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Effective Immediately (16 Feb): A change has been made to 7.04 D., pg 140 as noted below in **red**:

D. Sign-in Protocol:

All sign-ins (doubles, qualifying, alternates, lucky losers) must be done by phone via text messaging **or by email**. Each entry must be received and viewed by the on-site supervisor, or the designate listed on the official detail sheet, prior to the deadline. The player is responsible for having his entry confirmed by the supervisor or the designate listed on the official detail sheet.

Effective Immediately (16 Feb): A change has been made to the NOTE at 7.08 C. 3) Vacancies a), pgs. 147-148 as noted below in **red**:

3) Vacancies

- a) Any main draw vacancies occurring after the withdrawal deadline and prior to the start of Qualifying will be filled in ranking order from the original main draw acceptance list by players who have preserved their position on the list. Players from the main draw alternate list who are directly accepted into qualifying are considered to have preserved their eligibility. A player can only preserve his eligibility on one list. If there are no alternates from the original main draw acceptance list who have preserved eligibility, the vacancy will be filled by the highest ranked player from the qualifying or alternate list using the Pepperstone ATP Rankings, and then PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

After the start of the qualifying, any vacancy will come from the Lucky Loser/Alternate list. The Alternates will be placed below the players who lost in qualifying and shall be ordered based upon their position in the PIF ATP Rankings, and then the PIF ATP Doubles Rankings, used for seeding.

NOTE: In order to preserve his eligibility on the Acceptance List, the player must **email contact** the ATP Supervisor directly prior to 6 PM local time on the day before qualifying starts **by phone via text messaging or by email** (**email contact details as** listed on detail sheet) and personally inform the Supervisor that he wishes to preserve his position on the Acceptance List and the player must leave a contact number. The player should ask for confirmation that the Supervisor has received the **message**/email in a timely manner. A player can only preserve his eligibility on one list.

Effective Immediately (16 Feb): A new Case and Decision has been added under 7.20 C. Vacancies – Doubles 4), pgs 174-175 as noted below in **red**:

Case: Team A/B are direct acceptances in an ATP 500 main draw doubles. Team C/D are direct acceptances in the same ATP 500 tournament doubles qualifying. Player B withdraws due to injury. Player A asks to repair with either player C or D.

Decision: No. Players cannot repair with a player on a team already accepted in the doubles event of the tournament (Main Draw or Q).

Effective Immediately (16 Feb): A correction has been made to 9.03 G. 4), pg. 254 as noted below in **red**:

- 4) In addition to the points allocated as per the following table, points shall be allocated to losers at Grand Slam, ATP Tour Masters 1000, ATP Tour 500 and ATP Tour 250 tournaments qualifying events, as follows:

Grand Slams	16 points for a last round loss 8 points for a second round loss
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ATP Tour Masters 1000	16 points for a last round loss (*) 0 points for a first round loss
ATP Tour 500	13 points for a last round loss (**) 0 points for a first round loss
ATP Tour 250	7 points for a last round loss (***) 0 points for a first round loss
* 10 points only if the main draw is larger than 56 ** 8 points only if the main draw is larger than 32 *** 4 Points only if the main draw is larger than 32	

Effective Immediately (20 Feb): A change has been made to 1.13, A., pg. 16 as noted below in **red**:

1.13 Stars Program Responsibilities

- A. All players competing in the main draw of any ATP Tour **and Challenger Tour** tournament will be required, if asked, to participate in ATP sponsored activities.

Effective Immediately (20 Feb): A change has been made to 9.03 F.1), 2), 3) a) & b) and 5) pgs. 252 and 253 as noted below in **red**:

F. Entry Protection

- 1) **Petition.** A player may petition the ATP CEO, or his designee, for an entry protection when he is physically injured or has a documented medical illness, **serves a compulsory military service**, and does not compete in any tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, for a minimum period of six (6) months. The written petition must be received within six (6) months after his last tournament and must provide medical documentation including a letter from a treating licensed physician confirming the injury or illness when **applicable, or official documentation confirming the player eligibility under other scenarios covered in the rule**. Each petition shall be evaluated on a case by case basis by the ATP Medical Services Committee **for medical cases or ATP CEO/his designee for other applicable cases**.
- 2) **Calculation and Use.** The entry protection shall be a position in the PIF ATP Rankings, as determined by the player’s average PIF ATP Rankings position during the first three (3) months* after his last event played. The entry protection shall be for entry into the main draw or qualifying competition or for special exempt consideration. The entry protection shall not be used for seeding purposes or lucky loser consideration.

