

ITF World Tennis Tour Rule change: Alternates after the Freeze Deadline

Dear Professional and Junior Players,

In order to give Alternates better visibility of the likelihood of playing at an ITF tournament, the ITF is reducing the number of Acceptance lists that Pro and Junior Alternates remain on after the Freeze Deadline to one (1) Acceptance List.

Currently, a player can enter up to 6 ITF professional tournaments each week and remain an Alternate on all 6 Acceptance lists after the Freeze Deadline and a junior player can enter up to 6 ITF professional tournaments and 3 junior tournaments each week and remain on the Alternate lists on all of the Acceptance lists after the Freeze Deadline. This makes it difficult for many Alternate players to understand if they have a good chance of playing a Tournament.

For Tournaments starting 10 June onwards, Alternate players will be removed from all but one Acceptance List at the Freeze Deadline. This will allow for substantial movement of Alternates on the Acceptance lists at the Freeze Deadline. This rule will be implemented at the Freeze Deadline for Professional and Junior Tournaments starting the week of 10 June, which means Wednesday 5 June for Junior tournaments and Thursday 6 June for Professional tournaments.

Further details:

- Players will remain as an Alternate on the Acceptance list that they have marked as their number one priority.
- Players will be able to change their tournament priorities in IPIN until the Freeze Deadline.
- Alternate players are left on just one Alternate List, these players are not committed to the tournament (as is the current rule).
- If a player decides to sign-in as an Alternate at a Tournament other than their top priority event after the Freeze Deadline, he/she will be ordered as an On-Site Alternate, which means the player will be placed after all of the original Alternates List players.

For Junior players who are Alternates on both ITF Professional and ITF Junior Acceptance lists, the selection process will work as follows:

Wednesday 14:00 GMT - Juniors Freeze Deadline

- Players listed as Alternates for Junior tournaments will be removed from all Junior tournament Acceptance Lists except their highest priority
- Players will remain on Professional Alternate lists until the Professional Freeze Deadline.

Thursday 14:00 GMT - Professional Freeze Deadline

- Juniors that are entered in Professional tournaments for the same week will remain on both Professional Tournament Alternate lists and one Junior Alternate list until the Professional Freeze Deadline, but if the Junior does not withdraw themselves from all Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments prior to the Professional Freeze Deadline, then they will be removed from their last remaining Junior Alternate List and be left on their highest priority Professional tournament.