

ITF BEACH TENNIS TOUR**RULE CHANGES 2017****Beach Tennis Tour****B. THE COMPETITION.****5. Rules to be observed**

- a) The Competition is open to all beach tennis players based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth.
- b) The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Code of Conduct, the Constitution of ITF Limited and the ITF Rules of Beach Tennis.
- c) In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under these Rules and Regulations.
- d) In submitting an entry to a tournament sanctioned by the ITF as a constituent tournament of the Tour, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by and be bound by the above Rules and Regulations.
- e) Any player that enters and/or participates in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix E.

D. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TOUR.**5. Tournament Responsibilities.****a) Tournament Application and Approval**

Applications for inclusion of a tournament on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour must be made the official 2017 ITF Beach Tennis Tour application form, giving full details of the tournament, and sent to the ITF (beachtennis@itftennis.com) by the applicable deadline. A separate tournament application must be submitted for all ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournaments in accordance with these regulations (this includes tournaments forming part of a series).

<u>Tournament Category</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
<u>\$15,000 + H or more</u>	<u>26 weeks (182 days)</u>
<u>Up to \$10,000</u>	<u>17 weeks (119 days)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>12 weeks (84 days)</u>

Tournaments that are not approved by the relevant National Association will not be considered for inclusion on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour.

E. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

1. Entry Definitions

c) Wild Card

A doubles team included in the draw (qualifying or main draw) at the sole discretion of the National Association. Wild Cards are eligible for seeding. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made and Wild Cards who withdraw or default may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. Any such vacancy shall be filled by the next eligible doubles team on the acceptance list, or if the qualifying competition has commenced, it shall be filled by the eligible Lucky Loser. The Qualifying Competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

No doubles team who has signed in for and been accepted into the qualifying of the tournament may be named as a Wild Card after the Qualifying Competition has commenced.

E. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

5. One Tournament

Once a player is committed to an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament he/she may not enter or compete in any other tournament that is being held during the same time period except as stated in *Article II: Player Entry Offences, Item 2. One Tournament* in the Code of Conduct. Players found to have been accepted into more than one tournament in the same time period, shall not be permitted to compete in any tournament during that period. Players found to have competed in two tournaments in the same time period shall be immediately defaulted forfeiting all prize money and computer points (where applicable).

A player may apply for entry into one or more Tour tournaments for the same time period, but he/she must withdraw from all except one (1) tournament before the applicable withdrawal deadline, except as permitted under *Article II Player Entry Offences, Item 2. One Tournament.*

F. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS.

2. Format of Draw

All Main Draw events must use the knock-out format, unless there are fewer than nine (9) entered teams in which case a round robin format shall be used in accordance with the format detailed below.

Qualifying events with fewer than nine (9) entered teams may use a knock-out or a round robin format, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, as detailed in these Rules and Regulations. If there are nine (9) or more entered teams in the qualifying event, a knockout format must be used.

All draws shall be conducted in public by the official tournament Referee, with at least two players present, one of whom should be of a different nationality to that of the host country.

The draws and the order of play shall be made immediately following completion of the applicable sign in.

G. WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS.

2. Entries and Teams

a) Compositions of Teams

Each team shall consist of a captain and a minimum of two (2) male players and two (2) female players and a maximum of three (3) male and three (3) female players. Each nation has the right to include a non-playing captain in their team or to nominate a playing member of their team as captain. The captain must have reached a minimum age of 24 by 31 December in the year of competition in which he/she is nominated.

If, for reasons of health, injury, bereavement or exceptional circumstance, a team is unable to compete in one or more of the matches in a tie, the result of the match shall be recorded as a win for the opposition and that team shall compete in the remaining matches in the tie. Any such withdrawal must be accompanied by appropriate written evidence (e.g. medical certificate) prior to the scheduled start time of the tie.

APPENDIX B. TOURNAMEN CATEGORIES AND RANKING POINTS

Tournaments shall be classified into prize money categories, with ranking points as set out below.

Tournament category	Winner	Final	Semi Final	Quarter Final	R16	R32
World Championships	275	170	110	60	30	15
\$50,000 / \$35,000+H	250	150	90	45	20	10
\$25,000 / \$15,000+H	125	75	45	25	10	5
Regional Championships	90	55	30	15	6	
\$10,000	80	48	29	15	6	4
\$6,500	35	20	10	5	3	
\$2,500	27	15	8	4	2	
Non Prize Money	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		

APPENDIX D. MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

a) Medical Condition

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer (also known as the Primary Health Care Provider) during the warm-up or the match.

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.

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.
- 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. The use of supplemental oxygen is not permitted at any time.

CODE OF CONDUCT. ARTICLE II: PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES. 2 One Tournament.

- a. No player who has entered and been accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament shall play in any other beach tennis event during the period of such tournament except as hereinafter provided.

Participation by a player in an alternative tournament is only permitted in the following specific circumstances, provided he/she first submits an official withdrawal for the tournament he/she was originally committed to, prior to its sign-in deadline:

- i. If a player chooses to enter into a non-prize money event that is taking place in conjunction with a prize money event offering \$15,000 or above, he/she is permitted to compete in the non-prize money event if unsuccessful in qualifying for the prize-money tournament. Under no circumstances may the player compete in the Main Draw of both tournaments.

- ii. Player is nominated to represent his/her country in an official team competition recognised by the ITF;
- iii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card offering higher event status (i.e. moving from a Qualifying event to a Main Draw event) into an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament;
- iv. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card into an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament in a higher prize money category;

Violation of this Section shall result in a fine up to \$250 in addition to any other late withdrawal fines provided in the Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".