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I. INTRODUCTION

1. DESCRIPTION

This handbook, alongside the relevant event manuals, stands for all participants and/or any other entity related to them who wish to participate at any WTT Series and/or WTT Feeder Series Event, hereafter known as "WTT Events" unless a specific Series (WTT Series or Feeder Series), Event or Tier is specified.

This handbook among others:

- defines the rules and the WTT Events formats,
- ensures a professional level playing field for all players,
- upholds and preserves the integrity of ethical sporting events, and
- preserves the international nature and the high-class standard of WTT Events.

2. CONSTITUTION

- This handbook incorporates and formulates a framework of essential standards, and guidelines which governs the intention to participate or participation in WTT Events.
- This handbook may be amended or revised by WTT in its sole discretion and shall be updated online on the official WTT website at https://www.worldtabletennis.com.
- All matters relating to (a) the regulations described in this handbook and (b) any WTT Event not explicitly stated in this handbook or any other relevant document are subject to the determination by, and approval of, WTT in its sole discretion.
- Any right or benefit relating to any WTT Event not explicitly granted by WTT under this handbook or any other relevant document is exclusively reserved by WTT.
- All WTT decisions related to WTT Events (including the regulations in this handbook) are final and binding to all participants.
- Where specific position titles are cited and if WTT at any time restructures its organizational chart all relevant matters will be dealt by Staff in the equivalent new positions.
- By entering and/or participating in WTT Events all participants acknowledge and agree that they shall comply with the WTT rules, regulations, and any additional requirements and procedures as described in this handbook and any other official WTT Events document or correspondence including but not limited to the Event Prospectus and WTT Events emails and shall remain primarily liable to WTT for any non-compliance therewithin.

- In accordance with the regulations set in this handbook, WTT selects and schedules the WTT Events being responsible for the resolution of any matter of dispute pertaining to WTT, including imposition of penalties on players, and any other entity related to WTT Events.
- The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rules of table tennis shall apply to all WTT Events except as amended otherwise by this handbook. The current ITTF rules and regulations can be found in the ITTF Statutes at the official ITTF website at: https://www.ittf.com
- The rules, regulations, definitions, and terms included in this handbook are to be interpreted and applied in conjunction with relevant parts of the ITTF Statutes, where applicable.
- WTT may impose appropriate sanctions, including monetary fines, upon any person or entity, subject to the rules and regulations described in this handbook, who participates in or helps and violates any part of them. Such rule violations which do not specify a process for imposition of a penalty shall be decided by the WTT Board.
- The rules and regulations on this handbook shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Singapore.

3. ADMINISTRATION

WTT Events are owned, controlled, and managed by World Table Tennis (WTT), under licence from the ITTF.

4. DEFINITIONS/TERMS

Accreditation Policy	Means the accreditation policies and procedures for every person participating in WTT Events.
Anti-Corruption Policy	Means the ITTF's Code of Conduct on Sports Betting for players and officials and the Code of Ethics insofar as they relate to anti-corruption measures, and such other anti-corruption rules and regulations as the WTT may implement and/or communicate to players, match officials and other participants from time to time.
Anti-Doping Rules	Means the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules (which were implemented in accordance with the ITTF's responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code) as set out in the ITTF Statutes, and such other anti-doping rules and regulations as WTT may implement

	and/or communicate to players, match officials and other participants from time to time.
Anti-Harassment Policy	Means the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures as set out in the ITTF Statutes, and such other anti-harassment rules and regulations as the WTT may implement and/or communicate to players, match officials and other participants from time to time.
Automatic entry	Players or pairs who are directly placed into a Main Draw of WTT Finals & WTT Champions Events or on the Main Draw and Qualifying invitation lists of a WTT Grand Smash by virtue of their position in the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
Combined Pair Rank (CPR)	Sum of two individual player's personal Doubles/Mixed doubles ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking position to form a Combined Pair Rank for the purpose of entering a Doubles/Mixed Doubles sub-event.
Default	A player or pair who loses a match by default under the rules of the sport or via provisions in the Code of Conduct after a match has commenced.
Designated Authority	A player's designated authority (including Member Association) for managing and processing Event entry related matters.
Direct entry	Players or pairs who are directly placed into a Main or Qualifying Draw of WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender & WTT Feeder Events by virtue of their position in the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
Event Organiser (EO)	The organizing entity of a WTT Event.
Field of Play (FoP)	The floor space within the official venue where the WTT Event will take place. To include, but not limited to, the table, surrounds, benches, scoring tables and umpires' areas.
Host Wildcards	Host Wildcards are players or pairs included in the Main or the Qualifying draw at the sole discretion of the host.
ITTF	International Table Tennis Federation

ITTF Statutes	ITTF Statutes in force on the date of issue of this handbook and may be amended, updated, or revised from time to time.
ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking (ITTF TTWR)	The objective merit-based method used for determining entry and seeding of players and pairs in WTT Events and the draws.
Main Draw	The primary competition of the Event which takes place after the Qualifying (where applicable).
Match	Means a singles, doubles, or mixed doubles match between two players or pairs.
Match Officials	Refers to an official of a match including Referee, Deputy Referee, Umpire(s) and/or TTR system officials.
Medical Retirement	A player or pair who retires (and loses) from a match, after a match has commenced, because of illness or injury.
No Show	Player or pair who does not appear for their match and there has been no contact and prior final notification from the player/pair (or their designated authority) that they would not appear for the match.
Non-WTT Table Tennis Event	Includes any table tennis Event (i.e., club match, exhibition match, national, regional, continental etc).
Olympic Champions Gold Cards	All Gold Medalists from the last Olympic Games (Up to five (5) players per gender: *3 Team Event, 1 Singles, 1 Mixed Doubles*) invited to the WTT Grand Smash Main Draw and WTT Champions.
Participants & Related Persons	Participants for the purpose of this Handbook refers to all accredited persons entered to an Event, including players, Match Officials and other participants (i.e., coaches, entourage, accompanying persons, staff, Event Organiser personnel). Related Persons are any accredited persons related to a player (i.e. Coach, training partner, family member, partner etc).
Player ITTF ID	The unique registration number that is mandatory to identify each player.

Qualifiers	Qualifiers are players or pairs who are included in the Main Draw, as a result of their success in the last round of the Qualifying.
Qualifying (Qualifying Draw)	The competition which takes place prior to the Main Draw.
Seeded players (Seeds)	The highest ranked players or pairs who take part in the respective Main Draw and Qualifying and given a pre-determined position in the respective draw.
Seeding	Pre-determined positions in the draw, allocated to a player or pair, according to the ITTF TTWR at the time of the applicable draw.
Snake-system	In the group competition the highest ranked entry is placed in the first group, the second in the second group, the third in the third group and so on, until there is one in each group. In the simplest form, the next highest-ranked entries are similarly placed into the groups, starting this time with the last group and ending at the first. Process continues until all entries have been placed, so that they form a continuous "snake" in ranking order.
Special Exempt	Players who are unable to appear in Qualifying at the next week WTT Contender or WTT Feeder event because they are still competing in the final rounds of the previous week's event, can be awarded a spot in the Main Draw of the following event by exempt.
Table Tennis Laws	The Laws of Table Tennis as set out in the ITTF Statutes.
Table Tennis Review (TTR)	The electronic system which gives players the right to review a decision made by an umpire, that they believe is incorrect.
Technical Retirement	A player or pair who retires (and loses) from a match, after a match has commenced, for reasons other than those of a medical retirement.
Walkover	A match that is not played due to illness or injury or absence of a player or pair for any reason, resulting in an automatic win to the opposing player or pair.

World Table Tennis (WTT)	Governing body of the WTT event program, an affiliated commercial arm of the International Table Tennis Federation.
WTT Champions Series	A series of a maximum of six (6) Events with Men's & Women's singles Main Draw sub-events.
WTT Contender Events	The individual or collective reference of WTT Contender events.
WTT Contender Series	A series of up to sixteen (16) events, comprising of WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender events, and includes Men's and Women's singles, doubles, and mixed doubles Main Draw sub-events, as well as Qualifying singles, doubles and/or mixed doubles sub-events.
WTT Finals	One (1) Season-Ending Event with Men's & Women's singles, and mixed doubles Main Draw sub-events.
WTT Event Manager	The person who is appointed by WTT, and he/she is responsible for ensuring all aspects of the WTT event delivery.
WTT Event Supervisor	The person who is responsible for overseeing the event, ensuring that it is delivered in accordance with this handbook and the respective Event Manual requirements and overseeing the conduct and sanctioning of the events, players and other participants.
WTT Feeder Series	A series of events, which include Men's and Women's singles, doubles, and mixed doubles Main Draw sub-events, as well as optional Qualifying singles, and/or doubles and/or mixed doubles sub-events with flexible playing systems.
WTT Grand Smash	One of up to four (4) pinnacle events owned by WTT and the highest tier of WTT Series events. Brings together the best Table Tennis players in the world and includes Main Draw singles, doubles, and mixed doubles sub-events, and optional Singles Qualifying sub-events.
WTT Nominations	Players added to the Main Draw of a sub-event at the sole discretion of WTT.
WTT Star Contender Events	The individual or collective reference of WTT Star Contender events.

WTT Star Contender Series	A series of up to six (6) WTT Star Contender events, includes Men's and Women's singles, doubles, and mixed doubles Main Draw and Qualifying singles, and doubles sub-events.
WTT Youth Nominations	Youth players (U19) added to the Main Draw and/or the Qualifying of a sub-event at the sole discretion of WTT.

In this handbook, the above definitions/terms used shall have their respective meaning unless the context requires to be expressed differently.

5. POLICIES & RULES

A. Anti-Doping

All WTT Events shall be governed by the ITTF's Anti-Doping Rules.

B. Anti-Harassment policy

All WTT Events shall be governed by the ITTF's Anti-Harassment Policy and/or any additional anti-harassment policies established by the WTT Board.

C. Anti-Corruption policy

All WTT Events shall be governed by the ITTF's Anti-Corruption Policy and/or any additional anti-corruption policies established by the WTT Board.

D. Accreditation policy

All WTT Events shall be governed by the operational standards and conditions, including but not limited to those defined on the accreditation card and any applicable WTT and/or Event policies.

II. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The regulations are applied in all WTT Events unless specified otherwise in any other relevant documents (e.g., Host Agreement, WTT Event Manuals, Event Prospectus). All WTT Events are subject to the jurisdiction of WTT and shall comply with, be bound by, and conduct WTT Events in accordance with all WTT regulations and as required by the WTT Board.

1. CATEGORIES

1.1 WTT Series

There are five (5) categories of WTT Series events:

A. WTT Grand Smash
B. WTT Finals
C. WTT Champions
D. WTT Star Contender
E. WTT Contender

Each category includes Men's and/or Women's sub-events as follows:

A. WTT Grand Smash
    1. Men's & Women's Singles
    2. Men's & Women's Doubles
    3. Mixed Doubles

B. WTT Finals
    1. Men's & Women's Singles
    2. Mixed Doubles

C. WTT Champions
    1. Men's & Women's Singles

D. WTT Star Contender
    1. Men's & Women's Singles
    2. Men's & Women's Doubles
    3. Mixed Doubles

E. WTT Contender

1. Men's & Women' Singles
2. Men's & Women's Doubles
3. Mixed Doubles

1.2 WTT Feeder Series

Feeder Series events include Men's and/or Women's sub-events as follows:

1. Men's & Women' Singles
2. Men's & Women's Doubles
3. Mixed Doubles

2. EVENTS

2.1 WTT Series

A. Main Draw

Each WTT Series event shall take place over a pre-determined number of Main Draw days for Singles, Doubles and Mixed doubles sub-events. The length of the Main Draw shall be up to:

- WTT Grand Smash: Eight (8) days
- WTT Finals: Six (6) days
- WTT Champions: Six (6) days
- WTT Star Contender: Four (4) days
- WTT Contender: Four (4) days

WTT shall have the right to alter the main draw length of any WTT Series event.

B. Qualifying

A Qualifying may precede the Main Draw of a WTT Series event. The number of days is dependent on the structure of the Qualifying at each event. The length of Qualifying shall be:

- WTT Grand Smash: No more than three (3) days.
- WTT Star Contender: No more than two (2) days.
- WTT Contender: No more than three (3) days with a preference for a maximum of two (2) days.

WTT shall determine the length of Qualifying after consultation with the EO.

2.2 WTT Feeder Series

A. Main Draw

Each WTT Feeder Series event shall take place over a pre-determined number of Main Draw days for Singles, Doubles and Mixed doubles sub-events. The recommended length depending on the main draw size is three (3) or four (4) days.

B. Qualifying (optional)

Qualifying sub-events may precede the Main Draw of a WTT Feeder Series event. The number of days is dependent to the structure of the Qualifying at each event and shall be maximum of three (3) days.

WTT shall determine the final length of any WTT Feeder Series event after consultation with the EO.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- No player shall be eligible to participate and compete in WTT Events unless that player is, at the time of the WTT event in question, permitted by the ITTF to enter international table tennis events according to the relevant part of the ITTF Statutes for International Series events and is not prohibited from participating and competing in the WTT Events in question by the WTT for any reason whatsoever.
- A player's eligibility and ability to participate and compete as a player in any event does not guarantee or create any entitlement whatsoever as to that player's eligibility and participation for any other event.
- All decisions of WTT related to player eligibility and participation in each event, including the selection of players, shall be final and binding.

4. COMMITMENTS

Any person who commits to enter or participate in any WTT Event consents and agrees with the following:

1. To comply with and be bound by all the provisions of this handbook, including, but not limited to, all amendments to WTT rules and regulations.
2. The ITTF may conduct anti-doping testing at WTT Events according to the Anti-Doping policy as it is described in the relevant section of the ITTF Statutes. Players' consent to the release to WTT of their Anti-Doping results obtained by ITTF at WTT Events, including missed tests and/or filing failures.

3. To comply with and be bound by all the provisions of the Anti-Corruption rules according to the ITTF Statutes.
4. For entry into WTT Events, all players must be registered in the Players ITTF Database with a unique ITTF ID.
5. All players shall, as a condition of entering or participating in any WTT Events, deliver to ITTF a signed Consent and Agreement Participation form, and agree to the release of this form to WTT.
6. All players aiming to participate in WTT Events must submit every two (2) years a medical examination form which shall be approved by WTT to be eligible to enter and compete. The medical examination form is mandatory and must be submitted prior to a player participating in his/her first WTT event of the year. (* On request in 2026, mandatory from 2027.)
7. All players entering in WTT Events agree, as a condition of their participation, that all claims of any kind are waived, including past, present, or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in traveling to or from, or participating in, any WTT Events, as against WTT, the Event Organiser (EO), the sponsors or any other entity.

5. PRIZE MONEY

A. GENERAL

- WTT shall pay the prize money to players net of local withholding tax and any local contributions where applicable.
- The minimum prize money level and applicable prize money breakdowns for each event are determined and set by WTT each year.
- Prize money shall be paid in USD at the conclusion of the event unless otherwise approved by WTT.
- Equal prize money shall be awarded for both genders at all WTT Events.
- The EO of any event may elect to offer increased event prize money subject to WTT approval.
- Prize money shall be paid for Main Draw and Qualifying results at all WTT Series events except for WTT Contender Qualifying sub-events and WTT Star Contender Qualifying sub-events for Doubles.
- Prize money shall be paid for Main Draw results at WTT Feeder Series events for Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.
- EO, if requested, shall nominate a prize money coordinator to assist WTT with the prize money workbook and issuing prize money receipts onsite if needed.
- WTT will pay players by Electronic Funds Transfer direct to a Player's Bank Account or any other payment platform as determined by WTT. Players shall be responsible for ensuring they provide

accurate bank account details or any other information as required to WTT via the WTT Player Portal.

B. PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- Prize money for WTT Series and Feeder Series events shall be paid to players when their net prize money balance (WTT Series or WTT Feeder Series Prize money minus WTT fines, or any other payments if applicable) is greater than USD $350 or after any three (3) events.
- In case the above-mentioned conditions are not met, the accumulated prize money, minus WTT fines or any other payments if applicable, from the first half of the year (January to June) will be paid by 31 July and for the second half of the year (July to December) by 31 January of the following year.
- Payment timeline: Payments will be processed by the 28th of the following month for events that concluded by the end of the previous month.

Each party shall be responsible for their own bank charges, and/or any other statutory withholdings and deductions which may be applicable.

WTT reserves the right to recover any bank charges imposed by the bank if a payment fails due to invalid or inaccurate bank details provided by the player.

C. BREAKDOWN

Total minimum prize money per event series is as follows:

- WTT Grand Smash: USD $1,550,000
- WTT Finals: USD $1,300,000
- WTT Champions: USD $500,000
- WTT Star Contender: USD $300,000
- WTT Contender: USD $100,000
- WTT Feeder Series: USD $30,000

For the WTT Finals part of the prize money is considered a boost and awarded proportionally to players/pairs based on the Event seeding, rather than final positions at the Event.

WTT may at its own discretion alter the prize money for any event at any time and without prior notice.

D. TAXES & OTHER DEDUCTIONS

- Each EO shall confirm the withholding tax rate for domestic and foreign players, as well as any other applicable local contributions.
- Each EO shall be responsible for the payment of the withholding tax amount to the relevant local authorities.
- Prize money receipts must be provided to all players as requested within one (1) month after the conclusion of the event.
- Players are responsible for their taxes and are to give any tax information needed accompanied with any other official documentation required to the EO and/or WTT if requested.

E. ENTITLEMENT

Prize money shall be paid only for played matches and in accordance with rules and regulations established in this handbook. For purposes of this handbook a match is considered as played when it is won because of a retirement, default, walkover, or no show.

WTT reserves the right to withhold entry to WTT Events and prize money payments where a player owes money to any WTT Event Organiser.

III.SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

1. PLAYING FORMAT

1.1 WTT Series

1.1.1 WTT Grand Smash

a. Men's and Women's Singles:

Main Draw - Knock out of 64.

- Top 46 to 49 players invited based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- Up to Three (3) Olympic Champions (Paris 2024) Gold Cards.
- Four (4) Host Wildcard players.
- Three (3) WTT Nomination players.

Any unused quota will go to the next eligible players based on the ITTF TTWR.

- Eight (8) players who qualified from Qualifying.

Qualifying – Knock out of 64.

- 57 players invited based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- Six (6) Host Wildcard players.
- One (1) WTT Youth Nomination player.

Provisional:

WTT might elect to have reduced or no Qualifying. In case of a reduced Qualifying the numbers will be adjusted as follows:

Qualifying – Knock out of 16 / 24 / 32 / 48.

- 12 / 20 / 27 / 42 players invited based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- 3 / 3 / 4 / 5 Host Wildcard players.
- One (1) WTT Youth Nomination player.

b. Men's, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles:

Knock out of 24.

- Top 20 pairs entered based on the Combined Pair Rank at the doubles' entry deadline.
- Four (4) Host Wildcard pairs.

1.1.2 WTT Finals

a. Men's / Women's Singles:

Knock out of 16.

- Top 16 players (Automatic Entry) based on the WTT Series Finals Race.

b. Mixed Doubles:

Knock out of 8.

- Top seven (7) pairs (Automatic Entry) based on the WTT Series Finals Race.
- One (1) Host Wildcard Pair.

Any unused quota will go to the next eligible pairs based on the WTT Series Finals Race.

1.1.3 WTT Champions

a. Men's / Women's Singles:

Knock out of 32.

- Top 27 to 30 players (Automatic Entry) based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- Up to Three (3) Olympic Champions (Paris 2024) Gold Cards.
- One (1) Host Wildcard player.
- One (1) WTT Nomination player.

Any unused quota will go to the next eligible players based on the ITTF TTWR.

1.1.4 WTT Star Contender

a. Men's and Women's Singles:

Main Draw - Knock out of 48.

- Top 25 players (Direct Entry) based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- Four (4) Host Wildcard players.
- Two (2) WTT Nomination players.
- One (1) WTT Youth Nomination player.
- Eight (8) Top 20 players.
- Eight (8) players qualified from Qualifying.

Qualifying – Knock out of 64 / 96.

- 56 / 88 players (Direct Entry) based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- 8 Host Wildcard players.

b. Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles:

Main Draw - Knock out of 16.

- Top 10 pairs (Direct Entry) based on the Combined Pair Rank at the doubles' entry deadline.
- Two (2) Host Wildcard pairs.
- Four (4) pairs qualified from the Qualifying.

Qualifying – Knock out of 8.

