

ITF World Tennis Tour 2019

FACTSHEET: ITF Men’s, Women’s and Juniors Tournament Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

Introduction

- The ITF World Tennis Tour is the new name for all 2019 ITF tournaments played from the Junior Tour up to Men’s \$25,000 tournaments and Women’s \$100,000 tournaments.
- Within that, the Men’s ITF World Tennis Tour covers \$15,000 and \$25,000 tournaments; the Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour covers \$15,000, \$25,000, \$60,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000 tournaments.
- “Pro Circuit”, “Futures” and “Transition Tour” will no longer be used as labels.
- ITF Tournaments will be identifiable by gender, prize money, and host city. For example:
 - *M25 Rouen* describes a Men’s \$25,000 tournament in Rouen (France)
 - *W80 St Petersburg* describes a Women’s \$80,000 tournament in St Petersburg (Russia)
 - *J5 Edinburgh* describes a Grade 5 Junior tournament in Edinburgh (Great Britain)

Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

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1) Will there be any changes to ITF tournament entry and withdrawal deadlines in 2019?

No, Entry, Withdrawal and Freeze deadlines will remain the same.

	Men’s / Women’s	Juniors	Purpose of deadline
Entry Deadline**	14:00 (2pm) GMT on Thursday, 18 days before the Monday of the tournament	14:00 (2pm) GMT on Tuesday, 27 days before the Monday of the tournament *	Players cannot enter a tournament after the Entry Deadline
Withdrawal Deadline**	14:00 (2pm) GMT on Tuesday, 13 days before the Monday of the tournament	14:00 (2pm) GMT on Tuesday, 13 days before the Monday of the tournament	A player will be removed from all but one ITF tournament according to the priority below
Freeze Deadline**	14:00 (2pm) GMT on Thursday, 4 days before the Monday of the tournament	14:00 (2pm) GMT on Wednesday, 5 days before the Monday of the tournament	No further online withdrawals from Acceptance Lists. Contact the Supervisor to withdraw after this deadline.

* Exceptions for some Grade A tournaments (up to 41 days).

**Entry Deadlines could change for ITF Holidays. Players should check their IPIN account.

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2) What if I am entered in more than one ITF tournament at the Withdrawal Deadline? Will there be changes to the process that decides which tournament I will be playing?

Yes, there will be changes. These changes will affect players who have entered two or more ITF Men's, Women's or Junior tournaments (in any combination) and who remain in more than one ITF tournament as at the Withdrawal Deadline. The order for deciding where a player will play across ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments (Men's Women's and Junior) is as follows:

1. ITF tournaments offering ATP or WTA Ranking points (\$25,000 tournaments or above) will be prioritised over tournaments offering ITF World Tennis Ranking points only (\$15,000). If a player has entered \$25,000 tournaments (or above) or \$15,000 tournaments, these categories of tournament will be prioritised over ITF Juniors tournaments.
2. If a player is still left in more than one ITF tournament after 1) above, Main Draw acceptance will be prioritised over Qualifying Draw acceptance.
3. If a player is still left in more than one ITF tournament after 2) above, the player's priority will be used (for example priority 2 over priority 3)¹

Exception: If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of a Junior Grand Slam tournament, that tournament will be prioritised over all other ITF tournament entries that week (i.e. including Women's \$100,000 tournaments (W100) or Men's \$25,000 tournaments (M25), or any other Junior tournament). A Junior who has entered a Junior Grand Slam tournament and another ITF Junior tournament in the same week (and who would be accepted into the Main Draw of both tournaments) will be selected for the Junior Grand Slam at the Withdrawal Deadline even if he/she has designated the other ITF Junior tournament with a higher priority.

Examples

Example 1 (Men)

At the Withdrawal Deadline, I am in the Qualifying Draw of an M25 tournament, and the Main Draw of an M15 tournament. I will be withdrawn from the M15 tournament and be selected into the M25 tournament.

Example 2 (Women)

At the Withdrawal Deadline, I am in the Qualifying Draw of a W100 (priority 2), the Qualifying Draw of a W80 (priority 1) and the Main Draw of a W15 tournament. I will be withdrawn from the W15 tournament and from the W100 tournament and selected into the W80.

¹ If a player's chosen priorities are unclear, he or she will be immediately withdrawn from all but one Acceptance List by the ITF at the Withdrawal Deadline, according to the following criteria:

- i) Tournaments offering the highest prize money will take priority, or if equal;
- ii) The Acceptance List on which she is highest placed will take priority, or if equal;
- iii) The tournament which is geographically closest to her country of Nationality will take priority.

