



Beach Tennis Tour

**ITF BEACH TENNIS TOUR
CODE OF CONDUCT
2016**

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ITF BEACH TENNIS TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT 2016

ARTICLE I: GENERAL

References in this Code of Conduct (“Code”) to the “ITF Executive Director” shall hereafter mean the ITF Executive Director of ITF Circuits.

A. PURPOSE

The International Tennis Federation promulgates this Code of Conduct (Code) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by players and the organisers of ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the sport of Beach Tennis. All references to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall mean the ITF Limited.

B. EXCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY

This 2016 ITF Beach Tennis Tour Code of Conduct shall be the basis for disciplinary action against any player or tournament in ITF sanctioned Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments, except to the extent that disciplinary jurisdiction is established in relation to such Tournaments under (i) the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme; and/or (ii) the ITF Welfare Policy.

C. UNITED STATES DOLLARS

All monetary fines set forth in the Code are in US Dollars.

D. TOURNAMENT REFEREE

The approved Tournament Referee for each ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament shall be the final authority for the interpretation of these Tournament Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and the Rules of Beach Tennis as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament site.

ARTICLE II: PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES

A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall apply to all ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournaments (“Tournaments”).

B. ENTRY OFFENCES

1. Late Withdrawal/ No Show

Any withdrawal from a doubles team accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal.

Any doubles team accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying that does not withdraw and fails to sign in by the applicable deadline shall be considered a No Show.

For the purpose of this rule, both players in a team shall be penalised under the Code of Conduct.

Violation of this Section shall subject a team to a fine up to \$250.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the ITF Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

2. One Tournament

a. No player who has entered and been accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament shall play in any other beach tennis event during the period of such tournament except as hereinafter provided.

Participation by a player in an alternative tournament is only permitted in the following specific circumstances, provided he/she first submits an official withdrawal for the tournament he/she was originally committed to, prior to its sign-in deadline:

- i. Player is nominated to represent his/her country in an official team competition recognised by the ITF;
- ii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card offering higher event status (i.e. moving from a Qualifying event to a Main Draw event) into an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament;
- iii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card into an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament in a higher prize money category;

Violation of this Section shall result in a fine up to \$250 in addition to any other late withdrawal fines provided in the Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

C. WILD CARDS

No player, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section by a player shall result in a fine of up to \$ 1,000.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Beach Tennis Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

D. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied for entry offences shall be paid by the player within ten (10) days after the notice thereof is provided. A player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code of Conduct shall not be allowed to enter any ITF Tour tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

A player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year will not be allowed to enter any ITF Tour tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

E. REMISSION OF FINES

Under extraordinary circumstances a player has the right to appeal a Late Withdrawal or No Show fine to the ITF provided such appeal is filed within ten (10) days of the last day of the tournament. Such extraordinary circumstances must be substantiated by documentation.

F. FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION

Should a player submit documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence, including, but not limited to, documents pertaining to tournament entry and withdrawal and Code of Conduct appeals, the player shall be subject to a fine of up to \$250 in addition to any other fines provided in the Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

G. APPEALS

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, appeal to the ITF Executive Director for discretionary review of the

determination of guilt and penalty therefore. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00 pm GMT within ten (10) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player.

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Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the ITF Executive Director shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident, and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the Offence. In the event of a whole or partial reversal the ITF shall remit to the player all or part of the fines collected in accordance with the disposition of the appeal. The decision of the ITF Executive Director will be provided in writing and shall be final and binding.

ARTICLE III: PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. GENERAL

Every player shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions hereinafter set forth shall apply to each player's conduct while within the precincts of each such site.

B. PUNCTUALITY

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the announced order of play. The order of play shall be posted at a highly visible place in a general players' area as designated by the Tournament Referee.

Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play using all available and reasonable means. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

1. Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after his match is called may be fined \$50.
2. Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called may be fined up to an additional \$200 and shall be defaulted unless the Tournament Referee in his sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable beach tennis attire shall be worn.

Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the Tournament Referee to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default. (The ITF reserves the right to interpret the following rules so as to give effect to the intent and purposes of these Rules and Regulations).

1. Unacceptable Attire

Players shall wear appropriate clothing at all times during play including warm-up (i.e. no bare chest).

a. Footwear

The use of shoes, including trainers and tennis shoes, is not permitted. The use of sand socks (as determined by the Referee) is permitted. The Tournament Referee has the authority to determine that the footwear being used does not constitute a sand sock and can prohibit its use at ITF Beach Tennis Tour events.

2. Doubles Teams

In an official ITF or regional team competition, members of a doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours. At other Tour events members of a doubles team should make best efforts to be dressed in substantially the same colours.

3. Identification/Advertising/Slogans

Manufacturer's and non-manufacturer's identification are allowed on clothing, accessory (such as hat, wristband and headband) and equipment.

No identification shall be permitted on player's clothing that promotes/displays tobacco products, hard liquor products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinabove set forth the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any tennis circuit, series of tennis events, tennis exhibition, tennis tournament, any other sport or entertainment event other than the ITF Pro Circuit is prohibited on all dress or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

In the event the utilisation of any of the foregoing permitted commercial identifications would violate any governmental regulation with respect to television, then the same shall be prohibited.

4. Warm-up Clothing

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the Tournament Referee prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

Following the expiration of the warm-up period play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

A maximum of twenty (20) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the serve of the next point.

When changing ends a maximum of ninety (90) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game until the time the serve is struck for the next game. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period.

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the set until the time the serve is struck for the next set.

If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set.

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready. A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty (20) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of one Time Violation - Point Penalty.

When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY (AOB)

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Court Officials or spectators.

F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY (VOB)

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

G. VERBAL ABUSE (VA)

Players shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

H. PHYSICAL ABUSE (PhA)

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

I. ABUSE OF BALLS (BA)

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a beach tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including the warm-up). Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

J. ABUSE OF RACKETS OR EQUIPMENT (RA)

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racket or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation. In addition, if such violation

occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging rackets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

K. COACHING AND COACHES (CC)

Players shall prohibit their coaches (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site, (2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the tournament and/or of the officiating thereof.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$150 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore and the Tournament Referee may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and may declare an immediate default of such player.

For the purposes of this Rule, a "coach" shall also include any representative and/or relative of a player.

L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (UnC)

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Sport, but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the sport, its administrators, the tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

M. BEST EFFORTS (BE)

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in an ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation.

For purposes of this Rule, the Tournament Referee and/or the Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalise a player 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, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

N. LEAVING THE COURT (LC)

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Tournament Referee and/or the Chair Umpire. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100 for each violation. In addition the player may be defaulted and subjected to the additional penalties for Failure to Complete Match as hereinafter set forth.

O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH (FCM)

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100. In addition a violation of this Section shall subject a player to immediate default and shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

P. CEREMONIES (Cer)

A player participating in the finals of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100.

Q. MEDIA CONFERENCE (MC)

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the post-match media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended or otherwise modified by the Tournament Referee for good cause. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100.

R. POINT PENALTY SCHEDULE

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST offence
SECOND offence
THIRD and each subsequent offence

WARNING
POINT PENALTY
GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the Tournament Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

S. DEFAULTS

The Tournament Referee may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code (Immediate Default) or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above. In all cases of default, the decision of the Tournament Referee shall be final and unappealable.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided shall lose all prize money, hospitality and points earned for that event at that tournament and may be fined up to \$150 in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident, unless:

- a. the player or team was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article III. B and C, or
- b. the player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition, or
- c. the player's doubles partner committed the Code Violation which caused the default.

In addition, except in the circumstances above, any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be defaulted from all other events, if any, in that tournament.

T. APPLICATION OF CODE

1. Warnings/Point Penalties/Game Penalties/Defaults

Warnings, Point Penalties, Game Penalties and/or a default if assessed for violation of the Code shall be assessed against the team.

