

ITF SENIORS REGULATIONS 2021

Summary of Key Rule Changes

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2021 ITF Seniors Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full 2021 Tour Regulations can be seen in the 'About Us' section at www.ITFTennis.com

Changes made from the previous year (2020) are shown in underlined text.

With reference to the term 'Seniors Circuit' throughout previous Regulations, this will be replaced by 'Seniors Tour'.

SECTION I

REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF ITF SENIORS TOUR TOURNAMENTS AND THE YOUNG SENIORS/SENIORS/SUPER-SENIORS WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following Regulations apply to all Seniors Tournaments in Grades S100, S200, S400, S700 & S1000, with some exceptions to National Closed Championships, as well as Grade C (Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships and other international team competitions). These exceptions are given in Section II (ITF Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships), together with additional clauses in Appendix I for National Closed Championships.

6. Events and Age Groups

Until otherwise determined by the ITF, the age groups to which ITF Seniors World Individual ranking points will be awarded shall be:

Men		Women	
<u>30 years and over</u>	65 years and over	<u>30 years and over</u>	65 years and over
35 years and over	70 years and over	35 years and over	70 years and over
40 years and over	75 years and over	40 years and over	75 years and over
45 years and over	80 years and over	45 years and over	80 years and over
50 years and over	85 years and over	50 years and over	85 years and over
55 years and over	<u>90 years and over</u>	55 years and over	<u>90 years and over</u>
over 60 years and over		60 years and over	

14. Sanction Fees

All tournaments on the ITF Seniors Tour must pay the relevant fee below in order to be included on the Calendar. All fees listed are in US Dollars (USD).

<u>Grade S1000</u>	<u>\$1000</u>
<u>Grade S700</u>	<u>\$850</u>
<u>Grade S400</u>	<u>\$600</u>
<u>Grade S200</u>	<u>\$375</u>
<u>Grade S100</u>	<u>\$250*</u>

**The amount of \$250 shall only be charged if a Grade S100 Tournament has 100 or more players in the Tournament and/or 5+ age and gender events. Tournaments with less than 100 total players and who stage 4 or less age and gender events shall pay a sanction fee of \$50 per age and gender that is staged.*

Sanction fees for Team events will apply and will be agreed between the ITF and the host nation and/or region in advance of the event depending on duration and size of the event.

19. Method of Ranking

The ranking drop date for results earned between 18 March 2019 and 15 March 2020 (i.e. 52 weeks) shall be extended by 52 weeks. Any result earned between 31 August 2020 (resumption of the Tour) and 14 March 2021, will replace a player's result in the previous edition of that tournament provided the 2020 result is a better result and provided it is one of the player's best four results.

From 15 March 2021, ranking points earned in 2019 and/or 2020 will drop on an ongoing weekly basis and shall be replaced with ranking points earned from tournaments in 2021.

- Only results earned in one edition of a higher-grade tournaments (World Championships, S1000, S700 and S400 grades) shall count towards a player's best four results during the 104-week period (i.e. double counting of the same tournament is not permitted).
- Results from S100 and S200 grade tournaments may be counted more than once within a player's best four results during the 104-week period.
- From 13 December 2021, the combined seniors ranking shall take into account results from the previous 52 weeks only.

21. ITF Points Tables for Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Rankings

The following points tables apply to all ITF Seniors' events from 1 January 2021.

a) Knock-out Events

b) Grade	World Championships	<u>Grade S1000</u>	<u>Grade S700</u>	<u>Grade S400</u>	<u>Grade S200</u>	<u>Grade S100</u>
Main Draw Winner	1600	<u>1000</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>100</u>
Main Draw Runner-Up	1100	<u>700</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>70</u>
Main Draw Semi-finalist	800	<u>500</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>45</u>
Main Draw Quarter Finalist	550	<u>330</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>30</u>
Main Draw Loser in R16	375	<u>210</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>20</u>
Main Draw Loser in R32	220	<u>140</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>
Main Draw Loser in R64	130	<u>75</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Consolation Winner	125	<u>75</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>
Consolation Runner Up	80	<u>50</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>
Consolation Semi Finalist	50	<u>35</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	-
Consolation Quarter Finalist	30	<u>20</u>	-	-	-	-

When applicable, points will be awarded in Qualifying events as follows:

	WC	<u>S1000</u>	<u>S700</u>
Qualifier	80	<u>50</u>	<u>30</u>
Loser in final round	50	<u>35</u>	<u>15</u>

c) Round Robin Events

Final Position		<u>Grades</u>				
	WC	<u>S1000</u>	<u>S700</u>	<u>S400</u>	<u>S200</u>	<u>S100</u>
1st	1600	<u>1000</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>100</u>
2nd	1100	<u>700</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>70</u>
3 rd & 4 th	800	<u>500</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>45</u>
5 th & 6 th & 7 th	550	<u>330</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>30</u>

c) Team Championships

ITF Team Championships sanctioned by the ITF Seniors Committee may be awarded ITF Ranking Points decided on a case by case basis by the ITF Seniors Committee.

