

**MEN'S CIRCUIT  
RULE BOOK 2009**

# INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION REGULATIONS FOR THE ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

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**References to the International Tennis Federation or ITF shall hereafter mean ITF Limited.**

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2009 ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT TOURNAMENTS**

## **A. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

ITF Limited trading as the International Tennis Federation promulgates these Tournament Regulations for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of international professional tennis tournaments sanctioned by the ITF. All references to the International Tennis Federation or ITF in these Regulations shall mean ITF Limited. These Regulations shall be applicable to all Futures Tournaments known as the ITF Men's Circuit.

## **B. GENERAL**

### **1. Open Competition / No Discrimination**

Futures Tournaments are open to all male (please refer to Appendix A) tennis players based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth and provided, however, that minors under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be eligible for entry. For purposes of this Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used.

### **2. Futures Tournaments**

Futures Tournaments must be scheduled in a minimum of three consecutive weeks of \$10,000 each or two consecutive weeks of \$15,000 each in prize money and shall be organised by a National Association, unless otherwise approved by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee.

### **3. International Player Identification Number (IPIN) Membership**

All players entering ITF Futures Tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to register for annual IPIN Membership and pay the appropriate fee. Failure by a player to register for IPIN Membership will result in the rejection of that player's entry.

### **4. Tournament Week**

Except for indoor tournaments with sufficient facilities, the Singles Main Draw must be scheduled to begin no later than Tuesday and to finish no later than Sunday of the same week.

### **5. Tournament Administrator**

The National Association(s) organising the Futures Tournament shall designate a Tournament Administrator to administer the event.

### **6. ITF Supervisor**

Please see the officiating requirements shown in Appendix B.

Each Futures Tournament must provide at its sole expense an official certified as a Gold or Silver Badge ITF Supervisor. The ITF Supervisor must

be available throughout the tournament week, from the Qualifying Sign-in, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

**7. ITF Chair Umpire**

These officiating requirements (See Appendix B) are the minimum standards for Futures Tournaments. National Associations that wish to supply a higher certification level of official, or more officials, than the minimum requirements are encouraged to do so.

**8. Approval of Officials**

Each Futures Tournament shall submit a list of officials to fulfil the requirements as set forth above to ITF Officiating at least sixty (60) days prior to the event. Any request for these officiating requirements to be waived should be made to the ITF at least sixty (60) days prior to the tournament.

**9. Tournament Doctor and Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer**

Each Futures Tournament must provide at its sole expense a Tournament Doctor on-call during play and a Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer available on-site during play.

**10. Balls**

The balls to be used at Futures Tournaments must conform to the specifications in the Rules of Tennis and must have been approved by the ITF. Any Futures Tournament must apply to the ITF for approval at least 45 days in advance of the event if it wishes to use Ball Types 1 or 3.

A minimum of four (4) new balls are to be provided for each match and are to be changed at least after eleven (11) and thirteen (13) games in the Main Draw and at least before the third set throughout the qualifying.

A minimum of three (3) used balls per day for practice must be available free of charge to each player accepted into the Main Draw from the day prior to the commencement of Main Draw until he is eliminated. Players must return practice balls.

**11. Artificial Lighting**

Play is allowed with artificial lighting provided there is a minimum of 500 lux evenly distributed over the court surface.

**12. Entry Fees**

There shall be no Entry Fee for Main Draw. The Entry Fee for Qualifying will be a maximum of \$40.

**13. Prize Money**

Prize money shall be paid in US Dollars unless prior approval to pay in any other currency is obtained in writing from the ITF.

A non-US Futures Tournament may elect on or before four (4) months prior to the tournament to pay on-site prize money in US Dollars or in local currency. If local currency is selected, then the exchange rate shall be the average of the six (6) months immediately preceding six (6) months prior to the tournament. If there is a fluctuation of five percent (5%) or more, up or down, immediately prior to the first day of the tournament, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted, up or down as follows:

| <u><b>Exchange Rate<br/>Fluctuation</b></u> | <u><b>Exchange Rate<br/>Adjustment</b></u>                     |
|---|--|
| <u>Less than 5%</u>                         | <u>None</u>  |
| <u>Between 5-10%</u>                        | <u>5%</u>  |
| <u>10% or greater</u>                       | <u>One-half the Exchange Rate Percentage<br/>Fluctuation *</u> |

(\* For example, if the currency fluctuates 11% from the authorized exchange rate, the exchange rate will be adjusted by 5.5%).

Each Futures Tournament electing to pay on-site prize money in a specific non-US currency shall obtain from the ITF (Rest of World Events) or Tennis Europe (European events) the official rate for the tournament determined as above provided and shall use the same.

- 14. Amateur Expenses**  
Futures Tournaments may pay expenses to amateurs who are eligible to and do compete. Such expenses are limited to the actual and reasonable expenses of an amateur incurred pursuant to his participation in the tournament. The payment of expenses cannot be conditioned on the success of the amateur in the event.
- 15. Player Representatives**  
The ITF Supervisor shall appoint one or more players at each Futures Tournament to witness the draws and to represent the players during the tournament.
- 16. Related Regulations**  
To the extent not covered herein the 2009 Official Grand Slam Rulebook, The Constitution of ITF Limited 2009 and the 2009 ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials shall be applicable to all Futures Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of Futures Tournaments to promulgate and enforce their own special regulations insofar as they are consistent with the applicable provisions of these Rules and Regulations and have been approved by the ITF.

