consent of the player.
 - 2. Completion of a match in progress shall count as one (1) match.
- 2) **ATP Tour Qualifying.** One (1) round per day except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances require two (2) rounds to be played on the same day.
- a) In ATP Tour events, one round shall be played on Saturday and the final round shall be played on Sunday except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances forces two rounds to be played on Sunday.
 - b) In ATP Tour 250 events, one round shall be played on Sunday and the final round shall be played on Monday except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances forces two rounds to be played on Monday.
ATP Tour 250 events may elect and will be approved for qualifying to be held on Saturday and Sunday. A notification for Saturday – Sunday qualifying must be submitted in writing by the tournament and received by the appropriate ATP regional office no later than six (6) months prior to the first Monday of the event.
- 3) **ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying.** One (1) round per day except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances require two (2) rounds to be played on the same day.

C. Daily Scheduling Overview

- 1) Feature singles matches should be scheduled after the scheduling committee considers the needs of players, television, tournament and the public. Tournaments may not schedule more than two (2) evening matches to begin no later than 7:30 p.m. local time (6:30 p.m. recommended) without prior ATP approval.
- 2) The scheduling committee must schedule a doubles match on all show courts (including Center Court) as follows:
- ATP Tour 250 (16 draw doubles)**
 - o Seven (7) doubles matches must be scheduled on the Center Court during the tournament week.
 - ATP Tour 250 (24 draw doubles)**
 - o Seven (7) doubles matches must be scheduled on the Center Court during the tournament week.
 - o Four (4) doubles matches must be scheduled on the Grandstand or second court.
 - ATP Tour 500 (16 draw doubles)**
 - o Seven (7) doubles matches must be scheduled on the Center Court during the tournament week.
 - ATP Tour 500 (24 draw doubles)**
 - o Seven (7) doubles matches must be scheduled on the Center Court during the tournament week.

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- o Four (4) doubles matches must be scheduled on the Grandstand or second court.
- ATP Tour Masters 1000 (24 draw doubles)**
- o Seven (7) doubles matches must be scheduled on the Center Court during the tournament week.
 - o Seven (7) doubles matches must be scheduled on the next two (2) best courts with at least four (4) out of the seven (7) scheduled on the second overall best court.
- ATP Tour Masters 1000 (32 draw doubles)**
- o Seven (7) doubles matches must be scheduled on the Center Court during the tournament week.
 - o Nine (9) doubles matches must be scheduled on the next two (2) best courts with at least four (4) out of the nine (9) scheduled on the second overall best court.
- Final.** The doubles final is to be scheduled prior to the singles final. It is recommended that the time of the final is no earlier than two (2) hours before the singles final, unless otherwise approved by ATP.
It is further recommended that the tournament begin each session (day and night) with a doubles match as an “opening act”.
If exceptional circumstances do not allow for a doubles match to be scheduled on the Center Court or a designated show court, then best efforts shall be made by the scheduling committee to schedule an additional doubles match on one of the other show courts, if any.
- a) **Exceptional Circumstances may include, but are not limited to, the following:**
- i) Contractual television obligations.
 - ii) Security issues.
 - iii) Weather or other scheduling interruptions.
 - iv) Combined with WTA Tour event.
 - v) Unforeseen circumstances as determined by the scheduling committee.
- Definition of show court(s): Center Court and all other courts that are used to televise matches; or, if only Center Court is televised, then the next court with the greatest number of spectator seating.
- Violation of this section may subject the Tournament to the penalties set forth in VIII. The Code - section 8.02 Tournament Violations.**
- 3) Normally, matches are scheduled using “to follow on assigned court.” However, assigning feature matches a time or “not before” basis is permissible. The Tournament Director should understand that scheduling “not before” in a Center or show courts may result in a court not having a match until the announced time.
- 4) First round doubles matches can be scheduled on a “not before” basis which will then allow for the fixing of the lucky loser or alternate sign-in deadline.
- 5) Starting matches after Midnight is not recommended (after 1:00 a.m. should be avoided). The ATP Supervisor may postpone a match after examining the impact on the tournament and the players. If postponing the match is not possible, then consideration must be given to moving a match to another court, if available.

Note applicable to all ATP Tour Tournaments on a trial basis in 2024: A maximum of 5 matches may be scheduled per court starting at 11 a.m. with three (3) matches during the day session and two (2) matches during the evening session.

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Any match not on court by 10:30pm will be moved to another court at 11 p.m. local time. No matches will be started after 11 p.m. local time, unless approved by the ATP Supervisor in consultation with ATP management. The ATP Scheduling Working Group reviewing tournament Match Schedule Plans shall have the authority to consider and issue waivers for deviations from the above trial scheduling rules based on local cultural traditions or weather conditions.

D. Order of Play

The daily order of play is the published summary of all matches scheduled for a particular day.

- 1) **Release Deadline.** Once the scheduling committee determines the order of play, it should be released no later than 10 p.m. local time at the tournament.
- 2) **Change.** Once released, the order of play may not be changed except upon the approval of the Supervisor.
- 3) **Notification.**
 - a) It is the responsibility of all players to ascertain their schedules from the Supervisor/Referee for each day's play.
 - b) The Supervisor/Referee should also use all available means to notify each player of his schedule.
- 4) **Notes / Reminders.** Daily order of play must have footnotes reflecting the following:
 - a) The singles (and doubles) lucky loser sign-in deadline is _____ (on appropriate days).
 - b) The alternate sign-in deadline is _____ (on appropriate days).
 - c) Any match on any court or session may be moved.

E. Calling of Matches

The Supervisor determines when a match is to be called. Players must be ready to play when their matches are called. The Supervisor shall determine when a match is to be called or when a match was in fact called. Schedules and match updates may only be reliably obtained from the Supervisor, Tour Manager or the Referee.

F. Rain

If because of rain, etc., a tournament cannot be completed within the tournament week, then, at the option of the tournament, one (1) extra day shall be allowed. The Supervisor shall approve the commencement times for matches on the extra day, which shall then be scheduled during the morning or early afternoon. No further extension of the tournament shall be permitted without the approval of ATP.

Case: A tournament with an approved and announced Saturday final is interrupted by weather so that the final is scheduled for Sunday. If adverse weather on Sunday prevents the match from being played, may the tournament be extended to Monday at the option of the tournament?

Decision: No. For a tournament with a Saturday final the tournament week would end on Saturday and the one (1) extra day allowed at the option of the tournament would be Sunday. It must be noted however that if play cannot be completed on Sunday then

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ATP would consider approving Monday play only in the case where all parties (tournament & all players) request to finish on Monday.

G. Rest Periods - Minimums and Guidelines

- 1) **Between Main Draw and Prior Week's Tournament(s).** Before scheduling matches for the first day of play, the Supervisor must contact the Supervisor(s), Referee(s) or Tour Manager(s) of the preceding week's tournament(s) to determine to what extent players still competing may have difficulties in arriving for play. To the extent possible, and providing it does not jeopardize the fairness of scheduling and the completion of his tournament, matches should be scheduled so that each player with reasonable difficulties can be accommodated. The Supervisor shall whenever possible give the player one full day's rest between his last match played in a previous week's tournament or event and the player's first match in the succeeding tournament, unless weather or unavoidable circumstances have caused a schedule disruption or the player was a finalist in a Monday or other delayed final. There shall be no first-round singles matches scheduled to start on Wednesday in 32 draw outdoor tournaments without the approval of ATP or on-site Supervisor. The on-site Supervisor shall consider approving Wednesday starts only in the following circumstances:
 - a) If a player is competing on the Sunday in a Grand Slam, ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour, Davis Cup or ITF M 25 tournament, and the following week's tournament is on a different continent; or in a Monday Final on the same continent. Davis Cup Ties on the same continent which are delayed until Monday may also be considered. For the purposes of this rule the world is divided into 7 distinct continents. They are Europe, Asia, Antarctica, Australia, Africa, North America (including Central America) and South America. In such cases, the match must be scheduled early Wednesday and if the player enters doubles, then he shall be required to play as determined by the Supervisor.
The criteria listed in a) above shall not apply in the case where a tournament has been approved for a Saturday final.

Case: A player competes in a Grand Slam Junior match on the final Sunday. Is he eligible for a Wednesday start if his next tournament is the following week and on a different continent?

Decision: No. The Wednesday start provisions indicated in the ATP Rulebook only apply to Main Draw Singles, Main Draw Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

- 2) **Main Draw and Qualifying.** Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his first-round match in the singles main draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his final qualifying match. The following should also be considered:
 - a) If a player plays two (2) rounds of singles qualifying on the first day of qualifying, then the scheduled start time of his final round of qualifying shall be no earlier than eighteen (18) hours from the start time of his second qualifying match.
 - b) If a player plays in two (2) singles qualifying matches on Sunday, then he shall not be scheduled to play in a singles main draw match on Monday. However, the player may be scheduled to play, if necessary, a doubles match on Monday.

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- c) If a player plays in two (2) doubles qualifying matches on Sunday, then he can be scheduled to play in either one (1) singles or one (1) doubles main draw match on Monday.
- d) If a player plays in one (1) singles qualifying and two (2) doubles qualifying matches on Sunday, then he shall not be scheduled to play on Monday.
- e) If a player plays in one (1) singles qualifying and one (1) doubles qualifying match on Sunday, then he can be scheduled to play in one (1) singles main draw match on Monday. The singles match is to be scheduled early if that player is also playing in a doubles qualifying match (final) on that Monday.
- f) If the final doubles qualifying match is scheduled for Monday, the main draw doubles matches shall be scheduled no earlier than three (3) hours after the final qualifying match. If the main draw doubles match should be scheduled earlier, then it is understood that if a doubles lucky loser is required, the match shall be re-scheduled with that lucky loser inserted.
- g) Any player who becomes a lucky loser may be scheduled to play on Monday regardless of the number of matches that he has competed in on Sunday. Except, however, a player who played in three (3) matches on Sunday may only play one (1) match (singles) on Monday. If the player is to be required to be a doubles lucky loser or is scheduled to play a main draw doubles match, the doubles match would be rescheduled when his team is inserted into the draw unless the Supervisor determines the schedule shall be adversely affected.

Case: *Due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, a player played two singles qualifying matches on Monday in an outdoor tournament. May he be scheduled for a main draw singles match on Tuesday?*

Decision: *Yes. The provision of not playing on Monday after playing two qualifying matches on Sunday does not apply as there are no Wednesday starts permitted.*

3) Between Main Draw Matches.

- a) Players shall not be scheduled to play in a match within twelve (12) hours after completing his last match the preceding day.
- b) Players shall not be scheduled for more than one (1) singles and one (1) doubles match per day, unless weather or other unavoidable circumstances have caused schedule disruptions. Completion of a match in progress shall count as one (1) match.
- c) A player's singles match on any particular day shall be scheduled before his doubles match(es) unless otherwise directed by the Supervisor. Even without a schedule disruption, a player may be scheduled for two (2) doubles matches if he is not scheduled to play in singles that day.
- d) Whenever it is necessary to schedule a player to compete in more than one match in the same day, a player shall be given the following minimum rest periods (other factors may result in more time being authorized) unless he is in a singles and doubles finals to be played consecutively:

	<u>Outdoor</u>	<u>Indoor</u>
i) If he has played less than 1 hour	30 min. rest	30 min. rest
ii) If he has played between 1 and 1/2 hours	1 hr. rest	45 min. rest
iii) If he has played for more than 1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hr. rest	1 hr. rest
iv) If play has been interrupted for thirty (30) minutes or more because of rain or other warranted delay, the length of match time would be assessed from the moment play resumes after the delay.		

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- v) 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.
- e) Whenever it is necessary for a player to compete in two (2) singles matches in the same day, other than in exceptional circumstances a player shall be scheduled the following day no earlier than eighteen (18) hours from the start of his last match of the previous day, singles or doubles.

4) Between Singles Semi-final and Singles Final

- a) When the two (2) semi-final matches are not to be played consecutively, then the scheduled start time of the final shall be no earlier than eighteen (18) hours from the scheduled start time of the second semi-final match. In the case where the two (2) semi-final matches are to be played consecutively (i.e. "followed-by"), then the scheduled start time of the final shall be no earlier than twenty (20) hours from the scheduled start time of the first semi-final match.
- b) Tournaments are encouraged to plan the schedule so that it exceeds the minimum requirement.
- c) If rain or other unavoidable circumstances have caused a disruption in the schedule, then after considering the interests of the tournament, the players, the television and the public, the Supervisor shall determine the revised time of the semi-final and/or the final.

Player Entitled to Minimum Rest

Case: *Because of rain delays, the singles semi-final and final matches are scheduled for Sunday. The two (2) semi-final singles matches are played on two (2) courts starting at 10 a.m. The final, because of television commitments, is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. with live television coverage. One of the semi-final matches does not finish until 1:15 p.m. The tournament and the television staff still insist that the final match begin at 2 p.m. What is the solution?*

Decision: *The player is entitled to a minimum rest of 1 1/2 hours. The final cannot start before 2:45 p.m.*

Note: *In circumstances where television is a factor, the Supervisor should try to give as much flexibility as possible by starting the semi-final matches as early as possible. Also, it is important to know the latest start time acceptable for television. The goal is to give the players more than their minimum rest time between a semi-final and final.*

Rain: How Many Matches Per Player?

Case: *Rain has put the tournament behind schedule. Player A's singles match was suspended at one set all. Player A is also behind in the doubles. How many matches may player A be scheduled to play the next day?*

Decision: *Three (3). Completion of a match shall count as one (1) match. If the player wins the singles match in progress then he may be scheduled for one (1) more singles plus one (1) doubles. If he loses the first singles match, then he may be scheduled for two (2) doubles matches.*

Scheduling Priorities

Case: *In preparing the schedule of play for Wednesday in a 32-draw outdoor event, the upper half of the draw is the half the tourna-*

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ment would like to play. Several players will have played singles on Monday and not again until Thursday if that half is played. Sections of the draw would have to be split to accommodate players not having two (2) days off between singles matches. What is the correct priority in scheduling?

Decision: *Scheduling in outdoor events must keep sections of the draw together. Preferably, halves of the draw are scheduled together, if that is not possible then quarters are scheduled together. Players playing singles on Monday and Thursday should be avoided; however, halves of the draw should be kept together. Inclement weather can adversely affect the schedule as well as the fair treatment of the players unless these priorities are followed.*

Rain Delayed Semi-final, When to Play Final?

Case: *Rain on Saturday prevents both semi-final singles from being played. The second semi-final is played on Sunday morning, with the winner due to play the final that afternoon. Can the winner of the second semi-final insist on a Monday final?*

Decision: *No. Every effort must be made to finish the tournament on Sunday. The winner of the second semi-final should be given the maximum amount of rest possible before playing the final. (ATP Policy)*

Moving Indoors at an Outdoor event

Case: *Rain has disrupted play to the point where the event is in danger of not being completed. There are indoor courts available for use. May the Supervisor move the matches indoors to complete this event?*

Decision: *Yes. Under the responsibilities of the Supervisor it states that "the Supervisor may, if necessary to eliminate the possibility of a player having to play two singles matches in one day, or if necessary to complete the event, move a match to another court, indoors or outdoors, regardless of surface". The exception to this is if the Tournament Director demonstrates to the Supervisor that there will be a detrimental impact on the success of the tournament if singles or doubles matches are played indoors. In this case, the Supervisor may elect to keep all matches for outdoor play. (ATP Policy)*

7.22 On-Court Procedures and Requirements

A. Start of Tournament

A tournament shall commence when the first serve of the first point of the first match is struck.

B. Start of Match

A match shall commence when the first serve of the first point is struck.

C. Rules of Tennis

The Rules of Tennis shall apply to all ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments except as amended by the ATP Official Rulebook.

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D. Appeal of Calls

1) Questions of Fact.

- a) **Definition.** A question of fact is defined as an issue relating to what actually occurred on court during a specific match. Only the on-court officials shall determine questions of fact arising during a match and the player or the Supervisor may not change such determinations.
- b) **Rule.** A player may not appeal the determination made by the on-court officials on a question of fact.

2) Questions of Tennis Law.

- a) **Definition.** A question of tennis law is defined as an issue relating to the construction and application of specific facts to the ATP rules and regulations and the rules of tennis. During a match, the Chair Umpire shall first determine questions of tennis law. If the Chair Umpire is uncertain or if a player appeals the determination of the Chair Umpire, then the decision shall be made by the Supervisor, which shall be final and non-appealable.
- b) **Player Rights.** A player shall have the right to appeal any ruling of tennis law in accordance with the following procedures:
 - i) When a player is of the opinion that a ruling by the Chair Umpire on a matter of tennis law is erroneous, he may appeal the ruling by notification to the Chair Umpire in a professional and non-abusive manner.
 - ii) The Chair Umpire shall stop play and immediately call for the Supervisor. Upon the arrival of the Supervisor, the Chair Umpire shall state the facts of the incident and the Supervisor shall be bound by the facts as stated. The Chair Umpire shall then state his position with respect to the ruling. The Supervisor shall review briefly the applicable rules with the player and the Chair Umpire and either affirm or reverse the ruling.
 - iii) Play shall be resumed upon the statement of "Let's Play" by the Supervisor and the players must proceed to commence play and the twenty-five (25) second clock shall commence.

E. Tennis Law - Cases

Appeal of Judgment Calls

Case: *A first serve is hit down the middle and is called out and then corrected to good by the center service Line Umpire. The Chair Umpire awards the point to the server, but the receiver disagrees saying that he had a play on the ball. The Chair Umpire agrees and rules that the point be replayed. The Supervisor is called to the court.*

Decision: *Point to server. The Chair Umpire may not change a judgment decision after a player appeal.*

Appeal of the "Facts": Receiver

Case: *First point of a game, the first serve is called fault and overruled by the Chair Umpire to good. The Chair Umpire then announces 15-Love. The receiver states that the point should be re-played because he returned the ball into the court. The Chair Umpire realizes that the receiver did in fact return the ball and orders the point to be replayed. The server claims that the Chair Umpire cannot change his decision and asks for the Supervisor to be called.*

Decision: *The point is re-played. The Chair Umpire's initial awarding of the point to the server was incorrect based upon the facts as*

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described by the Chair Umpire: The receiver did return the serve.

Appeal of the “Facts”: Server

Case: First point of a game, the first serve is called fault and overruled by the Chair Umpire to good. The Chair Umpire awards the point to the server based upon his judgment that the receiver did not have a play on the ball. The receiver claims that he could have played the ball. The Chair Umpire is not sure of his original judgment and orders the point to be re-played. The server claims that the Chair Umpire may not change his judgment based upon an appeal from the receiver and asks for the Supervisor to be called.

Decision: Point to the server. The facts on which the Chair Umpire based his initial decision did not change. Therefore, the Chair Umpire may not change his original decision based upon a player's appeal or protest.

Umpire Blocked on Question of Fact

Case: Player A stops play claiming that player B had played the ball after it had bounced twice. The Chair Umpire said that he was “blocked” and could not make the decision.

Decision: The point stands as played. When the Chair Umpire has the primary responsibility for a call (nets, throughs, not-ups and touches) as opposed to the secondary responsibility (line calls), an immediate decision must be made. If the Chair Umpire did not see a rules violation on something for which he has the primary responsibility then technically no violation can be called

Appealing for a Let

Case: Player A serves and player B returns the ball for a winner. Player A appeals to the Chair Umpire that the service was a let. The Chair Umpire says that he did not hear a let. Player A then asks player B if he heard a let. Player B answers yes. Upon hearing this, the Chair Umpire says that since both players heard a let, we shall play a let. Player B objects saying that it is the Chair Umpire's call and that he was only confirming to player A that the Chair Umpire had made a mistake.

Decision: The point stands as played. The Chair Umpire cannot make assumptions as to the intent of player B's comment. The Chair Umpire should be certain that the intention of player B was to play a let before making any decision.

F. Hindrance. A hindrance may result (1) from a corrected call by an official or (2) from an inadvertent event that occurs on-court:

- 1) **Corrected Call.** Whenever there is a corrected call either by overrule, correction by a Line Umpire or otherwise, the Chair Umpire in his sole judgment must determine if either player was hindered, and if so, order a “Let” to be played.
 - a) If a call is corrected from “Good Ball” to “Out,” then the point is ended and there is no hindrance.
 - b) If the call is corrected from “Out” to “Good Ball,” then there must be a “Let” played unless it was a clear ace or a clear winning shot that the player could not possibly have retrieved. If there is any reasonable possibility that such a ball could have been played, then the player who would have lost the point must be given the benefit of the doubt.

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- 2) **Inadvertent or Deliberate event.** A distraction occurring on-court may be ruled inadvertent (unintentional) or ruled deliberate.
 - a) Inadvertent distractions may include the following (a “Let” may be called in these cases): a ball rolling onto the court; a ball falling out of a pocket; a hat falling off; or an involuntary sound or exclamation (ex. verbal reaction to an injury) from a player. Any player who created the hindrance must be advised that the next time play is stopped by the Chair Umpire because of that player's similar actions; it shall result in a loss of point.
 - b) Any distraction caused by a player may be ruled deliberate and result in the loss of a point (intentional or unintentional). Deliberate is defined as the player meant to do what it was that caused the hindrance or distraction.
 - c) Care must be exercised to ensure rulings do not result in providing a player(s) with two opportunities to win a point.

G. Hindrance Cases

Delaying the Server

Case: During a match with Review ELC in use, the receiver breaks a string after returning a first serve called fault. The server challenges the fault call and the receiver changes his racket before the result of the challenge is displayed on the screen. Should the server be awarded a first serve if the call stands?

Decision: Second serve, as the receiver changing his racket did not delay the server in any way.

Corrected Call

Case: A second serve is a “net” call. The service Line Umpire calls “out,” then corrects it to “good.”

Decision: Second serve

Opponent's Gear Falls On The Court

Case: Clothing or equipment (excluding the racquet) that is worn or carried by a player, including a ball from his pocket, falls to the court during play.

Decision: The Chair Umpire shall call a let and replay the point. He shall also inform the player that if the Chair Umpire makes a second call of let, it will result in a loss of point.

Case: A player's shoe comes off during play and is laying on the court.

Decision: The default position of the Chair Umpire should be that the point continues, unless the Chair Umpire is convinced that the opponent is hindered and in that case, a let could be called.

Opponent Makes Noise

Case: During play, a player thinking he has hit a winner, shouts “vamos”, “come on”, “yes”, etc. as his opponent is in the act of hitting the ball.

Decision: If the Chair Umpire rules that a hindrance has occurred then, as the sound or exclamation that caused the hindrance was deliberate, the point shall be awarded.

Inadvertent Hindrance

Case: As a player is in the process of hitting a volley into the net, his hat falls off. He then claims a let for hindrance.

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Decision: No let. A player may not hinder himself. A let should only be called when the opponent could have been hindered.

Singles Stick Falls

Case: After a first serve fault, the singles stick falls to the court.

Decision: The Chair Umpire should award a first serve unless in his opinion the replacement time was such that the server was not delayed in his delivery of a second serve.

Spectator Noise

Case: During play an “out” call is made by a spectator. The player stops playing and claims hindrance.

Decision: The point stands as played.

Early Foot Fault Call

Case: The baseline umpire calls a foot fault on the server prior to him hitting a first serve. The server continues with his motion and hits the serve into the net.

Decision: First serve awarded. It is not a foot fault until the ball has been struck. Therefore, the call is erroneous and the Line Umpire has hindered the server.

H. Overrule

- 1) The Chair Umpire may overrule a Line Umpire only if (1) there is a clear mistake by a Line Umpire, and (2) the overrule is made promptly after the mistake. A player may never appeal a determination on questions of fact to the Supervisor.
 - a) **Clear Mistake.** As a matter of practice the Chair Umpire must be in a position to make a determination that a call was erroneous beyond a reasonable doubt. To overrule a ball called “Good” by the Line Umpire, the Chair Umpire must have been able to see a space between the ball and the line. To overrule an “Out” or “Fault” call by a Line Umpire, the Chair Umpire must have seen the ball hit on or inside the line. Clear foot-faults not called by the responsible Line Umpire should be called by the Chair Umpire.
 - b) **Promptly.** The Chair Umpire must overrule immediately after the Line Umpire makes the “clear mistake.” The overrule “call” must be made almost simultaneously with the “clear mistake” made by the Line Umpire.
- 2) A player may request that the Chair Umpire verify a call or other determination of fact on a point-ending call made by an on-court official; upon such request the Chair Umpire shall immediately verify the same either by his own personal observation or upon confirmation of the Line Umpire or other on-court official involved. The Chair Umpire may never overrule the call of a Line Umpire upon the request of a player. A Line Umpire may never change a call as a result of a protest or appeal, except in the case of clay court ball mark procedures.
- 3) The request, verification and resumption of play should be completed within the twenty-five (25) seconds allowed between points. If the player prolongs the argument, the Chair Umpire should announce “Let’s Play,” and the player is subject to the provisions of the Code.

I. Correction/Verification of Call

Line umpires. When a Line Umpire realizes that he/she has made an erroneous call, including an inadvertent sound, he/she should immediately call “Correction”

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so that the Chair Umpire and the players are aware of the error. The Line Umpire should then make the corrected call.

J. Ball Mark Inspection Procedures (Clay Courts)

1) Chair Umpire

- a) A ball mark inspection requested by a player (team) shall be allowed only if the Chair Umpire cannot determine the call with surety on either a point-ending shot or when a player (team) stops playing the point during the rally (Returns are permitted but then the player must immediately stop). The Chair Umpire shall check ball marks if there is some doubt about the accuracy of the call.
- b) If the Chair Umpire sees a clear mistake, he may stop play with an overrule.
- c) The original call or overrule shall always stand if the Line Umpire and/or Chair Umpire cannot determine the location of the mark or if the mark is unreadable.
- d) Once the Chair Umpire has identified and ruled on a ball mark, this decision is final and not appealable.
- e) In clay court tennis, the Chair Umpire should not be too quick to announce the score unless absolutely certain of the call. If in doubt, the Chair Umpire should wait before calling the score to determine whether a ball mark inspection is necessary. Ball mark inspections made after the score has been announced or after first serves shall be done as quickly as possible so the server is not unreasonably delayed.
- f) In doubles, the appealing player must make his appeal in such a way that either both players stop playing the point or the Chair Umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the Chair Umpire, then the Chair Umpire must first determine that the correct procedure was followed. If it is not proper or if it is late, then the Chair Umpire may determine that the opposing team was deliberately hindered.
- g) Players may not cross the net to check a ball mark without being subject to the Code. A player may not erase marks unless he is conceding the call or after a ball mark inspection occurs and the Chair Umpire has made a final decision.

2) Line Umpires

- a) If a Line Umpire has to make a close call, he must keep his eyes on the mark and should not look at the Chair Umpire.
- b) If requested by the Chair Umpire, the Line Umpire shall walk directly to the mark and identify the mark to the Chair Umpire. The Chair Umpire shall then inspect the mark and make the determination.
- c) If directed by the Chair Umpire to identify a mark and the Line Umpire is not sure of the mark, the Line Umpire must state immediately to the Chair Umpire, “I do not have the mark.”

K. Clay Court Cases

Can’t Find Ball Mark

Case: A Line Umpire calls a ball out on a clay court. The Chair Umpire asks him to show the mark. The Line Umpire cannot locate the mark and neither can the Chair Umpire.

Decision: The original (out) call must stand.

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Clay Court: Doubles Ball Mark Appeal

Case: Player B returns a serve but his partner, player A, says, “wait” as he moves to look at the mark. The Chair Umpire stops play. The opponent, player C, appeals to the Supervisor, saying player B returned the serve, which player C put away.

Decision: The procedure was correct (The Chair Umpire stopped play after an interruption by player A.) The mark is examined and if it is good, Team A-B loses the point; otherwise, it is a second serve.

Must Both Players on a Team Stop to Get Ball Mark Inspection.

Case: In doubles on a clay court, the second serve is called good. The receiver returns the ball but hesitates in search of the mark. His partner crosses (poaches) and hits the ball into the net. The receiver then appeals the second serve, stating that he stopped play prior to his reflex return.

Decision: The point stands as played. Both players must stop playing or the player appealing must do so in a manner that results in the Chair Umpire stopping play.

Overrule Then Inspect Ball Mark

Case: As a Chair Umpire, you overrule a ball on a clay court. The player disagrees and asks for a ball mark inspection. You think that maybe you made a mistake on the overrule.

Decision: The Chair Umpire should check the mark.

L. Electronic Review / Electronic Review - Line Calling (Review ELC)

A. Electronic Review (Review ELC)

The use of an approved electronic system for reviewing line calls and/or overrules is authorized for use at ATP events. The protocol for Review ELC is as follows:

- 1) A request for an electronic review of a line call by a player (team) shall be allowed only on either a point-ending shot or when a player (team) stops playing the point during a rally (returns are permitted but then the player must immediately stop).
- 2) In doubles the appealing player must make his appeal in such a way that either play stops or the Chair Umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the Chair Umpire the Chair Umpire must first determine that the correct appeal procedure was followed. If it was not correct or if it was late, then the Chair Umpire may determine that the opposing team was deliberately hindered, in which case the appealing team loses the point.
- 3) Each player/team shall receive three (3) challenges per set (excluding the tie-break game). If the player/team is incorrect with a challenge, then one of the challenges is lost. If the player (team) is correct with a challenge, then the player retains his same number of challenges. Challenges remaining, if any, at the end of a set do not carry over to the next set.
- 4) During the tie-break game in any set, each player/team shall receive one (1) additional challenge. This is in addition to any challenges not lost, if any, during the set.
- 5) For doubles, the Match Tie Break shall be considered as a new set and each team shall receive three (3) challenges. Challenges remaining from the previous

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set do not carry over into the Match Tie Break. Successful challenges do not reduce the number of challenges that may remain.

- 6) In order to challenge, a player must show an immediate interest in making a challenge and must do it in a timely manner. The key to the policy is “immediate interest”. The player must also make his/her intention to challenge known to the Chair Umpire either verbally or visually using his racquet or finger. The Chair Umpire will (a) reconfirm with the player his intent to challenge; (b) confirm that the player has challenges remaining; and (c) proceed with the electronic review.
 - 7) The original call or overrule will always stand if the electronic review is unable, for whatever reason, to make a decision on that line call or overrule. In this case, the player shall not have his available number of challenges reduced.
 - 8) If there is no call made from the on-court officials (unsighted Line Umpire and Chair Umpire cannot make the call) on a point ending shot, the Chair Umpire may call for a review and the result of the review will not affect the remaining challenges of either player.
 - 9) The decision of the electronic review is final and cannot be appealed.
 - 10) A certified official, approved by the ATP Supervisor, shall act as the Review Official* and his duties shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Determining which impact shall be reviewed by the system.
 - b) Act as the final authority on tracking the number of challenges each player has remaining.
 - c) Monitor the system to ensure that it is functioning properly.
 - d) Notify the Chair Umpire immediately in the case of a system failure or any other condition that prohibits or brings into question the ability of the system to review a challenged call. In this case, the Chair Umpire shall immediately notify both players that review is not available until further notice.
 - * Review official and supporting technology staff shall be located within the stadium or arena in a secured area and with an unobstructed view of the court.
 - 11) For each court that is using a review system, there shall be a minimum of one (1) video board, of sufficient size, located in a position where the Chair Umpire, players and spectators may view the results of the challenge.
 - 12) Review Official Protocol is described in “Exhibit T.
- ### **B. Electronic Review - Live Line Calling (Live ELC)**

The use of an approved Live ELC electronic line calling system is authorized for use at ATP events in 2024.

The following protocol shall be used.

- 1) There shall be no line umpires. All lines shall be called using the Live ELC System approved by ATP to call all lines.
- 2) Foot-faults will be called by a Review Official monitoring two (2) court-level cameras placed on the baseline and on the center service line at each end of the court if available or the Chair Umpire.
- 3) In the unlikely event the Live ELC system malfunctions, play will be delayed for up until such time as the issue is corrected or 15 minutes have elapsed. If the issue is not resolved within 15 minutes the ATP Tour Supervisor will decide when and how the match will resume.

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- 4) If the Live ELC system fails to make a call, the call shall be made by the Chair Umpire. If the Chair Umpire is unable to determine if the ball was in or out, then the point shall be replayed. This protocol applies only to point ending shots or in the case when a player stops play. In the case where there is no call, and the player stops play, the umpire shall call for the shot to be displayed on the video board for confirmation.
- 5) If equipment is available, automatic replays of the call will be shown on the video boards on point ending shots that are “out” by 15 centimeters or less. Winning shots warranting a replay will be manually directed to the video board by the Review Official.
- 6) Physical requirements for the on-site booth to be confirmed..

M. Continuous Play/Delay of Game

Play shall be continuous, except that a maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds may elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of one point to the time the ball is struck for the next point, except at a ninety (90) second changeover or a one hundred and twenty (120) second set break. The procedures for enforcing this rule are as follows:

- 1) **Time Between Points. 25 Seconds/Continuous Play**
 - a) **Start Stop Watch.** The Chair Umpire must start the stopwatch after the ball goes out of play or when the players are ordered to play.
 - b) **Time Violation or Code Violation.** A Time or Code Violation must be assessed if the ball is not struck for the next point within the twenty-five (25) seconds allowed, except if the Chair Umpire extends the time for special circumstances defined by ATP. There is no time warning prior to the expiration of the twenty-five (25) seconds.
- 2) **90 Seconds/Change-Over (Changing Ends)**
 - a) **Start Stop Watch.** The Chair Umpire must start the stopwatch the moment the ball goes out of play.
 - b) **“Time.”** The Chair Umpire must announce to players “Time” after one (1) minute has elapsed. If requested, prior to the match, by a television broadcaster, the Chair Umpire shall have the authority to delay the start of play until the end of the ninety (90) second changeover period.
 - c) **“15 Seconds.”** The Chair Umpire may announce to players “15 Seconds” if the players are still at their chairs and/or have not started toward their playing positions.
 - d) **Time Violation or Code Violation.** The Chair Umpire must assess a Time Violation or, when applicable, a Code Violation (after a medical time-out or treatment) if the ball is not struck for the next point within the ninety (90) seconds / one hundred twenty (120) seconds allowed, provided there has been no interference which prevented the Server from serving within that time or a delay by the Chair Umpire.
- 3) **120 Seconds/Set Break**
 - a) **Start Stop Watch.** The Chair Umpire must start the stopwatch the moment the ball goes out of play.
 - b) **“Time”.** The Chair Umpire must announce to players “time” after 90 seconds has elapsed. If requested, prior to the match, by a television broadcaster, the

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Chair Umpire shall have the authority to delay the start of play until the end of the one hundred twenty (120) second set break.

- c) **“15 Seconds.”** The Chair Umpire may announce to players “15 Seconds” if the players are still at their chairs and/or have not started toward their playing positions.
 - d) **Time Violation or Code Violation.** The Chair Umpire must assess a Time Violation or, when applicable, a Code Violation (after a medical time-out or treatment) if the ball is not struck for the next point within the one hundred twenty (120) / one hundred fifty (150) seconds allowed, provided there has been no interference which prevented the server from serving within that time or a delay by the Chair Umpire.
- 4) **Not Playing to the Reasonable Pace of the Server**
 - a) **Start Stop Watch.** The Chair Umpire must start the stopwatch when the player is ordered to play or the moment the ball goes out of play.
 - b) **Time Violation or Code Violation.** The Chair Umpire must assess a Code Violation if the receiver is employing “gamesmanship.” The Chair Umpire must issue a Time Violation before the expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds if the receiver’s actions delay the reasonable pace of the server.
 - 5) **Stoppage and Postponement of a Match**
 - a) The Chair Umpire may stop a match temporarily because of or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any such stoppage by a Chair Umpire must be reported immediately to the Supervisor. Once a match is stopped and until a match is postponed, the Chair Umpire must ensure that he, the players and all on-court officials remain ready to resume the match. The Supervisor makes the decision to postpone a match until a later day.
 - b) Upon stoppage or postponement by the Supervisor, the Chair Umpire shall record the time, point, game and set score, the name of the server, the side on which each player was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match.
 - 6) **Warm up / Re-warm up.**

There shall be a four (4) minute warm-up before a match and in the case of a stopped or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

 - a) 0-15 minutes delay — No warm-up;
 - b) more than 15 minutes but less than 30 minutes — Three (3) minutes of warm-up; and
 - c) 30 or more minutes of delay — Four (4) minutes of warm-up [Five (5) minutes at Challengers].

N. Video Review (“VR”)

The use of VR to determine specific judgment calls is approved for use at events where there is Electronic Line Calling (“ELC”) and the VR system has been approved by ATP.

The protocol for use is as follows:

- a) **Reviewable calls**
 - i) Not-up – ball bounced more than once prior to contact.
 - ii) Foul shot – player carries the ball on the racquet, player contacts the ball before it crosses the net, player’s racquet touches the ball while not under the control of the player.

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- iii) Touch – ball touches player, or anything he is wearing or carrying (except racquet), player touches net while ball is in play.
 - iv) Invasion – player touches the opponent's court with any part of his body or his racquet while the ball is in play.
 - v) Through – the ball passes through the net instead of passing over the net.
 - vi) Hindrance – any decision on whether a point should be awarded, or the point should be replayed. Most common use of this would be a call corrected from out to good and whether the player had a play on the ball.
 - vii) Original Call Stands – when a challenge to a line call has properly been made and the line review system is unable to make a determination, the chair umpire may review the call for clear evidence that confirms or overturns the call on the court.
 - viii) Foot-faults
 - ix) Scoring error
- b) **Process**
- i) When a reviewable call is challenged, the VR operator will find, through the various camera angles available, the best view of the incident.
 - ii) The VR operator will then send the video to a screen attached to the Chair Umpire's chair.
 - iii) The Chair Umpire will review the video and determine if there is clear evidence to support the original decision or to overturn the decision.
 - iv) If there is no clear evidence, then the original decision stands.
- c) **Limit to Challenges**
- i) Each player will be limited to three (3) incorrect challenges during the set.
 - ii) If any set reaches 6-all, each player will receive one (1) additional challenge.
 - iii) A review under a) vii) above shall not be recorded as a won/lost challenge.

O. Time and Equipment Cases

Crowd Movement

Case: The server is given a Time Violation for going beyond the 25 seconds that is allowed between points. The server claims that he should have been given additional time because there were some spectators taking their seats.

Decision: The Time Violation stands. The continuous play procedures shall be in effect regardless of spectator movement unless the Chair Umpire believes the movement is intended as a deliberate attempt to distract a player(s) or occurs in the designated lowest tier of seats.

Ball Person as Personal Valet

Case: A player receives a time violation from the Chair Umpire while waiting for the ball person to retrieve a towel. The player claims the ball person caused the delay.

Decision: The Time Violation stands. Toweling off between points with or without the help of a ball person is not a valid reason for delay.

Time Violation, No Play, Results in Code

Case: A player, upon hearing a Time Violation, comes to the Chair Umpire and asks "Why?" He receives an explanation followed by "Let's Play". The player continues his discussion and is given a

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Code Violation. The player appeals to the Supervisor saying he should have received a Time Violation, Point Penalty.

Decision: The Chair Umpire suspends play and calls for the Supervisor. Upon arrival, the Supervisor affirms the decision of the Chair Umpire as the player was directed to play when the Chair Umpire said "Let's Play."

Time Violation + 25 Seconds = Code

Case: A player receives a time violation while standing at the back fence. He does not move to play and the Chair Umpire says, "Let's play". After another 25 seconds elapses, what does the Chair Umpire do?

Decision: A Code Violation is announced, (and possibly an inquiry, such as, "Are you OK?") followed by "Let's Play".

Two Explanations are Enough

Case: A player asks for an explanation and is given one. He then raises another point and receives another response. How long may this go on?

Decision: Normally only twice since continuous play provisions are not being complied with. After two brief responses, the Chair Umpire announces "Let's Play" and subsequently issues a Code Violation if the ball is not in play as a result of that player's action.

Changing Shoes

Case: May a player receive extra time on a changeover in order to change his shoes and/or socks? If yes, how many times may he do so during the course of the match?

Decision: Yes. The Chair Umpire may allow a reasonable extension of the allotted changeover time in order for a player to change his shoes and/or socks. The player should not be allowed to leave the court in this instance. The player is limited to one change per match when extra time is granted unless the provisions for "equipment out of adjustment" take precedent. In that case, the Chair Umpire has the authority to decide each request on its own merit.

Contact Lens

Case: During a match, a player requests permission to leave the court in order to put in a contact lens.

Decision: The request to leave the court is denied. Contact lenses shall not be considered as equipment out of adjustment unless the player is wearing them at the time of the incident.

Note - Every attempt should be made to assist the player so that he may put the contact lenses in during the changeover.

Time: Refusal to Play

Case: After several close calls that go against him, a player comes to his chair on the changeover and says, "I'm not playing until the Line Umpire Crew is changed". After the Chair Umpire calls "Time", the player says, "I told you I'm not playing until the Line Umpires are changed". What should the Chair Umpire do?

Decision: The Chair Umpire should order the player to play and after 25 seconds use the Point Penalty Schedule.

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Re-Gripping Racquet

Case: During a change of ends, while a player is re-taping the grip of his racquet, the Chair Umpire calls time. The player walks out to the baseline still taping the grip. At the end of the 90 seconds, the player has failed to commence his serve and is still working on the grip.

Decision: The Chair Umpire issues a Time Violation. The racquet is not equipment out of adjustment and therefore the player must serve within the allotted time. (Rules of Tennis, "Rule 29".) Similarly, adjusting the position of the strings or fixing string savers is not an excuse for delaying play.

Replacing Shoes

Case: During a match, a player requests permission to leave the court area to retrieve another pair of tennis shoes. He states that he is slipping and wants to get a pair of shoes with a different sole from his locker.

Decision: The request is denied. However, the Chair Umpire should use all possible means to have the shoes retrieved and brought to the court. This is not considered "Equipment Out of Adjustment". The shoes could have been brought to the court with the player and changed on-court; however, once he has the shoes, reasonable time is allowed for the change.

Shoe Breaks

Case: A player breaks his shoe and he needs to change, but his second pair is in the locker room.

Decision: The Chair Umpire should stop play and allow the player to get shoes.

No Play After 90 Seconds

Case: A player is not ready to play after the ninety (90) second changeover (no injury involved).

Decision: A Time Violation is announced. "Let's Play" is normally added. The same applies if a player is not ready to play after the 120-second set break.

P. Toilet/Change of Attire Break

- 1) A player may be permitted to leave the court for a toilet or change of attire break. A player is entitled to one (1) toilet or change of attire break during a best of three set match and two (2) toilet or change of attire breaks during a best of five set match. For best of five set matches one toilet break may be taken during the first three sets. The second break may only be taken after the end of the third set. Toilet or change of attire breaks may only be taken on a set break and can be used for no other purpose. The toilet break is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes from the time the player enters the toilet.

A change of attire break combined with a toilet break is limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes from the time the player enters the off court changing area/toilet.

A change of attire break is limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes from the time the player enters the off court changing area/toilet.

Players will only be allowed to leave the court on a set break to change wet shorts/underwear. Shirts, socks, and shoes should be changed on court.

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Players exceeding the allowed time will be penalized by back-to-back Time Violations.

- a) For doubles, each team is entitled to a total of one (1) toilet or change of attire break in all matches. If partners leave the court together, it counts as the team's authorized break.
- 2) Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet break or a change of attire break, it is considered the authorized break regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court.
- 3) Any toilet break taken after the warm-up has started is considered the authorized break. Additional breaks will be authorized, but will be penalized with the back-to-back Time Violations if the player is not ready within the allowed time.
- 4) The Chair Umpire has the authority to decide each request for change of attire break on its own merit when provisions of "equipment out of adjustment" take precedent.

Toilet Visit

Case: In a best of three (3) set match, a player has used his one toilet visit. The player informs the Chair Umpire that at the next changeover he would like to take another toilet visit prior to his serving.

Decision: The Chair Umpire may allow a player to leave the court but must inform the player that any delay beyond the 90 seconds will be penalized with the back-to-back Time Violations.

Toilet Visit: When Does Play Resume?

Case: After play has been paused for an authorized toilet visit, when does the "clock" start to resume play?

Decision: When the player returns to the court and has had the opportunity to retrieve his racquet, then the Chair Umpire should announce "Time". This announcement shall signal the players to resume the match.

Q. Medical

1) Medical Condition

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Physiotherapist during the warm-up or the match.

a) Treatable Medical Conditions

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

b) Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

- i) Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- ii) Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- iii) General player fatigue.

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- iv) Any medical condition requiring injections or intravenous infusions, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered. For the avoidance of any doubt, the use of supplemental oxygen is not permitted at any time.

2) Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Physiotherapist to evaluate him 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 Physiotherapist to evaluate him 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 Physiotherapist, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court. *

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

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

3) Medical Time-Out

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

The medical time-out begins when the Physiotherapist is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Physiotherapist, treatment during a medical time-out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the tournament Doctor.

The medical time-out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at professional events with prize money of \$50,000/€43,000 or less, the Supervisor 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.

A total of two (2) consecutive medical time-outs may be allowed by the Supervisor or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Physiotherapist determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Physiotherapist will perform a medical evaluation for the two

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or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive medical time-outs are required.

4) Muscle Cramping

A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for changeovers 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 Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. There may be a total of two (2) full change of ends treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

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

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Physiotherapist and/or tournament Doctor, he may forfeit the point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of end or set-break in order to receive treatment.

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

5) Medical Treatment

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

6) 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.

7) Bleeding

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Physiotherapist should be called to the court for evaluation and treatment. The Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a medical time-out for treatment if necessary.

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

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

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8) 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 Physiotherapist should 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.

9) Physical Incapacity

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

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered unable physically to compete at a professional level, or poses a significant health risk to players, officials or Tournament staff, the Physiotherapist and/or tournament Doctor should inform the Supervisor and recommend that the player is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress. Additionally, if the Supervisor, in consultation with the tournament Doctor, Physiotherapist, or a representative of the ATP Medical Advisory Board, determines that a player's participation in a tournament match may put the player at risk due to a life threatening or otherwise serious medical problem, the Supervisor has the authority to rule a player ineligible to compete.

The Supervisor shall use great discretion before taking this action and should base the decision on the best interests of professional tennis, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

When the Supervisor has ruled a player ineligible to play due to circumstances involving a life threatening or otherwise serious medical condition, the player may return to play and be deemed eligible upon receipt by ATP of a written statement from the player's personal physician concluding that the player's medical condition is sufficient to play in competition, and the Supervisor, following consultation with the tournament Doctor and/or a representative of ATP Medical Advisory Board (who may require that the player undergo additional testing and obtain a written statement clearing player to return to competition from a specialist physician), indicates that the player is eligible to play.

For retirements or withdrawals that are not deemed to be life threatening or otherwise serious medical condition, the player may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament if the tournament Doctor determines that the player's condition has improved to the extent that the player may safely physically perform at an appropriate level of play or no longer poses a significant health risk to players, officials or Tournament Staff, whether the same day or on a later day.

R. Medical Cases

Delayed Medical Time-Out

Case: *A player has an accidental injury and asks to have a medical time-out during the next changeover. What procedure should be used for timing the treatment if the Physiotherapist arrives?*

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A. 30 seconds into the changeover?

B. After 60 seconds has elapsed on the changeover?

Decision A: *The Physiotherapist has 3 1/2 minutes [but, as a minimum, he has three (3) minutes to treat after completing his diagnosis] to treat the player before the Chair Umpire announces "Time". The player then has 30 seconds to play, subject to the Point Penalty Schedule.*

Decision B: *The Chair Umpire stops the clock at 60 seconds and stops play until the Physiotherapist is ready to treat the player. The three-minute medical time-out begins, and after the Chair Umpire announces "Time", the player has 30 seconds to play or be subject to the Point Penalty Schedule.*

Equipment Out of Adjustment (Knee Brace)

Case: *During play, a player's knee brace becomes out of adjustment. The player requests time to repair his knee brace.*

Decision: *The player is allowed reasonable time to repair his knee brace without penalty. Any medical apparatus worn by a player shall be considered as equipment in regards to "Equipment Out of Adjustment".*

Exceeding 90 Seconds: Code Violation

Case: *If a player is receiving treatment by the Physiotherapist on a 90-second change-over, and the treatment goes over the allowed 90 seconds, what happens?*

Decision: *When the Chair Umpire says "Time", the player must put the ball in play within 30 seconds. Any delay after that will result in a Code Violation.*

Medical Time-Out and Re-Warm-Up

Case: *If eight (8) minutes elapse before the Physiotherapist arrives and treatment begins two (2) minutes later (the medical time-out begins) and is completed after another three (3) minutes, is a re-warm-up authorized?*

Decision: *No, a re-warm-up is not authorized.*

Medical Time-Out Request Honored?