2. Fines

Fines for violation of Article III C.2 of the Code relating to the requirement of substantially identical attire shall be assessed against the team. All other fines for violation of Article III of the Code shall be assessed only against the individual member of the team who is in violation unless both members of the team are in violation.

U. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The Tournament Referee shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all Player On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the fine and/or other punishment therefor and give written notice thereof to the player.

V. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied for entry offences shall be paid by the player within ten (10) days after the notice thereof is provided. A player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code of Conduct shall not be allowed to enter any ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

W. APPEALS

Any player convicted of a violation of a Player On-Site Offence at an ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament may, after paying all fines, appeal to the ITF Executive Director for review of the determination of guilt and penalty therefore. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and filed within ten (10) days after the last day of the event.

Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the ITF Executive Director shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the Tournament Referee. In the event of a whole or partial reversal the Tournament Administrator shall remit to the player all or part of the fines collected in accordance with the disposition of the appeal. The decision of the ITF Executive Director will be provided in writing and shall be final and binding.

ARTICLE IV: PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES

A. WAGERS

No player or Related Person (defined hereinafter as including, but not limited to, coaches, therapists, trainers, management representatives, family, and business associates) shall wager anything of value in connection with any ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament. Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject the player to a fine up to \$1,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

B. BRIBES OR OTHER PAYMENTS

No player or Related Person shall offer, give, solicit or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or participation in any ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments. Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject the player to a fine up to \$1,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

C. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

No player or Related Person at any ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour" which is defined as follows:

1. One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting "Aggravated Behaviour";
2. One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour, or is singularly egregious;
3. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour", but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

In addition, any player or Related Person who, directly or indirectly, offers or provides or receives any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other Covered Person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the tournament site shall be deemed to have engaged in Aggravated Behaviour and be in violation of this Section.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$1,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Beach Tennis. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, the player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Beach Tennis and the ITF Executive Director may provisionally suspend such player from further participation in ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournaments pending a final determination in Section C. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, the player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Beach Tennis and be in violation of this Section. Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject a player to a fine up to \$1,000 and/or to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournaments.

E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF Executive Director shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the player involved; the player shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Executive Director, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the player deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon the completion of his investigation the ITF Executive Director shall determine the innocence or guilt of the player involved, and, in the latter case, shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision shall be promptly delivered to the player and to the Commission.

F. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied by the ITF Executive Director for Player Major Offences shall be paid by the player to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof. If the fine is not paid in thirty (30) days the ITF Executive Director will instruct the next ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament to withhold prize money due to the player until settlement is made.

G.DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

Any player or Related Person found to have committed a Player Major Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, petition the Commission for discretionary review of the determination and penalty of the ITF Executive Director. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Executive Director within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player. The ITF Executive Director shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the Commission. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Commission shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the player and the ITF Executive Director. At such hearing the player and the ITF Executive Director shall present to the Commission the relevant evidence on the matter. The Commission may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Executive Director on appeal. The decision of the Commission will be provided in writing and shall be final and binding.

If the appeal is decided against the player, then the Commission shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the player, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and the Commission with respect thereto, if the same is not at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission.

ARTICLE V: MEDICAL CONTROL – ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Any Player, Player Support Personnel or other Person who enters or participates in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2016.

The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2016 is set out in full on the ITF website (www.itftennis.com/antidoping) and in a separate rulebook that is published and distributed by the ITF to all National Associations. The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2016 is also available upon application.

ARTICLE VI: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES

A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall apply to each ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament.

B. GUARANTEES

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of an ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall such a tournament permit any other person or entity to offer, give or pay money or anything of value to a player, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player's appearance at a tournament other than prize money and permitted amateur expenses, unless authorised to do so by the Commission. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$1,000 plus the amount or value of any such payment, disqualification and loss of sanction, and/ or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF. In the event the ITF Executive Director believes that a tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Executive Director or his agent access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating in any way to such alleged guarantee, or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the ITF Executive Director.

