

# WTT SERIES & FEEDER SERIES HANDBOOK 2024

## APPROVED ADDITIONS & AMENDMENTS

A summary of changes to the WTT Series and Feeder Series Handbook for 2024 are noted below.

SECTION	SUB-SECTION	CURRENT RULE	NEW/AMENDED RULE
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	1.2.2 System of play		Players will be drawn in groups based on the latest ITTF TTWR following the "snake system".
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	1.2.2 System of play	Any empty spots will be filled in by runners-up based on the following criteria in order: 1. Greatest number of points in the group. 2. Best ratio of games won/lost in the group. 3. Best ratio of points won/lost in the group. 4. Least number of cards received in groups matches. 5. ITTF TTWR.	Any empty spots <b>when all Qualifying groups are of the same size</b> will be filled in by runners-up based on the following criteria in order: 1. Greatest number of points in the group. 2. Best ratio of games won/lost in the group. 3. Best ratio of points won/lost in the group. 4. Least number of cards received in groups matches. 5. ITTF TTWR.  If the Qualifying groups are of different size the empty spots will be filled in by runners-up based on the above criteria excluding #1.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.10 Player / Pair Withdrawal / Cancellation		A player/pair cancelled shall not be added back in the entry list and shall not be nominated with a Host Wildcard or WTT Nomination.
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III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.10 Player Withdrawal / Cancellation	A player or pair shall have 24 hours from the time of notification to confirm their acceptance of the movement to	A player or pair <b>who is in the Wait List</b> shall have 24 hours from the time of notification <b>or as otherwise notified by WTT</b> to

		the new list and in any case before the draw takes place.	confirm their acceptance of the movement to the new list and in any case before the draw takes place.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	<p><del>2.10 Player Withdrawal / Cancellation</del></p> <p>2.10 Player / Pair Withdrawal / Cancellation</p>		Any player or pair who withdraws from the WTT Finals is not permitted to play in any other WTT event the same week.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.11 Qualifying Withdrawal / Cancellation Deadline	Singles events: Players who do not wish to play in Qualifying have one (1) week after the entry deadline to cancel their entry without penalty.	<p>Singles events: Players who do not wish to play in Qualifying have <b>two (2)</b> weeks after the entry deadline to cancel their entry without penalty.</p> <p>Doubles events: Players who do not wish to play in Qualifying have one (1) week after the entry deadline to cancel their entry without penalty.</p>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.13 Entry changes	<del>No Doubles pairs can be amended after the doubles' entry deadline.</del>	Pairs cannot be amended after the doubles' entry deadline unless it's using a Host Wildcard and only in case either of the players of the initial pair is withdrawn from all sub-events.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.14 Reserve Players/Pair	If after accepting their position as reserve, they decide to cancel their participation - the player shall be fined to the value half of the reserve fee for the event.	If after accepting their position as reserve, they decide to cancel their participation - the player shall be fined <b>to the relevant cancellation fine for the Event.</b>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.17 Special Exempts (SE)	For players still competing in the Singles Main Draw and reaching the semi-finals of a WTT Contender or WTT Feeder event in the current week and are entered into the Qualifying list of a WTT Contender or WTT Feeder event the following week.	For players still competing in the Singles Main Draw and reaching the semi-finals of a WTT Contender or WTT Feeder event in the current week and are entered into the Qualifying list of <b>in the same or higher tier the following week (e.g., Feeder to Feeder or Feeder to Contender, or Contender to Contender).</b>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.17 Special Exempts (SE) A. Eligibility for Special Exempt	Players may apply to receive a special exempt into the Singles Main Draw of the following week's WTT Contender Series or WTT Feeder Series event if they	Players may apply to receive a special exempt into the Singles Main Draw of the following week's WTT Contender <b>Series</b> or WTT Feeder <b>Series</b> event if they meet