Example 3 (Junior/Men)

At the Withdrawal Deadline, I am in the Main Draw of a Junior Grand Slam and the Main Draw of an M25 tournament. I will be withdrawn from the M25 tournament.

Example 4 (Junior/Women)

At the Withdrawal Deadline, I am in the Qualifying Draw of a Junior Grand Slam and the Main Draw of a W15 tournament. I will be withdrawn from the Junior Grand Slam.

Example 5 (Juniors)

At the Withdrawal Deadline, I am in the Main Draw of a Junior Grade 2 tournament and the Qualifying Draw of a Junior Grand Slam. I will be withdrawn from the Junior Grand Slam.

Example 6 (Juniors)

At the Withdrawal Deadline, I am in the Main Draw of a Junior Grade 2 tournament (priority 1) and the Main Draw of a Junior Grand Slam (priority 2). I will be withdrawn from the Grade 2 tournament.

Note:

A player is responsible for his/her own tournament entries and withdrawals and he/she is advised to make his/her own selection prior to the system making the selection. If the player has not made his/her own selection, the player will be withdrawn at the withdrawal deadline as stated above. The withdrawal process will be applied only to those players who have entered multiple tournaments and at the Withdrawal deadline remain in more than one Men's, Women's or Junior tournament for the same week. As is currently the case, players will be able to see tournament Acceptance Lists between the Entry Deadline and the Withdrawal Deadline and are advised to control their own tournament withdrawals.

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3) Why are changes being made to Withdrawal procedures?

The ITF wants to ensure that as many players as possible are able to play the tournament of their choice each week. Under the current system (2018), it is possible that a Junior player is left in both one (1) ITF Pro Circuit tournament and one (1) ITF Junior Circuit tournament after the Withdrawal Deadline. Although the Junior player will play only one ITF tournament that week, late withdrawals affect where other players can play, potentially increasing costs for those players.

The system outlined above for 2019 is designed to reduce the number of late withdrawals, give more players their preferred ITF tournament place, and help to reduce costs for players each week.

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4) Rules and procedures for players submitting entries for ATP Tour / ATP Challenger / WTA Tour tournaments and for ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments in the same week

Men

At the ITF Entry Deadline (18 days before the tournament) and at the Withdrawal deadline (13 days before the tournament), players accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger tournament will automatically be withdrawn from all ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments.

If a player is accepted into a Men's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament (Main Draw or Qualifying) at the ITF Withdrawal deadline, the player is considered to be "committed" to the ITF tournament.

In 2019, the ATP will only withdraw players from ATP Tour / ATP Challenger Alternates lists at the ATP's 12pm Friday Deadline (Florida time), 3 days before the tournament. As a result, a player accepted into an ITF World Tennis Tour tournament at the ITF's Withdrawal Deadline may also find themselves one or more ATP Tour / ATP Challenger Alternates lists.

If the player then decides to withdraw from the ITF tournament after the Withdrawal Deadline in order to play an ATP Tour / ATP Challenger tournament scheduled for the same week, other than in the circumstances permitted by the "Playing Another Event" rule (see below), then the player will be subject to the penalties of that rule (a fine of up to \$1,000).

Women

If a player is accepted into a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament (Main Draw or Qualifying) at the ITF Withdrawal deadline, the player is considered to be "committed" to the ITF tournament. Players may not be committed to more than one tournament per week. Players must, therefore, decide where they wish to play and withdraw as appropriate before the relevant WTA and ITF Withdrawal Deadlines. A player who withdraws from an ITF World Tennis Tour tournament after the Withdrawal Deadline to take part in a WTA tournament, other than in the circumstances permitted by the "Playing Another Event" rule (see below), will be subject to the penalties of that rule (a fine of up to \$1,000).

Playing Another Event rule (Men and Women)

Participation by a committed player in an alternative tournament is permitted in the following specific circumstances and provided an official withdrawal for the tournament the player was originally committed to, has been submitted prior to its Qualifying Sign-in deadline:

- i. A player qualifies for entry or is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Grand Slam tournament (Men and Women).
- ii. A player accepted into Qualifying of a Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw of an ATP Tour / ATP Challenger / WTA Tour or ITF World Tennis Tour tournament (Men and Women).
- iii. **Men only.** A player accepted into Qualifying of a Men's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Qualifying of an ATP Tour, ATP Challenger or Men's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament in a higher prize money category.
- iv. **Women only.** A player accepted into Qualifying or Main Draw of a Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a WTA Tour or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament in a higher prize money category.

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