Case: *A player asks for the Physiotherapist. After examination, it is determined by the Physiotherapist that the player is suffering from general fatigue that may not be improved by on-court medical treatment. What course of action should the Chair Umpire take?*

Decision: *The Chair Umpire announces, "Let's Play", after the Physiotherapist completes his diagnosis. Delays will be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. The Chair Umpire has the option to issue a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct in unusual cases.*

Medical Time-Out Starts When?

Case A: *When does a medical time-out begin?*

Decision A: *Medical time-out begins when the Physiotherapist arrives and is ready and able to treat the player. Thus, the Physiotherapist has completed his examination/diagnosis and the medical time-out starts when the Physiotherapist begins treating the player.*

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Case B: A player asks to see the Physiotherapist during the middle of a game although the Chair Umpire observed no accidental injury. What should the umpire do?

Decision B: First, tell the player that you will call the Physiotherapist and he can see him at the changeover. If the player insists that he cannot continue, then stop play and call the Physiotherapist. The Physiotherapist will make the decision, upon examining the player, whether a medical time-out is needed.

Only 90 Seconds to Re-Tape

Case: A player turns his ankle, which is taped by the Physiotherapist, and then on the next changeover wants the ankle re-taped.

Decision: The Chair Umpire may authorize the re-taping which must be completed within the 90-second changeover or the Point Penalty Schedule applies.

Penalties After Medical Time-Out

Case: When is the player penalized for going over three minutes on a medical time-out?

Decision: After the Chair Umpire says "Time"; the player must put the ball in play within 30 seconds. Any delay after that will result in a Code Violation. The player is allowed the time necessary to put on shoes, socks, ankle supports, etc.

Case: A player receives treatment on a changeover or receives a Medical Time-Out. The player is then slow to resume play after "Time" has been called. What is the appropriate penalty?

Decision: The appropriate Delay of Game Penalty (Warning, Point, Game).

Case: After receiving treatment for cramping on the changeover, a player plays one or more points and then is slow to resume play. If the player goes over the allowed time, what penalty does the player receive?

Decision: The appropriate Time Violation (Warning, Point/Fault).

Re-Injury

Case: A player injures his ankle and is granted a three (3) minute medical time-out by the Physiotherapist. Five (5) games later, the player asks for another medical time-out claiming that he has re-injured the same ankle.

Decision: The Chair Umpire shall call for the Physiotherapist who shall determine upon examination whether or not a three (3) minute medical time-out is authorized.

Resuming Play After a Medical Time-Out

Case A: After an injury and a four-minute suspension (by the Chair Umpire) for the arrival of the Physiotherapist, the Physiotherapist arrives and completes the treatment in one and 1/2 minutes. When does play resume?

Decision A: Immediately.

Case B: After a player becomes injured, the Physiotherapist treats the player in two (2) minutes. When should play resume?

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Decision B: Immediately when the player and Physiotherapist are satisfied with the treatment administered, but the treatment is not to exceed three (3) minutes.

Tape Is Not "Equipment Adjustment"

Case: During play, a player requests play to be suspended in order for him to adjust the tape on his ankle.

Decision: Play must continue. Taping is not considered as "Equipment Out of Adjustment".

Note: The Physiotherapist may be called to make adjustments during the 90-second changeover; however, any delays shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. If the player makes the adjustment without the help of the Physiotherapist and violates the continuous play rule, then the player shall be penalized in accordance with the penalties set forth under "Unreasonable Delay", i.e., Time Violation.

Treatment for Fatigue

Case: May a Physiotherapist put his hands on a player suffering from what appears to be fatigue?

Decision: Yes. The Physiotherapist then makes the decision regarding a medical time-out.

Treatment: Within 90 Seconds

Case: After an even game, a player asks to see the Physiotherapist on the next changeover. The next game ends and 90 seconds elapse without the Physiotherapist arriving on-court. The player asks that the changeover time be extended so that he may receive treatment. His rationale is that the Physiotherapist's arrival to the court is not the player's fault.

Decision: The Chair Umpire suspends play until the Physiotherapist examines the player and determines whether a medical Time-out is needed.

When to Take a Medical Time-Out?

Case: What happens if a player is injured during a match and decides not to take his injury time-out right away? (Before the end of the next change-over)

Decision: A player may call for the Physiotherapist at any time. The Physiotherapist shall determine whether the medical time-out is to be authorized.

Chair Umpire Orders Medical Time-Out

Case: A player has an accidental ankle injury and the Chair Umpire believes that continued play will result in non-professional play. May the Chair Umpire stop play (and call for the Physiotherapist)?

Decision: Yes.

Singles Retirement: Still in Doubles?

Case: A player retires from his singles match because of illness or medical reason. May he compete in the doubles competition?

Decision: If upon examination by the tournament Doctor after the retirement and again before the player's scheduled doubles match, it is determined that the player's condition has "improved" to the extent that he can compete at a professional level, then the player

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may continue in the doubles competition. If the player's condition has not improved then he must not be allowed to compete in the doubles.

S. Miscellaneous Officiating Cases and Decisions

Broken String: First Service Fault

Case: On a first service fault, the receiver breaks a string.

Decision: In Singles matches If the receiver changes his racquet, then a first serve will be awarded to the server. If the receiver elects not to change racquets, then the server must play a second serve.

In Doubles matches if the receiver changed the racquet with his partner the Chair Umpire should award a second serve unless in his opinion the replacement time was such that the server was delayed in his delivery of a serve.

Broken String: First Service Let

Case: The receiver breaks a string on a first service let.

Decision: The receiver must change racquets. A player is allowed to finish the point with a broken string but may not start a point with a broken string.

Broken String: No Racquets

Case: The player breaks a string in his last racquet.

Decision: The player is not allowed to continue with broken strings. The player is subjected to the penalties set forth in the Point Penalty System for Unreasonable Delay.

Receiver Not Ready

Case: The receiver is not ready but looks up as the second serve is hit, reflexes a return and says, "wait."

Decision: Second serve. The server should observe that the receiver is ready. (If the Chair Umpire believes that gamesmanship is involved on the part of the receivers, then he may issue a code violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct).

Ball Hits Net Post Signage

Case: The ball, while in play, hits the top of the ATP net signage and goes into the proper court.

Decision: ATP net signage will be considered permanent fixtures (other than the net, posts, singles sticks, cord or metal cable, strap or band) and will result in the loss of point.

Ball hits Overhead Camera Cable

Case: A player throws up a lob which is over the court and it hits the cable supporting Spider Cam which is positioned diagonally across the court from the service line to baseline. Is the point awarded to the opponent; is the point replayed; or does play continue?

Decision: The cable is considered a permanent fixture and therefore, it is a loss of point.

Invasion: Ball in Play

Case: A player's dampening device flies out of his racquet and touches the net or goes into his opponent's court.

Decision: If the ball was still in play, the player loses point. The dampening device shall be considered a part of the racquet.

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Invasion: No Replay

Case: After the point has been completed, player discovers opponent's dampening device lying in his court. The player claims a point based on Rules of Tennis, rule "Rule 24").

Decision: The point stands as played. Since the Chair Umpire did not see the dampening device land in the opponent's court, he may not rule that an invasion occurred. Invasion occurs only when the ball is in play. Since the Chair Umpire did not know the timing of the incident, he may not assume that an invasion did occur.

Player Hits Net Pipe Support

Case: A player touches a "pipe support" with his foot while the ball is in play.

Decision: In this case the "pipe support" is to be considered as part of the net; thus if a player touches it while the ball is in play, he loses the point.

Touching Net or Opponent's Court

Case: If while the ball is in play a player's foot slides under the net but does not touch the net, should this still be considered a "touch" since the net should have extended fully to the court surface?

Decision: No. This cannot be considered a "touch" if the player did not actually touch the net. It is likely, however, that an invasion has occurred from the player's foot touching his opponent's court. If this did occur, then the Chair Umpire shall call an "invasion" and award the point to the player's opponent.

Ball Touches Net Pipe Support

Case: The ball falls over the net and hits the "pipe support" used on indoor courts.

Decision: In this case, the "pipe support" is to be considered as part of the court; thus when the ball hit the pipe, it would be ruled as a first bounce.

Player Touches Net Outside of Singles Stick

Case: A player runs for a drop shot and returns it into the opponent's court and then runs into net between net post and singles stick. What is the ruling?

Decision: Play continues. This part of the net is considered a permanent fixture.

Ball Rolls Onto Court

Case: After a first service fault, a ball comes into the court from another court.

Decision: If the server has started his motion, then a first serve shall be awarded. In other cases, a second serve shall be played unless in the opinion of the Chair Umpire the delay was unusually long and unfairly disrupted the rhythm of the server.

Umpire Un sighted

Case: A Line Umpire is unsighted and the Chair Umpire cannot make the decision.

Decision: The point is replayed, except in the case where it was discovered after the point had been completed that during a rally a

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Line Umpire had been unsighted. In that case, the point would stand as played.

Intimidating Line Umpire

Case: A serve is hit near the sideline and the receiver, hearing no call, immediately turns around and screams at the Line Umpire. The Line Umpire, who had signaled good, then calls and signals out.

Decision: The Chair Umpire rules the serve good based on the Line Umpire's original call. The Supervisor, if called, upholds the Chair Umpire's decision based on an official not changing his call based on a player appeal.

Note: The Chair Umpire may have to ask for the Line Umpire's original call if he is uncertain or disregard the Line Umpire's call and make the call himself.

Service Order

Case: In a doubles match, Team A serves out of order. After two points have been played, the Chair Umpire realizes the mistake.

Decision: The Chair Umpire should correct the mistake immediately.

Receiving Order

Case: In a doubles match, the players on the team switched their receiving positions during the set. When this is realized, what action should the Chair Umpire take?

Decision: The original receiving positions of each player on that team must be taken after the completion of the game in progress. If error occurred during a tie break, then the receiving order shall remain as altered until the completion of the tie break game.

7.23 Line Umpire Requirement, Positions and Calls

A. Number for Matches

- 1) **Full Complement of Line Umpires.** If a Chair Umpire has a full complement of Line Umpires, then the assignments shall be as follows:
 - a) Base, side, center service and service Line Umpires call all "Outs" and "Faults" for their respective lines.
 - b) Net judge calls all "Nets" and "Throughs" (if designated by the Chair Umpire), measures the net height at the beginning of each set and administers the ball changes. A net device may be authorized for use.
 - c) Base, side and center service Line Umpires call "Foot Faults" on their respective lines.
 - d) Chair umpire calls all "Lets," "Foul Shots," "Foul Strokes," "Hindrances," "Not Ups" and "Touches."
 - e) Line umpires shall not be permitted to call through the net.
- 2) **Less than a Full Complement of Line Umpires.** If less than a full complement of Line Umpires is available, the following should be used (Sufficient Line Umpires must be assigned in the main draw so that the Chair Umpire is not solely responsible for calling any one line.):
 - a) **Seven (7) Line Umpires.** All long lines are called only up to the net. Serves are called from the receiver's end and the center Line Umpire returns to his assigned sideline after the serve is put into play, i.e., there is movement

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during the point. The assignments for seven (7) Line Umpire crew are as follows:

- i) Four (4) side Line Umpires, one of who calls the receiver's center service line; after the serve is put into play, this umpire returns to his assigned side line. (The umpire calling the center service line on the receiver's end moves during the point when he returns to his assigned side line after the serve is put into play.). In addition, the side Line Umpire on the receiver's end shall alternate calling the center service line of the "deuce" and "advantage" courts, moving between points.
 - ii) One Line Umpire calls serves at each end of the court.
 - iii) One Line Umpire calls each base line (2).
 - iv) Chair umpire calls all "Lets," "Not Ups," "Foul Shots," "Touches," "Hindrances" and "Throughs."
- b) Six (6) Line Umpires.**
- i) Three (3) umpires cover the long lines; the side service lines are called through the net from the server's end of court and the center service line is called from the receiver's end.
 - aa) There is no movement during a point.
 - ii) One Line Umpire calls serves at each end of the court.
 - iii) One Line Umpire calls each base line (2).
 - iv) Chair umpire calls all "Lets," "Not Ups," "Foul Shots," "Touches," "Hindrances" and "Throughs."
- c) Five (5) Line Umpires.** The assignments are the same as for the six (6) man crew, except that the center service Line Umpire shall move after the serve to the side line.
- d) Four (4) Line Umpires.** The assignments are the same as for the five (5) man crew, except that the Chair Umpire, depending on personal preference and court surface, selects the lines that he will call.
- e) Less Than Four (4) Line Umpires.** The Chair Umpire shall assign the Line Umpires to the best advantage possible.
- f) Umpiring Without Line Umpires.** If a Chair Umpire is required to umpire a match without any Line Umpires, or without a full complement of Line Umpires, then the Chair Umpire must make the calls for the net and all unattended lines. If the Chair Umpire is unable to give a decision on a call or other questions of fact, then he must order a "Let" to be played.
- Players Don't Call Lines**
- Case:** In ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour qualifying events where approval has been granted to use less than five (5) Line Umpires per match; may the Chair Umpire designate certain or all lines for the players to make the calls?
- Decision:** No. If a Chair Umpire is required to umpire a match without any Line Umpires or without a full complement of Line Umpires, then the Chair Umpire must make the calls for the net and all unattended lines.

B. Hand Signals of Line Umpires

The approved hand signals are as follows:

- 1) **"Out" or "Fault."** The arm should be fully extended sideways at shoulder height, pointing in the direction in which the ball has fallen, palm of the hand facing the Chair Umpire, fingers extended and joined. If the ball falls out of the court to the

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left or the right, the left or right arm as the case may be is extended after the verbal call of “Out” or “Fault” (as applicable) is made. The hand signal is in addition to and is secondary to the verbal call of “Out” or “Fault”; the hand signal must never be used instead of the verbal call.

- 2) **“Good Ball.”** The hands shall be pointed down with palms down and fingers extended together. There is no verbal call for a good ball. The hand signal is used in silence and only when necessary to verify that a close ball was good.
- 3) **“Un sighted.”** The hands are placed beneath the eyes facing in the direction of the Chair Umpire but not affecting the vision of the Line Umpire. The hand signal verifies that a Line Umpire is unable to call a ball because of his vision being obscured. There is no verbal call for a Line Umpire being unsighted and the hand signal is used in silence.

7.24 Scoring of Match

A. Manual

The Chair Umpire shall mark his scorecard in accordance with the following:

- 1) **Pre-Match.** Before the pre-match meeting with the players, ensure the completion of the information requested on the scorecard such as name of tournament, round, players' names, etc.
- 2) **Toss.** After the “toss,” note who won the toss, their election, etc.
- 3) **Warm-Up.** Note the time that the warm-up begins.
- 4) **Time.** Note the time play begins and concludes in each set.
- 5) **Sides For Serve.** Note the initials of each player in the order of their serves and also on the side of the scorecard corresponding to their proper sides of the court.
- 6) **Ball Change.** Mark in advance the game for which a ball change will be made on the left side of the scorecard.
- 7) **Points.** Points should be made by slanted marks in the boxes on the scorecard and/or by the following code:
 - “A” - Ace
 - “D” - Double Fault
 - “C” - Code Violation
 - “T” - Time Violation
 - “.” - First Service Fault (a dot shall be made in the middle of the bottom line of the Server's box).
- 8) **Games.** Games may be marked by either of the following methods:
 - a) **Method A.** The cumulative total of games won by each player is set out in the “Games” column at the end of each game; and
 - b) **Method B.** The cumulative total of games won by the winner of each game only is set out in the “Games” column at the end of each game.

B. Handheld Device

Instructions will be provided on-site at ATP Tour tournaments for the operation of the handheld scoring device.

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C. Point Penalty Card

The Chair Umpire must mark his Point Penalty Card in accordance with the following:

- 1) **Post-Match.** If a Code Violation, Time Violation or Post Match incident occurs, complete the information requested on the Point Penalty Card, such as name of tournament and a summary of the incident.
- 2) **Rules Violation.** The violation should be checked and the Code section noted for each violation.
- 3) **Statement of Facts.** A contemporaneous statement should be made of all the facts (who, what, when, where and why) of the violation quoting verbatim any statements made that are considered to be obscene or abusive.

7.25 Announcing

A. Calls of On-Court Officials

The verbal calls of the on-court officials shall be made loudly and clearly in English and any other appropriate language as follows:

- 1) **“Fault.”** If either the first or second service fails.
- 2) **“Out.”** If a return hits the ground, a permanent fixture or another object outside the court.
- 3) **“Net”** If a service hits the top of the net.
- 4) **“Footfault”** If a player violates rule 7 or 8 of the Rules of Tennis.
- 5) **“Let.”** If the Chair Umpire determines that a point should be replayed.
- 6) **“Not Up.”** If a player fails to hit a ball in play on the first bounce.
- 7) **“Foul Shot” or “Touch.”** If a ball is intentionally struck twice, or touched before it comes over the net, or while volleying, the ball hits the court after leaving the racquet before going over the net, or a player touches the net while the ball is in play, or a ball in play touches a player, or anything that he wears or carries falls into the opponent's court or touches the net.
- 8) **“Hindrance.”** If a player deliberately or involuntarily commits an act which hinders his opponent in making a stroke.
- 9) **“Through.”** If a ball goes through the net.
- 10) **“Wait Please.”** To preclude starting play when a hazard or other circumstance makes it appropriate to delay the beginning of a point. Do not make this call if a player's arm is in motion to strike the ball (call “Let” immediately after the serve is struck).
- 11) **Overrule.** Make the following announcement:
 - a) **“Correction,** the ball was in;” or
 - b) **“Out” or “Fault.”**

B. Code and Time Violations

The following are examples of Code of Conduct announcements to be used:

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- 1) Point Penalties assessed for violation of the Code should be announced in accordance with the following examples:

“Code Violation, Delay of Game, Warning, Mr.____(last name).”

“Code Violation, Verbal Abuse, Point Penalty, Mr.____(last name).” “Let’s play” (“Let’s Play” is optional).

“Code Violation, Verbal Abuse, Game Penalty, Mr.____(last name).”

If instructed by the Supervisor, the announcement for a default shall be, for example:

“Code Violation, Unsportsmanlike Conduct, Default, Mr.____(last name).”

- 2) Time Violations resulting from non-compliance with the Unreasonable Delay provisions of the Code shall be announced in accordance with the following examples:

“Time Violation, Warning, Mr.____(last name).” (“Let’s Play” is optional.)

Subsequent Delays by the Server:

“Time Violation, 2nd Service” (“Let’s Play” is optional.)

Subsequent Delays by the Receiver:

“Time Violation, Point Penalty, Mr.____(last name).” (“Let’s Play” is optional.)

- 3) After a point or game penalty, the new score is announced.
- 4) If a Chair Umpire wants the Supervisor to assess an immediate default, he is to announce “Code Violation, Supervisor to the court.”
- 5) A player cannot appeal to the Chair Umpire for the withdrawal of a “Time Violation” or “Code Violation” given to his opponent.
- 6) Code Violations shall be announced in English.

C. Language - Chair Umpire

Chair umpires should announce matches in the language of the tournament and subsequently in English. Conversations between the Chair Umpire and player may be in any language; however, if the language used is not English, then the Chair Umpire must be prepared to advise the other player of the nature of the discussion.

D. Medical Time-Out

The following are examples of announcements to be made when there is a medical time-out:

When the Chair Umpire decides to call for the Physiotherapist, the Chair Umpire shall announce:

“The Physiotherapist has been called to the court.”

After a three (3) minute time-out is authorized, the Chair Umpire should make the public announcement of:

“Mr._____ is now receiving a medical time-out.”

The following announcements are to be made privately to the Physiotherapist and both players/teams:

“Two (2) minutes remaining”

“One (1) minute remaining”

“Thirty (30) seconds remaining”

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“Treatment complete”

“Time” (public)

Once the “Treatment complete” notice has been given to the Physiotherapist and both players/teams, then if needed, the player should be given the time necessary to put on socks and shoes before “Time” is called.

If there is no play after an additional thirty (30) seconds, the delay is penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

E. Player Introductions

The following are examples of announcing statements to be used for player introductions:

- 1) If the introduction of players is to be made from the chair, then during the warm-up, the Chair Umpire says: “This is a ____round singles/doubles match, best of three (3) tie-break sets. To the right of the chair _____(full name) and to the left of the chair _____(full name)._____(full name)won the toss and elected to ____.”
- 2) If the introduction of players is made by a tournament announcer, then before each player’s first service game the Chair Umpire says: “_____(full name) to serve.” (optional - “first set”).

F. Score

The following are examples of announcing statements to be used for scoring:

- 1) The Server’s score is always called first, except in the Tie-break.
- 2) The score is announced: Fifteen-Love, Love-Fifteen, Thirty-Love, Love-Thirty, Forty-Love, Love-Forty, Fifteen-All, Fifteen-Thirty, Thirty-Fifteen, Fifteen-Forty, Forty-Fifteen, Thirty-All, Thirty-Forty, Forty-Thirty, Deuce (never Forty-All), Advantage _____(last name), Game _____(last name). For No-Ad scoring, when the score reaches deuce, the chair should announce: “Deuce, Deciding Point, Receiver’s Choice.”
- 3) The score must be announced loudly and distinctly when a point is finished for the players and the crowd. The Chair Umpire has the option to make the announcement either before or after the applause, whichever guarantees the announcement can be heard by the players. “Timing” for the next point begins when the point ends, not when the announcement is made.
- 4) At the end of a game or set the Chair Umpire, in addition to announcing “Game _____(last name),” should announce the score in games in conformity with the following example:

“Game Smith, Jones/Smith lead 4 games to 2 (or 4-2)” or Game Smith, 3 games all.”

“Game and third set, Smith, 7 games to 5. Jones leads 2 sets to 1.”

If there is a scoreboard visible to the spectators, then the set number need not be mentioned. In such case only the score in games should be announced: “Game Smith, first game.”
- 5) When a set reaches the Tie-break, the Chair Umpire announces:

“Game Smith, 6 games all. Tie-break.”

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- 6) During the Tie-break, the score is announced by first giving the score and then the name of the player(s) leading, e.g.:

“1-0, Jones” or “1-0, Jones/Smith” (Use “Zero” rather than “Love” in the Tie-break.)

“1 All”

“2-1, Smith”

At the conclusion of the Tie-break, the Chair Umpire announces:

“Game and _____ set, _____ (last name), 7 games to 6 (or 7-6).”

- 7) At the conclusion of the match, the Chair Umpire announces the winner in conformity with the following example:

“Game, set and match Smith (optional -3 sets to 2); 3-6, 5-7, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.”

In each set, call first the number of games won by the winner of the match.

- 8) During the warm-up, the following examples of announcing statements should be used at the appropriate times:

“Three (3) minutes - 3 minutes until warm-up ends.

“Two (2) minutes” - 2 minutes until warm-up ends.

“One (1) minute” - 1 minute until warm-up ends.

“Time” (optional - “prepare to play”)- end of warm-up; direct balls to Server's end of court.

“_____” (full name), (optional - “first set”), to Serve, Play” - immediately prior to Server preparing to serve.

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8.01 Tournament Obligations

A. Application Requirements

Each tournament agrees to comply with all provisions contained in the ATP Tour tournament and ATP Challenger Tour Applications where applicable.

B. Ranking Based Entry

Each tournament agrees to accept entries of tennis players on the basis of the PIF ATP Rankings and the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Russian and Belarusian nationals may be required (as determined solely by ATP) to provide a signed Declaration of Neutrality (in a form approved by ATP) in order for them to enter and participate in certain tournaments.

Exception 1: In the event that a government or country imposes restrictions preventing Russian or Belarusian nationals from entering the country after the singles or doubles main draw entry deadline, ATP reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to permit the tournament to proceed. In addition, in such instance, ATP may allow the affected Russian or Belarusian nationals to play in another ATP event.

Exception 2: ATP will accept tournaments in countries where Covid-19 vaccination is required for entry into the country.

C. Other Circuit

Each ATP Tour tournament and ATP Challenger Tour tournament agrees to refrain from being advertised or promoted as part of any other circuit or series of tournaments, unless expressly authorized by ATP.

8.02 Tournament Standards Violations

No ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall violate any provision of ATP's rules, regulations, or conditions of approval. Unless otherwise specified, a violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a fine specified in the table below* (“Tournament Standards Violations Fines Table”).

Violation	Sanction**
Failure to meet basic Tournament Standards with no material impact on competition, players, or the overall image of the ATP Tour / ATP Challenger Tour / tournament	Warning or a fine up to \$25,000
Failure to meet Tournament Standards with minor impact on competition, players or the overall image of the ATP Tour / ATP Challenger Tour / tournament	Fine up to \$50,000

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Violation	Sanction**
Failure to meet Tournament Standards with significant impact on competition, players or the overall image of the ATP Tour / ATP Challenger Tour / tournament	Fine up to \$100,000
Major, willful, and/or repetitive non-compliance with the Tournament Standards	Fine up to a maximum of \$250,000 and/or a change in category and/or membership status***

*Tour Tournament Standards Violation Fines Table under review.

**Specific amounts are on a per violation basis and should depend and may vary on the severity of the violation and issue(s) presented. This maximum fine amount will increase by one-hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive year violation of the same standard by a tournament.

***Change in category and/or membership status is subject to a decision by the ATP Board.

A. On-Site

On-site violations may include, but are not limited to, tournament obligations specified in the current ATP Official Rulebook under sections titled ATP Circuit Regulations, Branding, Financial, Personnel and Facilities & On-Site Conditions.

B. Security at Tournaments

Each tournament has the responsibility to provide security at the tournament site. Tournaments must submit their security plan sixty (60) days in advance to the ATP Security Director.

C. Tournament Report

Each ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall submit to ATP a report of the tournament and its affairs as requested by ATP.

D. ATP Fantasy Sport and Sponsorship

ATP Tour tournaments may enter sponsorship agreements with a company that offers wagering on tennis (a “Tennis Betting Operator”) subject to the terms and conditions stated in Exhibit AB. The agreements may not extend beyond December 31, 2026. ATP Challenger 125 and 175 tournaments may enter sponsorship agreements with a Tennis Betting Operator subject to those agreements being sold and controlled centrally by the ATP, the revenues are distributed to the relevant tournaments and follow the rules applicable to ATP Tour events. The agreements for ATP Challenger 125 and 175 tournaments may not extend beyond December 31, 2026. ATP will assess any negative effects of such sponsorship agreements in determining whether to extend these periods.

ATP Tour tournaments may accept sponsorship from a fantasy sport branded company promoting only the fantasy sport brand. If the company does not offer, and is not

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affiliated with a company that offers, wagering on tennis, or if a betting, casino, lottery or fantasy sport-branded company is not a Tennis Betting Operator and the proposed sponsorship will not promote a Tennis Betting Operator, these rules shall not apply to the sponsorship and there are no restrictions on the sponsorship agreement, except that ATP approval shall still be required and Tournament Support Personnel shall still comply with the TACP (as defined below). If, during the term of the sponsorship, the company becomes a Tennis Betting Operator or the sponsorship will promote a tennis betting brand, the sponsorship must comply with these rules. However, most fantasy sport brands offer, or are affiliated with companies that offer, wagering on tennis and constitute a Tennis Betting Operator as defined herein. In that case, all the terms and conditions in Exhibit AB apply to such fantasy sport Tennis Betting Operator. Such agreements may not extend beyond December 31, 2026.

E. On-Site Tennis Betting

No ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any person to wager on tennis matches while at the tournament site. Allowing betting companies, directly or through a third party, to accept any tennis wagers (electronically or otherwise) at the tournament site or any tournament related event is prohibited.

F. Determination of Violation and Penalty

The SVP – Rules & Competition shall make a reasonable investigation to determine the facts regarding all tournament on-site offenses. Upon determining that a violation has occurred, the SVP – Rules & Competition shall specify the fine up to \$10,000 and/or other punishment in written notice to the tournament. The ATP Members Fines Committee will make determination for fines over \$10,000 and/or other punishment in written notice to the tournament. The tournament shall have the right to appeal such determination to the ATP Members Fine Committee for violations up to \$10,000 or to the ATP Standards Committee for violations over \$10,000, consistent with the procedures outlined in the Code.

G. Payment of Fines

Fines levied by the SVP – Rules & Competition for tournament on-site offenses shall be paid in accordance with the following:

- 1) ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments. Each tournament shall promptly pay the fine to ATP.
- 2) The tournament may authorize ATP to withhold the amount of the fine from any monies owed the tournament by ATP.
- 3) If the monies owed to the tournament are insufficient to pay the fine, the tournament shall pay the balance within twenty-one (21) days after receiving written notice of the fine.

H. Procedures for Appeal

- 1) Any tournament in violation of a tournament on-site offense may, after paying all fines, appeal to the ATP Members Fine Committee for violations up to \$10,000 or to the ATP Standards Committee for violations over \$10,000 for review of a determination of guilt and the penalty assessed.

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- 2) Such appeal shall be in accordance with the procedure specified in Section 8.03 F. 4.

8.03 Tournament Major Offenses

No ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall violate any provision of ATP's rules and regulations contained below under the Tournament Major Offense section of the current ATP Official Rule Book. Unless otherwise specified, violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$250,000, or in the case of Tournament Standards Violation under the Tournament Standards Violations Fine Table, plus any additional financial penalties specified in other rules, and/or change in membership status, and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to ATP.

A. Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

The favorable reputation of ATP, its tournaments and players is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all ATP members. Accordingly, it is an obligation for ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, owner(s), promoter(s), operator(s) or representative(s) thereof, to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news media publicized comments that unreasonably attack or disparage any person or group of people, a tournament, sponsor, player, official or ATP.

Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with ATP policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a tournament, player, sponsor, official or ATP are expressly covered by this section.

B. Aggravated Behavior

- 1) No ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament, or any person who directly or indirectly has a controlling ownership interest therein or who is the Designated Representative (as defined in the ATP By-Laws) or Tournament Director or other employee or agent of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall engage in aggravated behavior which is defined as follows:
 - a) One incident of behavior that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the ATP or its members or is singularly egregious.
 - b) A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code in consecutive years which singularly do not constitute aggravated behavior, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to ATP and/or its members.

C. Promotional Fees

- 1) ATP Tour 500 and ATP Tour 250 tournaments have the option to offer fees for promotional services. No other ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament owner, operator, sponsor or agent is permitted to offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall the 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 assure or entice a player's competing in a tournament or event within the tournament, other than prize money, unless authorized to do so by ATP.

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- 2) In the event the ATP CEO or Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition believes that a tournament may be violating this section, then upon demand, the tournament must furnish to the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his agent access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating to such alleged prohibited compensation or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition. In the event a tournament fails to provide such records or affidavit for such audit, it may be subject to a fine up to \$100,000 and termination of membership, pending compliance with such demand.
- 3) Violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$100,000 plus the amount or value of any such compensation, and termination of membership, and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to ATP.

D. Wagers and On-Site Tennis Betting

No ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament, ATP member or any person who directly or indirectly has a controlling ownership interest therein or who is the Designated Representative (as defined in the ATP By-Laws) or Tournament Director or other employee or agent of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament or ATP member (excluding employees or agents who do not have executive or material management authority) shall engage in any form of gambling or wagering in connection with any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament.

E. Wild Cards

No ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament, or any person who directly or indirectly has a controlling ownership interest therein or who is the Designated Representative (as defined in the ATP By-Laws) or Tournament Director or other employee or agent of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall directly or indirectly, accept compensation in exchange for a wild card.

F. Investigation, Determination, Imposition and Review

- 1) The Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fines Committee, as applicable, shall investigate all facts concerning any alleged tournament violation of an ATP rule or regulation and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the tournament involved. The tournament shall be given at least five (5) days (excluding weekends) to provide to the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fine Committee, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the tournament deems to be relevant to the investigation. The Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fine Committee shall conduct the investigation in consultation with the applicable ATP Regional EVP or SVP.
- 2) Upon the completion of the investigation, the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fine Committee, as applicable, 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 the penalty to be imposed on the tournament. A copy of the decision of the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fine Committee shall be promptly delivered to the tournament with copies to the ATP CEO, or in the case of Standards Violations,

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the ATP Members Fine Committee up to \$10,000 or the ATP Standards Committee for fines over \$10,000 and the applicable ATP Regional EVP or SVP.

- 3) All fines shall be paid by the tournament by delivery to the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of written notice.
- 4) Any tournament found to have violated an ATP rule, regulation or condition of approval that results in a fine, may, after paying all fines, petition the ATP CEO for discretionary review, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee for fines up to \$10,000 or the ATP Standards Committee for fines over \$10,000. This petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ATP CEO, Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition, or the ATP Members Fine Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable) within twenty-one (21) days after notice of the determination and penalty is received by the tournament. (The Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fines Committee, where applicable, shall forward the review petition promptly to the ATP CEO or ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable)). Such petition shall state in detail the basis for the appeal. Within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the petition, the ATP CEO or his designee, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable) shall determine whether the appeal should proceed to a hearing or if a determination based upon the facts as presented is appropriate. If the ATP CEO or his designee, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable) determines that the appeal should not proceed to a hearing, then the decision, upon notice to the tournament, becomes final. This decision may affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the Senior Vice President - Rules and Competition/ATP Members Fines Committee. If the ATP CEO or his designee, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable) determines that the appeal should proceed to a hearing, he shall designate a date; time and place for the hearing of the appeal, and the ATP CEO or his designee, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable) shall notify the tournament and the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fines Committee. At the hearing, the tournament and the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fines Committee shall present to the ATP CEO or his designee, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable), their respective positions on the facts. On the appeal, the ATP CEO or his designee, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable) may affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fines Committee. If the appeal is decided against the tournament, then the ATP CEO or his designee, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable) shall charge to the tournament the reasonable costs of the appeal, which shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses.
- 5) If the penalty imposed on the tournament includes a recommendation for loss or change in tournament membership status, that recommendation shall be reviewed by the ATP Board, which may implement, modify or reject the recommendation of the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition/ATP Members Fines Committee or ATP Standards Committee. The imposition of any non-fine penalty by the ATP Board shall be made in accordance with the By-laws.

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- 6) Service of any document on a tournament as is required by this section shall be deemed completed if mailed to the Tournament Director at the address indicated in the tournament application or as subsequently revised by the tournament member. Any written communication to be sent to the ATP CEO or Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition, or in the case of Standards Violations, the ATP Members Fines Committee/ATP Standards Committee (as applicable) should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published.

ATP CEO	OR	SVP - Rules & Competition or ATP Fines/Standards Committees
22 Worple Road		ATP
Wimbledon		201 ATP Tour Blvd.
SW14 4DD		Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082, USA
Telephone: +44 207 381 7890		Telephone: +1 904 285 8000
Facsimile: +44 207 381 7895		Facsimile: +1 904 779 3300

- 7) ATP is authorized to obtain collection of all overdue fines along with costs, if any, by all reasonable means, including legal proceedings as may be deemed necessary and appropriate.

8.04 Player Code of Conduct (“Code”)

A. Entry/Withdrawal Offenses

Entry Obligations. No player or team entered into the main draw or moved into the main draw as a direct acceptance of a tournament may withdraw after the entry and withdrawal deadline or not appear for first-round match(es) without penalty as described below. The Senior Vice President, Rules & Competition shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding any such entry offense and, upon determining that a violation has occurred, shall specify the fine.

B. Fines

1) ATP Tour Tournaments

- a) The provisions relating to assessment and payment of withdrawal, late withdrawal or punctuality fines for tournaments are separate from but in addition to the provisions of the player ATP commitment. The penalties are:
 - i) **Singles**
 - aa) **ATP Tour 250 Only.** Withdrawals occurring prior to the 10 AM, Eastern time, USA, Friday withdrawal deadline:

ATP PIF Rank- ings	Third (3rd)	Fourth (4th)	Fifth (5th) and Subsequent
(most recent)	Offense	Offense	Offenses
1 - 10	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
11 - 25	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
26 - 50	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$8,000

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51-100	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
101 +	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000

bb) ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500 & 250 events.

Withdrawals occurring after the 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, Friday withdrawal deadline (Late Withdrawals):

ATP PIF Rankings	First (1st)	Second (2nd)	Third (3rd)* and Subsequent
<u>(most recent)</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offenses</u>
1 - 10	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
11 - 25	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
26 - 50	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$16,000
51-100	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$8,000
101 +	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000

*For purposes of determining 2nd, 3rd and Subsequent Offenses, only Late Withdrawals are counted.

ii) Doubles.

aa) If the withdrawal was after 10 AM, Eastern time, USA, Friday and prior to the onsite sign-in deadline then the fine is \$1,000 per team member (doubled if team would have been seeded).

bb) If the withdrawal was after the on-site sign-in deadline then this is to be considered as a Late Withdrawal and the fine is \$2,500 per team member (doubled if team would have been, or was, seeded).

iii) **Doubles Qualifying.** If the withdrawal was after 10 AM Eastern time, USA, Friday, then the fine is \$500 per team member (doubled if the team would have been seeded).

iv) Doubles – Exceptions

aa) If both members of the team were on-site at the time of the withdrawal and the withdrawal was due to a medical condition, then neither player is subject to a fine.

bb) If the withdrawal was due to one or both members of the team being accepted into the main draw singles of another event, then neither player is subject to a fine.

b) Fines shall be doubled in the case of any player who would have been seeded, based on the most recent PIF ATP Rankings.

c) **ATP Tour Masters 1000 or ATP Tour 500 Qualifying.** Third and subsequent withdrawals from the qualifying competition will be fined \$250 or \$500 if he would have been seeded based upon the most recent PIF ATP Rankings.

ATP Tour 250 Qualifying. Third and subsequent withdrawals from the qualifying competition will be fined \$250 or \$500 if he would have been seeded based upon the most recent PIF ATP Rankings.

All ATP Tour Qualifying events. If the player withdraws after the 10 AM Eastern time, USA, Friday deadline, or is a No Show, it is a Late Withdrawal and the fine shall be \$1,000 (or \$2,000 if seeded).

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d) 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 player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

2) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments

a) The penalty for fourth and subsequent withdrawals is a fine of \$250 for each offense and applies to singles. Fines shall be doubled in the case of any player who would have been seeded, based on the most recent PIF ATP Rankings.

b) Any singles withdrawal occurring after 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA on Friday, shall be assessed a fine of \$1,000 (or \$2,000 if seeded).

c) **ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying.** Fifth and subsequent withdrawals from the qualifying competition will be fined \$150 or \$300 if he would have been seeded based upon the most recent PIF ATP Rankings. If the player withdraws after the 10 AM Eastern time, USA, Friday deadline, or is a No Show, it is a Late Withdrawal and the fine shall be \$500 (or \$750 if seeded).

d) ATP Challenger Doubles.

i) If the withdrawal was after 10 AM, Eastern time, USA, Friday and prior to the onsite sign-in deadline then the fine is \$500 per team member (doubled if team would have been seeded).

ii) If the withdrawal was after the on-site sign-in deadline then this is to be considered as a Late Withdrawal and the fine is \$1,000 per team member (doubled if team would have been, or was, seeded).

iii) Doubles Exceptions apply as noted above for ATP Tour.

C. Tournament Rebates

Tournaments shall receive a rebate from ATP when the following conditions have occurred:

1) **ATP Tour Masters 1000.** All fine amounts collected as a result of late withdrawals shall be returned to the tournament where the late withdrawal occurred.

2) **ATP Tour 500.** All fine amounts collected as a result of late withdrawals shall be returned to the tournament where the late withdrawal occurred.

3) **ATP Tour 250.** All fine amounts collected as a result of withdrawals or late withdrawals shall be returned to the tournament where the withdrawal or late withdrawal occurred.

4) **ATP Tour Qualifying.** All fine amounts collected as a result of withdrawals or late withdrawals shall be returned to the tournament where the withdrawal or late withdrawal occurred.

D. Withdrawal Penalties

1) **ATP Tour 500.** Any player withdrawing after the entry/withdrawal deadline shall have a ranking penalty assessed in accordance with procedures specified in the ranking section of this rule book. Players shall not have the ranking penalty assessed if they complete the requirements for "promotional activities"; are out of competition for 30 days; or the withdrawal complied with the requirements for an on-site withdrawal. Players may appeal withdrawal penalties to a Tribunal who will determine whether the penalties are affirmed or set aside.

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- 2) **ATP Tour Masters 1000.** Any player withdrawing from the main draw shall have a ranking penalty assessed in accordance with procedures specified in the ranking section of this rule book and be suspended from a subsequent ATP Tour Masters 1000 event. This event shall be the event where the player earned the highest point total during the previous 12 months. Subsequent withdrawals will carry a second suspension from the next event where the player earned his second highest point total. Additional withdrawals will include further suspensions in the same manner. Players shall not have the suspension penalty assessed if they complete the requirements for “promotional activities” or the withdrawal complied with the requirements for an on-site withdrawal. Players may appeal suspension penalties to a Tribunal who will determine whether the penalties are affirmed or set aside (see sections J & K). Ranking penalties are automatic and cannot be appealed.

NOTE¹: If there were no 1000 results, the suspension would be from the next Masters 1000 event he is accepted as a Direct Acceptance.

NOTE²: Players with grandfathered earned complete commitment reduction from all ATP Tour Masters 1000 events, who withdrew from that event for any reason the previous year, do not need to submit an appeal to avoid the suspension penalty.

E. Retirement or Withdrawal Penalty (On-Site)

- 1) A player who, because of injury or illness, retires during a match or withdraws during the tournament week must submit to an on-site medical examination by the designated tournament Doctor. Any player who retires during a match must be examined by the tournament Doctor prior to the end of play on the day of the retirement. Failure to submit to such examination shall be a violation of this section and shall subject a player to a fine at ATP Tour tournaments of \$10,000 (\$2,500 for the qualifying competition) or at ATP Challenger Tour tournaments to a fine of \$1,000, (\$500 for the qualifying competition), or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater.
- 2) Following any on-site retirement or withdrawal, the Supervisor at the next tournament in which the players wants to play, may require the player to submit to an on-site examination by the designated tournament Doctor and receive authorization from the Supervisor before competing in any future ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments. The Supervisor's authorization shall be based on the following: the results of the on-site medical examination; a review of such results with one of ATP's medical services directors, if possible; and any other appropriate information.

No Medical? Big Mistake

Case: A player retires from his singles match and leaves the tournament site without having been examined by the tournament Doctor. Later, it is discovered that the player has left the tournament city. What action does the Supervisor take?

Decision: Any player who fails to submit to an on-site examination by the tournament Doctor after retiring from a match shall be subjected to a fine of \$10,000 (\$1,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments) or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater.

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F. Special Exempt/Wild Card Non-Appearance

A player who accepts a wild card or a special exempt pursuant to the procedures set forth under section 7.10, special exempts, shall appear for play. A violation of this section would be considered as a late withdrawal and be subject to the penalties set forth under late withdrawals.

G. Payment of Fines

The player shall pay all fines to ATP within ten (10) days after the notice of fine is provided to the player. All collected entry/withdrawal fine amounts, with the exception of Challenger fines, shall be returned to the event from which the fine was incurred.

H. Playing Another event

- 1) No player who has entered and been accepted into the main draw or qualifying of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament, except if appropriately released by ATP. Once a player enters and is accepted into the main draw or qualifying of the singles or doubles competition, he is committed to that tournament for the week, unless released by the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or Supervisor. A violation of this section shall constitute the Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.
- 2) A player who has entered and been accepted into the main draw of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall be permitted to sign-in and compete in the doubles event of the same tournament if his withdrawal was for medical reasons and he is determined by the Supervisor, upon written medical advice, to be physically capable to compete on a professional level of play.
- 3) A player may receive permission from a Tournament Director of an ATP Tour 250 tournament to compete in a special event on the Monday of that tournament.

I. Repeal of Withdrawal Fines and/or Penalties

1) ATP Tour 250

a) Consecutive Withdrawals

- i) Players with multiple consecutive withdrawals* who are out of competition for thirty (30) days or more due to injury will not be subject to a fine as long as verified and approved medical forms are provided.

Note: The count shall begin on the withdrawal deadline date; the date of the retirement; the date of the late withdrawal; or the date of the on-site withdrawal, whichever was chronologically first.

- ii) A player must not compete in any other tennis event during those periods.

*Each consecutive withdrawal must be prior to 10 AM on Friday, before the tournament.

b) On-Site Medical Examination.

Players who withdraw after 10 AM Eastern Time, USA on Friday (or in the case of doubles, after the entry deadline) before a tournament shall not have the late withdrawal fine assessed if determined to be unfit to play that week if:

- i) The player who is still competing in a tournament or Davis Cup* after the Friday 10 AM deadline is forced to withdraw/retire and is examined by

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that event's Doctor and determined to be unfit for the following week's tournament; or

- ii) The player was on-site at the event when the withdrawal occurred and is determined to be unfit for play by that tournament's Doctor. Players who are examined by the on-site tournament Doctor shall receive tournament provided hotel rooms through the night of the examination.

* A withdrawal from Davis Cup must be from a "live" match, for medical reasons.

c) Promotional Activities.

A player who was not on-site when the withdrawal/late withdrawal occurred but travels to the tournament within the first three (3) days of the main draw, unless otherwise determined by ATP, and participates in a reasonable amount of promotional activities over a two (2) day period, as determined by ATP, shall not have the applicable fines assessed. Players who travel to the event to complete their promotional activity requirement shall receive full hospitality from the day of arrival through the night following the completion of their promotional obligation.

d) Appeal.

The player may appeal the fine to the SVP - Rules and Competition as specified below under "Review of Penalties for Entry and Commitment Offenses".

2) ATP Tour 500

a) Consecutive Withdrawals

- i) Players with multiple consecutive withdrawals* who are out of competition for thirty (30) days or more due to injury will not be subject to a late withdrawal fine or a ranking penalty as long as verified and approved medical forms are provided.

Note: The count shall begin on the withdrawal deadline date; the date of the retirement; the date of the late withdrawal; or the date of the on-site withdrawal, whichever was chronologically first.

- ii) A player must not compete in any other tennis event during those periods. *Each consecutive withdrawal must be prior to 10 AM on Friday, before the tournament.

b) On-Site Medical Examination.

Players who withdraw after 10 AM Eastern Time, USA on Friday (or in the case of doubles, after the on-site entry deadline) before a tournament shall not have the late withdrawal fine or ranking penalty assessed if determined to be unfit to play that week if:

- i) The player who is still competing in a tournament or Davis Cup* after the Friday 10 AM deadline is forced to withdraw/retire and is examined by that event's Doctor and determined to be unfit for the following week's tournament; or
- ii) The player was on-site at the event when the withdrawal occurred and is determined to be unfit for play by that tournament's Doctor. Players who are examined by the on-site tournament Doctor shall receive tournament provided hotel rooms through the night of the examination.

*A withdrawal from Davis Cup must be from a "live" match, for medical reasons.

c) Promotional Activities.

A player who was not on-site when the withdrawal/late withdrawal occurred but travels to the tournament within the first three (3) days of the main draw, unless otherwise determined by ATP, and participates in a reasonable amount

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of promotional activities over a two (2) day period, as determined by ATP, shall not have the applicable fine and ranking penalties assessed. Players who travel to the event to complete their promotional activity requirement shall receive full hospitality from the day of arrival through the night following the completion of their promotional obligation.

d) Appeal.

The player may appeal the fine and ranking penalty to the Appeals Tribunal as specified below under "Review of Penalties for Entry and Commitment Offenses". See also ATP Tour 500 - Ranking Penalty, page 250.

- e) **Replacement Event.** A commitment player who has received a zero (0) point ranking penalty for withdrawing from an ATP Tour 500 event may replace the zero (0) point by playing an additional ATP Tour 500 event in that same calendar year for a total of four (4) played. The replacement tournament must be after the 500 withdrawal that has resulted in a ranking penalty. Only one (1) additional ATP Tour 500 event per year may be used to replace an ATP Tour 500 ranking penalty. See also ATP Tour 500 - Ranking Penalty, page 250.

3) ATP Tour Masters 1000

a) On-Site Medical Examination.

