

2009 ITF Men's Circuit

Frequently Asked Questions

1-What are the major changes to the Entry System?

- All ranked AND UNRANKED players must enter ITF Pro Circuit tournaments, INCLUDING QUALIFYING, by the entry deadline via their IPIN online account. Players who elect not to enter in advance will still be able to sign-in as On-site Alternates but players who enter by the entry deadline will have priority over all non-entered players, ranked or unranked, according to the System of Merit (see FAQ #6 below).
- The entry deadline for main draw and qualifying is 1400 hrs GMT on Thursday, 18 days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week.
- There is now a separate withdrawal deadline: 1400 hrs GMT on Tuesday, 13 days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.
- The entry fee for Qualifying is a maximum of \$40 cash.

2-Do I still need an IPIN to enter?

Yes, registration for IPIN Membership and renewals must be completed online with the ITF at www.itftennis.com/ipin

3-If I failed to enter by the entry deadline can I still sign in for Qualifying on site?

Yes, but you will be put on the alternate list, behind any player who entered in advance by the entry deadline. All non-entered alternates will be listed according to the System of Merit.

4-If I have entered and I am a direct acceptance into Qualifying, do I still need to appear at qualifying sign-in?

Yes. You must sign in by the Qualifying sign-in deadline. If you do not sign in by qualifying sign-in deadline, you will not be included in the draw and you will be fined.

5-When am I expected to pay the \$40 cash entry fee?

The \$40 entry fee will be collected at qualifying sign-in.

6-In what order do players get into Qualifying? What is the System of Merit?

The System of Merit is:

- 1) Entered, with an ATP ranking
- 2) Entered, with a National Top 500 ranking
- 3) Entered, without an ATP or National Top 500 ranking

Players who have not entered may sign in ; they will be listed in the following order:

- 1) Players with an ATP ranking
- 2) Players with a National Top 500 ranking
- 3) Players with no ranking

7-I am #3 on the Alternates list (below Qualifying). When will I be told if I get moved into the Qualifying draw?

After the Freeze Deadline, which is at 1400 hrs GMT the Thursday before the tournament week, players will not move up into Qualifying from the Alternates list even in the event of withdrawals from Main Draw or Qualifying. After the Freeze Deadline contact the Supervisor to see if your status has changed. Remember that you MUST withdraw before you are moved into Qualifying in order to avoid being fined as a “no show”.

8-There are unranked players (who entered before the entry deadline) in the Alternates list and a non-entered, top 200 ATP ranked player signs-in as an On-site Alternate. Who gets in first when a spot opens up?

The players who appear on the original entry list, i.e. “entered” players, get in first. See FAQ #6 above.

9-I don't want to go if I don't make Main Draw. Is there a Main Draw Only list?

No. If you are not accepted into Main Draw and appear on the Qualifying List, you must withdraw by the withdrawal deadline. There is no “Main Draw only” entry option, so if you appear on the Qualifying List after the withdrawal deadline you are committed to play that tournament.

10-If I lose in the first round of a Futures Qualifying, Can I still sign-in at a Challenger or ATP singles qualifying event that weekend?

No. However, you may sign-in for Doubles at any event.

11-If I am in the Qualifying list of the next event but still in Doubles of the current event, do I still need to sign-in? What happens to my status in the next event?

Contact the Supervisor at your current event to discuss. The answer will vary, depending on the situation.

12-Why don't Challengers have qualifying lists but Futures do?

The ATP sanctions and administers the Challengers. The ATP has decided that this method works for their events. The ITF sanctions and administers the Futures events and has decided that this new method will work at this level. The obvious benefit to the Futures players is that they will now know their status ahead of time and be able to plan their schedules accordingly. It will also guarantee a tournament place to as many players as possible.