

## 2023 ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR REGULATIONS

### Summary of Key Rules Changes (as at 25 November 2022)

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2023 ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full Tour Regulations can be seen in the 'Beach Tennis' section at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

Changes made from the previous year (2022) are shown in underlined text.

#### E. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TOUR

##### 1. Medical Control – Anti-Doping Policy

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##### 5. Tournament Responsibilities

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###### a. Tournament Fact Sheet

The official Fact Sheet is generated through the submission of the sanction application. This must be done at least six (6) weeks (42 days) before a BT10 or BT50 tournament, eight (8) weeks (56 days) before tournaments at BT100 or BT200 and ten (10) weeks (70 days) before tournaments at BT400 and above.

##### 9. National Association Responsibilities

National Associations shall ensure that the Tournaments they sanction for inclusion on the Tour maintain appropriately high standards of organisation and administration. This includes, but is not limited to, prompt payment of associated prize money and having in place and maintaining appropriate policies and procedures for example, in respect of safeguarding and ensuring that the Tournaments they sanction comply with such policies and with the ITF Welfare Policy and *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Guidelines* (as may be amended from time to time).

## 10. Rankings and Allocation of Points

Except in exceptional circumstances, as decided by the ITF, a player's World Ranking will be based on his/her best ten (10) doubles results calculated on a 52-week rollover system except that ranking points earned at major events (i.e. categories above BT400) will remain active until the end of the next respective editions of those events.

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Ranking points will be added to a player's record adhering to the following timelines:

- Monday following tournament conclusion: BT200, BT400, Sand Series, Regional and World Championships
- Second Monday following tournament conclusion: BT10, BT50, BT100

## 15. Prize Money Distribution

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### d. Uncompleted Matches

If a Tournament is cancelled, e.g. due to poor weather, and there has been no play, first round Prize Money will be paid out to the teams in accordance with the percentage distribution for the first round of the event.

If play has commenced and been terminated before the Tournament is concluded, teams will be paid loser's prize money and ranking points for the round they reached.

The difference between the total and allocated prize money will revert to the Tournament.

## F. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

### 3. Entry and Withdrawal Deadline

The Entry Deadline is at 14.00 GMT on Thursday, eleven (11) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week.

The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14.00 GMT on the Thursday four (4) days preceding the Monday of the Tournament Week.

Entries received after the Entry Deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser. Acceptance priority shall be given to teams that enter before the Entry Deadline. The Tournament Organiser must advise the ITF of any accepted teams promptly. Changes will be made on the ITF website.

## G. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### 3. Knock-out Draws

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## I. Main Draw

Draw Size (teams)	8	16	24	32
Wild Cards	1	2	2	4
Qualifiers	0	2	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
Direct Acceptances	7	12	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>

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### b. Seeds

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#### I. Selection of Seeds

Seeding shall be based on the combined World Ranking position of each team, using the World Rankings published the Monday immediately prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. Ties shall be separated using the System of Merit. Teams where both players do not have a World Ranking shall not be given a combined ranking and shall not be seeded.

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### c. Making the Draw

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## II. Main Draw

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#### a. Byes

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

## 4. Round Robin

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#### a. Distribution of Ranking Points

Ranking points will be awarded to players based on their team's final position in accordance with the Ranking Points table. For the purposes of this rule: if one (1) round robin group is played, a team's final standing shall be used; if two (2) round robin groups are played, the second-place teams in each group shall be awarded semi-finalist ranking points and the remaining teams shall be awarded quarter-finalist ranking points.

Full points will only be awarded to teams that have won a minimum of one (1) match. A team failing to win a match will receive 50% of the available points.

## 7. Suspension, Postponement, and Abandonment

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The ITF Supervisor may abandon a tournament due to conditions of the grounds or weather where it is deemed unviable for the tournament to continue.

## 8. Hospitality

If official hospitality is offered, the conditions of such hospitality must be available in compliance with the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Guidelines* and the conditions must be equal for the men's and women's events at Tournaments. At BT100 and above Tournaments hospitality must be offered to the top four teams (in the official hotel). At all other Tournaments hospitality may be offered to a defined number of teams based only on their position on the Acceptance List. Hospitality may not be conditional on a team's performance or on the entry of specific players or teams.

Where hospitality is offered it is defined as a complimentary room for the use of each pair beginning at least one (1) day before the start of Main Draw until the day following the last day of the Tournament.

Where optional Hospitality Bundles are available to BT100 and above Tournaments, please see Appendix D in the *ITF Beach Tennis Tournament Organisational Guidelines* for full requirements.

## 9. Courts

All match courts shall be of exactly the same surface. The orientation of all match courts shall be substantially aligned, except in exceptional cases approved in writing by the ITF.

In the event of bad weather play may be moved under cover, but the surface of all such courts must be the same.

Sufficient match courts must be available to accommodate full Qualifying and Main Draws.

In addition, for all tournaments at BT100 and above, there shall be at least one (1) practice court per sixteen (16) teams on site.