- Seven (7) pairs (Direct Entry) based on the Combined Pair Rank at the doubles' entry deadline.
- One (1) Host Wildcard pair.

Qualifying Draw Size

The EO has the option to choose its preferred draw size for the Qualifying singles sub-events. The EO must nominate the Qualifying draw size to WTT no later than nine (9) months before the start of the event. Where an EO does not submit their Qualifying draw size or misses the Qualifying draw size nomination deadline, the event shall have the smallest Qualifying draw size(s) applicable.

1.1.5 WTT Contender

a. Men's and Women's Singles:

Main Draw - Knock out of 32.

- Top 15 players (Direct Entry) based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entries' deadline.
- Three (3) Host Wildcard players.
- One (1) WTT Nomination player.
- One (1) WTT Youth Nomination player.
- Four (4) Top 20 players.
- Eight (8) players qualified from Qualifying.

Qualifying – The EO may select either Group Competition or Elimination Knockout.

Qualifying – Knock out of 64 / 96 / 128

- 56 / 88 / 120 players (Direct Entry) based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.

- Eight (8) Host Wildcard players.

Qualifying – Group Competition 48 / 64

- 40 / 56 players (Direct Entry) based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- Eight (8) Host Wildcard players.

b. Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles:

Main Draw - Knock out of 16.

- Top 10 pairs (Direct Entry) based on the Combined Pair Rank at the doubles' entry deadline.
- Two (2) Host Wildcard pairs.
- Four (4) pairs qualified from Qualifying.

Qualifying – Knock out of 8

- Seven (7) pairs (Direct Entry) based on the Combined Pair Rank at the doubles' entry deadline.
- One (1) Host Wildcard pair.

Qualifying Draw Size

The EO has the option to choose its preferred draw size for Qualifying sub-events. The EO must nominate the Qualifying draw size to WTT no later than nine (9) months before the start of the event. Where the EO does not submit their Qualifying draw size or misses the Qualifying draw size nomination deadline, the event shall have the smallest Qualifying draw size(s) applicable or as nominated by WTT.

1.1.6 System of play

The single knock-out elimination system shall be used in all WTT Series events in both Main Draw and Qualifying (where applicable), except for the WTT Contender Singles Qualifying which may be played as a Group Competition. Details regarding the number of rounds per sub-event are noted in the Draw sizes section (3.1 Draw size).

Where the Qualifying Group Competition is applicable in WTT Contender Events, players will be drawn in groups based on the latest ITTF TTWR following the "snake system".

When the number of groups is more than eight (8) and less than sixteen (16), a K/O Qualifying round (Qualifying Elimination Round - QER) consisting of the group winners will take place to determine the eight

(8) qualifiers for the Main Draw. If there are vacant spots for a full round, these will be filled by runners-up as per 3.3. Lucky Losers.

For seeding purposes for the QER, players will be considered in order of group placing with priority given to group winners i.e. Winner of G1, Winner of G2 etc. followed in the same manner by Runner Ups and the draw for QER will take place as per the section 3.2 Seeding for K/O draws, with the only additional restriction that a Winner and Runner up of the same group cannot meet in the QER.

When the number of groups is less than eight (8) all group winners advance directly to the Main Draw and any vacant spots for the Main Draw are filled as per 3.3. Lucky Losers.

Where the Qualifying Group Competition is applicable in WTT Contender Events, in case there are less than 16 players in the Qualifying, the playing system can be adjusted by WTT.

A. Grand Smash

Matches in singles Main Draw (except Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final) and all rounds in Qualifying shall be best of five (5) games. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final shall be best of seven (7) games.

B. Finals

All matches in singles Main Draw shall be best of seven (7) games.

C. Champions

Matches in singles Main Draw (except Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final) shall be best of five (5) games. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final shall be best of seven (7) games.

D. Contender Series

Matches in singles Main Draw (except Final) and all rounds in Qualifying shall be best of five (5) games. Final shall be best of seven (7) games.

For all WTT Series

All doubles and mixed doubles matches shall be best of five (5) games.

A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring eleven (11) points unless both players or pairs score ten (10) points, where the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of two (2) points.

1.2 WTT Feeder Series

1.2.1 Draw size

a. Men's and Women's Singles:

Main Draw - Knock out of 32 / 48.

- Top 18 / 34 players (Direct Entry) based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- Four (4) Host Wildcard players.
- Two (2) WTT Youth Nomination players.
- Eight (8) players qualified from Qualifying. Where there is no Qualifying, the qualifiers spots shall be added to the direct entries.

Where the EO elects not to utilize their Host Wildcards or WTT elects not to utilize the WTT Nomination and/or WTT Youth Nomination positions the unused spots are returned to the direct entries.

Qualifying (optional & flexible) – Knock out of 16 / 32 / 48 / 64 / 96 / 128.

- 14 / 30 / 46 / 62 / 94 / 126 players (Direct Entry) based on the ITTF TTWR for singles events at the entry deadline.
- Two (2) WTT Youth Nomination players.

Where WTT will not utilize WTT Youth Nomination positions the unused spots will be returned to the direct entries.

b. Men's and Women's Doubles & Mixed Doubles:

Main Draw - Knock out of 16.

- Top 10 pairs (Direct Entry) based on the Combined Pair Rank at the doubles' entry deadline.
- Two (2) Host Wildcard pairs.
- Four (4) pairs qualified from Qualifying.

Qualifying (optional) – Knock out of 8 / 16.

- 8 / 16 pairs (Direct Entry) based on the Combined Pair Rank at the doubles' entry deadline.

Where there is no Qualifying, the qualifier pairs spots are added to the direct entries.

Following the confirmation of approval to host a WTT Feeder Series event the EO must submit their final qualifying draw sizes to WTT within thirty (30) days of approval. Where an EO does not submit a qualifying request, the event will have a Main Draw only.

1.3 System of play

The single knock-out elimination system shall be used in both Main Draw and Qualifying (where applicable). Any EO who selects a 16 / 32 / 40 / 48 / 64-size Singles Qualifying draw may request for it to be played in group format (round-robin), with approval to be determined by WTT. Players will be drawn in groups based on the latest ITTF TTWR following the "snake system".

When the number of groups is more than eight (8) and less than sixteen (16), a K/O Qualifying round (Qualifying Elimination Round - QER) consisting of the group winners will take place to determine the eight (8) qualifiers for the Main Draw. If there are vacant spots for a full round, these will be filled by runners-up as per 3.3. Lucky Losers.

For seeding purposes for the QER, players will be considered in order of group placing with priority given to group winners i.e. Winner of G1, Winner of G2 etc. followed in the same manner by Runner Ups and the draw for QER will take place as per the section 3.2 Seeding for K/O draws, with the only additional restriction that a Winner and Runner up of the same group cannot meet in the QER.

When the number of groups is less than eight (8) all group winners advance directly to the Main Draw and any vacant spots for the Main Draw are filled as per 3.3. Lucky Losers.

Where the Qualifying Group Competition is applicable in WTT Feeder Events, in case there are less than 16 players in the Qualifying, the playing system can be adjusted by WTT.

For WTT Feeder Series

All matches in any sub-event in both Main Draw and Qualifying shall be best of five (5) games.

A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring eleven (11) points unless both players or pairs score ten (10) points, where the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of two (2) points.

2. ENTRIES

Only registered players with an ITTF identification number (Player ID) are eligible to participate in WTT Events and those players shall be accepted to enter any WTT Event where eligible.

2.1 National Entry Restriction (NER)

The NER is the number of participating players / pairs per Member Association allowed to participate in a sub-event and is applied as follows:

a. WTT Grand Smash

Singles:

- Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of six (6) players per sub-event excluding Olympic Champions Gold Cards, Host Wildcard players, WTT Nominations (including Youth). The restriction is applied across both Main Draw and Qualifying to provide for a maximum total of six players in any combination (i.e., 4 Qualifying / 2 Main Draw or 5 Qualifying / 1 Main Draw).
- The EO shall be permitted to use its Host Wildcards to nominate additional players from any Member Association outside the NER limit. The maximum number of host Member Association players permitted can be 16 players across both the Main draw and Qualifying (i.e., 6 Main Draw automatic entry + 4 Host Wildcards / 0 Qualifying automatic entry + 6 Qualifying Host Wildcard players) excluding any Olympic Champions Gold Cards and WTT Nominations (including Youth).

Doubles/Mixed Doubles:

- Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) players per sub-event but only one (1) full pair consisting of players from the same Member Association (i.e., 1 CHN/CHN, 1 CHN/AUS, 1 CHN/GER). The EO is permitted to use its Host Wildcards to nominate additional full or half pairs outside of the NER limit.

b. WTT Finals

- There is no NER for the WTT Finals.

c. WTT Champions

- Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) players per event excluding the Olympic Champions Gold Cards, Host Wildcard and the WTT Nomination.

- The host shall be permitted to use its Host Wildcard to nominate an additional player from any Member Association outside the NER limit. The maximum number of the host Member Association players permitted is up to five (5) excluding the Olympic Champions Gold Cards & WTT Nomination.

d. WTT Star Contender

Singles:

- Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) players per Main Draw, excluding Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations and WTT Youth Nominations, and a maximum of six (6) players per Qualifying Draw, excluding Qualifying Host Wildcards.
- The host will be permitted to use its wildcards to nominate additional players from any Member Association outside of the NER limit.

Doubles:

Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of eight (8) players per sub-event with a maximum three (3) full pairs consisted of players from the same Member Association (i.e., 3 CZE/CZE, 1 CZE/SWE, 1 CZE/GER). The restriction is applied across both the Main Draw and Qualifying. The Event Organiser is permitted to use its Host Wildcards to nominate additional pairs in any combination outside of the NER limit.

Mixed Doubles:

Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) players in any pairing combination. The restriction is applied across both the Main Draw and Qualifying. The Event Organiser is permitted to use its Host Wildcards to nominate additional pairs in any combination outside of the NER limit.

e. WTT Contender

Singles:

Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) players per Main Draw, excluding Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations and WTT Youth Nominations, and a maximum of four (4) or eight (8) players dependent upon the Qualifying Draw size (4 for draws of 64 or less and 8 for draws over 64), excluding Qualifying Host Wildcards.

The EO will be permitted to use its Host Wildcards to nominate additional players from any Member Association outside of the NER limit.

