

2010 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook

This document outlines some of the changes in the 2010 rules and regulations for wheelchair tennis.

Organisational Requirements

14. Organisation

- e) **Schedule**
Every evening, the schedule for the following day's play shall be published and displayed in the stadium and hotels or otherwise be made available for competitors and coaches.

- f) **Accreditation**
Tournaments must provide accreditation to all players, staff, media and all other personnel. Accreditation must be displayed at all times whilst on the tournament site.

15. Tournament Personnel

a) Tournament Director Duties

Forwarding of the tournament acceptance list to the ITF at the entry deadline and of the direct acceptance list one week prior to the start event.

16. Venue

- a) **Facilities on Site**
Adequate accessible changing rooms and shower facilities shall be available on site. If there are insufficient permanent accessible toilets for use during matches, clean, hygienic accessible portable toilets may be made available but only in conjunction with hand washing facilities. All toilets must be cleaned and checked regularly. It is recommended that there are locker rooms reserved only for players.

- d) **Stringer**
ITF 1 events and above should provide a stringer on-site. For lower grade tournaments, they should either offer stringing facilities on-site or have information available where racquets can be strung. It is the players' responsibility to ensure that they have enough rackets to play with if there is no stringer on site.

- h) **Player Lounge**
There must be a player lounge available on-site.

- i) **Practice Courts**
A minimum of one (1) practice court per sixty (60) players shall be available free of charge to players from at least one (1) day before the start of the event until the completion of the event. Practice courts must be of the same surface as the match courts. It is preferable that the practice courts are on site. If the practice courts are at a different venue to the match courts, free transportation must be provided throughout the day.

- j) **Court Preparation and Court Lay-Out**
All courts must be well prepared prior to the match (clay-courts must be prepared, water on court, bins emptied etc). It is also important to ensure that the courts have a professional look when deciding where to display the banners. Banners should be displayed at court level, un-creased and fully stretched.

17. Transport

- d) Free transportation shall be offered from the official accommodation to the tournament site on a regular basis during match days and from the day before matches start.
- e) The first transportation of the day must arrive at the tournament site a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes before the first practice session, or 30 minutes before the first match, whichever is the earliest.

18. Accommodation

- c) **Door widths/Bathrooms**
It is recommended that for access, door widths should be 90 cm or more. Furthermore, we recommend that bathroom doors are not removed to create space. There should also only be a maximum of two players per bathroom.

- d) **Tournament Desk in Hotel**
There must also be a tournament information point in the official hotel detailing the transportation schedule (including details of how to obtain transportation), order of play and results. A member of the organizing committee must be present in the hotel on the day of arrivals and departures.

PROMOTION

- a) **Tournament Entry Form**
Tournaments are obliged to accept the standard ITF Wheelchair Tennis Entry Form. A tournament shall include in its entry form the following clauses:

- i. I hereby agree to abide by the ITF Rules of Tennis, the ITF Rules of Wheelchair Tennis and pay the entry fee as required by the tournament. I further agree to abide by the Code of Conduct enforced by the tournament.
- ii. I hereby agree for participation in the Main Draw to abide by the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Code of Conduct and agree to comply with and be bound by all the provisions of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme set out in Bye-Law 4 of the Constitution of the International Tennis Federation.
- iii. I understand and agree that I have a medically diagnosed permanent physical disability as defined in the Rules of Wheelchair tennis, found at www.itftennis.com/wheelchair/rules/eligibilityrules.asp and that I am eligible to compete in ITF sanctioned wheelchair tennis tournaments. I understand that if requested by the ITF, I am required to supply appropriate medical documentation that substantiates the disability.

21. Prize Money

- e) In cases where there are less than five players in a draw and no points are awarded, no prize money will be awarded.
- f) Prize money should be paid immediately at the conclusion of the tournament.

29. Entries

a) IPIN: International Player Identification Number

All players entering ITF NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry to have an International Player Identification Number (IPIN). Failure by a player to have registered and paid for a valid IPIN Membership will result in the rejection of that player's entry. The International Player Identification Number (IPIN) service is available from www.itftennis.com/ipin.

e) Grand Slam Alternate Rule

A player is permitted to enter a Grand Slam event and another tournament during that same week on the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour. If the player does not gain direct entry into the Grand Slam event at the entry deadline the player can then compete in the entered NEC Tour event. The player will be placed in ranking order on a list of alternates. In the event of a withdrawal after the entry deadline at the Grand Slam the player will be replaced by

offering the place to the highest ranked player on the alternate list and thereafter to players on the alternate list in ranking order. These players can withdraw from the other event without penalty. If the player does gain entry into the Grand Slam event he should withdraw from the NEC Tour event more than two weeks before the start of the tournament

32. Conditions of Play

b) Match Format

All singles matches shall be the best of three (3) sets.

c) Tie Break

The ITF tie-break system shall be used in all sets. Match tie breaks can be used in doubles with prior approval from the ITF and this must be announced on the tournament factsheet (which should be available at least 6 weeks before the tournament commences).

l) Balls

A minimum of four (4) new balls are to be provided for the first and third sets of the Main Draw matches.

m) Practice Balls

A minimum of three (3) used balls per day for practice of the same manufacturer as the tournament ball, must be available free of charge to each player from the day prior to the commencement of play.

At Super Series and Masters Events, a minimum of six (6) balls should be made available per player per day.

40. 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 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:

Exchange Rate Fluctuation	Exchange Rate Adjustment
Less than 5%	None
Between 5-10%	5%
10% or greater	One-half the Exchange Rate Percentage Fluctuation *

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

Each Tournament electing to pay on-site prize money in a specific non-US currency shall obtain from the ITF the official rate for the tournament determined as above provided and shall use the same.

41. ITF Wheelchair Tennis Ranking

Bonus points will be awarded at the Invacare World Team Cup. The bonus points will be the same as those awarded at ITF 1 events. Round points will not apply.

XII Code of Conduct

NB: At the Grand Slams, the Grand Slams clothing regulations will apply.

These are not the only amendments to the 2010 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook. There have been amendments to the Welfare Policy and the Medical Conditions Rule. Please refer to the 2010 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook.