



Changes to the ITF Rules and Regulations for 2011

This document outlines the major changes in the Rules and Regulations for 2011 extracted from the 2011 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations.

History

The original eight founding member nations have been joined by over fifty other countries and it is estimated that wheelchair tennis is played in more than a hundred countries in all continents.

Publications

At the beginning of the year the ITF will publish a new Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations and Wheelchair Tennis Tournament Guide. The Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations includes information regarding the Rules, Competition and Events and the running of wheelchair tennis.

Rules of Wheelchair Tennis

Rules of Play

a. The Two Bounce Rule

The wheelchair tennis player is allowed two bounces of the ball. The player must return the ball before it bounces a third time. The second bounce can be either in or out of the court boundaries.

c. The Service

The service shall be delivered in the following manner:

iii. If conventional methods for the service are physically impossible for a quad player, then the player or another individual may drop the ball for such a player and allow it to bounce before it is struck. If this is the case, the same method of serving must be used for the entire match.

c. Player Loses Point

A player loses a point if:

i. The player fails to return the ball before it has bounced three times; or

- ii. Subject to rule e) below the player uses any part of his feet or lower extremities against the ground or against any wheel while delivering service, striking a ball, turning or stopping while the ball is in play; or
- iii. The player fails to keep one buttock in contact with his wheelchair seat when contacting the ball.

***Note:** The definition of lower extremities is: the lower limbs, including the buttocks, hips, thighs, legs, ankles and feet.*

13. Applications and Sanction Fees

Applications for tournaments must be submitted to the ITF on an official Wheelchair Tennis Tour application form. An invoice of the sanction fee will be sent by email prior to the tournament.

Organisational Requirements

g) Tournament Visitor Accreditation

Any Player Support Team Member, as defined by the ITF Welfare Policy (Appendix E) or Tournament Visitor, as defined below, attending an ITF NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour or World Team Cup event must report to the Tournament Committee upon arrival and request accreditation for the full duration of his/her stay. For the purposes of the accreditation the full name of the attendee and the organization he/she represents must be provided. Tournament Visitor Accreditation does not entitle the visitor to access private player areas, such as the locker rooms or player lounge. Where possible, tournament visitors should be provided with photo identification guest passes that are clearly distinguishable (e.g. by colour) from player identification passes.

Note: Tournament Visitors includes, but is not limited to, the following groups: Any prospective or current agent, suppliers, sports manufacturers, the media, recruitment organizations, or training, development and academic institutions of any description. For the avoidance of doubt, it does not include anyone visiting an event solely as a tennis spectator.

i) Co-operation with ITF

In addition to the above, tournaments must be willing to comply with the requirements of the ITF regarding submission of acceptance lists, results, reports and associated information, adhering to deadlines and Wheelchair Tennis Tour sponsorship requirements.

16. Venue

i) ITF Tournament Representatives Office/Desk

If an ITF Tournament Representative is attending the tournament an office/desk should be arranged with Internet access.

21. Prize Money

e) In the cases where the minimum number of players or teams is not met and no ranking points are awarded, no prize money will be awarded.

23. Procedures

a) All Wheelchair Tennis Tour Event organisers must forward by fax or email to Victoria Thorpe and the Wheelchair Tennis Department on the Sunday immediately following the completion of the Event

b) In addition, organisers must forward to Victoria Thorpe and the Wheelchair Tennis Department the completed tournament report, to be sent no later than three (3) weeks following the completion of the tournament. This report must include the following information:

- i. The Medical Form
- ii. A Tournament Report (if no ITF Representative on site)
- iii. The Prize Money Report
- iv. The Media Coverage Report
- v. The tournament programme, press cutting and other relevant tournament materials.

Conduct of Events

25. Junior Eligibility

Only boys and girls born on or after 1st January 1993 are eligible to compete in ITF Wheelchair Tennis Junior Events in 2011

29. Junior Player Images

Notwithstanding rule 28, it is prohibited for any Tournament Visitor to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images of junior players, unless they are the parent or legal guardian of the player, without the express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of the parent , legal guardian of the player or ITF Referee. Any authorised images must be exclusively of tennis matches, practice or tournament activity including the presentation of trophies.