		meet the following criteria and apply for it in a timely manner.	the following criteria and apply for it in a timely manner.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.17 Special Exempts (SE) A. Eligibility for Special Exempt	The two events where the player is participating/scheduled to participate are on the same continent and/or the player can reach the next event in time to compete in the sole opinion of the WTT Event Supervisor of the next event.	The two events where the player is participating/scheduled to participate are on the same continent and/or the player can reach the next event in time to compete in the sole opinion of the WTT Event Supervisor of the next event.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.18 Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations, WTT Youth Nominations		<p>2.18 Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations, WTT Youth Nominations</p> <p>a. A Player who is in the Top 20 at the singles entry deadline can be awarded a Host Wildcard only for the Main Draw.</p> <p>b. Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations and WTT Youth Nominations can be awarded to players/pairs with NER status as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Players/Pairs who are in NER status in Main Draw can be awarded Host Wildcards only for the Main Draw.</li> <li>- Players/Pairs who are in NER status in Qualifying can be awarded Host Wildcards either for Main Draw or Qualifying.</li> <li>- WTT Nominations or WTT Youth Nominations can be awarded to any player regardless of their NER status.</li> <li>- Players/pairs in Wait List can be awarded any Host Wildcard, WTT Nomination, or WTT Youth Nomination into the sub-event.</li> <li>- A player/pair not entered at the time of the entry deadline can be awarded any Host Wildcard, WTT Nomination or WTT Youth Nomination if eligible.</li> </ul>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	<p><del>2.2 WTT Series Top 20 Play Down Restriction (PDR)</del></p> <p>2.18 Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations, WTT Youth Nominations</p>	<p><del>In Contender Series events the LOC shall be permitted to use two (2) of its allocated wildcards to nominate additional players from within the Top 20 to participate in the event. However, these wildcards shall be counted towards the NER</del></p>	<p>- For WTT Contender Series events the LOC shall be permitted to use two (2) of its allocated wildcards to nominate additional players from within the Top 20 to participate in the event. However, these wildcards shall be counted towards the NER allocation if</p>

		allocation if these players are from the LOC host Member Association.	these players are from the LOC host Member Association.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.3 WTT Feeder Series Top 50 Play Down Restrictions (PDR) 2.18 Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations, WTT Youth Nominations	Host Wildcards can be used only for players outside the Top 30 of the ITTF TTWR. WTT Nominations are excluded from the WTT Feeder Series Play Down Restriction Rule.	- For WTT Feeder Series host Wildcards can be used only for players outside the Top 30 of the ITTF TTWR. WTT Nominations are excluded from the WTT Feeder Series Play Down Restriction Rule.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.2 WTT Series Top 20 Play Down Restriction (PDR)	PDR entries shall be accepted, in order of priority and by ranking as per the following: 1. Players from the host Member Association. 2. <del>Players who have been excluded from a WTT Grand Smash or WTT Champions event in the 6 (six) weeks prior to the event entry deadline due to NER.</del>	PDR entries shall be accepted, in order of priority and by ranking as per the following: 1. Players from the host Member Association. 2. <del>Players who have been excluded at the respective entry deadline from the entry list of a WTT Grand Smash or WTT Champions event in the 6 (six) weeks prior to the event entry deadline due to NER, and not granted a Host Wildcard or WTT Nomination.</del>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.2 WTT Series Top 20 Play Down Restriction (PDR)		WTT may replace at its discretion a Top 20 player who cancels from a WTT Contender Series event with any other Top 20 player regardless of their entry status.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.3 WTT Feeder Series Top 50 Play Down Restrictions (PDR)	However, a maximum of two (2) players will be permitted to participate if they are from the LOC host Member Association as a direct entry.	However, a maximum of two (2) players will be permitted to participate if they are from the LOC host Member Association as a direct entry. <del>In case more than two (2) Top 30 players from the LOC host Member Association, the Host is allowed to determine who from the entered Top 30 players will be accepted to fill the PDR positions up to one (1) week after the entry deadline. In case the Host elects not to determine the PDR positions the players will be accepted by ranking in reversed order (from #30 to #1).</del>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.4 Entry Deadline	Singles Main Draw/Qualifying: Four (4) weeks prior the main event start	Singles Main Draw/Qualifying: <del>Five (5) weeks prior to the main event start.</del>