**17. Rules of Tennis**

The ITF Rules of Tennis shall apply in all Futures Tournament matches.

**18. Match Format**

Each singles match shall be the best of three tie-break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

In each doubles match, No-Ad scoring shall be used throughout the match and when the score is one set all, one match tie-break (10 points) shall be played to decide the match.

**19. Waiver of Claims**

In submitting an entry into a Futures Tournament, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in traveling to or from, or participating in a Futures Tournament, against the ITF, the National Association or Regional Association sanctioning such events.

**20. Publicity and Promotion**

Each player grants and assigns to the ITF the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him, his heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such promotional activities by ITF shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

**C. DEFINITIONS**

**1. Direct Acceptances**

Entered players accepted directly into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw by virtue of their rankings under the applicable System of Merit.

**2. Wild Cards**

Players included in the draw at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee or the Tournament Administrator. Wild Cards may be seeded. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made and Wild Cards who withdraw or default may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. Any such vacancy shall be filled by the next eligible player on the acceptance list, or if the qualifying competition has commenced, it shall be filled by the eligible Lucky Loser, drawn and placed at the same time as the qualifiers. 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.

**3. Alternates**

Players who are ranked lower than the direct acceptances into Main Draw and Qualifying under the applicable System of Merit, at the time of the Entry Deadline.

**4. Qualifiers**

Players who are included in the Main Draw as a result of their success in the qualifying competition.

**5. Lucky Losers**

Players who have lost in the final round of the qualifying competition and if more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, those players who have lost in the previous qualifying round(s).

**6. Special Exempts**

Players who are competing in singles on the day that the qualifying competition begins in another “Qualified Tournament” who apply for and receive exemption from qualifying as hereinafter provided.

Special Exempts are only available for entered players on the Qualifying Acceptance List. A “Qualified Tournament” is defined as follows:

- i. \$10,000 Tournaments: the singles event of another Futures or Challenger Tournament within the same continent in the preceding week.
- ii. \$15,000 Tournaments: the singles event of another \$15,000 Futures or Challenger Tournament within the same continent in the preceding week.

**7. Junior Exempt**

A player who, by virtue of his 2008 year-end position on the ITF Junior Boys’ Singles World Rankings, gains Direct Acceptance into a designated ITF Men’s Circuit tournament. (See Appendix C).

**8. On-Site Alternates**

Non-entered players who appear at the tournament site to sign-in for the qualifying. In order to be eligible as an On-Site Alternate, a player must sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at the tournament site.

## **D. SINGLES ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL**

### **1. Entry**

All players applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying depending on his ranking by the applicable System of Merit.

A player may apply for entry into one but not more than six Futures Tournaments for a specific tournament week, in which case he must indicate a priority. If no priority is stated, the ITF will assign a priority. A player may not apply for entry into a Futures Tournament if he has entered and is committed to another tournament during that period.

See Appendix D for Entry Procedures.

### **2. Entry and Withdrawal Deadline**

All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online or on the Official Entry Form in writing and sent to the ITF. Emails are not accepted.

All entries are subject to the Regulations and Conditions of Entry. Faxed entries must be signed by the player and must contain all the required information.

The Entry Deadline is at 14:00 hrs Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on the Thursday eighteen (18) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week.

The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

A player on one or more Alternate List(s) may withdraw anytime until he first moves into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List, at which time he will be automatically withdrawn from all other Entry Lists by the ITF.

Any player accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying who fails to appear for the Tournament without notifying the ITF and/or ITF Supervisor of his withdrawal and the reason therefor shall be subject to the penalties provided for non-appearance.

Should a player be injured, to avoid Late Withdrawal penalties he may submit a medical certificate to the ITF (and ITF Supervisor on site if after the Freeze Deadline), to be received no later than the last day of the tournament. Players are permitted to submit two medicals per year, after which players are subject to the Late Withdrawal/Non-Appearance provisions set forth in Article II. B.1 of the Code of Conduct.

**3. Freeze Deadline**

The Freeze Deadline is on the Thursday preceding the tournament week at 14:00 hrs GMT. A player who has moved into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List by the Freeze Deadline is committed to play the tournament. After the Freeze Deadline players on the Qualifying Acceptance List will no longer be moved into the Main Draw, and players on one or more Alternate Lists will no longer be moved into the Qualifying Acceptance List. Such Alternates are not committed to play the tournament.

Players on the Qualifying Acceptance List can preserve their eligibility for known Main Draw positions following withdrawals after the Freeze Deadline by personally contacting the ITF Supervisor on-site prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

If there are no such Main Draw positions, these players are not eligible to play the qualifying and are subject to the Late Withdrawal/Non Appearance Provisions set forth in Article II.B.1 of the Code of Conduct.

