

To: National Associations
Level 2 School Applicants

From: ITF Officiating

Date: 18 January 2022

Re: Level 2 Officiating School, Bendigo, Australia, 24 – 28 February 2022

A Level 2 Officiating School will be held in Bendigo, Australia, 24 – 28 February 2022 (the “School”).

Level 2 Officiating Schools are intended for **Chair Umpires** and **Referees** with some experience at different levels of events including Men’s, Women’s and Juniors ITF World Tennis Tour events, ITF Senior Circuit and ITF Wheelchair Tennis events. The officials who will be selected to attend the School have shown ability and potential to develop and improve their officiating skills.

The attendance fee for a Level 2 School is 115 GBP (158 USD) and is payable by all Officials selected to attend a Level 2 school. Following selection, failure to pay the attendance fee by the deadline will invalidate an official’s selection.

Once an official has been selected for the School, the attendance fee is not refundable.

This school will consist of 2 modules – Chair Umpire and Referee.

The court surface for practical examination for Chair Umpires is outdoor hard.

Officials may apply for more than one module but shall only be selected for one module if their application is successful.

Officials who pass their module at the School will be certified as White Badge in the category for which module they attended (i.e. White Badge Chair Umpire).

Certified White Badge Officials who wish to gain an additional White Badge certification

Officials who currently hold a White Badge certification and who would like to achieve an additional White Badge Certification may also apply for the School.

Please refer to the memo “How do certified Officials obtain an additional certification?” available here <https://officiating.itftennis.com/media/1529/additional-certification-2-nov-2016.pdf>

Certified White Badge Officials selected for the school shall be required to pay the full attendance fee.

Officials are invited to apply to the School on the ITF Officiating Portal using the online application form ONLY <https://officiating.itftennis.com/schools-training/schools/schools-application/>

Officials - the deadline for submit an application is Monday, 24 January 2022.

When the application deadline for Officials to apply has passed, National Associations will be asked to review and submit the applications to the ITF on the Officiating Portal, Officiating Manager section. <https://officiating.itftennis.com/officiating-manager/school-applications/>

National Associations - the deadline to submit the applications is Friday, 28 January 2022.

The ITF will select candidates to attend the School following consideration of information held (i.e. evaluations, annual work rate, etc.) and in accordance with the order of priority indicated.

For more information about the School's application process please go to the "School" webpage on the ITF Officiating Portal.

COVID-19 Information

International officials need to apply for the same visa as Australian Open (408 visa). Tennis Australia will provide information and invitation letter.

Australian officials are expected to travel to Victoria without restrictions and may need to review their respective state guidelines for the return home from Bendigo.

Officials need to be fully vaccinated. Upon arriving internationally, they need to get a rapid antigen test (or a PCR test if they don't have access to a rapid antigen test) within 24 hours of arriving and continue to quarantine until you receive a negative result. Tennis Australia will ensure that there is a supply of rapid antigen tests available for all participants of the school.

COVID-19 general information

- Due to the elevated risk posed by COVID-19 to older people and those with underlying health conditions, the ITF does not recommend that any official with a medical condition that may elevate the risk of serious COVID-19 symptoms applies for the School.
- If an official is selected to attend the School, they must not attend if within 14 days of the School start date, that official or members of their household have had any COVID-19 symptoms, have been advised to self-isolate or have been in contact with anyone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms.
- If selected for the School, each official should obtain full medical insurance.
- Each official acknowledges and voluntarily assumes responsibility for any risk arising from their participation in the School.
- If movement restrictions or other local measures are imposed that preclude the organisation of the School, the ITF reserves the right to postpone or otherwise cancel the School. Please note that Schools may be cancelled or postponed at short notice.
- The ITF shall not be liable for any costs borne by a student in order to travel to and participate in the School. This includes, without limitation accommodation charges, COVID-19 testing fees, quarantine associated fees, medical costs, insurance cover and other travel expenses.
- Students will notify the Covid-19 Officer if they experience any Covid-19 symptoms during their attendance at the School or in the 14 days following departure from the School.
- Throughout the course of the School, students shall compile an accurate list of and upon request identify to the Covid-19 Officer those persons with whom the student came into close contact at the School. Close contact is defined as: anyone with the following exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case, from 2 days before to 14 days after the confirmed case's onset of illness (defined as the date of the positive test): being face-to-face within 1 metre for a total of at least 15 minutes; direct physical contact. For the avoidance of doubt, anyone living in or

sharing the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel)
is automatically classed as a close contact

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