III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.4 Entry Deadline	Doubles & Mixed doubles: Three (3) weeks prior the main event start.	Doubles & Mixed doubles: <b>Four (4) weeks prior</b> to the main event start.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.4 Entry Deadline		<p>Entries Deadline as indicated in this Handbook apply to the calendar week of the Event as. WTT Series and Feeder Series Events are scheduled to the respective WTT calendar week.</p> <p>Events in any calendar week may start on a Saturday or Sunday, as approved by WTT.</p> <p>A player/pair cannot play in multiple WTT Events (WTT Series, WTT Feeder or WTT Youth Series) event at the same time.</p> <p>A player/pair cannot play in a WTT Feeder Series or WTT Youth Series event when entered and accepted into a WTT Series event in the same WTT calendar week.</p> <p>When two WTT Events are scheduled in the same week, a player/pair who has been entered in multiple events will be automatically accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of the highest tier event, and will be automatically withdrawn from the lowest tiered event(s).</p> <p>A player/pair can play in two WTT Feeder Series and/or WTT Youth Series events taking place back to back in the same WTT calendar week.</p>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.4 Entry Deadline	Players shall be added automatically to the event entry list by WTT based on the respective ITTF TTWR for singles' events published after the end of the last event before the WTT Finals. The participation of players is mandatory.	The players and pairs who participate in the WTT Finals will be selected based on the respective ITTF TTWR list published after the end of the last event before the WTT Finals <b>or where WTT determines the need to implement a cut-off date due to extenuating circumstances.</b> The participation of players is mandatory.

			<p>At any time a player who qualifies as an automatic entry on two (2) or more pairs may choose the pair with which the player participates within the timeline provided by WTT at the time of the qualification notice. Any player with whom the player does not choose to participate is ineligible to be an automatic entry, unless such player qualifies with another partner. Any player qualified in two (2) or more pairs who already accepted in one of the entries will not have the right to change partner for any reason even if already an eligible qualified pair.</p> <p>Any player /pair who withdraws/cancels from the WTT Finals is not permitted to play a WTT Event the same calendar week as the WTT Finals.</p>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.6 Singles, Doubles/Mixed doubles seeding		Entries in singles sub-events, shall be done based on the ITTF TTWR position to determine order of eligibility to enter.
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.6 Singles, Doubles/Mixed doubles seeding	<p>Tie-Break procedures to determine seeding order of the pairs in WTT Grand Smash, WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender, and WTT Feeder events shall be as follows:</p> <p>1. The pair with the greatest number of points in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.</p>	<p>Tie-Break procedures to determine seeding order of the pairs in WTT Grand Smash, WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender, and WTT Feeder events shall be as follows:</p> <p>1. The pair with the best ranking position in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.</p>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.6 Singles, Doubles/Mixed doubles seeding		<p>The seeding order of unranked players / pairs shall be as follows:</p> <p>1. Youngest player / pair with the youngest player.</p> <p>2. Randomly sorted by the software.</p>
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.6 Doubles/Mixed doubles seeding	Entries in doubles and mixed doubles sub-events, where they exist” ...”	Entries in doubles (except WTT Finals) and mixed doubles sub-events, where they exist”...”

III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	2.6 <b>Singles</b> , Doubles/Mixed doubles seeding	<p><del>Tie-Break procedures to determine seeding order in WTT Finals shall be as follows:</del></p> <p><del>1. The pair with the best Combined Rank considering the previous ranking week. 2. The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period. 3. The pair with the most combined number of points in the Men's/Women's Singles ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking. 4. Randomly sorted by the seeding software.</del></p>	
III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	3.2 Seeding	Four (4) seeds in draw size of 8	Two (2) seeds in draw size of 8.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	1.10 Player Responsibilities Upon Withdrawal or Retirement	<p>Upon a player's withdrawal or retirement from an Event, they are required to submit a statement containing the reason for the withdrawal or retirement and a suitable quotation that the WTT may release to the media and public.</p> <p>Upon a player's on-site withdrawal, she also is required to participate in one (1) post-withdrawal activity prior to leaving the Event city as determined by WTT.</p>	<p>Upon a player's withdrawal or retirement from an Event, they are required to submit <b>the medical withdrawal form</b> containing the reason for the withdrawal or retirement and a suitable quotation that the WTT may release to the media and public.</p> <p>Upon a player or pair's on-site withdrawal, <b>if requested by WTT, they are</b> required to participate in one (1) post-withdrawal <b>PR &amp; Marketing</b> activity prior to leaving the Event city with the activity as determined by WTT.</p>
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.1 Withdrawal - Singles:	b) A player who is entered into Qualifying Singles at the time of the singles entry deadline has one (1) week to withdraw from the event.	b) A player who is entered into Qualifying Singles at the time of the singles entry deadline <b>has two (2) weeks</b> to withdraw from the event.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.1 Withdrawal - Singles	...only when requested by the Player or Member Association	...only when requested by the Player or Member Association <b>through the Online Entries System at the time of the cancellation or by email to <a href="mailto:entries@worldtabletennis.com">entries@worldtabletennis.com</a> and the assigned Event Supervisor before the Event ends.</b>