A player who withdraws from Main Draw or Qualifying after the Freeze Deadline must notify both the ITF and ITF Supervisor of his withdrawal and the reason therefor or else he will be subject to the penalties provided for Non-Appearance.

**4. One Tournament Per Week**

Once a player is committed to a tournament he may not enter or compete in more than one Tournament that same week. A player may apply for entry into one or more Futures Tournaments for the same week, but he must state a priority at the time of entry and he will be withdrawn from all except one event in accordance with the entry and withdrawal procedures outlined in Appendix D.

Once a player has signed-in for the Qualifying event at a tournament, or is a Direct Acceptance, Wild Card or Special Exempt into the Main Draw, he is committed to that tournament unless released by the ITF Supervisor.

Players found to have been accepted into or competed in two tournaments in one week should not be allowed in the Tournament or should be immediately defaulted forfeiting all prize money and computer points (where applicable).

**5. Special Exempts**

A player qualified to and who wishes to apply for Special Exempt status must do so by personally notifying either verbally or in writing the ITF Supervisor prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. If there are not sufficient Special Exempt places in the Main Draw for all the applicants, the players shall be selected in accordance with their rankings on Monday, seven days before the tournament week. If there is no qualifying competition, or if Special Exempts are not needed prior to the time that the qualifying draw is made, then the places in the Main Draw reserved for Special Exempts shall become places

for Direct Acceptances. Players on the Qualifying Acceptance List can preserve their eligibility for unused Special Exempt places by personally contacting the ITF Supervisor prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. If the Special Exempt places are used, these players are not eligible to play the qualifying and are subject to the Late Withdrawal/Non-Appearance Provisions set forth in Article II.B.1 of the Code of Conduct. If a Special Exempt place is not so preserved, any unused Special Exempt places(s) shall be filled by entered players who have signed in for Qualifying to be selected in accordance with the rankings on the Acceptance List.

If prior to the Entry Deadline it is established that there will be no Special Exempts into a Futures Tournament because there are no “Qualified Tournaments” in the week preceding the Tournament, then the places reserved in the Main Draw for Special Exempts shall become places for Direct Acceptances and will be indicated as such on the Acceptance List.

**6. Main Draw Sign-In**

There will be no sign-in requirement for the Main Draw.

**7. Qualifying Sign-In**

The Qualifying Sign-In Deadline is at 18:00 hours local time at the site of the Qualifying event on the day before the start of the Qualifying event. All players must be present and personally sign-in with the ITF Supervisor.

A player may be signed-in for the qualifying draw by the ITF Supervisor of an ITF Sanctioned Tournament, Challenger or ATP Tournament in the previous week if such player has competed and lost on the last two days preceding the Qualifying competition. This player must be able to be on-site and play his first round match by the end of the first round of qualifying. Players who cannot appear for the Qualifying sign-in because they are competing in the previous week’s related Futures Tournament may be signed in for the Qualifying and may be permitted to compete in both events subject to the approval of both ITF Supervisors and if it does not unfairly disrupt the Qualifying schedule. Except as otherwise stated herein, players who fail to sign-in shall not be included in the qualifying draw.

**8. Vacancies/Substitutions**

Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the following:

- a. **From the Withdrawal Deadline until the Freeze Deadline:**  
Vacancies in the Qualifying and Main Draw shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit.
- b. **From the Freeze Deadline until the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline:**  
Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled, at the time of the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline, by entered players who have signed in for the qualifying event or in the case of the Main Draw

preserved their eligibility by contacting the ITF Supervisor (see D 3. and D 5.), selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit.

**c. From the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline until the commencement of the Qualifying competition:**

**i.** Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled by entered players who have signed in for the qualifying event selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit.

**d. After commencement of the qualifying competition:**

**i.** Vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers. Lucky Losers are those players who have lost in the final round of Qualifying. If additional Lucky Losers are needed they shall be selected from losers in previous round(s) in the same manner.

Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows:

The order of the ranked players shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked players shall be drawn.

**ii.** Vacancies in the qualifying shall be filled by players who have signed the Alternate list selected in accordance with the applicable system of merit.

**9. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes**

**a.** Alternates and Lucky Losers must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least a half hour before the scheduled start of play, which may occur over several days, in order to maintain their priority among other Alternates and Lucky Losers of the same round. If the eligible Lucky Loser is not available to play, he shall be placed at the bottom of the Lucky Loser priority list for that day corresponding to the qualifying round in which he lost.

**b.** Alternates and Lucky Losers must be ready to play in proper tennis attire within a total time of five (5) minutes after the announcement of a vacancy. Matches must commence without delay after the selection of the Alternate or Lucky Loser.

**10. Play-Down (for Singles only)**

Players ranked 1-100 in singles fourteen (14) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week are prohibited from entering, accepting a Wild Card and/or competing in a Futures Tournament.

Players ranked 101-150 in singles fourteen (14) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week are prohibited from entering a Futures Tournament but may receive a Wild Card approved by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee in order to compete in a Futures Tournament.