30. Television, Recording and Radio Rights

ITF is the exclusive owner of all "audio" and "audio-visual" media rights to the Event including but without limitation to all forms of television, internet, mobile, radio and other electronic media.

ITF hereby agrees to assign to the Tournament the exclusive right to appoint and enter into any contracts with Host Broadcasters to produce and broadcast coverage of the Event taking place during the term of the Agreement by means

of Traditional Broadcast Television and Traditional over the air radio within the Host Territory, provided that the Tournament will procure a full assignment of copyright and other IP rights in any coverage to ITF (including but not limited to "archive rights").

Any revenues generated by the Tournament from such contracts will be for the sole benefit of the Tournament.

The Tournament will make best efforts to negotiate with the Host Television Broadcaster to provide the ITF, free of charge, with recordings of all matches at the Event in such format as requested by ITF. In the event a charge is incurred, subject to acceptance of the same by the ITF, this will be paid by the ITF.

Archive Rights

Upon expiration of the Agreement ITF shall remain the exclusive owner of all audio and audio-visual media rights ("archive rights").

30. International Sponsorship

The ITF retains the right to secure international sponsors (Title & Ancillary) for the Tour. An international sponsor will have the right to exposure at all events of the Tour. The ITF grants all events the right to secure local sponsors.

The ITF retains the exclusive right for net branding at each event of the Tour. The Tournament is not allowed to place branding on the net unless agreed otherwise in writing with the ITF.

32. Research

No research involving players, coaches or other persons directly associated with a tournament shall be conducted without prior approval of the ITF.

33. 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 active International Player Identification Number (IPIN).

i) Entry Deadline

The following entry deadlines will be used:

- 6 weeks – GS Note: 6 weeks before the start of the 2 week Grand Slam tournament.

34. Registration

a) IPIN: International Player Identification Number

All players entering ITF NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour tournaments, the World Team Cup event, and the tennis event at the Paralympic Games agree, as a condition of their entry to have an active International Player Identification Number (IPIN).

36. Conditions of Play

h) Time Limit Repairs, Broken Equipment, Strapping of Racket (quad players)

Delay beyond a total of fifteen (15) minutes will result in a point penalty, and delay beyond twenty (20) minutes will result in a default.

37. Format of Play

g) Grand Slam Tournaments may be extended as necessary for completion

38. Draw Sizes

ii. Doubles

Teams are selected according to the following method:

(1) Teams consisting of two players with an ITF Ranking, in order of the combined ranking of the two players. If two doubles teams have the same combined ranking, the pair with the highest ranked individual player should be accepted first.

(2) Teams consisting of one player with an ITF Ranking and one unranked player, in order of ranking for the ranked player. Ties shall be resolved by a draw.

(3) Teams consisting of two players without ITF Ranking. The order of teams shall be drawn.

a) Second Draw: men (women and quad draws at selected events)

ii. Doubles

At ITF 3 and Futures events the Main Draw and Second Draw doubles can be combined in order to ensure draws have enough doubles teams to constitute a draw.

iii. Women Singles and Doubles

Note

7. At ITF 3 events there needs to be a minimum of 4 doubles teams for ranking points to be awarded.

iv. Quad Singles and Doubles

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f) Consolation

Tournaments are requested to organise a consolation draw for all the first match losers of all the Main singles draws. Non-seeded players losing in the second round who have received a 'bye' in the first round can play Consolation Draw. Points will be awarded to the winner and runner-up of the men's, women's and quad consolation draws at Futures Series to ITF 1 Series events.

i) Late withdrawal

If late withdrawals affect the minimum number of players needed, ranking points still will be awarded for the draw provided that the Referee has informed the ITF of the withdrawal/s.

39. Seeds

b) The number of players to be seeded should be based on the actual draw size and not to the set draw size.

