

Friday 31 July 2020

Dear President / CEO / General Secretary,

Following our recent communication regarding plans for the resumption of play on the ITF Circuits, we are pleased to provide further details on return dates and ranking criteria for each Circuit.

The ITF Return to Tennis protocols and supporting documentation can be found at itftennis.com. All tournaments and participants must follow these protocols as well as government guidelines, where those requirements go beyond the ITF protocols.

The current plans to restart each respective ITF Circuit and the rankings criteria that will be adopted are outlined below:

ITF World Tennis Tour (Professional)

- The ITF World Tennis Tour is scheduled to resume on 17 August 2020.

ITF World Tennis Tour (Juniors)

- ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments are scheduled to resume on 31 August 2020 (qualifying on 29-30 August permitted). However, a maximum of Grade 3 (J3/B3) ranking points will be awarded for the remainder of 2020. Any tournament scheduled for 31 August-31 December 2020 that is Grade 2 or better (JA, J1, J2) will receive Grade 3 (J3) ranking points.
- Draw sizes are restricted to 32 in qualifying singles, 32 in main draw singles and 24 pairs in doubles for the remainder of 2020.
- The entry deadline for all tournaments for the remainder of 2020 shall be reduced, unless otherwise stated, to twenty (20) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week, i.e. 14.00pm (GMT) on the Tuesday.
- Exception is granted by the ITF Juniors Committee for Roland Garros 2020 to continue with Grade A points and to stage larger draws.
- Following the General Administration of Sport in China's directive, the 2020 ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals in Chengdu, China is cancelled this year.

ITF Seniors Circuit

- ITF Seniors Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 4 tournaments are scheduled to resume on 31 August. Higher graded tournaments will not take place for the remainder of 2020.
- ITF Regional Championships, Grade A and Grade 1 tournaments may take place as Grade 2 tournaments in 2020, subject to the approval of the ITF, and revert to their assigned grade in 2021.

Beach Tennis (Professional and Juniors)

- The ITF Beach Tennis World Tour and ITF Beach Tennis Juniors Tour (ITF Beach Tennis Tours) is scheduled to restart on 31 August 2020.
- The ITF Beach Tennis Tours is scheduled to restart with all categories permitted, BT10 - BT400 and BT J100, respectively for the Professional and Juniors Tour.
- The postponed ITF Beach Tennis World Championships will not take place in 2020 as it has not been possible to secure an alternative location. The World Championships will return to Terracina, Italy in 2021.

Wheelchair

- The UNIQLLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour will not resume before 31 August, with a firm re-start date to be determined later by the ITF Wheelchair Committee, in consultation with the Player Council.

ITF Circuits Rankings Implementation

Across the ITF Circuits department, the overall approach to reintegrating the different rankings is to provide fairness to players to the greatest extent possible, while also keeping the familiar concept of the rankings.

As a result, across all ITF Circuits, and for at least the remainder of 2020, those who cannot play because of travel restrictions or those who do not want to play because of health concerns, will not be penalised by losing points. Each Circuit will see the ranking period extended, in some cases from 52 weeks up to 104 weeks.

Until at least the end of 2020, players who do play can only add points rather than lose points. Given the ever-changing circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF reserves the right to modify the rankings approach for each Circuit if a lack of tournaments or ongoing travel restrictions require it.

The amended rules for each ITF Circuit outlined below have been approved by the ITF Board and shall come into effect when each respective Circuit resumes:

ITF World Tennis Tour (Professional)

- All ITF World Tennis ranking points from a player's March 16, 2020 ranking breakdown are currently frozen (points earned in \$15k and \$25k qualifying tournaments).
- All points earned in 2019 will have their "drop-date" extend by 52 weeks (i.e. will drop in 2021 not 2020).
- Upon the planned resumption of play (17 August) the ITF World Tennis Ranking would be extended so that a player's ranking will be comprised of his/her best 14 results between March 2019 and December 2020, a total of 94 weeks.
- Those who do play can add to their ranking points total if they earn a result that is better than their "Best other" tournament.
- Assuming a full calendar of events from January 2021 onwards, ITF points will start to drop in week 1 of 2021.
- This mirrors the timelines and approach of the ATP and WTA rankings.

ITF World Tennis Tour (Juniors)

- From the resumption of competition on 31 August 2020, until 14 March 2021, a player's combined ranking will be comprised of his / her best 6 singles results and 25% of his / her best 6 doubles results achieved between 18 March 2019 – 14 March 2021 (i.e. 104 week ranking period), during what is an extended ranking period.
- Results from tournaments upon resumption on 31 August 2020 will replace a player's result from that tournament held the previous year if it is a better result and provided it is one of the player's best 6 results.
- Results earned between 18 March 2019 and 15 March 2020 (i.e. 52 weeks) are protected and will have their ranking drop date extended by 52 weeks.
- Effective from 15 March 2021, points from 2019 and/or 2020 will drop on an ongoing weekly basis and be replaced with points earned from tournaments in 2021.