To be eligible for a Wild Card, such player must petition the ITF Men's Circuit Committee through the ITF at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. Upon receipt of the petition the ITF Men's Circuit Committee shall evaluate the player's eligibility to receive a Wild Card.

Futures Tournaments offering \$10,000 in on-site prize money may not offer Wild Cards to players ranked 1-150 in singles.

Futures Tournaments offering \$10,000+H, \$15,000 or \$15,000+H in on-site prize money may offer one Wild Card per tournament to players ranked 101-150 in singles.

## **E. DOUBLES ENTRY**

### **1. Entry Deadline**

All doubles team entries must be in writing and received by the ITF Supervisor by 12.00 Noon Local Time on the day before the Main Draw in singles is scheduled to commence. The Doubles Sign-In Record must be posted at a reasonable time prior to the announced sign-in deadline. One member of a doubles team may sign in for the team. The ITF Supervisor reserves the right to accept timely telephone entries. Players who fail to sign-in shall not be included in the Doubles Draw.

### **2. Substitution of Doubles Teams**

If substitutes are required, Alternates shall be selected. The sign-in for doubles Alternates shall follow the same principles as the sign-in for singles Lucky Losers. One member of a team may sign in for the team.

### **3. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes**

- a.** Alternates must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least a half hour before the scheduled start of play, which may occur over several days, in order to maintain their priority among other Alternates. If the eligible Alternate is not available to play, he shall be placed at the bottom of the Alternate priority list for that day.
- b.** Alternates must be ready to play in proper tennis attire within a total time of five (5) minutes after the announcement of a vacancy. Matches must commence without delay after the selection of the Alternate.

## **F. PLAYERS' REST/MEDICAL**

### **1. Between Tournaments**

If the ITF Supervisor receives notice from a player of the date and time of his last match played in a previous week's tournament or Davis Cup Tie, then the ITF Supervisor shall whenever possible give the player one full day's rest between such match and the player's first match in the Futures Tournament,

unless weather or unavoidable circumstances has caused schedule disruption or unless the player was a finalist in a Monday or other delayed final.

**2. Between Qualifying and Main Draw**

Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his first round match in the singles Main Draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his final qualifying match. If a player plays two (2) singles qualifying matches in one day, he should not be scheduled on the following day for his first round singles match, unless such player is accepted into the tournament as a Lucky Loser.

**3. Between Matches**

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) singles match and one (1) doubles match per day, which shall not be scheduled less than twelve (12) hours after the completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day or round.

Whenever, it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless he is in a singles and doubles finals to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

|  |   |               |
|--|---|---------------|
| If he has played less than 1 hour            | - | ½ hour rest   |
| If he has played between 1 hour and 1½ hours | - | 1 hour rest   |
| If he has played more than 1½ hours          | - | 1½ hours rest |

**4. Medical**

**a. Medical Condition**

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer during the warm-up or the match.

**Treatable Medical Conditions**

- i. Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
- ii. Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.

**Non-Treatable Medical Conditions**

- i. Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- ii. Any medical condition that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- iii. General player fatigue.

iv. Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

**b. Medical Evaluation**

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer to evaluate him/her during the next change over or set break. Only in the case that a player develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer to evaluate him/her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other. At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court. \*

If the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

**c. Medical Time-Out**

A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire when the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a change over or set break, unless the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor. \*

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at professional events with prize money of \$25,000 or less, the ITF Supervisor may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness and cramping shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

**d. Medical Treatment**

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

**e. Penalty**

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalized by Code Violations for Delay of Game.

Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

**f. Bleeding**

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire should stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer should be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor, the Supervisor or Chair Umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play should not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

**g. Vomiting**

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire should stop play if vomiting has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Sports Medicine

Therapist/Trainer should determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting has spilled onto the court, play should not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

**h. Physical Incapacity**

During a match, if there is an emergency medical condition and the player involved is unable to make a request for a Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call for the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer and Tournament Doctor to assist the player.

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered unable physically to compete, the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor should inform the ITF Supervisor and recommend that the player is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress.

The ITF Supervisor shall use great discretion before taking this action and should base the decision on the best interests of professional tennis, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

The player may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament if the Tournament Doctor determines that the player's condition has improved to the extent that the player may safely physically perform at an appropriate level of play, whether the same day or on a later day.

\* It is recognized that national laws or governmental or other binding regulations imposed upon the event by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Tournament Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

**5. Toilet Break**

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break. Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break and can be used for no other purpose.

A player is entitled to one (1) toilet break during a best of three (3) set match. In doubles matches, each team is entitled to a total of two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one of the team's authorised breaks. Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not his opponent has left the court. Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorized breaks. Additional toilet 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.

## **G. SYSTEMS OF MERIT FOR SINGLES**

### **1. Method A**

Entered players with an approved singles computer ranking shall be selected in accordance with their positions on the approved computer ranking list available on the Entry Deadline and dated twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

### **2. Method B**

Entered players without an approved singles computer ranking but with a current top 500 National Ranking will be drawn at the ITF Office at the Entry Deadline.

These players will be sorted into groups of the same nationalities and ranked within those groups. Ties between players within those groups will be randomly drawn.