## 11. ITF Supervisor

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- d. Uploading orders of play and results daily using Tournament Planner software; and

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## 13. Match Format

Each match in the Qualifying and Main Draws will be the best of three sets: two tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set should the score reach one set all, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Consolation events must follow the Main Draw match format unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

#### 16. Entry Fee

The following maximum Entry Fee may be charged per team per Tournament (unless otherwise authorised by ITF), covering teams in both Main Draw and Qualifying:

TOUR	Max. Entry Fee (per team) *
World Championships	US\$150
Regional Championships	US\$100
Sand Series	US\$150
BT400	US\$150
BT200	US\$100
BT100	<u>US\$100</u>
BT50	<u>US\$70</u>
BT10	<u>US\$70</u>

#### 21. Balls

In the Main Draw and Qualifying of BT10, BT50, and BT100 tournaments there shall be a minimum of two (2) new ITF Approved Stage 2 balls for each match.

In the Main Draw and Qualifying of BT200 and above tournaments there shall be a minimum of four (4) new ITF Approved Stage 2 balls for each match.

## APPENDIX B - TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND RANKING POINTS

### ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR RANKING POINTS

Tournaments shall be classified into Prize Money categories, with ranking points as set out below.

#### a. Knock-out events

CATEGORY	MD	QD	QUALIFIERS	ROUNDS	MAIN DRAW					
					W	F	SF	QF	L16	L32/24
World Championships	32	48	8	3	1000	720	432	216	108	54
	32	32	8	2	1000	720	432	216	108	54
	32	16	8	1	1000	720	432	216	108	54
Sand Series Tour Finals	8	0	0	-	600	360	216	108	-	-
Sand Series 100	32	32	8	2	800	504	300	150	75	37
	32	16	8	1	800	504	300	150	75	37
Sand Series 75	32	32	8	2	700	432	260	130	65	32
	32	16	8	1	700	432	260	130	65	32
Sand Series 50	32	32	8	2	600	360	216	108	54	27
	32	16	8	1	600	360	216	108	54	27
BT400	32	32	8	2	400	240	144	72	36	18
	32	16	8	1	400	240	144	72	36	18
	24	24	8	2	400	240	144	72	36	18
	24	16	8	1	400	240	144	72	36	18
	16	16	4	2	400	240	144	72	18	-
	16	8	4	1	400	240	144	72	18	-
BT200 / Regional Championships 1	32	32	8	2	200	120	72	36	18	9
	32	16	8	1	200	120	72	36	18	9
	24	24	8	2	200	120	72	36	18	9
	24	16	8	1	200	120	72	36	18	9
	16	16	4	2	200	120	72	36	9	-
	16	8	4	1	200	120	72	36	9	-
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	32	32	8	2	100	60	36	18	9	5
	32	16	8	1	100	60	36	18	9	5
	24	24	8	2	100	60	36	18	9	5
	24	16	8	1	100	60	36	18	9	5
	16	16	4	2	100	60	36	18	5	-
	16	8	4	1	100	60	36	18	5	-
BT50	32	32	8	2	50	30	18	9	5	1
	32	16	8	1	50	30	18	9	5	1
	24	24	8	2	50	30	18	9	5	1
	24	16	8	1	50	30	18	9	5	1
	16	16	4	2	50	30	18	9	1	-
	16	8	4	1	50	30	18	9	1	-
BT10	8	0	0	-	50	30	18	9	1	-
	32	32	8	2	10	7	5	3	1	-
	32	16	8	1	10	7	5	3	1	-
	24	24	8	2	10	7	5	3	1	-
	24	16	8	1	10	7	5	3	1	-
	16	16	4	2	10	7	5	3	-	-
	16	8	4	1	10	7	5	3	-	-
	8	0	0	-	10	7	5	3	-	-

BUNDLE POINTS*						
MAIN DRAW						
BUNDLE	W	F	SF	QF	L16	L32/24
BT400						
TV	40	24	14	7	4	2
HOSPITALITY	20	12	7	4	2	1
OFFICIATING	10	6	4	2	1	0
BT200						
TV	20	12	7	4	2	1
HOSPITALITY	10	6	3	2	1	0
OFFICIATING	5	3	2	1	0	0
BT100						
TV	10	6	3	2	1	0
HOSPITALITY	5	3	2	1	0	0
OFFICIATING	3	2	1	0	0	0

(\* Additional Bundles are optional and can only be offered at BT100, BT200 and BT400 tournaments at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser.

Classification of Regional Championships 1 (RC1) and Regional Championships 2 (RC2) is determined by the ITF Beach Tennis Committee having regard to the quality of the draw (average player ranking and number of players competing) in the immediately preceding three calendar years. New Regional Championships will by default be allocated RC2 status.

#### **QUALIFYING DRAW RANKING POINTS**

Where held, Qualifying Draw Events will offer ranking points for teams who play the Qualifying Draw and do not qualify for the Main Draw.