Doubles:

Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of eight (8) players per event with a maximum three (3) full pairs consisting of players from the same Member Association (i.e., 3 CZE/CZE, 1 CZE/SWE, 1 CZE/GER). The restriction is applied across both the Main Draw and Qualifying. The EO is permitted to use its Host Wildcards to nominate additional pairs in any combination outside of the NER limit.

Mixed Doubles:

Each Member Association shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) players in any pairing combination. The restriction is applied across both the Main Draw and Qualifying. The EO is permitted to use its Host Wildcards to nominate additional pairs in any combination outside of the NER limit.

f. WTT Feeder Series

Singles:

A maximum of eight (8) players per Member Association across both Main Draw and Qualifying with unrestricted entries for the EO in the host territory will be permitted to participate.

Doubles & Mixed Doubles:

A maximum of four (4) players per Member Association (up to 2 full pairs consisting of players from the same Member Association) and eight (8) players for the EO host Member Association (up to 4 full pairs consisting of players from the same Member Association) will be permitted to participate in Main Draw in case there is no Qualifying.

A maximum of six (6) players per Member Association (up to 3 full pairs consisting of players from the same Member Association) and ten (10) players for the EO host territory (up to 5 full pairs consisting of players from the same Member Association) will be permitted to participate across Main Draw and Qualifying where it exists.

g. Undersubscribed draws

Where a Main Draw or a Qualifying is undersubscribed additional players or pairs, in any pair combination, can be accepted according to the ITTF TTWR or the Combined Pair Rank, respectively, at the respective entry deadline to fill the available spots.

Following the above, and only for Star Contender, Contender and Feeder, in case a Singles Main Draw is full and a Singles Qualifying draw is still undersubscribed by 50% or more from its original draw size, the EO will be entitled to submit an additional maximum of eight (8) entries, on the following conditions:

- such request must be submitted to WTT Entries not later than 10 days (20:00 SGT) after the entry deadline.
- such entries would not be Main Draw players at the time they are confirmed and processed, based on the ITTF WR at the time of the entry deadline.
- players who withdrew from the Event are not permitted to be re-entered.
- the final number of such additional entries will be limited to a number that does not exceed the original draw size and the additional maximum of eight (8).
- at any time such entries are processed, they become part of the entry lists and in case of vacant positions thereafter they can also move to Main Draw or higher position in Qualifying in case they are the next eligible.

WTT will have the final approval.

Only for Star Contender, Contender and Feeder in case a Singles Qualifying is not applicable and a Singles Main Draw is undersubscribed, the EO will be entitled to submit additional entries into the Main Draw, on the following conditions:

- such request must be submitted to WTT Entries not later than 10 days (20:00 SGT) after the entry deadline.
- such entries would not be seeded players at the time they are confirmed and processed, based on the ITTF WR at the time of the entry deadline.
- players who withdrew from the Event are not permitted to be re-entered.
- the final number of such additional entries will be limited to a number that does not exceed the original Main Draw size.
- at any time such entries are processed, they become part of the entry lists and in case of vacant seeded positions thereafter they can also move to such in case they are the next eligible.

WTT will have the final approval.

2.2 WTT Series Top 20 Play Down Restriction (PDR)

a. WTT Star Contender

Singles' Main Draw sub-events of a WTT Star Contender is restricted to a maximum of eight (8) players from within the Top 20 of the ITTF TTWR at the time of entry deadline.

b. WTT Contender

Singles' Main Draw sub-events of a WTT Contender is restricted to a maximum of four (4) players from within the Top 20 of the ITTF TTWR at the entry deadline.

PDR entries shall be accepted, in order of priority and by ranking as per the following:

1. Players from the host Member Association.
2. 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.
3. The Host is allowed to determine who from the entered Top 20 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 #20 to #1).

Top 20 PDR entries shall not count towards the NER.

The PDR shall be included in the number of direct entries at the time of the entry deadline. When an event does not have its full allocation of PDR entries, the entry list shall be adjusted by the number of PDR spots not used.

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.

2.3 WTT Feeder Series Top 50 Play Down Restrictions (PDR)

Singles events

Players inside the Top 30 of the ITTF TTWR, at the time of the entry deadline, are not permitted to participate in WTT Feeder Series events. However, a maximum of two (2) players will be permitted to participate if they are from the EO host Member Association as a direct entry. In case more than two (2) Top 30 players from the EO 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).

A maximum of six (6) players ranked between 31 and 50 in the ITTF TTWR, at the time of the entry deadline, may participate in WTT Feeder Series events with priority given to players from the host Member Association.

2.4 Entry Deadline

- The Entry Deadline Cut-Off shall be on Tuesday, 20:00 (8:00PM) Singapore time (UTC+8 hours) of the designated deadline week specified below.
- 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.
- Events in any calendar week (Monday to Sunday) may start on a Saturday or Sunday, as approved by WTT and still be considered Events of the designated week.
- A player/pair cannot play in multiple WTT Events (WTT Series, WTT Feeder or WTT Youth Series) at the same time. The only exceptions are the following:
    - A player/pair can play in maximum two WTT Feeder Series and/or WTT Youth Series events taking place back-to-back in the same WTT calendar week.
    - A player/pair in the Qualifying of a WTT Grand Smash can play a WTT Feeder Series in the second week of the Grand Smash, unless there is direct clash of dates i.e. if the Qualifying of the WTT Grand Smash is still on and the WTT Feeder starts on same days. In case the player progresses through the Main Draw of the Grand Smash and needs to withdraw from the WTT Feeder they will be responsible to request the cancellation and subject to any cancellation fees issued by the EO of the WTT Feeder Event.
- A player/pair cannot play in a WTT Feeder Series or WTT Youth Series event when, invited (regardless of declining the invite) or entered into a WTT Series event in the same WTT calendar week. The only exception will be for a Youth Grand Smash that might be organized in the same event week as a WTT Grand Smash or Champions, with the condition that where the Match Schedule Plan does not allow priority will be given at the WTT Series Event and the player will be withdrawn from the Youth Grand Smash without penalties.
- When two (2) or more WTT Events are scheduled in the same week, a player/pair who has been entered in multiple events will be automatically accepted in order of priority:

- into the highest tier event or
- If same tier events, into the one they are in the highest Draw (Main Draw or Qualifying / Qualifying or Wait List).

and will be automatically withdrawn from the other event.

- In case of same Tier Event and same Draw the player/pair will have the right to elect.
- In case of same Tier Event and same Draw and the player/pair happens to be NER and/or WL they will have the right to elect.
- In case a player is NER into a higher tier and AER into a lower tier, their entry will be kept in both and in case they become the next eligible in the higher tier they will have the right to elect.
- In case of players entered into multiple sub-Events priority will be given to Singles.

- Players (or their designated authority) shall be solely responsible for ensuring their entry is entered into an event via the Online Entries System (OES). WTT will not accept any new entry received or replacement after the entry deadline whereby a player or pair (or their designated authority) has failed to complete the correct entry procedures.

a. WTT Grand Smash

- Singles Main Draw/Qualifying: Six (6) weeks prior the main event start.

Players in singles sub-events shall be added automatically to the entry list by WTT based on the ITTF TTWR published at the entry deadline. The participation of players is by invitation and therefore players, will have an initial free cancellation period from the entry deadline, as per the Event Prospectus, until the Thursday 20:00 (8:00PM) Singapore time (UTC+8 hours) of the designated deadline week to cancel their entry only through the OES.

- When there is no cancellation during the initial free cancellation period, the invite will be considered accepted and entries hereafter processed as per usual procedures and rules.
- If a player cancels from the Main Draw within this period, the next eligible player from Qualifying will be automatically added to the Main Draw (according to 2.9) after Thursday 20:00 (8:00PM) Singapore time (UTC+8 hours) of the designated deadline week, without any notifications or extensions. The top 32 players in Qualifying, who may become eligible for any vacant spots in the Main Draw, must adhere to the same initial free cancellation period for this purpose.
- Olympic Champions will have the same timeline for confirming, through their Member Association, their participation at the Event.

- Cancellations and withdrawals occurring after this given time will be treated as per applicable rules and all relevant cancellation and withdrawal fines will be applied, according to the player's status at the time of cancellation/withdrawal.
- For Grand Smash and only during the initial free cancellation period 4.1.8 will only apply to Main Draw players. For cancellations or withdrawals after the initial free cancellation period 4.1.8 will apply to all players.

- Doubles & Mixed doubles: Five (5) weeks prior the main event start.

Both players of a pair (or their designated authority) must enter and confirm their participation as a pair for doubles and/or mixed doubles events via the OES before the doubles' entry deadline.

b. WTT Finals

The players and the pairs who will be automatically entered in the WTT Finals shall be determined by the **WTT Series Finals Race** published after the end of the last WTT Series event before the WTT Finals or where WTT determines the need to implement a cut-off date due to extenuating circumstances.

The WTT Series Finals Race shall include all the ITTF TTWR points earned at the WTT Series Events a player/pair participated within the calendar year and before the cut-off date, specifically:

- All WTT Grand Smash results, plus
- All WTT Champions results, plus (not applicable to Mixed Doubles)
- All WTT Contender Series results

Mandatory conditions for eligibility for the Finals Race:

- **Singles:** Not more than two (2) withdrawals from WTT Champions events, in which a player was eligible to participate at the respective Entry Deadline. Withdrawals approved as medical exempted from this provision.
- **Mixed Doubles:** participation of the pair at a minimum of two (2) WTT Series Events.

Players qualified in multiple pair combinations:

- If a player qualifies as an automatic entry in two (2) or more pairs, the player must select one (1) pair with which they will participate, within the timeline provided by WTT at the time of the qualification notice.

- Any player with whom the player does not select to participate is ineligible to be an automatic entry unless they independently qualify with another partner.
- A player qualified in two (2) or more pairs who has already accepted one entry will not have the right to change partner for any reason, even if the player is also pair of another eligible qualified pair.

The participation of qualified players/pairs is mandatory.

Any player/pair who withdraws/cancels from the WTT Finals is not permitted to play in a WTT Event the same calendar week as the WTT Finals, and this applies in conjunction with Rule 4.1.8.

c. WTT Champions

- Singles: Six (6) weeks prior the event start.

Players shall be added automatically to the event entry list by WTT based on the ITTF TTWR published at the entry deadline. The participation of players is mandatory, with players entitled to maximum two (2) annual exemptions (from events within a calendar year). Therefore, Main Draw players, and up to 16 players in Wait List, will have an initial free cancellation period from the entry deadline as per the Event Prospectus until the Thursday 20:00 (8:00PM) Singapore time (UTC+8 hours) of the designated deadline week to cancel their entry only through the OES and only if they have not used their two (2) annual exemptions.