Players who withdraw after 10 AM Eastern Time, USA on Friday (or in the case of doubles, after the entry deadline) before a tournament shall not have the late withdrawal fine and the suspension assessed if determined to be unfit to play that week if:

- i) The player who is still competing in a tournament or Davis Cup* after the Friday 10 AM deadline is forced to withdraw/retire and is examined by that event's Doctor and determined to be unfit for the following week's tournament; or
- ii) The player was on-site at the event when the withdrawal occurred and is determined to be unfit for play by that tournament's Doctor. Players who are examined by the on-site tournament Doctor shall receive tournament provided hotel rooms through the night of the examination.

*A withdrawal from Davis Cup must be from a "live" match, for medical reasons.

b) Promotional Activities.

A player who was not on-site when the withdrawal/late withdrawal occurred but travels to the tournament within the first three (3) days of the main draw, unless otherwise determined by ATP, and participates in a reasonable amount of promotional activities over a two (2) day period, as determined by ATP, shall: (i) not have the applicable fine assessed, (ii) may recoup potential bonus pool money under Section 1.07.H.2 and (iii) shall not have the suspension penalties assessed. Players who travel to the event to complete their promotional activity requirement shall receive full hospitality from the day of arrival through the night following the completion of their promotional obligation.

c) Appeal.

The player may appeal the fine and suspension to the Appeals Tribunal as specified below under "Review of Penalties for Entry and Commitment Offenses".

d) Exceptions.

The player will not have the suspension assessed if he has grandfathered earned commitment reductions and withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline and he did not withdraw in any manner from the same event the previous

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year. For the avoidance of doubt, the ranking penalty is automatic and unappealable regardless of any grandfathered ATP Masters 1000 exemptions.

4) ATP Challenger Tour/ATP Qualifying/ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying

a) Consecutive Withdrawals

- i) Players with multiple consecutive withdrawals* who are out of competition for 30 days or more due to injury will not be subject to a fine as long as verified and approved medical forms are provided.
- ii) A player must not compete in any other tennis event during those periods.
Note: The count shall begin on the withdrawal deadline date; the date of the retirement; the date of the late withdrawal; or the date of the on-site withdrawal, whichever was chronologically first.

*Each consecutive withdrawal must be prior to 10 AM on Friday, before the tournament.

b) On-Site Medical Examination.

Players who withdraw after 10 AM Eastern Time, USA on Friday (or in the case of doubles, after the entry deadline) before a tournament shall not have the late withdrawal fine assessed if determined to be unfit to play that week if:

- i) The player who is still competing in a tournament or Davis Cup* after the Friday 10 AM deadline is forced to withdraw/retire and is examined by that event's Doctor and determined to be unfit for the following week's tournament; or
- ii) The player is examined on-site, at the event from which he withdrew, and determined to be unfit for play by that tournament's Doctor during qualifying or within the first three (3) days of the main draw for Challengers/ATP Tour Qualifying. Players who are examined by the on-site tournament Doctor shall receive tournament provided hotel rooms through the night of the examination.

*A withdrawal from Davis Cup must be from a "live" match, for medical reasons.

c) Appeal.

The player may appeal the fine to the SVP - Rules and Competition as specified below under "Review of Penalties for Entry and Commitment Offenses".

No Penalty After Retirement

Case: *A player is injured at an ATP Tour tournament and is forced to retire from his match. He is also unable to compete in the next week's tournament. The injury occurred after 10 AM, Friday, Eastern Time, USA. Must the player travel to the next tournament to be examined by that tournament's Doctor to avoid the appropriate penalties?*

Decision: *No. If the player is forced to retire after 10 AM, Friday, Eastern Time, USA, he may be examined by that tournament's Doctor.*

J. Review of Penalties for Entry and Commitment Offenses

Any player found to have committed a United Cup, ATP Tour Masters 1000 or ATP Tour 500 entry or commitment offense may petition the Appeal Tribunal for discretionary review. ATP Tour 250, ATP Tour Qualifying and ATP Challenger Tour appeals shall be submitted to and determined by the ATP Senior Vice President – Rules and Competition. This written petition shall detail the basis for the appeal.

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1) **Deadline.** The deadline for filing an appeal is as follows:

ATP Tour Masters 1000 - 6:00 PM Eastern USA on the Tuesday of the event week; except that:

96-draw tournaments shall be the first Thursday of the tournament week. If the Tribunal requests additional information, the player will have 24 hours from receipt of this notice to submit the requested information.

ATP Tour 500 - 10 days from the Monday of the event week.

If the Tribunal requests additional information, the player will have 48 hours from receipt of this notice to submit the requested information.

ATP Tour 250/ATP Tour Qualifying/ATP Challenger Tour - 10 days from the Monday of the event week.

If the SVP - Rules and Competition requests additional information, the player will have 48 hours from receipt of this notice to submit the requested information.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Tribunal/SVP - Rules and Competition and received prior to the deadline. Send electronically via email or fax to:

Miro Bratoev
Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition
201 ATP Tour Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082 USA
Email: miro.bratoev@atptour.com

2) **Determination.** The Tribunal President/SVP - Rules and Competition shall review the petition and make a determination within the following time period:

ATP Tour Masters 1000 - 10 AM Eastern USA on the Friday* of the event week.

*For 96-draw tournaments, the determination shall be made by 10 AM Eastern USA on the 2nd Friday of the event.

ATP Tour 500 - 20 days from the Monday of the event week.

ATP Tour 250/ATP Tour Qualifying/ATP Challenger Tour - 20 days from the Monday of the event week.

3) **Scope of determination.** The Tribunal's/SVP - Rules and Competition decision on each case is limited to the following:

United Cup

Late Withdrawal Fine, if applicable

ATP Tour Masters 1000

Suspension

Late Withdrawal Fine, if applicable.

ATP Tour 500

Ranking penalty

Late Withdrawal Fine, if applicable.

ATP Tour 250/ATP Tour Qualifying/ATP Challenger Tour

Withdrawal Fine

Late Withdrawal Fine

K. Tribunal.

The ATP Board of Directors and ATP CEO shall nominate designees for the appeals tribunal as follows:

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- 1) The three members of the board representing the players shall nominate a designee to serve a one (1) year term on the tribunal.
- 2) The three members of the board representing the tournaments shall nominate a designee to serve a one (1) year term on the tribunal.
- 3) The ATP CEO shall nominate a designee to serve a one (1) year term on the tribunal.
- 4) **Medical Advisor.**
 - a) A person nominated by the medical services committee shall be present, if requested by the three (3) voting members of the Tribunal, at all tribunal meetings to offer advice and expert opinion on medical matters presented to the Tribunal.
 - b) The advisor has no vote in any appeal decisions.

L. On-Site Offenses/Procedures

The on-site offense provisions shall apply to every player during his participation in an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament. On-site includes tournament hotels, transportation, all tournament facilities and activities.

1) Dress and Equipment

Every player shall dress and present himself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire as approved by ATP shall be worn. A player who violates this section may be ordered by the Chair Umpire or Supervisor to change his attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default.

a) Identification/Visible

No visible identification shall be permitted on a player, his clothing, products or equipment on court during a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony, except as follows:

i) ATP Definitions.

1. **Clothing Designs.** Clothing designs will not be interpreted as manufacturer's logos and such logos can be incorporated into the clothing design, provided they conform to the size and placement restrictions.
2. **Commercial Identification.** Corporate or product identification other than the manufacturer of the item, including social media usernames, hashtags, and URLs.
3. **Tennis Equipment Manufacturer.** The tennis equipment manufacturer is the entity that distributes, or offers for sale, tennis racquets, clothing, strings or shoes.
4. **Clothing Manufacturer.** Clothing manufacturer is the corporate or product identification, trademarks (regardless of registration status) or other recognizable names presented in the form of a logo or mark on the clothing product in question.
5. **Size Limitation.**
 - If a patch, the size is determined by the area of the actual patch. If a solid color patch is the same color as the clothing, then the size of the actual patch will be determined by the size of the logo identification, as described below.

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- If not a patch, the area of a logo or mark shall be determined by the circumference of a circle or the perimeter of a triangle or rectangle drawn around the logo or mark.

- ii) **Logo Usage.** All logos or patches must be firmly attached at all points on the clothing or equipment. All commercial ID logos placed on the shirt front or collar must be embroidered or screen printed. All manufacturer logos must be embroidered, screen printed or otherwise professionally attached at all points.

1. **Bags, Towels or Other Items.** Standard logos of tennis equipment manufacturers on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which may exceed six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm.).
2. **Drink Containers.** Players are permitted to use drink containers on-court if they are of reasonable size and they contain no logo or writing of the drink manufacturer. ATP has designated three (3) beverage categories of drinks for purposes of this rule: bottled water, electrolyte or other drinks (soft drinks, energy drinks and any other drink with the exception of alcoholic drinks and tea / coffee). The Supervisor may approve for use on-court a reasonably sized drink container that has a logo or writing, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm.) if:
 - The advertised on-court drink sponsor is the same as the player's drink container manufacturer, or;
 - The advertised on-court drink sponsor(s) is not in the same beverage category as the player's drink container.
3. **Hat or Headband.** One (1) standard logo of a clothing manufacturer or a tennis equipment manufacturer and/or one (1) commercial identification, both of which may contain writing. Neither shall exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm.).

Restrictions:

- The commercial logo must be located on the side of the hat / headband and worn so that it is positioned on the side of the head;
- No hat or headband, with or without logos, may be worn during the awards ceremony;
- Once a player has competed in the first match of his first event with a commercial brand logo on his hat/headband then he may not change commercial brands during that calendar year, unless approved by ATP.

Note: Players shall include a clause in their contracts permitting them to opt out at the end of any year in the event ATP rules change to prohibit a commercial brand logo on the hat or headband in the manner described above.

4. **Wristband.** One (1) standard logo of a clothing manufacturer or tennis equipment manufacturer, which may contain writing, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm.)
5. **Racquet.** Standard logos of the manufacturer shall be permitted on racquets and strings.
6. **Shirt, Sweater or Jacket.**
 - **Front, Back and Collar.** Two (2) standard logo positions of the clothing manufacturer or commercial ID, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm.), may be placed in any location (i.e. 2 on the front, or 1 on the front and 1 on the collar)

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or one (1) logo of the clothing manufacturer or commercial ID which may not exceed six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm.), may be placed on the front or collar and then an additional clothing manufacturer logo, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm.), may be placed on the back. Logos may contain writing. Once a player has competed in the first match of his first event with a commercial brand logo on the front, collar or headgear, he may not change brands during that calendar year, unless approved by ATP. No new commercial logo may be added to the shirt front for events following the US Open through the Nitto ATP Finals.

Note: Players shall include a clause in their contracts permitting them to opt out at the end of any year in the event ATP rules change to prohibit a commercial brand logo on the front of a shirt, sweater or jacket in the manner described above.

ATP Premier / Platinum Sponsor Patch. An additional commercial identification patch may be placed on the back of the shirt, below the collar, if part of the ATP Premier / Platinum sponsor patch program. This program is optional and is in addition to any manufacturer identification on the back of the shirt.

- **Sleeves.** Two positions for commercial (i.e., non-clothing manufacturer) or manufacturer's identification for each sleeve, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm). A maximum of two (2) logos may be placed within each 6 square inch (39 sq. cm.) position. Logos may contain writing.
- **Sleeveless.** Two (2) logo positions of the clothing manufacturer or commercial ID none of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq. cm.) may be placed on the front of the shirt. If no more than one (1) logo is placed on the front or collar of the shirt, then one (1) manufacturer logo may be placed on the back of the shirt, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm).
- **Other.** A logo of the clothing manufacturer, without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing, may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed twelve (12) square inches (77.5 sq. cm.) in one of the following positions:
 - a. On each of the shirt sleeves, or
 - b. On the outer seams (sides of torso) of the shirt.

7. Shorts.

- **Front and Back.** Two (2) standard logos of the clothing manufacturer neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm.), may be placed on the front or back of the shorts; or two (2) standard logos of the clothing manufacturer neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm), may be placed as follows: one (1) logo on the front and one (1) logo on the back of the shorts. Logos may contain writing.
- Compression shorts and/or compression sleeves may contain two (2) standard logos of the clothing manufacturer which must not exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm.) or one (1) standard logo of the clothing manufacturer which must not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm.).

- 8. **Socks /Shoes.** Standard logos of the manufacturer of the article may appear on each sock and each shoe.

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Tattoo as Logo

Case: A player arrives on court wearing an approved sleeveless shirt. The Chair Umpire notices that the player has a tattoo of the clothing manufacturer on his upper arm. If there is no issue with the size, is this allowed?

Decision: No. The rules for both clothing manufacturer and commercial I.D. logo placement clearly specify where these logos may be placed.

- iii) **Restrictions /Government.** Any commercial or other identification that violates applicable governmental and/or television regulations is prohibited.
- iv) **Restrictions/Other Tennis event.** The identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any tennis circuit, series of tennis events, tennis exhibition or tournament other than the "ATP" is prohibited on all dress or equipment at any ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, unless otherwise approved by ATP.
- v) **Restrictions /Timing.** Once a player has competed in the first match of his first event with a commercial brand logo in either of the two locations (shirt front and/or hat/headband), he may not change brands during that calendar year, unless approved by ATP.

Note: Players shall include a clause in their contracts permitting them to opt out at the end of any year in the event ATP rules change to prohibit a commercial brand logo on the front of a shirt, sweater or jacket in the manner described above.
- vi) **Restrictions / General.** Tobacco and companies associated with tennis gambling will be prohibited from any endorsements on player clothing. ATP reserves the right to prohibit any identification it deems not to be in the best interest of the game and/or ATP.

b) Shoes

- i) **General.** 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 a match or practice. Damage to a court may be considered as physical or visible, which may include a shoe that leaves marks beyond what is considered acceptable. The Supervisor has the authority to determine that a shoe does not meet the criteria of "customarily acceptable" and may order the player to change.
- ii) **Clay Courts.** Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The Supervisor has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform and can prohibit its use at any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament. Grass court shoes should not be worn during a match on clay courts.
- iii) **Grass Courts.** In ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments played on grass courts, no shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or covering, shall be worn by players.
 - aa) Special grass court shoes shall not be used without the express approval of ATP, based on the following specifications:
 - 1) The pimples or studs on the base of the sole should be vertical from the outsole and shall have a maximum top diameter of three (3) millimeters and a minimum top diameter of two (2) millimeters. The maximum height of the pimples or studs shall

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be two (2) millimeters, from the base of the shoe. The hardness of any pimple or studs shall be between 55 and 60 based on a Shore "A" scale. The number of pimples per square inch shall be no less than 15 and no more than 28.

- 2) Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing / sidewall can be contoured only in the medial forefoot and medial toe area but only within the following restrictions. The contoured area may begin in the transition area between outsole and sidewall but can only go to a maximum of 1.5 cm up the sidewall. This contoured area must be flat (not textured or undulating) but can be stepped with no more than 5 steps each no more than 1 mm in depth.
- 3) Forefoot and heel areas may be separated but there should be no more than a 2 mm step in the outsole of the shoe.
 - Approval of special grass court shoes should be received by ATP at least ninety (90) days in advance of the grass court tournament.

All shoes approved for play in 2008 shall continue to be approved.

c) Violations/Fines

Any player who violates this section and is not defaulted shall be subject to the following fines:

- i) **Commercial Identification.** Violation of the provisions with respect to commercial identifications shall result in a fine up to:
 - \$2,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.
 - \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments.
 - \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments.
 - \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments.

The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year.

- ii) **Tennis Equipment Manufacturer's logo.** Violation of the provisions with respect to standard logos of manufacturers shall result in a fine up to:
 - \$500 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.
 - \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments.
 - \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments.
 - \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments.

The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year.

- iii) **Other Tennis event.** Violation of the provisions with respect to the name of an event other than the "ATP" shall result in a fine up to:
 - \$5,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.
 - \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments.
 - \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments.
 - \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments.

The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year.

- iv) **Unacceptable Attire.** Violation of the provisions with respect to unacceptable attire shall result in a fine up to:
 - \$1,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments
 - \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments.
 - \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments.
 - \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments.

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The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year.

2) Point Penalty Schedule

- a) The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for Code Violations is as follows:

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

However, after the third Code Violation, the Supervisor shall determine whether each subsequent offense shall constitute a default.
- b) In ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments and events, Code Violations shall be levied by the Chair Umpire for on-court offenses. In the event that the Chair Umpire fails to levy a code violation, then the Supervisor may order him to do so.
- c) In doubles, code violations shall be assessed against the team.

3) Code Violations Not Witnessed By Chair Umpire

Occasionally, there are code violations by players that are not witnessed by the Chair Umpire. The Line Umpire should immediately approach the Chair Umpire and report the facts of the violation, during which time the Chair Umpire should turn off all microphones in the area of the chair. The Chair Umpire may ask the player to respond to such report; thereafter, the Chair Umpire must make a decision and he either dismisses the report or declares a code violation and assesses a penalty. If a code violation is assessed, then the Chair Umpire must announce such violation to the player, opponent and spectators. If in his opinion there was a code violation, but because of the time of discovery (another point has been played), it would be inappropriate to issue a Code Violation Warning, Point or Game Penalty, then he/she must notify the player that he/she will refer the matter to the Supervisor for action after the match. If a serious violation that may warrant an Immediate Default has been reported and acted upon no later than the end of the next changeover, the ATP Supervisor may be called to discuss an Immediate Default. The Supervisor may order the Chair Umpire to issue a code violation for a violation witnessed or not witnessed by the Chair Umpire.

Case 1: A Line Umpire reports to the Chair Umpire an incident which occurred three (3) points earlier, may the Chair Umpire issue a Warning, Point or Game Penalty?

Decision 1: No, in this case a Code Violation may be issued only if the violation was reported immediately (before the next point is played).

Case 2: Same situation as Case 1 above except that the violation reported is a serious violation that may warrant an Immediate Default. May the Supervisor/Referee be called to discuss an Immediate Default?

Decision 2: Yes, as long as the violation has been reported and acted upon no later than the end of the next changeover. Once the first point of the game immediately following the changeover has been played then no Code Violation for an Immediate Default may be issued. The player may however be subject to a fine as determined by the Supervisor.

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4) Offenses

a) Ball Abuse

- i) Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball while on the grounds of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). For 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 disregard of the consequences.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$350 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

b) Racquet or Equipment Abuse

- i) Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. For purposes of this rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously 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.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

c) Physical Abuse

- i) Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. For purposes of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, opponent, and spectator or other person.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$20,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments, \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments, \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments for each violation. The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the ATP Supervisor may refer the matter to the ATP Members Fines Committee who shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior or Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game has occurred. Prize money earned at that event shall be held by ATP until the ATP Members Fines Committee has concluded their investigation and made a determination.

d) Verbal Abuse

- i) Players shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or any other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Verbal abuse is defined as any statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or any other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$20,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments, \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments, \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments for each violation. The maximum fine will in-

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crease by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the ATP Supervisor may refer the matter to the ATP Members Fines Committee who shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior or Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game has occurred. Prize money earned at that event shall be held by ATP until the ATP Members Fines Committee has concluded their investigation and made a determination.

e) Audible Obscenity

- i) A player shall not use an audible obscenity while on-site. 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.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. 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 player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

f) Visible Obscenity

- i) Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind while on-site. Visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. 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 player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

g) Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- i) 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. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the success of a tournament, ATP and/or the Sport. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof.
- ii) Players and their support team members accredited at any event must comply with the physical distancing and COVID-19 precautionary measures applicable for each event. Any repetitive or blatant breach of those measures may be considered a violation of the code of conduct under this Section or the Major Offense of Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game depending on the severity of the violation.
- iii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$20,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments, \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments, \$60,000 for ATP Tour

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Masters 1000 tournaments for each violation. The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the ATP Supervisor may refer the matter to the ATP Members Fines Committee who shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior or Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game has occurred. Prize money earned at that event shall be held by ATP until the ATP Members Fines Committee has concluded their investigation and made a determination.

h) Best Efforts

- i) A player shall use his best efforts during the match when competing in a tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$20,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments, \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments, \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments for each violation. The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year.
- ii) For purposes of this rule, the Supervisor and/or the Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalize a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the ATP Supervisor may refer the matter to the ATP Members Fines Committee who shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the player Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior or Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game has occurred. Prize money earned at that event shall be held by ATP until the ATP Members Fines Committee has concluded their investigation and made a determination.

i) Leaving the Court

- i) A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire or Supervisor.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$3,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments, \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments, \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments for each violation. The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year. In addition, the player may be defaulted and shall be subject to the additional penalties for failure to complete match.

j) Failure to Complete Match

- i) A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments, \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments, \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments. The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year. Violation of this section shall subject a player to immediate default and shall also constitute the Major Offense of Aggravated Behavior.

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k) Ceremonies

- i) All tournament finalists must attend and participate in the post-match ceremonies, unless he is physically unable to do so as determined by the tournament Doctor. This includes retirements and finals not played due to a walkover.

- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000.

l) Coaching and Coaches

- i) Players shall not receive coaching during a tournament match*. Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach may be construed as coaching. Coaches on-site are prohibited from:
 - aa) Using an audible obscenity or making obscene gestures of any kind.
 - bb) Abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person, verbally or physically.
 - cc) Engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage a tournament, sponsor, player, official or ATP. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with ATP policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interest of a tournament, player, sponsor, official or ATP are expressly covered by this section.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the Supervisor shall have the authority to relocate the position of a coach if there is reasonable belief that coaching is occurring or the Supervisor may order the coach to be removed from the match site or tournament site and upon his failure to comply with such order, may declare an immediate default of such player.

*Coaching is allowed at ATP Tour and Challenger Tour tournaments through the end of 2024 on a trial basis with the following conditions:

- The coach must sit in the tournament's designated coaches' seats
- Verbal coaching is permitted only when the player is at the same end of the court
- Verbal coaching may consist of a few words and/or short phrases (no conversations are permitted)
- Non-verbal coaching (hand signals) is permitted
- Coaching (verbal and non-verbal) is allowed only if it does not interrupt play or create any hindrance to the opponent
- Players may approach their coach or engage in conversation with their coach during an opposing player's Medical Timeout or a Toilet Break/Change of Attire Break or another break approved by the Chair Umpire during which the players remain on court

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- Coaches may not speak to their player, when the player leaves the court for any reason
- Penalties and fines to apply for abuse or misuse of the coaching conditions

Electronic devices

Case: May a player listen to an mp3 player or other device on a changeover?

Decision: A player is not allowed to use any electronic devices (e.g. CD players, mobile phones, etc.) during matches, unless approved by the Supervisor. (Tour Policy)

m) Default

- i) During the match.** The Supervisor may default a player either for a single violation of the Code (immediate default) or as outlined in the Point Penalty Schedule.
- ii) On-site.** The Supervisor may withdraw a player from all events for a single violation of the Code occurring during the event but not during a player's match.
- iii)** In all cases of default, the Supervisor's decision shall be final and may not be appealed.
- iv) Penalties:**
 - aa)** Any player who is defaulted shall lose all prize money (gross prize money to be paid to ATP), hotel accommodations and points earned for that event at that tournament.
 - bb)** At the discretion of the Supervisor, the player may be withdrawn from all other events, if any, in that tournament.
 - cc)** In addition, if the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition determines that the default was particularly injurious to the success of the tournament or detrimental to the integrity of the sport, he may consider additional penalties (fines and/or suspensions).
- v)** The exception is when the offending incident involves:
 - aa)** A violation of the punctuality or dress and equipment provisions set forth in the Code; or
 - bb)** As a result of a medical condition; or
 - cc)** A match ending on a delay penalty (Code Violation for Delay of Game) if the delay penalty was the result of a medical condition.
 - dd)** A member of a doubles team did not cause any of the misconduct code violations that resulted in the team being defaulted.
- vi) In doubles:**
 - aa)** A default assessed for violation of the Code shall be assessed against the team.
 - bb)** The Supervisor will assess the default penalties against both players on the team, unless the provisions in 4 above apply.
 - cc)** At the discretion of the Supervisor, one or both of the players may be withdrawn from all other events, if any, in that tournament.
 - dd)** The partner of the player who caused the default shall receive points and prize money from the previous round.

Default - List Penalties

Case: If a player is defaulted through the Code of Conduct for misconduct, what penalties result?

Decision: The player may be withdrawn from any other event he is entered in, as determined by the Supervisor; lose all points and

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gross prize money earned for the event where he was defaulted; and hotel accommodations, in addition to the fines that may be imposed for the code violations. If the player is removed from the other event as well, he will lose all points and prize money earned from both events, and hotel accommodations.

n) Punctuality

Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

- i)** Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after his match is called shall be fined \$250.
- ii)** For televised matches with an announced "walk-on" time, players not ready to walk-on at the announced time may be issued a fine at the sole discretion of the ATP Supervisor. Normal fines may be in the range of \$1,000-\$5,000 but in extreme cases could be up to a maximum of \$10,000.
- iii)** Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called may be fined up to an additional \$750 and shall be defaulted unless the Supervisor, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default. In such case, the Supervisor shall immediately inform the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition. This section applies only to those players who are or have been on-site.

Late Transportation

Case: The scheduled transportation is late to pick up players from the tournament hotel. A player is defaulted for punctuality and subsequently arrives on-site with tournament transportation. Should the default be rescinded and the match played?

Decision: The player is defaulted. Transportation is a service provided by the tournament; however, the player is responsible for arriving on time for his match.

o) Continuous Play

- i) Delay of Play.** A player will receive a warning for the first violation and be subject to a fine for each subsequent violation (\$250 then doubled for each additional violation) during that week's event for violating the following timings:

Action	Time Allowed	
	ATP Tour	ATP Challenger
Reaching the net for the pre-match meeting. Timing begins when second player/team reaches the appropriate bench.	60 seconds	60 seconds
Warm-up. Time begins at the conclusion of the pre-match meeting.	4 minutes	5 minutes
Start of play. Players must show that they are ready to start play. Timing begins at the conclusion of the 4 or 5 minute warm-up.	60 seconds	60 seconds

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- ii) **Delay of Game.** Once the match has begun, play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause. A maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play until the time the ball is struck for the next point. If such serve is a fault, then the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. The exception is at a ninety (90) second changeover or a one hundred twenty (120) set break. The procedures for enforcing this rule are as follows:

aa) 25 Seconds Between Points.

- 1) Start stopwatch when the player is ordered to play or when the ball goes out of play.
- 2) Assess time violation or code violation if the ball is not struck for the next point within the twenty-five (25) seconds allowed. There is no time warning prior to the expiration of the twenty-five (25) seconds.

bb) Changeover (Ninety (90) Seconds) and Set Break (One Hundred and Twenty (120) Seconds).

- 1) Start stopwatch the moment the ball goes out of play.
- 2) Announce "Time" after sixty (60) / ninety (90) seconds have elapsed.
- 3) Announce "15 Seconds" if one or both of the players are still at their chairs and/or have not started toward their playing positions after seventy-five (75) / one hundred and five (105) seconds have elapsed.
- 4) Assess time violation or code violation (after medical time-out or treatment) if the ball is not struck for the next point within the ninety (90) / one hundred and twenty (120) seconds allowed provided there has been no interference which prevented the server from serving within that time.

NOTE: When requested by television, "Time" shall be announced after ninety (90) seconds for a changeover and one hundred twenty (120) seconds for a set break.

cc) Time Violations.

Violating a provision of this Section, as server or receiver, shall be penalized by a "Time Violation – Warning" and each subsequent violation shall be penalized as follows:

- **Server.** When serving the time violation shall result in a "fault".
- **Receiver.** When it is determined that the receiver is the cause of the time violation, then the receiver shall be penalized by the assessment of one (1) point penalty. The receiver must also play to the reasonable pace of the server. A Time Violation may be issued in this case prior to the expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server. Assess a code violation if the receiver is consistently or obviously delaying the server, thus employing "Un-sportsmanlike Conduct".
- **Server/Receiver** following a toilet break. Point Penalty.

Note: A second time violation occurs when a player who has received a prior warning as either the server or receiver is issued another time violation as either server or receiver. Example is Player A had received a warning for not serving within the 25 second limit; later, as receiver, Player A is deemed to not be playing to the reasonable pace

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of the server. This would be considered a second violation and a point penalty would be issued.

p) Post-Match Media Availability

- i) All players scheduled to play on televised courts will be required, if requested, to perform a pre-match TV interview on the day of the match (not to exceed 2 minutes in total). The interview may be conducted at either the player's practice court or as the players approach the court for walk-on as determined by the host and player's national broadcasters.

- ii) Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must be available, as determined by ATP, on court (for TVs only), in the mixed zone or media conference area after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser. Post-match media obligations include three (3) interviews, with the news service, host and player's national broadcasters. This rule shall also apply to matches won or lost as a result of a withdrawal or retirement.

- iii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine in accordance with the following schedule (based on most recent position in the PIF ATP Rankings):

1 - 10	\$20,000
11 - 25	\$10,000
26 - 50	\$5,000
51 - 100	\$3,000
101 +	\$1,000

Fines will be increased to the next higher level for any national player.

Fines will double for each repeat offense within an ATP Circuit Year.

For ATP Challenger Tour events, a violation of this section shall result in a fine of \$500.

q) Pre-Tournament Media Availability

All players will be required, if requested, to take part in media availability prior to their first match at each tournament.

r) ATP STARS Program Penalties

Players shall be required to participate in ATP sponsored activities at each ATP Tour tournament. Failure to participate in a scheduled activity due to non-appearance or tardiness shall be deemed a missed activity. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine as indicated below:

Fine Schedule (based on most recent position in the PIF ATP Rankings):

1 - 10	\$20,000
11 - 25	\$10,000
26 - 50	\$5,000
51 - 100	\$3,000
101 +	\$1,000

Fines will be increased to the next higher level for any national player. Fines will double for each repeat offense within an ATP Circuit Year.

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s) **Champion's Media Tour**

Each winner of a Grand Slam or the Nitto ATP Finals, if requested, is obligated to participate in media tour as arranged by ATP during the days immediately following the finals of any such tournament. Players and their agents will be consulted with respect to the scope and substance of the activities to take place during the media tour to ensure that the player is comfortable with the proposed activities. ATP will cover all expenses incurred by a player while participating in the media tour.

t) **Special Functions**

Each player, if requested, is obligated to attend the ATP Awards Show and up to two (2) additional ATP sponsored/conducted special events. Players and their agents will be consulted in advance to ensure that attendance at any such event(s) will not substantially intrude upon the player's schedule. Players and their agents will also be consulted with respect to the scope and substance of the events to ensure that the player is comfortable with attending the event(s).

M. Determination of Violation and Penalty

- 1) The Supervisor shall make a reasonable investigation to determine the facts regarding all player on-site offenses. Upon determining that a violation has occurred, the Supervisor shall specify the fine and/or other punishment in written notice to the player.
- 2) The ATP Members Fines Committee shall have the authority to investigate statements or actions made by a player that are not heard or seen by on-court officials by reviewing tapes of televised matches. After reviewing all facts and circumstances, the ATP Members Fines Committee may determine that a violation of the Code has occurred and shall specify the fine and/or other punishment. The player shall be given written notice of the violation and fine. The player shall have the right to appeal such determination to the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition, consistent with the procedures outlined in the Code.

N. Payment of Fines

Fines levied by the Supervisor for player on-site offenses shall be paid in accordance with the following:

- 1) **ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments.** Each tournament shall deduct fines from the player's winnings, if any, and promptly pay the fine to ATP. In the event that the player's winnings are insufficient to pay the fine, the player shall pay the balance within twenty (20) days after the tournament to ATP.

O. Procedures for Appeal

- 1) Except for appeals of violations of the Stars Program, any player in violation of a player on-site offense may, after paying all fines, appeal to the ATP Members Fines Committee for review of a determination of guilt and the penalty assessed.
- 2) Any player found to have committed a player on-site offense may appeal such decision in writing to the ATP Members Fines Committee. Such appeal shall be lodged within ten (10) days of the on-site offense. The ATP Members Fines Committee shall review the Appeal within twenty-one (21) days and, if necessary, designate a date, time and place for a hearing. At the hearing, the player shall present to the ATP Members Fines Committee his respective positions on the facts. The

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ATP Members Fines Committee may affirm, reverse or modify the penalty initially imposed by the Supervisor.

P. Appeal of Violations of STARS Program

- 1) All appeals concerning the ATP STARS Program shall be governed by the procedures in this section.
- 2) A player can file a written appeal with the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition within ten (10) days after the player's receipt of notification of a violation of the Stars Program. As a condition to filing an appeal, the player must pay the fine prescribed in the Program for the violation.
- 3) Upon receipt of a timely written appeal, the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition, or his designee, shall appoint a committee to hear and decide the appeal, and also shall appoint one of the committee members to act as the committee's chairman. ATP may provide reasonable compensation and reimbursement of expenses to committee members.
- 4) The committee shall convene a hearing to hear the appeal and shall render its written decision on the case as soon as practicable following the conclusion of the hearing. The decision shall be by majority of the committee members.
- 5) The procedure prior to and at the hearing shall be at the discretion of the committee chairman, including but not limited to the decision to conduct the hearing by telephone conference or in person. In establishing such procedures, the chairman shall take into account the amount of the fine involved and any other relevant considerations.
- 6) The committee shall not be bound by judicial rules governing the procedure or the admissibility of evidence, provided that the hearing is conducted in a fair manner with a reasonable opportunity for each party to submit evidence, address the committee and present his or its case.
- 7) In all appeals, ATP will appear and defend the finding of a violation, and shall have the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that there has been a violation of the STARS Program.
- 8) The committee's decision shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the appeal and will be binding on all parties.
- 9) If the player's appeal is upheld, the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition shall refund to the player the fine paid by the player in connection with this appeal.

Q. Notice and Service

- 1) Any written communication to be sent to the ATP Members Fines Committee or Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published.

ATP Members Fines Committee or SVP - Rules & Competition
ATP Americas
201 ATP Blvd
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082, USA
Telephone: +1 904 285 8000

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- 2) **Service.** Service to a player of any notice or other document shall be deemed completed if mailed to the player at his home address or other address designated by the player.

8.05 Player Major Offenses/Procedures

A. Offenses

1) Aggravated Behavior

- a) No player, their coaches, Physiotherapist, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player ("Related Persons"), or any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of the player or any other Related Person, at any ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament shall engage in aggravated behavior which is defined as follows:
- One or more incidents of behavior designated in this Code as constituting aggravated behavior.
 - One incident of behavior that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or is singularly egregious, including the sale of credentials.
 - A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute aggravated behavior, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.
- b) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and/or suspension from play in ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments or events for a minimum period of twenty-one (21) days and a maximum period of one (1) year. The suspension shall commence on the Monday after the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be filed, or, in the case of appeal, commencing on the Monday after a final decision on appeal. Violation of this Section by a Related Person may result in a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments.

2) Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

The favorable reputation of ATP, its tournaments and players is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all ATP members. Accordingly, it is an obligation for ATP players and Related Persons, to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis.

- a) Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, publicized comments that unreasonably attack or disparage any person or group of people, a tournament, sponsor, player, official or ATP. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with ATP policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a tournament, player, sponsor, official or ATP are expressly covered by this section.
- b) A player, or related person, that has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, including submitting a falsified Covid-19 vaccination record, may be deemed by virtue of such behavior to

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have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this Section.

- c) A player, or related person, convicted of a violation of a criminal or civil law of any jurisdiction may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis.
- d) A player, or related person, charged with a violation of a criminal or civil law of any jurisdiction may be deemed by virtue of such charge to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and the ATP Members Fines Committee may provisionally suspend such player, or related person, from further participation in ATP tournaments pending a final determination of the criminal or civil proceeding.
- e) Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or suspension from play in ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments for a period of up to three (3) years. Violation of this Section by a Related Person may result in a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments.

3) Prohibited Promotional Fees

- a) ATP Tour 500 and 250 tournaments have the option to offer fees for promotional services. No other ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournament owner, operator, sponsor or agent is permitted to offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall the 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 assure a player's competing in a tournament, other than prize money, unless authorized to do so by ATP.
- b) Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to \$20,000 for ATP Challenger Tour tournaments, \$30,000 for ATP Tour 250 tournaments, \$40,000 for ATP Tour 500 tournaments, \$60,000 for ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments plus the amount of value of any such payment, and/or to suspensions from play in ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments for a period of up to three (3) years. The suspension shall begin on the Monday after the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be filed, or, in the case of appeal, commencing on the Monday after a final decision on appeal. The maximum fine will increase by one hundred percent (100%) for each consecutive violation during the same calendar year.
- c) If the ATP Members Fines Committee believes that a player may be violating this section, then upon demand, the player or his agent, must furnish or provide access to the ATP Members Fines Committee copies of all records relating to their participation in or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts with respect to any transaction in question. In the event a player fails to provide the records or affidavit, the ATP Members Fines Committee may suspend him from participation in ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournaments pending compliance with such demand.

B. Procedures

1) Determination and Penalty

The ATP Members Fines Committee shall conduct such investigation of an alleged player major offense as they, in their sole discretion, determine is appropriate and necessary. Upon completion of their investigation, the ATP Members Fines Committee shall determine whether a player major offense has occurred

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and, if so, shall fix a penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision setting forth such penalty shall be promptly delivered to the player.

2) Payment of Fines

The player shall pay all fines levied for player major offenses to ATP by delivery to the ATP Members Fines Committee within twenty-one (21) days after receiving written notice.

3) Appeal

Any player who has received a penalty for a player major offense may, after paying all monetary fines, appeal such determination by filing a written notice with the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition within five (5) days (excluding weekends) of such player's receipt of notice of such determination. Upon receiving such notice of appeal, the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee shall set a date and place for the hearing.

4) Hearing on Appeal

The ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee shall conduct the hearing on appeal in accordance with the following:

- a) **Burden of Proof.** The ATP Members Fines Committee has the responsibility to prove the violation by a preponderance of the evidence.
- b) **Rules.** The ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee must conduct the hearing in a fair and orderly manner with opportunity for each side to present its evidence as to the facts involved, and the player and his representative, if any, and the ATP Members Fines Committee are bound to cooperate fully to this end.
- c) **Statement of Position.** The ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee may request the ATP Members Fines Committee and the player to state in writing their respective positions on the facts, the provision(s) of the Code allegedly violated and the penalty specified and file the same with the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee at least three (3) days prior to the hearing, with a copy to each other.
- d) **Presentation.** The ATP Members Fines Committee and the player may present evidence personally or through counsel. Each party shall have the right to present and to cross-examine witnesses, and to offer documentary evidence and testimony by affidavit or deposition. Except for purposes of rebuttal, documentary evidence and affidavits shall not be admissible unless a copy is submitted at least three (3) days prior to the hearing to the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee and to the other party. Should objection be made to the introduction of an affidavit, the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee may determine in his discretion that the interests of fairness require that the individual be produced to testify at the hearing, or alternatively, that such affidavit be excluded. In the case of the former, a reasonable continuance may be granted for production of such witness.
- e) **Hearing.** The hearing shall be closed to the public. Once commenced, the hearing shall continue from day to day until concluded, unless the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee allows otherwise. Postponements, adjournments or any form of delay shall be permitted only in the case of documented emergency and at the sole discretion of the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee. Requests for

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postponement shall be submitted in writing to the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee.

- f) **Record.** Each party shall have the right to have the hearing recorded or transcribed at its expense.
- g) **Interpreter-Legal Advisor.** The ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee may, at his discretion, make provisions for the presence of an interpreter and/or legal advisor for the hearing. The reasonable expenses of such interpreter or legal advisor shall be assumed by ATP pending the final decision of the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee and the taxing of costs as is provided in the decision on appeal.

5) Decision on Appeal

As soon as practicable after the conclusion of the hearing on appeal, the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee shall render a written decision, which decision shall constitute the full, final and complete disposition of the issue and will be binding upon the player and upon all members of ATP. The ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee may vacate, affirm or modify in whole or in part the penalty, but may not increase it. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee may tax the losing party, whether ATP or the player, all reasonable costs of the Appeal, including, but not limited to, the expenses and charges of the interpreter, legal advisor and any adverse witness required upon objection to testify concerning facts originally presented by way of affidavit. If the costs are taxed against a player, then they must be paid by the player to ATP by delivery to the ATP Members Fines Committee within (10) days after receipt of the decision of the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition or his designee.

C. Suspensions and Collection of Fines

1) Suspension - Weeks/Scope

Whenever any suspension is involved as a penalty for a violation of the Code, only weeks with ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments shall be included in the suspension period.

2) Stay of Suspensions Pending Appeal

Whenever a player is suspended by ATP and an appeal either of right or discretionary review is filed, then the suspension shall be stayed pending the resolution of the appeal.

3) Suspension for Non-Payment of Fines

If a fine is not paid in a timely fashion, ATP may suspend, pending payment, the party fined from further participation in any ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour tournament. In addition, ATP is authorized to collect all overdue fines along with costs, if any, by all reasonable means, including deduction of the fine from any subsequent winnings, or through legal proceedings. When a fine is deducted from prize money being paid in non-U.S. currency, the official ATP exchange rate shall be applicable to the payment of the fine, to the extent deducted.

8.06 Tennis Anti-Corruption Program ("TACP")

Complete rules of the TACP can be found at <https://www.itia.tennis/tacp/rules>.

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8.07 Final Dispute Resolution

- A.** Any dispute between or among ATP, its Tournaments or its players (with the exception of any dispute relating to or arising out of a change in tournament class membership status) arising out of the application of any provision of this Rulebook which is not finally resolved by applicable provisions of the Rulebook shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") for final and binding arbitration in accordance with CAS's Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The decision of CAS in that arbitration shall be final, non-reviewable, non-appealable and enforceable. No claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation concerning the dispute shall be brought in any other court or tribunal. Any request for CAS arbitration shall be filed with CAS within 21 days of any action by ATP which is the subject of the dispute.
- B.** In the event any provision of this rule is determined invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected. This rule shall not fail because any part of the rule is held invalid.

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9.01 Definitions

- A.** The 2024 PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings is the mathematical method of ranking men's doubles pairs on a calendar-year basis.
- B.** The PIF ATP Rankings and the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings are the objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry and seeding in all tournaments for both singles and doubles.
- C.** The PIF ATP Rankings and PIF ATP Doubles Rankings are run approximately 45 times per year.
- D.** Every player who has earned PIF ATP Rankings points or PIF ATP Doubles Rankings points in an eligible professional tournament during the entry ranking period is included in the Peppernstone ATP Rankings or PIF ATP Doubles Rankings.
- E.** The PIF ATP Rankings or PIF ATP Doubles Rankings period is the immediate past 52 weeks, except for:
- * Nitto ATP Finals, singles and doubles, which is dropped on the Monday following the last ATP Tour event of the following year.
 - * ITF tournaments that are only entered into the system on the second Monday following the tournament's week.
- Once entered, all tournaments, except for the Nitto ATP Finals, remain in the system for 52 consecutive weeks.

9.02 Eligibility

Unless otherwise approved by ATP, PIF ATP Rankings and PIF ATP Doubles Rankings points are awarded to all tournaments or series of tournaments that meet the following criteria. (An event seeking an exception must petition ATP in writing at least 90 days in advance of the tournament.):

- A.** Events classified as ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour events. Also, Grand Slam, ITF M 25+H, ITF M 25, ITF M 15+H and ITF M 15 events.
- B.** Prize money must be paid in a manner consistent with the breakdowns approved by ATP.
- C.** Selection of direct acceptances shall be determined according to the PIF ATP Rankings or PIF ATP Doubles Rankings. The PIF ATP Rankings and PIF ATP Doubles Rankings lists utilized shall not be more than 42 days prior to the start of the tournament.
- D.** The minimum size for a draw is 28 singles players and 16 doubles teams unless otherwise approved by ATP.
- E.** The composition of the draws shall be consistent with ATP rules. Tournaments are required to provide hotel accommodation consistent with ATP rules.

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A. Commitment Players. The year-end PIF ATP Rankings is based on calculating, for each player, his total points from the four (4) Grand Slams, the eight (8) mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments and the Nitto ATP Finals of the ranking period, the United Cup and his best seven (7) results from the United Cup, all ATP Tour 500, ATP Tour 250, ATP Challenger Tour and ITF Men’s WTT tournaments. For every Grand Slam, mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament or United Cup for which a player is not in the main draw, and was not (and, in the case of a Grand Slam, would not have been, had he and all other players entered) a main draw direct acceptance on the original acceptance list, and never became a main draw direct acceptance, the number of his results from all other eligible tournaments in the ranking period, that count for his ranking, is increased by one (1). In weeks where there are not four (4) Grand Slams and eight (8) ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments in the ranking period, the number of a player’s best results from all eligible tournaments in the ranking period will be adjusted accordingly. Once a player is accepted in the main draw of one of these twelve (12) tournaments, as a direct acceptance, a qualifier, a special exempt or a lucky loser, or having accepted a wild card, his result in this tournament shall count for his ranking, whether or not he participates.* In a 52-week period, players shall be permitted to replace up to 3 mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 singles main draw results with a better score from an ATP Tour 500 or ATP Tour 250 event, when the replacing score is achieved after the ATP Tour Masters 1000 score that is being replaced. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the player must have competed and not received a ranking penalty at the ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament to replace the score.

B. Non-commitment Players. The PIF ATP Rankings is based on calculating, for each player, his total points from the four (4) Grand Slams, the eight (8) mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments and the Nitto ATP Finals of the ranking period, and his best seven (7) results from the United Cup, all ATP Tour 500, ATP Tour 250, ATP Challenger Tour and ITF Men’s WTT tournaments. For every Grand Slam or mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament for which a player is not in the main draw, and was not (and, in the case of a Grand Slam, would not have been, had he and all other players entered) a main draw direct acceptance on the original acceptance list, and never became a main draw direct acceptance, the number of his results from all other eligible tournaments in the ranking period, that count for his ranking, is increased by one (1). In weeks where there are not four (4) Grand Slams and eight (8) ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments in the ranking period, the number of a player’s best results from all eligible tournaments in the ranking period will be adjusted accordingly. Once a player is accepted in the main draw of one of these twelve (12) tournaments, as a direct acceptance, a qualifier, a special exempt or a lucky loser, or having accepted a wild card, his result in this tournament shall count for his ranking, whether or not he participates. In a 52-week period, players shall be permitted to replace up to 3 mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 singles main draw results with a better score from an ATP Tour 500 or ATP Tour 250 event, when the replacing score is achieved after the ATP Tour Masters 1000 score that is being replaced. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the player must have competed and not received a ranking penalty at the ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament to replace the score.*

C. ATP Tour 500 – Ranking Penalty. A player’s (Commitment and Non-Commitment players) withdrawal from an ATP Tour 500 event whether on time or after the 10 AM deadline, shall result in a zero (0) point ranking penalty. Further non-consecutive

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withdrawals shall result in a zero (0) point ranking penalty assessed for each additional withdrawal. Players with multiple consecutive withdrawals who are out of competition for 30 days or longer due to injury will not be subject to a ranking penalty as long as verified and approved medical forms are provided; or, a player shall not have the ranking penalty imposed if he completes the Promotional Activities requirement as specified under “Repeal of Withdrawal Fines and/or Penalties” or if the on-site withdrawal procedures apply. Players may also appeal withdrawal penalties to a Tribunal who will determine whether the penalties are affirmed or set aside.* A commitment player who has received a zero (0) point ranking penalty for withdrawing from an ATP Tour 500 event may replace the zero (0) point by playing an additional ATP Tour 500 event in that same calendar year for a total of four (4) played. The replacement tournament must be after the 500 withdrawal that has resulted in a ranking penalty. Only one (1) additional ATP Tour 500 event per year may be used to replace an ATP Tour 500 ranking penalty.

* **Note 1:** Commitment players who are unable to fulfill their commitment, are not eligible to appeal the ranking penalty.

Note 2: (Applicable for **9.03 A. B. C.**). Players returning to competition with an Entry Protection Ranking may replace ranking penalties assessed during the period of injury with results obtained at tournaments following their return to competition.

Note 3: (Applicable for **9.03 A. and B.**) Players who are out of competition for three or more consecutive months (13-weeks minimum) can replace zero-pointers as follows:

Missed mandatory events*	Number of zero pointers that can be replaced
1	0
2	1
3+	2

Player can drop zero-point ranking penalties (only from mandatory Masters 1000 events) when he competes in his next ATP 250/500 event played. When he drops the first received zero-point ranking penalty, his next best ‘non-countable’ will count in his breakdown.

*Missed mandatory events include Grand Slams. However, players can only replace 0-pointers from Masters 1000.

