

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF OFFICAL TOURNAMENTS

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SECTION 1: GENERAL

1.1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The ITF Rules of Tennis, and the Regulations hereinafter contained, shall be observed in all Tournaments in respect of which an official permit has been issued by Tennis Ireland.

Every player, as well as all members of their support team, shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site (including the official tournament hotel) of a Tennis Ireland tournament, conduct themselves in a professional manner. The provisions hereinafter set forth shall apply while within the precincts of each such site.

1.2. DEFINITIONS

- 1.2.1. Except where otherwise stated, every reference in these Regulations to a player includes all genders, to a competitor or player includes a pair, and to an entry includes the entry of a single competitor or a pair.
- 1.2.2. The **ITF World Tennis Number “WTN”** is a description of playing standard based on results against other players. It is a dynamic system that updates on a weekly basis (every Wednesday) to provide a ‘real time’ measure of player standard and allows players to track their progress.
- 1.2.3. **“Player Ranking”** is the classification of players in relation to each other within a predefined group, based on age for Tennis Ireland Junior and Masters (previously Veteran) Rankings, and playing level for Tennis Ireland Rankings. Results are processed weekly following the final publication of the tournament using TTP (Tennis Tournament Planner).
- 1.2.4. **“Tournament Category”** Tennis Ireland Tour levels are used to describe the expected standard of play in Tennis Ireland sanctioned tournaments. The Category also includes specific minimum criteria expected of a tournament organiser. These criteria are listed on Appendix 8.12 and may be updated as required. They are reviewed at the end of the year and modified accordingly.
- 1.2.5. **“Age Group”:**
- **Juniors:** Juniors playing in an Age Group are eligible to do so until and inclusive of the 31st of December in the year in which they turn that specific age.
Example: A player turns 12 on the 15th of March, they may continue to compete in Under 12 events (BS12, GS12, BD12, GS12 or XD12) up until and inclusive of the 31st of December of that year. This example is relevant to all other Junior Age Groups. Age groups in Junior events in Open tournaments are Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18.
 - **From 1st October every year, an U10 player shall be allowed to play u12 tournaments for those last 3 months before they turn U12. There is no requirement for a player passport for this and is not mandatory. ie A player can continue to play U10 for those last 3 months.**
 - **Masters:** A player is considered a Master when he/she reaches the age of 30 not later than the 31st of December during that calendar year
Example: in 2023 a player born in 1993 or earlier qualifies to play over 30s (also written as 30+), a player born in 1988 or earlier to play over 35s, etc. The age groups in Masters events are from 30+ to 85+.
- 1.2.6. **Tennis Ireland:** Tennis Ireland is made up of Tennis Ireland Head Office and the four Provincial Branches which are Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster.

1.3. POWERS OF TENNIS IRELAND

- 1.3.1. If a tournament is in breach of these Regulations, it is liable to disciplinary action by Tennis Ireland. Depending on the severity of the breach, this action may include a final written warning in the first

instance, the imposition of a fine, downgrading or refusal to sanction the Tournament or Tournaments in the future, or any other action that Tennis Ireland deems appropriate.

- 1.3.2. Tennis Ireland reserves the right to monitor all data relating to tournaments contained in the Tennis Ireland approved competitions platform.
- 1.3.3. Tennis Ireland reserves the right to modify the rules and regulations at any time. These modifications may be included in updates to this document or on the Tennis Ireland Website. For governance purposes, all changes will need to be approved by Competitions Committee, Governance Committee and the Tennis Ireland Board before releasing.
- 1.3.4. Every officer and member of the Board of Tennis Ireland and the relevant Provincial Branch shall be entitled to free admission to spectate at a tournament and to a seat in a stand, if available. (excludes Davis Cup or Billie Jean King Cup matches).

1.4. TENNIS IRELAND GRADING SYSTEM

All tournaments that run Graded events shall do so in accordance with all directives provided by Tennis Ireland as regards to Player Levels, the ITF World Tennis Number (WTN) and the Tennis Ireland Tour.

SECTION 2: APPLICATION FOR TOURNAMENT PERMIT

2.1. TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

- 2.1.1. Tennis Ireland publishes a list of Sanctioned events on an annual basis as part of the Official Tennis Ireland Calendar. The Calendar will list out organisers as well as the tournaments category within the Tennis Ireland Tour.
- 2.1.2. Any affiliated organisations wishing to hold an Official tournament shall make an application to Tennis Ireland in the application window in the preceding year. Late applications may not be accepted and will have less priority if accepted. Details of this process shall be communicated to all clubs in advance of this window opening.
- 2.1.3. Tournaments that have applied during the Application Window and have been sanctioned will be included in the Official Calendar. A club must have a permit to run an ‘open’ event at any age level using Tournament software and if found to have run such an event without a permit, will be asked to pay the permit and player capitation fees after the event.
- 2.1.4. Clubs may apply on an ongoing basis outside this initial “Application Window” for additional Tour 500, 200 and 100 sanctioned tournaments by contacting the Tennis Ireland Competitions Department. Applications for Tour 500 events must be made at least 3 months in advance, for Tour 200 2 months in advance and for Tour 100, 1 month in advance.
- 2.1.5. On the approval of a Sanctioned Tournament by Tennis Ireland, each affiliated organisation must pay to Tennis Ireland the appropriate permit fee, for the time being in operation, in respect of the category of Tournament which it is proposed to hold. Details of this fee will be provided in advance of the opening of the application window or on contacting the Tennis Ireland Competitions Department.

2024 Permit Fees :

| National Tour | | | | | |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| TI Tour | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 100 | Weekend (2 day) Max 16 draw |
| Min level* | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | Any |
| Cost | €450 | €350 | €250 | €150 | €75 |

| Junior | | | | | |
|-------------|------|------|------|-----------------|-----|
| TI Tour/Cat | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 100/WTN events* | |
| Cost | €250 | €200 | €150 | €75 | |
| | £225 | £180 | £135 | £67 | |
| | £405 | £315 | £225 | £135 | £67 |

*A standalone single age group Tour 100 event does not require a permit but still require player capitation fees

| Masters (previously Veteran) | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Cost | €150 |
| | £135 |

Tennis Ireland will run workshops/webinars yearly to receive feedback from organisers and to inform tournament organizers of the changes (if any) introduced each season. At least one member of the tournament committee must commit to attend them for the club to be granted a permit for the following year.

- 2.1.6. Before the Calendar is published, Tennis Ireland shall communicate to those affiliated clubs which have applied for such tournaments, whether their application has been approved or not and then arrange the publication of the Tournament on the Tennis Ireland website.
- 2.1.7. Tennis Ireland shall have power to prohibit the holding of any tournament which has not been sanctioned in the manner herein before described.

SECTION 3: ENTRY FORM, TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND PRIZE MONEY

3.1. TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

All sanctioned tournaments must be published online using Tennis Tournament Planner. Clubs will be issued with an electronic key which will contain their pre-programmed tournament details consistent with the details submitted in their application approximately 8 weeks in advance of their tournament dates. The tournament properties, approved by Tennis Ireland will be downloaded into Tournament Tennis Planner, after login in using the Tournament Key and shall include the following particulars:

- 3.1.1. The name, and full address of the tournament site, the contact telephone number and email address of the Tournament Director and Tournament Referee, Child Safeguarding Officer, and the name(s) of any sponsor(s).
- 3.1.2. The Tour Category of the tournament which must also be included in the name (i.e. National Tennis Centre Tour 500 Junior Open)
- 3.1.3. The dates of the tournament, the opening and closing dates for entry and withdrawal. For tournaments going online after 1st January 2024, all tournaments will have the same opening, closing, withdrawal and draw/order of play requirements.
 - Tournament goes online at least 8 weeks before starting date
 - Open for entries – 4 weeks before starting date
 - Entry Deadline – no less than 8 days before opening day of play at 23.59 (strictly no late entries)
 - Acceptance List – no less than 6 days before opening day of play by noon
 - Withdrawal Deadline (without penalty) – no less than 6 days before opening day of play at 23.59
 - Draw and first day order of play – no less than 4 days before opening day of play by 23.59

Example : Tournament dates 23-30 June

Tournament goes online 28th April

Open for entries 26th May

Entry Deadline no later than 15th June 23.59

(if your entries are small and you wish to keep your entries open later than this, you must contact the Competitions Team for approval)

Acceptance List by 17th June 12.00

Withdrawal Deadline (without penalty) by 17th June at 23.59

Draw made and first day order of play published by 19th June by 23.59

Play starts 23rd June

Note in accordance with Rule 5.1.4 below

- 1) *Any withdrawal after the withdrawal deadline before the draw is published is considered a late withdrawal and the player will be given 2 penalty points.*
- 2) *Any withdrawal after the draw is published will be considered a no show and the player will be given 7 penalty points*

- 3.1.4. All planned events, including their category (i.e., BS12 1000, BS12 500).
- 3.1.5. The cost of the entry fees. This must include the TI Player Tournament Fee (TI Junior Tour €4.00, TI National and Masters Tours €6.00)
- 3.1.6. It is the Tournament Committee's and ultimately the Tournament Director's responsibility to make sure all the above is correct before publishing.

NB : Appendix 8.11 helps a Tournament plan how many entries and matches they can feasibly take.

3.2. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS:

- 3.2.1. The regulations must specify that the Tournament is sanctioned by Tennis Ireland and will be conducted under the ITF Rules of Tennis and the Regulations for the Conduct of Official Tennis Ireland Tournaments, and that the Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct will apply.
- 3.2.2. The names of the Tournament Committee and Referee.
- 3.2.3. That players are prohibited from entering more than one Tournament taking place during the same period. (See rule 5.1.2).
Players are prohibited from entering two age groups in T100 or 200 events in the same tournament.
T200 Events - Players with a National ranking of 1-29 are not eligible to enter the Tour 200.
T100 Events – Players with a National ranking of 1-59 are not eligible to enter the Tour 100.
Note : If you are not eligible to play your own age group under these regulations ie ranked 1-29 or 1-59, you may not enter another age group.
- 3.2.4. The amount of entrance fees per event, including TI tournament player fee, and that no entry may be accepted without the appropriate entry fee.
- 3.2.5. The value of the prizes for each Open event subject to Section 3.4.
- 3.2.6. The closing date and hour for entries acceptance, and the deadline by which a player may withdraw without penalty in accordance with rule 3.1.3
- 3.2.7. The days and dates, in full, and the hours of commencement of play and, where relevant, the earliest date of commencement of play in specific events. The date that the schedule will be published in accordance with rule 3.1.3
- 3.2.8. The date, time and place of the draw, which will be open to accepted entrants in accordance with rule 3.1.3
- 3.2.9. The number and surface of the courts available for use. If playing on multiple surfaces, all matches of specific age group and round must be played on same surface.
- 3.2.10. The ball to be used, which must be approved by the ITF and conform to the Rules of Tennis.
- 3.2.11. Any restrictions on entry (such as age), any maximum numbers in an event, and, if the holding of an event is conditional on the size of the entry, the minimum number of such entries required.
- 3.2.12. If age-related events (juniors and seniors) are included, the age qualifying date should be specified.
- 3.2.13. Details of any qualifying events to be held.
- 3.2.14. The maximum number of events that players are allowed to enter, together with any restrictions on combinations of events.
- 3.2.15. Restriction as to clothing to be worn. (See also 5.6.)
- 3.2.16. That all competitors must be registered members of Tennis Ireland and provide their TI PIN. A player can register online at <https://ti.tournamentsoftware.com/>
- 3.2.17. The number and type of sets, whether Advantage or No Advantage games are to be played, and if a match tiebreak may be used instead of an advantage final set in each event.
- 3.2.18. A tournament which wishes to restrict the number of entries in any of its events must state clearly the method of acceptance to be used (according to Rule 3.2.18.) and, if applicable,

- 3.2.18.1. The fact that entries will be closed when those numbers have been reached.
- 3.2.18.2. The date when the ranking/WTN will be considered
NB : Appendix 8.11 helps a Tournament plan how many entries and matches they can feasibly take.
- 3.2.19. Acceptance into Junior Tour 500 and above tournaments must be based on National Rankings. Acceptance into National Tour (Adults) 1000 events should be based on a combination of International and National Ranking as well as consideration to the WTN. Acceptance into Masters Events 1500 will be based on National Rankings. Acceptance into Tour 200 and below tournaments shall be decided on a first come first served basis. In Masters Level, acceptance into Tour 1000 and below shall be decided on a first come first served basis.
Nb : Acceptance and Seeding are two different processes.

3.2.20. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to issue a stated number of Qualifying or Main Draw **wild cards** into events. Such numbers must comply with the following limits:

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| Number of entries | 16 or less | 24 | 32+ |
| Wild Cards (maximum) | 2 (4 in Masters 1500) | 3 | 4 |

- 3.2.21. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry with justifiable reason.
- 3.2.22. Any complaint in connection with the conduct of the Tournament shall follow the Tennis Ireland Complaint, Objection and Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.