C. WILD CARDS

No ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF and possible withdrawal of its sanction.

D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport.

Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$1,000 and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF.

E. ITF BEACH TENNIS TOUR RULES AND REGULATIONS

No ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament shall violate any provisions of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules and Regulations. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$1,000 and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF.

F. LATE CANCELLATION

No ITF Beach Tennis Tour tournament shall cancel less than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled commencement of the event.

Violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a fine of up to \$1,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid or due to the ITF, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred and/or denial of subsequent Applications.

G. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF Executive Director shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Tournament Offence by an ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the tournament involved. The tournament shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Executive Director, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the tournament deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon completion of his investigation, the ITF Executive Director shall determine the innocence or guilt of the tournament involved, and in the latter case shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision of the ITF Executive Director shall be promptly delivered to the tournament and to the Commission.

H. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied by the ITF Executive Director for Tournament Offences shall be paid by the tournament to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

I. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

Any ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament found to have committed a Tournament Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, petition the Commission for discretionary review of the determination and penalty of the ITF Executive Director. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Executive Director within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the tournament. The ITF Executive Director shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the Commission. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Commission shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the tournament and the ITF Executive Director. At such hearing the tournament and the ITF Executive Director shall present to the Commission the relevant evidence on the matter. The Commission may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Executive Director on appeal. The decision of the Commission will be provided in writing and shall be final and binding.

If the appeal is decided against the tournament, then the Commission shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the tournament, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members of the Commission with respect thereto, if the same is not at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission.

ARTICLE VII: WELFARE POLICY

Any player that enters and/or participates in ITF Beach Tennis Tour, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates in ITF Beach

Tennis Tour shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix A.

ARTICLE VIII: RECIPROCITY

The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to affirm, modify or reject with respect to any or all tournaments, events or Circuits owned or sanctioned by the ITF a suspension or other sanction issued against a Covered Person (as defined in Appendix A - ITF Welfare Policy) either by or on behalf of the ITF pursuant to a conduct or disciplinary process under any ITF code or policy or by any national or regional association.

The ITF Executive Director reserves the right in its absolute discretion to share information concerning any complaint against a Covered Person with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any other national or regional association or any other tennis organisation or any other relevant authorities. The ITF Executive Director may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate in its absolute discretion. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by any national or regional association, any other tennis organisations and/or any relevant authorities. A Covered Person may petition the Commission for discretionary review of the determination of the ITF Executive Director. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Executive Director within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player. The ITF Executive Director shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the Commission. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Commission shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the player and the ITF Executive Director. At such hearing the player and the ITF Executive Director shall present to the Commission the relevant evidence on the matter. The Commission may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Executive Director on appeal. The decision of the Commission will be provided in writing and shall be final and binding.

If the appeal is decided against the player, then the Commission shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the player, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and the Commission with respect thereto, if the same is not at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission.

ARTICLE IX: INTERPRETATIONS

Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the ITF Executive Director a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction.

ARTICLE X: NOTICE

All written communications to the ITF Executive Director should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

ITF Executive Director, Professional Tennis
International Tennis Federation
Bank Lane
Roehampton
London SW15 5XZ
England

Tel: (44) 20 8878 6464

Fax: (44) 20 8392 4777

A. PLAYER

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served personally upon him. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the subject player at his home address or other address designated by the player.

B. TOURNAMENT

Service of any document on an ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament as required by this Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Tournament Director along with a copy to the Tournament Administrator.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

This ITF Beach Tennis Tour Code of Conduct may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF.