*Players must submit application to Medical Committee to be eligible to replace zero-pointers.

D. Loser points for the rounds achieved are awarded to players in any tournament not completed.

E. Ties. When two or more players have the same total number of points, ties shall be broken as follows:

- 1) the most total points from the Grand Slams, ATP Tour Masters 1000 mandatory tournaments and Nitto ATP Finals main draws, and if still tied, then,

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- 2) the fewest events played, counting all missed Grand Slams, ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments they could have played (as described under A. above) as if played, and if still tied, then,
- 3) the highest number of points from one single tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, and so on.

F. Entry Protection

- 1) **Petition.** A player may petition the ATP CEO, or his designee, for an entry protection when he is physically injured or has a documented medical illness, serves a compulsory military service, and does not compete in any tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, for a minimum period of six (6) months. The written petition must be received within six (6) months after his last tournament and must provide medical documentation including a letter from a treating licensed physician confirming the injury or illness when applicable, or official documentation confirming the player eligibility under other scenarios covered in the rule. Each petition shall be evaluated on a case by case basis by the ATP Medical Services Committee for medical cases or ATP CEO/his designee for other applicable cases.
- 2) **Calculation and Use.** The entry protection shall be a position in the PIF ATP Rankings, as determined by the player's average PIF ATP Rankings position during the first three (3) months* after his last event played. The entry protection shall be for entry into the main draw or qualifying competition or for special exempt consideration. The entry protection shall not be used for seeding purposes or lucky loser consideration.

*The player must be ranked (have at least one singles ranking point for a singles protected ranking and/or one doubles ranking point for a doubles protected ranking) during each week of this three (3) month period.

A player who has been out of competition and is applying for Entry Protection may not include any period of (Doping, Corruption and/or Conduct) suspension in the player's weeks away from competition in order to qualify for Entry Protection.

- 3) **Limit of Use.**
 - a) If a player meets the criteria defined in point 1) above and does not compete in any tennis event for a period of at least six (6) months but less than twelve (12) months, the entry protection shall be in effect for the first nine (9) singles and the first nine (9) doubles tournaments that the player competes* in using the entry protection (excluding wild cards and entries as a direct acceptance with his current position in the PIF ATP Rankings) or for the period up to nine (9) months beginning with the first tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, that the player competes in, whichever occurs first.
 - b) If a player meets the criteria defined in point 1) above and does not compete in any tennis event for a period of twelve (12) months or longer, the entry protection shall be in effect for the first twelve (12) singles tournaments and the first twelve (12) doubles tournaments that the player competes* in using the entry protection (excluding wild cards and entries as a direct acceptance with his current position in the PIF ATP Rankings) or for the period up to twelve (12) months beginning with the first tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, that the player competes in, whichever occurs first.

*Note: For purposes of this rule, once the player is included in the draw or accepts prize money as an on-site withdrawal, the event shall count against

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the players' total as specified under a) and b) above. The United Cup shall not count against a player's total protected ranking allowance.

- c) The use of a protected ranking to enter the singles and/or doubles of a Grand Slam event is limited to once per Grand Slam event.
- d) The use of a protected ranking to enter the singles and/or doubles of the United Cup is limited to one (1) per the duration of the player's Protected Ranking.
- 4) **Expiration Date.** A player has three (3) years from his original last event played to activate his protected ranking and will not be eligible to use his entry protected ranking beyond this date. A player who does not compete in any tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, for a period of three (3) years from the date of his original last event played will have his entry protection revoked.
- 5) **Re-injury Protection.** A player who has returned to competition and re-injures himself may petition for a “freeze” of the nine (9) or twelve (12) month limit for competing using his protected ranking. To be eligible for the “freeze” the player must be out of competition for a minimum of three (3) months, the written petition for the “freeze” must be received within this period. Upon the player's return to competition he shall have the same number of events and weeks remaining as were available when the “freeze” went into effect. A maximum of two (2) “freezes” are allowed during the nine (9) or twelve (12) month period.

The freeze option is not available for players returning from a compulsory military service.

Note: For purposes of this rule, three (3) months is calculated at thirteen (13) weeks; six (6) months is calculated at twenty-six (26) weeks; nine (9) months is calculated at thirty-nine (39) weeks; and twelve (12) months is calculated at fifty-two (52) weeks.

Case: A player requests an entry protection freeze after the three (3) year expiration has passed; however, his last event played is before the three (3) year expiration date. Can the player “freeze” his protected ranking?

Decision: A player cannot request a “freeze” after the three (3) year expiration has passed.

Case: A player returns to competition following a “freeze”, the number of weeks remaining from the freeze extend beyond the three (3) year expiration date. Can the player use all remaining weeks past the three (3) year expiration date?

Decision: A player cannot extend the use of his entry protected ranking beyond the three (3) year expiration date.

Case: A player accepted in an ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour main draw or ATP Tour/Challenger Qualifying list using a PR, withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline and accepts a WC into the same event. Does this tournament count towards the total tournaments at which a player may use his PR?

Decision: No, this tournament will not count towards the player's total of tournaments.

G. Points.

- 1) Points shall be allocated based on tournament category (Grand Slam, Nitto ATP Finals, ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500, ATP Tour 250, ATP Challenger Tour and ITF Men's WTT events).

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- 2) Points are assigned to the losers of the round indicated. Any player who reaches the second round by drawing a bye and then loses shall be considered to have lost in the first round and shall receive first round loser's points. Wild cards at Grand Slams and ATP Tour Masters 1000 events receive points only from the 2nd round. No points are awarded for a first round loss at ATP Tour 500 & 250 events, ATP Challenger Tour or ITF Men's WTT events.
- 3) Players qualifying for the main draw through the qualifying competition shall receive qualifying points in addition to any points earned, as per the following table, with the exception of ITF Men's WTT events.
- 4) In addition to the points allocated as per the following table, points shall be allocated to losers at Grand Slam, ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500 and ATP Tour 250 tournaments qualifying events, as follows:

Grand Slams	16 points for a last round loss 8 points for a second round loss
ATP Tour Masters 1000	16 points for a last round loss (*) 0 points for a first round loss
ATP Tour 500	13 points for a last round loss (**) 0 points for a first round loss
ATP Tour 250	7 points for a last round loss (***) 0 points for a first round loss

* 10 points only if the main draw is larger than 56

** 8 points only if the main draw is larger than 32

*** 4 Points only if the main draw is larger than 32

5) Singles Point table.	W	E	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	Q	Q3	Q2
Grand Slams	2000	1300	800	400	200	100	50	10	30	16	8
Nitto ATP Finals*	1500										
ATP 1000 - 96 Draw	1000	650	400	200	100	50	30	10	20		10
ATP 1000 - 48/56 Draw	1000	650	400	200	100	50	10		30		16
United Cup**	500										
ATP Tour 500 - 48 Draw	500	330	200	100	50	25			16		8
ATP Tour 500 - 32 Draw	500	330	200	100	50				25		13
ATP Tour 250 - 48 Draw	250	165	100	50	25	13			8		4
ATP Tour 250 - 32 Draw	250	165	100	50	25				13		7
Challenger 175	175	90	50	25	13				6		3
Challenger 125	125	64	35	16	8				5		3
Challenger 100	100	50	25	14	7				4		2
Challenger 75	75	44	22	12	6				4		2

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Challenger 50	50	25	14	8	4		3	1
ITF M 25/25+H	25	16	8	3	1			
ITF M 15/15+H	15	8	4	2	1			
* Nitto ATP Finals 1,500 for undefeated Champion (200 for each round robin match win, plus 400 for a semi-final win, plus 500 for the final win)								
** For details, see Section 4.03 G.								

6) Doubles Point table.	W	E	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64
Grand Slams	2000	1200	720	360	180	90	
Nitto ATP Finals*	1500						
ATP 1000 - 32 Draw	1000	600	360	180	90		
ATP 1000 - 24/28 Draw	1000	600	360	180	90		
ATP Tour 500 - 16 Draw***	500	300	180	90			
ATP Tour 250 - 24 Draw	250	150	90	45	20		
ATP Tour 250 - 16 Draw	250	150	90	45			

Challenger 175	175	100	60	32
Challenger 125	125	75	45	25
Challenger 100	100	60	36	20
Challenger 75	75	50	30	16
Challenger 50	50	30	17	9
ITF M 25/25+H	25	16	8	3
ITF M 15/15+H	15	8	4	2

* Nitto ATP Finals 1,500 for undefeated Champion (200 for each round robin match win, plus 400 for a semi-final win, plus 500 for the final win)

** For details, see Section 4.03 G

*** The doubles qualifying team shall receive 45 ranking points. The team losing in the final round of qualifying shall receive 25 ranking points.

Teams receiving a first round Bye and subsequently losing in the final round receive no points.

9.04 PIF ATP Doubles Rankings

A. The PIF ATP Doubles Rankings is based on calculating, for each player, his total points from his best 19 results from all eligible tournaments, including the Nitto ATP Finals (Doubles) played in the Ranking period. For entry purposes there are no mandatory events, however, once a player is included in the main draw of any of the four (4) Grand Slams or the eight (8) ATP Tour Masters 1000, as a direct acceptance, a qualifier, alternate or a lucky loser or having accepted a wild card, his result in one of these twelve (12) tournaments, shall count for his ranking, whether or not he participates. The exception to this is once per player per calendar year, a player whose team is forced to withdraw after the draw has been made but prior to the team's first

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match shall not have the withdrawal count as a tournament played for purposes of ranking.

B. Loser points for the rounds achieved are awarded to players in any tournament not completed.

C. Ties. When two or more players have the same total number of points, ties shall be broken as follows:

- 1) the fewest events played*, and if still tied, then,
- 2) the most total points from the Grand Slams, ATP Tour Masters 1000 mandatory tournaments and the Nitto ATP Finals (Doubles), and if still tied, then
- 3) the highest number of points from one single tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, etc.

*Once a team is included in the main draw of a Grand Slam or one of the eight (8) ATP Tour Masters 1000 it shall count as an event played whether or not the team actually participated.

Note: The method for breaking ties on-site, between teams, is described under Selections of Entries.

D. Entry Protection. The Entry Protection, as described above for the PIF ATP Rankings, applies for doubles under the same provisions.

E. Points. The provisions set forth under 9.03.E.1), 2) and 3) related to the PIF ATP Rankings apply to doubles as well, the point table being similar, except that the second-round loser column becomes irrelevant. No points are awarded in the first round at any event.

Doubles - After First Round:

Should a doubles match in an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event be uncontested or fail to be completed, the losing team shall only receive points and prize money from the previous round unless one of the following exceptions is applicable:

- a) Neither player was in the singles main draw;
- b) Both players used, or could have used**, their doubles ranking for entry into the doubles draw (does not apply to wild card teams).
- c) The retiring/withdrawing player is still in the singles competition and at the time of the medical examination is declared unfit to play in the singles of that event or, if no longer involved in the singles competition of that event, is forced to withdraw from the singles or doubles*** of the next tournament in which he is entered.
 - i) For ATP Tour events if the retiring/withdrawing player was not in the singles draw of that event and is forced to withdraw from the next event in which he is accepted in the main draw (singles or doubles).
 - ii) For ATP Challenger events if the retiring/withdrawing player was not in the singles draw of that event and is forced to withdraw from the following week's event (single or doubles) after the withdrawal deadline.
- d) The retiring/withdrawing player was not involved in the singles draw of that event and:

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- i) For ATP Tour events is forced to withdraw from the next event in which he is entered (singles or doubles).
 - ii) For ATP Challenger events is forced to withdraw from the following week's event (singles or doubles***).
- e) The retiring/withdrawing player had withdrawn/retired from his singles match, which was scheduled the same day; or, if the doubles match is scheduled for a following day the player is examined by the tournament Doctor and is declared unfit for competition in the doubles event.

** Example: Player A is not in the singles draw and his doubles ranking is 20; his partner, Player B, is in the singles draw with a ranking of 15. Player B's doubles ranking is 30. The cutoff for their method of entry is 60. Using player B's doubles ranking would have kept them as a direct acceptance so they qualify for exception b) above.

*** For ATP Challenger events the withdrawal for doubles must be after the withdrawal deadline.

Case: *Player A retires / withdraws from the doubles for medical reasons. Player A is also in the singles draw but is not scheduled to play his next match until the next day. On the day of his scheduled singles match Player A withdraws from the singles and receives medical documentation from the Tournament Doctor declaring him unfit for competition. The medical condition is the same condition that caused the doubles retirement / withdrawal.*

Decision: *In this case the doubles team shall receive points / prize money from the round reached.*

Case: *Player A retires from the singles competition due to a medical issue. He is in the doubles competition but is not scheduled to play doubles that day. Player A is examined by the tournament Doctor who confirms that the medical issue is such that the player would not be able to compete in the doubles that week. May Player A's withdrawal and medical be accepted even though he is not scheduled to play doubles that day?*

Decision: *If the medical issue is such that the tournament Doctor can confirm the player's condition will not improve enough to compete in the doubles that week then the player may withdraw immediately and the medical is valid. Player A and his partner shall be eligible to receive ranking points and prize money from the round reached.*

Case: *Player A withdraws from the singles competition due to food poisoning, he is in the doubles competition but is not scheduled to play doubles until the next day. Player A would like to withdraw from the doubles immediately, however the tournament Doctor says he cannot declare him unfit for play for a match scheduled the following day.*

Decision: *If Player A withdraws from the doubles without a medical from the tournament Doctor declaring him unfit for play then the team receives ranking points / prize money from the previous round.*

Note: *In cases where the condition of the player is likely to improve in a short time period the tournament Doctor should examine the*

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player on the day of the match to determine his status and if he feels the player is fit for competition.

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- A.** Each team is ranked according to its total points from its best 19 results from all eligible tournaments (Grand Slam, ATP Tour, including the Nitto ATP Finals, ATP Challenger Tour, ITF Men's WTT) played in the calendar year.
- B.** Loser points for the rounds achieved are awarded to players in any tournament not completed.
- C. Ties.** Ties between two or more teams having the same total number of points shall be broken using the same methods as for breaking ties between players in the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings.
- D. Points.** The provisions set forth under 7.08 E., including a), b) and c), apply as well when calculating the 2024 PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings.

9.06 Retiring from the Professional Tennis Circuit

Any player wishing to officially retire from the professional tennis circuit must submit a signed Player Retirement Form to the Vice President, Player Relations of ATP. Once the signed form is received the player shall be removed from the PIF ATP Rankings (singles and doubles). The player also agrees to the terms of the Tennis Anti-Doping Program regarding reinstatement protocol.

X. EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A.01 - ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamps



EXHIBIT A.02 - Size Relationships - Men Only Events



Size Relationship: Tournament Logo

MUST be a minimum of 60% of the surfaced area of the tournament logo



Size Relationship: Tournament Title

MUST be a minimum of 60% of the surface area of the tournament title

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EXHIBIT A.03 - Size Relationship - Combined Events



Size Relationship: WTA Logo
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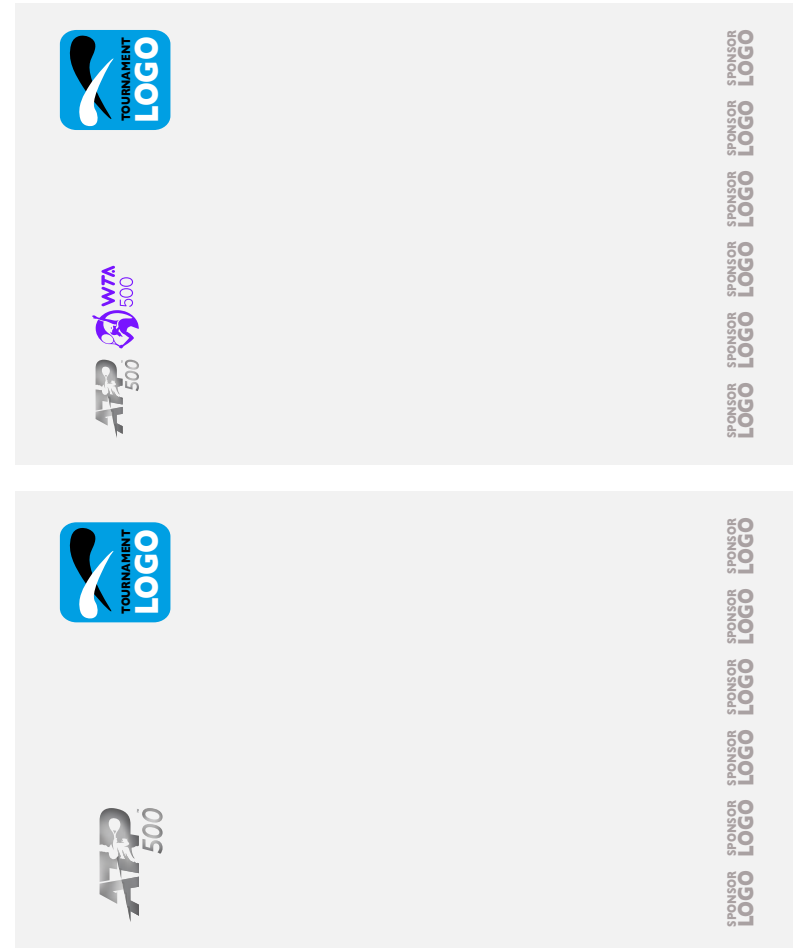
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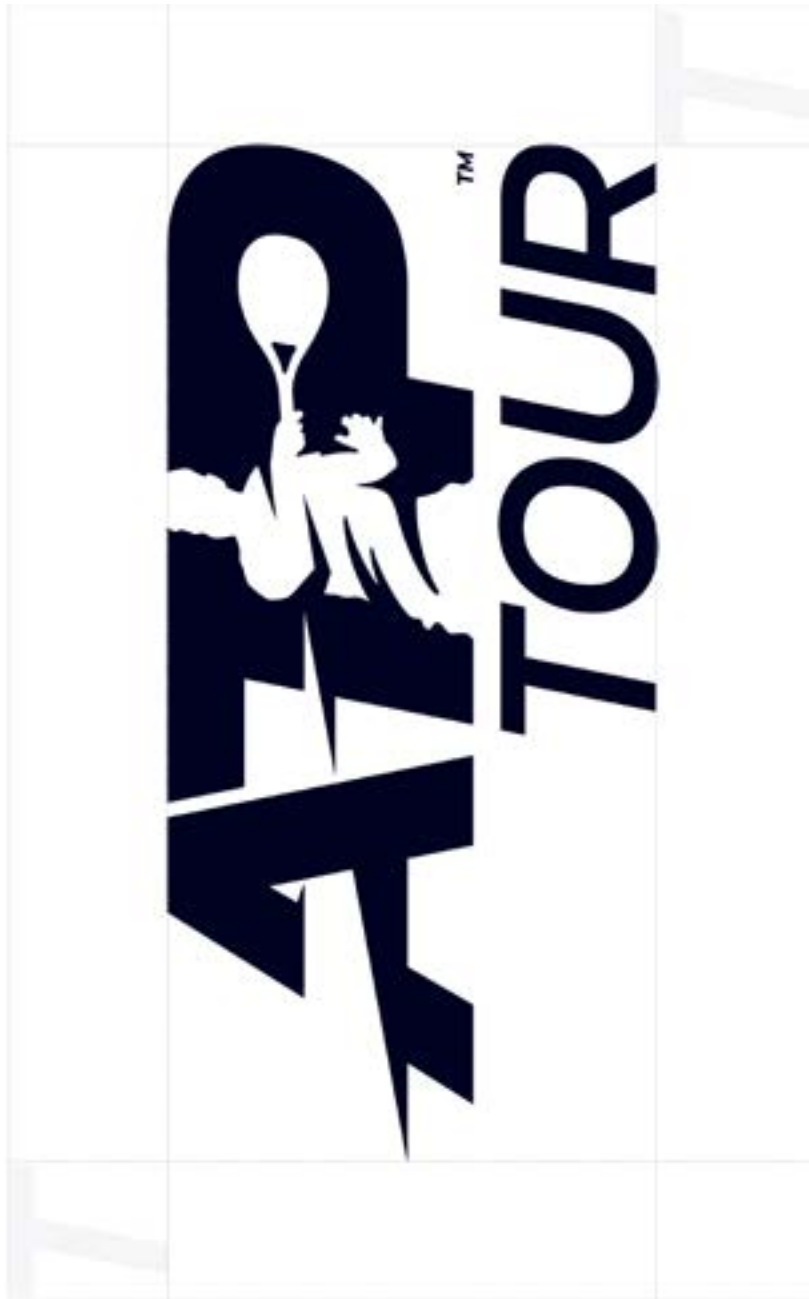
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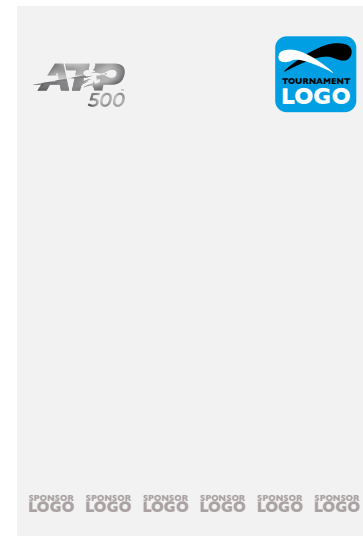
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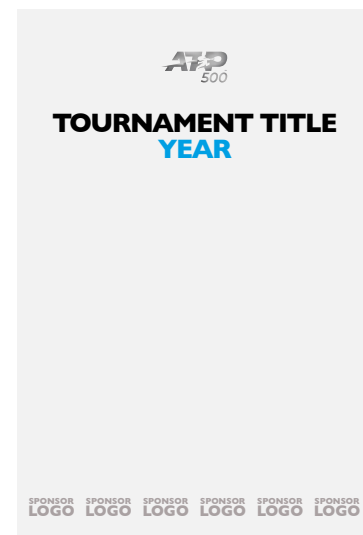
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EXHIBIT A.06.1 - Acceptable & Unacceptable uses - Men Only



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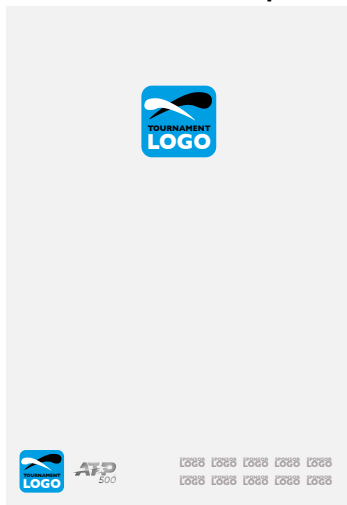


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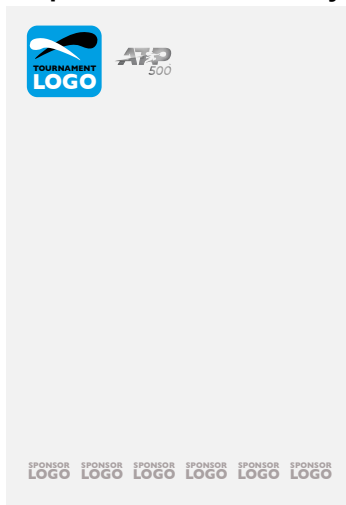
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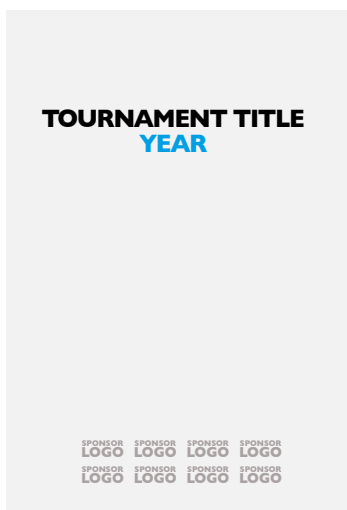
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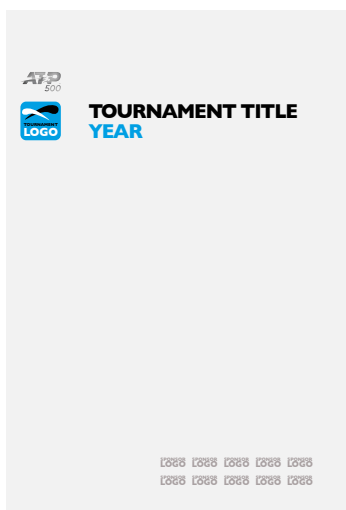
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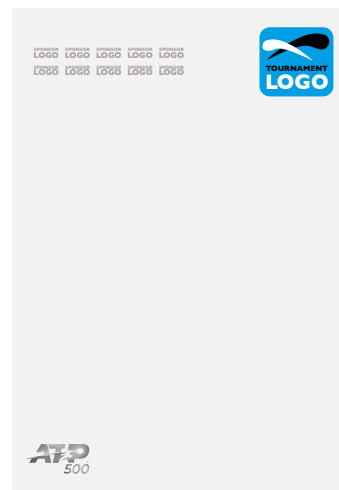
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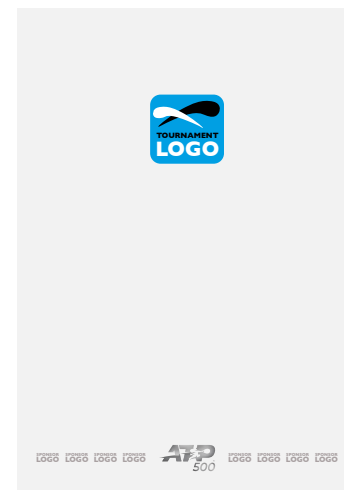
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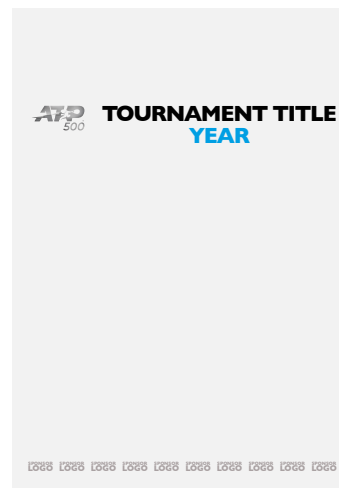
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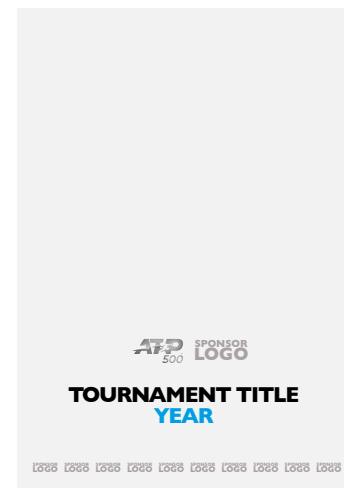
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DO NOT
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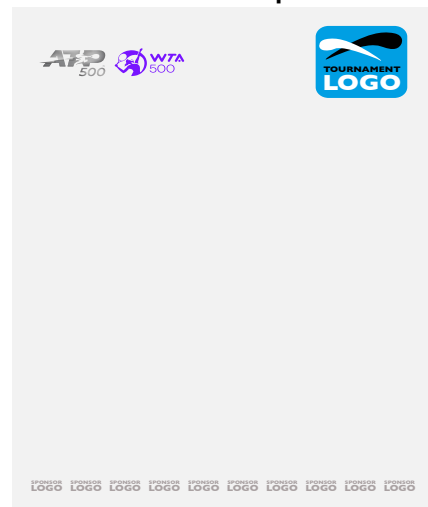
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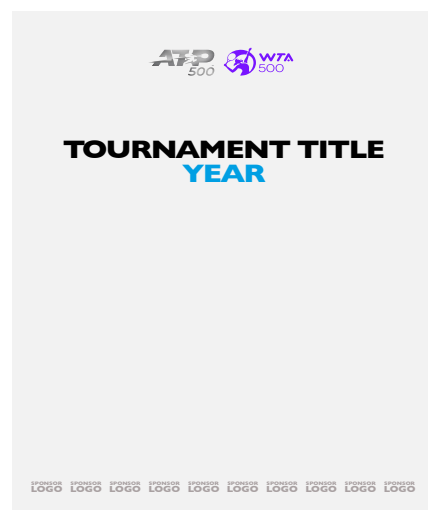
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EXHIBIT A.06.4 Acceptable & Unacceptable Uses - Combined



DO

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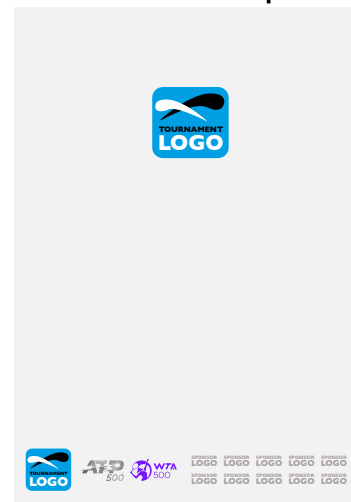


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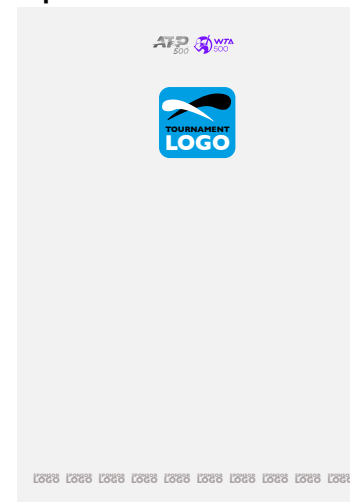
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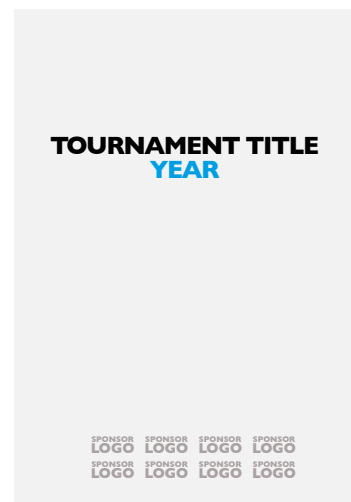
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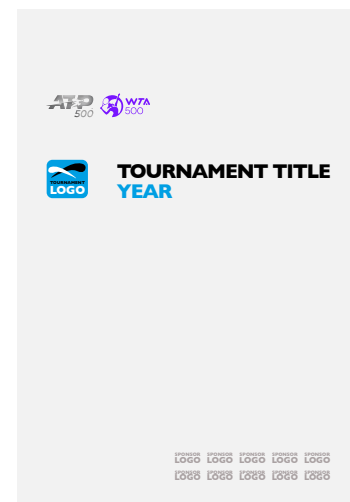
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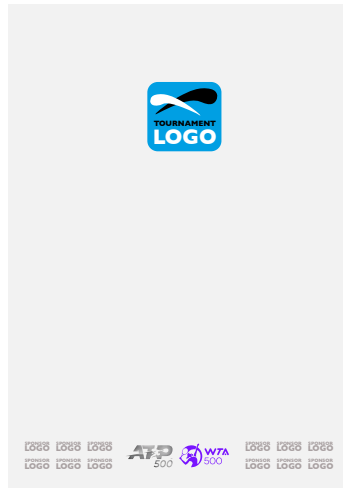


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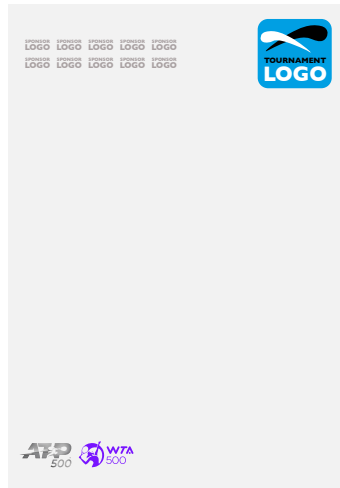
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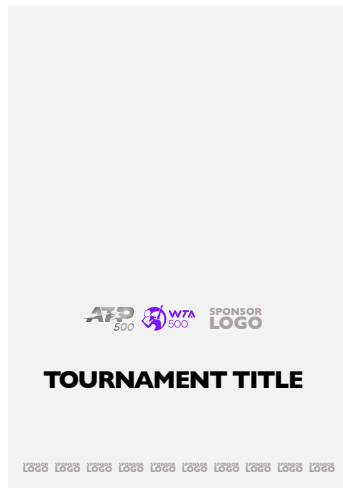
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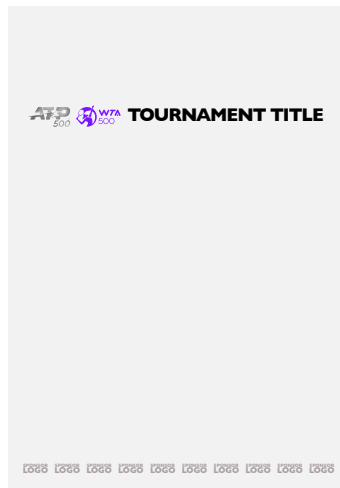
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closer to the tournament logo or
tournament title.



DO NOT
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logos.



DO NOT
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EXHIBIT A.07 - Website Exhibit



EXHIBIT A.08 - Scoreboards / Draw Boards



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EXHIBIT A.09 - Electronic Devices



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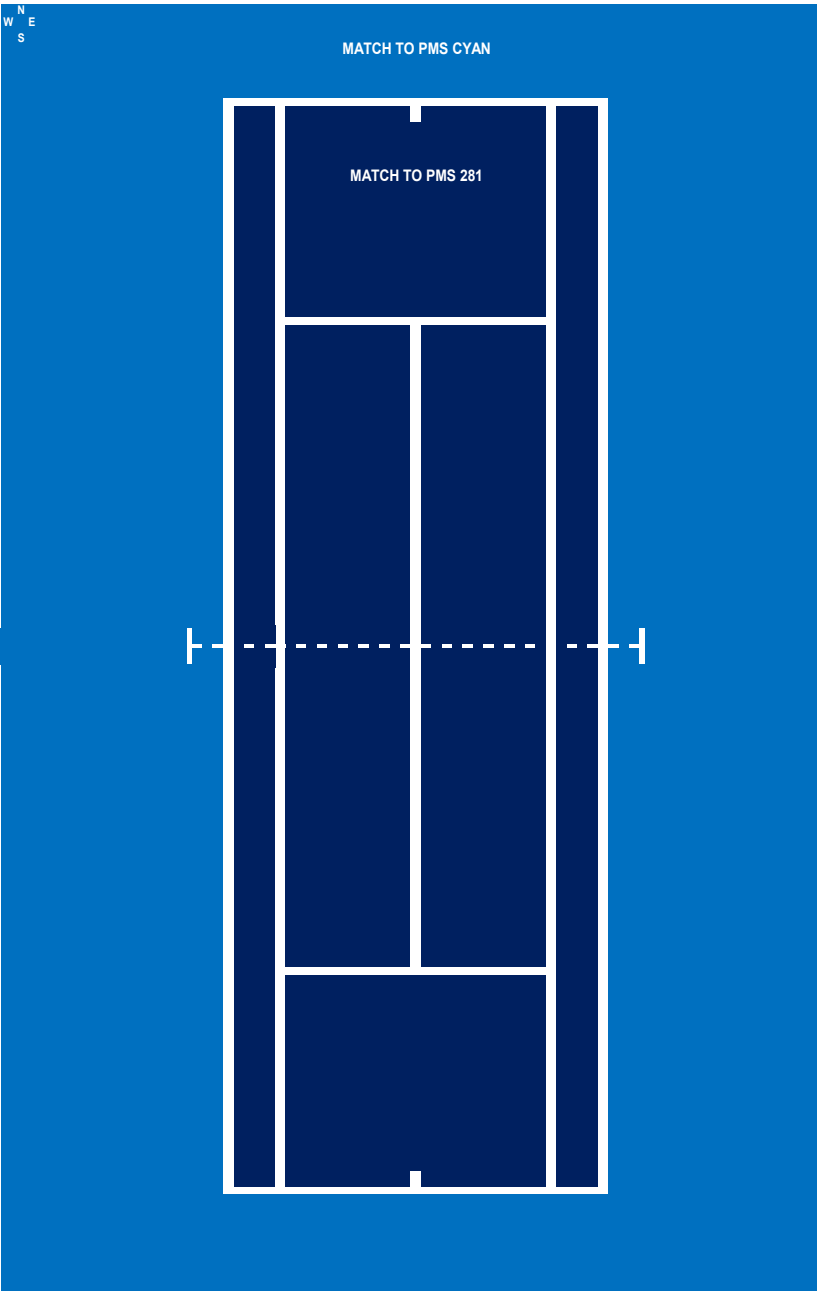
EXHIBIT A.10 - Nets / Net Signage



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EXHIBIT A.11 - Media Backdrop

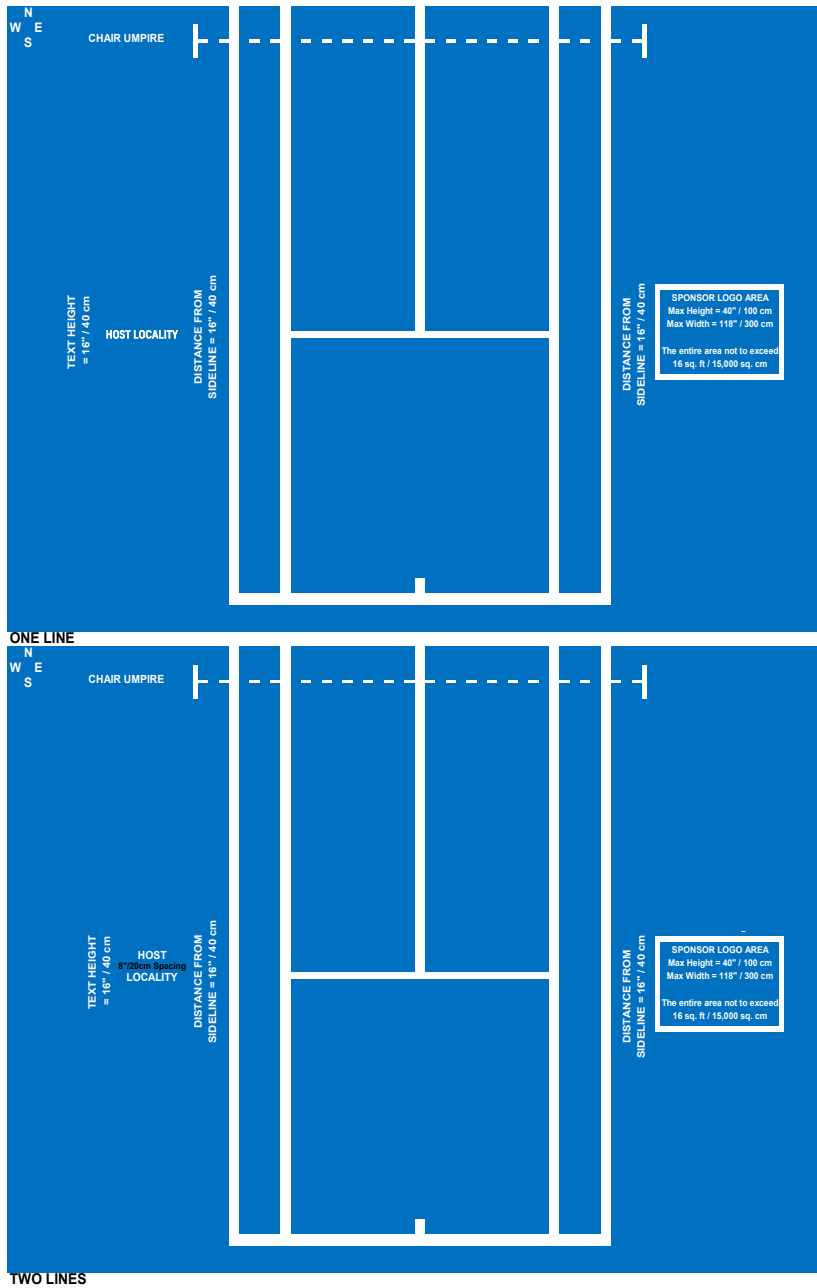


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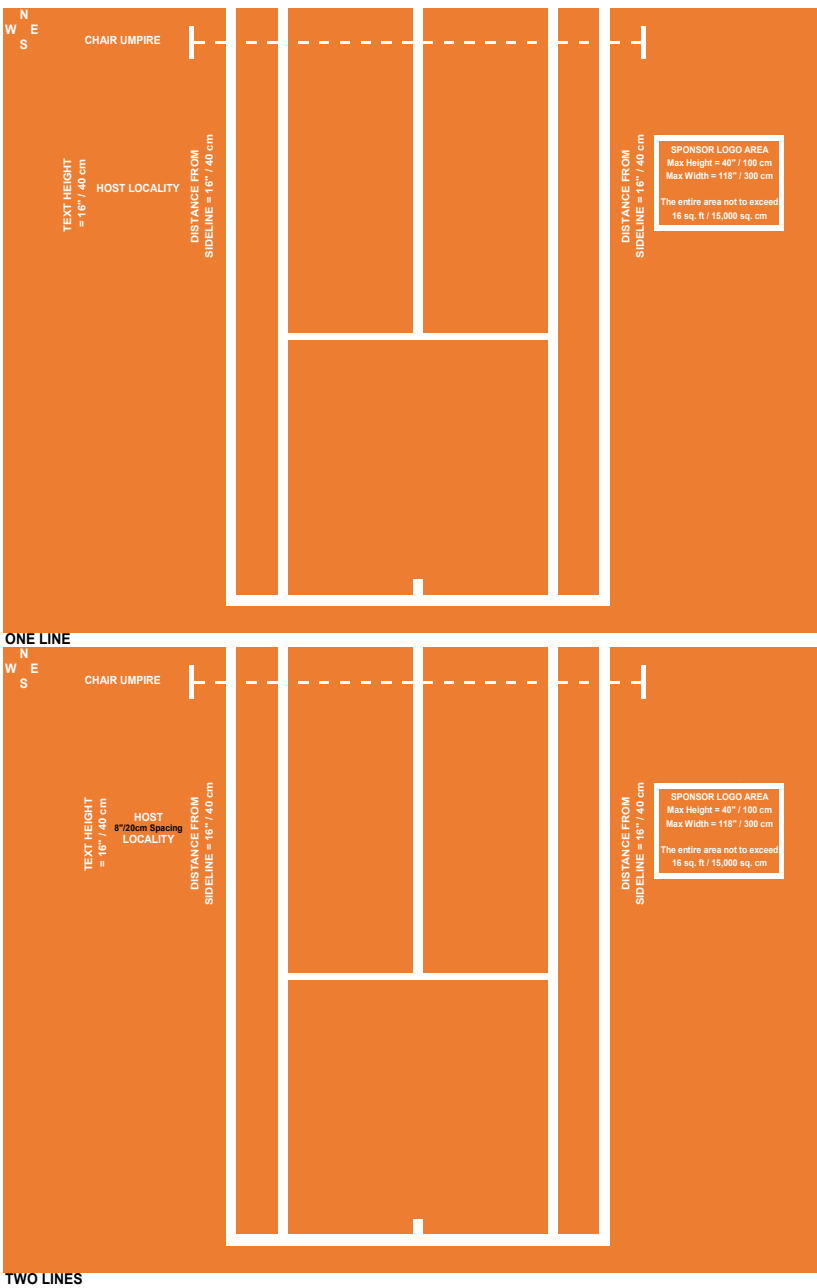
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EXHIBIT A.13.1 - Court Host Locality Option 1-Hard/Grass Court



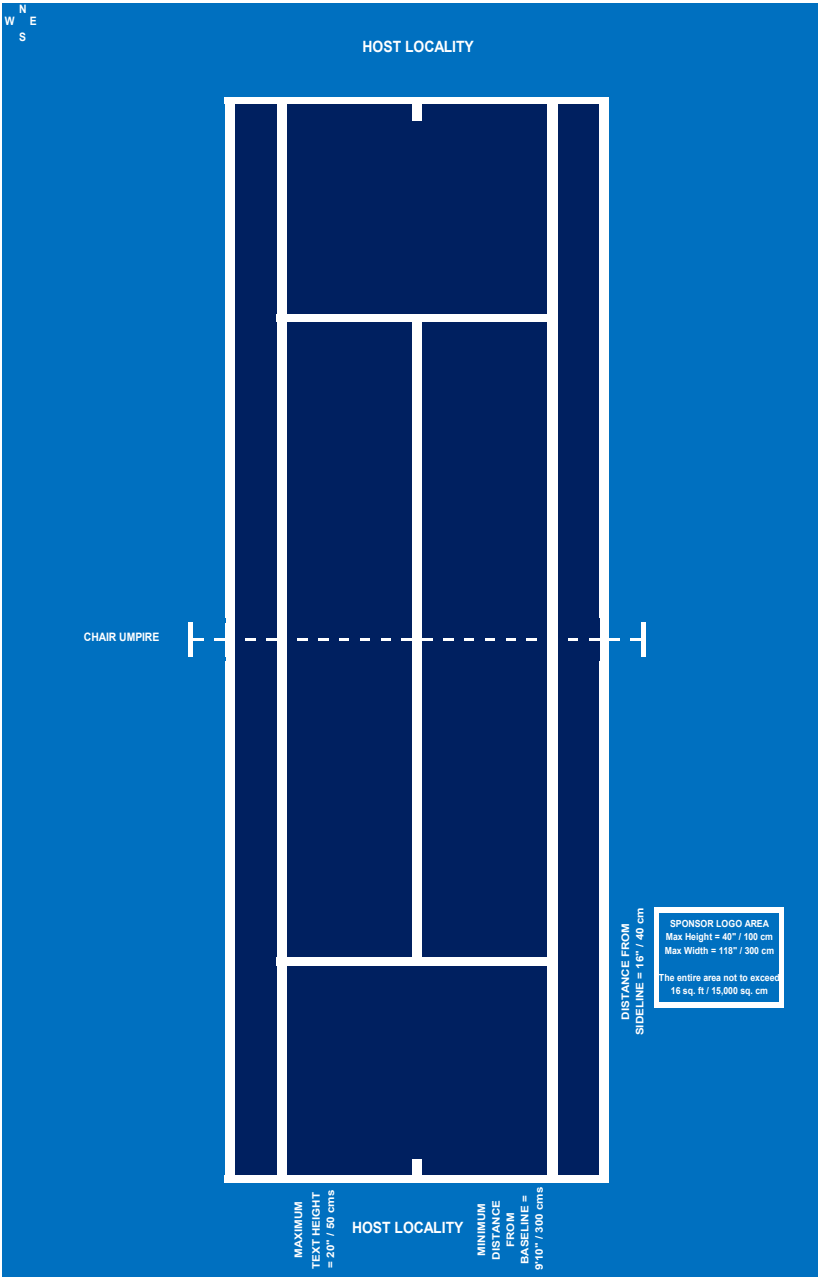
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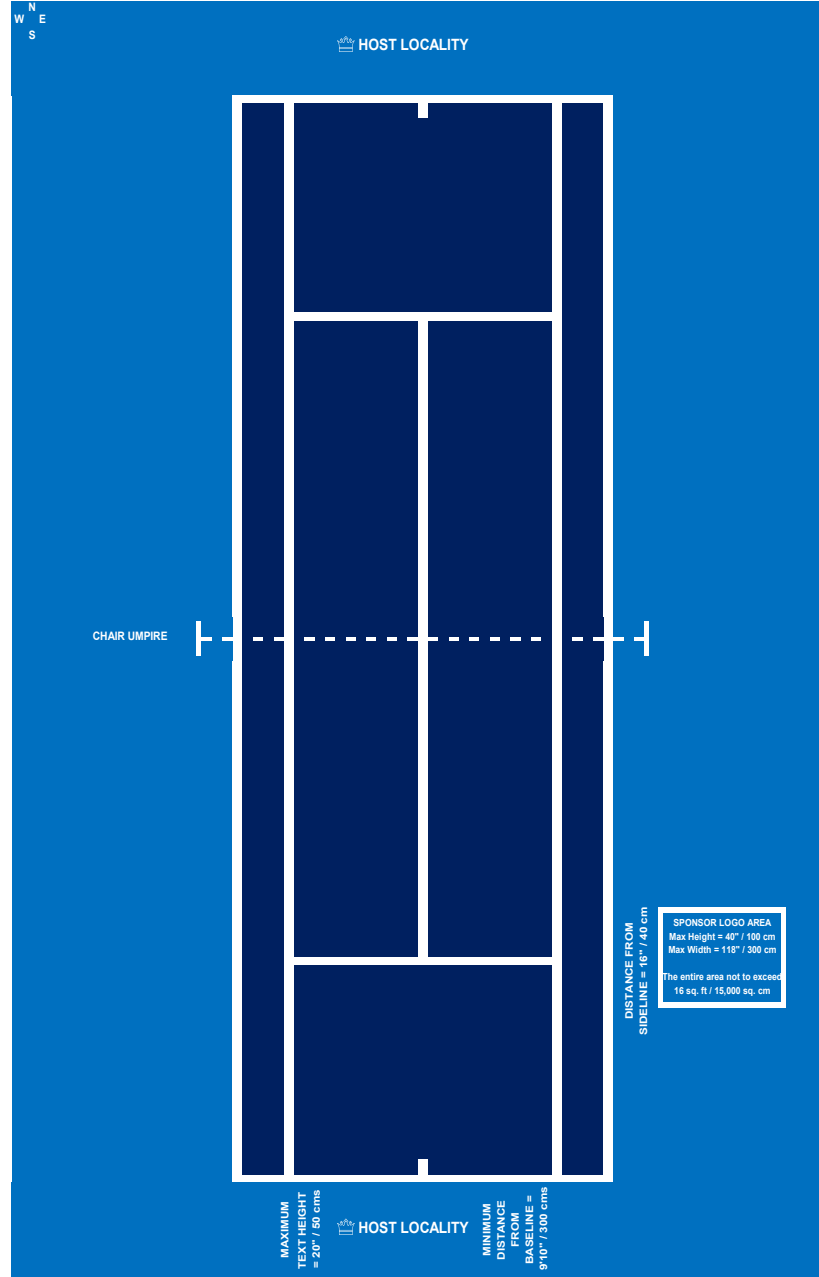
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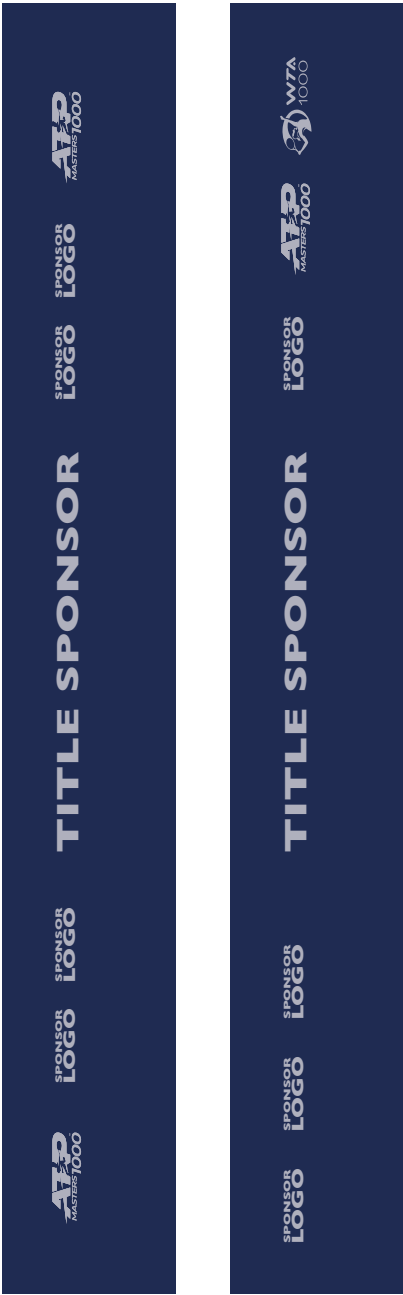
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EXHIBIT A.13.2 - Court Host Locality - Option 2 - Logo



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EXHIBIT A.14 - Court Backdrops



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EXHIBIT A.15 - ATP Challenger Tour Brand Mark

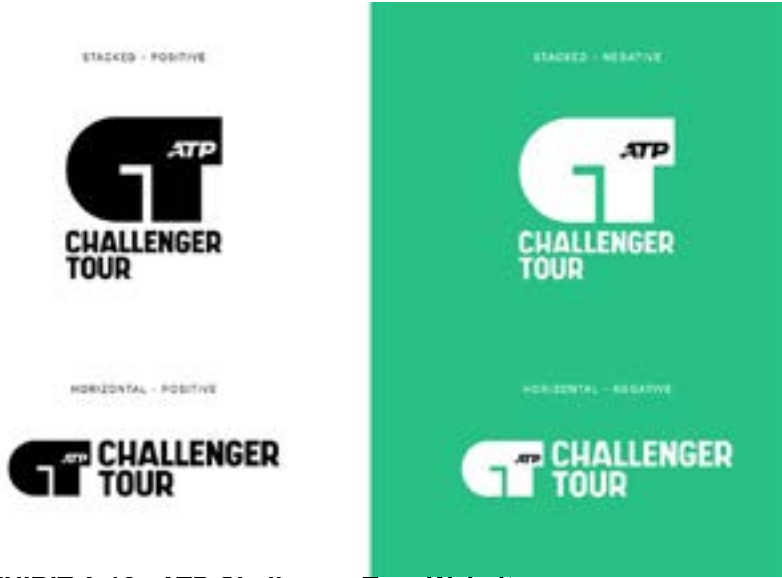


EXHIBIT A.16 - ATP Challenger Tour Website



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EXHIBIT A.17. ATP Challenger Tour Court Backdrops



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EXHIBIT B - ATP Tour Logo

ATP Tour Trademark and Logo (Terms and Conditions)

In addition to Exhibit A, the following are the terms and conditions for the use of any ATP Tour trademark or logo (collectively referred to herein as the "ATP Logo"). Only ATP Tour tournaments referred to in CIRCUIT REGULATIONS shall be permitted to use the ATP Logo. ATP Challenger Tour tournaments are authorized to use only the ATP Challenger Tour Brand Mark (collectively referred to herein as the "Challenger Tour Brand Mark") (see "EXHIBIT A.15").