Each country represented will be allocated the same number of draw chips as the number of players from that country. Each time a chip is drawn the highest ranked player from the country represented by that chip shall be selected.

Thereafter, all remaining entered players who are unranked and have no National Ranking, shall be randomly drawn for a position on the Qualifying/Alternate List.

### **3. Method C**

On-Site Alternates with an approved singles computer ranking who have signed in for qualifying shall be selected in accordance with the computer rankings, on Monday, seven days before the tournament week.

### **4. Method D**

On-Site Alternates without a computer ranking who have signed in for qualifying shall be selected on the basis of their current Top 500 National Rankings.

Players will be sorted into groups of the same nationalities and ranked within those groups. Ties between players within those groups will be randomly drawn.

Each country represented will be allocated the same number of draw chips as the number of players from that country unless there are more players from a particular country than places available in a draw. In that case, the number of chips allocated to that country shall be limited to the number of places available in the draw and any extra players are dropped from consideration. Each time a chip is drawn the highest ranked player from the country represented by that chip shall be selected.

All National Rankings must be submitted to the ITF by the National Association by the Entry Deadline. Players without a National Ranking will be considered as unranked players for that Futures Tournament.

If a National Association produces an updated National Ranking during the year, the National Association may send quarterly updates to the ITF.

Further places will be filled by unranked players randomly drawn.

**5. Ties**

Ties between players for positions on the entry list shall be broken as follows: Ties on computer rankings shall be randomly drawn. On Acceptance Lists produced by the ITF ties have already been randomly drawn and players are listed in priority order.

**H SYSTEMS OF MERIT FOR DOUBLES**

Teams selected in accordance with their relative rankings on the Monday, seven days before the tournament week, that are composed as follows in the Methods shown:

**1. Method A**

Combined ranking of two players with approved Singles Rankings

**2. Method B**

Combined ranking of one player with an approved Singles Ranking and one player with an approved Doubles Ranking

**3. Method C**

Combined ranking of two players with approved Doubles Rankings

**4. Method D**

One player with an approved Singles Ranking and one player without a Ranking

**5. Method E**

One player with an approved Doubles Ranking and one player without a Ranking

**6. Method F**

Two players without approved Rankings (no selection based on National Rankings)

**7. Ties**

Ties between teams for positions on the entry list shall be broken as follows:

- a. For teams selected by using two Singles Rankings, priority shall be given to the team with the strongest individual Singles Ranking.

- b. For teams selected by using one Singles Ranking and one Doubles Ranking, priority shall be given to the team with the strongest individual Singles Ranking
- c. For teams selected by using two Doubles Rankings, priority shall be given to the team with the fewest number of tournaments played
- d. Further ties shall be randomly drawn

**I. DRAWS**

The Singles Main Draw shall consist of 32 players. The Singles Qualifying Draw shall be a minimum of a 32 Draw and a maximum of a 64 Draw. Open Qualifying Draws are not permitted.

The Doubles Main Draw shall consist of 16 teams.

**J. COMPOSITION OF DRAWS**

The draws shall be composed as follows:

**a. Singles**

|             |             |             |             |   |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|
|             |             |             | <b>32</b>   |   |
|             |             |             | <b>Draw</b> | <b>Selection Method - Main Draw</b>   |
|             |             |             | 4           | Wild Cards  |
|             |             |             | 0-2         | Special Exempts   |
|             |             |             | 8           | Qualifiers - selected by Qualifying event   |
|             |             |             | 20-18       | Direct Acceptances - selected by Method A; thereafter Method B  |
| <b>128*</b> | <b>64</b>   | <b>48</b>   | <b>32</b>   |   |
| <b>Draw</b> | <b>Draw</b> | <b>Draw</b> | <b>Draw</b> | <b>Selection Method - Qualifying</b>  |
| 11          | 8           | 7           | 6           | Wild Cards  |
| 117         | 56          | 41          | 26          | Direct Acceptances - selected by Method A; thereafter Method B; thereafter Method C; thereafter <u>Method D</u> |

(\* only applicable at \$10,000 Futures Tournaments subject to approval by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee)

**b. Doubles**

|  |             |   |
|--|-------------|---|
|  | <b>16</b>   |   |
|  | <b>Draw</b> | <b>Selection Method - Main Draw</b>                     |
|  | 3           | Wild Cards  |
|  | 13          | Direct Acceptances - selected by <u>System of Merit</u> |

## **K. SEEDS**

In singles, seeds shall be based on the singles computer ranking on Monday, seven days before the tournament week. Ties shall be randomly drawn. Players without a computer ranking shall not be seeded.

In doubles, seeds shall be based on the combined doubles computer ranking of two players on Monday, seven days before the tournament week. In the case of ties, priority shall be given to the team with the fewest number of tournaments played. Teams without a combined computer ranking shall not be seeded.

## **L. MAKING THE DRAW**

### **1. Time**

- a.** Singles Qualifying Draw – Immediately after player sign-in, which should take place 6:00pm (18:00 hours) on the day before the start of play of the qualifying.
- b.** Singles Main Draw – No later than 7:00pm (19:00 hours) on the day before the Main Draw starts.
- c.** Doubles Main Draw - At least one hour prior to the commencement of play.

