

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

2017 RULE CHANGES

Section I, A. General

Any sanctioning National Association and/or where applicable the Tournament Organiser (jointly the "Applicant") awarded a one (1) year sanction on the ITF Men's Circuit Calendar shall be subject to, and shall be bound by and comply with the ITF Rules of Tennis, all of the applicable provisions of the ITF Men's Circuit Regulations, the ITF Pro Circuit Organisational Requirements and the Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards documents, each of which may be amended from time to time.

The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the tournament(s), without any liability on behalf of the Applicant, National Association, Tournament Organiser or the ITF (for the avoidance of doubt, the ITF, the Applicant, National Association and/or the Tournament/Host Organiser will not be liable to any Players or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such cancelled Competitions, including, without limitation, any transport and/or accommodation costs). This decision will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee or its nominee, and may be appealed to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel.

Section I, C. Enforcement of Regulations and resolution of disputes

1. On-site enforcement

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

2. First instance proceedings

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

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

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

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

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel;
- (b) any dispute or question about the proper interpretation of these Regulations (including reviewing as appropriate any on-site interpretation by the ITF Supervisor);

- (c) any dispute or question about player eligibility arising under these Regulations;
- (d) any allegation that a Tournament Offence has been committed under the Code of Conduct;
- (e) any allegation that a player has committed a breach of the Welfare Policy;
- (f) any allegation that a player, Related Person or other person or entity bound by these Regulations has failed to comply with any other aspect of these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere); and
- (g) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

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

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations to the Independent Tribunal;
- (b) an allegation that a player, Related Person or other person participating on the ITF's Men's Circuit has breached the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme;
- (c) an allegation that a player or Related Person has committed a Major Offence under the Code of Conduct; and
- (d) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over any allegation that a Player, Related Person or other person participating on the ITF Men's Circuit has breached the Tennis Anti-Corruption Programme.

3. Sanctions

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

4. Appeals

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- (a) decisions by the ITF Supervisor under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);
- (b) subject to article I.C.4(a) above, decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules (in particular, the section applicable to the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appeal panel);
- (c) decisions of the Independent Tribunal (sitting as a first instance tribunal) may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules;

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

- (i) the person or entity that is the subject of the decision being appealed; and/or
- (ii) the ITF.

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

Section II, B. Categories of Tournaments

For the purpose of this rule book, all references to prize money expressed in US Dollars will also mean the corresponding prize money in Euros (EUR) as below and as set in section XIII. On-Site Prize Money Distribution Formulas.

The ITF Men's Circuit is comprised of two prize money categories: \$15,000/€13,500 and \$25,000/€22,500 Futures tournaments, which must be scheduled in a minimum of three consecutive weeks of \$15,000/€13,500 each or two consecutive weeks of \$25,000/€22,500 each in prize money. A series can include a combination of \$15,000/€13,500 and \$25,000/€22,500 tournaments, as long as the total prize money is at least \$45,000/€40,500. Tournaments shall be organised by a National Association, unless otherwise approved by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee. Individual \$15,000/€13,500 and \$25,000/€22,500 prize money tournaments may offer hospitality (see section X. Computer Points and Prize Money).

Section III, D. Currency and Exchange Rate

Prize money shall be paid in currencies as follows:

- 1) U.S. Tournaments: All prize money must be paid in US Dollars as set out in Section XIII. On-Site Money Distribution Formulas
- 2) European Tournaments: All prize money must be paid in Euros as set out in Section XIII. On-Site Money Distribution Formulas or in local currency for non-Euro Monetary Union nations.
- 3) Other Tournaments: All prize money must be paid in US Dollars or in local currency if prior approval to pay in local currency is obtained in writing from the ITF no less than four (4) months prior to the start of the tournament.

Section III, F. Entry Fees

There shall be no Entry Fee for Main Draw. The Entry Fee for Qualifying will be a maximum of \$40 or €36.

Section V, A. Entry

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

Section V, E. Playing Another Event / One Tournament per Week

b. Participation by a player who has played in Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF Men's Circuit Tournament in an additional tournament during the same week is only permitted in the following specific circumstances:

(...)

iii. A player is nominated to represent his country in an ITF Team competition, provided the player has already lost in the ITF Pro Circuit tournament.

(...)

A player who was a No-Show or who withdrew or retired from either singles or doubles main draw in any round may not participate in any "Other" tournament during the same week.

Section V, G. Sign-In

The Qualifying Sign-In Deadline is at 18:00 hours local time at the site of the Qualifying event on the day before the scheduled start of the Qualifying event unless specified otherwise on the published Fact Sheet.

In exceptional circumstances the ITF may extend the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline in which case players will be notified.

All players accepted directly into Qualifying must be present on-site and personally sign-in with the ITF Supervisor. Any player may be signed-in for the Qualifying Draw by the ITF Supervisor/Referee of a Professional Tournament, ITF Sanctioned Tournament, ITF Team Competition or a national competition (if requested by the relevant National Association and approved by the ITF at least two (2) weeks in advance) in the previous week if such player has competed on the last two days preceding the scheduled start of the Qualifying competition. This player must be able to be on-site and play his first round match by the end of the first round of Qualifying.

Section XII, B. Data Protection

The continual use of laptop computers, mobile phones or other handheld or portable electronic devices including but not limited to the above use of match score and statistical data or for purposes relating to gambling/betting within the confines of the tournament match courts (spectator areas) shall be prohibited and each tournament shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition (including without limitation by means of venue and spectator regulations). The exception to this provision is tournament credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

ON-SITE PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION FORMULAS

Tournament Prize Money - US Dollars 15,000 25,000

Singles			
32 Draw	75%	<u>11,250</u>	18,750
Winner	14.40%	<u>2,160</u>	3,600
Finalist	8.48%	<u>1,272</u>	2,120
Semi-finalist	5.02%	<u>753</u>	1,255
Quarter-Finalist	2.92%	<u>438</u>	730
Round of 16	1.72%	<u>258</u>	430
Round of 32	1.04%	<u>156</u>	260
Doubles (Per Team)			
16 Draw	25%	<u>3,750</u>	6,250
Winner	6.20%	<u>930</u>	1,550
Finalist	3.60%	<u>540</u>	900
Semi-finalist	2.16%	<u>324</u>	540
Quarter-Finalist	1.28%	<u>192</u>	320
Round of 16	0.72%	<u>108</u>	180

Tournament Prize Money - EUROS 13,500 22,500

Singles			
32 Draw	75%	<u>10,125</u>	<u>16,875</u>
Winner	14.40%	<u>1,944</u>	<u>3,240</u>
Finalist	8.48%	<u>1,145</u>	<u>1,908</u>
Semi-finalist	5.02%	<u>678</u>	<u>1,130</u>
Quarter-Finalist	2.92%	<u>394</u>	<u>657</u>
Round of 16	1.72%	<u>232</u>	<u>387</u>
Round of 32	1.04%	<u>140</u>	<u>234</u>
Doubles (Per Team)			
16 Draw	25%	<u>3,375</u>	<u>5,625</u>
Winner	6.20%	<u>837</u>	<u>1,395</u>
Finalist	3.60%	<u>486</u>	<u>810</u>
Semi-finalist	2.16%	<u>292</u>	<u>486</u>
Quarter-Finalist	1.28%	<u>173</u>	<u>288</u>
Round of 16	0.72%	<u>97</u>	<u>162</u>