- 1) Each tournament acknowledges that ATP has created the ATP Logo and has used the ATP Logo on and in connection with the promotion of the sport of tennis, recreational facilities, tennis videos, sporting goods, clothing, various printed matter, and other officially licensed products and merchandise, and have sought worldwide trademark registration for same and, through the use of the ATP Logo, ATP has developed goodwill associated with the ATP Logo.
- 2) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, ATP hereby authorizes each tournament, by this license, to use the ATP Logo (and the applicable 1,000, 500 or 250 Tournament Stamp) or Challenger Tour Brand Mark, as applicable, in connection with the advertising and promotion of such tournament. This authorization and license shall (i) in the case of each ATP Tour tournament, be subject to such ATP Tour tournament remaining a member in good standing of ATP as well as compliance with the other terms and conditions set forth herein, and (ii) in the case of each ATP sanctioned tournament or event, including ATP Challenger Tour events, be subject to such tournament maintaining its sanction with ATP in good standing as well as compliance with the other terms and conditions set forth herein. Such license will be limited to written advertising and publicity, such use being for the sole purpose of identifying a tournament as an ATP Tour or Challenger Tour tournament and will not extend to any use that exploits the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark in any other fashion or to the use of the ATP Logo or Challenger Logo on merchandising or products of any kind without the express written approval of ATP.
- 3) Use of the ATP Logo or Challenger Logo by a tournament shall be restricted to the advertising and promotion of such tournament. The use of the ATP Logo must be approved in advance by ATP.
- 4) The use of the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark by a tournament does not extend to use on merchandise or resold products without the express written approval of ATP, unless obtained through an official ATP licensee.
- 5) However, the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark may be used by a tournament to produce and sell tournament T-shirts and sweatshirts (not collared shirts) with the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm.). Express written approval is required from ATP if a tournament wants to produce these items itself. No approval is required if the T-shirts and sweatshirts are obtained from an approved ATP licensee.
- 6) Each tournament hereby acknowledges that ATP owns all rights, title and interest in and to the ATP Logo (and the applicable 1,000, 500 or 250 Tournament Stamp) and Challenger Logo and each tournament agrees it will do nothing inconsistent with such ownership nor attack ATP's title or interest in and to the ATP



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Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark other than the right to use the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark in accordance with this agreement.

- 7) Each tournament agrees that it will not file a trademark application or otherwise attempt to register the ATP Logo (and the applicable 1,000, 500 or 250 Tournament Stamp) or Challenger Tour Brand Mark, or any trademark or logo that may incorporate the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark, for any goods or services whatsoever. Each tournament shall promptly notify ATP of any infringement of the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark or any act of unfair competition by third parties relating to the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark, whenever such infringement or act shall come to the attention of a tournament.
- 8) Each tournament agrees that all goodwill that is or shall become associated with the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark shall be the sole property of ATP.
- 9) Each tournament agrees to use the ATP Logo or Challenger Tour Brand Mark strictly in compliance with and in observance of any and all applicable laws and strictly in accordance with ATP rules and regulations and guidelines and will take whatever steps are reasonably necessary to fully protect ATP's ownership of the ATP Logo and Challenger Tour Brand Mark, including, without limitation, such legends, markings and notices in connection therewith as may be required by ATP.
- 10) Each tournament agrees that such tennis tournament and related services identified in connection with the ATP Logo and Challenger Tour Brand Mark shall be of the highest quality and shall conform to the high standards and reputation of ATP. Each tournament acknowledges that the provisions of this paragraph are of the essence of this authorization and license.
- 11) If a tournament shall fail to perform or observe any term, condition, agreement, or covenant in this "EXHIBIT B - ATP Tour Logo", ATP shall have the right to automatically terminate this authorization and license forthwith.

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EXHIBIT C - Broadcast Standards

Broadcast Quality Standards

1) Tape Delay/Repeats

Tournaments may not license to domestic or international broadcasters the right to telecast any portion of any match more than 48 hours after the termination of that match, and not more than (3) times within that 48-hour period, unless written authorization is obtained in advance from ATP. Each repeated telecast during the same day must be scheduled in a different part of the day in the same time zone. In the case of any telecast that is not live, tournaments must ensure that broadcasters provide a continuously visible on-screen legend stating "Tape Delay".

The requirement in the above paragraph shall not apply to telecasts under the following situations.

- a) Less than five (5) minutes of continuous action (including time between points) or less than three (3) minutes of match highlights on any news or highlights program.
- b) If because of rain delay or other unavoidable cessation in play, the scheduled broadcast match is canceled, the 48-hour tape delay restriction will be lifted. Any previously recorded match from the current year's competition or last year's competition can be repeated as "filler" programming.

2) Broadcaster's Responsibilities

Each tournament must incorporate the following terms within their Broadcaster contracts.

- a) Host Broadcaster and all International Broadcasters must graphically identify the broadcast with the ATP's logo at the commencement of each broadcast and during the broadcast no less than once an hour, each occurrence lasting no less than five (5) seconds, so as to make clear that the tournament being played is an official ATP event.
- b) Host Broadcaster must supply ATP, or ATP designee with one international dirty HDCam or DigiBeta of the final match or on a Portable Hard Drive with a USB 3.0 or FireWire 800 port (or a Beta SP if no other option). Recordings must be available to the ATP Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition on-site immediately after signing off the air or sent to an ATP office promptly after the tournament.
- c) With respect to any live match scores or related statistical data provided to broadcaster by ATP, or its designee, or collected by broadcaster, such broadcasters shall agree (i) not to onward supply, sublicense or otherwise make such scores and data available to any third party for use not related to the broadcast, and (ii) to restrict their use of such scores and data to use on a contemporaneous basis within their live broadcast of any match; any other use shall be subject to a delay of at least :30 seconds.
- d) All tournament agreements with Host Broadcasters must comply with, and shall be subject to, all ATP rules as amended from time to time.

3) Technical Requirements

Each tournament must incorporate the following technical terms within their Host Broadcaster contract. These conditions represent the minimum technical standards necessary to produce a quality broadcast.

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Cameras

No less than five (5) cameras must be used on Center court (and no less than three (3) cameras on other courts)) for an acceptable tennis broadcast.

Camera 1: Tripod camera high up in the stands (Center Court line).

Camera 2: Tripod camera approximately three (3) rows lower than Camera 1 (Center Court line). (Example 1)

Cameras 3 and 4: Camera objective lens height approximately 1.00m (see attached charts for camera positions). Used for player close-ups for cutting into coverage and isos.

These cameras may be positioned on the same or opposite side from where the players sit down.

Camera 5: Low angle camera on court behind the baseline usually aligned with sideline (see attached chart, Camera Example 2)

Note: Cameras 1, 2, 3, and 4 need to be on secure tripods with fully rotating camera mounts, and remotely controlled irises.

Lenses

Lenses for Camera 1 should be 18:1. Lenses for Cameras 2, 3, and 4 should be 50:1.

Microphones

- 1) Four (4) corner court microphones must be positioned in the corners of the court and adjacent to Cameras 3 and 4.
- 2) At least one (1) microphone must be placed for purposes of picking up sound from the crowd.
- 3) One (1) microphone must be placed on the umpire's chair.

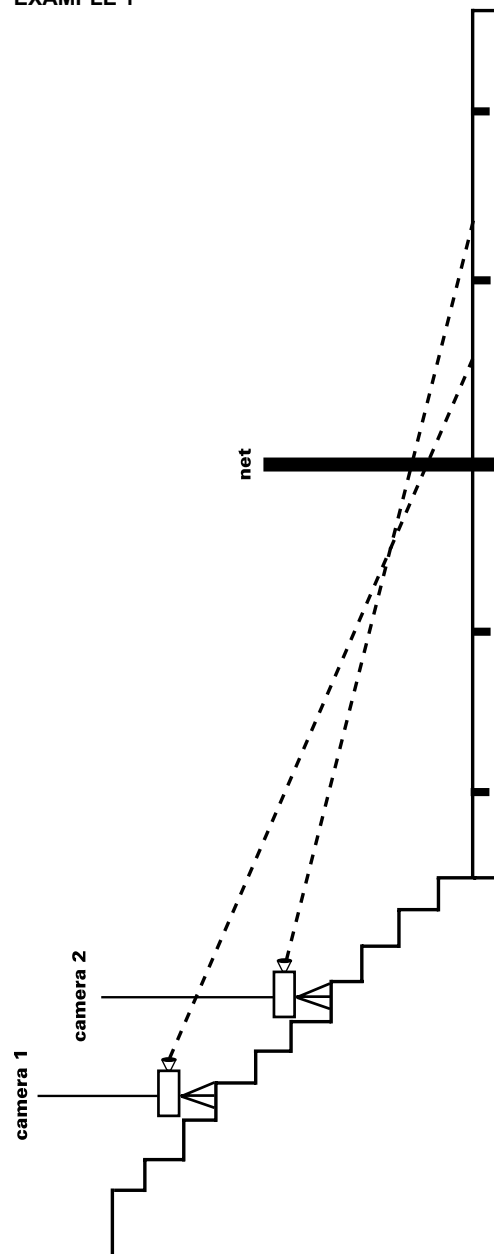
Center Court Masters 1000 Tournaments: ATP Masters 1000 tournament shall provide a fully cabled site and infrastructure for aerial camera system on center court.

Television Regulation Regarding Same Day Exclusivity

No tournament Class member shall be permitted to telecast or grant any telecaster the right to telecast, in any country in the territory of Europe, all or any portion of any tennis match on the same day as a tennis match from any ATP event that is being telecast in such country by a telecaster to which ATP has granted telecast rights, unless (x) such tournament Class member (i) is obligated to grant such rights pursuant to a binding agreement entered into prior to September 4, 1994, and furnished to the General Counsel of ATP pursuant to the ATP Board's resolution of September 4, 1994, or (ii) has received the written permission of the ATP CEO, or (y) the telecast right granted by the tournament Class member is to a host broadcaster whose television signal is carried only in the country in which that member's tournament is conducted, subject to such reasonable "spillage" into other countries as may be approved by the ATP CEO; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not limit the right of any tournament Class member to permit the telecast of up to three (3) minutes in the aggregate of any match in respect of any local, regional, national or international news or sports news programming.

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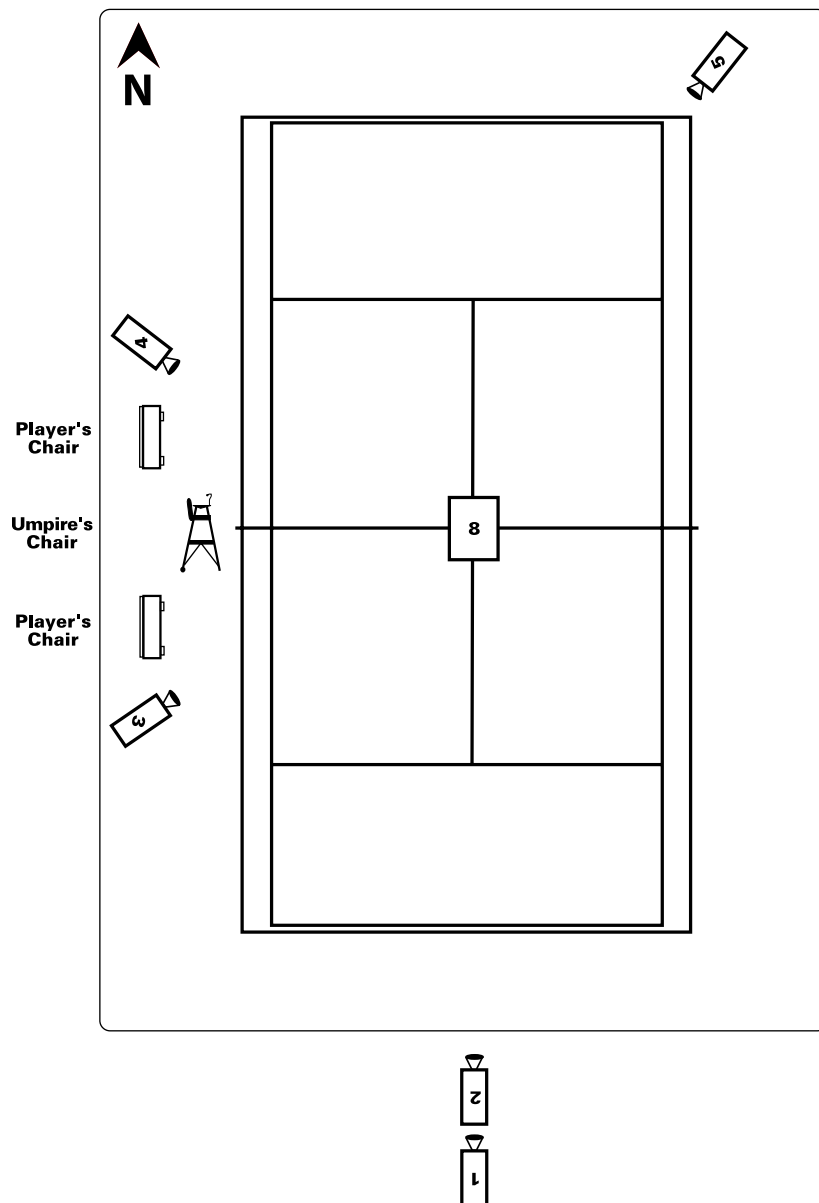
EXAMPLE 2

Standard Camera Position for Tennis Broadcast

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Standard Camera Positions for Tennis Broadcast



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EXHIBIT D - Attendance Standards

ATP Tour Tournament Attendance Quality Standards

Set forth below for each of the tournament classes are two attendance standard recommendations. In each year of operation, each ATP Tour tournament class member is expected to meet both of these recommendations. A member not meeting the recommended attendance standard three (3) years in a row (excluding extenuating circumstances) must present to the ATP Standards Committee a strategic plan on how they will meet the recommended standard in future years.

1) Recommended Attendance Standards

a) ATP Tour Masters 1000 & ATP Tour 500 tournaments

The recommended total attendance is calculated as follows:

- Start of main draw through Thursday.
 - o 50% of the actual seating capacity* for match courts, as specified in section 1.20, multiplied by the number of sessions.
- Friday through Sunday
 - o 75% of the Center Court capacity* multiplied by the number of sessions.
- The sum of these totals determine the recommended total attendance for the week.

b) ATP Tour 250

The recommended total attendance is calculated as follows:

- Start of main draw through Tuesday.
 - o 25% of the Center Court seating capacity multiplied by the number of sessions.
- Wednesday and Thursday
 - o 50% of the Center Court seating capacity multiplied by the number of sessions.
- Friday through Sunday
 - o 75% of the Center Court capacity multiplied by the number of sessions.
- The sum of these totals determine the recommended total attendance for the week.

* For events that cover Center Court seats, available seats on that day will be used to determine percentages, however, this number may not be less than the minimum requirement.

2) Minimum Weekend Attendance

The average minimum attendance per session during the final weekend of play is recommended to be in excess of 75% of capacity for the Center Court.

3) Measurement

- a) On a daily basis during the operation of each tournament, each tournament class member shall provide the ATP Supervisor with attendance figures in writing on a per session basis for each session held during the prior day. Such report shall set forth both total spectator attendance and the percentage of capacity. Each tournament class member shall promptly provide the ATP Supervisor or other member of the ATP staff with any backup necessary to verify its spectator attendance figures if such information is requested.

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- b) If the ATP Supervisor has any questions concerning the accuracy of such spectator attendance figures based upon his observation of the event, the ATP Supervisor shall promptly so notify the tournament class member and shall inform the member of what he believes is a more accurate spectator attendance count. In such circumstance, the burden will be on the tournament class member to persuade the ATP Supervisor of the accuracy of its figures. The final report of the ATP Supervisor shall be conclusive.

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EXHIBIT E - Virtual Insertion

Each ATP Tournament must comply with the following in order to use virtual insertion technology in telecasts:

- 1) Each telecast of an ATP Tour tournament using virtually inserted signage must receive the prior approval of ATP.
- 2) The company and methodology used to produce virtually inserted signage must meet quality and technical standards and be pre-approved by ATP.
- 3) Virtually inserted signage may be inserted only in existing signage positions.
- 4) Virtually inserted signage may be altered between points if synchronized with the change of Electronically Inserted Signage if in use.
- 5) Only static logos may be inserted. No moving logos or videos may be inserted.
- 6) Virtually inserted signage must be consistent in color, graphical look and size with the Tournament's other permanent signage.

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EXHIBIT F - Lighting

Lighting Form

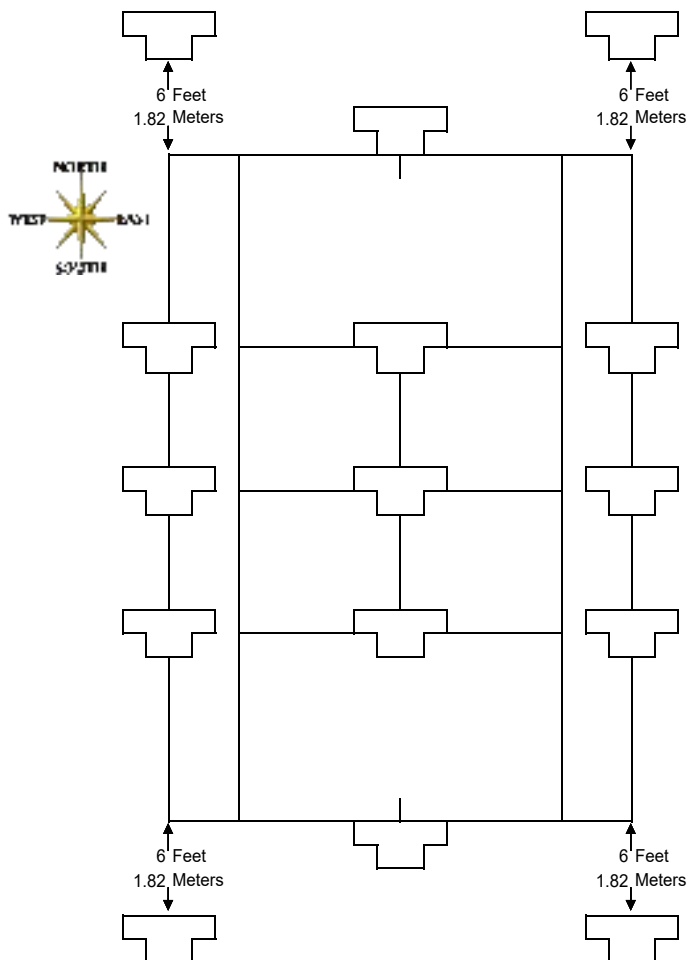


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Tournament Number: _____

LIGHTING MEASUREMENTS

Referee: _____ Date of Measurement: _____
Tournament Supervisor: _____

Site name: _____
COURT NAME: _____



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EXHIBIT G - ATP Challenger Tour Logo (Print & Promotional Materials)

Basic Guidelines:

- 1) The brand mark may not be modified in any way or redrawn. The two fixed elements (the ATP Challenger Tour logo type; the official ATP Challenger Tour logo) may not be separated from each other.
- 2) The ATP Challenger Tour brand mark may only be reproduced in its provided format.
- 3) The ATP Challenger Tour brand mark may not be used on a background that may make it appear indistinct. It shall always appear on an uncluttered background to ensure clarity.
- 4) The ATP Challenger Tour brand mark shall be positioned in its own clear space, standing apart from other images and/or brand marks. In order to achieve this, an area of clear space equal to the width of the stem of the T must always be on all sides of the brand mark.
- 5) The ATP Challenger Tour brand mark may not be positioned like a sponsor. It should be separated from sponsor logos in order to stand out as an endorsement of the quality and authenticity of the tournament.

EXHIBIT H - ATP Challenger Tour Logo (On-Court Version)



ATP Challenger Tour tournaments must only use the on-court version of the logo, shown above, for any signage around the court perimeter.

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References to the International Tennis Federation or ITF shall hereafter mean ITF Limited.

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FOREWORD

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) is the governing body of the game of tennis and its duties and responsibilities include PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME THROUGH determination of the Rules of Tennis.

To assist the ITF in carrying out this responsibility, the ITF has appointed a Rules of Tennis Committee which continually monitors the game and its rules, and when considered necessary makes recommendations for changes to the Board of Directors of the ITF who in turn make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting of the ITF which is the ultimate authority for making any changes to the Rules of Tennis.

Appendix V lists approved alternative procedures and scoring methods. In addition, on its own behalf or on application by interested parties, certain variations to the rules may be approved by the ITF for trial purposes only at a limited number of tournaments or events and/or for a limited time period. Such variations are not included in the published rules and require a report to the ITF on the conclusion of the approved trial.

Note: If there are any inconsistencies between the English version and Rules of Tennis translated into other languages, the English version shall prevail.

1. THE COURT

The court shall be a rectangle, 78 feet (23.77 m) long and, for singles matches, 27 feet (8.23 m) wide. For doubles matches, the court shall be 36 feet (10.97 m) wide.

The court shall be divided across the middle by a net suspended by a cord or metal cable which shall pass over or be attached to two net posts at a height of 3 ½ feet (1.07 m). The net shall be fully extended so that it completely fills the space between the two net posts and it must be of sufficiently small mesh to ensure that a ball cannot pass through it. The height of the net shall be 3 feet (0.914 m) at the Center, where it shall be held down tightly by a strap. A band shall cover the cord or metal cable and the top of the net. The strap and band shall be completely white.

- The maximum diameter of the cord or metal cable shall be 1/3 inch (0.8 cm).
- The maximum width of the strap shall be 2 inches (5 cm).
- The band shall be between 2 inches (5 cm) and 2 ½ inches (6.35 cm) deep on each side.

For doubles matches, the centers of the net posts shall be 3 feet (0.914 m) outside the doubles court on each side.

For singles matches, if a singles net is used, the centers of the net posts shall be 3 feet (0.914 m) outside the singles court on each side. If a doubles net is used, then the net shall be supported, at a height of 3 ½ feet (1.07 m), by two singles sticks, the centers of which shall be 3 feet (0.914 m) outside the singles court on each side.

- The net posts shall not be more than 6 inches (15 cm) square or 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter.
- The singles sticks shall not be more than 3 inches (7.5 cm) square or 3 inches (7.5 cm) in diameter.
- The net posts and singles sticks shall not be more than 1 inch (2.5 cm) above the top of the net cord.

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The lines at the ends of the court are called baselines and the lines at the sides of the court are called sidelines.

Two lines shall be drawn between the singles sidelines, 21 feet (6.40 m) from each side of the net, parallel with the net. These lines are called the service lines. On each side of the net, the area between the service line and the net shall be divided into two equal parts, the service courts, by the center service line. The center service line shall be drawn parallel with the singles sidelines and half way between them.

Each baseline shall be divided in half by a center mark, 4 inches (10 cm) in length, which shall be drawn inside the court and parallel with the singles sidelines.

- The center service line and center mark shall be 2 inches (5 cm) wide.
- The other lines of the court shall be between 1 inch (2.5 cm) and 2 inches (5 cm) wide, except that the baselines may be up to 4 inches (10 cm) wide.

All court measurements shall be made to the outside of the lines and all lines of the court shall be of the same color clearly contrasting with the color of the surface.

No advertising is allowed on the court, net, strap, band, net posts or singles sticks except as provided in Appendix IV.

In addition to the court described above, the court designated as “Red” and the court designated as “Orange” in Appendix VII can be used for 10 and under tennis competition.

Note: Guidelines for minimum distances between the baseline and backstops and between the sidelines and sidestops can be found in Appendix IX.

2. PERMANENT FIXTURES

The permanent fixtures of the court include the backstops and sidestops, the spectators, the stands and seats for spectators, all other fixtures around and above the court, the Chair Umpire, Line Umpires, net umpire and ball persons when in their recognized positions.

In a singles match played with a doubles net and singles sticks, the net posts and the part of the net outside the singles sticks are permanent fixtures and are not considered as net posts or part of the net.

3. THE BALL

Balls, which are approved for play under the Rules of Tennis, must comply with the specifications in Appendix I.

The International Tennis Federation shall rule on the question of whether any ball or prototype complies with Appendix I or is otherwise approved, or not approved, for play. Such ruling may be taken on its own initiative or upon application by any party with a bona fide interest therein, including any player, equipment manufacturer or National Association or members thereof. Such rulings and applications shall be made in accordance with the applicable Review and Hearing Procedures of the International Tennis Federation (see Appendix X).

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The event organizers must announce in advance of the event:

- a. The number of balls for play (2, 3, 4 or 6).
- b. The ball change policy, if any.

Ball changes, if any, can be made either:

- i) After an agreed odd number of games, in which case, the first ball change in the match shall take place two games earlier than for the rest of the match, to make allowance for the warm-up. A tie-break game counts as one game for the ball change. A ball change shall not take place at the beginning of a tie-break game. In this case, the ball change shall be delayed until the beginning of the second game of the next set; or
- ii. At the beginning of a set

If a ball gets broken during play, the point shall be replayed.

Case 1: *If a ball is soft at the end of a point, should the point be replayed?*

Decision: *If the ball is soft, not broken, the point shall not be replayed.*

Note: Any ball to be used in a tournament which is played under the Rules of Tennis, must be named on the official ITF list of approved balls issued by the International Tennis Federation.

4. THE RACKET

Rackets, which are approved for play under the Rules of Tennis, must comply with the specifications in Appendix II.

The International Tennis Federation shall rule on the question of whether any racket or prototype complies with Appendix II or is otherwise approved, or not approved, for play. Such ruling may be undertaken on its own initiative, or upon application by any party with a bona fide interest therein, including any player, equipment manufacturer or National Association or members thereof. Such rulings and applications shall be made in accordance with the applicable Review and Hearing Procedures of the International Tennis Federation (see Appendix X).

Case 1: *Is more than one set of strings allowed on the hitting surface of a racket?*

Decision: *No. The rule mentions a pattern (not patterns) of crossed strings. (See Appendix II)*

Case 2: *Is the stringing pattern of a racket considered to be generally uniform and flat if the strings are on more than one plane?*

Decision: *No.*

Case 3: *Can vibration damping devices be placed on the strings of a racket? If so, where can they be placed?*

Decision: *Yes, but these devices may only be placed outside the pattern of the crossed strings.*

Case 4: *During a point, a player accidentally breaks the strings. Can the player continue to play another point with this racket?*

Decision: *Yes, except where specifically prohibited by event organizers.*

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Case 5: *Is a player allowed to use more than one racket at any time during play?*

Decision: No.

Case 6: *Can a battery that affects playing characteristics be incorporated into a racket?*

Decision: No. A battery is prohibited because it is an energy source, as are solar cells and other similar devices.

5. SCORE IN A GAME

a. Standard game

A standard game is scored as follows with the server's score being called first:

No point	-	"Love"
First point	-	"15"
Second point	-	"30"
Third point	-	"40"
Fourth point	-	"Game"

except that if each player/team has won three points, the score is "Deuce". After "Deuce", the score is "Advantage" for the player/team who wins the next point. If that same player/team also wins the next point, that player/team wins the "Game"; if the opposing player/team wins the next point, the score is again "Deuce". A player/team needs to win two consecutive points immediately after "Deuce" to win the "Game".

b. Tie-break game

During a tie-break game, points are scored "Zero", "1", "2", "3", etc. The first player/team to win seven points wins the "Game" and "Set", provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s). If necessary, the tie-break game shall continue until this margin is achieved.

The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point of the tie-break game. The following two points shall be served by the opponent(s) (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next). After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the end of the tie-break game (in doubles, the rotation of service within each team shall continue in the same order as during that set).

The player/team whose turn it was to serve first in the tie-break game shall be the receiver in the first game of the following set.

Additional approved alternative scoring methods can be found in Appendix V.

6. SCORE IN A SET

There are different methods of scoring in a set. The two main methods are the "Advantage Set" and the "Tie-break Set". Either method may be used provided that the one to be used is announced in advance of the event. If the "Tie-break Set" method is

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to be used, it must also be announced whether the final set will be played as a "Tie-break Set" or an "Advantage Set".

a. "Advantage Set"

The first player/team to win six games wins that "Set", provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If necessary, the set shall continue until this margin is achieved.

b. "Tie-break Set"

The first player/team to win six games wins that "Set", provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches six games all, a tie-break game shall be played.

Additional approved alternative scoring methods can be found in Appendix V.

7. SCORE IN A MATCH

A match can be played to the best of 3 sets (a player/team needs to win 2 sets to win the match) or to the best of 5 sets (a player/team needs to win 3 sets to win the match).

Additional approved alternative scoring methods can be found in Appendix V.

8. SERVER & RECEIVER

The players/teams shall stand on opposite sides of the net. The server is the player who puts the ball into play for the first point. The receiver is the player who is ready to return the ball served by the server.

Case 1: *Is the receiver allowed to stand outside the lines of the court?*

Decision: Yes. The receiver may take any position inside or outside the lines on the receiver's side of the net.

9. CHOICE OF ENDS & SERVICE

The choice of ends and the choice to be server or receiver in the first game shall be decided by toss before the warm-up starts. The player/team who wins the toss may choose:

- To be server or receiver in the first game of the match, in which case the opponent(s) shall choose the end of the court for the first game of the match; or
- The end of the court for the first game of the match, in which case the opponent(s) shall choose to be server or receiver for the first game of the match; or
- To require the opponent(s) to make one of the above choices.

Case 1: *Do both players/teams have the right to new choices if the warm-up is stopped and the players leave the court?*

Decision: Yes. The result of the original toss stands, but new choices may be made by both players/teams.

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10. CHANGE OF ENDS

The players shall change ends at the end of the first, third and every subsequent odd game of each set. The players shall also change ends at the end of each set unless the total number of games in that set is even, in which case the players change ends at the end of the first game of the next set.

During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after every six points.

Additional approved alternative procedures can be found in Appendix V.

11 BALL IN PLAY

Unless a fault or a let is called, the ball is in play from the moment the server hits the ball, and remains in play until the point is decided.

12. BALL TOUCHES A LINE

If a ball touches a line, it is regarded as touching the court bounded by that line.

13. BALL TOUCHES A PERMANENT FIXTURE

If the ball in play touches a permanent fixture after it has hit the correct court, the player who hit the ball wins the point. If the ball in play touches a permanent fixture before it hits the ground, the player who hit the ball loses the point.

14. ORDER OF SERVICE

At the end of each standard game, the receiver shall become the server and the server shall become the receiver for the next game.

In doubles, the team due to serve in the first game of each set shall decide which player shall serve for that game. Similarly, before the second game starts, their opponents shall decide which player shall serve for that game. The partner of the player who served in the first game shall serve in the third game and the partner of the player who served in the second game shall serve in the fourth game. This rotation shall continue until the end of the set.

15. ORDER OF RECEIVING IN DOUBLES

The team which is due to receive in the first game of a set shall decide which player shall receive the first point in the game. Similarly, before the second game starts, their opponents shall decide which player shall receive the first point of that game. The player who was the receiver's partner for the first point of the game shall receive the second point and this rotation shall continue until the end of the game and the set.

After the receiver has returned the ball, either player in a team can hit the ball.

Case 1: *Is one member of a doubles team allowed to play alone against the opponents?*

Decision: No.

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16. THE SERVICE

Immediately before starting the service motion, the server shall stand at rest with both feet behind (i.e. further from the net than) the baseline and within the imaginary extensions of the center mark and the sideline.

The server shall then release the ball by hand in any direction and hit the ball with the racket before the ball hits the ground. The service motion is completed at the moment that the player's racket hits or misses the ball. A player who is able to use only one arm may use the racket for the release of the ball.

17 SERVING

When serving in a standard game, the server shall stand behind alternate halves of the court, starting from the right half of the court in every game.

In a tie-break game, the service shall be served from behind alternate halves of the court, with the first served from the right half of the court.

The service shall pass over the net and hit the service court diagonally opposite, before the receiver returns it.

18. FOOT FAULT

During the service motion, the server shall not:

- a. Change position by walking or running, although slight movements of the feet are permitted; or
- b. Touch the baseline or the court with either foot; or
- c. Touch the area outside the imaginary extension of the sideline with either foot; or
- d. Touch the imaginary extension of the center mark with either foot.

If the server breaks this rule it is a "Foot Fault".

Case 1: *In a singles match, is the server allowed to serve standing behind the part of the baseline between the singles sideline and the doubles sideline?*

Decision: No.

Case 2: *Is the server allowed to have one or both feet off the ground?*

Decision: Yes.

19. SERVICE FAULT

The service is a fault if:

- a. The server breaks rules 16, 17 or 18; or
- b. The server misses the ball when trying to hit it; or
- c. The ball served touches a permanent fixture, singles stick or net post before it hits the ground; or
- d. The ball served touches the server or server's partner, or anything the server or server's partner is wearing or carrying.

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Case 1: After tossing a ball to serve, the server decides not to hit it and catches it instead. Is this a fault?

Decision: No. A player, who tosses the ball and then decides not to hit it, is allowed to catch the ball with the hand or the racket, or to let the ball bounce.

Case 2: During a singles match played on a court with net posts and singles sticks, the ball served hits a singles stick and then hits the correct service court. Is this a fault?

Decision: Yes.

20. SECOND SERVICE

If the first service is a fault, the server shall serve again without delay from behind the same half of the court from which that fault was served, unless the service was from the wrong half.

21. WHEN TO SERVE & RECEIVE

The server shall not serve until the receiver is ready. However, 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 receiver who attempts to return the service shall be considered as being ready. If it is demonstrated that the receiver is not ready, the service cannot be called a fault.

22. THE LET DURING A SERVICE

The service is a let if:

- a. The ball served touches the net, strap or band, and is otherwise good; or, after touching the net, strap or band, touches the receiver or the receiver's partner or anything they wear or carry before hitting the ground; or
- b. The ball is served when the receiver is not ready.

In the case of a service let, that particular service shall not count, and the server shall serve again, but a service let does not cancel a previous fault.

Additional approved alternative procedures can be found in Appendix V.

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In all cases when a let is called, except when a service let is called on a second service, the whole point shall be replayed.

Case 1: When the ball is in play, another ball rolls onto court. A let is called. The server had previously served a fault. Is the server now entitled to a first service or second service?

Decision: First service. The whole point must be replayed.

24. PLAYER LOSES POINT

The point is lost if:

- a. The player serves two consecutive faults; or

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- b. The player does not return the ball in play before it bounces twice consecutively; or
- c. The player returns the ball in play so that it hits the ground, or before it bounces, an object, outside the correct court; or
- d. The player returns the ball in play so that, before it bounces, it hits a permanent fixture; or
- e. The receiver returns the service before it bounces; or
- f. The player deliberately carries or catches the ball in play on the racket or deliberately touches it with the racket more than once; or
- g. The player or the racket, whether in the player's hand or not, or anything which the player is wearing or carrying touches the net, net posts/singles sticks, cord or metal cable, strap or band, or the opponent's court at any time while the ball is in play; or
- h. The player hits the ball before it has passed the net; or
- i. The ball in play touches the player or anything that the player is wearing or carrying, except the racket; or
- j. The ball in play touches the racket when the player is not holding it; or
- k. The player deliberately and materially changes the shape of the racket when the ball is in play; or
- l. In doubles, both players touch the ball when returning it.

Case 1: After the server has served a first service, the racket falls out of the server's hand and touches the net before the ball has bounced. Is this a service fault, or does the server lose the point?

Decision: The server loses the point because the racket touches the net while the ball is in play.

Case 2: After the server has served a first service, the racket falls out of the server's hand and touches the net after the ball has bounced outside the correct service court. Is this a service fault, or does the server lose the point?

Decision: This is a service fault because when the racket touched the net the ball was no longer in play.

Case 3: In a doubles match, the receiver's partner touches the net before the ball that has been served touches the ground outside the correct service court. What is the correct decision?

Decision: The receiving team loses the point because the receiver's partner touched the net while the ball was in play.

Case 4: Does a player lose the point if an imaginary line in the extension of the net is crossed before or after hitting the ball?

Decision: The player does not lose the point in either case provided the player does not touch the opponent's court.

Case 5: Is a player allowed to jump over the net into the opponent's court while the ball is in play?

Decision: No. The player loses the point.

Case 6: A player throws the racket at the ball in play. Both the racket and the ball land in the court on the opponent's side of the net and the opponent(s) is unable to reach the ball. Which player wins the point?

Decision: The player who threw the racket at the ball loses the point.

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Case 7: A ball that has just been served hits the receiver or in doubles the receiver's partner before it touches the ground. Which player wins the point?

Decision: The server wins the point, unless it is a service let.

Case 8: A player standing outside the court hits the ball or catches it before it bounces and claims the point because the ball was definitely going out of the correct court.

Decision: The player loses the point, unless it is a good return, in which case the point continues.

25. A GOOD RETURN

It is a good return if:

- a. The ball touches the net, net posts/singles sticks, cord or metal cable, strap or band, provided that it passes over any of them and hits the ground within the correct court; except as provided in Rule 2 and 24 (d); or
- b. After the ball in play has hit the ground within the correct court and has spun or been blown back over the net, the player reaches over the net and plays the ball into the correct court, provided that the player does not break Rule 24; or
- c. The ball is returned outside the net posts, either above or below the level of the top of the net, even though it touches the net posts, provided that it hits the ground in the correct court; except as provided in Rules 2 and 24 (d); or
- d. The ball passes under the net cord between the singles stick and the adjacent net post without touching either net, net cord or net post and hits the ground in the correct court, or
- e. The player's racket passes over the net after hitting the ball on the player's own side of the net and the ball hits the ground in the correct court; or
- f. The player hits the ball in play, which hits another ball lying in the correct court.

Case 1: A player returns a ball which then hits a singles stick and hits the ground in the correct court. Is this a good return?

Decision: Yes. However, if the ball is served and hits the singles stick, it is a service fault.

Case 2: A ball in play hits another ball which is lying in the correct court. What is the correct decision?

Decision: Play continues. However, if it is not clear that the actual ball in play has been returned, a let should be called.

26. HINDRANCE

If a player is hindered in playing the point by a deliberate act of the opponent(s), the player shall win the point.

However, the point shall be replayed if a player is hindered in playing the point by either an unintentional act of the opponent(s), or something outside the player's own control (not including a permanent fixture).

Case 1: Is an unintentional double hit a hindrance?

Decision: No. See also Rule 24 (f).

Case 2: A player claims to have stopped play because the player thought that the opponent(s) was being hindered. Is this a hindrance?

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Decision: No, the player loses the point.

Case 3: A ball in play hits a bird flying over the court. Is this a hindrance?

Decision: Yes, the point shall be replayed.

Case 4: During a point, a ball or other object that was lying on the player's side of the net when the point started hinders the player. Is this a hindrance?

Decision: No.

Case 5: In doubles, where are the server's partner and receiver's partner allowed to stand?

Decision: The server's partner and the receiver's partner may take any position on their own side of the net, inside or outside the court. However, if a player is creating a hindrance to the opponent(s), the hindrance rule should be used.

27. CORRECTING ERRORS

As a principle, when an error in respect of the Rules of Tennis is discovered, all points previously played shall stand. Errors so discovered shall be corrected as follows:

- a. During a standard game or a tie-break game, if a player serves from the wrong half of the court, this should be corrected as soon as the error is discovered and the server shall serve from the correct half of the court according to the score. A fault that was served before the error was discovered shall stand.
- b. During a standard game or a tie-break game, if the players are at the wrong ends of the court, the error should be corrected as soon as it is discovered and the server shall serve from the correct end of the court according to the score.
- c. If a player serves out of turn during a standard game, the player who was originally due to serve shall serve as soon as the error is discovered. However, if a game is completed before the error is discovered the order of service shall remain as altered. In this case, any ball change to be made after an agreed number of games should be made one game later than originally scheduled.

A fault that was served by the opponents(s) before the error was discovered shall not stand.

In doubles, if the partners of one team serve out of turn, a fault that was served before the error was discovered shall stand.

- d. If a player serves out of turn during a tie-break game and the error is discovered after an even number of points have been played, the error is corrected immediately. If the error is discovered after an odd number of points have been played, the order of service shall remain as altered. A fault that was served by the opponent(s) before the error was discovered shall not stand. In doubles, if the partners of one team serve out of turn, a fault that was served before the error was discovered shall stand.
- e. During a standard game or a tie-break game in doubles, if there is an error in the order of receiving, this shall remain as altered until the end of the game in which the error is discovered. For the next game in which they are the receivers in that set, the partners shall then resume the original order of receiving.

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- f. If in error a tie-break game is started at 6 games all, when it was previously agreed that the set would be an “Advantage set”, the error shall be corrected immediately if only one point has been played. If the error is discovered after the second point is in play, the set will continue as a “Tie-break set”.
- g. If in error a standard game is started at 6 games all, when it was previously agreed that the set would be a “Tie-break set”, the error shall be corrected immediately if only one point has been played. If the error is discovered after the second point is in play, the set will continue as an “Advantage set” until the score reaches 8 games all (or a higher even number), when a tie-break game shall be played.
- h. If in error an “Advantage set” or “Tie-break set” is started, when it was previously agreed that the final set would be a match tie-break, the error shall be corrected immediately if only one point has been played. If the error is discovered after the second point is in play, the set will continue either until a player or team wins three games (and therefore the set) or until the score reaches 2 games all, when a match tie-break shall be played. However, if the error is discovered after the second point of the fifth game has started, the set will continue as a “Tie-break set”. (See Appendix V)
- i. If the balls are not changed in the correct sequence, the error shall be corrected when the player/team who should have served with new balls is next due to serve a new game. Thereafter the balls shall be changed so that the number of games between ball changes shall be that originally agreed. Balls should not be changed during a game.

28. ROLE OF COURT OFFICIALS

For matches where officials are appointed, their roles and responsibilities can be found in Appendix VI.

29. CONTINUOUS PLAY

As a principle, play should be continuous, from the time the match starts (when the first service of the match is put in play) until the match finishes.

- a. Between points, a maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds is allowed. When the players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of ninety (90) seconds are allowed. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break game, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest.
At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds.
The maximum time starts from the moment that one point finishes until the first service is struck for the next point.
Event organizers may apply for ITF approval to extend the ninety (90) seconds allowed when the players change ends at the end of a game and the one hundred and twenty (120) seconds allowed at a set break.
- b. If, for reasons outside the player’s control, clothing, footwear or necessary equipment (excluding the racket) is broken or needs to be replaced, the player may be allowed reasonable extra time to rectify the problem.
- c. No extra time shall be given to allow a player to recover condition. However, a player suffering from a treatable medical condition may be allowed one medical time-out of three minutes for the treatment of that medical condition.

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A limited number of toilet/change of attire breaks may also be allowed, if this is announced in advance of the event.

- d. Event organizers may allow a rest period of a maximum of ten (10) minutes if this is announced in advance of the event. This rest period can be taken after the 3rd set in a best of 5 sets match, or after the 2nd set in a best of 3 sets match.
- e. The warm-up time shall be a maximum of five (5) minutes, unless otherwise decided by the event organizers.