- Results from higher graded (JA, J1/B1, J2/B2 and J3/B3) tournaments can be counted a maximum of once within a player's best 6 results during the 104-week period (i.e. double counting of the same tournament is not permitted).
- Results from lower graded (J4 & J5) tournaments can be counted more than once within a player's best 6 results during the 104-week period.
- The ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors circuit plan to return to the 52-week ranking in December 2021.

ITF Seniors Circuit

- From the resumption of competition on 31 August 2020, and until 14 March 2021, a player's combined ranking will be comprised of his / her best 4 results between 18 March 2019 – 14 March 2021 (i.e. 104-week ranking period).
- Results from tournaments upon resumption on 31 August 2020 will replace a player's result from that tournament held the previous year if it is a better result and provided it is one of a player's best 4 results.
- Results earned between 18 March 2019 and 15 March 2020 (i.e. 52 weeks) are protected and will have their ranking drop date extended by 52 weeks.
- Effective from 15 March 2021, points from 2019 and/or 2020 will drop on an ongoing weekly basis and be replaced with points earned from tournaments in 2021.
- Results from higher graded tournaments can be counted a maximum of once within a player's best 4 results (i.e. double counting of the same tournament is not permitted). This includes the World Championships, Regional Championships, Grade A, Grade 1 and Grade 2 tournaments. From January 2021, this will apply to the World Championships, S1000, S700 and S400 grade tournaments.
- Results from the same Grade 3 or Grade 4 tournament (S100 and S200 in 2021) within the 104-week period may be counted more than once.
- The ITF Seniors Circuit plan to return to the 52-week ranking in December 2021.

Beach Tennis (Professional)

- All points from a player's 23 March 2020 ranking breakdown are currently frozen.
- All points contributing to ranking releases from 1 April 2019 to 23 March 2020 inclusive (i.e. 52 weeks) are protected and will have their ranking drop date extended by 52 weeks to make up a 104-week ranking.
- Upon the planned resumption of play (31 August 2020) the ranking would be extended so that a player's ranking will be comprised of his/her Best 8 results between March 2019 and March 2021, a total of 104 weeks.
- All tournaments categories will be permitted, subject to application process, safety protocols and eligibility criteria.
- Double counting of points from the same tournament will not be permitted at BT100 tournaments or above. Where a player competes in the same BT100 or better tournament in the 104-week period, the better of the two results will be counted. I.e. best result from 2019 or 2020.
- The same tournament at BT10 and BT50 may be counted twice during the 104-week ranking period.
- Assuming a full calendar of events in 2021, ITF points will start to drop in March 2021.
- Assuming a full calendar of events in 2021 and 2022, the return to the normal 52-week ranking in March 2022.

Beach tennis (Junior)

- All points from a player's 23 March 2020 ranking breakdown are currently frozen.
- All points earned prior to 23 March 2020 will have their "drop-date" extend by 5 months (the equivalent of the suspension period).
- The return to the normal 52-week ranking will be determined in due course.

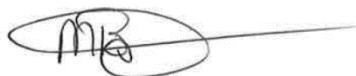
Wheelchair

- From the resumption of competition (date TBC) and until 14 March 2021, a player's ranking will be comprised of his / her best X results (X = 7 for Quads, 8 Women, 9 Men) achieved between 18 March 2019 – 14 March 2021 (i.e. a 24 month /104 week ranking period).
- From resumption of competition until 14 March 2021, the Mandatory Event rule is suspended and therefore '0 pointers' will not be applied to the ranking of any relevant player who does not compete in a Mandatory Event.
- Results earned between 18 March 2019 and 15 March 2020 (i.e. 52 weeks) are protected and will have their ranking drop date extended by 52 weeks.
- Effective from 15 March 2021, points earned from 16 March 2020 will drop on an ongoing weekly basis and be replaced with points earned from tournaments in 2021 and 2022, as per the standard 52-week system.
- Results from all ITF tournaments can be counted a maximum of once within a player's best X results (i.e. double counting of the same tournament is not permitted). Results from tournaments upon resumption in 2020 until/through 14 March 2021 will replace a player's result from that tournament held the previous year if it is a better result and provided it is one of the player's best X results.
- By 13 March 2022, the ranking period will have reverted to 12 months / 52 weeks.

If you have any questions or require support, please contact the relevant ITF circuit department as outlined below:

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- World Tennis Tour (Juniors) juniors@itftennis.com
- Beach Tennis beach@itftennis.com
- Seniors Circuit seniors@itftennis.com
- Wheelchair wheelchair@itftennis.com

Kind regards,



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