*The player must be ranked (have at least one singles ranking point for a singles protected ranking and/or one doubles ranking point for a doubles protected ranking) during each week of this three (3) month period.

A player who has been out of competition and is applying for Entry Protection may not include any period of (Doping, Corruption and/or Conduct) suspension in the player’s weeks away from competition in order to qualify for Entry Protection.

3) Limit of Use.

- a) If a player **is physically injured meets the criteria defined in point 1) above** and does not compete in any tennis event for a period of at least six (6) months but less than twelve (12) months, the entry protection shall be in effect for the first nine (9) singles and the first nine (9) doubles tournaments that the player competes* in using the entry protection (excluding wild cards and entries as a direct acceptance with his current position in the PIF ATP Rankings) or for the period up to nine (9) months beginning with the first tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, that the player competes in, whichever occurs first.

- b) If a player **is physically injured meets the criteria defined in point 1) above** and does not compete in any tennis event for a period of twelve (12) months or longer, the entry protection shall be in effect for the first twelve (12) singles tournaments and the first twelve (12) doubles tournaments that the player competes* in using the entry protection (excluding wild cards and entries as a direct acceptance with his current position in the PIF ATP Rankings) or for the period up to twelve (12) months beginning with the first tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, that the player competes in, whichever occurs first. *Note: For purposes of this rule, once the player is included in the draw or accepts prize money as an on-site withdrawal, the event shall count against the players' total as specified under a) and b) above. The United Cup shall not count against a player's total protected ranking allowance.

The use of a protected ranking to enter the singles and/or doubles of a Grand Slam event is limited to once per Grand Slam event.

- c) The use of a protected ranking to enter the singles and/or doubles of the United Cup is limited to one (1) per the duration of the player's Protected Ranking.
- 4) **Expiration Date.** A player has three (3) years from his original last event played to activate his protected ranking and will not be eligible to use his entry protected ranking beyond this date. A player who does not compete in any tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, for a period of three (3) years from the date of his original last event played will have his entry protection revoked.
- 5) **Re-injury Protection.** A player who has returned to competition and re-injures himself may petition for a "freeze" of the nine (9) or twelve (12) month limit for competing using his protected ranking. To be eligible for the "freeze" the player must be out of competition for a minimum of three (3) months, the written petition for the "freeze" must be received within this period. Upon the player's return to competition he shall have the same number of events and weeks remaining as were available when the "freeze" went into effect. A maximum of two (2) "freezes" are allowed during the nine (9) or twelve (12) month period.

The freeze option is not available for players returning from a compulsory military service.

Note: For purposes of this rule, three (3) months is calculated at thirteen (13) weeks; six (6) months is calculated at twenty-six (26) weeks; nine (9) months is calculated at thirty-nine (39) weeks; and twelve (12) months is calculated at fifty-two (52) weeks.

Effective Immediately (20 Feb): A change has been made to 7.03, 7), a), iii), pgs. 134-135 as noted below in **red**.

7) Emergency Situations.

ATP Tour 250 Events

- a) Tournaments shall qualify for one (1) emergency substitution if the following conditions exist:
- Two (2) of the tournament's top four (4) ranked players on the original acceptance list withdraw; and
 - One (1) of the withdrawals involves the first highest or second highest ranked player; and**
 - The substitute player (1) meets a minimum of one (1) of the following criteria:**
 - A former top 20 player on the PIF ATP rankings within the previous 5 years from the tournament date.
 - Past tournament champion.**
 - A current player ranked in the top 5 on the current ITF International Junior Ranking.
 - A current player ranked in the top 2 of the host country official National Junior Ranking.**

Substitute players meeting any of the criteria listed above must be ranked 500 or better in the most recent PIF ATP Singles Ranking.

The withdrawals and substitution must occur within the period beginning **on the Monday prior to the start of the event week with the release of the Acceptance List** and ending at 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on the Friday before the event week, or if the second withdrawal occurs between 9:00 AM and 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA on the Friday before the event the deadline for naming a qualified substitute shall be extended by one (1) hour. During this one hour period all lists will be held awaiting a final cut-off for the affected event. If no substitution is made within this defined time period, then the next player on the acceptance list shall be moved into the main draw.