APPENDIX A

WELFARE POLICY

Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate of any player (together “Player Support Team Member”), any player and any tournament personnel, such as an official, tournament director, staff, volunteer, sponsor, health care provider, ITF staff member and members of the media (together “Credentialed Person”) shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner at all times and in accordance with this ITF Welfare Policy. In this ITF Welfare Policy Player Support Team Members, players and Credentialed Persons shall be defined as “Covered Persons”.

a. Elements of the Welfare Policy.

i. Application

Covered Persons shall be familiar with, and must abide by, this ITF Welfare Policy.

ii. Unfair and/or Discriminatory Conduct

a) Covered Persons shall not engage in unfair or unethical conduct including any attempt to injure, disable or intentionally interfere with the preparation or competition of any player.

b) Covered Persons shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.

iii. Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct

a) Covered Persons shall not abuse his or her position of authority or control, and shall not attempt to or compromise the psychological, physical or emotional wellbeing of any player.

b) Covered Persons shall not engage in abusive conduct, either physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed toward any Covered Person, parent, spectator or member of the press/media.

c) Covered Persons shall not exploit any player relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interests of the player.

iv. Sexual Conduct

In order to prevent sexual abuse and the negative consequences resulting from the imbalance of a dual relationship, sexual conduct of any kind between any player and his/her Player Support Team Members and/or Credentialed Persons is discouraged.

In addition, the following conduct is specifically prohibited:

a) Covered Persons shall not make sexual advances towards, or have any sexual contact with, any player who is (i) under the age of 17, or (ii) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the conduct takes place or where the player resides.

b) Covered Persons shall not sexually abuse a player of any age. Sexual abuse is defined as the forcing of sexual activity by one person on another person (i) of diminished mental capacity; or (ii) by the use of physical force, threats, coercion, intimidation or undue influence.

c) Covered Persons shall not engage in sexual harassment - for example, by making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favours or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

d) Player Support Team Members and Credentialed Persons shall not share a hotel room with a player who is (1) under the age of 17, or (2) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the hotel is located or where the player resides, unless such Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person is the player's parent or is related to the player and authorised in writing by the player's parent. Penalties will apply to any underage player who is found to have violated this Hotel Room Policy. These penalties can include: forfeiture of points from the tournament(s) where the violation occurred and/or monetary fines equal to the amount of the hotel room rates and/or forfeiture of hotel per diem rates as applicable, for the tournament(s) where the violation occurred. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed on the Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person pursuant to sub-Section b) below.

v. Criminal Conduct

Covered Persons shall comply with all relevant criminal laws. For greater certainty and without limiting the foregoing, this obligation is violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment involving (a) an offence involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, (b) an offence involving sexual misconduct, harassment or abuse, or (c) an offence involving child abuse. Further, this obligation may be violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to an offence that is a violation of any law specifically designed to protect minors.

vi. Anti-Doping Activity

Covered Persons shall not commit any offence under the terms of the ITF's Anti-Doping Programme or aid, abet, counsel or procure in any way any person's offence under that Programme.

vii. Conduct in General

Covered Persons shall not conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect unfavourably on the ITF, any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF (the “ITF Tournaments”), any player, official or the game of tennis.

b. Violations/Procedures

- i. Any individual who believes that any Covered Person has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Welfare Policy may file a written complaint with the ITF Executive Director responsible for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates. That complaint shall identify the complainant and state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct. Upon receipt of such a complaint, the ITF Executive Director shall promptly initiate a review of the matter. Such review shall be carried out by the relevant Manager or Head of Department with responsibility for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates (“ITF Manager/Head”). Upon request by the ITF Manager/Head, the ITF Executive Director shall have authority to issue a provisional suspension of the accused individual, pending the completion of the investigation and issuance of a final decision on the matter.
- ii. Upon review of the complaint and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the ITF Manager/Head may determine that the complaint does not merit further action. If the ITF Manager/Head determines that the complaint does merit further action, after notifying the accused individual of the charge(s) and giving the accused individual the opportunity to present his or her views to the ITF Executive Director or his/her designee, either in person or in writing, at the ITF Executive Director’s discretion, the ITF Executive Director may impose appropriate sanctions including (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all ITF Tournaments, or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the ITF Executive Director may deem appropriate.
- iii. The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to extend to any or all ITF Tournaments a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against a Covered Person by a National or Regional Association or other tennis organisation such as the Women’s Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals or a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section a) v. above. The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to share information concerning a complaint with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any tennis organisation as specified above. The ITF Executive Director may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by other tennis organisations as specified above and/or relevant authorities.

