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**Effective Immediately (02 Feb):** A change has been made to 7.04 Entry/Withdrawal Method, B., pg 112 as noted below in **red**:

## B. Main Draw - Doubles

### 1) Advance Entry – ATP Tour Only

- a) No team shall be considered entered or withdrawn from an ATP Tour tournament\* unless their written entry or written withdrawal is received on or before the entry or withdrawal deadline by a player relations staff member or ATP Supervisor. A team must have entered in order to be moved into the main draw as a direct acceptance because of the withdrawals of other players.
- b) Once a team enters they are subject to all the withdrawal provisions.

\*The top 13 **eligible** teams from the final 2021 ATP Doubles Team Rankings shall receive automatic Direct Acceptance into the first 5 Masters 1000 events in the 2022 season (if not included as a Direct Acceptance on their own merit). To qualify for automatic acceptance a team must have competed as a team in 11 ATP Tour or Grand Slam events during the 2021 season. **A player can only be eligible on one team.**

For each of the remaining four (4) Masters 1000 events, the top 13 **eligible** teams in the Team Race at the advanced entry deadline for that event, shall receive automatic Direct Acceptance into that Masters 1000 event (if not included as a Direct Acceptance on their own merit). **A player can only be eligible on one team.**

To qualify for automatic acceptance into the first 5 Masters 1000 events a team must have competed together as a team in each week of the 2022 season where both players were playing doubles in that week. The exception would be when they were both involved in the singles of different events.

To qualify for automatic acceptance into the final 4 Masters 1000 events, once a team has competed together as a team, they must compete together as a team in each week of the 2022 season where both players were playing doubles in that week. The exception would be when they were both involved in the singles of different events.

A clarification has been made to 9.03 ATP Rankings as noted below in Note 2 in **red**:

## 9.03 ATP Rankings

**A. Commitment Players.** The year-end ATP Rankings is based on calculating, for each player, his total points from the four (4) Grand Slams, the eight (8) mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments and the Nitto ATP Finals of the ranking period, the ATP Cup and his best seven (7) results from all ATP Tour 500, ATP Tour 250, ATP Challenger Tour and ITF Men's WTT tournaments. For every Grand Slam or mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament for which a player is not in the main draw, and was not (and, in the case of a Grand Slam, would not have been, had he and all other players entered) a main draw direct acceptance on the original acceptance list, and never became a main draw direct acceptance, the number of his results from all other eligible tournaments in the ranking period, that count for his ranking, is increased by one (1). In weeks where there are not four (4) Grand Slams and eight (8) ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments in the ranking period, the number of a player's best results from all eligible tournaments in the ranking period will be adjusted accordingly. Once a player is accepted in the main draw of one of these twelve (12) tournaments, as a direct acceptance, a qualifier, a special exempt or a lucky loser, or having accepted a wild card, his result in this tournament shall count for his ranking, whether or not he participates.\*

**B. Non-commitment Players.** The ATP Rankings is based on calculating, for each player, his total points from the four (4) Grand Slams, the eight (8) mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments and the Nitto ATP Finals of the ranking period, the ATP Cup and his best seven (7) results from all ATP Tour 500, ATP Tour 250, ATP Challenger Tour and ITF Men's WTT tournaments. For every Grand Slam or mandatory ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament for which a player is not in the main draw, and was not (and, in the case of a Grand Slam, would not have been, had he and all other players entered) a main draw direct acceptance on the original acceptance list, and never became a main draw direct acceptance, the number of his results from all other eligible tournaments in the ranking period, that count for his ranking, is increased by one (1). In weeks where there are not four (4) Grand Slams and eight (8) ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournaments in the ranking period, the number of a player's best results from all eligible tournaments in the ranking period will be adjusted accordingly. Once a player is accepted in the main draw of one of these twelve (12) tournaments, as a direct acceptance, a qualifier, a special exempt or a lucky loser, or having accepted a wild card, his result in this tournament shall count for his ranking, whether or not he participates.\*

\***NOTE:** A player who is eligible for a reduction of his ATP Tour Masters 1000 commitment tournaments per Section 1.08 who withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline and uses his exemption may have the number of his results from all other eligible tournaments in the ranking period, that count for his ranking, increased by one (1) for each milestone reached with a maximum of three (3). A player is not eligible to use an exemption if he withdrew in any manner from that event the previous year.