### **2. Public Drawing**

All draws shall be made publicly, i.e., shall be open to be witnessed by interested parties.

### **3. Seeds**

All tournaments will have a seeded draw with seeds determined as herein before provided.

#### **a. Seeding List**

There is to be only one seeding list, and seeding will not be official until the final draw is made.

#### **b. Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of qualifying or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of qualifying. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play for the first day of Main Draw shall be filled by eligible Lucky Losers.

**c. Number of Seeds for Main Draws**

The number of players or doubles teams to be seeded will be as follows:

- 32 players - 8 seeds
- 16 teams - 4 seeds

**d. Procedures for Placing Seeds for Main Draw**

- i.** Place Seed 1 on Line 1 and Seed 2 on Line 16 (16 draw) or Line 32 (24 and 32 draw)
- ii.** To determine the location of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (seeds 3 and 4) and a group of four (seeds 5, 6, 7 and 8) from top to bottom as follows:

|                   |                             | 16 Draw (4 Seeds) | 32 Draw (8 Seeds) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Seeds 3 and 4     | first drawn in top half     | 5                 | 9                 |
|                   | second drawn in bottom half | 12                | 24                |
| Seeds 5,6,7 and 8 | drawn from top to bottom    |                   | 8                 |
|                   |                             |                   | 16                |
|                   |                             |                   | 17                |
|                   |                             |                   | 25                |

**4. Byes**

If there are not enough players to fill the Main 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 randomly drawn in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

**5. Qualifiers/Lucky Losers**

At the conclusion of the qualifying competition, the successful qualifiers will be randomly drawn for their places in the Main Draw. There shall be no prior designation of which qualifying section applies to which qualifying place in the Main Draw. Likewise, when more than one Lucky Loser is to be inserted into the Main Draw, their positions shall be drawn. If the qualifying event is not completed at the time of the draw, then the places for the qualifiers shall be designated as “Qualifier” with their identity to be determined by draw at the conclusion of the qualifying event. The Lucky Losers shall be drawn together with the Qualifiers.

**6. Remaining Players**

After the seeds and the byes are placed in the draw as above provided, then the remaining players shall be randomly drawn to determine in which places they are to be entered into the draw.

**7. Special Rules for the Qualifying Draw**

**a. Sections**

The qualifying draw shall be made in sections, with one section for each place allotted in the Main Draw. Each section shall have two (2) seeded players/teams.

**b. Placing the Seeds/Method of Draw**

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line.

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 second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line.

If there are not a sufficient number of seeded players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seeds shall not have a second seeded player.

**c. Byes**

If there are not enough players to fill the qualifying 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 randomly drawn in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

**d. Remaining players**

The remaining unseeded players shall be randomly drawn and placed in the vacant places in the draw beginning at the top of the draw.

**e. Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the eligible Alternate. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play for the first day of Qualifying shall be filled by eligible Alternates.

**M. COMPUTER POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY**

1. Computer Points will be awarded in Singles Main Draw as follows:

|                  | <u>\$10,000</u> | <u>\$10,000+H/<br/>\$15,000</u> | <u>\$15,000+H</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Winner           | <u>17</u>       | <u>25</u>                       | <u>33</u>         |
| Runner-up        | <u>9</u>        | <u>14</u>                       | <u>19</u>         |
| Semifinalists    | <u>5</u>        | <u>7</u>                        | <u>9</u>          |
| Quarterfinalists | 2               | 3                               | 4                 |
| Round of 16      | 1               | 1                               | 1                 |
| Round of 32      | 0               | 0                               | 0                 |

2. Computer Points will be awarded in Doubles Main Draw as follows:

|                  | <u>\$10,000</u> | <u>\$10,000+H/<br/>\$15,000</u> | <u>\$15,000+H</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Winner           | <u>17</u>       | <u>25</u>                       | <u>33</u>         |
| Runner-up        | <u>9</u>        | <u>14</u>                       | <u>19</u>         |
| Semifinalists    | <u>5</u>        | <u>7</u>                        | <u>9</u>          |
| Quarterfinalists | 0               | 0                               | 0                 |
| Round of 16      | 0               | 0                               | 0                 |

**3. Defaults / Withdrawals**

A match won by default or walkover will count as a match won for computer ranking points and prize money.

No points or prize money will be awarded to a player or team who withdraws or is a “No Show” without playing their first match.

Any player or team who is defaulted shall lose all prize money, hospitality and points earned for that event at that tournament, unless:

- i) The player or team was defaulted for a Violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment sections of the Code of Conduct
- ii) The player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition
- iii) A member of a doubles team did not cause any of the misconduct Code Violations that resulted in the team being defaulted in which case the partner of the player who caused the default shall receive points and prize money from the previous round.

A doubles team withdrawing after the first round, or retiring, will receive points and prize money for the previous round reached. In addition, the player withdrawing or retiring will not be allowed to play in any other tennis event until Monday of the next tournament week (unless he is still playing in singles).