- When there is no cancellation during the initial free cancellation period the entry will be considered accepted and entries hereafter processed as per usual procedures and rules.
- If a player cancels from the Main Draw within this period, the next eligible player from the Wait List will be added to the Main Draw, with the standard 24-hours from the time of notification or as otherwise notified by WTT to confirm acceptance to the Event.
- The top 16 eligible players in Wait List will be notified and given the chance to also go through the initial free cancellation period process, in addition to the subsequent 24-hour notice given.
- Olympic Champions will have the same timeline for confirming, through their Member Association, their participation at the Event.
- Cancellations and withdrawals occurring after this given time, will be treated as per applicable rules and all relevant cancellation and withdrawal fines, will be applied according to the player's status at the time of cancellation/withdrawal. Same applies for cancellations beyond the two (2) annual exemptions at any time.
- Penalties of 4.1.8 are not applicable for the two (2) annual exemptions and only when requested during the initial free cancellation period.

d. WTT Star Contender & WTT Contender

- Singles: Main Draw/Qualifying: Five (5) weeks prior the event start.

All players, or Member Associations, or any person/entity where the player has designated that authority to the MA (designated authority), regardless of a National Entry Restriction or Top 20 Play-Down Restriction, must enter the event via the OES prior to the close of the entry deadline.

- Doubles & Mixed doubles: Main Draw/Qualifying: Four (4) weeks prior the Main Draw event start.

Both players of a pair, for doubles and mixed doubles events or the players' designated authority, regardless of a National Entry Restriction must confirm entry of doubles partners via the OES before the doubles' entry deadline.

e. WTT Feeder Series

- Singles: Main Draw/Qualifying: Five (5) weeks prior the event start.

All players, or Member Associations, or any person/entity where the player has designated that authority to the MA (designated authority), regardless of a National Entry Restriction must enter the event via the OES prior to the close of the entry deadline.

- Doubles & Mixed doubles: Main Draw/Qualifying: Four (4) weeks prior the Main Draw event start.

Both players of a pair, for doubles and mixed doubles events or the players' designated authority, regardless of a National Entry Restriction must confirm entry of doubles partners via the OES before the doubles' entry deadline.

2.5 Singles, Doubles/Mixed Doubles Order of Eligibility of Entry & Seeding

Order of eligibility of entry in singles sub-events, except for the WTT Finals, shall be based on the ITTF TTWR position at the time of the entry deadline, and the provision of 2.16 for Olympic Champions Gold Cards where applicable. Seeding is accordingly based on the ITTF TTWR position at the time of the first draw for the Event.

Order of eligibility of entry in doubles and mixed doubles sub-events, where they exist and except for the WTT Finals, shall be done by combining each player's individual Doubles/Mixed doubles ITTF TTWR position to form a combined pair rank at the time of the entry deadline. Players who have no ITTF Table Tennis Doubles Individual World Ranking (unranked players) shall receive the ranking of the lowest ranked player plus one (1) point. Seeding is accordingly based on the combined pair rank at the time of the first draw for the Event.

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:

1. The pair with the best ranking position in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
2. The pair with the best Combined Rank considering the previous ranking week.
3. The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period.
4. The pair with the most combined number of points in the Men's/Women's Singles ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
5. Randomly sorted by the seeding software.

The seeding order of unranked players/pairs shall be as follows:

1. Youngest player/pair with the youngest player.
2. Randomly sorted by the software.

Order of eligibility of entry for the WTT Finals shall be determined as per the WTT Finals Race, whilst the seeding for Singles will be done according to the ITTF TTWR position and for Mixed Doubles according to the best pairs on the ITTF TTWR respective lists published at the time of the draw.

A. Nominated pairs

Below is an example of entries in Doubles/Mixed Doubles' events.

DWR Player A	Player A	DWR Player B	Player B	CPR[1]
1	Player 1	6	Player 6	7
2	Player 2	3	Player 3	5
4	Player 4	5	Player 5	9
14	Player 14	28	Player 28	42
15	Player 15	22	Player 22	37
NR (108)	Unranked Player	107	Players 107	215 (NR = Lowest Ranked Player +1 Point)
44	Player 44	77	Player 77	121

[1] CPR: Combined Pair Rank

B. Rank order

Below is the order of the pairs to determine entry based on the previous example.

Rank	Player A	Player B	CPR
1	Player 2	Player 3	5
2	Player 1	Player 6	7
3	Player 4	Player 5	9
4	Player 15	Player 22	37
5	Player 14	Player 28	42
6	Player 44	Player 77	121
7	Unranked player	Player 107	215

2.6 Entry Deadline Extension

WTT in co-operation with the EO may extend the entry deadlines for Singles and Doubles/Mixed Doubles when unforeseen circumstances arise.

2.7 WTT Nomination/Youth Nomination Deadline

- WTT shall nominate, at their sole discretion, players to participate in the singles Main Draw and Qualifying for all WTT events as described above in this document.
- WTT shall nominate players at any time following the close of the entry deadline.
- In case a nominated player withdraws before the draw ceremony WTT will have the ability to replace the player with another player.
- In case WTT does not allocate its WTT Nomination(s), and/or WTT Youth Nomination(s) the next eligible players(s) shall be added to the Main Draw list or the Qualifying list (where applicable).

2.8 Host Wildcards Nomination Deadline

- The EO must nominate its confirmed final list of Host Wildcards and long list of potential replacements up to five (5) days prior to the commencement of the Event to the WTT Entries & WTT Event Supervisor for all sub-events.
- In case a nominated wildcard player or pair withdraws before the draw ceremony the host will have the ability to replace the player with another wildcard player or pair from the long list.
- Where an EO does not allocate all its Host Wildcard positions, the next eligible player(s) and pair(s) shall be added to the Main Draw list or the Qualifying list (where applicable).

- The EO for this purpose is, as usual, determined as the organizing entity of the Event, not the Member Association and WTT will have the final approval on all Host Wildcard nominations.

2.9 Player/Pair Withdrawal/Cancellation

- Where a player/pair withdraws from an event, the next eligible player/pair shall be added to the Main Draw (either from Qualifying or Wait list depending on sub-event), and where applicable, the next eligible player/pair on the Wait list shall be added to the Qualifying based on the TTWR at the entry deadline. A player/pair who is in the Wait List shall have 24 hours from the time of notification, or as otherwise notified by WTT, to confirm their acceptance of the movement to the new list and in any case before the draw takes place.
- A player/pair cancelled shall not be added back in the entry list and shall not be nominated with an Olympic Champion Gold Card, Host Wildcard or WTT Nomination. Only an Olympic Champion who is eligible for a Grand Smash or a Champions Event through regular entry, may at the discretion of the Member Association and only during the initial free cancellation period, choose to use the Olympic Champion Gold Card instead.
- In case a player/pair from a Member Association where the NER rule has been applied withdraws from an event, the next NER player/pair from that Member Association on the entry list will become eligible based on their ITTF TTWR at the time of the entry deadline and shall have 24 hours from the time of notification, or as otherwise notified by WTT, to confirm their acceptance of the movement to the new list and in any case before the draw takes place.
- In the first instance where a notification is issued by WTT for confirming acceptance of movement into a new list and no timely confirmation is submitted, the next eligible player/pair is then invited. In such case, WTT will issue a subsequent withdrawal notification, with a given timeline (not more than 48 hours), and proceed with removing such player/pair from the Wait List completely in case of no confirmation and the player/pair will not be considered further in case of new vacant positions.
- Any player/pair who withdraws from the WTT Finals is not permitted to play in any other WTT Event the same week.
- For WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender, if a player withdraws from the event or a sub-event and that player's entry falls under the PDR rule, their position in the list shall be replaced with the next eligible PDR player on the entry list following the point 2.2 WTT Series Top 20 Play Down Restriction (PDR).

- For WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender, if a Top 20 player withdraws and there are no further Top 20 PDR eligible players on the entry list, WTT may replace that player with another WTT Top 20 player.
- If the previous option is not taken by WTT, the next eligible player on the Qualifying list shall be added to the Main Draw, and where applicable, the next eligible player on the Wait list shall be added to Qualifying.
- Withdrawal / cancellation with the relevant accurate cancellation reason must be requested through the Online Entry System **and** by email to the assigned WTT Event Supervisor's email **and** WTT Entries, otherwise it will not be considered. For non-medical withdrawals/cancellations any accompanying cancellation document must be submitted either at the time of cancellation or latest before the Event ends otherwise it will not be considered. For medical withdrawals/cancellations a WTT Medical Withdrawal Form or a valid medical certificate must be submitted either at the time of the cancellation or no later than 72 hours from the withdrawal/cancellation request, otherwise it will not be considered.
- A player/pair who has been awarded and accepted an Olympic Champion Gold Card, Host Wildcard or WTT Nomination and subsequently withdraws from the Event, shall be ineligible to receive a Host Wildcard or WTT Nomination for the next three (3) WTT Series & Feeder Events (with maximum 1 Feeder counting in the equation), with the exception of an Event held in the jurisdiction of the player's Member Association.
    - Finals, Grand Smash and Champions events shall not be included in the consideration for the "next three (3) events" above.
    - Should a player/pair commit a second violation of this rule within the calendar year, they shall be ineligible to compete in the next WTT Series Event, with the exception of an event held in the jurisdiction of the player's Member Association.
    - Events where the entry deadline has closed and the player/pair has been entered already will not be considered in the count.
    - For avoidance of doubt for pairs the rule will apply on the pair, not the players individually.
    - Where a single injury/illness impacts two Events in consecutive weeks WTT at its discretion will consider this as a single breach for this purpose.

2.10 Qualifying Withdrawal / Cancellation Deadline

The Qualifying withdrawal / cancellation deadline applies as follows:

- Singles events: Players who do not wish to play in Qualifying have two (2) weeks after the entry deadline to cancel their entry without penalty.
- 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.

2.11 Entry list

The entry list for all WTT Events shall be presented/published as follows:

- Showing all players entered the event regardless of NER or Play Down Restrictions.
- Denoting Main Draw, Qualifying and Wait List where applicable.
- Denoting which players are not eligible to participate due to NER or Play Down Restrictions to ensure integrity in case a player from a NER Member Association is later permitted to play due to a withdrawal of a player from the same Member Association.