41. Feed up Cards (Singles Only)

Winner of 2nd Draw Futures → Feed Up Card for Futures, ITF 3

43. Changes after the Draw

a) Mistakes in the Draw

Every effort will be made to ensure that the draws are made correctly according to the Rules laid out in these Rules and Regulations

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

44. Prize Money

Prize money shall be paid in cash or by cheque on-site or by bank transfer immediately following the event in US Dollars unless prior approval to pay in any other currency is obtained in writing from the ITF no less than four (4) months prior to the start of the tournament.

A non-US tournament may elect to pay on-site prize money in US Dollars or in local currency. If local currency is selected, then the exchange rate for a given tournament (official ITF exchange rate) shall be the average of the six (6) months

immediately preceding six (6) months prior to the tournament. If on the Monday, seven (7) days prior to the start of the tournament, there is a fluctuation in the official ITF exchange rate of five percent (5%) or more, up or down, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted, up or down as follows

45. ITF Wheelchair Tennis Ranking System

JUNIORS (Singles ONLY)

GRADE A EVENTS

Boys	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>8</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	
Girls	<u>8</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	
	<u>4</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>		

B. CONSOLATION MAIN DRAW (Singles only)

MEN

Futures	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

WOMEN

Futures	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>

QUAD

Futures	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>

C. SECOND DRAW (Singles and Doubles)

MEN

Futures	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3*</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4*</u>	<u>2</u>	

XII. WORLD TEAM CUP RULES

52. Competition

d) Format

From 2012, the World Team Cup will be played under a new format, with WG1 and WG2 being reduced each to 12 teams, the top 10 Nations from 2011 will receive direct entry in the 2012 World Team Cup with the winner of WG2 and the winner of the relegation play-off match between nation 11 of WG1 and the runner-up of WG2 making up the final places for the 2012 WG1. Positions 12 to 16 of World Group 1 and the loser of the relegation match between nation 11 of WG 1 and the runner up of WG 2 will play World Group 2 in the 2012 World Team Cup. The remaining 6 nations in World Group 2 will be the winners of the 4 qualification regions plus 2 wild cards to be used for the Host Nation of the World Group and/or the largest qualification(s).

The Main Draw for juniors shall be played in a Round Robin format. The teams finishing in the top 2 positions of each pool will face each other in a cross-over semi final.

a) Match Tie Breaks

Match Tie Breaks will be used during the competition the following way:

- Men's World Group 1: Only in dead rubbers for doubles
- Men's World Group 2: All doubles
- Women's World Group: Only in dead rubbers for doubles
- Quads: Only in dead rubbers for doubles
- Juniors: All doubles
- Promotion Regulation Matches: All doubles

g) Rules to be observed

The Competition shall take place in accordance with the Rules of Tennis, the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis, the World Team Cup contract (including Appendix A, B and C) and the Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations.

In submitting any entry, a Nation automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfill all their obligations under the above Rules and Regulations. Any Nation failing to honor this undertaking shall be subject to penalties given in Section 8, "Penalties" and the Code of Conduct in the Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations.

58. Conduct of the Competition

j) Medical Conditions Rule

The Medical Conditions Rule shall apply (see Appendix C of the Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations).

59. Conditions of Play

Please see Section 36, “Conditions of Play”, with the exception of 36c and k of the Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations

60. Penalties

a) Team Changes, Withdrawals and No Shows

iv. A ‘no show’ by a team and/or player for the opening ceremony, the draw, official dinner and prize ceremonies, will be treated as ‘unsportsmanlike conduct’ and will be dealt with under Section XIII ‘Code of Conduct’ of the Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations.

b) Code of Conduct

Each team member of each nation that enters and/or participates in the competition shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Code of Conduct set out in Section XIII of the Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations.

c) Welfare Policy

Any player that enters and/or participates in the competition, and any Player Support Team Members of any players that enters and/or participates in the competition shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix E of the Wheelchair Tennis Rules and Regulations.

c) Medical Control

National Associations entering the competition and those players nominated to compete on their behalf, agree as a condition of entry, to the following:

a) Anti-Doping policy

Random doping control tests may be conducted during the competition in accordance with the ITF Tennis Anti-doping programme.