**4. Byes**

A player or doubles team who receives a Bye and thereafter loses in the second round will not receive any computer ranking points but will receive second round loser's prize money.

**5. Hospitality**

To qualify for an additional \$5,000 credit toward the total prize money computer category, a Futures Tournament must provide reasonable minimum hospitality which is defined as: One (1) bed and breakfast to all Main Draw singles and doubles players beginning two (2) days before the commencement of Main Draw until the day following the player's elimination from the tournament. Such minimum shall be approved by the ITF.

**N. RESULTS**

At the end of each day's play at ITF Men's Circuit Tournaments, including the completion of the tournament, the Supervisor shall submit updated tournament results for Main Draw and Qualifying, singles and doubles, according to the instructions provided by the ITF and/or appropriate Service Bureau.

**O. AMENDMENTS**

These ITF Men's Circuit Futures Tournaments Rules and Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF.

**P. ON-SITE PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION FORMULAS**

|                          |                |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Prize Money</b> | <b>78%</b>     | <b>22%</b>     |
|                          | <b>Singles</b> | <b>Doubles</b> |
| US\$10,000               | US\$7,800      | US\$2,200      |
| US\$15,000               | US\$11,700     | US\$3,300      |

**Singles**

|                        |  |            |            |
|------------------------|--|------------|------------|
| Tournament Prize Money |  | US\$10,000 | US\$15,000 |
|------------------------|--|------------|------------|

|                     |     |           |            |
|---------------------|-----|-----------|------------|
| Singles Prize Money | 78% | US\$7,800 | US\$11,700 |
|---------------------|-----|-----------|------------|

**32 Draw**

|       |        |          |          |
|-------|--------|----------|----------|
| 1     | 13.0%  | 1,300.00 | 1,950.00 |
| 2     | 9.0%   | 900.00   | 1,350.00 |
| 3-4   | 4.8%   | 480.00   | 720.00   |
| 5-8   | 2.9%   | 290.00   | 435.00   |
| 9-16  | 2.0%   | 200.00   | 300.00   |
| 17-32 | 1.175% | 117.50   | 176.25   |

**Doubles (Per Team)**

|                        |  |            |            |
|------------------------|--|------------|------------|
| Tournament Prize Money |  | US\$10,000 | US\$15,000 |
|------------------------|--|------------|------------|

|                     |     |           |           |
|---------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|
| Doubles Prize Money | 22% | US\$2,200 | US\$3,300 |
|---------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|

**16 Draw**

|      |      |        |        |
|------|------|--------|--------|
| 1    | 6.3% | 630.00 | 945.00 |
| 2    | 3.3% | 330.00 | 495.00 |
| 3-4  | 2.6% | 260.00 | 390.00 |
| 5-8  | 1.8% | 180.00 | 270.00 |
| 9-16 | -    | -      | -      |

# APPENDIX A

## GENDER VERIFICATION

In any competition, a player may be required upon request to submit to gender verification to determine sexual status.

In the event that the gender of a player is questioned, the medical delegate (or equivalent) of the ITF shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the gender of a competitor.

The results of any tests conducted will not be made public out of deference to the human rights of the individual concerned but will be reported to the Chairman of the ITF Sport Science and Medicine Commission who shall advise the Board of Directors of the gender of the player concerned.

Failure by a player to submit to testing upon the request of the ITF shall subject the player to immediate suspension from the competition until such time as the appropriate testing is carried out in accordance with these Regulations.

## TRANSSEXUALS

Any individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female before puberty are regarded as girls and women (female), while those undergoing reassignment from female to male are regarded as boys and men (male).

Individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female after puberty (and the converse) are eligible for participation in female or male competitions, respectively, under the following conditions:

- a. Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy.
- b. Legal recognition of their assigned sex has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities.
- c. Hormonal therapy appropriate for the assigned sex has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimise gender-related advantages in sport competitions.
- d. Eligibility should begin no sooner than two years after gonadectomy.

In all instances, a confidential case-by-case evaluation will occur.

## APPENDIX B

### APPENDIX B ITF PRO CIRCUITS – MINIMUM OFFICIATING REQUIREMENTS 2009

These officiating requirements are the minimum standards for ITF Men’s/Women’s Circuit tournaments. National Associations that wish to supply a higher certification level of official, or more officials, than the minimum requirements are encouraged to do so. Any request for these officiating requirements to be waived should be made to ITF Officiating at least sixty (60) days prior to the tournament.