Decisions of the Committee regarding ITF Ranking Points at ITF Team Championships shall be available at www.itftennis.com/seniors

26. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

i) All Singles entries and withdrawals are made online at www.itftennis.com/ipin, or in exceptional circumstances by fax or by email, to ITF Seniors Department using the official Entry Form or Withdrawal Form. Withdrawals after the withdrawal deadline must be made to the tournament referee using the official form. Entries and Withdrawals submitted on the official forms must be signed by the player and must be fully completed.

31. Entry Definitions

A player's status in a tournament shall not be official until the Entry Deadline and publication of the tournament Acceptance List on the ITF website. Any arrangement, including travel, flights and accommodation made by a player (for themselves and/or their support personnel) to participate in a tournament prior thereto is made at his/her own risk.

Late Entries

Late entries may be added to a draw after the entry deadline at the discretion of the Referee. Late entries must not be seeded (in accordance with their ranking as at the tournament entry deadline) and only to fill empty spaces within a draw (draw size as published on the tournament fact sheet on the ITF website). Any late entry requests may be declined by the Referee if received less than 24 hours before the draw is made.

If it is determined that a player knowingly enters a tournament as a late entry when she/he otherwise would have been seeded, the ITF Executive Director of Circuits may remove any ranking points earned by that late entry player if it considers it fair and reasonable to do so. The decision of the ITF Executive Director of Circuits to remove any ranking points earned may be appealed by the late entry player to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel in accordance with its Procedural Rules.

40. Match Formats for Singles & Doubles

The following tables outline the permitted scoring format for ITF Seniors main draw singles and doubles events and the recommended number of matches that may be scheduled per day. It is the decision of the Tournament Committee to decide on scoring formats for each event in line with the below. The chosen scoring format must be displayed for each event on the Tournament Factsheet prior to entry deadline.

SINGLES	Best of 3 Tie Break Sets	2 Tie Break Sets & 10-point Match-Tie Break	2 Short Sets & 10-point Match-Tie Break
World Championships	Permitted in all age groups except for 80- <u>90</u> age groups. 1 singles per day	Not Permitted for <u>30</u> -75 age groups singles events. Permitted for 80- <u>90</u> age groups 1 singles per day	Not Permitted
<u>Grade S1000 and Grade S700 a</u>	Permitted in all age groups except for 80- <u>90</u> age groups. 1 singles per day	Permitted for 80- <u>90</u> age groups. 1 singles per day Not Permitted for <u>30</u> -75 age groups with the exception of <u>30</u> -45 age group events scheduled in 3 or less days. When used for <u>30</u> -45 age groups, players may play up to 2 singles a day	Not Permitted
<u>Grade S400 & S200</u>	Permitted in all age groups except for 80- <u>90</u> age groups. 1 singles per day	Permitted in all age groups 1 singles per day in 65- <u>90</u> age groups. A maximum of 2 singles per day in <u>30</u> -60 events	Not Permitted
<u>Grade S100</u>	Permitted in all age groups except for 80- <u>90</u> age groups. 1 singles per day	Permitted in all age groups 1 singles per day in 65- <u>90</u> age groups. A maximum of 2 singles per day may be played in <u>30</u> -60 events	Permitted in <u>30</u> -60 age groups only, where event is scheduled in 3 or less days 2 singles matches per day. A total of 3 singles per day may be played in the <u>30</u> -45 age groups if player has no doubles on same day

DOUBLES	Best of 3 Tie Break Sets	2 Tie Break Sets & 10-point Match-Tie Break	2 Short Sets & 10-point Match-Tie Break
<u>Grade WC, \$1000 and Grade \$700</u>	Permitted in all age groups except 80-90 Up to 2 doubles per day Players may only play 1 doubles if they have 2 singles on same day	Permitted in all age groups Up to 2 doubles per day Players may only play 1 doubles if they have played 2 singles on same day	Not Permitted Tournaments may apply for exception with ITF where there is limited court space
<u>Grade \$400, Grade \$200 and Grade \$100</u>	Permitted in all age groups except 80-90 Up to 2 doubles per day Players may only play 1 doubles if they have 2 singles on same day	Permitted in all age groups Up to 2 doubles per day Players may only play 1 doubles if they have played 2 singles on same day	Permitted in all age groups Up to 2 doubles per day 3 doubles matches may be played on the same day in the 30-60 age groups if no singles on same day

44. Consolation Events

Consolation events for players who lose their first match (whether in round one (1) or round two (2)) should be held. Tournament organisers are expected to schedule consolation events to take place promptly after the completion of first matches.

