

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

2017 RULE CHANGES

Please note that all rules which previously applied to \$10,000 tournaments will now apply to \$15,000 tournaments, all rules which previously applied to \$50,000 tournaments will now apply to \$60,000 tournaments, and all rules which previously applied to \$75,000 tournaments will now apply to \$80,000 tournaments.

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 Women'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 Women'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 Women'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 Women'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 Women'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 Women'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 Women'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 XII. Prize Money and Points.

ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments that comply with the criteria laid down in these Regulations are eligible for inclusion of their results on the WTA Rankings as specified in Section XIII. WTA Computer Rankings. Such tournaments fall into the following groups:

- 1. ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT \$15,000 / €13,500**
Individual tournaments of \$15,000 / €13,500 prize money
- 2. ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT \$25,000 / €22,500**
Individual tournaments of \$25,000 / €22,500 prize money
- 3. ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT \$60,000 / €54,500, \$80,000 / €72,500 AND \$100,000 / €91,000**
Individual tournaments of \$60,000 / €54,500, \$80,000 / €72,500 and \$100,000 / €91,000 prize money
- 4. ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT \$15,000+H, \$25,000+H, \$60,000+H, \$80,000+H AND \$100,000+H**
Individual tournaments of \$15,000/€13,500, \$25,000/€22,500, \$60,000/€54,500, \$80,000/€72,500 and \$100,000 / €91,000 prize money which offer hospitality. (See Section XIII.C. for a detailed explanation regarding hospitality).

Section III, C. Prize Money

If a player specifically requests to receive the prize money via bank transfer, the player will be liable for any bank fees associated with such transfer.

If a tournament elects to pay the prize money via bank transfer, the tournament will be liable for any bank fees associated with such transfer.

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 in Section XII. Prize Money and Points
- 2) European Tournaments: All prize money must be paid in Euros as set in Section XII. Prize Money and Points 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,G. Entry Fees

Tournament Organisers may charge an entry fee of up to a maximum of US\$40 or €36 per player in Qualifying and US\$40 or €36 per player in the Main Draw per tournament to include both singles and doubles. No player may be charged more than a total of US\$40 or €36 for one tournament.

For doubles only, an entry fee may be charged up to a maximum of US\$15 or €13 per player in the Qualifying and a maximum of US\$20 or €18 per player in the Main Draw per tournament. (Qualifiers and Lucky Losers in doubles may be required to pay the difference between the entry fees for Qualifying and Main Draw).

Section V, A. Entries

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 Women'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 her 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 Tournament on the day preceding scheduled start of the Qualifying Draw.

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

For all tournaments the Supervisor/Referee at 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 preceding week may sign-in any player who has competed on the last two days preceding the scheduled start of the Qualifying competition.

Section XI, 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.

XI. PRIZE MONEY AND POINTS

A. BREAKDOWNS

The prize money breakdowns detailed below shall apply to all ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments. A proportion of prize money is deducted at every tournament to contribute to the provision of healthcare services (Primary Healthcare Programme – PHCP) at each tournament and on the Circuit in general.

TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY - US DOLLARS

Prize Money Category	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
2% PHCP Fee	<u>300</u>	500	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	5,000
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Singles Main Draw - 32 Draw					
Total	<u>\$11,462</u>	<u>\$17,698</u>	<u>\$41,196</u>	<u>\$54,924</u>	<u>\$68,658</u>
Winner	<u>2,352</u>	3,919	<u>9,119</u>	<u>12,161</u>	15,200
Finalist	<u>1,470</u>	2,091	<u>4,863</u>	<u>6,487</u>	8,107
Semi-finalist	<u>734</u>	1,144	<u>2,659</u>	<u>3,548</u>	4,433
Quarter-finalist	<u>367</u>	654	<u>1,520</u>	<u>2,027</u>	2,533
Round of 16	<u>294</u>	392	<u>911</u>	<u>1,216</u>	1,520
Round of 32	<u>147</u>	228	<u>533</u>	<u>709</u>	887
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Singles Qualifying - 32 Draw					
Total	0	<u>\$2,096</u>	<u>\$4,860</u>	<u>\$6,484</u>	<u>\$8,100</u>
Final Round	0	126	<u>305</u>	<u>407</u>	509
Round of 16	0	68	<u>189</u>	<u>253</u>	316
Round of 32	0	N/A	<u>133</u>	<u>177</u>	221
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Doubles Main Draw - 16 Draw					
Total	<u>\$3,238</u>	<u>\$4,706</u>	<u>\$9,941</u>	<u>\$14,592</u>	<u>\$18,242</u>
Winner	<u>955</u>	1,437	<u>3,344</u>	<u>4,460</u>	5,573
Finalist	<u>515</u>	719	<u>1,672</u>	<u>2,230</u>	2,787
Semi-finalist	<u>294</u>	359	<u>836</u>	<u>1,115</u>	1,393
Quarter-finalist	<u>147</u>	196	<u>456</u>	<u>608</u>	760
Round of 16	<u>74</u>	131	<u>304</u>	<u>405</u>	507

TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY - EUROS

Prize Money Category	<u>€13,500</u>	<u>€22,500</u>	<u>€54,500</u>	<u>€72,500</u>	<u>€91,000</u>
2% PHCP Fee	<u>270</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>2,725</u>	<u>3,625</u>	<u>4,550</u>

Singles Main Draw - 32 Draw

Total	<u>€10,316</u>	<u>€15,928</u>	<u>€37,420</u>	<u>€49,775</u>	<u>€62,479</u>
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Winner	<u>2,117</u>	<u>3,527</u>	<u>8,283</u>	<u>11,021</u>	<u>13,832</u>
Finalist	<u>1,323</u>	<u>1,882</u>	<u>4,417</u>	<u>5,879</u>	<u>7,377</u>
Semi-finalist	<u>661</u>	<u>1,030</u>	<u>2,415</u>	<u>3,215</u>	<u>4,034</u>
Quarter-finalist	<u>330</u>	<u>589</u>	<u>1,381</u>	<u>1,837</u>	<u>2,305</u>
Round of 16	<u>265</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>827</u>	<u>1,102</u>	<u>1,383</u>
Round of 32	<u>132</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>807</u>

Singles Qualifying - 32 Draw

Total	0	<u>€1,886</u>	<u>€4,415</u>	<u>€5,876</u>	<u>€7,371</u>
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Final Round	0	<u>113</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>463</u>
Round of 16	0	<u>61</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>288</u>
Round of 32	0	<u>N/A</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>201</u>

Doubles Main Draw - 16 Draw

Total	<u>€2,914</u>	<u>€4,235</u>	<u>€9,941</u>	<u>€13,224</u>	<u>€16,600</u>
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Winner	<u>860</u>	<u>1,293</u>	<u>3,037</u>	<u>4,041</u>	<u>5,071</u>
Finalist	<u>464</u>	<u>647</u>	<u>1,519</u>	<u>2,020</u>	<u>2,536</u>
Semi-finalist	<u>265</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>1,268</u>
Quarter-finalist	<u>132</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>692</u>
Round of 16	<u>67</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>461</u>