2.12 Entry changes

Singles:

- New players cannot be added after the singles' entries deadline.
- A player from a Member Association cannot be directly swapped or replaced for another player from the same Member Association in case of a withdrawal/cancellation after the singles' entries deadline.

Doubles:

- New pairs cannot be added after the doubles' entries deadline and all players indicated, as "Partner Wanted" will be removed without further notice.
- 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.

2.13 Reserve and/or Alternate Players/Pair

a. Reserve:

Up to two (2) reserve players (WTT Finals, WTT Champions) and one (1) pair (WTT Finals) may be invited to replace a withdrawn/cancelled/injured player/pair through the completion of the first round.

WTT, at its sole discretion, may alter the number of reserve players/pairs per event. The first reserve will have 48 hours (or less if closer to the time of the first draw) to verify their status as a reserve.

Reserves, if invited to be onsite reserves, are entitled to receive hospitality, from the night before the event starts until the completion of the first round.

If after accepting their position as reserve, they decide to cancel their participation - the player/pair shall be fined the relevant cancellation fines for the Event and any other applicable fines.

b) Alternate Player/Pair due to last minute withdrawal:

If a withdrawal occurs less than 24 hours from the time of the first draw, WTT reserves the right to fill the unoccupied position at its discretion when time does not allow for filling the position with a reserve.

2.14 Wait list

Players/pairs who are not among the Main Draw or Qualifying shall be placed on a Wait list (WL) based on their ITTF TTWR/CPR at the respective entry deadline. In case of withdrawal(s) the next eligible player(s)/pair(s), according to the ITTF TTWR/CPR at the respective entry deadline, will be added to the respective list and notified by WTT as per 2.9 Player/Pair Withdrawal/Cancellation.

For the WTT Finals the Wait list (WL) is based on the WTT Series Finals Race.

2.15 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 or WTT Feeder event (or same week if two Feeder Events) if they meet the following criteria and apply for it in a timely manner. A player is eligible to apply to receive a special exempt into the Singles Main Draw of the following WTT Contender or WTT Feeder event, if the player is unable to compete in Qualifying because they are still competing and cannot be on-time on the date Qualifying begins at that event, subject to the provisions of this section.

- Special exempt is only considered if all conditions below are met:
    - For players still competing in the Singles Main Draw and reaching the semi-finals of a WTT Contender or WTT Feeder event and are entered into the Qualifying list in the same or higher tier (e.g., Feeder to Feeder or Feeder to Contender, or Contender to Contender).
    - The two events where the player is participating/scheduled to participate are on the same Continent or different Continent with a direct flight/train route of less than 6 hours from the two Events' designated airports/train stations and 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/schedule to participate have not more than one (1) day between the final day of the first and the first qualifying day of the one following.

- Application for the special exempt is submitted on time to the WTT Entries.

B. Number of Special Exempts

One (1) Special Exempt position is available for WTT Contender and WTT Feeder events.

C. Selection of Special Exempt

- Where there is more than one (1) Special Exempt application for the same event, the Special Exempt will be awarded to the highest ranked player based on the ITTF TTWR applied at the time of the entry deadline only for that event.
- If there are no applications for Special Exempt before the Qualifying draw takes place, the Special Exempt spot shall be filled by additional automatic entry from the Qualifying list.
- If the Special Exempt occurs after the Qualifying draw takes place or after the start of Qualifying and before the match of the "SE" player, the player may be withdrawn from the Qualifying draw and replaced with a player from the Wait List. If there is no player on the Wait List or no Wait List player on-site, then the position is a bye.

D. Special Exempt Process

1. A list of possible eligible players is compiled by WTT Entries prior to the commencement of the quarterfinals of the current event for the next event.
2. The list of possible eligible players is supplied to the WTT Event Supervisors where the players are competing. The WTT Event Supervisors need to contact each player to inquire if the player is interested in the Special Exempt position and then contact WTT Player Relations immediately following the player decision to remove themself from consideration for any event for which they are eligible.
3. If the player is interested, WTT Entries coordinates with the WTT Event Supervisors at both events until the Special Exempt position is filled.
4. The deadline for a player to declare their intent to accept a Special Exempt, if eligible, is no later than one (1) hour following the completion of their winning quarterfinal match that qualified them for a Special Exempt. Once a player has declared their intent to the WTT Event Supervisor, the player shall be considered as accepting the Special Exempt and will be subject to the applicable withdrawal/late withdrawal penalties.

If the Main Draw is to take place before a potential "SE" player plays their quarterfinal, and after Qualifying has been completed, then such place shall be drawn in the same manner as Qualifier, i.e., eight (8) qualifiers ("Q") and one (1) "SE". Each of the nine (9) spots is marked "Q/SE." As soon as the "SE" match result is known, either the "SE", or the one (1) lucky loser from Qualifying (if the "SE" declines) is randomly drawn and inserted into the Main Draw.

2.16 Olympic Champions Gold Cards, Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations, WTT Youth Nominations

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.

b. Main Draw Host Wildcards cannot be awarded to players/pairs already in the Main Draw as DER/AER and Qualifying Host Wildcards cannot be awarded to player/pairs already in the Qualifying as DER/AER.

c. Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations and WTT Youth Nominations can be awarded to players/pairs with respect to the following:

- Players/pairs who are in NER status in Main Draw can be awarded Host Wildcards only for the Main Draw.
- Players/pairs who are in NER status in Qualifying can be awarded Host Wildcards either for Main Draw or Qualifying.
- WTT Nominations or WTT Youth Nominations can be awarded to any player regardless of their NER status.
- WTT Nominations/Youth Nominations shall not be awarded to players already entered in a higher Tier Event.
- Players/pairs in Wait List can be awarded any Host Wildcard, WTT Nomination, or WTT Youth Nomination into the sub-event.
- 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.
- For WTT Contender Series events the EO 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 these players are from the EO Member Association.
- For WTT Feeder Series Host Wildcards can be used only for players outside the Top 30 of the ITTF TTWR.
- WTT Youth Nominations are excluded from the WTT Feeder Series Play Down Restriction Rule.

d. Olympic Champions (Gold medallists in all sub-Events) are entitled to an entry into the Grand Smash Main Draw and Champions Events as Olympic Champions Gold Cards.

Olympic Champions Gold Cards:

- don't count towards the NER.
- for purposes of benefits, obligations and sanctions (excluding ranking & seeding related matters), for all clauses of this Handbook, will be considered as equivalent of Players Ranked 1-10.
- for purposes of seeding, if a player is no longer part of the ITTF TTWR, they will be seeded based on a provisional ranking according to the last ranking list they were active, with expired Events removed. *(This provision applies only for their first Event and remains in effect until any changes applicable to Olympic Champions Gold Cards are made to the ITTF TTWR Regulations).*

3. DRAWS

3.1 Draw sizes

The draw sizes for the Main Draw and Qualifying as well as the byes, the playing rounds and the number of qualifiers shall be as follows:

MAIN DRAW				
DRAW SIZE	DRAW SHEET	BYES	# ROUNDS	BREAKDOWN
8	8	0	3	QF SF F
16	16	0	4	R16 QF SF F
24	32	8	5	R24 R16 QF SF F
32	32	0	5	R32 R16 QF SF F
48	64	16	6	R48 R32 R16 QF SF F
64	64	0	6	R64 R32 R16 QF SF F

QUALIFYING				
DRAW SIZE	DRAW SHEET	BYES	QUALIFIERS	# ROUNDS
16	16	0	4	2
32	32	0	4	3
32	32	0	8	2
48	64	16	8	3
64	64	0	8	3
96	128	32	8	4
128	128	0	8	4

3.2 Seeding

All Main and Qualifying Draws will have a seeded draw. The Top 2, Top 4, Top 8, Top 16, or Top 32 players (‘**Seeds**’) depending on the event and the draw size shall be seeded. The number of seeds per draw size shall be as follows:

MAIN DRAW		
DRAW SIZE	DRAW SHEET	SEEDS
8	8	2
16	16	4
24	32	8
32	32	8
48	64	16
64	64	16

QUALIFYING		
DRAW SIZE	DRAW SHEET	SEEDS
16	16	4
32	32	8
48	64	16
64	64	16
96	128	32
128	128	32

The order of the seeds will be determined u as per 2.5. Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles Order of Eligibility of Entry & Seeding and the provision of 2.16 for Olympic Champions Gold Cards where applicable.

For the purposes of conducting the draw, the entry list is considered one continuous list from Main Draw through to Qualifying where applicable, and the seeds shall be placed or drawn randomly as follows:

(a) Seed #1 will be placed in position #1 and Seed #2 will be placed in the last position of the draw based on the draw sheet according to the table below.

(b) To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (Seeds #3 and #4), groups of four (Seeds #5-8, #9-12, #13-16), or groups of eight (Seeds #17-24 and #25-32) from top to bottom on the positions indicated in the table below:

SEEDS		8 Draw 2 seeds	16 Draw 4 seeds	24/32 Draw 8 seeds	48/64 Draw 16 seeds	96/128 Draw 32 seeds
		Position in Draw Sheet				
1-2	Direct placement	1 8	1 16	1 32	1 64	1 128
3-4	First Drawn Second Drawn		5 12	9 24	17 48	33 96
5-8	First Drawn Second Drawn Third Drawn Fourth Drawn			8 16 17 25	16 32 33 49	32 64 65 97
9-12	First Drawn Second Drawn Third Drawn Fourth Drawn				9 25 40 56	17 49 80 112
13-16	First Drawn Second Drawn Third Drawn Fourth Drawn				8 24 41 57	16 48 81 113

17-24	First Drawn					9
	Second Drawn					24
	Third Drawn					41
	Fourth Drawn					56
	Fifth Drawn					73
	Sixth Drawn					88
	Seventh Drawn					105
	Eight Drawn					120
25-32	First Drawn					8
	Second Drawn					25
	Third Drawn					40
	Fourth Drawn					57
	Fifth Drawn					72
	Sixth Drawn					89
	Seventh Drawn					104
	Eight Drawn					121

The rest of the players/pairs, together with the Qualifiers' spots and Lucky Losers spots (if any), shall be drawn randomly from top to bottom to fill the remaining positions. A qualifier or Lucky Loser (if known before the draw commences) shall not be drawn to play another qualifier or Lucky Loser in the first round of the Main Draw. If after the draw is completed and there is a need to include a Lucky Loser, this Lucky Loser may play an opening match against a Qualifier.