b) If any player following completion of the procedures, including appeal, set forth in the 2011 ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is found to have committed a Doping Offence no match result shall be re-assessed except in the case of the Final where such player’s wins (if any) will be reversed. This may result in the team which originally lost the Final being declared the Champion Nation. Such player will be subject to penalties laid down in the 2011 ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

XIII. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

64. Exclusive Applicability

a) To Players and Tournaments

The 2011 Code of Conduct for Wheelchair Tennis shall be the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any player or tournament in ITF sanctioned Wheelchair Tennis Events

67. Player on-site Offences

Dress and Equipment

At the Grand Slams, the Grand Slams clothing regulations will apply

ii. Identifications on Clothing and Equipment

No identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing, products or equipment on court before, during and after a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony.

s) Defaults

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided shall lose all ranking points earned for that event at that tournament and may be fined up to the prize money won at the tournament in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident.

68. Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program

B. Definitions

1. "Tournament Support Personnel" refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, agent, contractor or any similarly situated person at any Event and any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

D. Offenses

Commission of any offense set forth in Section D or E of this Program including a violation of the Reporting Obligations or any other violation of the provisions of this Program shall constitute a Corruption Offense for all purposes of this Program.

1. Corruption Offenses.

c. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration for the provision of an accreditation to an Event (i) for the purpose of facilitating a commission of a Corruption Offense; or (ii) which leads, directly or indirectly, to the commission of a Corruption Offense.

b. Related Persons and Tournament Support Personnel.

c. For the avoidance of doubt, a failure of the Reporting Obligation by any Covered Person shall constitute a Corruption Offense for all purposes of the Program.

F. Investigation and Procedure

1. Investigations.

iii. The interview shall be recorded. The recorded interviews shall be used for transcription and evidentiary purposes and thereafter shall be retained by the TIU for a minimum of 3 years in a secure place.

3. Each Covered Person shall be determined to be immediately contactable at the most current postal address provided to a Governing Body. Any Notice delivered hereunder to a Covered Person at such address, shall be deemed to have been received by the Covered Person on date of delivery to such address in the confirmation of delivery provided by the courier service company. At its discretion, as an alternative to or in conjunction with the courier delivery, any other method of secure and confidential communication may be used, including, but not limited to hand delivery, facsimile or e-mail, provided that the burden of proving receipt via such alternative methods shall be on the sending party.

G. Due Process

1. Commencement of Proceedings.

b. The Notice shall also specify that, if the Covered Person wishes to dispute the PTIO's allegations, the Covered Person must submit a written request to the AHO for a Hearing so that it is received as soon as possible, but in any event within fourteen business days of the date of the receipt of Notice as defined in Article F.3.

c. A Covered Person shall direct any response to a Notice to the AHO with a copy to the PTIO and may respond in one of the following ways:

i. To admit the Corruption Offense and accede to the imposition of sanctions, in which case no hearing shall be conducted and the AHO shall promptly issue a Decision confirming the commission of the Corruption Offense(s) alleged in the Notice and ordering the imposition of sanctions, which shall be determined by the AHO after requesting and giving due consideration to a written submission from the PTIO on the recommended sanction.

ii. To deny the Corruption Offense and to have the AHO determine the charge, and if the charge is upheld, the sanctions, at a hearing conducted in accordance with Section G.2.

iii. To admit that he or she has committed the Corruption Offense(s) specified in the Notice, but to dispute and/or seek to mitigate the sanctions specified in the Notice. Either a request for hearing or a written submission solely on the issue of the sanction must be submitted simultaneously with the Covered Person's response to the Notice. If a hearing is requested, it shall be conducted in accordance with Section G.2. If no hearing is requested, the AHO shall promptly issue a Decision confirming the commission of the Corruption Offense(s) specified in the Notice and ordering the imposition of sanctions, after giving due consideration to the Covered Person's written submission (if any) and any response submitted by the PTIO.

d. If the Covered Person fails to file a written request for a hearing by the deadline set out in Section G. 1. b, he or she shall be deemed: the AHO shall promptly issue a Decision confirming the commission of the Corruption Offense(s) alleged in the Notice and ordering the imposition of sanctions, (after requesting and giving due consideration to a written submission from the PTIO on the recommended sanction).