3.3. ENTRY FORM

An online entry must be completed and electronically signed by each competitor, and must include the following:

- 3.3.1. Forenames (in full); Family Names, Date of Birth (if required); Contact phone number, email, and Tennis Ireland Registration No (T.I.PIN).
- 3.3.2. The form must be electronically validated confirming that the player has read, understood and accepted all the conditions of entry, without which the entry shall be invalid.
- 3.3.3. For juniors, provision for emergency contact details of parent/guardian shall also be made and for the signature or electronic validation of a parent/guardian stating that he/she is the person with parental responsibility for the player. Such signature or electronic validation in the case of online entries will give consent and authority for:
 - a) Emergency medical treatment as may be recommended by an approved medical authority
 - b) The competitor to be involved in any publicity connected with the tournament, including media interviews, photographs, and TV footage
 - c) The Tournament organizer to use the details provided in the entry to communicate information about this and future events in the competitor’s geographical area.

3.4. PRIZE MONEY AND PAYMENTS TO COMPETITORS

- 3.4.1. The prize money or value (no cash prizes for Junior events) as advertised on the entry form shall be paid out unless some restriction has been specified. Players may only win prize money as divided and advertised in the tournament regulations.
- 3.4.2. Singles Prize Fund Distribution in Senior Open events will only be made in accordance with the schedule described in Appendix 8.9.

- 3.4.3. The value of a gift to the winner in Junior events shall not exceed the limit for the time being stipulated by the International Tennis Federation (Tennis Europe for 12, 14 & 16 & Under: \$500.00, ITF Juniors for 18 & Under \$750.00). Tournament Directors are responsible for ensuring that gifts and services provided to players are suitable for minors.

SECTION 4: POWER & DUTIES OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

4.1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

4.1.1. Composition of the Committee:

- 4.1.1.1. All details connected with any Tournament shall be settled by the Tournament Committee especially appointed for the purpose of whom, two or such larger number as the Committee may determine, shall form a quorum.
- 4.1.1.2. The Tournament Committee shall consist of at least 3 people. These shall include a Tournament Director, who shall be Chairperson, and the Tournament Referee and the Designated Child Safeguarding Officer of the host club.
- 4.1.1.3. Tennis Ireland reserves the right to appoint one member of their Competitions Team onto any Irish Open, National or Provincial Title Tournament Committee.

4.1.2. Duties of the Committee:

- 4.1.2.1. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for:
- a) safety and child protection,
 - b) maintain order on the tournament site and
 - c) shall consult and decide upon any questions arising out of the competition, if summoned for that purpose by the Referee or any two of their number.
- 4.1.2.2. The Tournament Committee shall ensure that:
- a) all competitors are registered members of Tennis Ireland, except that this shall not apply to ITF or Tennis Europe Tournaments.
 - b) adequate and suitable facilities are available at the tournament site and/or additional locations for the completion of scheduled events, under reasonable weather conditions.
 - c) the competition complies with all applicable Data Protection Laws and Regulations, including without limitation the Data Protection Acts (1988 & 2003, 2018 and GDPR), and will be bound by these and Tennis Ireland Regulations.

4.1.3. Powers of the Committee:

- 4.1.3.1. The Committee shall reserve the right to refuse any entry with justifiable reason.
- 4.1.3.2. The Tournament Committee may decide on changes to the Tournament Regulations, if required due to exceptional circumstances with the agreement of Tennis Ireland Competitions Team.
- 4.1.3.3. Following Tennis Ireland Guidelines, the tournament has the power to set appropriate tournament formats and entry criteria.

4.2. TOURNAMENT ACCOUNTS

The Tournament Committee shall keep separate accounts in respect of each tournament controlled by it, setting out full details of all receipts and expenditure relating to that tournament. Not later than three months from the closing date of any tournament a copy of such accounts shall, if demanded, be rendered to Tennis Ireland, and together with other supporting documents shall be delivered to Tennis Ireland for inspection within fourteen days of such demand. If required, full facilities shall be given to Tennis Ireland or their nominees to investigate any matters arising out of such accounts.

4.3. REFEREE and COURT OFFICIALS

4.3.1. Appointment of the Referee:

- 4.3.1.1. The Tournament Committee shall appoint a Tennis Ireland accredited Referee, who shall be a member of the Committee. Such Referee shall have power, with the consent of the Committee, to appoint a deputy.
- 4.3.1.2. The Committee shall have power to suspend or replace the Referee with justifiable reason.
- 4.3.1.3. A referee and his deputy may only play in the tournament if they are not involved in making the draw or seeding any event in which they are playing.
- 4.3.1.4. A referee may not be included in making the draw, seeding the event or making referee on court decisions where their direct relative is in said draw. Such powers should be given to their deputy and/or Tournament Director where needed.

4.3.2. Powers of the Referee:

- 4.3.2.1. The Referee or his deputy in the Referee's absence shall decide any point of law which an Umpire may profess himself unable to decide, or where an Umpire decision has been appealed. In all such cases the decision of the Referee shall be final.
- 4.3.2.2. In the absence of an Umpire, the Referee or his deputies may decide a question of fact, if they have witnessed same.
- 4.3.2.3. The Referee or such other member(s) of the Tournaments Committee, so selected for the purpose, shall have power to appoint or replace Umpires, Lines people and Court Supervisors.
- 4.3.2.4. The Referee or his authorised deputy may postpone any match or part of a match within the limits of the days sanctioned by Tennis Ireland if, in his opinion, the state of weather or of the light, or the condition of the ground, or other circumstances, render it advisable to so do. If required, the Tournament Committee may request from Tennis Ireland an extension to the days sanctioned.
- 4.3.2.5. The Referee or authorised deputies have the power to apply the Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct including the application of appropriate sanctions

4.3.3. Duties of the Referee:

- 4.3.3.1. Be responsible to the Tournament Committee and Tennis Ireland for the conduct of all matches and players. The Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee is responsible for the proper organisation of the tournament generally.
- 4.3.3.2. Be present on-site at all times during the playing of matches in the tournament. If necessary, Assistant Referees should be appointed to cover matches at additional sites or to cover any unavoidable absence of the Referee.
- 4.3.3.3. Ensure that all courts are properly equipped and conform to the specifications of the ITF Rules of Tennis, as described on Section 6.
- 4.3.3.4. Approve the assignment of on-court officials and court supervisors and ensure that on-court officials and ball boys are competent and familiar with the relevant rules and procedures.
- 4.3.3.5. Make sure that adequate court supervision is available when matches are being played in all Junior Tournaments Categories.
- 4.3.3.6. Be responsible for making the draw, in the presence of at least one other member of the Committee. The Referee must consult with the Committee to determine the final entry list when there is a limited size of draw (see Rule 3.2.17.), the seedings, and any other relevant information.
- 4.3.3.7. Assess any requests in relation to a player's entry into two overlapping events (Rule 5.1.2.) and grant or deny exceptions as required.
- 4.3.3.8. Publish the players Acceptance List in accordance with Rule 3.1.3
- 4.3.3.9. Ensure that TTP is used to upload tournament draws & schedule into Tennis Ireland Tournaments website and to submit all results (including finals), late withdrawal offences and code of Conduct violations to Tennis Ireland within 72 hours of completion of a tournament.
- 4.3.3.10. Plan and publish, as early as possible (no later than 9pm), an Order of Play for each day.
- 4.3.3.11. The Referee should ensure the Rules of Tennis are always followed. These include specific rules relating to matches being completed without an on-court umpire or supervisor.
- 4.3.3.12. A detailed referee's report (see 8.9) shall be sent or submitted online by the Committee to Tennis Ireland within 72 hours of the final date of each tournament or sooner if Tennis Ireland so demands.

4.3.4. Changes in match schedule:

- 4.3.4.1. Where a match is rescheduled to a date and time which is different to the time published on the Internet or communicated to a player by phone or on completion of his/her previous match, the player should be notified as soon as possible, either by way of a phone call, e-mail or a text message, of the change in date and time. It is advisable to request confirmation that the message has been received.
- 4.3.4.2. A player should not be scratched from a tournament if he/she has not been notified of a scheduled change in the above way.
- 4.3.4.3. A player that has lost on any round of an elimination draw cannot be reinstated at any stage of that draw.

4.3.5. Duties of the umpire:

The decision of an Umpire shall be final upon every question of fact and any Competitor expressing disapproval of it, whether by word or action, will render himself liable to sanction under the Code of Conduct; but if any Umpire be in doubt as to a point of law, or if a Competitor appeals against his decision on such point, the Umpire shall submit it to the Referee, whose decision shall be final.

SECTION 5: RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS

5.1. COMPETITORS

5.1.1. Online entry:

All competitors shall enter online. The entry shall include payment for events entered and the TI Tournament Player Fee. Electronic validation constitutes acceptance of all the Rules and Regulations of the Tournament and the Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct.

5.1.2. 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.

- 5.1.2.1. A player is specifically prohibited from entering more than one tournament advertised to take place during overlapping dates of more than one day.
- 5.1.2.2. Where a player enters two tournaments that take place during overlapping dates of more than oneday and is accepted directly into one of them, he/she must withdraw from the other tournament before the withdrawal date.
- 5.1.2.3. 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 (Appendix8.5.).

5.1.2.4. Exceptions to this rule are:

5.1.2.4.1. 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 day's play of the next tournament. Referees 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.

5.1.2.4.2. 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.

5.1.3. Availability:

- 5.1.3.1. 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.
- 5.1.3.2. 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 consider 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.

5.1.4. Withdrawals:

- 5.1.4.1. Players may withdraw their entry from a tournament up to the Withdrawal deadline without penalty. If they withdraw before then, any fees paid (entry and Tournament Player fees) must be refunded.
 - 5.1.4.2. A player may not withdraw from a tournament after the Withdrawal Deadline. Any breach of this regulation will result in a LATE WITHDRAWAL penalty of 2 penalty points. A player who withdraws after the Draw has been published, is in further breach of this regulation and will be subject to a NO SHOW penalty of 7 penalty points and forfeiture of any prize money.
 - 5.1.4.3. A player who has to withdraw from a tournament because of injury or exceptional circumstances, after the withdrawal deadline or after the draw has been made, must notify the referee and present to the Tournament Committee a Medical Doctor's certificate to substantiate this injury or will result in penalties as described in 5.1.4.2. These certificates must be included in the Tournament Report.
 - 5.1.4.4. A player who retires or withdraws from an event through injury or sickness, is ineligible to play in other events at any stage on that day.
 - 5.1.4.5. A player who retires from a match, through sickness or injury, may play in other events, including a consolation event, the following day or later if sufficiently recovered.
 - 5.1.4.6. A player who fails to inform a tournament of withdrawal and does not appear for a match is subject to a NO SHOW penalty of 7 penalty points and forfeiture of any prize money.
- 5.1.5. Tournaments should not accept phone entries but if they do, they must request a confirmation email or letter with all the required details. Players shall check on <http://ti.tournamentsoftware.com> or ascertain from the Referee or his assistant the time of their next match. These times are subject to change; therefore, players should check their times before travelling.
- 5.1.6. The Tournament Committee is under no obligation to reschedule any match.
- 5.1.7. Players must be prepared to undergo any gender or drug testing approved by the ITF as required by Tennis Ireland.

5.2. FAIR PLAY

Fair play is much more than playing within the rules. It incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing in the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of cheating, gamesmanship, doping, violence (both physical and verbal), exploitation, unequal opportunities, excessive commercialisation, and corruption. *European Sports Charter and Code of Ethics, Council of Europe 1993*

5.3. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct shall apply at all tournaments. All competitors agree to adhere and be subject to the code of conduct on entering a Tennis Ireland Sanctioned event. The code is published as 8.6 in these Regulations and shall be prominently displayed at each Official Tournament.

5.4. DRAW TO BE PUBLIC

The date, time, and place where the Draw for the various level events, is to be made must be stated on the regulations of every Tournament. The draw must be automatically made using Tennis Tournament Planner adhering to all rules outlined in Section 7 and competitors shall have a right to be present at the draw.

5.5. WARM-UP

There shall be five (5) minutes of warm-up before a match. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 0-15 minutes delay | No warm-up |
| 15 minutes or more but less than 30 minutes | Three (3) minutes of warm-up |
| 30 or more minutes of delay | Five (5) minutes of warm-up |

5.6. CLOTHING

5.6.1. All players must wear clean and customarily accepted tennis attire and abide by the rules as set out by the Tournament Organisers in the Tournament Regulations.

5.6.2. Footwear liable to damage the court shall not be permitted.

5.6.3. At National events 1500 and above, No identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing, products or equipment on court during a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony, except as follows:

Shirt

Clothing Manufacturer: One Logo on each sleeve neither of which exceed 19.5 square centimetres.

Main Sponsor of the Tournament: One Logo on any part not to exceed 150 square centimetres.