Advancement to the second round by virtue of a walkover in a player's first match shall count as a match won for the purpose of the Consolation event. Players who get a walkover in their first match and lose their second match may choose whether to receive the ranking points won from the walkover or to play the Consolation event.

ITF Seniors World Ranking points will be awarded in the Consolation event.

55. Officials

b) Grade \$1000 Tournaments

The Referee shall have ITF Silver Badge or Gold Badge certification. An ITF White Badge certified Referee may be permitted by the ITF but only where this individual refereed the event in previous years.

For Grade \$1000 tournaments, a Chair Umpire is expected for the singles final as a minimum. It is recommended there is a minimum of one (1) Court Supervisor/Off-court Umpire for every five (5) match courts.

c) Grade \$200, \$400 and \$700 Tournaments

The Referee shall have, as a minimum, ITF White Badge certification. A Chair Umpire is encouraged for singles final at \$400 and \$700.

For Grade S700 tournaments, it is recommended there is a minimum of one Court Supervisor/Off-court Umpire for every five (5) match courts.

For Grade S200 and S400 tournaments, it is recommended there is a minimum of one Court Supervisor/Off-court Umpire for every eight (8) match courts.

d) Grade S100 Tournaments

For Grade S100 tournaments, the Referee shall have ITF White Badge certification, unless otherwise approved in writing by the ITF. Where an ITF White Badge referee is unavailable or appointment is impractical, A National Referee may be appointed, but always subject to the approval and requirements of the National Association and the ITF.

For Grade S100, it is recommended there is a minimum of one Court Supervisor/Off-court Umpire for each eight (8) match courts.

56. Doctor on call/ Sports Physiotherapist

All ITF Seniors tournaments must have a doctor on-call.

It is required that all ITF Seniors World Championships, Grade S1000 and S700 tournaments arrange for a Sports Physiotherapist (*as defined in the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards*) to be on-site for the duration of the event (see Appendix III). The appointment of a Sports Physiotherapist is strongly recommended at Grade S100, S200 & S400 tournaments. If there is no Sports Physiotherapist on site at a tournament, a person who is qualified in first aid and resuscitation must always be on site.

60. Scoreboards

Scoreboards must be displayed on-court at all Grade S1000 and Grade S700 events. Scoreboards should be used wherever possible at Grade S100, S200 and S400 events.

61. Balls

d) Balls shall be provided for practice, but it is not obligatory to give new balls. A refundable deposit can be applied by the host organisers for return of the balls after practice within a reasonable time period published clearly.

SECTION II

REGULATIONS FOR THE ITF YOUNG SENIORS/SENIORS/SUPER-SENIORS WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. THE COMPETITION

1. Title

a) Official Team Competitions of the ITF:

Lorne Main Cup For men who have reached or will reach the age of 85 years on or before the 31st December in the year in which the competition is held

Angela Mortimer Cup For women who have reached or will reach the age of 85 years on or before 31 December in the year in which the competition is held

28. Publicity and Promotion

(c) Players acknowledge that their tennis biography and complete tournament history shall be published on the ITF's website for the purposes of transparency and promotion of the sport.

40. Match Formats

Unless stated, matches shall be played over the best of three (3) tie-break (7 points) sets. In the following exceptions, a ten (10) point Match Tie Break will be played in the final set to decide the match:

- The Gardnar Mulloy Cup M80 (singles & doubles)
- The Doris Hart Cup W80 (singles & doubles)
- The Lorne Main Cup (M85) (singles & doubles)
- The Angela Mortimer Cup (W85) (singles and doubles)

42. Order of Play

- The order of play shall be as follows:
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- First Match: Number 2 v Number 2
- Followed by: Number 1 v Number 1
- Followed by: Doubles Match
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- It may be necessary on occasions such as bad weather to play both singles matches simultaneously. If this is necessary, every effort will be made to play both matches on neighbouring courts. This may result in any unfinished matches and/or matches that have not started from the previous day being moved to a different court.
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- If the doubles match has not started by a specific time confirmed in the official order of play or official factsheet, the Referee, at their discretion may delay the match until the following day and schedule on a different court.

53. Grade C – Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships ranking points

Regional Team Championships with restricted participation will offer a ranking point value as determined on a case by case basis by the ITF Seniors Committee.

SECTION III CODE OF CONDUCT

III. ON-SITE OFFENCES

D. Time Violation/Delay of Game

A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty (25) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:

- Server: The Time Violation shall result in a "fault"
- Receiver: The Time Violation shall result in a "point penalty"

APPENDIX I NATIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

7. In exceptional circumstances approved by the ITF, additional closed tournaments may be approved.

APPENDIX II REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3. Regional Championship shall follow the Regulations for their relevant Grade and shall be upgraded or downgraded based upon their annual tournament assessment and existing grade.