Following the completion of Qualifying, the Main Draw shall be updated to show the players who have progressed from Qualifying ("**Qualifiers**") and Lucky Losers (if any). These players shall be ranked by ITTF TTWR and placed into the Main Draw undertaking normal draw procedures from top to bottom to fill in the empty spots.

When Qualifying is completed prior to conducting the draw for the Main Draw, the qualifiers shall be sorted by ITTF TTWR and added to the end of the main draw entry list. After the placement of the seeds into the draw, all remaining players/pairs shall be drawn randomly filling remaining positions from top to bottom.

Where fixed byes exist, they shall be given to the seeded players/pairs as per the table below:

	BYES		
	Draw of 24 8 fixed byes for seeds	Draw of 48 16 fixed byes for seeds	Draw of 96 32 fixed byes for seeds
SEEDS	Bye position on draw sheet		
1-2	2 31	2 63	2 127
3-4	10 23	18 47	34 95
5-8	7 26 15 18	15 50 31 34	31 98 63 66
9-12		10 55 26 39	18 111 50 79
13-16		7 58 23 42	15 114 47 82
17-24			10 119 42 87 23 106 55 74
25-32			7 122 58 71 26 103 39 90

Once byes have been given to the seeded players/pairs in any size draw, any remaining byes will be drawn and evenly distributed per half and per quarter of the draw as per the tables below*:

**In the tables below:*

- *Grey background colour: Byes for seeds in ordered placement.*
- *Orange background colour: Additional bye positions (if any) placed in ordered placement.*
- *Red font colour: Seeds positions.*

Draw sheet of 128 / 32 Seeds							
Position		**Position**		**Position**		**Position**	
1	1	33	3-4	65	5-8	97	5-8
2	1	34	3	66	8	98	6
3		35	29	67	26	99	28
4		36		68		100	
5		37		69		101	
6	1	38	7	70	4	102	8
7	25	39	31	71	28	103	30
8	25-32	40	25-32	72	25-32	104	25-32
9	17-24	41	17-24	73	17-24	105	17-24
10	17	42	19	74	24	106	22
11	9	43	11	75	16	107	14
12		44		76		108	
13		45		77		109	
14	17	46	19	78	24	110	22
15	13	47	15	79	12	111	10
16	13-16	48	13-16	80	9-12	112	9-12
17	9-12	49	9-12	81	13-16	113	13-16
18	9	50	11	82	16	114	14
19	21	51	23	83	20	115	18
20		52		84		116	
21		53		85		117	
22	13	54	15	86	12	118	10

23	21	55	23	87	20	119	18
24	17-24	56	17-24	88	17-24	120	17-24
25	25-32	57	25-32	89	25-32	121	25-32
26	29	58	27	90	32	122	26
27	5	59	3	91	6	123	2
28		60		92		124	
29		61		93		125	
30	27	62	25	94	30	126	31
31	5	63	7	95	4	127	2
32	5-8	64	5-8	96	3-4	128	2

Draw sheet of 64 / 16 seeds			
Position		**Position**	
1	1	33	5-8
2	1	34	8
3		35	12
4		36	
5		37	
6	1	38	8
7	13	39	12
8	13-16	40	9-12
9	9-12	41	13-16
10	9	42	16
11	5	43	4
12		44	
13		45	
14	9	46	14
15	5	47	4
16	5-8	48	3-4
17	3-4	49	5-8
18	3	50	6

19	13	51	10
20		52	
21		53	
22	3	54	6
23	15	55	10
24	13-16	56	9-12
25	9-12	57	13-16
26	11	58	14
27	7	59	2
28		60	
29		61	
30	11	62	15
31	7	63	2
32	5-8	64	2

Draw sheet of 32 / 8 Seeds	
Position	
1	1
2	1
3	
4	
5	
6	1
7	5
8	5-8
9	3-4
10	3
11	5
12	
13	
14	3

15	7
16	5-8
17	5-8
18	8
19	4
20	
21	
22	6
23	4
24	3-4
25	5-8
26	6
27	2
28	
29	
30	7
31	2
32	2

Draw sheet of 16 / 4 Seeds	
Position	
1	1
2	1
3	
4	
5	3-4
6	3
7	1
8	
9	
10	2

11	4
12	3-4
13	
14	3
15	2
16	2

Draw sheet of 8 / 2 Seeds	
Position	
1	1
2	1
3	
4	3
5	
6	
7	2
8	2

3.3 Lucky Losers

Lucky Losers (LL) are players/pairs who are drawn in the Main Draw and/or Qualifying Elimination Round (QER) to fill empty spots after they have been eliminated from the Qualifying / Group Competition, and they have confirmed their availability with the WTT Event Supervisor signing a lucky-loser sign-in sheet:

- For Main Draw - not later than thirty (30) min after the completion of Qualifying to be "eligible" Lucky Losers ("**Onsite Lucky Loser Sign-In**")
- For Qualifying Elimination Round (QER) – not later than the completion of the second round of the group competition ("**QER Lucky Loser Sign-In**")

and be available on site to play their match. The LL(s) positions will not be released until the completion of the previous stage.

The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The LL(s) will be selected among all the players/pairs who lost in the last round of Qualifying or among all players in the next finishing position in case of Qualifying Group Competition i.e. all players in 2nd place.

b. If the number of empty spots exceeds the number of players/pairs who lost in the immediate previous stage, players from the previous Qualifying round / next finishing position in groups (i.e. all players in 3rd place) who are onsite and confirmed their availability to the WTT Event Supervisor will be added based on the above conditions.

c. For the Main Draw, the LL(s) will be drawn together with the qualifiers by random to fill in the empty positions from top to bottom. If there are two or more players/pairs who are unranked the order will be decided by lot.

3.4 Players/Pairs Withdrawals

The following procedures shall be followed:

3.4.1 Withdrawal from the Main Draw

<u>A. Main Draw - Seed withdrawal</u>

1. Before the Main Draw takes place and after Qualifying has been published.
    a. The next highest ranked seeded player/pair moves into the position of the withdrawn seed and the highest ranked player/pair eligible to be seeded is moved to the last seeded position. A LL will be drawn with the qualifiers to fill in the remaining positions.
2. After the Main Draw takes place and before qualifiers progression.

a. The highest ranked player/pair eligible to be seeded moves into the position of the withdrawn seed. A LL from the last round of Qualifying will be added to the list of qualifiers and drawn together to fill qualifier and lucky loser positions from top to bottom of the draw.

3. After the Main Draw takes place and after the qualifiers' progression and before the first match of the Main Draw commences.
    a. The highest ranked player/pair eligible to be seeded moves into the position of the withdrawn seed. A LL fills in the empty position.
4. For WTT Star Contender - After the main event starts and before the 2nd round finishes.
    a. Any seeded player/pair who withdraws before their first match can be replaced by a LL who fills in the empty position and starts his/her matches from the second round.
5. In any event, other than a WTT Champions, WTT Finals and a WTT Star Contender, after the main event starts and before the 1st round finishes.
    a. A LL fills in the empty position and starts their match from the applicable round.
6. In WTT Champions and WTT Finals a player/pair might be replaced before the 1st round finishes, as per the applicable reserve/alternate player/pair rules. When the replacement is applied after the draw the reserve/alternate player/pair fills the empty position.

<u>B. Main Draw – Non-Seed withdrawal</u>

1. Before the Main Draw takes place and after Qualifying has been published.
    a. A LL will be drawn with the Qualifiers to fill in the remaining position.
2. After the Main Draw takes place and before qualifiers progression.
    a. A LL from the last round of Qualifying will be added to the list of qualifiers and drawn together to fill qualifier and lucky loser positions from top to bottom of the draw.
3. After the Main Draw takes place and after the qualifier's progression.
    a. A LL fills in the empty position.
4. In any event with Qualifying, after the main event starts and before the 1st round finishes.
    a. A LL fills in the empty position.
5. In WTT Champions and WTT Finals a player/pair might be replaced before the 1st round finishes, as per the applicable reserve/alternate player/pair rules. When the replacement is applied after the draw the reserve/alternate player/pair fills the empty position.

The LL(-s) who confirmed their availability shall be ready anytime on site to compete in case a withdrawal happens before the end of the 1st round of Main Draw. The WTT Event Supervisor is responsible to inform

the confirmed LL(-s) who are drawn in the Main Draw and re-schedule the affected match(-es) if the timeframe and the schedule permits.

3.4.2 Withdrawal from Qualifying

A. Prior to the conducting of the Qualifying Draw

The highest ranked player/pair on the Wait list will fill the vacant position, upon any necessary notifications and respective confirmations.

In WTT Grand Smash, if a withdrawal occurs less than 24 hours from the time of the first draw, WTT reserves the right to fill the unoccupied position at its discretion when time does not allow for filling the position with the next eligible player/pair.

B. After the completion of the Qualifying Draw (before Qualifying commences)

The vacant position of the withdrawn player/pair shall be filled by the highest ranked player/pair(s) from the Wait list. In WTT Grand Smash, WTT reserves the right to fill the unoccupied position at its discretion when time does not allow for filling the position with the next eligible player/pair.

In case the cancelled player/pair has a bye in the first round of Qualifying, the next highest ranked player/pair from the Qualifying who should get a bye shall fill in the empty spot otherwise the match will be Walk Over (W/O).

3.5 Place

The draws, which the public may be permitted to attend, are to be conducted by the Referee with the help of the WTT Event Supervisor at a place selected by the Event Director, in consultation with the WTT Event Manager or the WTT Event Supervisor. Whenever possible, all draws should have a player or a coach present to witness the making of the draw, however, if no one is available, the Referee together with the WTT Event Supervisor may perform the draw.

3.6 Time

a. Main Draw Singles

The Main Draw for the Singles events shall take place up to two (2) days prior to the commencement of the Main Draw and no later than twelve (12) hours before the scheduled start of the Main Draw.

b. Main Draw Doubles/Mixed Doubles

The Main Draw for the Doubles and the Mixed Doubles events shall take place immediately after the Main Draw for Singles event draws finish. Any exception to this requires the approval of WTT.

c. Qualifying Singles & Doubles/Mixed Doubles

The Qualifying Draw for the Singles and the Doubles/Mixed Doubles events shall take place no later than one (1) day before Qualifying starts or if deemed necessary, reasonably brought forward or delayed at the discretion of the WTT Event Supervisor.

d. Draws at WTT Grand Smash Events

The WTT, at its discretion, may conduct the Main Draw or Qualifying draws up to three (3) days prior to the commencement of play in any sub-event.