30. COACHING

Coaching is considered to be communication, advice or instruction of any kind and by any means to a player.

In team events where there is a team captain sitting on-court, the team captain may coach the player(s) during a set break and when the players change ends at the end of a game, but not when the players change ends after the first game of each set and not during a tie-break game.

In all other matches, coaching is not allowed.

Case 1: *Is a player allowed to be coached, if the coaching is given by signals in a discreet way?*

Decision: No.

Case 2: *Is a player allowed to receive coaching when play is suspended?*

Decision: Yes.

Case 3: *Is a player allowed to receive on-court coaching during a match?*

Decision: *Sanctioning bodies may apply to the ITF to have on-court coaching allowed. In events where on-court coaching is allowed, designated coaches may enter the court and coach their players under procedures decided by the sanctioning body.*

31. PLAYER ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGY

Player analysis technology, that is approved for play under the Rules of Tennis, must comply with the specifications in Appendix III.

The International Tennis Federation shall rule on the question of whether any such equipment is approved, or not approved. Such ruling may be taken on its own initiative, or upon application by any party with a bona fide interest therein, including any player, equipment manufacturer or National Association or members thereof. Such rulings and applications shall be made in accordance with the applicable Review and Hearing Procedures of the International Tennis Federation (see Appendix X).

RULES OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

The game of wheelchair tennis follows the ITF Rules of Tennis with the following exceptions.

a. The Two Bounce Rule

The wheelchair tennis player is allowed two bounces of the ball. The player must return the ball before it hits the ground a third time. The second bounce can be either in or out of the court boundaries.

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b. The Wheelchair

The wheelchair is considered part of the body and all applicable rules, which apply to a player's body, shall apply to the wheelchair.

c. The Service

The service shall be delivered in the following manner.

- i. Immediately before commencing the service, the server shall be in a stationary position. The server shall then be allowed one push before striking the ball.
- ii. The server shall throughout the delivery of the service not touch with any wheel, any area other than that behind the baseline within the imaginary extension of the center mark and sideline.
- iii. If conventional methods for the service are physically impossible for a quadriplegic player, then the player or an individual may drop the ball for such a player. However, the same method of serving must be used each time.

d. Player Loses Point

A player loses a point if:

- i. The player fails to return the ball before it has touched the ground three times; or
- ii. Subject to rule f) below the player uses any part of their feet or lower extremities as brakes or as stabilizers while delivering service, stroking a ball, turning or stopping against the ground or against any wheel while the ball is in play; or
- iii. The player fails to keep one buttock in contact with their wheelchair seat when contacting the ball.

e. The Wheelchair

Wheelchairs used in all competitions played under the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis must comply with the following specifications:

- i. The wheelchair may be constructed of any material provided that such material is non-reflective and does not constitute a hindrance to the opponent.
- ii. Wheels may have a single pushrim only. No changes to the wheelchair that afford the player a mechanical advantage are permitted, such as levers or gears. During normal play, wheels shall not leave permanent marks on, or otherwise damage, the court surface.
- iii. Subject to Rule e(v), players shall use only the wheels (including pushrims) to propel the wheelchair. No steering, braking or gearing or other device that may assist operation of the wheelchair, including energy storage systems, is permitted.
- iv. The height of the seat (including cushion) shall be fixed and players' buttocks shall remain in contact with the seat during the playing of a point. Strapping may be used to secure the player to the wheelchair.
- v. Players who meet the requirements of Article 10 of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules may use a wheelchair powered by electric motor(s) (a "powered wheelchair"). Powered wheelchairs must not be able to exceed 15 km/h in any direction and shall be controlled by the player only.
- vi. Applications may be made for modifications to the wheelchair for legitimate medical reasons. All such applications shall be submitted to the ITF Sport Science & Medicine Commission for approval a minimum of 60 days prior to intended use in an ITF-sanctioned event.

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A decision to reject a proposed modification may be appealed under Appendix III of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations.

f. Propelling the Chair with the Foot

- i. If due to lack of capacity a player is unable to propel the wheelchair via the wheel then they may propel the wheelchair using one foot.
- ii. Even if in accordance with rule e) i. above a player is permitted to propel the chair using one foot, no part of the player's foot may be in contact with the ground:
 - a) during the forward motion of the swing, including when the racket strikes the ball;
 - b) from the initiation of the service motion until the racket strikes the ball.
- iii. A player in breach of this rule shall lose the point.

f. Wheelchair/Able-bodied Tennis

Where a wheelchair tennis player is playing with or against an able-bodied person in singles or doubles, the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis shall apply for the wheelchair player while the Rules of Tennis for able-bodied tennis shall apply for the able-bodied player. In this instance, the wheelchair player is allowed two bounces while the able-bodied player is allowed only one bounce.

Note: The definition of lower extremities is: the lower limbs, including the buttocks, hips, thighs, legs, ankles and feet.

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF TENNIS

(Article 28 of the Constitution of ITF Ltd)

The official and decisive text to the Rules of Tennis shall be for ever in the English language and no alteration or interpretation of such Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting of the Council, nor unless notice of the Resolution embodying such alterations shall have been received by the ITF in accordance with Article 17 and such Resolution or one having the like effect shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes recorded in respect of the same.

Any alteration so made shall take effect as from the first day of January following unless the Meeting shall by the like majority decide otherwise.

The Board of Directors shall have power, however, to settle all urgent questions of interpretation subject to confirmation at the General Meeting next following.

This text shall not be altered at any time without the unanimous consent of a General Meeting of the Council.

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APPENDIX I

THE BALL

For all measurements in Appendix I, SI units shall take precedence

- a. The ball shall have a uniform outer surface consisting of a fabric cover except for the Stage 3 (Red) foam ball. If there are any seams they shall be stitchless.
- b. The ball shall conform to one of types specified in the table immediately below or in the table under paragraph (d).

	TYPE 1 (FAST)	TYPE 2 (MEDIUM) ¹	TYPE 3 (SLOW) ²	HIGH ALTITUDE ³
MASS (WEIGHT)	56.0-59.4 grams (1.975-2.095 oz)	56.0-59.4 grams (1.975-2.095 oz)	56.0-59.4 grams (1.975-2.095 oz)	56.0-59.4 grams (1.975-2.095 oz)
SIZE	6.54-6.86 cm (2.57-2.70 in)	6.54-6.86 cm (2.57-2.70 in)	7.00-7.30 cm (2.76-2.87 in)	6.54-6.86 cm (2.57-2.70 in)
REBOUND	138-151 cm (54-60 inches)	135-147 cm (53-58 in)	135-147 cm (53-58 in)	122-135 cm (48-53 in)
FORWARD DEFORMATION ⁴	0.56-0.74 cm (0.220-0.291 in)	0.56-0.74 cm (0.220-0.291 in)	0.56-0.74 cm (0.220-0.291 in)	0.56-0.74 cm (0.220-0.291 in)
RETURN DEFORMATION ⁴	0.74-1.08 cm (0.291-0.425 in)	0.80-1.08 cm (0.315-0.425 in)	0.80-1.08 cm (0.315-0.425 in)	0.80-1.08 cm (0.315-0.425 in)
COLOR	White or Yellow	White or Yellow	White or Yellow	White or Yellow

Notes:

- ¹ This ball type may be pressurised or pressureless. The pressureless ball shall have an internal pressure that is no greater than 7 kPa (1 psi) and may be used for high altitude play above 1,219 m (4,000 feet) above sea level and shall have been acclimatized for 60 days or more at the altitude of the specific tournament.
- ² This ball type is also recommended for high altitude play on any court surface type above 1,219 m (4,000 feet) above sea level.
- ³ This ball type is pressurised and is specified for high altitude play above 1,219 m (4,000 feet) above sea level only.
- ⁴ The deformation shall be the average of a single reading along each of three perpendicular axes. No two individual readings shall differ by more than 0.08 cm (0.031 inches).

- c. In addition, all ball types specified under paragraph (b) shall conform to the requirements for durability as shown in the following table:

	MASS (WEIGHT)	REBOUND	FORWARD DEFORMATION	RETURN DEFORMATION
MAXIMUM CHANGE ¹	0.4 gr (0.014 oz)	4.0 cm (1.6 in)	0.08 cm (0.031 in)	0.10 cm (0.039 in)

Notes:

- ¹ The largest permissible change in the specified properties resulting from the durability test described in the current edition of *ITF Approved Tennis Balls & Classified Court Surfaces*. The durability test uses laboratory equipment to simulate the effects of nine games of play.

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- d. Only the ball types specified in the table below can be used in 10 and under tennis competition:

	STAGE 3 (RED) FOAM	STAGE 3 (RED) STANDARD	STAGE 2 (ORANGE) STANDARD	STAGE 1 (GREEN) STANDARD
MASS (WEIGHT)	25.0-43.0 grams (0.882-1.517 oz)	36.0-49.0 grams (1.270-1.728 oz)	36.0-46.9 grams (1.270-1.654 oz)	47.0-51.5 grams (1.658-1.817 oz)
SIZE	8.00-9.00 cm (3.15-3.54 inches)	7.00-8.00 cm (2.76-3.15 inches)	6.00-6.86 cm (2.36-2.70 inches)	6.30-6.86 cm (2.48-2.70 inches)
REBOUND	85-105 cm (33-41 inches)	90-105 cm (35-41 inches)	105-120 cm (41-47 inches)	120-135 cm (47-53 inches)
FORWARD DEFORMATION ¹	-----	-----	1.40-1.65 cm (0.551-0.650 in.)	0.80-1.05 cm (0.315-0.413 in.)
COLOUR ²	Any	Red and Yellow, or Yellow with a Red dot	Orange and Yellow, or Yellow with an Orange dot	Yellow with a Green dot

Notes:

- ¹ The deformation shall be the average of a single reading along each of three perpendicular axes. There is no limit on the difference between individual forward deformation readings. There is no specification for return deformation.
 - ² All coloured dots shall be reasonable in size and placement.
- e. All tests for rebound, mass, size, deformation and durability shall be made in accordance with the Regulations described in the current edition of *ITF Approved Tennis Balls & Classified Court Surfaces*.

CLASSIFICATION OF COURT PACE

The ITF test method used for determining the pace of a court surface is ITF CS 01/02 (ITF Court Pace Rating) as described in the ITF publication entitled "ITF guide to test methods for tennis court surfaces".

Court surfaces which have an ITF Court Pace Rating of 0 to 29 shall be classified as being Category 1 (slow pace). Examples of court surface types which conform to this classification will include most clay courts and other types of unbound mineral surface.

Court surfaces which have an ITF Court Pace Rating of 30 to 34 shall be classified as being Category 2 (medium-slow pace), while court surfaces with an ITF Court Pace Rating of 35 to 39 shall be classified as being Category 3 (medium pace). Examples of court surface types which conform to this classification will include most acrylic coated surfaces plus some carpet surfaces.

Court surfaces with an ITF Court Pace Rating of 40 to 44 shall be classified as being Category 4 (medium-fast pace), while court surfaces which have an ITF Court Pace Rating of 45 or more shall be classified as being Category 5 (fast pace). Examples of court surface types which conform to this classification will include most natural grass, artificial grass and some carpet surfaces.

Case 1: Which ball type should be used on which court surface?

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Decision: 3 different types of balls are approved for play under the Rules of Tennis, however:

- a. *Ball Type 1 (fast speed) is intended for play on slow pace court surfaces*
- b. *Ball Type 2 (medium speed) is intended for play on medium-slow, medium and medium-fast pace court surfaces*
- c. *Ball Type 3 (slow speed) is intended for play on fast pace court surfaces*

Note: In addition to the ball types specified under paragraph (b) above, the Stage 1 (Green) ball may be used for all levels of competitive play except for world ranking professional tennis events, Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Tennis Events, World Tennis Tour Men's, Women's and Junior Tournaments and Team events sanctioned by the ITF and affiliated Regional Associations, ITF Senior Circuit and Team events and ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour Circuit and Team events.

Each National Association shall have the right to decide which national competitive events should use the stage 1 (green) ball.

APPENDIX II

THE RACKET

For all measurements in Appendix II, SI units shall take precedence

- a. The racket shall consist of a frame and string(s). The frame shall consist of a handle and head, and may also include a throat. The head is defined as that part of the racket to which the string(s) connect. The handle is defined as that part of the racket connected to the head which is held by the player in normal use. The throat, where present, is that part of the racket that joins the handle to the head.
- b. The hitting surface, defined as the main area of the stringing pattern bordered by the points of entry of the strings into the head or points of contact of the strings with the head, whichever is the smaller, shall be flat and consist of a pattern of crossed strings, which shall be alternately interlaced or bonded where they cross. The stringing pattern must be generally uniform and, in particular, not less dense in the center than in any other area. The racket shall be designed and strung such that the playing characteristics are identical on both faces.
- c. The racket shall not exceed 73.7 cm (29.0 inches) in overall length, and 31.7 cm (12.5 inches) in overall width. The hitting surface shall not exceed 39.4 cm (15.5 inches) in overall length, when measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the handle, and 29.2 cm (11.5 inches) in overall width, when measured perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle.
- d. The racket shall be free of any attached object, protrusion or device which makes it possible to change materially the shape of the racket, or its moment of inertia about any principal axis, or to change any physical property which may affect the performance of the racket during the playing of a point. Attached objects, protrusions and devices that are approved as Player Analysis Technology, or that

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are utilised to limit or prevent wear and tear or vibration or, for the frame only, to distribute weight, are permitted. All permissible objects, protrusions and devices must be reasonable in size and placement for their respective purpose(s).

No energy source that in any way could change or affect the playing characteristics of a racket may be built into or attached to a racket.

APPENDIX III

PLAYER ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGY

Player Analysis Technology is equipment that may perform any of the following functions with respect to player performance information:

- A. Recording
- B. Storing
- C. Transmission
- D. Analysis
- E. Communication to a player of any kind and by any means

Player Analysis Technology may record and/or store information during a match. Such information may only be accessed by a player in accordance with Rule 30.

APPENDIX IV

ADVERTISING

1. Advertising is permitted on the net as long as it is placed on the part of the net that is within 3 feet (0.914 m) from the center of the net posts and is produced in such a way that it does not interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.

A mark (non-commercial) of the sanctioning body is permitted on the lower part of the net, minimum 20 inches (0.51 m) from the top of the net, as long as it is produced in such a way that it does not interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.
2. Advertising and other marks or material placed at the back and sides of the court shall be permitted unless it interferes with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.
3. Advertising and other marks or material placed on the court surface outside the lines is permitted unless it interferes with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.
4. Notwithstanding paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above, any advertising, marks or material placed on the net or placed at the back and sides of the court, or on the court surface outside the lines may not contain white or yellow or other light colors that may interfere with the vision of the players or the playing conditions.

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- Advertising and other marks or material are not permitted on the court surface inside the lines of the court.

APPENDIX V

ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES AND SCORING METHODS

SCORE IN A GAME (Rule 5):

This alternatives listed in this Appendix V may be used.

“No-Ad” SCORING METHOD

A “No-Ad” game is scored as follows with the server’s score being called first:

No point	-	“Love”
First point	-	“15”
Second point	-	“30”
Third point	-	“40”
Fourth point	-	“Game”

If both players/teams have won three points each, the score is “Deuce” and a deciding point shall be played. The receiver(s) shall choose whether to receive the service from the right half or the left half of the court. In doubles, the players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the “Game”.

In mixed doubles, the player of the same gender as the server shall receive the deciding point. The players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive the deciding point.

SCORE IN A SET (Rules 6 and 7):

1. SHORT SETS

The first player/team who wins four games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches four games all, a tie-break game shall be played. Alternatively (at the discretion of the sanctioning body), if the score reaches three games all, a tie-break game shall be played.

2. SHORT SET TIE-BREAK

When playing Short Sets only, a Short Set tie-break may be used. The first player/team to win five points wins the “Game” and “Set”, with a deciding point if the score reaches four all. The order and number of serves shall be determined by the sanctioning body. Players/Teams will only change ends after the first four points have been played.

3. MATCH TIE-BREAK (7 POINTS)

When the score in a match is one set all, or two sets all in best of five sets matches, one tie-break game shall be played to decide the match. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set.

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The player/team who first wins seven points shall win this match tie-break and the match provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s).

4. MATCH TIE-BREAK (10 POINTS)

When the score in a match is one set all, or two sets all in best of five sets matches, one tie-break game shall be played to decide the match. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set.

The player/team who first wins ten points shall win this match tie-break and the match provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s).

Note: When using the match tie-break to replace the final set:

- the original order of service continues. (Rules 5 and 14)
- in doubles, the order of serving and receiving within the team may be altered, as in the beginning of each set. (Rules 14 and 15)
- before the start of the match tie-break there shall be a 120 seconds set break.
- balls should not be changed before the start of the match tie-break even if a ball change is due.

CHANGE OF ENDS (Rule 10):

During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after the first point and thereafter after every four points.

THE LET DURING A SERVICE (Rule 22):

“NO LET” RULE

This alternative is play without the service let in Rule 22.

Wherby a serve that touches the net, strap or band is in play.

At the discretion of the sanctioning body, when playing doubles using Short Sets in combination with No-Ad scoring and the No-Let rule, either player on the receiving team is permitted to return a serve that touches the net, strap or band and lands within the correct service box.

APPENDIX VI

ROLE OF COURT OFFICIALS

The Referee is the final authority on all questions of tennis law and the Referee’s decision is final.

In matches where a Chair Umpire is assigned, the Chair Umpire is the final authority on all questions of fact during the match.

The players have the right to call the Referee to court if they disagree with a Chair Umpire’s interpretation of tennis law.

In matches where Line Umpires and net umpires are assigned, they make all calls (including foot-fault calls) relating to that line or net. The Chair Umpire has the right to overrule a Line Umpire or a net umpire if the Chair Umpire is sure that a clear mistake

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has been made. The Chair Umpire is responsible for calling any line (including foot-faults) or net where no Line Umpire or net umpire is assigned.

A Line Umpire who cannot make a call shall signal this immediately to the Chair Umpire who shall make a decision. If the Line Umpire can not make a call, or if there is no Line Umpire, and the Chair Umpire can not make a decision on a question of fact, the point shall be replayed.

In team events where the Referee is sitting on-court, the Referee is also the final authority on questions of fact.

Play may be stopped or suspended at any time the Chair Umpire decides it is necessary or appropriate.

The Referee may also stop or suspend play in the case of darkness, weather or adverse court conditions. When play is suspended for darkness, this should be done at the end of a set, or after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress. After a suspension in play, the score and position of players on-court in the match shall stand when the match resumes.

The Chair Umpire or Referee shall make decisions regarding continuous play and coaching in respect of any Code of Conduct that is approved and in operation.

Case 1: *The Chair Umpire awards the server a first service after an overrule, but the receiver argues that it should be a second service, since the server had already served a fault. Should the Referee be called to court to give a decision?*

Decision: Yes. *The Chair Umpire makes the first decision about questions of tennis law (issues relating to the application of specific facts). However, if a player appeals the Chair Umpire's decision, then the Referee shall be called to make the final decision.*

Case 2: *A ball is called out, but a player claims that the ball was good. May the Referee be called to court to make a decision?*

Decision: No. *The Chair Umpire makes the final decision on questions of fact (issues relating to what actually happened during a specific incident).*

Case 3: *Is a Chair Umpire allowed to overrule a Line Umpire at the end of a point if, in the Chair Umpire's opinion, a clear mistake was made earlier in the point?*

Decision: No. *A Chair Umpire may only overrule a Line Umpire immediately after the clear mistake has been made.*

Case 4: *A Line Umpire calls a ball "Out" and then the player argues that the ball was good. Is the Chair Umpire allowed to overrule the Line Umpire?*

Decision: No. *A Chair Umpire must never overrule as the result of the protest or appeal by a player*

Case 5: *A Line Umpire calls a ball "Out". The Chair Umpire was unable to see clearly, but thought the ball was in. May the Chair Umpire overrule the Line Umpire?*

Decision: No. *The Chair Umpire may only overrule when sure that the Line Umpire made a clear mistake.*

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Case 6: *Is a Line Umpire allowed to change the call after the Chair Umpire has announced the score?*

Decision: Yes. *If a Line Umpire realizes a mistake, a correction should be made as soon as possible provided it is not as the result of a protest or appeal of a player.*

Case 7: *If a Chair Umpire or Line Umpire calls "out" and then corrects the call to good, what is the correct decision?*

Decision: *The Chair Umpire must decide if the original "out" call was a hindrance to either player. If it was a hindrance, the point shall be replayed. If it was not a hindrance, the player who hit the ball wins the point.*

Case 8: *A ball is blown back over the net and the player correctly reaches over the net to try to play the ball. The opponent(s) hinders the player from doing this. What is the correct decision?*

Decision: *The Chair Umpire must decide if the hindrance was deliberate or unintentional and either awards the point to the hindered player or order the point to be replayed.*

BALL MARK INSPECTION PROCEDURES

1. Ball mark inspections can only be made on clay courts.
2. A ball mark inspection requested by a player (team) shall be allowed only if the Chair Umpire cannot determine the call with certainty from their chair on either a point-ending shot or when a player (team) stops playing the point during a rally (returns are permitted but then the player must immediately stop).
3. When the Chair Umpire has decided to make a ball mark inspection, they should go down from the chair and make the inspection themselves. If they do not know where the mark is, they can ask the Line Umpire for help in locating the mark, but then the Chair Umpire shall inspect it.
4. The original call or overrule will always stand if the Line Umpire and Chair Umpire cannot determine the location of the mark or if the mark is unreadable.
5. Once the Chair Umpire has identified and ruled on a ball mark, this decision is final and not appealable.
6. In clay court tennis the Chair Umpire should not be too quick to announce the score unless absolutely certain of the call. If in doubt, wait before calling the score to determine whether a ball mark inspection is necessary.
7. In doubles the appealing player must make their appeal in such a way that either play stops or the Chair Umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the Chair Umpire then they must first determine that the correct appeal procedure was followed. If it was not correct or if it was late, then the Chair Umpire may determine that the opposing team was deliberately hindered.
8. If a player erases the ball mark before the Chair Umpire has made a final decision, they concedes the call.
9. A player may not cross the net to check a ball mark without being subject to the Unsportsmanlike provision of the Code of Conduct.

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ELECTRONIC REVIEW PROCEDURES

At tournaments where an Electronic Review System is used, the following procedures should be followed for matches on courts where it is used.

1. A request for an Electronic Review of a line call or overrule by a player (team) shall be allowed only on either a point-ending shot or when a player (team) stops playing the point during a rally (returns are permitted but then the player must immediately stop).
2. The Chair Umpire should decide to use the Electronic Review when there is doubt about the accuracy of the line call or overrule. However, the Chair Umpire may refuse the Electronic Review if they believe that the player is making an unreasonable request or that it was not made in a timely manner.
3. In doubles the appealing player must make their appeal in such a way that either play stops or the Chair Umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the Chair Umpire then they must first determine that the correct appeal procedure was followed. If it was not correct or if it was late, then the Chair Umpire may determine that the opposing team was deliberately hindered, in which case the appealing team loses the point.
4. The original call or overrule will always stand if the Electronic Review is unable, for whatever reason, to make a decision on that line call or overrule.
5. The Chair Umpire's final decision will be the outcome of the Electronic Review and is not appealable. If a manual choice is required for the system to review a particular ball impact, a Review Official approved by the Referee shall decide which ball impact is reviewed.
6. Each player (team) is allowed three (3) unsuccessful appeals per set, plus one (1) additional appeal in the tie-break. For matches with advantage sets, players (teams) will start again with a maximum of three (3) unsuccessful appeals at 6 games all and every 12 games thereafter. For matches with match tie-break, the match tie-break counts as a new set and each player (team) starts with three (3) appeals. Players (teams) will have an unlimited number of successful appeals.

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APPENDIX VII

10 AND UNDER TENNIS COMPETITION

Courts:

In addition to the (full sized) court described in Rule 1, the following court dimensions may be used for 10 and under tennis competition:

- A court, designated "Red" for the purposes of 10 and under tennis competition, shall be a rectangle, between 36 feet (10.97 m) and 42 feet (12.80 m) long, and between 14 feet (4.27 m) and 20 feet (6.10 m) wide. The net shall be between 31.5 inches (0.800 m) and 33.0 inches (0.838m) high at the center.
- A court, designated "Orange", shall be a rectangle, between 58 feet (17.68 m) and 60 feet (18.29 m) long, and between 20 feet (6.10 m) and 27 feet (8.23 m) wide. The net shall be between 31.5 inches (0.800 m) and 36.0 inches (0.914m) high at the center.

Balls:

Only the following ball types, which are specified in Appendix I, can be used in 10 and under tennis competition:

- A Stage 3 (Red) ball, which is recommended for play on a "red" court, by players aged up to 8 years, using a racket up to 23 inches (58.4 cm) long.
- A Stage 2 (Orange) ball, which is recommended for play on an "orange" court, by players aged 8 to 10 years, using a racket between 23 inches (58.4 cm) and 25 inches (63.5) cm long.
- A Stage 1 (Green) ball, which is recommended for play on a full sized court, by advanced players aged 9 to 10 years, using a racket between 25 inches (63.5 cm) and 26 inches (66.0 cm) long.

Note: Other ball types described in Appendix I cannot be used in 10 and under tennis competition.

Scoring methods:

For 10 and under tennis competition using Stage 3 (Red), Stage 2 (Orange) or Stage 1 (Green) balls, scoring methods specified in the Rules of Tennis (including those specified in Appendix V) can be utilised, in addition to short duration scoring methods involving matches of one match tie-break, best of 3 tie-breaks/match tie-breaks, one short set or one regular set.

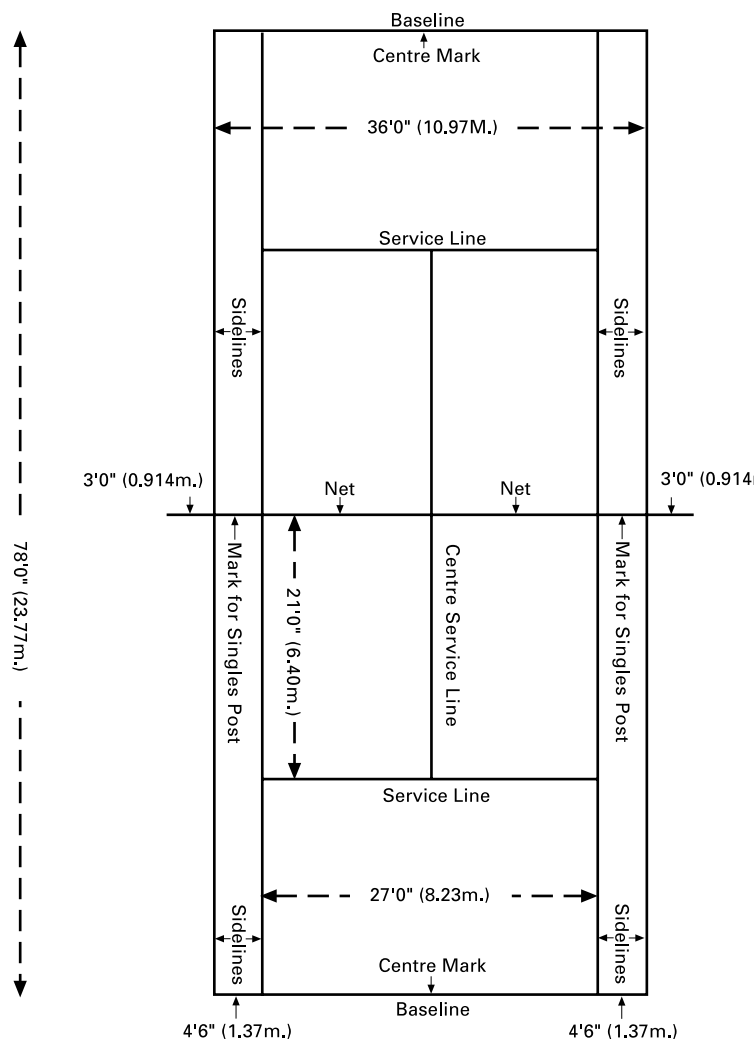
Timed matches:

For 10 and under tennis competition the tournament committee may set a specific time period for matches in the event.

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PLAN OF THE COURTS



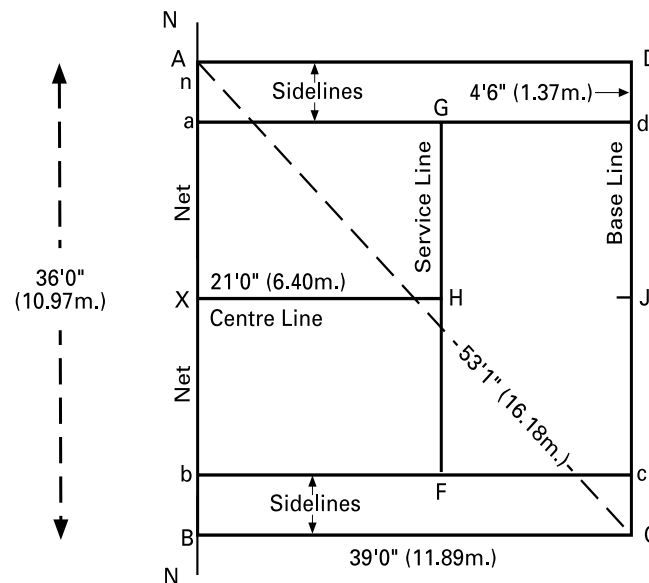
NOTE: All court measurements shall be made to the outside of the lines.

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APPENDIX IX

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO MARK OUT A COURT

Including Blended Lines



NOTE: All court measurements shall be made to the outside of the lines.

The following procedure is for the usual combined doubles and singles court. (See note at foot for a court for one purpose only.)

First select the position of the net; a straight line 42 feet (12.80 m) long. Mark the center (X on the diagram above) and, measuring from there in each direction, mark:

at 13'6" (4.11 m) the points a, b, where the net crosses the inner sidelines,

at 16'6" (5.03 m) the positions of the singles sticks (n, n),

at 18'0" (5.48 m) the points A, B, where the net crosses the outer sidelines,

at 21'0" (6.40 m) the positions of the net posts (N, N), being the ends of the original 42'0" (12.80 m) line.

Insert pegs at A and B and attach to them the respective ends of two measuring tapes. On one, which will measure the diagonal of the half-court, take a length 53'1" (16.18 m) and on the other (to measure the sideline) a length of 39'0" (11.89 m). Pull

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both taut so that at these distances they meet at a point C, which is one corner of the court. Reverse the measurements to find the other corner D. As a check on this operation it is advisable at this stage to verify the length of the line CD which, being the baseline, should be found to be 36'0" (10.97 m); and at the same time its center J can be marked, and also the ends of the inner sidelines (c, d), 4'6" (1.37 m) from C and D.

The center line and service line are now marked by means of the points F, H, G, which are measured 21'0" (6.40 m) from the net down the lines bc, XJ, ad, respectively.

Identical procedure the other side of the net completes the court.

If a singles court only is required, no lines are necessary outside the points a, b, c, d, but the court can be measured out as above. Alternatively, the corners of the baseline (c, d) can be found if preferred by pegging the two tapes at a and b instead of at A and B, and by then using lengths of 47'5" (14.46 m) and 39'0" (11.89 m). The net posts will be at n, n, and a 33'0" (10 m) singles net should be used.

When a combined doubles and singles court with a doubles net is used for singles, the net must be supported at the points n, n, to a height of 3 feet 6 inches (1.07 m) by means of two singles sticks, which shall be not more than 3 inches (7.5 cm) square or 3 inches (7.5 cm) in diameter. The centers of the singles sticks shall be 3 feet (.914 m) outside the singles court on each side.

To assist in the placing of these singles sticks it is desirable that the points n, n, should each be shown with a white dot when the court is marked.

When sanctioning bodies approve so called "Blended Lines" on courts the following guidelines must be followed:

Colour:

- Within the same colour family as the background playing surface.
- Lighter than the background playing surface.
- Limit on colour variation of +22 points on the L* scale
(Add <25% by volume of white paint to the background colour)

Pace:

- Within 5 CPR of the playing surface.

Dimensions:

- 1.0-1.5 cm narrower than the standard lines.

Marking:

- Terminate 8 cm from intersection with white playing lines.

Note:

As a guide for international competitions, the recommended minimum distance between the baselines and the backstops should be 21 feet (6.40 m) and between the sidelines and the sidestops the recommended minimum distance should be 12

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feet (3.66 m).

As a guide for recreational and Club play, the recommended minimum distance between the baselines and the backstops should be 18 feet (5.48 m) and between the sidelines and the sidestops the recommended minimum distance should be 10 feet (3.05 m).

As a guide, the recommended minimum height measured at the net from the court surface to the ceiling should be 30 feet (9.14 m)..

APPENDIX X

RULES OF BEACH TENNIS

The Rules of Beach Tennis are approved by the Rules of Tennis Committee and the Board of Directors and can be found on <https://www.itftennis.com/en/itf-tours/beach-tennis-tour/>

APPENDIX XI

PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW AND HEARINGS ON THE RULES OF TENNIS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 These procedures were approved by the Board of Directors of the International Tennis Federation ("Board of Directors") on 17 May 1998.
- 1.2 The Board of Directors may from time to time supplement, amend, or vary these procedures.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The International Tennis Federation is the custodian of the Rules of Tennis and is committed to:
 - a. Preserving the traditional character and integrity of the game of tennis.
 - b. Actively preserving the skills traditionally required to play the game.
 - c. Encouraging improvements, which maintain the challenge of the game.
 - d. Ensuring fair competition.
- 2.2 To ensure fair, consistent and expeditious review and hearings in relation to the Rules of Tennis the procedures set out below shall apply.

3. SCOPE

- 3.1 These Procedures shall apply to Rulings under:
 - a. Rule 1 – The Court.
 - b. Rule 3 – The Ball.
 - c. Rule 4 – The Racket.
 - d. Appendix I and II of the Rules of Tennis.
 - e. Any other Rules of Tennis which the International Tennis Federation may decide.

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4. STRUCTURE

- 4.1 Under these procedures Rulings shall be issued by a Ruling Board.
- 4.2 Such Rulings shall be final save, for an entitlement to appeal to an Appeal Tribunal pursuant to these procedures.

5. APPLICATION

- 5.1 Rulings shall be taken either:
 - a. Following a motion of the Board of Directors; or
 - b. Upon the receipt of an application in accordance with the procedures set out below.

6. APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION OF RULING BOARDS

- 6.1 Ruling Boards shall be appointed by the President of the International Tennis Federation ("President") or their designee and shall comprise of such a number, as the President or their designee shall determine.
- 6.2 If more than one person is appointed to the Ruling Board the Ruling Board shall nominate one person from amongst themselves to act as Chairperson.
- 6.3 The Chairperson shall be entitled to regulate the procedures prior to and at any review and/or hearing of a Ruling Board.

7. PROPOSED RULINGS BY THE RULING BOARD

- 7.1 The details of any proposed Ruling issued upon the motion of the Board of Directors may be provided to any bona fide person or any players, equipment manufacturer or national association or members thereof with an interest in the proposed Ruling.
- 7.2 Any person so notified shall be given a reasonable period within which to forward comments, objections, or requests for information to the President or his designee in connection with the proposed Ruling.

8. APPLICATION FOR RULINGS

- 8.1 An application for a Ruling may be made by any party with a bona fide interest in the Ruling including any player, equipment manufacturer or national association or member thereof.
- 8.2 Any application for a Ruling must be submitted in writing to the President.
- 8.3 To be valid an application for a Ruling must include the following minimum information:
 - a. The full name and address of the Applicant.
 - b. The date of the application.
 - c. A statement clearly identifying the interest of the Applicant in the question upon which a Ruling is requested.
 - d. All relevant documentary evidence upon which the Applicant intends to rely at any hearing.
 - e. If, in the opinion of the Applicant, expert evidence is necessary they shall include a request for such expert evidence to be heard. Such request must identify the name of any expert proposed and their relevant expertise.

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- f. When an application for a Ruling on a racket or other piece of equipment is made, a prototype or, exact, copy of the equipment in question must be submitted with the application for a Ruling.
- g. If, in the opinion of the Applicant, there are extraordinary or unusual circumstances, which require a Ruling to be made within a specified time or before a specified date they shall include a statement describing the extraordinary or unusual circumstances.

8.4 If an application for a Ruling does not contain the information and/or equipment referred to at Clause 8. 3 (a)-(g) above the President or their designee shall notify the Applicant giving the Applicant a specified reasonable time within which to remedy the defect. If the Applicant fails to remedy the defect within the specified time the application shall be dismissed.

9. CONVENING THE RULING BOARD

- 9.1 On receipt of a valid application or on the motion of the Board of Directors the President or their designee may convene a Ruling Board to deal with the application or motion.
- 9.2 The Ruling Board need not hold a hearing to deal with an application or motion where the application or motion, in the opinion of the Chairperson can be resolved in a fair manner without a hearing.

10. PROCEDURE OF THE RULING BOARD

- 10.1 The Chairperson of a Ruling Board shall determine the appropriate form, procedure and date of any review and/or hearing.
- 10.2 The Chairperson shall provide written notice of those matters set out at 10.1 above to any Applicant or any person or association who has expressed an interest in the proposed Ruling.
- 10.3 The Chairperson shall determine all matters relating to evidence and shall not be bound by judicial rules governing procedure and admissibility of evidence provided that the review and/or hearing is conducted in a fair manner with a reasonable opportunity for the relevant parties to present their case.
- 10.4 Under these procedures any review and/or hearings:
 - a. Shall take place in private.
 - b. May be adjourned and/or postponed by the Ruling Board.
- 10.5 The Chairperson shall have the discretion to co-opt from time to time additional members onto the Ruling Board with special skill or experience to deal with specific issues, which require such special skill or experience.
- 10.6 The Ruling Board shall take its decision by a simple majority. No member of the Ruling Board may abstain.
- 10.7 The Chairperson shall have the complete discretion to make such order against the Applicant [and/or other individuals or organizations commenting objecting or requesting information at any review and/or hearing] in relation to the costs of the application and/or the reasonable expenses incurred by the Ruling Board in holding tests or obtaining reports relating to equipment subject to a Ruling as he shall deem appropriate.

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11. NOTIFICATION

- 11.1** Once a Ruling Board has reached a decision it shall provide written notice to the Applicant, or, any person or association who has expressed an interest in the proposed Ruling as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 11.2** Such written notice shall include a summary of the reasoning behind the decision of the Ruling Board.
- 11.3** Upon notification to the Applicant or upon such other date specified by the Ruling Board the Ruling of the Ruling Board shall be immediately binding under the Rules of Tennis.

12. APPLICATION OF CURRENT RULES OF TENNIS

- 12.1** Subject to the power of the Ruling Board to issue interim Rulings the current Rules of Tennis shall continue to apply until any review and/or hearing of the Ruling Board is concluded and a Ruling issued by the Ruling Board.
- 12.2** Prior to and during any review and/or hearing the Chairperson of the Ruling Board may issue such directions as are deemed reasonably necessary in the implementation of the Rules of Tennis and of these procedures including the issue of interim Rulings.
- 12.3** Such interim Rulings may include restraining orders on the use of any equipment under the Rules of Tennis pending a Ruling by the Ruling Board as to whether or not the equipment meets the specification of the Rules of Tennis.

13. APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION OF APPEAL TRIBUNALS

- 13.1** Appeal Tribunals shall be appointed by the President or their designee from [members of the Board of Directors/Technical Commission].
- 13.2** No member of the Ruling Board who made the original Ruling shall be a member of the Appeal Tribunal.
- 13.3** The Appeal Tribunal shall comprise of such number as the President or his designee shall determine but shall be no less than three.
- 13.4** The Appeal Tribunal shall nominate one person from amongst themselves to act as Chairperson.
- 13.5** The Chairperson shall be entitled to regulate the procedures prior to and at any appeal hearing.

14. APPLICATION TO APPEAL

- 14.1** An Applicant [or a person or association who has expressed an interest and forwarded any comments, objections, or requests to a proposed Ruling] may appeal any Ruling of the Ruling Board.
- 14.2** To be valid an application for an appeal must be:
 - a.** Made in writing to the Chairperson of the Ruling Board who made the Ruling appealed not later than 45 days following notification of the Ruling;
 - b.** Must set out details of the Ruling appealed against; and
 - c.** Must contain the full grounds of the appeal.
- 14.3** Upon receipt of a valid application to appeal the Chairperson of the Ruling Board making the original Ruling may require a reasonable appeal fee to be paid by the

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Appellant as a condition of appeal. Such appeal fee shall be repaid to the Appellant if the appeal is successful.

15. CONVENING THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

- 15.1** The President or their designee shall convene the Appeal Tribunal following payment by the Appellant of any appeal fee.

16. PROCEDURES OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL

- 16.1** The Appeal Tribunal and their Chairperson shall conduct procedures and hearings in accordance with those matters set out in sections 10, 11 and 12 above.
- 16.2** Upon notification to the Appellant or upon such other date specified by the Appeal Tribunal the Ruling of the Appeal Tribunal shall be immediately binding and final under the Rules of Tennis.

17. GENERAL

- 17.1** If a Ruling Board consists of only one member that single member shall be responsible for regulating the hearing as Chairperson and shall determine the procedures to be followed prior to and during any review and/or hearing.
- 17.2** All review and/or hearings shall be conducted in English. In any hearing where an Applicant, and/or other individuals or organizations commenting, objecting or requesting information do not speak English an interpreter must be present. Wherever practicable the interpreter shall be independent.
- 17.3** The Ruling Board or Appeal Tribunal may publish extracts from its own Rulings.
- 17.4** All notifications to be made pursuant to these procedures shall be in writing.
- 17.5** Any notifications made pursuant to these procedures shall be deemed notified upon the date that they were communicated, sent or transmitted to the Applicant or other relevant party.
- 17.6** A Ruling Board shall have the discretion to dismiss an application if in its reasonable opinion the application is substantially similar to an application or motion upon which a Ruling Board has made a decision and/or Ruling within the 36 months prior to the date of the application.

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EXHIBIT J - Prize Money

ATP Tour and ATP Challenger Tour

Please refer to Detail Sheet for approved prize money breakdowns.

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EXHIBIT K - Glossary

Draw Results:

The Supervisor must record match results using, where appropriate, the following definitions:

Abandoned: Match began but was not completed for any reason other than default or retirement. There is no winner or loser. The match is not to be completed. Players receive points and money equivalent to loser of that round.

Default: Losing player was defaulted under provisions of Code of Conduct after match had begun.

Incomplete: Match began but was not completed for any reason other than weather, default, or retirement. There is no winner or loser. It is anticipated that the match will be resumed and completed.

Ineligible: Player fails to sign the Consent and Agreement form prior to his first match.

Retired: Losing player retired because of illness or injury after match had begun.

Unplayed: Match did not begin for any reason other than (a) illness or injury on the part of one player or (b) one player was subjected to penalties of Code of Conduct before first serve of match was struck or otherwise not permitted by ATP or tournament Supervisor from playing. There is no winner or loser and the match will not be played.

Unregistered: Player fails to complete the registration process prior to his first match.

Walkover: Match did not begin because:

- a) losing player was ill or injured or
- b) losing player was subjected to penalties of Code of Conduct before first serve of match was struck or otherwise not permitted by ATP or tournament Supervisor to play.

This would not be used when a lucky loser or alternate is substituted. Winners of "walkover"/"no match" matches receive points and prize money as if the match had been played.

Weather: Match began but was not completed because of inclement weather. There is no winner or loser. It is anticipated that the match will be resumed and completed.

Miscellaneous Definition of Terms

Alternate: The next highest ranked player(s) who were not a direct acceptance at the time of the entry deadline.

ATP Player Dues: Money owed or collected for ATP player membership or the annual dues of such membership.

ATP Standards Committee: A committee approved by the ATP Board with certain powers to oversee creation and compliance of ATP tournament standards.

Ball Mark Inspection (BMI): On clay courts the Chair Umpire may leave the chair and inspect the mark left by the ball in play to determine the correctness of the

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call. This can only be done after a point-ending shot or if the player or team stops play to request an inspection.

Ceremonies: Awards presentations customarily held following the conclusion of the final championship match(es).

Chair Umpire: This official is responsible for the conduct of the match. His main duties are to enforce all ATP Rules and Regulations and on-court procedures to ensure accuracy, fairness and safety. He is the final authority on all questions of fact that may arise during the match.

Direct Acceptance: Players or teams accepted directly in the draw by virtue of their position in the PIF ATP Rankings or PIF ATP Doubles Rankings System or by their protected ranking.

PIF ATP Rankings (Singles & Doubles): The objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry and seeding in all tournaments for both singles and doubles and the Nitto ATP Finals (singles & doubles).

Ineligible: Player fails to sign the Consent and Agreement Form prior to his first match.

Late Withdrawal: Player withdraws after 10 AM PVB time on the Friday prior to the event; or player does not appear for his match and is not on-site.

Late Withdrawal (Dbl-MD) – used to indicate a player who has withdrawn from doubles after the on-site entry deadline.

Late Withdrawal, Qualifying: This applies to ATP Tour Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 500 events where there is an advance acceptance list for the qualifying and the player withdraws after the deadline.

Line Umpire: Officials responsible for calling specific assigned lines according to the ATP Rules under the direct on-court supervision of the Chair Umpire.

Lucky Loser: Players who have lost in the final round of qualifying, or if needed, earlier rounds. These players are placed in rank order and may become eligible to replace any player in the main draw who is forced to withdraw prior to his first match.

Major Offenses: aggravated behavior, Bribes or Other Payments, Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game, Prohibited Promotional Fees and Wagers. A Major Offense is initiated and investigated by the Senior Vice President - Rules & Competition and is in addition to any penalties that may have been levied by the on-site Supervisor.

Medical Time-Out (MTO): Official time allotted during the match for treatment due to an approved medical condition. The treatment is given by the ATP Physiotherapist. The time allowed is 3 minutes (4 1/2 if taken on a changeover) for each separate medical condition.

No Match: There was not an eligible alternate available.

No Show: Player does not appear for his first match and there has been no contact or prior notification from the player that he would not appear for the match. For penalty purposes, this would be penalized as a "Late Withdrawal".

Non-Member Service Fee: Players who are not members in good standing of ATP must pay a fee for services rendered. This applies to main draw players at all ATP Tour Masters 1000 or ATP Tour 500 and ATP Tour 250 events and to qual-

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ifying players at ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500 events and ATP Tour 250 events. This does not apply to the Challenger Circuit.

On-Site Withdrawal (ATP Tour): Player withdraws after 10 AM Eastern time, USA on Friday and was on-site at the event when the withdrawal occurred and is determined to be unfit for play by that tournament's Doctor. Players still competing in a tournament or Davis Cup match after the 10 AM deadline and are forced to withdraw/retire, from a match may be examined by that event's Doctor and shall then be considered the same as an On-Site Withdrawal. Withdrawals/Retirements from Davis Cup must be from "live" matches and include a medical certification from the Independent Doctor. This should be documented on the withdrawal summary from the tournament that the player withdrew from.

On-Site Withdrawal (ATP Challenger or ATP Tour Qualifying): Player withdraws after the 10 AM Friday deadline and is examined at the tournament site within the first three (3) days of the event, or in the case of ATP Tour qualifying on the Saturday or Sunday of qualifying. Players still competing in a tournament or Davis Cup match after the 10 AM deadline and are forced to withdraw/retire, from a match may be examined by that event's Doctor and shall then be considered the same as an On-Site Withdrawal. Withdrawals/Retirements from Davis Cup must be from "live" matches and include a medical certification from the Independent Doctor. This should be documented on the withdrawal summary from the tournament that the player withdrew from.

Protected Ranking: A ranking assigned a player who has been unable, due to injury, to compete in any tennis event for a minimum of six (6) months.

Punctuality: Player fails to appear, in a timely manner, when his match has been called. Provisions for Non-Appearance do not apply.

Qualifier: Player who has won his place into the main draw by way of a qualifying competition.

Qualifying Non-Appearance: A player is entered into the qualifying through the Supervisor of another event and does not appear for his match. This also includes players accepted into the qualifying as a wild card who do not appear for their match. This includes those who sign-in through the Supervisor as an alternate to ATP Tour qualifying. It also covers ATP Challenger Tour events.

Referee: Official hired by the tournament to advise in planning the event and assist the ATP Supervisor in his assigned duties and responsibilities.

Review Official: Official hired by ATP who is responsible for the Review function of Electronic Line Calling systems on-site.

