CHANGES TO THE PUBLISHED 2023 ATP OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

(This document includes all rule changes/additions/clarifications to date)

Last revised: 09/27/2023
Current Revision: 10/31/23
Effective Immediately (23 Feb): A change has been made to 7.07 Play-Up Regulation (ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments), Cases & Decisions, pg 136 as noted below in red:

Case: A player ranked between 11-50 asks for a wild card into an ATP Challenger 100 and is denied by the tournament. The player then signs in for the qualifying. Is he allowed to play qualifying?

Decision: He is allowed to play only if the tournament grants him a wild card into the qualifying. The WC, however, will not count against the maximum allowed number of 11-50 players for the tournament.

Case: A player ranked 11-50 at the time of the entry deadline asks for a wild card into an ATP Challenger 100 and is denied by the tournament. The players ranking then drops below 50 and he signs in for the qualifying. Is he allowed to play qualifying?

Decision: Yes. Since his ranking dropped below 50, he is allowed to sign in and play qualifying and does not need a wild card.

Effective Immediately (23 Feb): A change has been made to 7.03 Entry Deadlines, Cases & Decisions, pg. 123-124 as noted below in red:

Withdrawning from Qualifying to play Main Draw Doubles at another event.

Case: May a player who is direct acceptance in the singles qualifying event of an ATP Challenger, ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 enter through the Advance Entry system and become a direct acceptance into the main draw doubles of another ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 event which is held the same week?

Decision: No. Once a player enters and is accepted into the Qualifying of an ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour Tournament, he is committed to that tournament unless he moves into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour event. However, a player who competes and loses in the singles qualifying competition may enter the doubles event of any tournament, provided he has lost prior to the respective tournament’s on-site doubles sign-in deadline.

Effective (21 Aug): A clarification has been made to 2.01 Identification - ATP Tour Tournaments, C. 3) b) i) a) & b), pg. 30 in red:

i) Host Locality Option 1

a) Clay Courts/ Hard Courts:

- Host country/city/region must be written in upper case if using the preferred font and all versions must be in white on one or both sides of the court and is to be centered between the net post and the service line.
- Host country/city/region can be displayed on one or two lines, facing the main camera.
- Maximum text height is 40 cms (16").
- Text should be placed 40 cms (16") from the doubles line.
- When text is displayed on two lines, they should together be centered between the net post and the service line.
- Line spacing should be 20 cms (8").
- Host country/city text should be elongated by 27% for improved television visibility.

B. Ranking Based Entry

Each tournament agrees to accept entries of tennis players on the basis of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings and the Pepperstone ATP Doubles Rankings.

Russian and Belarusian nationals will be required to provide a signed Declaration of Neutrality (in a form approved by ATP) in order for them to participate in the ATP Tour tournaments in London and Eastbourne and the ATP Challenger 125 tournaments in Nottingham, Ilkley and Surbiton and any further ATP Challenger Tour tournaments staged in the United Kingdom in 2023.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Russian and Belarusian nationals may be required (as determined solely by ATP) to provide a signed Declaration of Neutrality (in a form approved by ATP) in order for them to enter and participate in certain tournaments.

Exception 1: In the event that a government or country imposes restrictions preventing Russian or Belarusian nationals from entering the country after the singles or doubles main draw entry deadline, ATP reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to permit the tournament to proceed. In addition, in such instance, ATP may allow the affected Russian or Belarusian nationals to play in another ATP event.

Exception 2: ATP will accept tournaments in countries where Covid-19 vaccination is required for entry into the country.

Effective (21 Aug): A change has been made to 7.03 A. 2) and 4) pgs. XXX in red:

2) ATP Tour Qualifying, 12 Noon, Eastern Time, USA, twenty-one (21) days prior to the first Monday of the tournament week. A player on the Alternate List for the singles qualifying may withdraw at any time prior to such time that he is moved into the qualifying as a Direct Acceptance from Thursday, 10 AM Eastern Time, USA. A player directly accepted into the qualifying competition may withdraw, without penalty, if he is moved into the main draw, or accepts a wild card into an ATP Tour
250 or ATP Tour 500 tournament, or if he is still competing in an ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour, or ITF Men’s WTT tournament at any time on the day prior to the commencement of qualifying or two days prior if competing on another continent. Once a player has lost his match in the preceding week’s tournament, he must confirm to the Supervisor or Player Relations staff no later than one (1) hour following the completion of the match if he will compete in the following week’s Qualifying or will withdraw with “still competing”, except for those players who have decided to remain on the qualifying list as outlined below.

If a player is still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time, he will be automatically withdrawn from the qualifying without penalty. If a player is still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time, he may choose to remain on the qualifying list of the following week’s tournament if the player can reasonably travel and arrive on time to compete at the qualifying event as determined by the supervisor. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supervisor should use great discretion when making such determination. Unless clearly impossible to arrive on-time for the next week’s tournament players should be given the benefit of the doubt. If he chooses to remain on the qualifying list and loses at the current event after the qualifying draw is made (and did not withdraw himself before the qualifying alternate sign in deadline) he is committed to play the qualifying and will be subject to applicable late withdrawal penalties if he withdraws. Players who are still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time and who cannot reasonably attend the following week’s event due to the location of the current event where they are still competing or who choose not to remain on the qualifying list will be automatically withdrawn from the qualifying list as outlined below.