V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.3 Withdrawal & Late Withdrawal – Doubles & Mixed Doubles:		<p>c) A pair who is entered into Qualifying Doubles at the time of the Doubles' entry deadline has one (1) week to withdraw from the event.</p> <p>d) WTT Finals Doubles Withdrawal - any pair who withdraws from the WTT Finals shall be fined first round prizemoney of the Event.</p>
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.3 Withdrawal & Late Withdrawal – Doubles & Mixed Doubles	“... “The fine shall be doubled if the doubles pair would have been a seeded pair in the event).	“...” The fine shall be doubled if the doubles pair would have been a seeded pair in the Main Draw).
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.6 Match Retirement / Walkovers – Medical Procedure	a) A player who, because of injury or illness, retires during a match or withdraws during the event week must attend an on-site medical examination by the designated Event Doctor; or where there is no Event Doctor submit a medical certificate within 48 hours of the walk-over. Any player who retires during a match must be examined by the Event Doctor prior to the end of play on the day of the retirement.	a) A player who, because of injury or illness, retires during a match or withdraws during the event week must attend an on-site medical examination by the designated Event Doctor and / or WTT physiotherapist; or where there is no Event Doctor submit a medical certificate within 48 hours of the walk-over. Any player who retires during a match must be examined by the Event Doctor and/or WTT physiotherapist prior to the end of play on the day of the retirement.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.6 Match Retirement / Walkovers – Medical Procedure	e) Following any on-site retirement or withdrawal, the WTT Event Supervisor at the next Event in which the player wants to play, may require that player to submit to an onsite examination by the designated Event Doctor or a “Fit to Play” certificate from a doctor or receive authorisation from the previous WTT Event Supervisor before competing in any future Event.	e) Following any on-site retirement or withdrawal, the WTT Event Supervisor at the next Event in which the player wants to play, may require that player to submit to an onsite examination by the designated Event Doctor or have received a “Fit to Play” certificate from a designated WTT Medical Services Personnel or a doctor or receive authorisation from the previous WTT Event Supervisor before competing in any future Event.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.6 Match Retirement / Walkovers – Medical Procedure	g) A player who has entered and been accepted into the Main Draw of an event in Singles shall be permitted to sign-in and compete in the doubles event of	g) A player who has entered and been accepted into the Main Draw of an event in Singles shall be permitted to sign-in and compete in the doubles event of the same

		the same event if their withdrawal from Singles was for medical reasons and they are determined by the WTT Event Supervisor, upon written medical advice, to be physically capable to compete at a professional level of play.	event if their withdrawal from Singles was for medical reasons and they are determined by the WTT Event Supervisor and / or WTT Medical Services Personnel, upon written medical advice, to be physically capable to compete at a professional level of play.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.6 Match Retirement / Walkovers – Medical Procedure		h) Players who fail to play a match on the final day of the event shall forfeit prize money for all sub-events in which they were scheduled to play on the final day.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.7 Seeded Late Withdrawal – Singles	a) Fines shall be doubled for any player who would have been seeded, based on the most recent ITTF TTWR.	a) Fines shall be doubled for any player in the Main Draw who would have been seeded, based on the most recent ITTF TTWR.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.8 Playing Another <del>non</del> WTT Event	b) A player is not allowed to compete in any table tennis event, club match or exhibition in the following event week from which they have withdrawn, cancelled or forfeit via walk-over. In the event a player fails to adhere to this rule, that player will be fined USD \$1,500.	b) A player is not allowed to compete in any non WTT table tennis event, club match or exhibition in the following event week from which they have withdrawn, cancelled or forfeit via walk-over. In the event a player fails to adhere to this rule, that player will be fined USD \$1,500.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.18 Fine payments		4.1.18 Fine payments If a player fine(s) cannot be deducted from prize money, they must be paid within 30 days from the day the fine notification is received.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.2.1.1 Dress		j) Personal Equipment i) <del>Accessories shall consist of</del> player's towel, compression clothes, arm sleeves, leg sleeves, knee straps or braces, kinesiology tapes, socks, shoes, bandana, headband, wristband, and eyewear. <del>Players may not use any phone, iPad, laptops or any other PDA in the field of play before or during matches.</del>
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.2.1.1 Dress	v) Kinesiology Tape - The maker's trademark and symbol shall be restricted to the designated allocations as per the WTT Clothing Guidelines.	iv) Kinesiology Tape - Only tape with no written branding on it shall be used. Any trademark by the maker shall be as minimal as possible to avoid being seen. The