Seed: Players who are given preferential positions in the draw based on the PIF ATP Rankings System.

Special Event: Those events other than Grand Slams, ATP Tour tournaments or ATP Challenger Tour tournaments.

Special Exempt: Player accepted into the main draw who was still competing in the singles event of another qualified event at the time of this event's qualifying. Player may not have been accepted as a direct acceptance, if entered.

Special Exempt /Wild Card Non-Appearance: A player accepts a SE or WC and does not appear for his match and is not on-site. This violation would be considered as a Late Withdrawal and be subject to the penalties set forth under

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Late Withdrawal.

Supervisor: Final on-site authority ensuring that the tournament is conducted fairly in accordance with ATP's Rules and Regulations as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution.

Tour Manager: Represents the player's interests in all matters involving the sign-ins, draws and the scheduling of the event.

Tournament Director: Person representing the owners of the event in the day-to-day management of the tournament.

Tournament Week: Commences on a Monday and concluding on a Sunday, unless otherwise approved by ATP. Tournaments with a published Saturday final shall have the tournament week conclude on Saturday.

Unregistered - Player fails to complete the registration process prior to his first match.

Wild Card: Players included in the draw at the sole discretion of the tournament. A specified number of wild cards are available in each event.

Withdrawal: Player who withdraws after the entry deadline but prior to 10 AM (PVB) on the Friday prior to the event.

- **Withdrawal (Dbl)** - used to indicate a doubles withdrawal that is after the 10 AM Friday withdrawal deadline and prior to the on-site sign-in deadline
- **Withdrawal (Dbl)/On-Site Medical** – used to indicate a player who has withdrawn from doubles where both members were on site at the time of the withdrawal and the withdrawal was due to a medical condition

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EXHIBIT L - Chief of Umpires

The Chief of Umpires shall:

1) Be prepared to brief the Supervisor and Referee on:

- a) The plan for implementing the officials.

2) Discharge the following responsibilities:

- a) Pre-tournament.
 - i) Recruit a sufficient number of competent officials who are qualified to officiate at this level of event. The most qualified officials must be assigned through the finals. Prepare a list of officials (Line Umpires with ratings, Chair Umpires with ratings) for the full-time ATP official coordinating the officials for the event.
 - ii) If applicable, negotiate a contract or agreement for officials with the tournament.
 - iii) If a Challenger event, submit to ATP a list of proposed Designated Chair Umpires no less than 90 days prior to the start of the tournament.
 - iv) If requested by the tournament, provide a list of officials to the Chairperson responsible for the program.
 - v) Compile an officials' clothing sizes list, in case the tournament furnishes clothing for uniforms.
 - vi) Conduct the necessary pre-tournament training of officials including review of the Rules of Tennis, ATP tournament Rules and Code.
 - vii) Check with the tournament about arrangements for:
 - o umpire chairs
 - o cushions//sunshades
 - o singles sticks
 - o chairs for use on--court by Line Umpires
 - o scorecards
 - o scoreboards//personnel
 - o new and used balls
 - viii) Check supplies for the tournament:
 - o scorecards
 - o clipboards (if needed)
 - o point penalty forms
 - o first aid kit
 - o pencils
 - o office supplies
 - o crew rotation forms
 - o on-court Line Umpire evaluation forms
- Note:** Rotation information is available upon request from ATP.
- ix) Check all applicable arrangements for officials:
 - o on--site office and lounge
 - o transportation (long-distance or local)
 - o food and beverages
 - o parking
 - o telephones
 - o housing
 - o security
 - o toilets
 - o photocopier
 - o walkie--talkies
- x) Prepare a check-in form if the number of officials requires it.
- xi) Organize a method of notification or a mailing that informs all of the officials about the tournament dates, officials report times (no less than 30 minutes before start of play), uniform requirements and arrangements for transportation, parking and housing. An umpire information sheet is recommended for an event larger than a 32 draw.
- xii) Present to the ATP Supervisor at least 2 weeks prior to the qualifying sign-in:
 - o an availability list of the Chair Umpires for each day including both

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the designated and additional Chair Umpires. Categorize according to rating, experience and ability.

- b) During the Tournament:
 - i) Provide assistance to the ATP Supervisor as needed.
 - ii) Be on-site at all times during play. The Chief of Umpires may not be a Chair Umpire or Line Umpire unless authorized by the ATP Supervisor.
 - iii) Instruct the officials on the tournament procedure for handling new and used balls.
Note that it is inappropriate for the Chair Umpires to supply the court with the balls for their matches.
 - iv) Instruct the officials on the procedure for reporting and turning in point penalty forms.
 - v) Schedule the on-court assignment of the Line Umpires, subject to the approval of the ATP Supervisor, Line Umpires for the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals must have worked a minimum of two (2) days prior to the quarterfinal and must have demonstrated that their skills merit the assignment.
- c) Observe the performance of all officials during the matches.
- d) Remove, rotate or replace a Line Umpire whenever it is necessary to improve the officiating of a match.
- e) Maintain the ATP Line Umpire evaluation process, and make ongoing assignments based upon evaluations.
 - i) Be prepared for other contingencies (such as rain) that may change the number of courts being used.
 - ii) Prepare a day in advance, recording Chair Umpire assignments on the order of play and preparing rotations for the line teams.
Complete information must be posted before the arrival of the officials the next day, no less than 30 minutes before the start of play.
 - iii) Conduct a daily meeting with all officials.
- f) Post-Tournament.
Prepare a written report for the Supervisor. Include recommendations for improvements and the prevention of problems.

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EXHIBIT M - Special Exempts - ATP 250 to ATP 500 Events

Special Exempt from ATP Tour 250 – list of events.

500 Event	SE Eligible from 250		
Rotterdam	Montpellier		
Rio de Janeiro	Buenos Aires	Dallas	
Acapulco	Delray Beach		
Dubai	Marseille		
Barcelona	None		
Halle	's-Hertogenbosch	Stuttgart	
London Queens	's-Hertogenbosch	Stuttgart	
Washington D.C.	Atlanta		
Beijing	Chengdu	Zhuhai	
Tokyo	Chengdu	Zhuhai	
Basel	Antwerp	Moscow	Stockholm
Vienna	Antwerp	Moscow	Stockholm

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EXHIBIT N - Special Exempts - ATP Challenger Tour

For the purpose of the ATP Challenger Tour special exempt rule, a geographic region is defined as follows:

Region I -

Americas.

This region includes the following countries:

North America -

Canada, United States (including Hawaii) and Mexico

Central America and the Caribbean -

Anguilla (UK), Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba (Neth.), Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda (UK), British Virgin Islands (UK), Cayman Islands (UK), Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Greenland (Den.), Grenada, Guadeloupe (Fr.), Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique (Fr.), Montserrat (UK), Netherlands Antilles (Neth.), Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico (U.S.), St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St.-Pierre and Miquelon (Fr.), St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands (UK), Virgin Islands (U.S.).

South America -

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands (UK), French Guiana (Fr.), Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Region II -

Europe, Africa, Middle East, Western part of Russia and some Western Asia countries.

This region includes the following countries:

Europe -

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Channel Islands (UK), Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar (UK), Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, F.Y.R. of Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City.

Africa -

Algeria, Angola, Azores (Port.), Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canary Islands (Sp.), Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guin-

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ea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Madeira (Port.), Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte (Fr.), Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Reunion (Fr.), Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Western Sahara, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Middle East -

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Gaza Strip (Israeli-occupied terr.), Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkiye, United Arab Emirates, West Bank (Israeli-occupied terr.), Yemen.

Western Asia -

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Western Russia -

Includes Moscow, St. Petersburg and Togliatti.

Region III -

Eastern part of Asia and Oceania -

This region includes the following countries:

Eastern Asia -

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, Guam (U.S.), India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Northern Mariana Islands (U.S.), Palau, Philippines, Eastern Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam.

Oceania -

American Samoa (U.S.), Australia, Cook Islands (N.Z.), Fiji, French Polynesia (Fr.), Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia (Fr.), New Zealand, Niue (N.Z.), Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands (UK), Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau (N.Z.), Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna (Fr.).

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EXHIBIT O - Consent and Agreement Form

PLAYER'S CONSENT AND AGREEMENT TO THE ATP OFFICIAL RULEBOOK, INCLUDING THE TENNIS ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAM & TENNIS ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME

I, the undersigned player, acknowledge, consent and agree as follows:

1. I will comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the 2024 ATP OFFICIAL RULEBOOK, ATP Tour, Inc.'s ("ATP") By-Laws, resolutions and regulations (the "ATP Rules"), including, but not limited to, all amendments to the ATP Rules. I have received and had an opportunity to review the ATP Rules and any and all Covid-19 policies and protocols, as amended from time to time
2. I am bound by and will comply with the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (the "TACP"), a copy of which can be found at the following website: <https://www.itia.tennis/tacp/rules>. I acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to review the TACP and that I understand, accept and agree not to violate any of the provisions therein. I acknowledge that I have a duty to inform my Related Persons (as defined in the TACP) of the provisions of the TACP and to instruct them to comply with the TACP. I accept that I must complete any Tennis Integrity education programs mandated by the ATP Tour. The TACP prohibits certain conduct by me and my Related Persons, including, but not limited to, (i) wagering on the outcome or any other aspect of any tennis match, (ii) contriving or attempting to contrive the outcome or any other aspect of any tennis match, (iii) receiving or providing consideration in exchange for Inside Information (as defined in the TACP), (iv) facilitating, encouraging or promoting any other person to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of a tennis match, (v) associating with any Related Person who is serving any period of ineligibility under the TACP or has been convicted or found in criminal, disciplinary or professional proceedings to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a Corruption Offense if the TACP had applied to them and (vi) failing to report any knowledge I may have regarding potential violations of the TACP. I acknowledge that I have an obligation to report any approaches that I may receive and any known or suspected offenses by others as soon as possible. I accept that I must cooperate fully with investigations and shall not tamper with or destroy any evidence. I hereby submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the International Tennis Integrity Agency (the "ITIA") to manage, administer and enforce the TACP and to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITIA, Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer ("AHO") and the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS"), as applicable, to determine any charges brought under the TACP. I acknowledge that the TACP contains an agreement to arbitrate disputes in accordance with the process described in the TACP and I am bound by the TACP until the earlier of (i) the date of my valid retirement in accordance with the requirements of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (the "TADP"), a copy of which is available online at <https://www.itia.tennis/tadp/rules/>, or (ii) two years after the last Event (as defined in the TACP) in which I enter or participate, unless, at either such time, (a) I am subject to a period of ineligibility under either the TACP or TADP (in which case I will cease to be bound by the TADP upon the conclusion of my period of ineligibility), or (b) I am aware that I am the subject of an investigation by the ITIA or law enforcement (in which case I will cease to be bound by the TACP when such investigation is closed, or after 10 years, whichever is earlier). Nothing in this paragraph 2 shall modify or limit the full text of the TACP.

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3. The ITIA may conduct anti-doping testing at ATP sanctioned events under the "TADP". ATP will honor and enforce any penalties or sanctions against me resulting from the TADP. The TADP shall apply to and be binding upon me and shall govern participation in the events specified at Article B of the TADP, which includes all ATP-sanctioned events (including Challenger events). I hereby submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITIA to manage, administer and enforce the TADP on behalf of the ITF and to the jurisdiction and authority of the Anti-Doping Tribunal and the CAS to determine any charges brought under the TADP. I also hereby give my explicit consent to (i) ATP receiving and processing my Anti-Doping results from the ITIA at ATP events as well as other Covered Events (as defined in the TADP), including information relating to any alleged Whereabouts Failures (i.e. Missed Tests and/or Filing Failures) on my part, as well as notice of any charges brought against me under the TADP and (ii) keeping ATP informed thereafter of the progress of such alleged Whereabouts Failures/charges in accordance with the TADP.
4. Any dispute arising out of any decision made by the Anti-Doping Tribunal, or any dispute arising under or in connection with the TADP, after exhaustion of the TADP's Anti-Doping Tribunal process and any other proceedings expressly provided for in the TADP, shall be submitted exclusively to the Appeals Arbitration Division of the CAS for final and binding arbitration in accordance with Article O of the TADP and CAS's Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The decisions of CAS shall be final, non-reviewable, non-appealable and enforceable. I agree that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal. The time limit for any submission to CAS shall be 21 days after the decision of the Anti-Doping Tribunal has been communicated to me.
5. Any dispute between or among the ATP and me arising out of the application of any provision of the 2024 ATP Official Rulebook which is not finally resolved by applicable provisions of such Rulebook shall be submitted exclusively to CAS for final and binding arbitration in accordance with CAS's Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The decision of CAS in that arbitration shall be final, non-reviewable and enforceable. No claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation concerning the dispute shall be brought in any other court or tribunal. Any request for CAS arbitration shall be filed with CAS within 21 days of any action by the ATP which is the subject of the dispute. In the event any provision of this clause is determined invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected. This clause shall not fail because any part of the rule is held invalid.
6. I acknowledge the Notice of Privacy Practices and Consent is set forth in the ATP Rulebook and is available online at <https://www.atp.com>. I understand that the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) Privacy Notice is available at this same site under PlayerZone Terms & Conditions. I also acknowledge that I have reviewed these notices and agree to the terms and conditions contained therein.
7. For Members who are competing on the ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour: I acknowledge that at least every two years a completed Competition Clearance form signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the jurisdiction where such physician practices medicine, must be submitted before players are permitted to participate in ATP activities. I also acknowledge that should my physician not deem me fit to participate, and I choose to do so regardless, I will not be permitted to compete without signing the Release and Hold Harmless form. Finally, I explicitly consent to

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the release of my medical information included on the Competition Clearance form to authorized medical personnel at any ATP tournament that I participate in, which may be required for treatment purposes.

8. I have read and understand the foregoing Player's Consent and Agreement.

_____	_____
Date	Print Player's Name (Last Name, First Name)
_____	_____
Player's Date of Birth (Day/Month/year)	Player's Signature and
_____	_____
Place of Birth	If player is a minor, signature of player's parent or guardian
_____	_____
	Player's Nationality

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EXHIBIT P - Privacy Notice ("HIPAA")

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES AND CONSENT

This notice is being provided in connection with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"). Although ATP is not bound to comply with all aspects of HIPAA, ATP is committed to making sure that players are aware of the manner in which personal health information will be used, maintained and released.

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW THE ATP TOUR (the "ATP"; FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS EXHIBIT, INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF "ATP" SHALL BE NON-ATP EMPLOYED STAFF AT CHALLENGER TOURNAMENTS WHO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE) MAY USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION, AND HOW YOU CAN GAIN ACCESS TO YOUR PERSONAL AND PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION ("PHI"); PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY.

ATP is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your PHI, in accordance with applicable federal and applicable state privacy laws, as well as our own company privacy policies. This notice describes how we may use and disclose your PHI and explains your legal rights regarding PHI. This notice also describes certain risks associated with Players and others utilizing a Physiotherapist Treatment Room or other facility.

When we use the term "PHI", we mean information about you, including any health care payment, medical or demographic information that can reasonably be used to identify you and relates to your medical history. This includes, but is not limited to, injuries, illnesses, sickness, diseases, health care providers and laboratory and other test results.

This notice is effective on January 1, 2010. The terms of this notice apply to all records containing your PHI that are created or retained by ATP. We reserve the right to revise or amend this notice. Any revision or amendment to this notice will be effective for all of your records that ATP has created or maintained in the past, and for any of your records that ATP may create or maintain in the future. You will find this and any revised or amended notices posted at ATP's offices in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida in a visible location, as well as on the PlayerZone website located at: <https://atp-playerzone.com>.

HOW ATP MAY USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR PHI

In order to provide you with certain health and other services, we may create or receive PHI relating to you. In coordinating and administering services, we may use and disclose your PHI in various ways, including:

- 1) Treatment.** ATP may use your PHI to assist in your treatment by providers. For example, a Physiotherapist or the medical director of a tournament may access your PHI to understand and better treat your condition.
- 2) Health Care Operations.** We may use and disclose PHI during the course of managing our business. For example, we may use your PHI to internally evaluate the quality of care that you received, to conduct internal company audits, for

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data information systems management, to conduct company cost management assessments, for evaluations and for general business planning purposes.

- 3) **Payment.** Your PHI may be requested by a third party for billing purposes, with regard to services provided to you, to conduct utilization and medical necessity reviews, to coordinate care with your health care insurance company or carrier, to calculate cost sharing amounts, and to respond to audits or reviews by federal or state government agencies, insurance companies or carriers.
- 4) **Qualified Service Organizations and Business Associates.** We may share your PHI with qualified service organizations, national federations or business associates who provide services to ATP. In each case, these entities will have agreements with us to safeguard and keep confidential your PHI. We will only share the minimum PHI necessary for these entities to carry out their duties to ATP.
- 5) **Patient Information Purposes.** We may use your PHI to inform you about potential treatment alternatives or options, and to notify you of other health related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.
- 6) **Disclosures in Accordance with Florida Law, Required by Law and Governing Law.**

By signing the Player's Consent and Agreement to the ATP Official Rulebook, you are agreeing that, for purposes of medical consent and release of records, the laws of the State of Florida shall govern. Certain disclosures of your PHI may be required by laws. These include, but are not limited to: (A) reports to federal, state or local law enforcement in connection with crime or threats to commit crime; (B) reports to appropriate state agencies in connection with reporting child abuse or neglect; (C) reports in connection with medical emergencies, for the purpose of treating conditions which pose an immediate threat to the health of any individual or which require immediate medical attention; (D) reports in response to court orders, if you are involved in a lawsuit or similar proceeding, or in response to a subpoena if you give us written authorization to release your PHI; (E) reports in connection with public health risk management (e.g., reporting of adverse drug reactions, notifications for recalled products or devices, required reports for certain diseases).

- 7) **Serious Threats to Health or Safety.** We may disclose your PHI as necessary to reduce or prevent a serious threat to your health and safety, or the health and safety of another individual or the public. Under these circumstances, we will only make disclosures to such persons or organizations able to help prevent such threat.

In all other situations, we will ask for your written authorization before disclosing your PHI. If you have given us an authorization, you may revoke it at any time, if we have not already acted on it. Revocation of consent is effective upon receipt of written notice, mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested and addressed to Chief Player Officer, 201 ATP Tour Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082, with a copy (sent certified mail, return receipt requested) to Jeffrey T. Reel, 201 ATP Tour Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082. Revocation of this consent does not affect the validity of any prior use or disclosure of your PHI. You further understand that your right to revoke this authorization shall not serve to excuse any failure by you to comply with the provisions of the ATP Tour Official Rule Book covering your affiliation with ATP Tour, or any other rule or agreement that may govern the terms and condition of your participation in tournaments.

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YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS REGARDING PHI

HIPAA gives you certain rights with respect to your PHI. You have the right to:

- Ask us to communicate with you in a certain way or at a certain location. We will accommodate reasonable requests.
- Request that we restrict the way we use or disclose your PHI in connection with health care operations, payment and treatment. We will consider, but may not agree to, such requests. You also have the right to ask us to restrict disclosures to persons involved in your health care.
- Obtain a copy of certain portions of your PHI, subject to applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. We may ask you to make your request in writing, may charge a reasonable fee for producing and mailing the copies, and in certain cases may deny the request.
- Amend PHI that you believe to be incorrect. Your request must be in writing and must include the reason for the request. If we deny the request, you may file a written statement of disagreement.
- Have us provide you with a list of certain disclosures of PHI we have made about you. Your request must be in writing. If you request such an accounting more than once in a twelve month period, we may charge a reasonable fee.
- File a complaint if you think your privacy rights have been violated. You will not be penalized or retaliated against for filing a complaint. To file a complaint, you must contact the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights. For more information about how to file a complaint, please visit www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa.

By signing the Player's Consent and Agreement to the ATP Official Rulebook, you acknowledge that any health information that is disclosed in accordance with this authorization form might be redisclosed by the recipient of that information and may no longer be protected by federal health care privacy laws and rules.

If you have questions regarding your PHI, confidentiality of your PHI, or this Notice, please contact:

ATP Tour, Inc.

Attn: **Player Relations Department**

201 ATP Tour Blvd

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082

GENERAL PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO PHYSIOTHERAPIST ROOMS AND TREATMENT ROOMS

This notice also is intended to remind you that the ATP Physiotherapist and/or Treatment Rooms provided at the Tournaments are not designated as a private area. Should you choose to receive treatment there, or discuss confidential information (health or otherwise), it is possible that this information may be overheard by individuals that have no obligation to refrain from further disclosure of such information. Access to these areas is not limited to ATP personnel. Players are reminded of their duties and obligations arising from the ATP Rules and Anti-Co-

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ercion Policy. The information discussed, as well as photographic images also may be intercepted by electronic surveillance devices including but not limited to digital and other cameras, video cameras, cellular telephones and personal data devices. Neither the Tournament nor ATP is responsible for the unauthorized capturing of any PHI or other personal/confidential information or the subsequent disclosure of the same.

Should you wish to ensure the confidential nature of health or other information, we encourage you to receive treatment in a secure environment of your choosing.

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EXHIBIT Q - Player Food Service

Recommendations for Player Food Service Planning

A. Player food should be prepared simply, with few sauces or spices. The following is a list of recommended food groups:

1) Carbohydrates

a) Breads and Starches

Assorted multi-grain breads and rolls, bagels, crackers, low-sugar cereals, pasta (with all sauces on the side), baked (white and sweet) potatoes (with selection of toppings) and rice (preferably brown or wild).

b) Fruits and Vegetables

Assorted fresh fruit salad, dried fruits, whole fresh fruits, and fresh cut raw vegetables. Salad bar: tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce (variety), cucumbers, sprouts, mushrooms, carrots, peas, beans, etc. with oil and vinegar-based dressings on the side.

2) Proteins

Chicken (white meat), turkey (white meat), fish (assorted variety), soft low-fat cheeses, low fat cottage cheese, low fat yogurt, hard-boiled eggs, tofu, non-fat milk. Additional recommendations are soy milk and assorted nuts.

3) Miscellaneous

a) Broth-based soups, (e.g., minestrone, chicken noodle, vegetable).

b) All sauces should be served on the side (in a warmer if necessary).

c) Low-fat cooking methods should be used (baked, broiled and roasted, with limited butter and oils).

d) Seasonings should be light; offer extra salt, pepper, garlic, etc. on the side.

B. Daily Meal Planning

1) When providing meals, a variety of food choices are preferred on a daily basis.

2) In addition to daily meals, snacks should be provided throughout the day and evening (e.g., fruits, breads and rolls, cheeses, yogurts, nuts, crackers and raisins, etc.).

3) If morning practices and matches are played, breakfast items should also be available (e.g., cold cereals, bagels and breads, yogurt, fruit).

4) Suggested lunch and dinner menus should include Carbohydrates (bread/pasta/potatoes/rice) and at least two (2) protein selections (one [1] chicken and the other fish, meat, turkey, tofu or other vegetarian protein option).

5) Practice hours and match schedule will determine when meals and/or snacks are served. Allow for during playing hours, and up until the last match has gone on court.

6) Each tournament may contact the ATP Medical Services Department for menu recommendations and/or review.

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EXHIBIT R - Media Facilities Guidelines

A. Media working area

- 1) Adequate workspace for all credentialed media
- 2) High speed internet access *
- 3) Telephone line
- 4) Power supply
- 5) High capacity copier
- 6) Access to a fax machine
- 7) Smoke free
- 8) Lock boxes or lockers that can be used to store valuables
- 9) Security

B. Photographer workstation with internet and telephone access

C. Separate, sound proof interview room

D. Separate media lounge, where appropriate

E. Credentials

- 1) All media must be credentialed.
 - i) Proof of identity must be presented prior to receiving credential.
 - ii) Credentials must include photo.
 - iii) Credential must include the provisions set forth in Rule 6.21.
- 2) Credentials limited to members of the working press only.
 - i) Journalists known to be working for online gambling companies shall not be issued credentials. If found to be working for an online gambling company after issue of the credential, the credential shall be revoked.
 - ii) Persons who are known to work for data re-sellers shall not be issued credentials. If found to be working for a data re-seller after issue of the credential, the credential shall be revoked.
- 3) Working area, lounge and interview room must be secured with access provided only to properly credentialed media, players (interview room) and other tournament and ATP Staff when in the performance of their duties.
- 4) Members of the International Tennis Writers Association (ITWA) shall be given preferred status for workspace and court side seating.
 - * Tournaments are recommended to use web filtering technology to restrict access to internet gambling sites in all areas where tournament provided internet access is provided.

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EXHIBIT S - Electronic Line Calling Facilities Guidelines

A. The ELC booth must be located in direct line of sight to the court, in order to provide an unobstructed view of the court. It should preferably be at the back (North or South end) of the court when possible.

B. The Review Official must have a full view of the whole court and Line Umpires.

C. The booth must have direct audio from the Chair Umpire's microphone (not from the Television feed).

D. The Review Official should be able to hear the Line Umpire calls from the court. If the CU microphone does not provide sufficient volume of court sounds, then a separate microphone and speaker must be installed to allow the Review Official to clearly hear all court sounds, including Line Umpire calls.

E. The booth must have room for five (5) persons plus equipment (minimum of 25 sq. meters (82 sq. feet) with a minimum court frontage of 5 meters (16.5 feet) as required by ELC vendor.

- 1) 1 person running the system.
- 2) 1 person dedicated to the Official Review process.
- 3) 1 person dedicated to the television send.
- 4) 1 additional staff of the vendor.
- 5) 1 Review Official for each match - designated by ATP.

F. The booth should have full air conditioning for equipment and personnel, unless technically unable to do so, and approved by ATP/WTB and the vendor.

G. Access to the booth must be reasonably easy and safe.

H. Tables, chairs and high stools must be provided as requested by the ELC team.

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EXHIBIT T - Review Officials Duties and Procedures for the ELC Systems

- The ELC Review Official (RO) shall be designated by the governing body responsible for the Tournament
- Attend all mandatory official's meetings and requested training
- RO team leader (Lead RO) should be appointed at the beginning of the event.
- RO's will work on a rotation basis, the schedule will be made by the Lead RO.
- In the case of a temporary RO in the booth the designated RO is responsible to make sure that the temporary RO is aware of all the local set up and booth procedures specific to that event.
- Prior to the start of the ELC system on any court, during the Chair Umpire (CU) meeting, be responsible to inform the CU's about:
 - On site booth set up
 - Location
 - Conditions
 - Type of communication with ELC Staff and TV.
- Organize ahead of time walkie-talkies with a dedicated channel for each court that is in use for each day. This can be done through the tournament supervisor or referee and the channels must be clear and not used by anyone else.
- If there are any issues during the match, the CU should speak directly with the RO who was in the booth at the time and that RO should inform the Lead RO about the situation.
- Any general ELC issues, or personal) matters should be discussed with Lead RO.
- RO to record any issues with the system, scoreboards, radios etc. and provide all the information to the final event wrap up.
- Any issues that arise should be communicated immediately to the Supervisor by the RO Team Leader.
- On the final day of the tournament, the Lead RO should send a report to the Supervisor detailing any major issues and areas for improvement.
- Be ready in the ELC Booth 20 minutes prior to the start of the 1st match
- Wear appropriate uniform as per tournament regulations.
- The RO should not leave their position until they have been replaced by the next RO. All necessary information and situations should be reported in full to the replacing RO. This change should only occur during a changeover or at a set break.
- Any issues should be reported immediately after the shift or between matches using the designated online form.
- RO assigned on first match of the day is responsible to bring all the needed equipment (walkie talkie, report paperwork if needed etc.), and the one assigned to the last match is responsible to return and charge walkie talkie and any other equipment.
- The RO is prohibited from using the internet while matches are in progress.
- No electronic devices shall be used by the RO in the booth unless approved by the tournament during matches in progress. This includes personal smartphones, smartwatches and personal tablets/laptops. The RO is prohibited from emailing, messaging or texting in any form while they are on duty in the booth and the match is in progress.
- Officials are prohibited from talking to media unless the interview has been approved by the Supervisor.
- The RO has to abide by all the Rules and procedure of the Body Government and follow the code of Conduct, the TUI rules and procedure for officials
- Any violation of this policy could be considered a breach of the code of conduct for Officials.

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EXHIBIT T.1 - Review Electronic Line Calling System (Review ELC)

A Line calling system with a challenge process (Line Umpires on-court)

Review ELC Official (RO) Protocol

- RO shall be in direct communication with the CU.
- Most desirable method is a direct talk box with a "push to talk" button. The alternative is dedicated walkie-talkie.
- If using a computer to record the challenges load proper match into it.
- On all "potential" review impacts – Make sure you listen to the CU announcement (which line and call made) – if in any doubt radio the CU to double-check. For additional information, see Review Official Protocol for a Challengeable shot
- Alert system operators to a possible Challenge by announcing "STANDBY" Confirm that a Challenge has been requested or anticipate that there will be no Challenge. "Release to television" announcement establishes the time when the video may be sent the television.
- This applies to when either the RO determines that a Challenge will not be made or cannot be made. A visual indication that the player has accepted the call and a Challenge is not likely. Circumstances when a Challenge cannot be made would include an improper Challenge (not a point-ending shot) or when the player has no Challenges remaining. Responsible for determining that the requested impact is available for review.
- RO is responsible to send the correct shot and correct line to the videoboard for the Challenge. The RO must listen to the CU announcement (which line was challenged). And double-check if the correct ball is requested. If any doubt, confirm with the CU before sending to the board.
- Once the proper impact is determined, gives the order to send to video board and television simultaneously. The On- Court Board should be sent first if 2 different inputs need to be sent.
- Responsible for monitoring the status of the system.
- If the system crashes or is not functioning, the RO must immediately notify the CU so that the players may be informed that no review is available until further notice.
- If the RO's monitor cannot retrieve the data to review the call, then the RO shall notify the CU that the original call shall stand.
- If the RO's monitor is working properly but it is the Main Video Board (in-stadium video) that is malfunctioning, then the RO will notify the CU of the decision via radio or other communication device. The CU should inform the players of this at the first opportunity.
- Will notify the CU when the system is back and available for review (if the RO is satisfied that the cause has been identified and corrected).
- The RO shall notify the CU at the first available time, including during a game in progress. Before returning to "live" mode:
- Ensure that the operators have performed all their protocols when returning a system to "go" status following a crash or restart of the system.
- Act as the final authority on the number of Challenges remaining for each player or team.
- Since available Challenges will be displayed on the video board, the RO is responsible for the correct number of the Challenges to be displayed (including the additional Challenges in a tie-break or re-setting after the set break). If the video board operator is changing the Challenges on cue from the CU, then only verification is needed.

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- If a Challenged call is not available for review – this shall not count against the total of the challenging player.
- Ensure that the RO and CU communicate verbally when one player or team has only 1 and no (0) Challenges remaining.
- Ensure that communication between RO and CU regarding the number of Challenges is made in a timely manner and considering pace of the match.

Video Board

- During the warm-up, the following statement shall appear on the video board and remain visible for at least 90 seconds. This should coincide with the Announcer's introductions (if an announcer is used).

"This match will use Electronic Review as an officiating aid. Each player (team) will have three incorrect Challenges per set, plus one more in a tiebreak. Challenges must be made in a timely manner and can only be made on point-ending shots or when a player stops play. If, for any reason, Electronic Review of the call is unavailable, the original call will stand."
- There shall not be any review shown in the Stadium except for "Official Review" challenges. The RO is responsible for the correct communication with the operators.
- The in-stadium video shall not replay "live" action on any controversial or reviewed call.
- If video replays are shown between points or if the video goes live between points, the operator shall return to the scoreboard just prior to the serving player taking his position at the baseline.
- Once it is confirmed that a Challenge has been made:
 - The RO shall have direct communication with the operator of the video board and will give verbal instructions on when to show review.
 - When the RO has confirmed the impact-image is correct then the RO gives the order to send the result to board or if the RO has control of the board then sends the result personally. When sending Challenge to the board, make sure to check that what is displayed on the stadium scoreboard is the same (same line) that was confirmed with the operator and was challenged.
 - Video shows the tracking of the ball into and out of the impact area, and then the view angle is moved to show the impact mark. The "flyover" mode is used to slow the process down "to build the moment".
- Graphic includes "Official Review".
- Graphic at bottom of the screen shows "IN" or "OUT". The "in" / "out" will not appear until after the overhead zoom to enhance the drama of the video. Television will receive the exact same feed as the video board with the graphic **"OFFICIAL REVIEW"** and showing **"IN"** or **"OUT"**.
- If review is not available, the RO shall notify the CU and then while the CU is informing the players, the graphic "Review Not Available - Original Call Stands" shall be sent to the video board. Reviews not available shall not count against the challenging players' total.
 - The graphic is held until the players have reached the baselines preparing to play, at which time the board returns to the main scoreboard view.
 - The video board(s), scoreboard(s) or other location(s) must always show number of remaining Challenges for each player. This information must be part of the scoreboard build.

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Announcing

Chair Umpire

When a Challenge is made:

- The Player shall clearly express their desire to have the call reviewed by stating, "I Challenge". If the CU is not 100% sure that the Player is Challenging, then the CU shall confirm with the Player prior to announcing the Challenge request. When the CU is satisfied that a proper Challenge request has been made, then:
 - o CU shall announce over the microphone "Mr./Ms. _____ is Challenging the call on the Base Line (give specific line) the ball was called IN/OUT".
- After the review, CU should announce "The call stands, or the call is overturned. Then announce the score if point is awarded or replay the point and then repeat the previous score. Depending on the timing, try to also announce "Mr./Ms. X has X Challenges remaining" when there is a reduction.
- If the review is not available, simply say (after informing the players) "Review is unavailable; the original call of IN/OUT stands. No Challenge is charged to Mr./Ms. _____."
- In the case where the line umpire is unsighted and the CU cannot make the call, if the umpire asks for a review then he shall inform the crowd of this procedure by stating, "line umpire was unsighted – the call shall be reviewed".
- Announce the additional Challenges available at the start of each tiebreak.
- After announcing 6-games all – tie-break, announce "Both players/teams receive one additional Challenge."
- If there are no in-Stadium Video Boards or if there is a malfunction and they are not available for use, then the CU shall use the following procedures:
 - o The RO will communicate the result of the Challenge to the CU via the radio, using the following wording: "Call Challenged by [name of player] on the [name of the line]: the ball is IN/OUT".
 - o The CU will acknowledge the good reception of the information by immediately answering the RO using the following wording: "The result of the challenged call on the [name of the line] is IN/OUT".
 - o If the review is not available, simply say (after informing the players) "Review is unavailable; the call (in/out) stands".
- In the event the video screen shows the mark OUT and the "IN/OUT" text graphic shows IN or the video screen shows the mark IN and the "IN/OUT" text graphic shows OUT, the protocol is as follows:
 - o The mark determines IN / OUT not the text graphic.
 - o The CU should communicate with the RO to ensure that is correct.
 - o The corrected text graphic should be displayed on the big screen, so players, officials and spectators see the corrected mistake.

Additional REVIEW ELC procedures Specifically for Hawk Eye

- The RO will instruct the Hawkeye Operator that when the command "Stand By" is given, the operator will immediately say if the ball is "in" or "out" and give the measurement.
- Confirm specifically with the VR Operator that:
 - o The system is set for the appropriate event (singles or doubles)
- During warm-up, view at least one (1) test review.
- At 1 min. announcement, confirm with the System Operator and the VR Operator that all systems are good to go.

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- In doubles, when the score reaches “Deuce” – deciding point, tell the Hawkeye Operator if the receiver will be from the “Deuce” or “Advantage” side.
- Before sending the Challenge to the video board double-check that the distance and the decision “IN” or “OUT” given by the Hawk eye operator is corresponding with the image on the RO screen (serve, rally, singles, doubles etc.)

Additional REVIEW ELC Procedures Specifically for FoxTenn

In general, the role of the RO when working with FoxTenn is the same but there are some differences, which are going to be mentioned here.

Pre-match:

- Check with the Operator that they have calibrated the lines for the appropriate event – singles or doubles.
- During the warmup look at one image of the ball to make sure the system is ready.
- **When the match starts:**
- When giving “Standby”, the RO must also give the exact line. So, for example: “Standby –left near sideline”.
- For FoxTenn it’s very important to give the “Standby” as soon as possible because they must capture the image immediately to avoid long delays. So, the RO should be giving more “Standby” commands. Give the “Standby” every time if there is any chance there will be a Challenge.
- When the Challenge is made the RO will be looking at the live image and needs to confirm the bounce on the live image. There will be no numbers on the screen, so it’s **IMPERATIVE** that the RO watch the match all the time to know which bounce it is.
- When the VR operator says “ready”, the RO should have graphic image of the mark on the RO’s screen with the decision “in” or “out” written. Then the RO can send the Challenge to the video board.
- When the Challenge is shown on the video board there are two images shown: the live image of the ball and graphic image of the mark with the decision “in” or “out”. There may be instances when only one of those two images will be shown.
- Do not “Release” the Challenge too early. It’s better to hold it longer, until the RO is 100% sure there will be no Challenge, or the next point is about to start. If the RO has a Challenge after it was released, it will cause a longer delay.
- There will be no distances given from FoxTenn, only “in” or “out”.
- As FoxTenn operates differently than Hawkeye, there is no option to look at some of the close balls from the points played, so, do not ask for that.
- **IMPORTANT** to remember **LANGUAGE** to use:
 - **STAND BY** and the line (ex. **STAND BY LEFT BASE**)
 - **WORK ON IT** (when it’s not sure if the ball will be Challenged)
- The CU’s chair is shown in a different position based on which camera is in use, but the **ORIENTATION POINT IS ALWAYS** the CU’s chair, so, left base will always be left base in relation to the CU’s chair, regardless of what side of the screen the chair is located at that particular Challenge.

Additional REVIEW ELC Procedures Specifically for FlightScope

At the beginning of the match Remember to check the

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- To ensure the correct match is loaded
- To ensure the player names are at the correct side of the court (after the coin toss)

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- To ensure the number of Challenges for each player is correct.
- When there is a Challenge press the button **START CHALLENGE**.

2. When the RO presses **START CHALLENGE** the RO will see (**WAITING FOR DATA**)

- If **DATA is displayed go to point 3**,
- If **DATA NOT AVAILABLE is displayed, go to Point 8**

3. If **DATA** is received the RO will have to **choose the ball**, which the RO can do in 2 ways:

- Press the dot with the number on the court (after the dot is pressed it will become red), or
- Press the number at the bottom of the screen (yellow balls above “**CHOOSE BALL**” writing)

4. After choosing the ball, the RO needs to double-check if the RO has chosen the correct ball and **CONFIRM BALL**

5. Next step is to **confirm/change the area** (darker grey color) to the correct area

- If it is a serve, then one of the service boxes should be in darker color – if it’s incorrect, touch the screen to change the box
- If it is a rally, the whole half of the court (singles/doubles) should be in a darker color.

6. When the RO confirms the area, the RO will see the screen with the information: “**WAITING FOR RESULT**” If **NO SHOTS WERE RECEIVED go to point 8**.

7. After the RO receives the result the RO will have to **PREVIEW the Challenge** – if everything is good and correct, press: **START ANIMATION** (system won’t let the RO send the Challenge to the board before the RO previews the Challenge)

8. At point 2 or 6 the RO might receive the screen with the information “**NO DATA RECEIVED**” or “**NO SHOTS WERE RECEIVED**”

- If “**NO SHOTS WERE RECEIVED**”, the procedure is to ask the operator: “**Do you have it?**”
 - **YES** –the operator will input the rally from their computer to the tablet or
 - **NEED MORE TIME** – the operator will look for the rally and input it to the tablet or
- **In both cases the RO needs to go back to the original procedure – DATA available Point 2/ SHOT available Point 7)**
- **NO – ORIGINAL CALL STANDS** (the RO presses the red button located under match time in the right top corner), see below

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Any time that the RO presses the button **START CHALLENGE** the system is **LOCKED** and is not recording anything further, the RO has buttons that can be used in case a Challenge is not happening or has been cancelled:

- If “**WAITING FOR DATA**” or “**WAITING FOR RESULT**” press **DISMISS**
- In any other case press **RELEASE** (located in the bottom right corner)

NOTE: It is **very important** to **DISMISS/RELEASE** as soon as it is known that there won’t be a Challenge to have the system fully functioning.

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2. Another button that the RO can see is **BACK** – it can be used to go one step back at the time.
3. In point 7 the RO sees the button **REPLAY** – which can be used to replay the preview of the Challenge as many times as needed before the RO **START ANIMATION**.
4. In point 3-5 two buttons can be seen - **PREVIOUS** and **NEXT** – this is the option to see all the bounces (long rally) as on the RO's screen when the RO presses **START CHALLENGE** the RO will see the last 5 bounces – **It is strongly recommended NOT TO USE these buttons** unless necessary (there should be no reason to allow the Challenge of the ball that is 5 shots or more back).

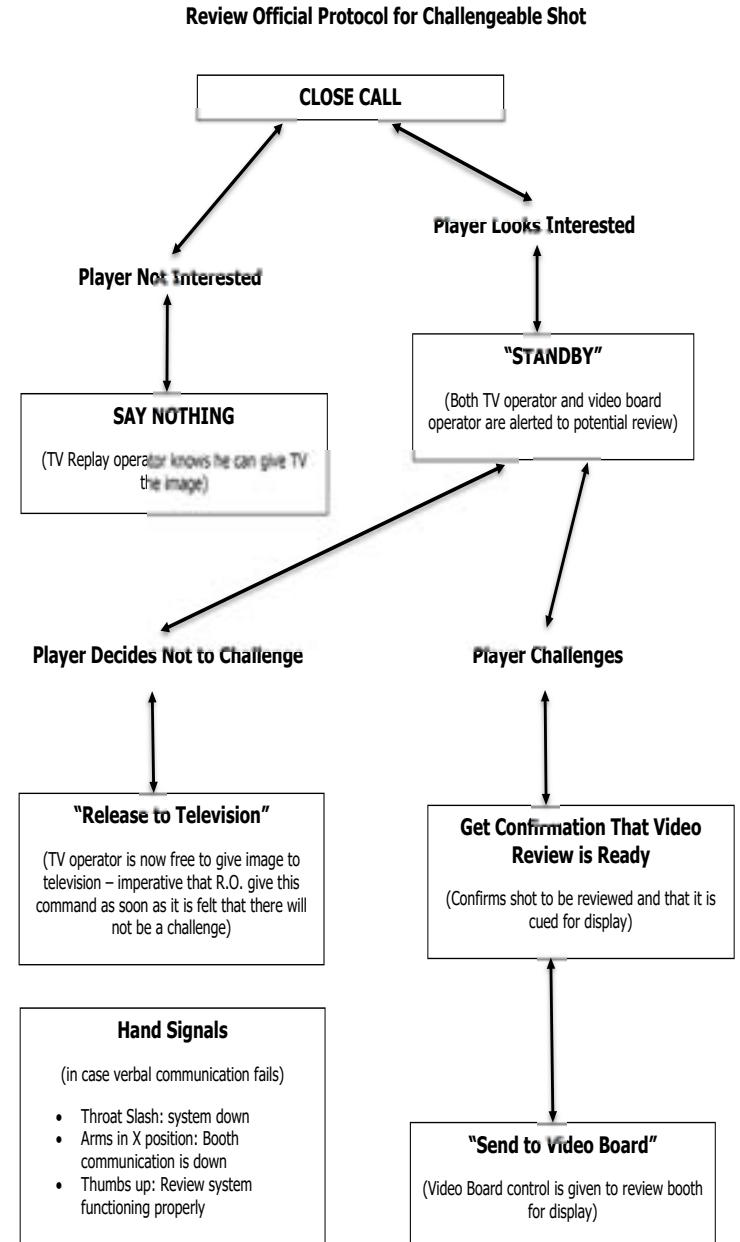
This system is provided by FlightScope, who at some events is also providing other services (e.g. Scoreboards).

At some events whenever the RO presses **START ANIMATION** it will go directly to the scoreboard and will automatically go off-board when the animation is finished (the RO will have the option to press the button **OFF BOARD**-located in the bottom left corner-earlier if needed).

If FlightScope is not operating the scoreboards there will be an extra step when the RO releases it, the Challenge will be sent to the vendor who will be responsible to send to the board.

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Review Official Protocol for Challengeable Shot



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EXHIBIT T.2 - Live Electronic Line Calling System (LIVE ELC)

A line calling system making automated line calls with no Line Umpires on-court.

LIVE ELC Review Official Procedures and Protocols

The players do not have any challenges when using the LIVE ELC and therefore the RO duties are different than when using the REVIEW ELC system.

Review Booth Procedures

- Prior to the first match of the day, confirm with the System operators that all sound and system checks have been completed, if not please request a sound and system check.
- Communication to the CU should be limited to essential communication as live microphones are on court.
- Confirm that close calls have been tested and sent to the board.

Note: The RO should not do sound checks or close call checks to the board upon arrival in the booth other than prior to the first match. This will disturb the production of the event and could be heard on television broadcast which should be avoided. If any issue, it is always suggested to do an extra check if possible.

- Confirm specifically the system is:
 - Set for the right event **singles/doubles**. If singles confirm regular scoring is activated. If doubles confirm no-ad scoring is activated.
 - At 1 min in the warmup confirm system is armed and ready to go.
 - Perform a radio test with the CU during the warm-up to make sure the CU's radio is on and to find out who is serving first.
 - Inform the Operator who is serving first and from which end of the court.
 - The RO has a monitor that will show 3 camera angles. The camera should be set to watch the server and it is the responsibility of the RO to call foot faults if they occur.
 - Foot fault cameras are available for center serve and the base line on both ends. To toggle between each end, use the F1 and F2 keys on the keyboard. The CU is responsible for calling sideline foot faults.
 - If a foot fault occurs press the foot fault button making sure to wait until the player has struck the ball. This will make an audible "foot fault" call over the speakers.
 - If any foot fault camera becomes inoperable either by loss of video or it is knocked the RO should inform the operating staff so they can send someone down to fix it. If the RO can still call foot faults using the other cameras they should continue to do so. If ALL cameras lose video or the foot fault camera PC crashes, the RO should communicate this with the CU and inform them they will need to call foot faults from the chair until the cameras are operational again. Once cameras resume operation, inform the CU that the RO can start calling foot faults again.
 - Close calls will be shown on the board in one of two ways depending on system set up. Automatically or Manually.
 - **Automatic System:** Automatic replays of close calls will be shown on the video boards (if video boards are available). These replays will be on **point-ending non-service shots** that are in or out by 150mm or less. The replays will be of **point-ending service shots** that are in or out by 50mm or less.
- Note:** Close calls between first and second serves that can disturb play should be cancelled from going to board by the RO using the cancel button.

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- **Manual System:** The system works the same as above except the close calls do not go automatically to the board. The RO is responsible for sending close calls to the board and taking them off again. Normally this is done simply with the press of a button.

Note: Close calls between first and second serves **that can disturb play** should not be sent to the board by the RO.

- If a player wants to see a replay of a shot outside of this range (150mm & 50mm) the CU should announce "Mr./Mrs. (players name) is requesting the replay of the call on the (line)" to alert the RO and the operator. Play must not continue until the replay has been shown on the board.
 - If it is suspected that the LIVE ELC System malfunctioned or failed to decide on a call this call may be made by the CU. This protocol will only apply on point ending shots or when a player stops play.
 - The CU should communicate with the RO to confirm if the system was able to decide.
 - If the RO can confirm the ball is "in" or "out" then the CU should acknowledge the result and inform the players.
 - If the system is not available and the CU is unable to make a call, the point should be replayed.
 - There is sometimes a slight delay on the "out" call. This can in some situations create confusion and if this happens the CU might contact the RO. The RO should confirm the outcome of the call.
 - If play continues after the Electronic Line Calling Live System has determined a ball is out, the RO should deploy the Stop Play Protocol from the booth by pressing the stop play button triggering an audible "Stop, Stop" announcement on court. The RO should communicate the explanation of the out call to the CU and the CU should inform the players of the decision by the system.