Shorts or Skirt

Clothing Manufacturer: Two Logos neither of which shall exceed 13 square centimetres, or one logo which shall not exceed 26 square centimetres.

Non-clothing Manufacturer: One Logo not to exceed 19.5 square centimetres.

Hat, Headband and Wristband

5.6.3.1. Clothing Manufacturer: One Logo without writing not to exceed 13 square centimetres.

5.7. NUMBER OF MATCHES, REST PERIOD AND LATEST STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES

5.7.1. Under normal circumstances, when using full 3 set matches, a Player shall not be scheduled for more than 3 matches in a day of which one is singles.

If Championship tie break scoring is being used for singles, players can be scheduled for up to 2 singles in the same day plus one doubles under normal circumstances. (Only exception being Masters over 65 and above where one singles and two doubles per day only)

If Short Sets or Fast Fours scoring is in operation, players can be scheduled for the equivalent of up to 4 singles in one day and 2 doubles, ie no more than 6 sets. If a player is scheduled for more than one match in a day, the following rest periods should be allowed:

- a) More than 1 hr = 30 mins rest
- b) More than 1hr 30 = 1hr rest
- c) More than 2 hrs = 1 and ½ hr rest

If a player is involved in the singles and doubles finals, he/she shall be allowed a rest period of 30minutes.

A player may play before the end of the rest period if all participants are in agreement.

Latest start and finish times :

- i. The latest scheduled start time for adult tournaments is 10pm and they should not be on court later than midnight. (*Junior players in adults tournaments are bound by these rules*)
- ii. The latest scheduled start times for u18 tournaments is 9pm and they cannot be on court later than 11pm.

- iii. The latest start times for u12,u14 and u16 tournaments is 8pm and they cannot be on court later than 9.30pm.
- iv. The latest start times for u12,u14 and u16 tournaments is 8pm and they cannot be on court later than 9.30pm.
- v. These times can be pushed back a maximum of one hour on agreement with the Referee.

NB : There must be a 12hr rest overnight between finishing your match the night before and the next days starting time. Example Player A finishes at 10pm, the earliest he would be allowed to be scheduled for the next day would be 10am. It is recommended that any late finishers after 9pm wouldn't be played before noon if possible but only the 12hr rule is a requirement.

5.8. INJURY TIME-OUTS

- 5.8.1. In the event of a player suffering an accident during the match or warm-up, the player will be entitled to receive a one-off three (3) minute Injury Time-Out for that condition so that they can treat themselves or be treated by a Tournament Physician if one is present. The request for an Injury Time-Out can be made by a player to the Court Supervisor, Umpire or Referee at any time during a match or warm-up but if taken at a changeover, four and a half (4.5) minutes is allowed (to include the 90 second changeover).
- 5.8.2. A player will be allowed up to two treatments, not necessarily consecutive, for cramping and only at change of ends or set breaks. Players may not receive a medical time-out for muscle cramping.
- 5.8.3. After completion of the time-out any delay shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

5.9. TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK

- 5.9.1. A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break or change of attire. Change of attire and toilet breaks should be taken, where possible on a set break or change of ends.
- 5.9.2. A player is entitled to two toilet breaks during a best of full three (3) set match. Any other format, one toilet break is allowed. Toilet breaks cannot be taken before a Championship/Match Tie Break. Additional toilet breaks in accordance with Rule 5.9.5
- 5.9.3. In doubles matches, each team is entitled to a total of 1 break unless playing three full sets as applicable under 5.9.2.
- 5.9.4. Any breaks taken after a warm-up has started are considered one of the authorized breaks.
- 5.9.5. Additional breaks will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time.
- 5.9.6. A break may not be used for any other purpose and can be penalized in accordance with the code of conduct.

5.10. MATCHES WITH NO UMPIRE

Players in a non-umpired match may not leave the court without the permission of the Referee or his appointed deputy other than to seek the Services of the Referee. See appendix 8.8. Matches with no umpire. Players should notify the referee/supervisor immediately for all on-court disputes. A referee may assign a court supervisor or deputy to any court at their discretion.

5.11 PLAYERS RECEIVING WALKOVERS AND RANKING POINTS

Players who receive a walkover in their FIRST round/match of any Tour tournament will receive the ranking points associated with that round as they themselves had won that round.

5.11. COMPLAINTS AND RIGHT OF APPEAL

Tennis Ireland Complaints, Objections and Disciplinary Rules and Procedures should be followed.

5.12. OTHER COMPETITIONS

- 5.12.1. In cases where other competitions (i.e., club championships) are played concurrently with an Official Tournament, the latter must take precedence.

6. SECTION 6: COURTS & BALLS

6.1. COURT SURFACE

- 6.1.1. At tournaments authorised to be held on a specified surface the Referee may order any match or part of a match to be played on a different surface, if the entry form of the tournament contains a statement that a court(s) with another surface is/are available and will be used if the condition of the specified courts shall, in the opinion of the referee, render such course necessary.
- 6.1.2. Courts should be marked according to Appendix 8.4. for Under 8 and Under 9 tournaments.
- 6.1.3. When a Tour 500 or higher tournament is run in a venue using different surface courts, whenever possible each event should be assigned to one surface. (Example: Under 18 events played on clay and under 16 events on carpet). All efforts must be made to adhere to the allocated surface to the event. If not possible to run the whole event on one surface, all matches in same round must be played on same surface. This may not be possible in adverse weather conditions.

6.2. COURT EQUIPMENT

- 6.2.1. For all official Tour 1000 and above tournaments each court used be equipped at a minimum with:
- 6.2.2. Clearly marked lines that are visible to the players under any conditions in which matches are played.
- 6.2.3. Net posts that conform to the Rules of Tennis and hold the net at 3ft 6ins. (1.07 metres) and allow the net to be raised or lowered.
- 6.2.4. A net that is in good condition, tied to each net post at three points, and has a centre net band that holds the net down to 3ft (0.914 metres) height at its centre.
- 6.2.5. Singles sticks of 3ft 6ins (1.07 metres), if Singles matches are to be played on a court with a Doubles net. These should be not more than 3 inches (7.5 centimetres) square or in diameter. They shall be placed 3ft (0.914 metres) outside the singles court.
- 6.2.6. Fencing, at least 18ft behind each base line that consistently stops the ball leaving the court area.
- 6.2.7. A measuring stick of 3ft (0.914 metres) shall be available.

It is highly recommended that where possible Tour 500, 200 and 100 follow the above specifications too.

6.3. THE BALL

- 6.3.1. All official tournaments will use a ball which conforms to the Rules of Tennis and the specification for the time being approved by the International Tennis Federation.
- 6.3.2. All official tournaments must supply a minimum of three balls in good condition per match.
- 6.3.3. Any ball change should be consistent throughout an official tournament.
- 6.3.4. Under 8, 9 and 10 events should use adapted balls as defined in Appendix 8.3.

7. SECTION 7: THE DRAW

7.1. SEEDING OF THE DRAW

- 7.1.1 The making of the Draw shall be opened to interested parties, as stated in Rule 5.4, and shall be conducted by the Referee and at least one other member of the Committee.
- 7.1.2 All Tennis Ireland Tour 500 and higher Category must be seeded.
- 7.1.3 Unless Tennis Ireland authorises special arrangements seeding shall be subject to the following:

| | Elimination Main Draw | Compass Draw |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Up to 8 entries | 2 may be seeded | 2 may be seeded |
| With 8 or more entries in an event | 2 may be seeded | 4 may be seeded |
| With 12 or more entries in an event | 4 may be seeded | 6 may be seeded |
| With 16 entries in the draw | 4 may be seeded | 8 may be seeded |
| With 24 or more entries in an event | 8 may be seeded | Not applicable |
| With 48 or more entries in an event | 16 may be seeded | Not applicable |

- 7.1.4. If a qualifying draw is being held, each section shall have a maximum of two seeded players.
- 7.1.5. The entries to be seeded shall be selected by the Committee as being, in their opinion, the best in the event, having taken into account:

Junior Singles: National Singles Ranking only with the exception of a non-Irish player with 0 Irish ranking points who has demonstrated a high National Ranking in another country. In such an event as this, the Committee should do their best in seeding this player where they see fit.

Junior Doubles: Combined National Singles Rankings. Example Team A is ranking 1 and 5 in National Singles Ranking giving a combined ranking of 6. Team B is ranking 2 and 3 in National Singles Ranking giving a combined ranking of 5. Team B should therefore be seeded above Team A.

Seniors: A combination of International and National Rankings, WTN rating and head to head results.

Masters: A combination of International and National Rankings, National Representation on Irish Teams, WTN rating and head to head results.

- 7.1.6. A Draw with 5 or less entries must be a Round Robin with the exception of Masters Tour events aged 55 up can be elimination draws. (Note : Draws of less than 6 will keep the published ranking points as long as a Round Robin format was used. Draws of 3 or less will be downgraded for ranking point purposes one grade but can still be run at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- 7.1.7. The draw should be made using Tennis Tournament Planner following all regulations contained in this section. Tennis Tournament Planner allocates on a random basis all the seeds into positions following the ruleset below.
- 7.1.8. The seeded entries shall be placed as set out below:
- 7.1.8.1 Number 1 and 2 shall be placed at the top and bottom of the draw respectively.
 - 7.1.8.2 Numbers 3 and 4 shall be drawn by lot, the first person drawn to be placed at the top of the second quarter of the draw and the other at the bottom of the third quarter.
 - 7.1.8.3 The remaining seeds should be drawn in groups of four: 5-8, 9-12, 13-16 (or as many of these as are required) and placed on the positions in the draw from top to bottom as described in the table.

| | 16 (4 seeds) | 24/32 (8 seeds) | 48/64 (16 seeds) | 96/128 (16 seeds) |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Seeds 3 & 4 | 5 12 | 9 24 | 17 48 | 33 96 |
| Seeds 5, 6, 7, 8 | | 8 16 17 25 | 16 32 33 49 | 32 64 65 97 |
| Seeds 9, 10, 11, 12 | | | 9 25 40 56 | 17 49 80 112 |
| Seeds 13, 14, 15, 16 | | | 8 24 41 57 | 16 48 81 113 |

7.1.9. Seeding will not be official until the draw is published.

7.2. METHOD OF DRAW

7.2.1. The entries in an event will meet in pairs. When the number of entries is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 or any higher power of two, they shall meet in pairs.

7.2.2. If the number of entries is higher than any of 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, but lower than the next highest number in this sequence there will be byes.

7.2.3. Byes: In the event that there are not enough competitors to fill the draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by a lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

7.2.4. Any seeded players having been already placed in the draw in positions required by section 7.1.4.3, the unseeded players shall be drawn by lot to fill the remaining places starting at the top of the draw.

7.2.5. Tennis Ireland has authorized the placing of seeds further forward called the Rated Draw, as set out in Rule 8.2. The Rated Draw may be used in all Open singles event with more than 12 entries in Official Tournaments. Please bear in mind that this is only recommended when a higher number of entries have entered or you have a significantly obvious wide range of ability that a rated draw would be the best for that event.

7.2.6. Qualifying Draw:

- 1 Qualifying draws must be made in sections and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw.
- 2 If four (4) qualifiers are required, there shall be four (4) sections; six (6) qualifiers, six (6) sections; and so on.
- 3 The draw shall be seeded, and the selection of seeds shall be consistent with the criteria used for the main draw.
- 4 Each section shall have a maximum of two seeded players/teams.
- 5 The first seed shall be placed at the top of each section; the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have (1) seed on the top line of each section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the

first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the section and so on until all sections have (1) seed on the bottom line of each section.

7.2.7. Acceptance of qualifiers into the main draw: Once the qualifying competition has begun, only those players who ultimately qualify and lucky losers may be accepted into the main draw.

7.2.8. The qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

7.3. SEED WITHDRAWALS:

7.3.1. If one or more seeded withdraw before any match in the event has started, if reasonably practical, the selection of seeds may be revised as set out in the table below:

| Seed Withdrawing | Replacement seed |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 3 or 4 | 5 |
| 5 to 8 | 9 |
| 9 to 16 | 17 |
| 17 to 32 | 33 |

- 1 The seeded positions that are vacated will be filled by the highest ranked/rated previously unseeded players or Teams,
- 2 The naming/numbering of seeds will be changed accordingly.
- 3 The unseeded positions that are then vacated will be filled by Players or Teams on the reserve list or, if after the start of the qualifying draw, by lucky losers.
- 4 If there are no lucky losers or players/teams on the reserve list, any bye created by the movement of seeds will be given to the highest seed without a bye. The player/team on the line where the bye is being placed will be moved to the previously vacated position.
- 5 Where all seeds already have a bye, the Player whose opponent has Withdrawn should be awarded a Walkover.
- 6 If the withdrawal leads to two byes for a player, the vacated position will be filled by one of the players with a first-round match in the section of the draw with the highest number of matches, decided by draw.

7.3.2. If two or more of the seeds withdraw more than 48 hours before the start of the event; the Referee must reposition the seeds as described above or remake the draw.