- b) The tournament shall pay prize money equal to that paid first-round losers to each player who would have been a direct acceptance if not for the late substitution. This payment shall not apply in the case where the player gained entry into a main draw singles, at any event, by other means.

Effective Immediately (20 Feb): A change has been made to 2.01 C. 3) b), pg. 34 as noted below in **red**.

3) ATP Tour Branding: Optional Applications

An ATP Tour tournament may wish to further identify itself as an ATP Tour event by applying the appropriate ATP Tour Official Tournament Stamp in the following optional applications:

a) Court Surface Color ("Exhibit A.12")

The preferred hard court surface color for all ATP Tour events is a match to PMS 281, to be used inside the court lines and a match to PMS Cyan, used outside the court lines.

b) Court Host Locality ("Exhibit A.13.1 to A.13.2")

Tournaments may feature only the name of the country, city or region (example: Germany, Munich or Bavaria) on the court surface, subject to the placement and size restrictions set forth below. The preferred font is **ROC GROTESK FS-Industrie-CD-Bold**, however, tournaments may use the official logo or font of the host country, city or region; all versions other than the preferred font must receive the prior approval of ATP. The on-court logo must be consistent with the texture and feel of the court surface so as not to affect play or be a safety hazard, as further described below.

Effective Retroactively from 1/1/24: A correction has been made to 6.19 Transportation, pg. 123 in **red**.

Combined Events and Challenger 175. Each Tournament shall provide airport transportation beginning two (2) days **before the Qualifying Sign-In Deadline** prior to the start of the qualifying competition (provided that 24-hour notice is given to the Tournament) until the morning following the final day of the Tournament to:

- All Qualifying and Main Draw players;
- PST members when traveling with a player; and
- ATP and WTA staff working at the Tournament.

Effective Retroactively from 1/1/24: A correction has been made to 1.07 H, pg. 12 in **red**.

H. ATP Tour Masters 1000 & Nitto ATP Finals ("Finals") Bonus Pool

General. The ATP Tour Masters 1000 and Nitto ATP Finals 2024 Bonus Pool will be USD **\$20,500,000**. The order of standings will be based on total PIF ATP Ranking points earned across the ATP Tour Masters 1000 and Nitto ATP Finals in 2024. The bonus pool financial distribution is to be confirmed.

The bonus pool distribution payment to players will be made by the end of January 2025.

Effective 4/25/24: A change has been made to 1.05, pg. 9 as noted in **red**:

1.05 *Change-of-Tournament-Site Significant Changes to Tournament*

*Prior to making any significant changes to the tournament, including but not limited to, changes to the site (e.g., significant construction or changes to the existing venue during the tournament), making the tournament a combined event, relocating the event, adding events which detrimentally affect player members, or such other change determined by ATP to be significant, the tournament must first seek and obtain ATP approval. ~~There shall be no change of a tournament site unless approved by ATP.~~ A request to **make any such significant** change **a to the** tournament site must be submitted in writing by the tournament and received by the appropriate ATP regional office no later than six (6) months prior to the first Monday of the event. Requests submitted after the deadline will only be considered if ATP determines there are extenuating circumstances out of the control of the tournament member. Any and all actual costs incurred by ATP during the site approval process shall be the responsibility of the tournament. *Requests for relocation are further governed by the ATP Relocation Policy in effect from time to time.**

Effective 4/25/24: A change has been made to 6.04, pgs. 112-113 as noted in **red**:

6.04 Crowd Movement / Spectator Seating

- A. Regulation** *Each tournament shall allow fans to enter stadiums after the first game of each set, excluding the area behind the baselines. In addition tournaments shall allow fans to enter stadiums after each of the first five games of each set, excluding the area behind the baselines, on a trial basis. The trial will begin with events taking place in the week of June 10, 2024 and run through the end of the year.*
- B.** Each ATP Tour tournament shall allow spectators seated above the lowest tier of seats that surround the playing area of the courts to move to and from their seats at any time during play.
 - 1) The Tournament Director and the Supervisor will make the designation of the lowest tier at each tournament.
 - 2) In cases where there is no clear break in the seating configuration, the Tournament Director and the Supervisor shall determine the most logical designation.