**C. ATP Tour 500 – Ranking Penalty.** A player's (Commitment and Non-Commitment players) withdrawal from an ATP Tour 500 event whether on time or after the 10 AM deadline, shall result in a zero (0) point ranking penalty. Further non-consecutive withdrawals shall result in a zero (0) point ranking penalty assessed for each additional withdrawal. Players with multiple consecutive withdrawals who are out of competition for 30 days or longer due to injury will not be subject to a ranking penalty as long as verified and approved medical forms are provided; or, a player shall not have the ranking penalty imposed if he completes the Promotional Activities requirement as specified under "Repeal of Withdrawal Fines and/or Penalties" or if the on-site withdrawal procedures apply. Players may also appeal withdrawal penalties to a Tribunal who will determine whether the penalties are affirmed or set aside.\* A commitment player who has received a zero (0) point ranking penalty for withdrawing from an ATP Tour 500 event may replace the zero (0) point by playing an additional ATP Tour 500 event in that same calendar year for a total of four (4) played. The replacement tournament must be after the 500 withdrawal that has resulted in a ranking penalty. Only one (1) additional ATP Tour 500 event per year may be used to replace an ATP Tour 500 ranking penalty.

\* **Note 1:** Commitment players who are unable to fulfill their commitment, are not eligible to appeal the ranking penalty.

**Note 2: (Applicable for 9.03 A. B. C.).** Players returning to competition with an Entry Protection Ranking may replace ranking penalties assessed during the period of injury with results obtained at tournaments following their return to competition.

A Case & Decision has been added to 1.21 A. between 5) and 6) as noted below in **red**:

## 1.21 Hotel Accommodations (Rooms)

### A. Tournament Obligations - ATP Tour Tournaments.

- 5) Main draw and qualifying players who have withdrawn on-site for medical reasons and who are examined by the on-site tournament Doctor, shall receive tournament provided hotel rooms through the night of the examination.

**Case: A player plays and wins his first match. He then becomes ill and withdraws from the tournament. When does his hospitality end?**

**Decision: The player who retired from a match or withdrew after completing a match is entitled to the complete set minimum number of nights per the tournament category or through the night of the examination, whichever is later.**

- 6) Players who travel to the event to complete their promotional activity requirement shall receive full hospitality from the day of arrival through the night following the completion of their promotional obligation.

A clarification has been made to 3.08 A. 3) as noted below in **red**:

## 3.08 Prize Money

### A. General

#### Doubles - Prior to First Match:

A **player**/team accepted into the doubles main draw of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event that withdraws prior to their first match from the main draw doubles after the withdrawal deadline for medical reasons shall receive first round prize money (second round in the case of a Bye) if the following conditions are met:

- The withdrawal was after the withdrawal deadline
- The withdrawing player (**and his partner**) must be on-site at the time of the withdrawal and **the withdrawing player** must be declared unfit to compete by the tournament doctor
- Both players used or could have used their doubles ranking for acceptance into the doubles draw.
- Players who have been out of competition due to long term injuries (30 days or more) and withdraw on-site become eligible for the provision to receive prize money only after they have returned to competition and competed in their first event.
- Players who have been out of competition, for any reason, 60 days or more and withdraw on-site become eligible for the provision to receive prize money only after they have returned to competition and competed in their first event.
- Each player is limited to two (2) tournaments\*, non-consecutive, in a calendar year where he may receive prize money for doubles on-site withdrawal.

\*There are no limits to the number of events a player may receive prize money for the on-site withdrawal due to Covid-19 reasons as long as the events are not in back to back weeks.

The alternate team replacing a team withdrawn on-site shall receive money earned in the main draw minus the prize money paid to the withdrawing player/team.

Effective Immediately following the Miami Board Meetings (March 20-23, 2022): A change has been made to 4.02 Nitto ATP Finals – Doubles, B. 2) as noted below in **red**:

## 4.02 Nitto ATP Finals - Doubles

### B. Entries

- 2) **Direct Acceptances.** The top eight (8) teams in the selection list shall qualify for the event as direct acceptances. Participation is mandatory, and all qualified teams shall be entered. All direct acceptances must be at the tournament site to attend the official pre-tournament media conference and must be available for play through the completion of the round robin competition and the knock-out competition if eligible.

**A player who qualifies as a direct acceptance on two (2) or more teams may choose the team with which he participates. Any player with whom he does not choose to participate is ineligible to be a direct acceptance unless such player qualifies with another partner.**

Effective 3/29/2022, a Case & Decision has been added after 7.03, A. 4) as noted below in **red**:

## 7.03 Entry Deadlines

### A. Main Draw/Qualifying Singles

- 4) ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying.

**Case: Can a player who is a direct acceptance in the qualifying of a Challenger tournament, preserve his eligibility at another Challenger tournament?**

**Decision: No. A player is considered to have preserved his eligibility only at the tournament where he is a Direct Acceptance into qualifying. He cannot withdraw and preserve eligibility at another event unless the withdrawal was for "still competing". However, he can withdraw and preserve his eligibility at the same event where he was a Direct Acceptance into qualifying.**

A clarification has been made to 7.05 D. 4) to include the exception for Challenger Tournaments as noted below in **red**:

## 7.05 Withdrawal/Late Withdrawal Penalties

### D. No Play After Withdrawal

- 4) **ATP TOUR:** The exception to No Play after Withdrawal is the withdrawal of a team accepted into the main draw of an ATP Tour tournament through the advance entry method due to one or both team members being accepted into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour, ATP Tour Qualifying or ATP Challenger Tour tournament. In this case, both players may enter a doubles competition, together or separately, through the on-site entry method.

