

5.1.1. Concurrent Tournaments:

NB: From 2024, it is the objective of the Competitions Team to have no overlapping domestic events of more than one day. In the case of the one-day overlap, it will be Finals Day of a week-long domestic tournament overlapping with Day 1 of the next week's tournaments and players in said Finals Day will have special exemption from the first day's order of play.

- 5.1.1.1. A player is specifically prohibited from entering more than one tournament advertised to take place during overlapping dates of more than one day.
- 5.1.1.2. Where a player enters two events that take place during overlapping dates of more than one day and is accepted directly into one of them, he/she must withdraw from the other event before the withdrawal date.
- 5.1.1.3. If a player enters two overlapping tournaments, he/she will receive no rankings points for any of the tournaments involved. If a player enters two overlapping tournaments and gives a walk-over because of incompatible match times, he/she will commit a NO SHOW offence, will receive no rankings points for any of the tournaments involved and will incur penalty points (Appendix 8.5.).
- 5.1.1.4. *Exceptions to this rule are:*
 - 5.1.1.4.1. **Two overlapping week-long Domestic tournaments:**
 - a) Tournaments overlapping no more than one day:
Players can enter two domestic tournaments that overlap by one day with the final of the first tournament taking precedence over the first days play of the next tournament.
Referee's must accommodate this.
 - b) Overlapping Junior and Adult Domestic Tournaments:
A player can play in a junior and an adult overlapping tournament provided that he/she plays only one event in each, and both referees are notified and agree.
Referees are under no obligation to accommodate players requesting permission to do this.
Example: Matches in the junior tournament are scheduled in the morning and in the adult tournament after 6PM.
Note: Junior and adult events within the same tournament, dates, and venue and under the same referee, are considered as one tournament and not overlapping.
 - 5.1.1.4.2. *International tournaments overlapping with a domestic tournament:*
 - a) Domestic Tournament ending on the Saturday the qualifying draw of the ITF or TE tournament is due to take place:
Players can play in the international tournament qualifying draw provided that the finals of the domestic tournament take place on Friday. This should be displayed on

the domestic tournament website.

b) Junior Domestic Tournament running during the same week that the main draw of the ITF or TE tournament is due to take place:

- I. Players can play in an overlapping junior domestic tournament if they have been eliminated from all events in the international tournament, including doubles and bonus draws, BEFORE the draw for the junior domestic event is made. The date of the draw must be displayed on the website of the junior domestic tournament and is an exception to Rule 3.1.3. (Players that fail to comply to this rule will lose all domestic tournament ranking points and incur late withdrawal penalties where applicable).
- II. Players should enter the same age group in the International and junior Domestic tournaments (i.e. Tennis Europe – under 14, under 12 players should enter the U14 event in the domestic tournament instead of the U12).
- III. Any players still in any event in the international tournament, including doubles and bonus draws, at the time the draw of the junior domestic event is due to be made, must withdraw from the junior domestic event/s, and notify the referee BEFORE the draw is made. (Players that fail to comply to this rule will lose all domestic tournament ranking points and incur late withdrawal penalties where applicable).

Note : If a player goes on to play in a domestic tournament while still active in any draw of the International tournament will lose all domestic and ITF ranking points and be liable to sanctions from the ITF.

c) Adult Domestic Tournament running during the same week that the main draw of the ITF or TE tournament is due to take place:

- I. Players can play in an overlapping Adult domestic tournament if they have been eliminated from all events in the international tournament, including doubles and bonus draws, BEFORE the draw for the adult domestic event is made. The date of the draw must be displayed on the website of the adult domestic tournament and is an exception to Rule 3.1.3 (Players that fail to comply to this rule will lose all domestic tournament ranking points and incur late withdrawal penalties where applicable).
- II. Any players still in any event in the international tournament, including doubles and bonus draws, at the time the draw of the adult domestic event is due to be made, must withdraw from the adult domestic event/s, and notify the referee BEFORE the draw is made. (Players that fail to comply to this rule will lose all domestic tournament ranking points and incur late withdrawal penalties where applicable).

Note : If a player goes on to play in a domestic tournament while still active in any draw of the International tournament will lose all domestic and ITF ranking points and be liable to sanctions from the ITF.

5.1.2. Availability:

- 5.1.2.1. A player must be available for play during the published dates of the tournament. Periods of unavailability may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee at the time of entry.
- 5.1.2.2. A player that reaches the final round must play in the final and attend the prize giving ceremony. Failure to play the final will be considered a late withdrawal and constitute a serious breach of the Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct. The player will not receive any ranking points, will forfeit any prize awarded and will incur NO SHOW penalty points, that could lead to suspension.
- 5.1.2.3. In cases where other competitions (i.e., club championships) are played concurrently with an Official Tournament, the latter must take precedence.