			Referee, may at their discretion, require any maker mark to be covered before or during play. Any approved WTT kinesiology tape partner shall be permitted to display branding, logos, or trademarks of the Partner.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.2.1.1 Dress	vii) Asian names from the following countries - China, Chinese Taipei, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong China, Vietnam, DPR Korea and Korea Republic may use (LAST F.)	vii) Asian names from the following Member Associations - China, Chinese Taipei, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong China, Vietnam, DPR Korea, Korea Republic, and Macao China may use (LAST F.)
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.2.1.4 Match Integrity		Accessories shall consist of player's towel, compression clothes, arm sleeves, legs sleeves, knee straps or braces, kinesiology tapes, socks, shoes, bandana, headband, wristband, and eyewear. Players/coaches (or other entourage with access on FoP) may not use any phone, iPad, laptops, or any other PDA device transmitting data including electronic and/or smart watches in the field of play before or during matches. Any player/coach who violates this shall be referred to the ITTF Integrity Unit and shall be fined USD5,000 in addition to the overall fine of the 4.2.1.1 rule.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.2.2 Offences		iv) For televised matches, both players have 20 seconds after the arrival of the second player at their player bench, to then arrive at the Umpire Chair and be ready for the toss. Any player who fails to arrive after 20 seconds shall be warned by the Umpire, and any player who fails to arrive after 30 seconds shall be penalised with a yellow card.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.1.3 Withdrawal & Late Withdrawal – Doubles & Mixed Doubles		g) Pairs are entitled to two (2) free withdrawals from Main Draw and Qualifying per year at WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender and WTT Feeder Series events without financial penalty and only when requested by the Pair or the

			Member Association(s) through the Online Entries System at the time of the cancellation or by email to <a href="mailto:entries@worldtabletennis.com">entries@worldtabletennis.com</a> and Event Supervisor before the Event ends.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.2.2 Offences k) Ceremonies		ii) No sport equipment or accessories (personal accessories, including but not limited to mobile phones, watches, water bottles, national flags and camera devices) are permitted for the award ceremonies. Clothing worn by players during the award ceremonies should otherwise be in line with clothing and advertising rules of this handbook.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	1.6 Additional Player Responsibilities Beyond WTT HERO Program		c. Other Responsibilities If a Head of State visits an event, any player requested by WTT is required to meet with the Head of State as advised by WTT.  Champions of WTT Grand Smashes, Cup Finals or Champions events shall be required to meet and greet sponsors, fans or VIP guests and dignitaries, if requested by WTT either directly after the conclusion of the match, the award ceremony or within 30 minutes of the completion of the match.
V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT	4.2.1.5 Sponsorships Restrictions		No player, coach or entourage member shall be permitted to be sponsored by a betting or gambling company. WTT, may at its discretion, require player(s) to wear an advertising patch of WTT's approved betting or gambling partner as part of any commercial agreement signed by WTT.
APPENDIX A - WTT SERIES PRIZE MONEY BREAK DOWNS	Annexes	To be removed	Prize Money breakdown based on the Event Prospectus.

APPENDIX C – AER, Host Wildcards, PDR, WTT Nominations, WTT Youth Nominations, NER charts			Charts to be added.
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In addition to the approved rule changes, the WTT Board has also determined that as 2024 is an Olympic year and to ensure that all players have more opportunities to qualify for the Olympic Games, the following procedures will be applied to WTT Series events for 2024:

- The Play-Down Restriction for WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender events only will be temporarily suspended for events until the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and will re-commence for all WTT Contender Series events from August onwards.
- WTT Nominations for all WTT Series events (Grand Smash, Champions, WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender events) only shall be chosen the LOC instead of WTT until the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and will re-commence for all WTT Series events from August onwards

A copy of the 2024 WTT Series and Feeder Series Handbook with the above amendments will be made available via the Technical Documents section at [worldtabletennis.com](http://worldtabletennis.com).