**ATP CHALLENGER TOUR: The exception to No Play after Withdrawal is the withdrawal of a team accepted into the main draw of an ATP Challenger Tour tournament through the advance entry method due to one or both team members being accepted into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour, ATP Tour Qualifying, ATP Challenger Tour tournament, ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying or ITF WTT M25 or M15 main draw or qualifying tournament. In this**

case, both players may enter a doubles competition, together or separately, through the on-site entry method.

**Effective from 11 July 2022:** A new Coaching rule trial has been implemented as noted below in **red**:

**Effective Immediately following the Miami Board Meetings (March 20-23, 2022):** A change has been made to 7.20 A. 4) and A. 6) as noted below in **red**:

## 7.20 Lucky Losers, Substitutions and Vacancies

### A. Lucky Loser Selection

- 4) Vacancies in ATP Tour 500 Doubles main draw will be filled by the following method:
  - a) Team losing in the final round of qualifying shall be the number 1 lucky loser; and
  - b) The two teams losing in the first round of the doubles qualifying shall be numbers two (2) and three (3) based upon their ranking as used in the determination of seeds; and then
  - c) All teams who signed in for the on-site **alternate** entry list and were not accepted or could not participate in the qualifying and shall be ordered based upon their rank on the acceptance list.
  - d) **Teams who did not enter through the online on-site alternate sign-in are eligible\* to sign the daily alternate sign-in and are placed below those teams on the alternate list as defined in a), b) and c) above.**
  - e) One player from each team must sign the daily lucky loser / alternate sign-in sheet to be eligible to fill a vacancy.  
**\* To be eligible, alternate teams who did not enter through the online protocol must sign-in on the first day of the doubles competition.**
- 5) Vacancies in ATP Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 250 Doubles main draws occurring after the withdrawal deadline but prior to the draw being made will be filled by the next team on the on-site alternate list.
- 6) Vacancies in ATP Masters 1000 and ATP Tour 250 Doubles main draws occurring after the draw has been made will be filled by the first of the following methods:
  - a) Teams who were not accepted into the main draw through the on-site **alternate** sign-in list; then
  - b) Teams who did not enter through the online on-site alternate sign-in and teams where one member of the team is eligible to re-pair following the withdrawal of his partner are eligible\* to sign the daily alternate sign-in and are placed below those teams on the alternate list who did enter through online on-site alternate sign-in method.  
**\* To be eligible, alternate teams who did not enter through the online protocol must sign-in on the first day of the doubles competition.**

Effective retroactive from 1 January 2022: the fine level for Doubles Qualifying at 8.04, B. 1) a) iii) is noted below in **red**:

## 8.04 Player Code of Conduct (“Code”)

### B. Fines

#### 1) ATP Tour Tournaments

- iii) **Doubles Qualifying. If the withdrawal was after 10 AM Eastern time, USA, Friday, then the fine is \$500 per team member (doubled if the team would have been seeded).**

### I) Coaching and Coaches

- i) Players shall not receive coaching during a tournament match\*. Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach may be construed as coaching. Coaches on-site are prohibited from:
  - aa) Using an audible obscenity or making obscene gestures of any kind.
  - bb) Abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person, verbally or physically.
  - cc) Engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage a tournament, sponsor, player, official or ATP. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with ATP policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interest of a tournament, player, sponsor, official or ATP are expressly covered by this section.
- ii) Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the Supervisor shall have the authority to relocate the position of a coach if there is reasonable belief that coaching is occurring or the Supervisor may order the coach to be removed from the match site or tournament site and upon his failure to comply with such order, may declare an immediate default of such player.

**\*Coaching is allowed at ATP Tour tournaments only scheduled from the week of 11 July 2022 through the end of 2022 on a trial basis with the following conditions:**

- **The coach must sit in the tournament’s designated coaches’ seats**
- **Verbal coaching is permitted only when the player is at the same end of the court**
- **Verbal coaching may consist of a few words and/or short phrases (no conversations are permitted)**
- **Non-verbal coaching (hand signals) is permitted**
- **Coaching (verbal and non-verbal) is allowed only if it does not interrupt play or create any hindrance to the opponent**
- **Coaches may not speak to their player, when the player leaves the court for any reason**
- **Penalties and fines to apply for abuse or misuse of the coaching conditions**