7.3.3. Qualifying Draw Withdrawals: If a seeded player in a qualifying draw withdraws, or is promoted to the main draw, the remaining seeded players shall stay in their positions and the replacing player inserted in the vacated position.

7.3.4. Doubles Withdrawals: A team shall constitute a doubles entry.

- 7.3.4.1. If a player must withdraw through injury or other unavoidable circumstances before the draw is made, his/her partner may enter again with another player who had not already been accepted in the doubles event.
- 7.3.4.2. If one member of a doubles pair is forced to withdraw due to injury or other exceptional circumstance after the draw is made, he/she can be replaced by another Player up to the start of any team's first match in the doubles event as follows:
 - 1 In the case of an unseeded team, any replacement partner must be of a similar or lower standard. Otherwise, the team shall be withdrawn. ie if the new teams combined singles ranking is higher than the lowest seed, the replacement partner would not be accepted.
 - 2 In the case of a seeded team, any replacement partner must be of a similar standard, otherwise the entire team shall be withdrawn. ie. The new teams combined singles ranking

must keep them as the same seeded pair, or lower seeded pair. In this instance, promotion of seeds would occur also. Otherwise, the replacement partner will not be accepted.

- 3 If an unseeded doubles team is forced to withdraw, the whole pair will be replaced by the next pair on the reserve list.
 - 4 If a seeded doubles team is forced to withdraw, the open position shall be filled by the next eligible team to be seeded, as described in 7.3.1.
 - 5 If there are no pairs on the reserve list, any bye created by the movement of seeds will be given to the highest seed without a bye. The pair on the line where the bye is being placed will be moved to the previously vacated position.
- 7.3.4.3. After the first match in any event has started no additions or alterations shall be made to the draw.

7.4 OMISSIONS:

7.4.1 If a valid entry has been omitted from the draw due to an administrative error, and is discovered before any match has started, the procedure shall be:

- If the omitted player would otherwise be seeded, the position of the seeds shall be changed, with the additional entry taking the relevant place in the seeding list and the previously lowest seed becoming an unseeded player.
- If after the draw has been made it is realized that a player has been wrongly left unseeded, the positions of the seeds shall be changed. That player should take the relevant place, the lowest seed become an unseeded player and placed in the position vacated by the newly seeded player. The referee has the option of making a new draw instead.
- If the omitted player would be unseeded, and byes exist in the first round against unseeded players, the unseeded entry should replace one of these byes to be decided by lot. If using Tournament Planner, the omitted player should be placed in the position of the highest numbered bye. If only seeded players are receiving byes the additional entry shall be placed against the lowest seed receiving a bye.

7.4.2 If no byes exist in the first round, and there have been no withdrawals up to the time of the discovery of the omission, a preliminary round shall be played between the omitted player and one of the unseeded players in the draw, drawn by lot.

7.5. DIVISION OF EVENTS INTO CATEGORIES

- 7.5.1. When the number of entries for any event at an approved Tournament is restricted, and there are different Categories in the tournament, players may enter two different Categories.
- 7.5.2. Entries should be sorted by main draw, qualifying draw or Reserve List. The Acceptance List must be published in accordance with Rule 3.1.3. The Withdrawal Deadline should be in accordance with Rule 3.1.3, a minimum of 12 hours after acceptance list is published.
- 7.5.3. After the publication of the Acceptance List, players must choose in which Category they wish to play, and withdraw from any other event they may have entered, before the Withdrawal Deadline.

7.6. SCORING METHODS

7.6.1. Advantage sets:

The first player/team who wins six games wins the set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent. If necessary, the set should continue until this margin is achieved.

7.6.2. Tie-Break sets:

The first player/team who wins six games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent. If the score reaches six games all, a tiebreak game shall be played.

7.6.3. Short sets:

The first player/team who wins four games, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent. If the score reaches four games all, a tiebreak game shall be played.

7.6.4. Deciding Match Tie-break (first to 10 points):

When the score in a match is one set all, a Match tie-break shall be played to decide the match. This Match Tie-Break replaces the final set. The player/team who first wins 10 points shall win this Match Tie-Break and the match, provided there is a margin of two points.

- 1 In elimination and compass draws, the result of the match tie-break will be recorded within square brackets, as in the example: 3-6, 6-0, [10-2].
- 2 In Round Robin or box leagues the score of the match tie-break should be recorded as 1-0 and counted as a set won or lost by 1 game to 0.

7.6.5. "No-Ad" scoring:

If both players/teams have won three points each, the score is deuce and a deciding point shall be played. The receiver shall choose whether to receive the service from the right or the left of the court. In doubles, the players on the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. 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.

7.6.6. Fast4:

- 1 First to four games wins.
- 2 At 3 games all a set tie-break is played to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6.
- 3 Match tie-break at 1 set all
- 4 No ad scoring. If the score reaches deuce, it's a sudden death point. The receiver chooses which side to take the serve on.

7.7. PROCEDURES IN CASE OF ADVERSE CONDITIONS:

7.7.1 The Referees shall have the authority, in adverse conditions, to shorten best of five set matches to best of three sets, to shorten best of three sets matches to one of the alternative scoring methods, but preferably only for entire rounds of each event.

7.7.2 The composition of a match should not be changed after it has started other than in exceptional circumstances.

7.7.3 A match in which play has been suspended shall, if possible, be resumed on the same court, unless the Referee deems it necessary to change to a different court surface.

7.7.4 The score at the time of the suspension of a match shall stand upon resumption.

7.7.5 If a tournament is significantly affected by adverse conditions, the Referee may decide that matches shall be reduced as follows:

- 1) Plate events reduced to one of the abbreviated scoring formats.
- 2) Plate events cancelled.
- 3) Doubles events reduced to one of the abbreviated scoring formats.
- 4) Doubles events cancelled.
- 5) Singles events reduced to one of the abbreviated scoring formats.
- 6) If a round of an event has started, other than in exceptional circumstances, the whole round should be completed using the same scoring method. Then, alternative/reduced scoring may be introduced.
- 7) Short sets with a deciding match tie-break is the briefest abbreviated format recommended.

7.7.6 If a ranking event has to be abandoned, players will receive ranking points for the round they have reached.

7.7.7 A tournament may not be postponed or re-scheduled without Tennis Ireland approval.

8. SECTION 8: APPENDICES

8.1. INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS PLAYER DEFINITIONS

8.1.1. Direct acceptances:

Players accepted directly into the main draw shall be selected by the tournament committee who shall consider international and national rankings, and the ITF World Tennis Number (WTN).

8.1.2. Qualifier Players:

Players included in the draw as a result of their success in the qualifying competition.

8.1.3. Wild cards:

Wild Cards may be seeded and must be named at the time the draw is made. Wild Cards who withdraw or default may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. The next eligible player on the alternate list shall fill any such vacancy, or if the qualifying competition has commenced, the eligible Lucky Loser, drawn and placed at the same time as the qualifiers, shall fill it. The qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck. No player 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. 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 to another tournament in the same week.

8.1.4. Lucky losers:

Players who have lost in the final of the Qualifying Competition or, if more lucky losers are required, those players who have lost in the previous qualifying round.

8.1.5. Alternates:

Players who are not accepted into the main draw and/or qualifying. Vacancies in the main draw shall be filled by players from the qualifying acceptance list up until the time that the qualifying has started. Once the qualifying has started, vacancies in the main draw may only be filled by lucky losers. It is each player's responsibility to contact the appropriate entry authority regarding his/her status. If a player does not officially withdraw from an event (online or by email) and moves into qualifying or main draw, he/she will be penalized under the Code of Conduct if he/she does not play.

8.1.6. On-site alternates:

Players who appear at the tournament site at their own risk to fill a possible vacancy. In order to be eligible as an on-site alternate, a player must have completed an official entry form and must personally sign-in with the Referee on site.

8.1.7. Special Exempts:

Players who cannot appear in the Qualifying of a tournament because they are competing on the day that the Qualifying Competition begins in another "Qualified Tournament" who apply for and receive exemption from the Qualifying as herein after provided. A qualified tournament is the singles event of another Tennis Ireland sanctioned Tournament of same or Higher Category, ITF/Tennis Europe Junior Circuit tournament, an ITF Women's Circuit / WTA Tour Tournament or an ITF Men's Circuit / ATP.

8.2. THE RATED DRAW

8.2.1. In this method, the seeds are not included in the draw but are drawn in the usual way for specific positions in a later round. The main draw is performed in the normal way in their absence.

8.2.2. If a tournament uses the Rated draw the number of seeds will be as follows:

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| 12 plus entries: | 4 seeds |
| 24 plus entries: | 8 seeds |
| 48 plus entries: | 16 seeds |

8.2.3. The Entry Form should inform competitors which events will be played under a Rated Draw.

8.2.4. Any query in relation to the wording on an entry form or how to do a Rated draw should be referred to the Competitions Committee of Tennis Ireland.

8.3. RULES FOR UNDER 8, 9 AND 10S TOURNAMENTS (Tennis10s)

8.3.1. Duration - Ideally a 1- or 2-Day Event

8.3.2. Gender - Males & Females may compete in the same events

8.3.3. Court - All Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 competitions are to be played on a modified court:

- Under 8: 11x5.5m (36x16ft)
- Under 9: 18x6.5m (60x21ft)
- Under 10: full size court

8.3.4. Age: Players must be 7 or under (U8), 8 (U9) or 9 (U10) on the 31st of December of the previous year, i.e., a player born in 2013 (9 on the 31st December 2022) will qualify to play U10 in 2023.

8.3.5. With modified rackets appropriate to the height of the child.

8.3.6. With modified ball density:

- Red spot for U8s
- Orange spot for U9s, and
- Green spot for Under 10s.

8.3.7. With the appropriate competition Format that allows multi matches:

8.3.8. U8 and U9 competition can be run:

1. With a Team Format
2. Individual players in Round Robin boxes

8.3.9. U10 competition must be organized on

1. An individual basis using the format outlined below
2. Other possible options are:
 - Round Robin
 - Compass Draw (8 or 16)

8.3.10. With a modified scoring system:

1. One set or best of 3 sets:
 - (i) match tie breaks to 7 or 11 (only one set recommended for u8 events)
 - (ii) Short sets commencing at 2 games all and first to six games with a tiebreak to 7, (sudden death at 7) if the score is 5-5.
 - (iii) Champions tiebreak (to 10 points, win with a margin of 2) instead of a 3rd set
2. No ad scoring (play 1 game point at deuce)

Please note: Due to time constraints Competition Organizers may feel the need to tailor the scoring system to suit the situation.

8.3.11. No prize money should be given in Under 8, Under 9 or Under 10 Tournaments.

8.3.12. Passport System:

- 8.3.12.1. Tennis Ireland may grant players with extensive experience in competition and who have achieved the technical capacities set out in the fundamental phase of the Tennis Ireland long term player development pathway at under 8, under 9 and under 10 level a passport to compete in competitions at Under 9, Under 10 and Under 12 level respectively.
- 8.3.12.2. The passport doesn't grant access to any events aimed to players older than those specified in
- 8.3.12.3. The passport does not grant access to T100 level events
- 8.3.12.4. Players are subject to the following pre-requisites before a Player Passport can be granted:
 - 1 The player attends the inter-regional sessions organized by the Tennis Ireland Technical staff and or
 - 2 The Regional Coach is of the opinion that the child is ready for the progression and makes arecommendation to the Technical Director of Tennis Ireland.
- 8.3.12.5. Only players holding a Tennis Ireland passport are allowed to play on a court size above the one related to their age.

8.3.12.6. All other players shall only be accepted in events played on the correct size court and using the right ball for their age (See 8.3.1 and 8.3.4)

- **From 1st September every year, an U10 player shall be allowed to play u12 tournaments for those last 4 months before they turn U12. There is no requirement for a player passport for this and is not mandatory. ie A player can continue to play U10 for those last 4 months.**

8.3.13. Sanctions:

Any Tournament which fails to apply the rules for Tennis 10's will not be included in the ranking points for that particular week in all events from u12's - to u 18's

U10 Standard Format

Entries to Under 10 Open events should be made online in <https://ti.tournamentsoftware.com>

Duration - Ideally a 1- or 2-Day Event

Gender - Males & Females can compete in the same events

Stage 1 -

Must be a Round Robin and depending on the entries, the boxes are divided into a maximum of 6 players per group. The recommended number of round robin boxes is 4.

Scoring should be an appropriate scoring system from the list above to suit the entries - For example, first to 6 commencing at 2-2. No advantage applies. Every game won counts as a point.

Stage 2 - The highest scoring player from each group is placed in a new group with a minimum of 3 players.

The second highest scoring player from each group is placed in an additional group. If the numbers, however, are not sufficient, you should put the highest and second highest scoring players together.

Depending on the number of entries, organisers may need to further regroup the participants involving the third and fourth highest scoring players.

The main objective for the organisers is to find quality match opportunities for all players.

