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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 player 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, pgs 123-124 as noted below in **red**:

Withdrawing 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 40cms (16").

Text should be placed 40cms (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 20cms (8").

Host country/city text should be elongated by 27% for improved television visibility.

On a clay surface, the text must not protrude above the surface of the court.

~~The material used for the name, on a hard court, must be of the same material and texture as the court surface to ensure safe footing for the players.~~

b) **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 at the service line.~~

~~Host country/city/region can be displayed on one or two lines, facing the main camera.~~

~~Maximum text height is 40cms (16").~~

~~Text should be placed 40cms (16") from the doubles line.~~

~~When text is displayed on two lines, they should together be centered on the service line.~~

~~Line spacing should be 20cms (8").~~

~~Host country/city text should be elongated by 27% for improved television visibility.~~

~~The material used for the name, on a hard court, must be of the same material and texture as the court surface to ensure safe footing for the players.~~

Effective (21 Aug): A change has been made to 8.01, B. Ranking Based Entry, pg. 203 in **red**:

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 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~~

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