CATEGORY	MD	QD	QUALIFIERS	ROUNDS	QUALIFYING		
					FRQ	R2	R1
World Championships	32	48	8	3	34	19	13
	32	32	8	2	34	-	19
	32	16	8	1	34	-	-
Sand Series Tour Finals	8	0	0	-	-	-	-
Sand Series 100	32	32	8	2	24	-	13
	32	16	8	1	24	-	-
Sand Series 75	32	32	8	2	19	-	10
	32	16	8	1	19	-	-
Sand Series 50	32	32	8	2	14	-	7
	32	16	8	1	14	-	-
BT400	32	32	8	2	9	-	4
	32	16	8	1	9	-	-
	24	24	8	2	9	-	4
	24	16	8	1	9	-	-
	16	16	4	2	9	-	4
	16	8	4	1	9	-	-
BT200 / Regional Championships 1	32	32	8	2	5	-	2
	32	16	8	1	5	-	-
	24	24	8	2	5	-	2
	24	16	8	1	5	-	-
	16	16	4	2	7	-	5
	16	8	4	1	7	-	-
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	32	32	8	2	2	-	1
	32	16	8	1	2	-	-
	24	24	8	2	2	-	1
	24	16	8	1	2	-	-
	16	16	4	2	3	-	2
	16	8	4	1	3	-	-
BT50	32	32	8	2	0	-	0
	32	16	8	1	0	-	0
	24	24	8	2	0	-	0
	24	16	8	1	0	-	0
	16	16	4	2	1	-	0
	16	8	4	1	1	-	-
	8	0	0	-	-	-	-
BT10	32	32	8	2	0	-	0
	32	16	8	1	0	-	-
	24	24	8	2	0	-	0
	24	16	8	1	0	-	-
	16	16	4	2	0	-	0
	16	8	4	1	0	-	-
	8	0	0	-	-	-	-

## CONSOLATION EVENTS

Consolation events may be held at the discretion of the Tournament. If held, consolation events shall be available to those teams who lose in the first (1<sup>st</sup>) round, or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) round if the team has a bye in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, of the Main Draw.

Consolation events must comprise of a minimum of four (4) teams. See Regulation G.13 for match format details for consolation events.



Any points won in the Consolation Draw will be added to any Main Draw points won.

CATEGORY	MD	QD	QUALIFIERS	ROUNDS	CONSOLATION				
					W	F	SF	QF	L16
World Championships	32	48	8	3	53	37	29	19	13
	32	32	8	2	53	37	29	19	13
	32	16	8	1	53	37	29	19	13
Sand Series Tour Finals	8	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sand Series 100	32	32	8	2	37	27	19	11	7
	32	16	8	1	37	27	19	11	7
Sand Series 75	32	32	8	2	32	23	15	9	6
	32	16	8	1	32	23	15	9	6
Sand Series 50	32	32	8	2	26	19	11	7	5
	32	16	8	1	26	19	11	7	5
BT400	32	32	8	2	17	12	8	6	4
	32	16	8	1	17	12	8	6	4
	24	24	8	2	17	12	8	6	-
	24	16	8	1	17	12	8	6	-
	16	16	4	2	17	12	8	6	-
	16	8	4	1	17	12	8	6	-
BT200 / Regional Championships 1	32	32	8	2	8	6	4	3	2
	32	16	8	1	8	6	4	3	2
	24	24	8	2	8	6	4	3	-
	24	16	8	1	8	6	4	3	-
	16	16	4	2	8	6	4	3	-
	16	8	4	1	8	6	4	3	-
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	32	32	8	2	3	2	1	0	0
	32	16	8	1	3	2	1	0	0
	24	24	8	2	3	2	1	0	-
	24	16	8	1	3	2	1	0	-
	16	16	4	2	3	2	1	0	-
	16	8	4	1	3	2	1	0	-
BT50	32	32	8	2	3	2	1	0	0
	32	16	8	1	3	2	1	0	0
	24	24	8	2	3	2	1	0	-
	24	16	8	1	3	2	1	0	-
	16	16	4	2	3	2	1	0	-
	16	8	4	1	3	2	1	0	-
	8	0	0	-	3	2	1	-	-
BT10	32	32	8	2	1	0	0	0	0
	32	16	8	1	1	0	0	0	0
	24	24	8	2	1	0	0	0	-
	24	16	8	1	1	0	0	0	-
	16	16	4	2	1	0	0	0	-
	16	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	-
	8	0	0	-	1	0	0	-	-

**b. Round Robin Events**

CATEGORY	MD	QD	MAIN DRAW			
			1ST	2ND	3RD/4TH	5TH-8TH
Sand Series Tour Finals	8	0	600	360	216	108
BT200 / Regional Championships 1	8	0	200	120	72	36
BT100 / Regional Championships 2	8	0	100	60	36	18
BT50	8	0	50	30	18	9
BT10	8	0	10	7	5	3

BUNDLE POINTS*				
MAIN DRAW				
BUNDLE	1ST	2ND	3RD/4TH	5TH-8TH
<i>BT200</i>				
<i>TV</i>	20	12	7	4
<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	10	6	3	2
<i>OFFICIATING</i>	5	3	2	1
<i>BT100</i>				
<i>TV</i>	10	6	3	2
<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	5	3	2	1
<i>OFFICIATING</i>	3	2	1	0

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#### APPENDIX E - ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT

##### ARTICLE V: MEDICAL CONTROL – ANTI-DOPING POLICY

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