Organisers need to ensure that every player positioned in their new group play a minimum of two matches with two other players in the group.

See ITF's "Play and Stay" for other options.

Important

All players need rest periods throughout the day. Ideally, this can be guaranteed by breaking the day into two periods with an hour's rest for lunch midway through the allotted time.

Doubles

All organisers should do their best to ensure that all competitors have the opportunity to play at least one doubles game throughout the day. This could be organised as the last round of matches.

8.4 HANDICAP REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Results from handicap events MUST NOT be published using Tournament Tennis Planner. Any results that may have been entered for players information during the tournament, MUST BE DELETED at the end of the tournament. Failure to do so will have a negative effect on the future WTN of players that have been handicapped.

In handicap events at official tournaments, advantage sets shall be played with the exception that, if weather conditions are adverse and only for the purpose of enabling the programme to be completed within the advertised time, the committee may order the best of three short sets or alternatively, one advantage set. A short set is decided when one or other of the players first wins six games.

8.4.1. RECEIVED ODDS

Odds are received in each group of 6 games of a set in the first place in the earliest possible even game; that is to say, a receiver of one-sixth receives a point in the second game of each group of 6; a receiver of two sixths in the second and fourth games; a receiver of three-sixths in the second, fourth and sixth games.

When the even games are exhausted odds are then received in the earliest possible odd games; that is to say, a receiver of four-sixths receives his points over and above a receiver of three-sixths in the first game of each group of 6 and a receiver of five-sixths in the first and third games. The position in which points are received are shown in the following table:

| | 1st Game | 2nd Game | 3rd Game | 4th Game | 5th Game | 6th Game |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1/6 of 15 | | 15 | | | | |
| 2/6 of 15 | | 15 | | 15 | | |
| 3/6 of 15 | | 15 | | 15 | | 15 |
| 4/6 of 15 | 15 | 15 | | 15 | | 15 |
| 5/6 of 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | | 15 |

8.4.1.1. A player receiving four-sixths of fifteen receives nothing in the third and fifth games and fifteen in the first, second, fourth and sixth games of a set.

8.4.1.2. The table is not carried beyond the sixth game, as in the next and every succeeding six games the odds recur in the same positions.

8.4.1.3. The above odds may be received in addition to other received odds.

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| Fifteen (e.g. + 15.0) is one point received at the beginning of every game of a set. |
| Thirty (e.g. + 30.0) is two points received at the beginning of every game of a set. |
| Forty (e.g. + 40.0) is three points received at the beginning of every game of a set |

8.4.2. OWED ODDS

Odds are owed in each group of six games of a set, in the first place, in the latest possible odd game. That is to say, an owner of one-sixth owes a point in the fifth game of each group of six; an owner of two-sixths in the fifth and third games; and an owner of three-sixths in the fifth, third and first games.

When the odd games are exhausted; odds are then owed in the latest possible even games. This is to say an owner of four-sixths owes his / hers points, over and above an owner of three-sixths, in the sixth game of each group of six; and an owner of five-sixths, in the sixth and fourth games. The position in which points are owed are shown in the following table:

| | 1st Game | 2nd Game | 3rd Game | 4th Game | 5th Game | 6th Game |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1/6 of 15 | | | | | 15 | |
| 2/6 of 15 | | | 15 | | 15 | |

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|--|----|----|----|----|
| 3/6 of 15 | 15 | | 15 | | 15 | |
| 4/6 of 15 | 15 | | 15 | | 15 | 15 |
| 5/6 of 15 | 15 | | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |

8.4.2.1. A player owing two-sixths of fifteen would owe fifteen in the third and fifth games and nothing in the first, second, fourth and sixth games of a set.

8.4.2.2. The table is not carried beyond the sixth game, as in the next and every succeeding six games the odds recur in the same position.

8.4.2.3. The above odds may be owed in addition to other owed odds.

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|---|
| Fifteen (e.g. + 15.0) is one point received at the beginning of every game of a set. |
| Thirty (e.g. + 30.0) is two points received at the beginning of every game of a set. |
| Forty (e.g. + 40.0) is three points received at the beginning of every game of a set. |

8.5 Withdrawals Offences and Code of Conduct Violations

Ranking Points:

If a player:

- 8.5.1. Withdraws from an event after having started a match in that event;
- 8.5.2. fails to appear at an event ready and prepared to play;
- 8.5.3. retires during an event and/or gives a walk-over during an event; he/she will lose ALL ranking points obtained in that event.

If a player withdraws from one event to be able to play in an overlapping event (even if the overlap is two days or less) he/she will lose ALL Ranking points from the TWO events.

Penalty Points:

A player who:

- a) Withdraws from the competition after the Withdrawal deadline specified in the competition information; or
- b) fails to appear at the competition venue ready and prepared to play in his/her relevant matches without having Withdrawn; will incur the following automatic Withdrawal Points:

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|---|---|
| Withdrawal from the competition after the withdrawal deadline specified but before the draw is made | 2 |
| Withdrawal from the competition after the draw has been made | 7 |
| Failing to appear at the competition for a match without having withdrawn (no show) | 7 |

Explanatory notes:

If a Player is not ready to play within 15 minutes after his/her match has been called, that Player may be deemed to have failed to appear by the Referee and, if so, will incur SEVEN Withdrawal Points. In practice, it is anticipated that Referees will be pragmatic and, before deeming that a Player has failed to appear, will consider all relevant factors including, for example, whether the Player has made any attempt to notify the Referee that he/she will be arriving late and of the time when he/she is likely to be ready to play; whether the Player's match can be easily rescheduled without disruption to the competition; whether the Referee is satisfied that the Player has done all he/she reasonably can to be ready to play on time; whether the Player's notification should in fact be treated as a Withdrawal.

- a) A player who withdraws after having started a match in the event will:
 - 1 Incur SEVEN withdrawal points, and
 - 2 Will lose ALL ranking points in that event
- b) A player who fails to appear at an event without having notified the referee that he/she is withdrawing will:
 - 1 Incur SEVEN withdrawal points, and
 - 2 Will lose ALL ranking points in that event
- c) A player that has accumulated 10 or more suspension penalty points will be prohibited from taking part in any official tournament for a given period as per 8.6.8.

Exceptions:

- 1. Where a doubles pair withdraws and it is made clear to the Referee at the time of the withdrawal or failure to appear that it is solely due to one of the players (in which case only that player will incur withdrawal points and lose of ranking points).
- 2. A player who retires during a match due to sickness or injury
- 3. A player who withdraws from a competition as a result of being suspended

Appeal:

A player may only challenge the imposition of Withdrawal penalty points:

- 1. Where such imposition was a result of the player having been wrongly identified as the offending player; and/or
- 2. Where the player can show exceptional circumstances.

8.6 CODE OF CONDUCT

The provision of this Code shall apply to official Tennis Ireland Tournaments and Events.

8.6.1. CLOTHING

8.6.1.1. Unacceptable Attire: -

Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn and as set out in the Prospectus.

8.6.1.2. **Visible Identification:** - No visible identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing, products or equipment except as stated in the Regulations.

8.6.2. ETIQUETTE

8.6.2.1. Leaving the court: -

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including warm-up) without the permission of the Umpire or Referee.

8.6.2.2. Failure to complete match: -

A player must complete a match in progress unless (s) he is reasonably unable to do so.

8.6.2.3. Ceremonies: -

A player participating in the finals of a tournament must attend and participate in the finals ceremonies, unless reasonably unable to do so.

8.6.2.4. Media: -

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player must be available to the Media within 30 minutes of the end of any match, whether the player be winner or loser.

8.6.2.5. Scoreboard: -

Players must change the score on a scoreboard, when provided and if nobody else is assigned the task, at each change of the ends. If the scoreboard is placed at either end of the court it will be the responsibility of the player or pair approaching that end after a change of ends to update the score.

8.6.3. PUNCTUALITY

8.6.3.1. Players must be ready to play their match at the designated time and / or in accordance with the order of play.

8.6.3.2. Any player not ready to play 15 minutes after his / her match has been called, shall be scratched from the event, unless the Referee, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, decides not so to do.

8.6.4. CONDUCT

8.6.4.1. Best efforts: -

A player shall use best efforts to win a match.

8.6.4.2. Unreasonable delays:

8.6.4.2.1. Play should be continuous, and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

8.6.4.2.2. At all times the Receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the Server and must be ready to receive when the Server is ready to serve.

8.6.4.2.3. The time between the ball going out of play at the end of one point to the time the ball is served for the next point shall not exceed 30 seconds. Where ball persons are used in Official Tournaments, this time shall not exceed 25 seconds.

8.6.4.2.4. When changing ends, a maximum of 90 seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of one game to the time the ball is served for the first point of the next game.

8.6.4.2.5. At the conclusion of each set, there shall be a set break of a maximum of 120 seconds from the moment that the ball goes out of play at the end of the set to the time the ball is first struck for the first point of the next set.

8.6.4.2.6. At the conclusion of the first game in each set, and during a tiebreak, play shall be continuous, and players shall change ends without a rest period.

8.6.4.2.7. The first violation of this section shall be penalised by a warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of a point penalty.

8.6.4.2.8. Excessive repeated delays may lead to penalties being applied under unsportsmanlike behaviour.

8.6.4.3. Audible Obscenity: -

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site.

8.6.4.4. Coaching: -

Players shall not receive coaching during a tournament match. Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and any other person may be construed as coaching although encouragement is allowed.

Players shall also prohibit their coaches and other members of their team:

- 1 from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site,
- 2 from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site,
- 3 from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site,
- 4 from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site and
- 5 from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or of the officiating thereof.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to three (3) suspension points for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warmup), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth.

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 Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore and the Referee may order the Coach of the team to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and upon his failure to comply with such order may declare an immediate default of such player. For the purposes of this Rule, a "coach" shall also include any member of the player's team.

8.6.4.5. Visible Obscenity: -

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site.

8.6.4.6. Abuse of Ball: -

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick, or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site.

8.6.4.7. Abuse of Rackets or Equipment: -

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick, or throw a racket or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site.

8.6.4.8. Verbal Abuse: -

Players shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator, or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.

8.6.4.9. Physically Abuse: -

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator, or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.

8.6.4.10. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: -

Players shall always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.

8.6.5. DISCIPLINE

8.6.5.1. The Penalty Point Schedule to be used for violations of 8.6.4.1. and 8.6.4.3. to 8.6.4.10 is:

| | During the match | Suspension points |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| First Offence | Warning | 1 Penalty Point |
| Second Offence | Point | 2 Penalty Points |
| Third Offence | Game | 3 Penalty Points |
| Fourth Offence | Default | 6 Penalty Points |

8.6.5.2. Penalty points may be accumulated over the course of a tournament. Chair Umpires must notify the Referee immediately of any offences incurred and penalty points issued. Court Supervisors can issue warnings but point penalty onwards must only be issued by the Referee. Only the Referee may declare a default for either a single violation of this code or pursuant to the Penalty Point Schedule.

8.6.5.3. If a player is defaulted during a match for conduct reasons, he shall be defaulted from all other events at that tournament.

8.6.5.4. When a penalty has been imposed under the Code of Conduct, the offending player will be reported to Tennis Ireland.

8.6.6. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

8.6.6.1. Definition: One violation that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament.

8.6.6.2. A series of two or more violations of this code within a 12-month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour" but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively detrimental or injurious to Tennis Ireland sanctioned tournaments, to be decided upon by the Provincial Council or Discipline Committee of Tennis Ireland.

8.6.6.3. Violations of 8.6.6. shall subject a player to a fine and / or suspension from play in Tennis Ireland sanctioned tournaments or events.

8.6.6.4. Only Tennis Ireland, and/or the Referee in consultation with Tennis Ireland, may decide to initiate the Aggravated Behaviour Procedure and bring it to the attention of the Discipline Committee of Tennis Ireland to be decided upon.

8.6.7. INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

8.6.7.1. If a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this Section.

8.6.7.2. Violation of 8.6.7. shall subject a player to a fine and / or suspension from play in Tennis Ireland sanctioned tournaments or events.

8.6.8. SUSPENSION

Players who receive 10 penalty points within a calendar year will be banned from the next T500 event on the calendar.

Players who receive 14 penalty points within a calendar year will be banned from the next T500 and T1000 tournament on the calendar.

Any additional penalty points after this ban will be dealt with in the same manner, i.e. banned from the next T500 and T1000 tournament on the calendar for each event incurred.

8.6.9. CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

As per Tennis Ireland Rules and Regulations (Rule 8.6.) the penalty point schedule should be used for any violations of the Code of Conduct

8.6.10. APPEAL

Any player dissatisfied with a decision by the Tournament Organizing Committee and/or Referee may appeal the decision according to:

- Rule 5.12 of this Rules (Regulations for the Conduct of Official Tournaments approved by Tennis Ireland.
- Tennis Ireland Complaint, Objection and Disciplinary Rules and Procedures
<http://www.tennisireland.ie/userfiles/File/Database/84-Disciplinary%20Code%20Final%20Version.pdf>

8.7 REFEREE’S REPORT FORM:

This form must be used only when it is not possible to submit the report using the online version.

1. TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Tournament Description _____

Tournament Venue _____

Tournament Dates _____

Ball Make and Brand _____

Tournament Director: _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Tournament Referee: _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Child Protection Officer: _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

2 ENTRIES

Value of Prizes _____

Total individual entries _____

Total Capitation Fees _____

3. OPERATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT:

| Player | Penalty | Description of violation |
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8.8 MATCHES PLAYED WITHOUT A COURT UMPIRE – PLAYERS NOTICE

At this tournament, some matches will be played without a Chair Umpire. All players should be aware of the following basic principles when playing a match in these circumstances:

Each player is responsible for ALL calls on his/her side of the net.

All “out” or “fault” calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent to hear.

If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of the doubt to his/her opponent.

Except when playing on clay, if a player incorrectly calls a ball “out” and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that player made an incorrect “out” call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called “out” loses the point.

The server should call the score before each first serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.

If a player is unhappy with his/her opponent’s actions or decisions, he/she should call the Referee (or Assistant Referee/Off-Court Umpire)

For matches played on clay courts, there are some additional procedures that all players should follow:

A ball mark can be checked on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped (a return is permitted, but then the player must immediately stop)

If a player is unsure of his/her opponent’s call, he/she can ask his/her opponent to show the mark. The player can then cross the net to look at the mark.

If a player erases the mark, he/she is conceding the call.

If there is a disagreement over a ball mark, the Referee (or Assistant Referee/Off-Court Umpire) can be called to make a final decision.

If a player calls a ball “out”, he/she should, in normal circumstances, be able to show the mark.

If a player incorrectly calls a ball “out” and then it is realised that the ball was good, the player who called “out” loses the point.

Players who do not fairly follow these procedures could be subject to the Hindrance Rule and the Unsportsmanlike Conduct provision of the ITF Code of Conduct.

Any questions on these procedures should be referred to the ITF Supervisor/Referee.

8.9 PRIZE FUND DISTRIBUTION

Prize fund 100% to be divided equally between Men's and Ladies' events distributed accordingly to the following percentages:

- 50% for Men's event:
 - o Winner 20%
 - o Beaten finalist 10%
 - o Beaten semi-finalists 5% (x2)
 - o Beaten quarter-finalists 2.5% (x4)

- 50% for Ladies' event:
 - o Winner 20%
 - o Beaten finalist 10%
 - o Beaten semi-finalists 5% (x2)
 - o Beaten quarter-finalists 2.5% (x4)

EXAMPLE:

Total prize fund for singles: € 1000.00 or € 5000.00

| Total prize fund | €1,000.00 | | €2,000.00 | | €2,500.00 | | €5,000.00 | |
|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Men € | Ladies € | Men € | Ladies € | Men € | Ladies € | Men € | Ladies € |
| Total | 500 | 500 | 1000 | 1000 | 1250 | 1250 | 2500 | 2500 |
| Winner | 200 | 200 | 400 | 400 | 500 | 500 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Runner-Up | 100 | 100 | 200 | 200 | 250 | 250 | 500 | 500 |
| Semi-finalist | 50 | 50 | 100 | 100 | 125 | 125 | 250 | 250 |
| Semi-finalist | 50 | 50 | 100 | 100 | 125 | 125 | 250 | 250 |
| Quarter-finalist | 25 | 25 | 50 | 50 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 125 | 125 |
| Quarter-finalist | 25 | 25 | 50 | 50 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 125 | 125 |
| Quarter-finalist | 25 | 25 | 50 | 50 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 125 | 125 |
| Quarter-finalist | 25 | 25 | 50 | 50 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 125 | 125 |

8.10 TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES & CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS:

Tournaments are allocated a Category at the end of the year based on the tournament entries, facilities, and the quality of the organization in the previous season. Geographical distribution is also considered.

The initial Category awarded to new tournaments will be 200 or 100. In exceptional circumstances, where there is evidence that the applying Tournament has the expertise and facilities required, an exception may be made and the tournament application for a higher Category approved.

Tournament Categories are published in Tennis Ireland Calendars at the end of the previous year. The Calendars are specific for the three Tennis Ireland Competition Tours:

1. Tennis Ireland Junior Tour: all sanctioned tournaments for Under 18, Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12 players.
2. Tennis Ireland Tour: all sanctioned tournaments for adults. Depending on the organizers some events may be open to Under 18, and Under 16 players.
3. Tennis Ireland Masters Tour: tournaments may be divided in a combination of any age groups from 30+ upwards

Maximum number of Tournaments per week:

The maximum number of tournaments of a Category on any given week detailed in the table below applies:

| Tour Category | Maximum Number | Notes |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Tour 1000 and above | 1 | Each province will be assigned a minimum number of events in a calendar year |
| Tour 500 | 2 x 500 or 1 x 500 & 1 x 1000+ | The tournaments must be in two different provinces. If they are half week tournaments, there could be two in the first 3 days and another two in the last three days of the week. |
| Tour 200 | 4 | |
| Tour 100 | 8 | |

To comply with the maximum number of events of a given Category per week requirement, a tournament may be awarded events with different Categories.

Example:

A tournament running during the same week of an ITF-18 tournament may be granted Tour 1000 Categories for their Under 14 and Under 12 events, and Tour 500 Categories for their Under 16 and Under 18s events.

Minimum Requirements

Tournaments must fulfil the minimum organizational requirements and comply with the specified size of entry, draw and scoring formats, and provision of related events (i.e. plate and doubles) specified (see table below) for the Category they are applying for. Failure to do so may result in downgrade the following year.

| Tournament Category | 1000 or higher | 500 | 200 | 100 |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Minimum Duration | 5 days | 3 days | 2 days | 1 day |
| Balls | Highly recommended new balls in all Main Draw matches | Recommended new balls in all Main Draw matches | Good quality balls | Good quality balls |
| Doubles | Highly recommended | Highly recommended | Optional | Optional |
| Plate | Highly recommended | Highly recommended | Must be provided in junior events if elimination draw is used | Must be provided in junior events if elimination draw is used |
| Accepted Draw types | Elimination with Plate, or Compass Draw | Elimination with Plate, or Compass Draw | Compass Draw, or Round Robin (if small entry) | Compass Draw, or Round Robin (if small entry) |
| Accepted match scores | best of three Tie-Break sets | best of two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break | best of two Tie-Break SHORT sets and a Match Tie-Break, no advantage played | best of two Tie-Break SHORT sets and a Match Tie-Break, no advantage played |
| Tournament Committee | Tournament Director + Referee and one other member, including safeguarding officer in Junior Tournaments | Tournament Director + Referee and one other member, including safeguarding officer in Junior Tournaments | Referee and one other member, including safeguarding officer in Junior Tournaments | Referee and one other member, including safeguarding officer in Junior Tournaments |
| Net check and singles sticks | Compulsory net height checked daily and singles sticks in all singles matches | Compulsory net height checked daily and singles sticks in all singles matches | | |
| Referee | TI Accredited Provincial Referee | TI Accredited Provincial Referee | TI Accredited Off-Court Umpire | TI Accredited Off-Court Umpire |
| Chair Umpire | Recommended for SF, Finals Mandatory TI Accredited Provincial Chair Umpire | Recommended for SF & finals | | |
| Off-Court Umpires (Junior tournaments) | minimum 1 per 3 courts | minimum 1 per 3 courts | recommended 1 per 4 courts | recommended 1 per 4 courts |
| Catering | healthy food available on-site | healthy food available on-site or within walking distance from the venue | | |

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How many events can you run in a Tournament?

Before deciding how many events you can run in a tournament you must do some arithmetic. You will need:

- Number of courts available and at what times you can use them
- Type of draw
- Scoring format
- Age of the players (i.e. U12 matches are slower than U18s)
- What is the maximum number of matches a player can have in one day

| | Maximum Total matches | Maximum number of singles |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Best of 3 tie-break sets | 3 | 1 |
| Standard sets & match tie-break | 3 | 2 |
| Short sets & match tie-break | 4 | 4 (3 if U12) |
| Fast4 sets & match tie-break | 4 | 4 |

Size of draw & scoring format

Tour 1000 events must be best of three tie-break sets (set tie break at 6-6, win by 2 points) and players must not have more than one singles match per day.

Tour 500 events must be best of three sets, with the first two being tie-break sets and a match tie-break (to 10 points, win by 2 points) if the score reaches 1 set all.

Short sets scoring (Tour 200 Junior) best of three sets, with the first two being first to 4 games and a set tie-break if the score reaches 4-4 games, followed by a match tie-break (to 10, win by 2) if the score is one set all. Advantage is played.

Fast4 sets scoring (Tour 100 Junior) first two being first to 4 games and a set tie-break if the score reaches 3-3 games, followed by a match tie-break (to 10, win by 2) if the score is one set all. Advantage is played.

| Event | Matches First round | Match Average length | Time on 4 courts | Time on 8 courts |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tour 1000 16 entries | 8 | 1 hr and 30' (longer if U12 event) | 3 hrs plus 30' safety margin | 1 hr & 30' plus 15' safety margin |
| Tour 1000 32 entries | 16 | 1 hr and 30' (longer if U12 event) | 6 hrs plus 1hr safety margin | 3 hrs plus 30' safety margin |
| Tour 500 16 entries | 8 | 1 and 20' (longer if U12 event) | 2 hrs & 45' plus 45' safety margin | 1 & 20' plus 30' safety margin |
| Tour 500 32 entries | 16 | 1 and 20' (longer if U12 event) | 4 hrs 20' plus 1 hr safety margin | 2 hrs & 45' plus 30' safety margin |
| Tour 200 16 entries | 8 | 1 hr (first round matches likely shorter) | 2 hrs | 1 hr |
| Tour 200 32 entries | 16 | 1 hr | 4 hrs | 2 hrs |
| Tour 200 16 entries | 8 | 45' (first round matches likely shorter) | 1hr & 30' hrs | 45' plus 15' safety margin |
| Tour 100 32 entries | 16 | 45' (first round matches likely shorter) | 3 hrs | 1hr & 30' hrs |

Please note this are estimated and could differ considerably depending on how similar the level of the opponents is.

Estimated time required to finish a compass draw:

All times are assuming that there is good court supervision, warming up is kept to a minimum (not required if no rest between matches), and courts are in constant use.

One draw only (players will have to wait for the opponent to finish his/her match too):

Short sets & match-tie-break:

| | Matches/player | 2 courts | 4 courts | 8 courts |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 8 players draw | 3 | 6hrs | 3hrs | |
| 16 players draw | 4 | | 6hrs * | 4hrs ** |

(*) Some matches are likely to be considerably quicker, particularly in the first rounds. No rest time required as not all players are on court at the same time, and they have a rest while waiting for a court.

(**) Players may need a rest between their 2nd and 3rd match.

Fast4 sets & match-tie-break:

| | Matches/player | 2 courts | 4 courts | 8 courts |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------|
| 8 players draw | 3 | 4hrs | 2hrs & 30' | |
| 16 players draw | 4 | | 5hrs * | 3hrs ** |

(*) Some matches are likely to be considerably quicker, particularly in the first rounds. No rest time required as not all players are on court at the same time, and they have a rest while waiting for a court.

(**) Players may need a rest between their 2nd and 3rd match.

Estimated number of Tour 200 or Tour 100 events with 16 players draws on 8 courts in 12 hours:

- Tour 200 3 events. If draws are 12 players, 4 events.
- Tour 100 4 events (2 at the same time, alternating rounds. Example BS12 8 matches, followed by GS12 8 matches, followed by BS 12 8 matches, GS 12 8 matches, etc)

A Tour 200 & 100 Tournament could have:

- Tour 200 draws of 8 players 4 events on day 1 (12 hours 8 courts).
- Tour 100 draws of 16 players 4 events on day 2.

Tour 500 events run over 2 and 1/2 days:

Entries limited to 16 on 8 courts (maximum matches per day 64)

| | Day 1, Round 16 | Day 2, Round 16 & QF | Day 3, SF & F |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| BS 18 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 18 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| BS 16 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 16 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| BS 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| BS 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 64 | 24 |

Entries limited to 16 on 6 courts (maximum matches per day 48)

| | Day 1, Round 16 | Day 2, Round 16 & QF | Day 3, SF & F |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| BS 18/16 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 18/16 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| BS 14 or GS 14 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 14 or BS 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| BS 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| TOTAL | 24 | 48 | 18 |

Entries limited to 16 on 4 courts (maximum matches per day 32)

| | Day 1, Round 16 | Day 2, Round 16 & QF | Day 3, SF & F |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| BS 14 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 14 | | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| BS 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| GS 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| TOTAL | 16 | 32 | 12 |

Tour 500 events run over 2 days:

4 events entries limited to 16 and 2 events entries limited to 12 on 8 courts (maximum matches per day 64).

| | Day 1, Round 16 & QF | Day 2, SF & F |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Event 1 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 2 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 3 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 4 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 5 | 4 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 6 | 4 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| TOTAL | 64 | 18 |

Entries limited to 16 on 6 courts (maximum matches per day 48).

| | Day 1, Round 16 & QF | Day 2, SF & F |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Event 1 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 2 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 3 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 4 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| TOTAL | 48 | 12 |

Entries limited to 16 x 2 events and 8 x 2 event on 4 courts (maximum matches per day 32).

| | Day 1, Round 16 & QF | Day 2, SF & F |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Event 1 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 2 | 8 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 3 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 4 | 4 | 2 + 1 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 12 |

Entries limited to 12 on 4 courts (maximum matches per day 32).

| | Day 1, Round 16 & QF | Day 2, SF & F |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Event 1 | 4 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 2 | 4 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 3 | 4 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| Event 4 | 4 + 4 | 2 + 1 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 12 |

Tour 1000 events:

- A Tour 1000 event running over 4 days will have to limit the number of entries to 16 players (day 1 R16, day 2 QF, day 3 SF and day 4 F).
- A Tour 1000 tournament, with entries limited to 16/event running over 4 days can host:
 - 8 events on 8 courts (Day 1 8 events @ 8 matches each = 64 matches; 64 x 1.5 hr = 96 hrs, 8 courts x 12hrs = 96)
 - 6 events on 6 courts (Day 1 6 events @ 8 matches each = 48 matches; 48 x 1.5 hr = 72 hrs, 6 courts x 12hrs = 72)
 - 4 events on 4 courts (Day 1 4 events x 8 = 32; 32 x 1.5 = 48, 4 courts x 12 hrs = 48)

- A Tour 1000 tournament, with entries limited to 24/event running over 5 days can host:
 - 8 events on 8 courts (Days 1 and 2 8 events @ 8 matches each = 64 matches; 64 x 1.5 hr = 96 hrs, 8 courts x 12hrs = 96)
 - 6 events on 6 courts (Days 1 and 2 6 events @ 8 matches each = 48 matches; 48 x 1.5 hr = 72 hrs, 6 courts x 12hrs = 72)
 - 4 events on 4 courts (Days 1 and 2 4 events x 8 = 32; a32 x 1.5 = 48, 4 courts x 12 hrs = 48)
- A Tour 1000 tournament, with entries limited to 32/event running over 6 days can host:
 - 8 events on 8 courts (Days 1 and 2 4 events @ 16 matches each = 64 matches; 64 x 1.5 hr = 96 hrs, 8 courts x 12hrs = 96)
 - 6 events on 6 courts (Days 1 and 2 3 events @ 16 matches each = 48 matches; 48 x 1.5 hr = 72 hrs, 6 courts x 12hrs = 72)
 - 4 events on 4 courts (Days 1 and 2 2 events x 16 = 32; a32 x 1.5 = 48, 4 courts x 12 hrs = 48)

Suggested schedule for Tour 1000 singles, doubles and plate events:

Entries limited to 16/singles event & 8/doubles event, matches per day on 8 courts:

| | Day 1, Round 16 | Day 2, QF | Day 3, SF & Plates | Day 4, Finals & Plates |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| BS 18 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 18 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 18 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 18 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 16 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 16 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 14 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 14 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 12 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 12 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 64 | 64 | 32 | 16 |
| Plates | | | | |
| BS 18 | | | 12 | |
| GS 18 | | | 12 | |
| BS 16 | | | 12 | |
| GS 16 | | | 12 | |
| BS 14 | | | | 12 |
| GS 14 | | | | 12 |
| BS 12 | | | | 12 |
| GS 12 | | | | 12 |

Plate compass draw, scoring format Fast 4

Entries limited to 16/singles event & 8/doubles event, matches per day on 5 courts (40 matches/day max):

| | Day 1, Round 16 | Day 2, Round 16 | Day 3, QF | Day 4, SF & Plates | Day 5, Finals & Plates |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| BS 18 | 8 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 18 | 8 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 16 | 8 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 16 | 8 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 14 | 8 | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 14 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 12 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 12 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 18 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 18 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 16 | | | | 4 + 2 | 1 |
| GD 16 | | | | 4 + 2 | 1 |
| BD 14 | | 4 | | 2 | 1 |
| GD 14 | | 4 | | 2 | 1 |
| BD 12 | | 4 | | 2 | 1 |
| GD 12 | | 4 | | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 16 |
| Plates | | | | | |
| BS 18 | | | | | |
| GS 18 | | | | | |
| BS 16 | | | | | |
| GS 16 | | | | | |
| BS 14 | | | | | 12 |
| GS 14 | | | | | 12 |
| BS 12 | | | | | 12 |
| GS 12 | | | | | 12 |

(*) Plate compass draw, scoring one match tie-break (to 10 points, sudden death)

Entries limited to 24/singles event & 8/doubles event, matches per day on 8 courts:

| | Day 1, Round 32 | Day 2, Round 16 | Day 3, QF | Day 4, SF & Plates | Day 5, Finals & Plates |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| BS 18 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 18 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 16 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 16 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 14 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 14 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 12 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 12 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 18 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 18 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 16 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 16 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 14 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 14 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 12 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 12 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 64 | 64 | 32 | 16 |
| Plates | | | | | |
| BS 18 | | | | 12 | |
| GS 18 | | | | 12 | |
| BS 16 | | | | 12 | |
| GS 16 | | | | 12 | |
| BS 14 | | | | | 12 |
| GS 14 | | | | | 12 |
| BS 12 | | | | | 12 |
| GS 12 | | | | | 12 |

Plate compass draw, scoring format Fast 4

Entries limited to 32/singles event & 8/doubles event, matches per day on 8 courts:

| | Day 1, Round 32 | Day 2, Round 32 | Day 3, Round 16 | Day 4, QF | Day 8, SF & Plates | Day 6, Finals & Plates |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| BS 18 | 16 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 18 | 16 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 16 | | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 16 | | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 14 | 16 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 14 | 16 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BS 12 | | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GS 12 | | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 18 | | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 18 | | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 16 | | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 16 | | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 14 | | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 14 | | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| BD 12 | | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| GD 12 | | | | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | | | 64 | 64 | 32 | 16 |
| Plates * | | | | | | |
| BS 18 | | | | | 24 | |
| GS 18 | | | | | 24 | |
| BS 16 | | | | | | 24 |
| GS 16 | | | | | | 24 |
| BS 14 | | | | | 24 | |
| GS 14 | | | | | 24 | |
| BS 12 | | | | | | 24 |
| GS 12 | | | | | | 24 |

(*) Plate compass draw, scoring one match tie-break (to 10 points, sudden death)

2024 Junior National Ranking Points Elimination Draws

Players in Round Robin Draws with 4 or 5 players will be awarded the advertised (as when they entered) Category points.
 Elimination Draws with only 4 or 5 players/pairs one category lower; Draws with 3 or less players/pairs two Categories lower.
 Ten-Pro events: same age group points as per Tour 1000, one year below Tour 500. Example: U14 Tour 1000, U13 Tour 500

| Position | Irish Junior Open | National | | | Provincial | County | | |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----|
| | | Tour 1500 | Tour 1250 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 | Tour 100 | |
| Main Draw | Winner | 2000 | 1500 | 1250 | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 100 |
| | Runner-Up | 1600 | 1200 | 1000 | 800 | 400 | 160 | 80 |
| | SF | 1200 | 825 | 690 | 550 | 300 | 120 | 55 |
| | QF | 600 | 450 | 375 | 300 | 200 | 80 | 30 |
| | Last 16 | 400 | 300 | 250 | 200 | 100 | 40 | 20 |
| | Last 32 | 200 | 150 | 125 | 100 | 50 | 20 | |
| | Last 64 | 120 | 90 | 75 | 60 | 25 | | |
| | Last 128 | 80 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 12 | | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----------|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Plate | Winner | | 150 | 125 | 100 | 50 | 20 | 10 |
| | Runner-up | | 120 | 100 | 80 | 40 | 16 | 8 |
| | SF | | 90 | 75 | 55 | 30 | 12 | 6 |
| | QF | | 60 | 50 | 30 | 20 | 8 | 4 |
| | Last 16 | | 30 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 2 |

2024 Junior National Ranking Points Compass & Round Robin Draws

en-Pro events: same age group points as per Tour 1000, one year below Tour 500. Example: U14=U14 Tour 1000, U13=U14 Tour 500

| Position | National | Provincial | County | | | | | |
|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | Tour 1500 | Tour 1250 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 | Tour 100 |
| 1 | | | | | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 100 |
| 2 | | | | | 800 | 400 | 160 | 80 |
| 3 | | | | | 650 | 350 | 140 | 65 |
| 4 | | | | | 550 | 300 | 120 | 55 |
| 5 | | | | | 450 | 275 | 110 | 45 |
| 6 | | | | | 400 | 250 | 100 | 40 |
| 7 | | | | | 350 | 225 | 90 | 35 |
| 8 | | | | | 300 | 200 | 80 | 30 |
| 9 | | | | | 280 | 175 | 70 | 27 |
| 10 | | | | | 260 | 150 | 60 | 25 |
| 11 | | | | | 240 | 125 | 50 | 23 |
| 12 | | | | | 225 | 100 | 45 | 22 |
| 13 | | | | | 200 | 90 | 35 | 19 |
| 14 | | | | | 170 | 80 | 30 | 18 |
| 15 | | | | | 150 | 70 | 25 | 17 |
| 16 | | | | | | | 20 | 16 |
| 17 | | | | | | | 19 | 15 |
| 18 | | | | | | | 18 | 14 |
| 19 | | | | | | | 17 | 13 |
| 20 | | | | | | | 16 | 12 |
| 21 | | | | | | | 15 | 11 |
| 22 | | | | | | | 14 | 10 |
| 23 | | | | | | | 13 | 9 |
| 24 | | | | | | | 12 | 8 |
| 25 | | | | | | | 11 | 7 |
| 26 | | | | | | | 10 | 6 |
| 27 | | | | | | | 9 | 5 |
| 28 | | | | | | | 8 | 4 |
| 29 | | | | | | | 7 | 3 |
| 30 | | | | | | | 6 | 2 |
| 31 | | | | | | | 5 | 1 |

2024 Junior Champion's Race National Ranking Points Elimination Draws

Combined ranking: Top 6 singles + top 6 doubles
 Players in Round Robin Draws with 4 or 5 players will be awarded the advertised (as when they entered) Category points.
 Elimination Draws with only 4 or 5 players/pairs one category lower; Draws with 3 or less players/pairs two Categories lower.
 Ten-Pro events: same age group points as per Tour 1000, one year below Tour 500. Example: U14 Tour 1000, U13 Tour 500

| Position | Irish Junior Open | National | | | Provincial | County | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----|
| | | Tour 1500 | Tour 1250 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 | Tour 100 | |
| SINGLES Main Draw | Winner | 2000 | 1500 | 1250 | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 100 |
| | Runner-Up | 1600 | 1200 | 1000 | 800 | 400 | 160 | 80 |
| | SF | 1200 | 825 | 690 | 550 | 300 | 120 | 55 |
| | QF | 800 | 450 | 375 | 300 | 200 | 80 | 30 |
| | Last 16 | 400 | 300 | 250 | 200 | 100 | 40 | 20 |
| | Last 32 | 200 | 150 | 125 | 100 | 50 | 20 | |
| | Last 64 | 120 | 90 | 75 | 60 | 25 | | |
| | Last 128 | 80 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 12 | | |

| Position | Irish Junior Open | National | | | Provincial | County | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----|
| | | Tour 1500 | Tour 1250 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 | Tour 100 | |
| DOUBLES Draw | Winner | 375 | 280 | 235 | 185 | 95 | 40 | 20 |
| | Runner-Up | 300 | 225 | 190 | 150 | 75 | 30 | 15 |
| | SF | 225 | 170 | 140 | 115 | 60 | 25 | 12 |
| | QF | 150 | 115 | 95 | 75 | 40 | 15 | 8 |
| | Last 16 | 75 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 20 | 8 | 4 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----------|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Plate | Winner | | 150 | 125 | 100 | 50 | 20 | 10 |
| | Runner-up | | 120 | 100 | 80 | 40 | 16 | 8 |
| | SF | | 90 | 75 | 60 | 30 | 12 | 6 |
| | QF | | 60 | 50 | 40 | 20 | 8 | 4 |
| | Last 16 | | 30 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 2 |