f. In the event a Covered Person requests a hearing under Section G.1.c.ii or G.2.c.iii, thereafter, but no more than twenty business days after the date of the Notice or request for Hearing if received, the AHO shall convene a meeting or telephone conference with the PTIO and/or its legal representatives, the Covered Person to whom the Notice was sent and his or her legal representatives (if any), to take jurisdiction formally over the matter and to address any pre-Hearing issues. The non-attendance of the Covered Person or his

H. Sanctions

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a) With respect to any Player, (i) a fine of up to \$250,000 plus an amount equal to the value of any winnings or other amounts received by such Covered Person in connection with any Corruption Offense, (ii) ineligibility for participation in any event organized or sanctioned by any Governing Body for a period of up to three years, and (iii) with respect to any violation of Section D.1, clauses (d)-(j) and Section D.2., ineligibility for participation in any event organized or sanctioned by any Governing Body for a maximum period of permanent ineligibility

J. Conditions of Reinstatement

1. Once a Covered Person's period of ineligibility or suspension has expired and the Covered Person has paid all fines and/or prize money forfeitures, the Covered Person will become automatically eligible and no application by the Covered Person for reinstatement will be necessary.

2. All fines and/or prize money forfeitures imposed on players hereunder must be paid within thirty (30) days following the later of the receipt of an AHO decision

or, if appealed to CAS, the receipt of the CAS decision. If not paid within the prescribed timeframe, the player shall be ineligible for participation in any event organized or sanctioned by any Governing Body until such time as the fine and/or prize money forfeitures have been paid in full. The AHO and the PTIO shall have the discretion to establish an instalment plan for payment of any fines and/or prize money forfeitures. For the avoidance of doubt, the schedule of payments pursuant to such plan may extend beyond any period of ineligibility; however, a default in payment under such plan shall automatically trigger a period of ineligibility until such default is cured.

69. Player Major Offences

a) Aggravated Behaviour

No player or related person at any ITF sanctioned wheelchair tennis event shall engage in “Aggravated Behaviour” which is defined as follows:-

In addition, any player or related person, who, directly or indirectly, offers or provides or receives any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other covered person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the tournament site shall be deemed to have engaged in aggravated behavior and be in violation of this section.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a related person or others, shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$1,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and a maximum penalty or permanent suspension from play in all ITF sanctioned wheelchair tennis events.

Violation of this section shall subject a related person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF sanctioned Wheelchair Tennis events.

b) Conduct contrary to the Integrity of the Game

No player or related person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, he may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and the ITF Executive Director may provisionally suspend such a player from further participation in ITF sanctioned events pending a final determination in section c). In addition, 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.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a related person or others, shall subject a player to a fine up to \$1,000 and/or to a maximum penalty or permanent suspension from play in all ITF sanctioned wheelchair tennis events.

Violation of this section shall subject a related person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF sanctioned Wheelchair Tennis events.

72. Tournament Offences

f) Late cancellation

Tournament Offences

- Tournament organising committees cancelling a tournament in excess of 60 days prior to the start of the tournament will be fined as follows :-

Super series – up to \$ 2500

ITF level 1/2 – up to \$1000

ITF level 3 and Futures – up to \$500

- Tournament organising committees cancelling a tournament within 60 days prior to the start of the tournament will be fined as follows :-

Super series – up to \$5000

ITF level 1/2 – up to \$2500

ITF level 3 and Futures – up to \$1000

APPENDIX A

C. PROTESTS

4. Classification Protest Deadline for the 2012 Paralympic Tennis Event

The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee has established the deadline for protests by member nations against a player's minimum eligibility or status to compete in the quad division prior to the 2012 Paralympic tennis event in London. The deadline will be the 1st September 2011. The ITF will not permit any protests by ITF/IWTA member nations from this date until the conclusion of the 2012 Paralympic Tennis event to ensure certainty of preparation for all players aiming to qualify for the competition.

APPENDIX F

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.