| EVENT                                     | SUPERVISOR                   | CHAIR UMPIRES   | LINE UMPIRES   |
|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| Men’s and Women’s \$10,000 tournaments    | Gold or Silver Badge Referee | 2 White Badge Chair Umpires (A 3 <sup>rd</sup> White Badge Chair Umpire is required for events where the Supervisor is leaving to cover the Qualifying of the following week’s Pro Circuit event in that country).<br>A Chair Umpire is required for every Main Draw match.<br>One of the Designate Chair Umpires must assist the Supervisor during Qualifying. | None Required  |
| Men’s \$15,000 tournaments                | Gold or Silver Badge Referee | 1 Gold, Silver or Bronze Badge Chair Umpire plus<br>2 White Badge Chair Umpires.<br>A Chair Umpire is required for every final round Qualifying and Main Draw match.<br>One of the Designate Chair Umpires must assist the Supervisor before the final round of Qualifying.   | 1 Line Umpire required for every Main Draw match, 2 Line Umpires required for Semis/Finals (although no Line Umpires are required at clay court events). |
| Women’s \$25,000 tournaments              | Gold or Silver Badge Referee | 1 Gold, Silver or Bronze Badge Chair Umpire plus<br>2 White Badge Chair Umpires.<br>A Chair Umpire is required for every Qualifying and Main Draw match (except the first round of 64 Qualifying Singles Draws, where two of the Designate Chair Umpires must assist the Supervisor).   | 1 Line Umpire required for every Main Draw match, 2 Line Umpires required for Semis/Finals (although no Line Umpires are required at clay court events). |
| Women’s \$50,000 and \$75,000 tournaments | Gold or Silver Badge Referee | 1 Gold, Silver or Bronze Badge Chair Umpire plus<br>2 White Badge Chair Umpires, all of whom must work Qualifying.<br>Chair Umpire required for every Qualifying and Main Draw match.   | 1 Line Umpire required for every Qualifying match, 2 Line Umpires for every Main Draw match, 3 Line Umpires for Semis/Finals.                            |
| Women’s \$100,000 tournaments             | <u>Gold Badge Referee</u>    | 2 Gold, Silver or Bronze Badge Chair Umpires plus<br>1 White Badge Chair Umpire, all of whom must work Qualifying.<br>Chair Umpire required for every Qualifying and Main Draw match.   | 1 Line Umpire required for every Qualifying match, 2 Line Umpires for every Main Draw match, 3 Line Umpires for Semis/Finals.                            |

**Note:** If the Supervisor is leaving the event before the end of the tournament to referee another ITF Pro Circuit event in the same country, ITF Officiating must approve the Designate Chair Umpire that will become the “End of Week Referee” (Not applicable to Women’s \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments).



## **APPENDIX C**

### **2009 JUNIOR EXEMPT PROJECT**

The Junior Exempt position will be allocated according to the following criteria:-

The year-end number 1-2 ranked boys' singles players according to the year-end ITF Junior Ranking will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit events up to and including \$15,000+H prize-money level.

The year-end number 3-5 ranked boys' singles players according to the year-end ITF Junior Ranking will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit events up to and including \$15,000 prize-money level.

The year-end number 6-10 ranked boys' singles players according to the year-end ITF Junior Ranking will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit events up to and including \$10,000 prize-money level.

## APPENDIX D – ENTRY PROCEDURES

### ENTRY PROCEDURES 2009 ITF MEN’S CIRCUIT TOURNAMENTS

**Entry Deadline:** Thursday eighteen (18) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

**Withdrawal Deadline (Main Draw and Qualifying):** Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

**Freeze Deadline:** Thursday preceding the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

It is the player's responsibility to make all entries and withdrawals and to check his position on the Entry Lists.

**In 2009 ALL players (i.e. ranked, nationally ranked, unranked) may enter ITF Men’s Circuit Tournaments by the Entry Deadline and will appear on the tournament Acceptance Lists.**

All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online or made in writing by letter or fax on the Official Entry or Withdrawal Form, as appropriate. Emails are not accepted.

All players entering ITF Men’s Circuit Tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to register for annual IPIN Membership and pay the appropriate fee. Failure by a player to register for IPIN Membership will result in the rejection of that player’s entry.

If a player enters more than one but not more than six ITF Men’s Circuit tournaments occurring during the same period, **HE MUST STATE A PRIORITY ON HIS ENTRY FORM.**

#### **At the Withdrawal Deadline:**

- If a player has been accepted into an ATP Main Draw, ATP Qualifying event or a Challenger Main Draw, he will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all ITF Men’s Circuit Tournaments.
- If a player has not been accepted into any ATP or Challenger tournament but is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of one ITF Men’s Circuit tournament, he will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments, including ATP and Challengers Alternate Lists.

- If a player has not been accepted into any ATP or Challenger tournament, but is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of more than one ITF Men's Circuit tournament occurring during the same period, he will remain on one List and will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other Tournaments, including ATP and Challenger Alternate Lists, according to the following criteria:

1. Main Draw takes priority over Qualifying
2. Tournament Entry Priority

If a player did not state an entry priority, he will be immediately withdrawn from all but one Entry List according to the following criteria:

3. Tournaments offering the highest prize money will take priority, or if equal;
  4. The Entry List on which he is highest placed will take priority, or if equal;
  5. The tournament which is geographically closest to his country of Nationality will take priority
- If a player is not accepted into any ITF Men's Circuit tournament occurring during the same period, he may remain on more than one Entry List as an Alternate until the Freeze Deadline. However once he is accepted into any ITF Men's Circuit tournament, he will be withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other Tournaments occurring during this period.

#### **At the Freeze Deadline:**

- Players who are on one or more Alternate Lists will not be moved into Qualifying and players in Qualifying will no longer be moved into the Main Draw.

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