2024 Junior Champion's Race National Ranking Points Compass & Round Robin Draws

Combined ranking: Top 6 singles + top 6 doubles
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| Position | Race Final | National | | | Provincial | County | | |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----|
| | | Tour 1500 | Tour 1250 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 | Tour 100 | |
| Position | 1 | 2000 | | | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 100 |
| | 2 | 1600 | | | 800 | 400 | 160 | 80 |
| | 3 | 1300 | | | 650 | 350 | 140 | 65 |
| | 4 | 1000 | | | 550 | 300 | 120 | 55 |
| | 5 | 800 | | | 450 | 275 | 110 | 45 |
| | 6 | 600 | | | 400 | 250 | 100 | 40 |
| | 7 | 400 | | | 350 | 225 | 90 | 35 |
| | 8 | 200 | | | 300 | 200 | 80 | 30 |
| | 9 | | | | 280 | 175 | 70 | 27 |
| | 10 | | | | 260 | 150 | 60 | 25 |
| | 11 | | | | 240 | 125 | 50 | 23 |
| | 12 | | | | 225 | 100 | 45 | 22 |
| | 13 | | | | 200 | 90 | 35 | 19 |
| | 14 | | | | 170 | 80 | 30 | 18 |
| | 15 | | | | 150 | 70 | 25 | 17 |

| Position | Race Final | National | | | Provincial | County | | |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----|
| | | Tour 1500 | Tour 1250 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 | Tour 100 | |
| Position | 1 | 2000 | | | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 100 |
| | 2 | 1600 | | | 800 | 400 | 160 | 80 |
| | 3 | 1400 | | | 700 | 350 | 140 | 70 |
| | 4 | 1200 | | | 600 | 300 | 120 | 60 |
| | 5 | 1000 | | | 500 | 250 | 110 | 55 |
| | 6 | 800 | | | 400 | 200 | 90 | 45 |
| | 7 | 600 | | | 200 | 100 | 60 | 30 |
| | 8 | 300 | | | 100 | 50 | 25 | 12 |

2024 International Rankings Points conversion chart to Tennis Ireland Junior Ranking Points

To be applied in Tennis Ireland Junior Ranking and Junior Champion's Race

| ITF-18 | Grand Slam | Masters | Youth Olympics | European Champion. | Grade A | J300 | J200 | J100 | J60 | J30 |
|--|------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| TE-14 & 16 | | | | | Super | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| TE-12 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Main Draw | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winner | 100000 | 75000 | 10000 | 10000 | 50000 | 30000 | 20000 | 10000 | 6000 | 3000 |
| Runner-up | 70000 | 45000 | 8000 | 8000 | 40000 | 24000 | 16000 | 8000 | 4800 | 2400 |
| 3rd | | 32000 | | | | | | | | |
| Semi-final / 4th | 49000 | 25000 | 6000 | 6000 | 30000 | 18000 | 12000 | 6000 | 3600 | 1800 |
| 5th | | 20000 | | | | | | | | |
| 6th | | 18500 | | | | | | | | |
| 7th | | 16500 | | | | | | | | |
| Quarter-final / 8th | 30000 | 15000 | 4000 | 4000 | 20000 | 12000 | 8000 | 4000 | 2400 | 1200 |
| Round 16 | 18000 | | 2000 | 2000 | 10000 | 6000 | 4000 | 2000 | 1200 | 600 |
| Round 32 | 9000 | | 1000 | 1000 | 5000 | 3000 | 2000 | 1000 | 600 | 300 |
| Round 64 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Round 128 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Qualifying draw | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd match won | 3000 | | | | 2000 | 1250 | 650 | 350 | 250 | 175 |
| 1st match won | 2000 | | | | 1000 | 700 | 400 | 250 | 175 | 100 |
| Bonus Draw (Tennis Europe only) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winner | | | | 600 | 1500 | 1000 | | 600 | 450 | 300 |
| Runner-up | | | | 400 | 1000 | 500 | | 400 | 300 | 200 |
| Semi-final | | | | 200 | 900 | 400 | | 200 | 150 | 100 |
| Quarterfinal | | | | 100 | 500 | 300 | | 100 | 75 | 50 |
| Round 16 | | | | | 250 | 150 | | | | |
| Doubles events | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winner | 19000 | | | 1875 | 9500 | 5700 | 3750 | 1875 | 1125 | 600 |
| Runner-up | 15200 | | | 1500 | 7600 | 4600 | 3000 | 1500 | 900 | 480 |
| Semi-final | 11400 | | | 1125 | 5700 | 3400 | 2250 | 1125 | 675 | 360 |
| Quarterfinal | 7600 | | | 750 | 3800 | 2250 | 1500 | 750 | 450 | 240 |
| Round 16 | 3800 | | | 375 | 1900 | 1150 | 750 | 375 | 225 | 120 |

2024 Tennis Ireland National Tour Consolidated Ranking Points

Events with 5 or less players MUST be run using a Round Robin Draw.

WARNING: Elimination Draws with only 4 or 5 players/pairs one category or grade lower; Draws with 3 or less players/pairs two categories or grades lower.

Elimination Draws

| Level | Grade 1 | Grade 1 | Grade 1 | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Category | Tour 1500 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 | | | | | | |
| Winner | 1500 | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 200 | 100 | 50 | 25 | 15 | 10 |
| Runner-Up | 1200 | 800 | 400 | 160 | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 12 | 8 |
| SF | 825 | 550 | 300 | 120 | 120 | 55 | 30 | 14 | 10 | 6 |
| QF | 450 | 300 | 200 | 80 | 80 | 30 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 4 |
| Round 16 | 300 | 200 | 100 | 40 | 40 | 20 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| Round 32 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Round 64 | 90 | 60 | 25 | | | | | | | |

Compass Draws

| | Level | Tour 2000 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 | Tour 100 |
|----------|-------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | Category | Race Final | Grade 1 | Grade 1 | Grade 1-2 |
| Position | 1 | 2000 | 1000 | 500 | 200 | 100 |
| | 2 | 1600 | 800 | 400 | 160 | 80 |
| | 3 | 1400 | 650 | 350 | 140 | 65 |
| | 4 | 1200 | 550 | 300 | 120 | 55 |
| | 5 | 1000 | 450 | 275 | 110 | 45 |
| | 6 | 800 | 400 | 250 | 100 | 40 |
| | 7 | 600 | 350 | 225 | 90 | 35 |
| | 8 | | 300 | 200 | 80 | 30 |
| | 9 | | 280 | 175 | 70 | 27 |
| | 10 | | 260 | 150 | 60 | 25 |
| | 11 | | 240 | 125 | 50 | 23 |
| | 12 | | 225 | 100 | 45 | 22 |
| | 13 | | 200 | 90 | 35 | 19 |
| | 14 | | 170 | 80 | 30 | 18 |
| | 15 | | 150 | 70 | 25 | 17 |

| 2024 International Rankings Points conversion chart to Tennis Ireland National Tour Ranking Points | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Grand Slam | Tour 125 | Tour 110 | Tour 100 | Tour 90 | Tour 80 | Tour 50 | 25+ | 25 & 15+ | 15 |
| Main Draw Singles and Doubles | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winner | 2000000 | 125000 | 110000 | 100000 | 90000 | 80000 | 50000 | 33750 | 22500 | 15000 |
| Runner-up | 1200000 | 75000 | 65000 | 60000 | 55000 | 50000 | 30000 | 20250 | 13500 | 9000 |
| Semi-final | 720000 | 45000 | 40000 | 36000 | 33000 | 30000 | 17000 | 10050 | 6750 | 4500 |
| Quarterfinal | 360000 | 25000 | 22000 | 20000 | 18000 | 16000 | 9000 | 4050 | 2700 | 1800 |
| Round 16 | 180000 | 11000 | 10000 | 9000 | 8000 | 7000 | 4000 | 1350 | 900 | 600 |
| Round 32 | 90000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Round 64 | 45000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Qualifying draw | | | | | | | | | | |
| qualifier | 25000 | 5000 | 5000 | 5000 | 5000 | 4000 | 3000 | 800 | 600 | 450 |
| 2nd quali match | 16000 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st quali match | 8000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 1000 | 500 | 375 | 250 |

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Elimination Draws

| Position | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Provincial |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Tour 1500 | Tour 1000 | Tour 500 | Tour 200 |
| Winner | 1500 | 1000 | 500 | 200 |
| Runner-Up | 1200 | 800 | 400 | 160 |
| Semi-final | 900 | 600 | 300 | 120 |
| Quarter-final | 600 | 400 | 200 | 80 |
| Round 16 | 300 | 200 | 100 | 40 |
| Round 32 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 20 |

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Draws with straight finals, points still go to losing finalists

Compass & Round Robin Draws

| Position | TI Tour 1000 | TI Tour 500 | TI Tour 200 |
|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | 1000 | 500 | 200 |
| 2 | 800 | 400 | 160 |
| 3 | 700 | 350 | 140 |
| 4 | 600 | 300 | 120 |
| 5 | 550 | 275 | 110 |
| 6 | 500 | 250 | 100 |
| 7 | 450 | 225 | 90 |
| 8 | 400 | 200 | 80 |
| 9 | 350 | 175 | 70 |
| 10 | 300 | 150 | 60 |
| 11 | 250 | 125 | 50 |
| 12 | 200 | 100 | 40 |
| 13 | 160 | 75 | 30 |
| 14 | 130 | 50 | 20 |
| 15 | 100 | 25 | 10 |

| Position | TI Tour 1000 | TI Tour 500 | TI Tour 200 |
|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | 1000 | 500 | 200 |
| 2 | 800 | 400 | 160 |
| 3 | 700 | 350 | 140 |
| 4 | 600 | 300 | 120 |
| 5 | 450 | 225 | 95 |
| 6 | 300 | 150 | 70 |
| 7 | 200 | 100 | 50 |
| 8 | | | |

2024 International Rankings Points conversion chart to Tennis Ireland Master Tour Ranking Points

| ITF Masters Points | ITF Masters Points x 7.5 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | World Ch. | Grade 1000 | Grade 700 | Grade 400 | Grade 200 | Grade 100 |
| Main Draw Singles and Doubles | | | | | | |
| Winner | 12000 | 7500 | 5250 | 3000 | 1500 | 750 |
| Runner-up | 8250 | 5250 | 3750 | 2100 | 1050 | 525 |
| Semi-final | 6000 | 3750 | 2475 | 1425 | 675 | 340 |
| Quarterfinal | 4125 | 2475 | 1575 | 900 | 450 | 225 |
| Round 16 | 2810 | 1575 | 1050 | 600 | 300 | 150 |
| Round 32 | 1650 | 1050 | 565 | 300 | 150 | 95 |
| Round 64 | 975 | 565 | 265 | | | |
| Qualifying draw | | | | | | |
| Qualifier | 280 | 190 | 115 | 57 | 38 | 280 |
| last round loser | 0 | 205 | 57 | 38 | 28 | 190 |
| 1st quali match | 150 | 94 | 35 | 28 | 19 | 145 |
| Plate | | | | | | |
| Winner | 940 | 5625 | 265 | 190 | 150 | 115 |
| Runner-up | 600 | 3750 | 205 | 130 | 115 | 75 |
| Semi-final | 375 | 2625 | 150 | 75 | 75 | |
| Quarterfinal | 225 | 1500 | | | | |
| Round Robin events | | | | | | |
| 1st | 12000 | 7500 | 5250 | 3000 | 1500 | 750 |
| 2nd | 8250 | 5250 | 3750 | 2100 | 1050 | 525 |
| 3rd | 6000 | 3750 | 2475 | 1425 | 675 | 340 |
| 4th | 4875 | 3000 | 2025 | 1125 | 565 | 280 |
| 5th | 4125 | 2475 | 1575 | 900 | 450 | 225 |
| 6th | 2625 | 1575 | 1050 | 600 | 300 | 150 |
| 7th | 1125 | 750 | 600 | 375 | 190 | 75 |

8.13 Guidelines on use of Photographic and Filming Equipment at Official Events and Practice Sessions.

1. Amateurs

Amateur photographers /film / video operators wishing to record an event or practice session should seek accreditation with the event organiser or leader of the practice session and have justifiable reason for wanting to video / photograph children.

During competitions or practice sessions, children must not be photographed or filmed without the permission and the expressed permission of one of their parents or person acting for the parent. A record should be kept of any permission granted.

2. Professionals

Professional photographers / film / video operators wishing to record an event or practice session should seek accreditation with the event organisers by producing their professional identification for the details to be recorded and have justifiable reason for wanting to video / photograph children. A record should be kept of accreditation.

3. Camera Phones

Because camera phones can transmit an image discreetly and remotely, Junior Tournament organisers are advised that they should not be used under any circumstances on Junior Tournament sites.

4. Publication

This information should be published prominently in event programmes and should be announced over the public address system prior to the start of an event.

Recommended wording:

“In line with the recommendations in the Tennis Ireland Code of Ethics, the promoters of this event request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close-range photography should register their details with the organisers. On no account should children be photographed or filmed without their permission and the permission of their parents. Camera phones cannot under any circumstances be used on the tournament site.”

5. Use of video as a coaching aid

Video equipment can be used as a legitimate coaching aid. However, permission should first be obtained from the player and the player’s parent / carer.

Anyone concerned about any photography taking place at events or training sessions should contact the organisers and ask them to deal with the matter.