

## **2010 ITF Junior Circuit - Rule Changes Related to On-line Entries**

Rule changes indicated by underline.

40\*. Singles Entry and Withdrawal

i) A player applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying of the tournament.

A player may apply for entry into one (1) but not more than three (3) ITF Junior Circuit tournaments in a specific tournament week, in which case he/she must indicate a priority. If no priority is stated, the ITF will assign a priority. A player may not apply for entry into an ITF Junior Circuit tournament if he/she has entered and is committed to another tournament during that period.

It is the responsibility of each National Association to promptly advise the ITF about any player not in "good standing" with his/her National Association.

See Appendix O for Entry Procedures.

ii) All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online or by fax on the Official Entry Form and sent to the ITF. Emails are not accepted.

All entries are subject to the Regulations and Conditions of Entry. Faxed entries must be signed by the player and must be fully completed.

The Entry Deadline is at 14:00 hrs Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on the Tuesday twenty-seven (27) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

Grade A tournaments and their warm-up events shall have an entry deadline at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday either forty-one (41), thirty-four (34) or twenty-seven (27) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week .

Under exceptional circumstances other tournaments (Grades 1-5) may apply to the ITF for an exemption from the 27-day rule.

It is the player's responsibility before entering a Junior Circuit tournament to check the correct entry deadline on the official tournament fact-sheet on the ITF website/IPIN online service.

iii) The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. This applies to both Main Draw players and players on the Qualifying Acceptance List.

After the Withdrawal Deadline a player on one or more Alternate List(s) may withdraw anytime until he/she first moves into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List, at which time he/she will be automatically withdrawn from all other Acceptance Lists by the ITF. A player who has moved into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List by the Withdrawal Deadline is committed to play the tournament.

Any player accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying who fails to appear for the Tournament without notifying the ITF and/or the ITF Referee of his/her withdrawal and the reason for the withdrawal shall be subject to the penalties provided for no show.

Any withdrawal from a player accepted into main draw or qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline will be considered a Late Withdrawal. A player's first two (2) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year will be excused and the player will not be penalised, provided the withdrawal is received by the ITF (and the tournament organisers, if submitted after the freeze deadline) prior to the sign-in deadline. It will no longer be necessary to provide a medical certificate in the case of a Late Withdrawal.

iv) The Freeze Deadline is at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Wednesday preceding the tournament week . After the Freeze Deadline players on the Qualifying Acceptance List will no longer be moved into the Main Draw, and players on one or more Alternate Lists will no longer be moved into the Qualifying.

Such Alternates are not committed to play the tournament and therefore are not subject to late withdrawal or no show penalties.

A player who withdraws from Main Draw or Qualifying after the Freeze Deadline must notify both the ITF and ITF Referee of his/her withdrawal and the reason for the withdrawal, otherwise he/she will be subject to the penalties provided for No show.

#### 41. One tournament per week

A player may apply for entry into one or more Junior Circuit Tournaments for the same week, but he/she must state a priority at the time of entry and he/she will be withdrawn from all except one event in accordance with the entry and withdrawal procedures outlined in Appendix O.

Once a player is committed to a tournament he/she may not compete in any other tournament that same week.

Once a player has signed-in for the Qualifying event at a tournament, or is a Direct Acceptance, Wild Card or Special Exempt , he/she is committed to that tournament only.

Violation of this Section shall result in a default by the Referee and forfeiture of all world ranking points (where applicable).

#### 45. Sign-in/Registration

##### a) Qualifying

Each player (with the exception of Wild Cards who are in contact with the Referee) must sign-in personally on site with the Referee by 6.00 p.m. (1800 hours) the day before the start of play in the Qualifying competition.

A player may be signed in for the qualifying draw by the referee of an ITF sanctioned tournament in the previous week, if such player has competed and lost in the two days preceding the start of the qualifying competition. This player must be on site and play his first match by the end of the first round of qualifying. Except as otherwise stated herein, players who fail to sign in shall not be included in the qualifying draw.

##### b) Main Draw

###### i) Singles

There will be no sign-in requirement for the Main Draw at Grade A tournaments. However, players must arrive the day before, ready to play on the first day of the competition. For all other tournaments each player accepted into the Main Draw (with the exception of Wild Cards who are in contact with the Referee) must sign-in personally with the Referee by 6.00 pm (1800 hours) the day before the start of the Main Draw.

###### ii) Doubles

Each player must have entered and signed-in personally with the Referee by 12 noon (1200 hours) on the first day of the singles main draw.

## APPENDIX O – ENTRY PROCEDURES 2010 ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

### Entry Deadline:

Grade 1-5 tournaments: Tuesday twenty-seven (27) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

Grade A tournaments and their warm-up events: forty-one (41), thirty-four (34) or twenty-seven (27) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week at 14:00 hrs GMT on the Tuesday.

Under exceptional circumstances other tournaments (Grades 1-5) may apply to the ITF for an exemption from the 27-day rule.

It is the player's responsibility before entering any Junior Circuit tournament to check the correct entry deadline on the official tournament fact-sheet on the ITF website and/or on the IPIN online service.

Withdrawal Deadline (Main Draw and Qualifying): Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week at 14:00 hours GMT.

Freeze Deadline: Wednesday preceding the tournament week at than 14:00 hours GMT.

It is the player's responsibility to make all entries and withdrawals and to check his/her position on the Entry Lists.

All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online or by fax on the Official Entry or Withdrawal Form, as appropriate. Emails are not accepted.

All players entering ITF Junior Circuit tournaments must be members of their national tennis associations and must be in "good standing" with their national associations as defined in Appendix M of the ITF Junior Circuit Regulations.

All players entering ITF Junior Circuit tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to register for annual IPIN Membership and pay the appropriate fee. Failure by a player to register for IPIN Membership will result in the rejection of that player's entry.

If a player enters more than one (1) but not more than three (3) ITF Junior Circuit tournaments occurring during the same period, HE/SHE MUST STATE A PRIORITY ON HIS/HER ENTRY FORM.

### At the Withdrawal Deadline:

- If a player has been accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of more than one ITF Junior Circuit tournament occurring during the same period, he/she will remain on one List and will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other Tournaments according to the following criteria:
  1. Main Draw takes priority over qualifying
  2. Tournament Entry Priority

If a player did not state an entry priority, he/she will be immediately withdrawn from all but one Entry List according to the following criteria:

3. Tournaments with the highest grade will take priority, or if equal;
4. The Entry List on which he/she is highest placed will take priority, or if equal;
5. The tournament which is geographically closest to his/her country of Nationality will take priority

- If a player is not accepted into any ITF Junior Circuit tournament occurring during the same week, he/she may remain on more than one Entry List as an Alternate. However once he/she is accepted into any ITF Junior Circuit tournament, he/she will be withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other junior tournaments occurring during this period.

After the Freeze Deadline:

- Players who are on one or more Alternate Lists will not be moved into Qualifying and players in Qualifying will no longer be moved into the Main Draw.