Note: This can happen for a number of reasons, players and CU did not hear the audio out call, the audio out call failed, the operator has stopped the point too early effectively disarming the system so there is no audio call.
 - The RO has the **responsibility** of making sure that the correct service box is selected by the operator at the start of every point. A view of the court should be visible on the ROs screen with a highlighted service box. The highlighted service box indicates the "active" box to which the system shall decide if the serve is in or out. On any match where the "no-ad" scoring system is being used when the score reaches "deuce" the RO should inform the operator if they will be serving to the **deuce** or **advantage** court.
 - If the RO sees, for any reason, that the wrong box is highlighted before the start of the point, they should immediately tell the operator to change to the correct box before the serve is hit.
- Note:** It is very important to always keep a close eye on the service box selection by the operator especially if anything odd or unusual happens during the point. Let 1st serves, let 2nd serves, let replay the point, touch, are just a few unusual situations where the operator may not be aware of what has happened and may have the incorrect score and therefore the incorrect service box highlighted.
- On "let" serves repeat "let 1st serve" or "let 2nd serve" to ensure the operator knows whether it is a 1st serve or 2nd serve.
 - If there is a malfunction of the LIVE ELC System and it is not functional the match must be **stopped**. The RO should contact the CU immediately and inform the CU that the system is **not operational**. The supervisor/referee should also be contacted.

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- o The RO should keep in radio contact with the CU and supervisor/referee and inform them on how long it is expected before the system is again operational.
- o The supervisor/referee will then decide on how/when/where the match will resume again.
- o If it is deemed the system will be operational in a short reasonable time the players will wait on court and resume play when the system is available.
- o If it is deemed the system will not be available in a reasonable time, the supervisor/referee will decide on another option. These could include suspending the match, moving the match to another court, using line umpires (if available), postponing the match or continuing the match without the system and the CU calling **ALL** the lines.
- o The RO should note the time of the match and the score when the system became unavailable and also the time when the system became available again. The Lead RO should then be informed of this either at the end of the shift or between matches.
- The RO should record the time and the score of any system malfunctions or unusual situations with the LIVE ELC System and report them to the Lead RO after their shift or between matches.
- If the LIVE ELC System is operational but the audio speakers around the court fail the match should not be stopped. The CU must use the LED lights (green and red) on the chair to determine if the ball is “in” or “out” and must call audibly by themselves.

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EXHIBIT U - Anti-Doping Testing Facilities Guidelines

Doping Control Station

The Doping Control Station must be a dedicated facility for the exclusive use of the Doping Control team for the duration of the event.

Location: near the locker room (but not with direct access).

Accommodation: a minimum of two (and preferably three) connected areas or rooms: a Sample Collection Room and a Waiting Room at a minimum, plus an Administration Room if possible, all of which should be air-conditioned or well ventilated. The Sample Collection Room should be directly connected to a toilet (for the sole use of Doping Control).

Security: If free-standing, a security guard should be posted to restrict admission to those with appropriate credentials. It must be lockable, with access restricted to the Doping Control team. The Doping Control Officer must be given charge of all keys to all rooms for the duration of testing.

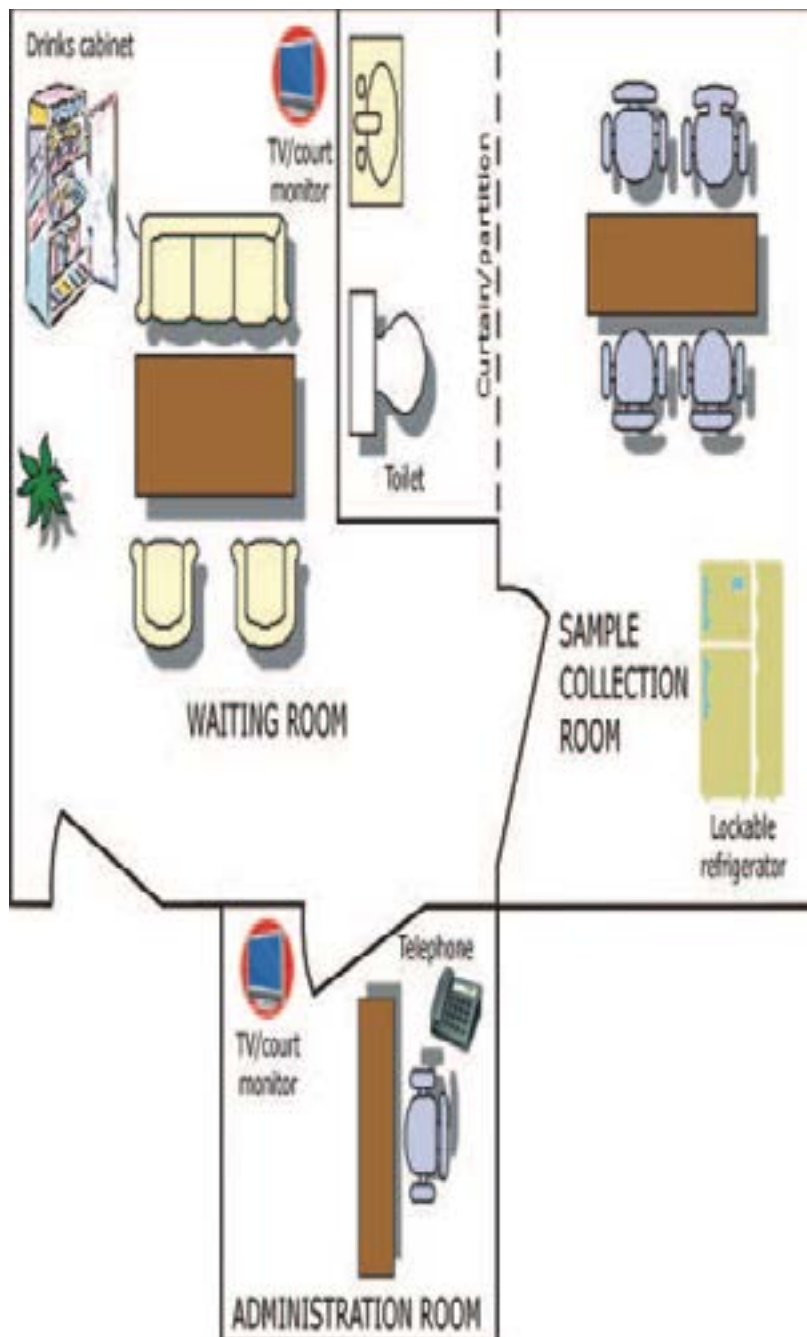
Hygiene: The Doping Control Station should be cleaned every day at a time agreed with the Doping Control Officer.

Items to be supplied in the Doping Control Station (for all draw sizes):

SAMPLE COLLECTION ROOM	WAITING ROOM
1 toilet	Comfortable seating for 8 people
Desk and 4 chairs	Refrigerator with an adequate supply of individually sealed, non-caffeniated and non-alcoholic beverages
Table to display testing materials	Table to display reading materials
TV/Court Monitor (and also in the Administration Room if provided)	TV/Court Monitor
Mains electricity supply	Waste bin
Lockable refrigerator	
2 large waste bins	
Sink, with soap or hand wash	
paper towels	
Storage cupboard	

A suggested layout for a doping control station is shown in the following diagram:

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EXHIBIT V - Retractable Roof Policy

Whenever practical, playing conditions on the center court will remain the same as on all other courts.

In the event rain is falling prior to the scheduled starting time of the match, the roof will remain closed for the duration of that match.

If the rain stops and the forecast is good, the roof may be opened after the match in progress is completed. Decisions on re-opening the roof will be made on a match-by-match basis depending upon current conditions and the forecast.

If play commences with the roof open, a decision to close the roof will normally be made after play has stopped because of rain, although if other factors warrant the roof to be closed prior to this, the Supervisor will make that decision.

The roof will not normally be closed because of the threat of rain.

In the event high winds, sufficient to harm the retractable roof, are forecast with reasonable certainty, the roof may be closed prior to the start of the match. The reverse is applicable when the roof is closed and high winds or other conditions necessitate, for safety reasons, that the roof be opened.

In the event that the temperature is below 50F / 10C prior to the start of a match, in order to enhance the fan experience, the roof may be closed as directed by the Supervisor. Decisions on whether to close the roof for cold will be made on a match-by-match basis.

In some instances, the roof must be partially closed for the lights to function properly. In this case, the roof must be partially closed prior to the start of the match.

The ATP Supervisor shall be the final authority on all decisions regarding the

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EXHIBIT W - Writing Table For Umpire Chairs

In an effort to provide a comfortable platform for the Chair Umpires to place their hardware such as tablet, walkie-talkie, net device handset, it is requested that all tournaments attach a writing table according to the instructions below to the Chair Umpire's chairs on all match courts.

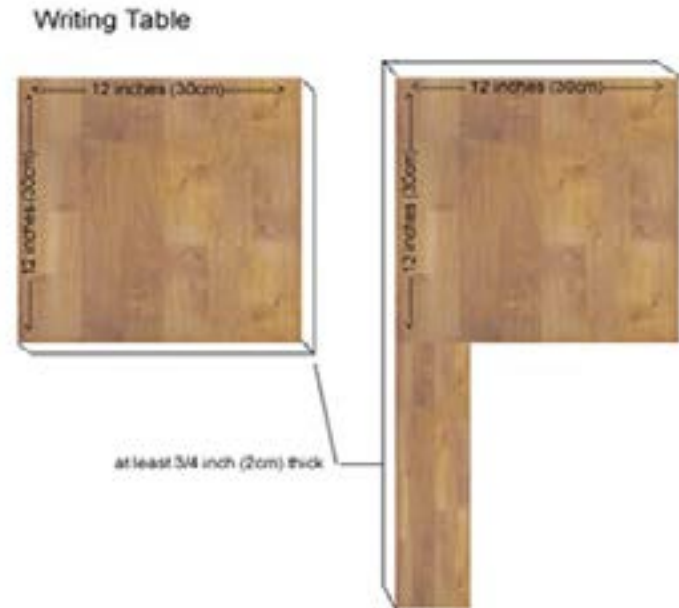
This simple and low cost upgrade will contribute tremendously to reduce scoring errors caused by data being accidentally entered as a result of the umpire holding the tablet in their hand and ease the process of entering data in the tablet.

When setting up the writing tables, please make a note of the following:

- Attach the writing table to the right side armrest. If there is a microphone attached to the chair, the microphone must be installed on the left side of the chair so as not to interfere with the writing platform on the right side armrest.
- Ensure that the writing table is installed with the slender end at the back of the armrest. The design is made considering most armrests are 20 inches (50.8 cm) long and 3 inches (7.62 cm) wide. This design calls for the overall dimension of 32 inches (81.28 cm) which leaves a full 12 inches (30.48 cm) of space in front of the umpire for the various equipment.
- A standard wood product could be used. For example, in the USA a 1 x 12 could be used and just cut to length and ripped for the 9 x 20 piece that is taken out. The actual dimension of a 1 x 12 is 11 ½ inches wide by ¾ inches thick. A comparable product could also be used in countries using the metric standard.



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writing table should be installed so that the main writing surface extends past the end of the armrest by at least 9 inches.



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EXHIBIT X - Premier Player Protocol

Premier Player Group. Players ranked as a year-end top 30 player (commitment players) or have a current protected ranking within the top 10 are eligible to be selected in the premier player group for purposes of fulfilling the restriction on who is eligible to be named as an additional Wild Card at an ATP Tour 500 event. The size of the premier player group shall be ten (10) players plus two (2) alternates selected as follows:

Ten (10) players shall be selected as "tournament" premier players (A+) by each of the ATP 500 tournaments. Each tournament shall also designate two (2) alternates as A1 and A2. The regional EVP'S shall solicit input from the respective events to determine the ten (10) tournament selections, plus alternates. These ten (10) players and the two (2) alternates shall be presented to the Board at the final Board meeting of the previous year for approval.

In the event that an A+ player becomes injured or otherwise is not able to compete for an extended period of time, as specified below, he will be replaced by the A1 player designated by the tournament.

The same procedure will be followed in the event that a second player needs to be replaced as determined below.

If additional A+ players are required and the designated A1 and A2 players have already been promoted or are otherwise not available, then the A+ replacement player will be the next highest ranked player on the most current PIF ATP Rankings.

Replacement protocol. The replacement of a Premier Player will automatically occur when any of the following apply:

- 1) A Premier Player has withdrawn / retired from an event due to illness or injury and has been out of competition for sixty (60) days; or
- 2) A Premier Player has announced that due to illness / injury or other reasons he will be out of competition for a period of at least sixty (60) days; or
- 3) A Premier Player announces his retirement; in this case he is replaced immediately following his last event.

Note: The count shall begin on the withdrawal deadline date; the date of the retirement; the date of the late withdrawal; or the date of the on-site withdrawal, whichever was chronologically first.

A player must not compete in any other tennis event during those periods.

If the replaced player returns to competition during the season, he shall be reinstated as a premier A+ player upon the start of his first match (singles or doubles) in his first ATP Tour event.

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EXHIBIT Y - Mandatory Physical



MANDATORY PHYSICAL / COMPETITION CLEARANCE
Please Print Clearly: All Illegible Forms Will be Returned Without Processing

Player Name: Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) / /

I certify that, a patient of mine has been medically evaluated and is:
[Insert player name]

Check One:

- Deemed medically fit to participate in playing competitive tennis
- Not deemed medically fit to participate in playing competitive tennis

DATE OF EVALUATION:

LOCATION OF EVALUATION (City & Country):

LIST ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS YOU WOULD LIKE ATP MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE AWARE OF:

I further certify that I am a Medical Doctor (MD) licensed to practice medicine in (Country),
License Number.

Print Name of Physician

Signature of Physician

Email of Physician

Date:

Contact Telephone Number:

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO PHYSICIAN

Please immediately fax the completed form to the attention of Todd Ellenbecker at +1.904.758.5312 or scan and email the form to: todd.ellenbecker@atptour.com

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EXHIBIT Z - Clothing Logos



ATP PLAYERS' DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

All commercial ID logos placed on the shirt front or collar must be embroidered or screen printed

All manufacturer logos must be embroidered, screen printed or otherwise professionally attached at all points

BAGS, TOWELS, ETC.
Tennis Equipment Manufacturer's ID on each item PLUS
BAGS - 2 commercial ID (6 sq in/39 sq cm) on one (1) bag

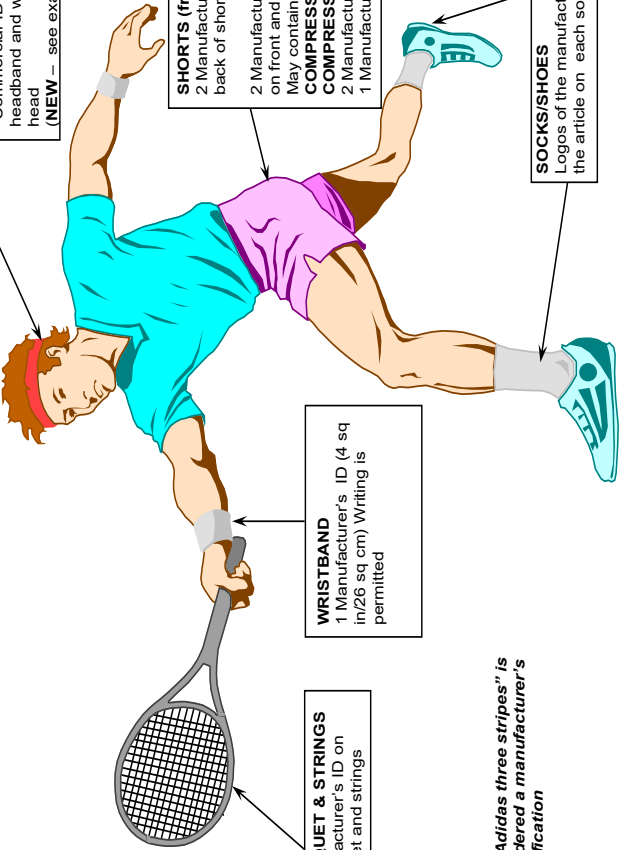
HAT, HEADBAND
1 Manufacturer's ID and/or
1 Commercial ID* (4 sq in/26 sq cm)
Writing is permitted on both
*Commercial ID must be on side of hat/headband and worn so it is positioned on side of head
(NEW - see example)

SHORTS (front and back)
2 Manufacturer's ID (2 sq in /13 sq cm) on front or back of shorts
OR
2 Manufacturer's ID (4 sq in/26 sq cm) placed 1 on front and 1 on back
May contain writing
COMPRESSION SLEEVES
2 Manufacturer's ID (2 sq in/13 sq cm) OR
1 Manufacturer's ID (4 sq in/26 sq cm)

WRISTBAND
1 Manufacturer's ID (4 sq in/26 sq cm) Writing is permitted

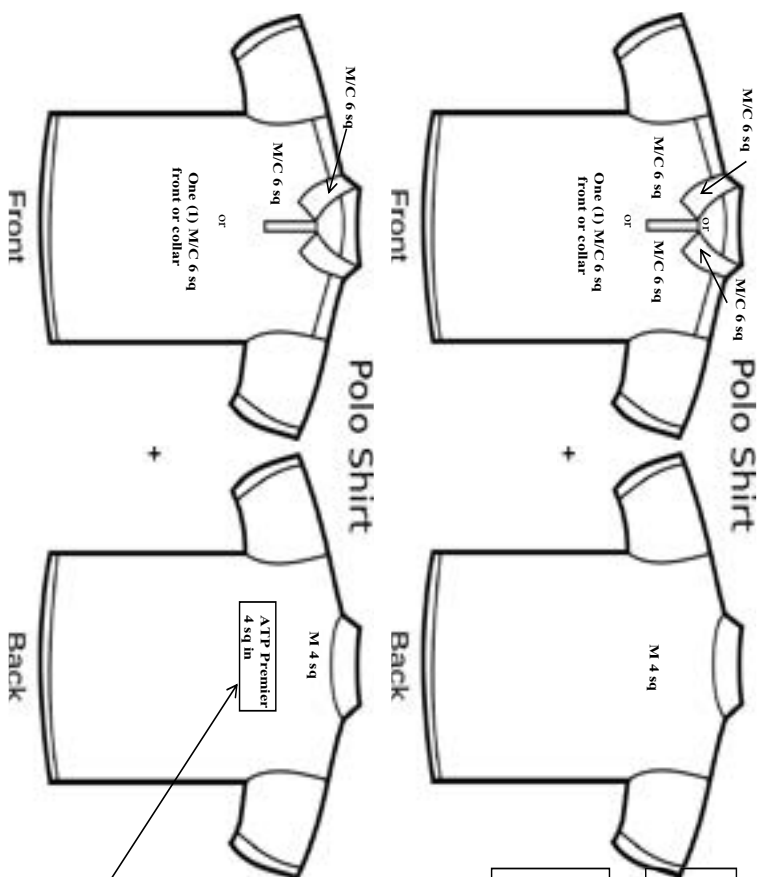
RACQUET & STRINGS
Manufacturer's ID on racquet and strings

SOCKS/SHOES
Logos of the manufacturer of the article on each sock/shoe



The "Adidas three stripes" is considered a manufacturer's identification

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SHIRT, SWEATER OR JACKET - Front, back & collar

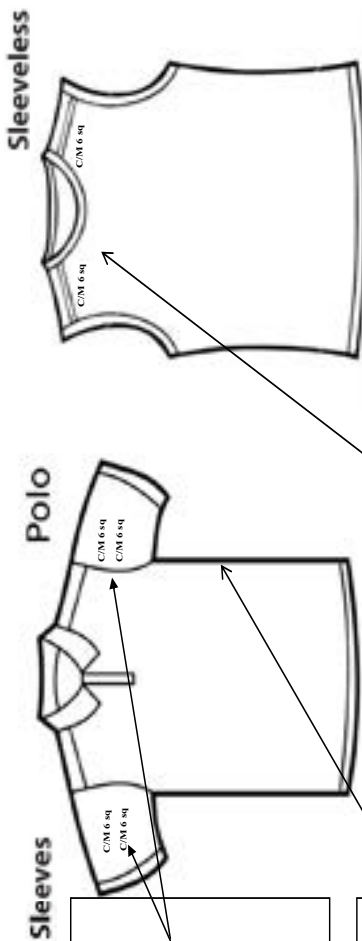
ATP PREMIER/PLATINUM SPONSOR PATCH
An additional Commercial ID (4 sq in) may be placed on the back of the shirt (below the collar) if part of the ATP Premier/Platinum sponsor patch program. This is optional and is in addition to any Manufacturer ID on the back of the shirt.

*Once a player has competed in his 1st match with a commercial brand logo on the front, collar or headgear, then he cannot change brands during that year without ATP approval.
No new commercial logo may be added to the shirt front for events following the US Open through the Nitto ATP Finals.
As long as only 1 Manufacturer/Commercial ID (6 sq in) is placed on the front, an additional manufacturer's ID (up to 4 sq in) can be placed on the back.
Logos may contain writing.

OR
1 Manufacturer's or Commercial ID (6 sq in/39 sq cm) on front or collar
PLUS
an additional 1 Manufacturer's ID (4 sq in/26 sq cm) on the back

2 Manufacturer (M) or Commercial (C) IDs (6 sq in/39 sq cm) in any location (2 on front, or 1 on front and 1 on collar)
Logos may contain writing.

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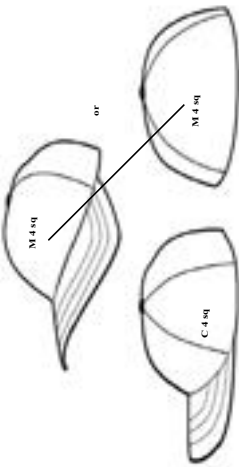


SLEEVES
2 Commercial (C) ID (non-manufacturer) or Manufacturer ID on each sleeve not to exceed 6 sq in/39 sq cm
Maximum of 2 ID's may be placed Within each 6 square inch position.
1 patch 9 sq in = 6 sq in
C/M C/M
NOTE: Commercial ID's can be different.
Logos may contain writing.

OTHER
1 Manufacturer (without manufacturer name or writing may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed 12 sq in in one of the following locations:
On each of the shirt sleeves OR
On the outer seams (sides of the torso)

SLEEVELESS
If sleeveless, then 2 logo positions of the Commercial (C) ID (non-manufacturer) or manufacturer ID may be placed on the front, however neither shall exceed 6 sq in/ 39 sq cm.
If only one logo is placed on the front or collar, then one manufacturer logo (4 sq in/26 sq cm) may be placed on the back of the shirt.

HAT/HEADBAND
1 Manufacturer's ID not to exceed 4 sq in/26 sq cm and /or
* 1 Commercial (C) ID (non-manufacturer) not to exceed 4 sq in/26 sq cm.
• The Commercial logo must be on the side of the hat/headband and must be worn so that it is positioned on the side of the hat.
• No hat or headband with or without logos may be worn during the awards ceremony.
* Once a player has competed in his 1st match with a commercial ID, then he cannot change brands during that year without ATP approval.



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EXHIBIT AA - Sample Basic Accreditation Policy Wording

1. SCOPE AND TERM OF ACCREDITATION

- 1.1. This accreditation policy (the **Policy**) shall be binding on any person (the **Accreditee**) who has applied for or been issued with a temporary or permanent accreditation (the **Accreditation**) by or on behalf of [insert name of Tournament owner] (the **Accreditor**) in respect of the [insert year] [insert Tournament name] (the **Tournament**) whether on his/his own account, on behalf of an employer, or on behalf of any person or company he/she is working with (in whatever form) in respect of the Tournament.
- 1.2. With effect from the date of signature or online acceptance of this Policy, this Policy shall supersede and replace any prior agreement, understanding, arrangement, representation or document, whether written or oral, entered into between the Accreditor and the Accreditee with respect to the subject matter of this Policy.

2. TERM

- 2.1. This Policy shall come into effect and be binding as between the Accreditor and Accreditee from the date of signature or online acceptance of this Policy by the Accreditee and shall terminate upon the conclusion of the Tournament in the relevant year (save that the Accreditee and the Accreditor agree that paragraphs 3.1.3, 3.1.5, 3.1.11, 3.1.13, 3.1.21 (inclusive) and paragraphs 4, 5 and 6.4 shall survive expiry or termination of this Policy).
- 2.2. The Accreditation provided to the Accreditee shall at all times remain the property of the Accreditor and be subject to the Accreditee complying with the terms of this Policy. The Accreditor may, at any time and in its sole discretion: (i) terminate this Policy; (ii) rescind any Accreditation provided to the Accreditee for the current year; (iii) reject any applications for future Accreditation; and/or (iv) eject the Accreditee from the Tournament site, and/or take legal action against the Accreditee for breach of this Policy.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 3.1. In consideration for the grant to the Accreditee of his/her Accreditation, the Accreditee hereby agrees, undertakes and/or acknowledges (as applicable) that:

General

- 3.1.1. the Accreditation is strictly non-transferable and in particular the Accreditation may not be used as a prize or give-away or as part of any competition or promotion or other similar activity;
- 3.1.2. the Accreditation must be worn correctly at all times (with any photo clearly visible – if applicable) and be visible and accessible to be scanned or otherwise checked prior to entry and exit from the Tournament site, and at relevant areas within the Tournament site, at all times;
- 3.1.3. he/she shall not alter, edit or otherwise amend the Accreditation or make or take any copy of the Accreditation or provide any third party with the Accreditation, any photograph or copy of the Accreditation (whether directly or indirectly by way of social media for example);
- 3.1.4. he/she shall abide by all instructions, orders and directions given to the Accreditee by the Accreditor or any Tournament official, employee or agent and if the

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Accreditee is at any time unsure whether to comply with such instruction, order or direction he/she must contact

- 3.1.5. to the extent permitted by law, the Accreditee grants (free of charge) to the Accreditor and ATP Tour, Inc. (the ATP) the perpetual right to make and use, exhibit and reproduce worldwide at their discretion, the Accreditee's name, voice, biographical material, likeness, image and/or any visual description of the Accreditee made during the Tournament for: (i) promotion and publicity of the Tournament; (ii) information and news in relation to the Tournament; i) audio visual coverage and broadcast of the Tournament; and (iv) archive purposes. The Accreditee acknowledges and agrees that such use of his/her name, voice, biographical material, image and/or any visual depiction by the Accreditor or the ATP may be affected by way of any technologies, distribution techniques or media and without compensation;
- 3.1.6. he/she shall conduct himself/herself and act generally in a manner that will not:
- (i) bring the Tournament, the ATP (or any of its subsidiaries), the Accreditor or the game of tennis into disrepute; or (ii) otherwise inhibit the enjoyment of any other party in attendance at the Tournament.

Ground Regulations/Access

- 3.1.7. he/she shall comply with the Tournament Ground Regulations which can be found at [insert web address] and as attached as Appendix 1 to this Policy;
- 3.1.8. he/she shall directly or indirectly access only those areas of the Tournament site specifically allowed by the Accreditation and necessary for the Accreditee to perform activities directly related to the purpose for which the Accreditation is granted;

Players

- 3.1.9. he/she shall not film any player anywhere within the Tournament site without having obtained the player's prior written permission, unless the filming is being done for noncommercial purposes and is not for more than :60 seconds;
- 3.1.10. players and their registered coaches may film a players' practice session within the Tournament site provided that such film may only be used for their own personal use and shall not be used for any commercial purposes.
- 3.1.11. he/she shall not expressly or impliedly associate any player with any products, services or brands (including, but not limited to, the products, services or brands of the Accreditee's employer);
- 3.1.12. players' press conferences shall be held in press conference rooms or other designated areas, and only authorized accredited media representatives may access the press conference;

Photographs/Filming (General)

- 3.1.13. other than where approved in advance in writing by the Accreditor or as set out in paragraphs 3.1.14.8, 3.1.15 and 3.1.16 below, the Accreditee is strictly forbidden to film, broadcast, stream, publish, transmit and/or otherwise offer to the public (or assist any third party in offering to the public), on a live or on a delayed basis, in whole or in part, and whether on a free basis or subject to payment, any sound recording, video footage, motion picture, film and/or other audio-visual content captured by any means whatsoever inside the Tournament site (including, without limitation, the competition courts, the practice courts and inside any

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restricted areas including locker rooms and areas reserved for players) regardless of the means of transmission or media whether now known or in the future (all of such rights, being Broadcast Rights), other than to the extent expressly permitted under this Policy;

- 3.1.14. subject to paragraphs 3.1.15 and 3.1.16 below, the Accreditee is in particular prohibited from:
- 3.1.14.1. filming Tournament matches, regardless of the category (e.g. singles, doubles, junior, wheelchair tournament, legends trophy) or courts (including competition courts and practice courts);
 - 3.1.14.2. undertaking or facilitating live or delayed broadcast coverage (including, by way of example only, live broadcasting/streaming through platforms such as Periscope or Meerkat) from any location within the Tournament site whatsoever;
 - 3.1.14.3. filming or producing studio or stand up footage within the Tournament site, whether by way of live or delayed broadcast;
 - 3.1.14.4. soliciting and/or filming personal interviews of players;
 - 3.1.14.5. selling footage filmed within the Tournament site;
 - 3.1.14.6. producing a magazine or specific program relating to the Tournament and containing footage filmed at the Tournament;
 - 3.1.14.7. associating himself/herself with any footage filmed within the Tournament site or with the trademarks, logos or distinctive signs of the Tournament and/or the Accreditor;
 - 3.1.14.8. publishing any photographs or footage captured anywhere on the Tournament site during the Tournament for any purpose, except that this shall not prevent the Accreditee from publishing still photographs or video that is less than :60 seconds from the Tournament on his/her personal social media account(s) for solely non-commercial purposes; and/or
 - 3.1.14.9. associating, directly or indirectly, all or part of photographs, footage or other audio-visual content captured within the Tournament site with any brand and/or name, whether commercial or not, especially as a part of a sponsorship;

Official Broadcast Partners

- 3.1.15. if the Accreditee is working on behalf of a radio, TV or other media channel, network or platform which has acquired or is otherwise in bona fide possession of legally enforceable Broadcasting Rights to the Tournament (an Official Broadcast Partner), such Accreditee (an Official Broadcast Accreditee) shall be entitled to exercise the Broadcast Rights only to the extent permitted by, and strictly in accordance with, the terms of: (i) the relevant agreement between the owner/licensor of the relevant Broadcast Rights and the Official Broadcast Partner on whose behalf the Accreditee is working; and (ii) any other applicable documentation issued to the Accreditee by the Accreditor from time to time in relation to the exercise of those Broadcast Rights. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between a term in the documentation referred to in (i) and a term of this Policy or the documentation referred to in (ii), the term in the documentation referred to in (i) shall prevail. Further, any such Accreditee agrees (x) not to onward supply, sublicense or otherwise make any scores or related statistical data from the Tournament available to any third party for use not related to the broadcast, and (y) to restrict their use of such scores and data to use on a contemporaneous basis

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within the live broadcast of any match, any other uses shall be subject to a delay of at least :30 seconds;

News Agencies

- 3.1.16. if the Accreditee is not an Official Broadcast Accreditee but has been granted Accreditation by the Accreditor to in order to provide news, information, data and/or reporting in relation to the Tournament, (any such Accreditee, an Official News Access Accreditee), he/she shall be entitled to exercise the Broadcast Rights only to the extent permitted by, and strictly in accordance with, the terms of: (i) the relevant mandatory news access regulations (or similar), if any, prescribed under applicable law in the territory in which the Tournament takes place; and (ii) any other applicable documentation issued to the Accreditee by the Accreditor from time to time in relation to any such news access or reporting. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between a term in the regulations referred to in (i) and a term of this Policy or the documentation referred to in (ii), the term in the regulations referred to in (i) shall prevail. Further, such Accreditee agrees that he/she will not disseminate, transmit, publish or release from the grounds of the Tournament any live match score or related live statistical data until :30 seconds after the actual occurrence of the incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (e.g., a point be scored), and that such use shall be solely for news reporting and editorial use;

Assignment of copyright

- 3.1.17. if and to the extent that the Accreditee obtains, acquires or exercises any Broadcast Rights other than as expressly permitted pursuant to paragraphs 3.1.15 or 3.1.16 above, the Accreditee hereby assigns all such Broadcasting rights (including all intellectual property rights therein), by way of a present assignment of past, present and future rights, to the Accreditor (or its nominee). The Accreditee shall do and execute all such further acts and things as are reasonably required to give full effect to the assignment referred to in this paragraph 3.1.17. All goodwill arising from the Accreditee's use or exploitation of any such Broadcast Rights shall accrue to the Accreditor (or its nominee);

Tournament Website

- 3.1.18. no text, photo and/or audio or video content whatsoever from the Tournament official website ([insert website](#)) or from the Accreditor's or the ATP's official websites shall be reproduced and/or represented, in any manner whatsoever, on any other media without the prior written consent of the Accreditor and/or the ATP;

Data

- 3.1.19. unless approved in advance in writing by the Accreditor or ATP, the Accreditee may not continually collect, disseminate, transmit, publish or release from the grounds of the Tournament any match scores or related statistical data (the Statistical Data), during match play (from the commencement of a match through its conclusion) for any commercial, betting or gambling purpose. In particular he/she shall not use any communication device (including without limitation a mobile telephone, tablet or laptop) to transmit Statistical Data to a third party in connection with the placing of a bet or for any improper, corrupt, fraudulent or otherwise unlawful purpose whatsoever. As between the parties, the Accreditor remains the sole and exclusive owner of the Statistical Data;

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- 3.1.20. he/she shall not engage, whether directly or through an intermediary and regardless of the method (including, without limitation, by way of using online communication techniques) in any form of gambling or betting activity whatsoever including private gambling or between physical persons in connection with the Tournament. Further, the Accreditée shall not communicate to any third party any privileged information within the scope of his or her function and unknown to the public in connection with the Tournament, nor shall the Accreditée communicate to any third party any privileged information acquired within the scope of his or her Accreditation and unknown to the public in connection with the Tournament; and
- 3.1.21. without prejudice to paragraph 3.1.20 above, he/she shall comply with the terms of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (available for download at <https://www.itia.tennis/tacp/rules>).

4. DATA PROTECTION

- 4.1. The Accreditor may use the Accreditée's personal details (including his/her photograph) for the purposes of: assessing a request for Accreditation, administration, marketing and/or vetting/security checking. The Accreditor may also disclose the Accreditée's personal details to its service providers and agents for these purposes and to the ATP/other tournament owners where the Accreditor reasonably believes that the Accreditée poses a risk in relation to the security, staging or commercial rights of other tournaments.
- 4.2. The Accreditor shall comply with applicable laws when processing the Accreditée's personal details as described in paragraph 4.1 above.

5. INDEMNITY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 5.1. The Accreditée hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the Accreditor and ATP against any direct loss or damage to the Accreditor or ATP or their employees, officers or agents or arising out of any dispute, proceedings, claim suit or other action brought against the Accreditor or ATP or their employees, officers or agents by any third party resulting from or in any way connected with (i) negligence or misconduct of the Accreditée at the Tournament site; or (ii) a breach of this Policy by the Accreditée.
- 5.2. PROVIDED THAT NOTHING IN THIS POLICY SHALL EXCLUDE OR LIMIT EITHER PARTY'S LIABILITY FOR DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THAT PARTY OR THEIR AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, OR IN RESPECT OF ANY OTHER LIABILITY THAT CANNOT BE LIMITED OR EXCLUDED BY APPLICABLE LAW, NEITHER THE ACCREDITOR NOR ATP SHALL HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO THE ACCREDITÉE EITHER IN CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF DUTY) OR OTHERWISE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR EXPENSE SUFFERED BY THE ACCREDITÉE, HOWSOEVER CAUSED.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- 6.1. The Accreditor nominates [insert job title] as the representative (the Tournament Representative) to whom the Accreditée should direct any queries or complaints in connection with his/her Accreditation or the terms of this Policy.
- 6.2. The Accreditor may alter this Policy at any time in its sole discretion if it reasonably believes that such changes are necessary to protect the legitimate interests

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of the Accreditor and/or the Tournament, and the Accreditée must comply with the Policy as amended.

- 6.3. If any paragraph in this Policy is rendered void or unenforceable by any court or authority of competent jurisdiction then all other provisions of this Policy will remain in full force and effect and will not in any way be impaired provided the parties agree a replacement provision which is as close as is legally permissible to the provision found invalid or unenforceable.
- 6.4. The Accreditation and this Policy shall be governed by the laws of [insert jurisdiction] and the Accreditor and Accreditée agree that the courts of [insert jurisdiction] shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute (whether contractual or non-contractual) in relation to this Accreditation Policy.

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EXHIBIT AB - ATP Fantasy Sport and Betting Sponsorship

A. Compliance with the TACP

The TACP currently provides that no Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, facilitate any other person to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any professional tennis event or any other tennis competition. The ITIA has determined that the provision of the following benefits by a tournament to a Tennis Betting Operator would be deemed to be “facilitation” and are therefore prohibited and subject to penalty under the TACP:

- 1) Direct linking from a tournament digital or social media platform to a Tennis Betting Operator website where tennis wagers can be placed (i.e., one (1) click 1) (for the avoidance of doubt indirect linking (i.e., two (2) clicks) from a tournament digital or social media platform to a Tennis Betting Operator website where tennis wagers can be placed is allowed).
- 2) Displaying live odds for matches on a tournament digital or social media platform (including in a match stream shown on such platform);
- 3) Offering and accepting tennis wagers on behalf of a Tennis Betting Operator on any tournament digital or social media platform or otherwise;
- 4) Allowing a Tennis Betting Operator, directly or through a third party, to offer and accept in-person tennis wagers at a tournament site or at any official tournament-related event (e.g., at a booth or party);
- 5) In-stadia or on-site tournament or Tennis Betting Operator advertising that encourages spectators to place an in-venue tennis wager (e.g., go to website and place a bet now);
- 6) Any of the following activities by tournament owner, operator, director, or employee in their individual capacity:
 - Serving as a spokesperson / ambassador for a Tennis Betting Operator;
 - Writing for a Tennis Betting Operator website or publication (excludes general tournament press releases and tournament promotions or announcements);
 - Making personal appearances on behalf of a Tennis Betting Operator;
 - Promoting a Tennis Betting Operator to the general public through posts or links to the Tennis Betting Operator on the individual's personal social media accounts or websites;
 - Appearing in commercial advertisements that encourage others to bet on tennis;
 - Wearing or otherwise publicly displaying Tennis Betting Operator logos or brand images on apparel, personal equipment or stationery; and
 - Accepting hospitality or gifts, free or subsidized travel, or any other personal benefit from a Tennis Betting Operator.

In addition, the provision of the following benefits to a Tennis Betting Operator would be deemed to be “facilitation” by an active player (i.e., any player who has not officially retired), player support team member, and/or official and therefore tournaments are prohibited from providing such sponsorship benefits in order to safeguard players,

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player support team members and officials from inadvertent violations of the TACP:

- 1) No player/player support team/official activation of any nature, this includes:
 - appearances at a Tennis Betting Operator information booth or box;
 - wearing or otherwise publicly displaying Tennis Betting Operator logos or brand images on or off court;
 - attending or participating in events sponsored by or involving only the Tennis Betting Operator;
 - use by a Tennis Betting Operator of player/player support team names or images (including match and non-match footage); and
 - social media posts mentioning a Tennis Betting Operator or linking to a Betting Operator website or platform by the player/player support team member/official;
- 2) No use of player/player support team member images in tournament advertisements/collateral/social media content that includes only the branding of the Tennis Betting Operator;
- 3) No provision of gear or merchandise with Tennis Betting Operator logos or branding to players/player support team members/officials for use on or off the court (e.g., towels, water bottles, tape);
- 4) No provision of hospitality or gifts, free or subsidized travel, or any other personal benefit to a player/player support team member/official from a Tennis Betting Operator.

B. Protecting the Integrity of the Sport

Any tournament that takes a sponsorship from a Tennis Betting Operator shall comply with the following:

- 1) No Tennis Betting Operator as title and/or presenting sponsor of a tournament; No naming rights to player areas;
- 2) Only betting exchanges that also offer sportsbook betting are permitted as a Tennis Betting Operator;
- 3) Tennis Betting Operator and tournament advertising in and on broadcast (and shoulder programming) must comply with broadcast and local restrictions (i.e., in the event a territory does not allow the broadcast to be shown due to a ban on sports betting advertising, the tournament shall have the right to opt out of such sponsorship agreement); Tennis Betting Operators may only use the ATP category stamp in advertisements when using the ATP-Tournament lockup logo, provided that the lockup logo may not be used with the image of an identifiable tennis player (regardless of whether the individual in the image competes on the ATP Tour).
- 4) No display of live odds for matches in the tournament venue or at other official tournament sites;
- 5) Tennis Betting Operator on-court signage (Refer to Chart at end of this Exhibit AB):
 - No signage or banners on or in the immediate physical vicinity of the chair umpire or line umpire chair;

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- o No signage or banners on or in the immediate physical vicinity of the player benches; No signage or banners on player entrance arch; and and
 - o No ads on videoboards when players are on court warming up or when playing (excluding changeovers and setbreaks); The Tennis Betting Operator logo may be placed on the shot clock and serve speed box;
 - o Tennis Betting Operator logo cannot be the only logo/mark on backwall signage; and
 - o No more than 40% of total on-court fixed signage (excluding LED) or 40% of total display time
- 6) No Tennis Betting Operator logo or brand images on chair umpire or line umpire clothing;
- 7) Tennis Betting Operator logo on media backdrops must be the same size as and appear no more frequently than other logos on the backdrop, and must be dispersed throughout the backdrop.
- 8) Credentials for Tennis Betting Operator representatives limited to non-player restricted areas (i.e., no access to player lounge or locker room; access to player restaurant and press conferences permitted if accompanied by tournament staff);
- 9) Official player hotels shall not offer in-person tennis wagering;
- 10) No provision of Tennis Betting Operator informational or promotional materials to players/player support team members/officials/tournament staff;
- 11) No targeting minors;
- 12) Tennis Betting Operator may have informational booth in vendor area, which may include information on downloading the sponsor's app but should not directly encourage to place bets or promote a Tennis Betting Operator website URL;
- 13) No tournament shall receive compensation linked to the sponsorship from the Tennis Betting Operator based upon revenue or betting volume of their event;
- 14) 10% of the sponsor fee (based on gross revenue) shall be paid to ATP as a contribution toward the expense of anti-corruption; For combined events 5% shall be paid to each Tour toward the expense of anti-corruption;
- 15) Tournaments may not apply for sport gaming license or become a betting operator with any relationship to wagering on tennis; and
- 16) Tournament owner(s), Tournament Director, Tournament Physicians and other staff who would regularly have direct contact with the players and/or are privy to non-public information about players must complete the Tennis Integrity Protection Programme (TIPP). Such staff likely includes, but is not limited to, the Credentials Coordinator, Accommodation Coordinator, IT Coordinator, Head of Security, Media Director, Player Desk Staff and Massage Therapists.

C. Repute and Integrity of Tennis Betting Operators

The following requirements are to provide transparency, assure compliance with Sections A and B, and assure the quality of the Tennis Betting Operator:

- 1) Approval process:
- o Tournaments must apply to and secure approval from ATP at least thirty (30) days prior to entering into an agreement with a Tennis Betting Operator;
 - o Application must sufficiently detail all benefits, activations, links to tennis wa-

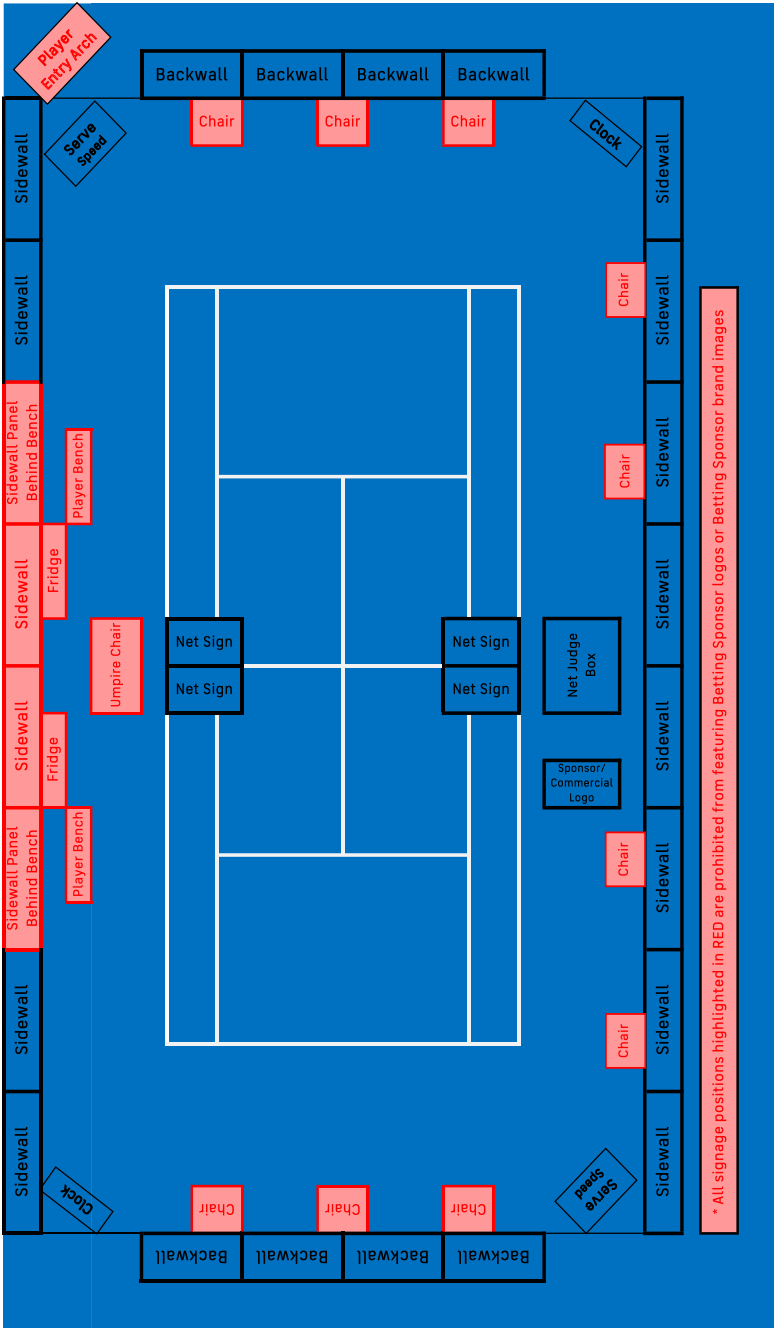
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- gering, and compensation structure; and
 - o Tournament must assist ATP's due diligence process;
- 2) Tennis Betting Operator must be registered/licensed by appropriate legal authority in the territories it offers betting;
- 3) Tennis Betting Operator must employ industry standard measures (e.g. geo-gating and age-restrictions) to prevent unauthorized users from engaging in unlawful sports wagering for the term of the sponsorship.
- 4) Tennis Betting Operator shall not be:
- o entities engaged in the collection, publication or other exploitation of material that would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on tennis integrity (as determined by ATP);
 - o currently the subject of an investigation or proceeding for betting-related corruption or betting-related criminal offense or any other materially significant betting integrity-related investigation brought by the ITIA or any relevant betting-integrity, governmental, regulatory or gaming authority;
 - o currently an adverse party in litigation or arbitration involving ATP or any of its events in respect of unofficial data or betting;
 - o currently the subject of legal proceedings brought by any tennis governing body in respect of any unauthorized in-stadium collection or exploitation of unofficial data;
 - o entities that have been convicted of betting-related corruption, betting-related criminal offense by the ITIA or any relevant betting-integrity, governmental, regulatory or gaming authority within the prior 3 years;
 - o entities that have a current sanction from any relevant betting-integrity related, governmental, regulatory or gaming authority as to a material violation or series of violations that could reasonably be expected to call the applicable entity's betting-related integrity into question;
- 5) Tennis Betting Operator must purchase ATP official scores. For Masters 1000 and ATP 500 tournaments, the betting sponsor must purchase the fastest official scoring feed (in effect from January 1, 2024).
- 6) Betting Sponsor must agree to cooperate and coordinate with ATP, ATP's official data partner, and the ITIA with respect to any suspicious betting patterns or other integrity related issues, and must make available to the ITIA any betting-related information that the ITIA reasonably requests and have an MOU with the ITIA (if requested);
- 7) Tennis Betting Operator must agree to comply with the provisions set forth in Section A and Section B above;
- 8) Agreement must include a termination right if (a) the Tennis Betting Operator's license in domestic market of tournament is lost or suspended, (b) the Tennis Betting Operator is no longer in compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including advertising), (c) the Tennis Betting Operator violates the provisions set forth in Section A or Section B above; (d) the Tennis Betting Operator combines unofficial data with the official data of relevant stakeholder, (e) the Tennis Betting Operator fails to reasonably cooperate with any integrity-related ITIA requests or ITIA investigations, and (f) ATP rules change prohibiting sponsorships in this category; and

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- 9) Renewal / extension / amendment / early termination of agreement requires notification to, and approval by, ATP.

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