Players who are still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time and who cannot reasonably attend the following week’s event due to the location of the current event where they are still competing or who choose not to remain on the qualifying list, will be automatically withdrawn from the qualifying list at this time. Players who withdraw or are withdrawn due to “still competing” will be allowed to accept a wild card or enter doubles into any ATP Tour 250, ATP Tour 500, ATP Challenger Tour or ITF Men’s WTT tournament, including qualifying. If a withdrawal occurs prior to 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday, the qualifying vacancy shall be filled by the next player on the qualifying alternate list. This player is not required to sign in. If a withdrawal occurs after 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday, the qualifying vacancy will be filled from the on-site sign-in list, using the most recent Pepperstone ATP Rankings list. Main draw vacancies will be filled from the main draw alternate list, not the qualifying acceptance list.

4) ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying.

12 Noon, Eastern Time, USA, on Wednesday, nineteen (19) days prior to the first Monday of the tournament week for ATP Challenger Tour. A player on the Alternate List for the singles qualifying may withdraw at any time prior to such time that he is moved into the qualifying as a Direct Acceptance because of withdrawals of other players. A player who moves in from the alternate list will be considered a Direct Acceptance from Thursday, 10 AM Eastern Time, USA. A player directly accepted into the qualifying competition may withdraw, without penalty, if he is moved into the main draw, or accepts a wild card into a Challenger, ATP Tour 250 or ATP Tour 500 tournament, or if he is still competing in an ATP Tour, ATP Challenger Tour, or ITF Men’s WTT tournament at any time on the day prior to the commencement of qualifying or two days prior if competing on another continent. Once a player has lost his match in the preceding week’s tournament, he must confirm to the Supervisor or Player Relations staff no later than one (1) hour following the completion of the match if he will compete in the following week’s Qualifying or will withdraw with “still competing”, except for those players who have decided to remain on the qualifying list as outlined below.

If a player is still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time, he will be automatically withdrawn from the qualifying without penalty. If a player is still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time, he may choose to remain on the qualifying list of the following week’s tournament if the player can reasonably travel and arrive on time to compete at the qualifying event as determined by the supervisor. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supervisor should use great discretion when making such determination. Unless clearly impossible to arrive on-time for the next week’s tournament players should be given the benefit of the doubt. If he chooses to remain on the qualifying list and loses at the current event after the qualifying draw is made (and did not withdraw himself before the qualifying alternate sign in deadline) he is committed to play the qualifying and will be subject to applicable late withdrawal penalties if he withdraws. Players who are still competing past 9:00 p.m. local time and who cannot reasonably attend the following week’s event due to the location of the current event where they are still competing or who choose not to remain on the qualifying list will be automatically withdrawn from the qualifying at this time. Players who withdraw or are withdrawn due to “still competing” will be allowed to accept a wild card or enter doubles into any ATP Tour 250, ATP Tour 500, ATP Challenger Tour or ITF Men’s WTT tournament, including qualifying. If a withdrawal occurs prior to 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday, the qualifying vacancy shall be filled by the next player on the qualifying alternate list. This player is not required to sign in. If a withdrawal occurs after 10 AM, Eastern Time, USA, on Friday, the qualifying vacancy will be filled from the on-site sign-in list, using the most recent Pepperstone ATP Rankings list.

Effective Immediately (31 Oct): An addition has been made to 7.04, adding the College Accelerator Spots (CAS), pages 129-130 as noted in red:

**College Accelerator Spots (CAS)**

College Accelerator Spots are awarded at the Challenger level to the College players who are ranked 1-20 in the season-end Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Collegiate Tennis Rankings, as well as individual NCAA Division I Tennis Championships quarterfinalists.

- **Challengers 50 and 75** - College Accelerator Spots can be awarded to up to two (2) players in every Main Draw (eligible College players ranked 1-10 and individual NCAA DI Champion) and to up to two (2) players in every Qualifying (eligible College players ranked 11-20 and individual NCAA DI quarterfinalists) of Challenger 50 and 75 tournaments.

Players who have finished College education – defined as any player who has obtained a College degree or who has stopped college education for the pursuit of full-time competition on the professional tennis circuit – shall be eligible for the following opportunities:

i) **Players ranked 1-10 in the season-end singles ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranking and NCAA Division I Champion shall be eligible for up to eight (8) Accelerator Spots over twelve (12) months at Challenger Main Draw, with a maximum of four (4) uses per six (6) months, starting July 1, 2023.**

ii) **Players ranked 11-20 in the season-end singles ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranking and NCAA Division I quarter-finalists shall be eligible for up to eight (8) Accelerator Spots**
over twelve (12) months at Challenger Tour Qualifying, with a maximum of four (4) uses per six (6) months, starting July 1, 2023.

Players who remain in College education – defined as any player who is scheduled to return to College in the following semester - shall be eligible for the following opportunities:

i) Players ranked 1-10 in the season-end singles ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranking and NCAA Division I Champion shall be eligible for up to six (6) Accelerator Spots at Challenger Main Draw over six (6) months, starting July 1, 2023, through to the last week of Challenger events in the season.

ii) Players ranked 11-20 in the season-end singles ITA Collegiate Tennis Ranking and NCAA Division I quarter-finalists shall be eligible for up to six (6) Accelerator Spots at Challenger Qualifying over six months, starting July 1, 2023, through to the last week of Challenger events in December.

• All Challengers – Players who are eligible for the Challenger College Accelerator Spots (ranked 1-20) can be promoted via Promotion System from Qualifying to Main Draw at any Challenger tournament (up to 2 spots reserved per tournament) if they are directly accepted into the Qualifying with their ATP Ranking at the entry deadline, subject to availability.

Any College Accelerator Spot or Promotions from Qualifying to Main draw will be determined at the relevant Challenger Main Draw or Qualifying Entry Deadline.