- iv. Decisions of the ITF Executive Director may be appealed to the ITF Commission. All appeals under this section must be filed with the ITF Commission in writing within one month from the date of the notice of the ITF Executive Director's decision which is the subject of the appeal. The notice of appeal must include a statement of the reasons for the appeal and arguments why the decision was incorrect and include supporting evidence and make any application for a stay of execution. In either circumstance, the ITF Commission shall decide whether to review the appeal based solely on the ITF Executive Director's investigation or whether to hold a full hearing in which the Covered Person will be given the opportunity to present his/her case directly to the ITF Commission, in which case the ITF Commission shall issue directions for the efficient conduct of the appeal. The decision of the ITF Commission shall be final and binding. Any decision of the ITF Executive Director decided on the basis of a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section a) v. above shall be final and binding.
- v. Any decision of the Executive Director and/or the ITF Commission pursuant to this Welfare Policy may be communicated to those Member National Associations, other tennis organisations and ITF Tournament organisers deemed necessary by the ITF Executive Director and/or the ITF Commission.

APPENDIX B

FINES GUIDELINES

All fine amounts are in US Dollars

<u>Prize Money Category and Draw</u>		<u>Late withdrawal / No show</u>	<u>Late Withdrawal Code</u>	<u>No Show Code</u>
<u>World Championships</u>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>WMABD</u>	<u>ZMABD</u>
	<u>Qualifying Draw</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>WQABD</u>	<u>ZQABD</u>
<u>\$35,000 + H / \$50,000</u>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>WMABD</u>	<u>ZMABD</u>
	<u>Qualifying Draw</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>WQABD</u>	<u>ZQABD</u>
<u>\$15,000 + H / \$25,000</u>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>WMABD</u>	<u>ZMABD</u>
	<u>Qualifying Draw</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>WQABD</u>	<u>ZQABD</u>
<u>Regional Championships</u>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>WMABD</u>	<u>ZMABD</u>
	<u>Qualifying Draw</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>WQABD</u>	<u>ZQABD</u>
<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>WM12D</u>	<u>ZM12D</u>
	<u>Qualifying Draw</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>WQ12D</u>	<u>ZQ12D</u>
<u>\$6,500</u>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>WM12D</u>	<u>ZM12D</u>
	<u>Qualifying Draw</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>WQ12D</u>	<u>ZQ12D</u>
<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>WM34D</u>	<u>ZM34D</u>
	<u>Qualifying Draw</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>WQ34D</u>	<u>ZQ34D</u>
<u>Non prize Money</u>	<u>Main Draw</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>WM34D</u>	<u>ZM34D</u>
	<u>Qualifying Draw</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>WQ34D</u>	<u>ZQ34D</u>

Player On-Site Offences Fines Guidelines		
Offence (*may constitute Aggravated Behaviour)	Offence Code	Maximum
Punctuality	Pun (10 or 15)	\$50-\$250
Audible Obscenity *, Visible Obscenity *	AOB, VOb	\$100
Verbal Abuse *	VA	\$100
Physical Abuse *	PhA	\$100
Ball Abuse	BA	\$100
Racket Abuse	RA	\$100
Coaching and Coaches *	CC	\$150
Unsportsmanlike Conduct *	UnC	\$100
Best Efforts *, Leaving the Court *, Failure to Complete Match *	BE, LC, FCM	\$100
Ceremonies, Media Conference	Cer, MC	\$100
Defaults (To be reported by Referee)		
Default - In addition to any fine(s) for the on-court offences	Def, D	\$150