3.7 Alterations to draws

Alterations to the Qualifying and/or the Main Draw or a complete re-draw should be avoided if possible, and they may be made only to correct errors in seeding which cause imbalance or to include additional players/pairs that were missed during the entries processing phase.

The Referee, in agreement with the WTT Event Supervisor, is responsible to decide if alterations or a complete re-draw is necessary to take place.

Except as provided in 3.4, no other alterations shall be made to the draw of an Event after it has commenced.

4. GENERAL SCHEDULE

WTT shall collaborate with the EO to determine the schedule of matches including the number of playing sessions, number of event days, number of matches per day and session start times. The schedule shall be prepared based on the numbers of tables, days, sub-events and draw sizes by the WTT Event Supervisor and shall be approved, prior the publication, by WTT.

5. TIME SCHEDULE

The earliest start time of matches is 10:00 during all days of the Main Draw and 09:00 for Qualifying. WTT or the WTT Event Supervisor may elect to start matches earlier if deemed necessary.

- The entire time schedule for the event will be prepared, by the WTT Event Supervisor, based on TV needs and local conditions for discussion with the EO and shall be approved WTT.
- WTT reserves the right to schedule matches on any table on any day at its sole discretion.
- WTT at its sole discretion may move any match on any table at any time.

6. MULTI BALL

Unless otherwise stated, the "Multi Ball" system shall be implemented from the first round of the Main Draw onwards as follows:

- Prior to each match the players are free to select 20 out of approximately 30 balls.
- During the match, a sufficient number of balls is made available to the next serving player/pair between points. Players shall not pick up the ball from the floor (with the exception of balls that stay on the table i.e. net balls).
- Ball persons shall collect the balls after each point to avoid having excess balls on the floor.
- The ball persons shall wear shirts provided by WTT, or otherwise approved, and shall be located outside the show court out of the main camera view. Small, dark colour stools shall be used for seating. More details regarding ball persons' role and function can be found in the Ball Persons Manual.

7. TABLE TENNIS REVIEW (TTR)

An electronic Table Tennis Review system (TTR) may be used, and it will come into effect when an appeal is made against a decision of a responsible match official on a question of fact. TTR, with the help of highly accurate technology, will provide a replay of the circumstances leading to a decision subject to a review, with the final decision to the appeal made by the TTR Official.

TTR, where available, shall be established in line with the latest TTR Guidelines which include TTR specific rules, procedures and other details.

The latest TTR Guidelines are made available to players and other participants in due time and players are informed before the Event and/or match starts whether TTR Is available at an Event and on which tables.

IV. FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT & CONDITIONS

1. PLAYING & TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

The playing and technical equipment (table, net assembly, balls, blade and racket coverings) used in each WTT Event shall comply with the relevant requirements and specifications set out in ITTF Statutes (Sections 2.1 - 2.4, Section 3.2.1.3 (Approved and Authorised Equipment), Section 3.2.4 (Racket Control), Sections 3.4.2.2 to 3.4.2.4 (Equipment).

Only ITTF approved balls, tables, nets, and racket coverings, as included in the lists of ITTF Approved and Authorized Equipment published on the ITTF website (https://equipments.ittf.com/#/equipments) shall be used in WTT Events.

Apart from the above, the following equipment and fittings are to be considered as part of the playing area:

- Umpires' tables and chairs,
- Score indicators (manual or electronic),
- Towel and ball boxes,
- Advertising surrounds,
- Advertising LEDs, and
- Any other small technical equipment (e.g., Table Tennis Review devices, microphone, small cameras)

which shall be fitted in a way that does not affect play and the umpires' visibility and needs to have prior approval by WTT. The WTT Event Supervisor may remove or reposition any item (including advertising) that may affect the safety of a player, match official, ball person or other participant with FoP access.

2. CONDITIONS

2.1 Field of Play (FoP) Size

In accordance with WTT standards and requirements the following shall be considered:

- Set-up special show-court tables which are mandatory for Main Draw matches from the start of the Main Draw.
- The size of such a show-table shall be not less than: 10m x 18m or as otherwise determined by WTT.
- The FoP is defined by surrounds approved by WTT.
- The normal FoP size used in Qualifying and in Main Draw shall be not less than 7m x 14m.

2.2 Playing Flooring

The playing flooring shall be in accordance with WTT standards and requirements and shall meet, among other, the following requirements:

- The use of ITTF approved sports flooring, as mentioned in the list of ITTF Approved Floors published on ITTF website (https://equipments.ittf.com/#/equipments), in all courts is mandatory for both Main Draw and Qualifying.
- The use of a subfloor (sports floor or wooden subfloor) in all courts is mandatory for both Main Draw and Qualifying in case the ITTF Approved Floor is not approved for direct use on rigid surface.

2.3 Playing Conditions

The playing conditions shall be in accordance with WTT standards and requirements and shall meet the following requirements:

- The illuminance during the Main Draw shall be not less than 1800 lux uniformly distributed over the main table (WTT Series).
- The illuminance during the Main Draw shall be not less than 1400 lux uniformly distributed over each competition table (WTT Series).
- The illuminance during the Qualifying shall be not less 1000 lux uniformly distributed over each competition table (WTT Series).
- The illuminance during Main Draw and Qualifying (where applicable) shall not be less than 1000 lux (preferably 1500 lux) evenly distributed over each competition table (WTT Feeder Series).
- Special show-court lighting must be provided for the main table for WTT Grand Smash, WTT Finals and WTT Champions events, and for the final days of the Main Draw at WTT Star Contender events when the matches are played on one (1) table. Details for the lighting technical requirements can be found in the "Lighting Guidelines" Annex of the Event Manual.
- The main show-court must be equipped with LED surrounds at all WTT Grand Smash, WTT Finals and WTT Champions events, and recommended for WTT Star Contender and Contender events when the event reduces to one table only.
- The WTT authorised staff may suspend play if, in their judgment, the conditions of play are unacceptable for professional table tennis.
- WTT may at its discretion provide a standards exemption where necessary to ensure an Event can proceed without disruption to the Match Schedule Plan.

2.4 Practice area

A separate practice facility in accordance with WTT standards and requirements shall be provided for both Main Draw and Qualifying and should:

- Have the same tables (brand, type, colour and tabletop), nets (brand, type, colour) and flooring (brand, type, colour) with the ones used for competition.
- Have similar lighting conditions with the competition with illuminance minimum 1000 lux for the WTT Series and 800 lux (preferably 1,000 lux) for the WTT Feeder Series evenly distributed.

2.5 Racket Control Centre (RCC)

Where WTT requests a RCC it shall be established in accordance with the Event Manual.

V. EVENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

1. EVENT ORGANISER OBLIGATIONS

1.1 Application Requirements

Each Event Organiser agrees to comply with all provisions contained in the Event Rights Agreement, the WTT Event Manual and the WTT Handbook.

1.2 Ranking Based Entry

Each Event Organiser agrees to accept entries of players, as approved by WTT, based on the ITTF TTWR.

1.3 Other Circuit

Each Event Organiser agrees to refrain from being advertised or promoted as part of any other Event, circuit or series of events, unless expressly authorised by WTT.

2. EVENT STANDARDS VIOLATIONS

No Event Organiser shall violate any provision of WTT's rules and regulations contained within this Rule 2 (Event Standards Violation). Unless otherwise specified, a violation of this Rule 2 shall subject the Event Organiser to a fine up to USD $50,000.

2.1 On-Site

On-site violations may include, event obligations specified in the Event Rights Agreement, the WTT Event Manual, or the WTT Handbook.

2.2 Security at Events

The Event Organiser has the responsibility to provide security at the Event site. The Event Organiser must submit their security plan thirty (30) days in advance to the WTT Event Manager.

2.3 Event Report

The Event Organiser shall submit to WTT a report of the Event and its affairs as requested by WTT.

2.4 Determination of Violation and Penalty

The WTT Event Supervisor and/or WTT Event Manager shall issue a written notification to the Event Director with a copy to the head of the WTT Events Department for determination of fines and/or other penalties.

3. EVENT MAJOR OFFENCES

No Event Organiser shall violate any provision of WTT's rules and regulations contained within this Rule 3 (Event Major Offences). Unless otherwise specified, violation of this Rule 3 shall subject the Event Organiser to a fine up to USD $150,000, plus any additional financial penalties specified in other rules, and/or change in hosting eligibility, and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to WTT.

3.1 Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

3.1.1 The favourable reputation of WTT, its Affiliates, their events and players are an asset and creates tangible benefits for all WTT stakeholders. Accordingly, it is an obligation for the Event Organiser and its Representatives, to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of table tennis. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include comments to the news media, publicised comments that unreasonably attack or disparage any person or group of people, any event of WTT or its Affiliate, sponsor, player, or official.

3.1.2 Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with WTT policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of any event of WTT or its Affiliate, player, sponsor or official are expressly covered by this Rule.

3.2 Aggravated Behaviour

3.2.1 No Event Organiser, Affiliate of the Event Organiser, or Representative of the Event Organiser or of its Affiliate shall engage in aggravated behaviour which is defined as follows:

a) One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of WTT, its Affiliate, or its stakeholders or is singularly egregious.

b) A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code in consecutive years 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 WTT, its Affiliate, or its stakeholders.

3.3 Non-Delivery of Standards

Event Organisers that have submitted requests to WTT, which were approved on the condition that they deliver specific upgrades to existing facilities, relocation to a new venue or included in an application for a new Event, and fail to meet such conditions are subject to sanctions according to whether such violation is deemed to be minor or major, as follows:

3.3.1 Minor violations.

Violations deemed to be minor in their impact to the Event or the players shall subject the Event Organiser to a fine up to USD $50,000.

3.3.2 Major violations.

Violations deemed to have large negative impact on the Event, or the players shall subject the Event Organiser to a fine up to USD $150,000.

3.4 Promotional Fees

3.4.1 Event Organisers of a WTT Contender Series Event have the option to offer fees to players for participation and promotional services. No other Event Organiser or its Representative is permitted to offer, give, or pay money or anything of value, nor shall the Event Organiser 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 assure or entice players competing within the Event, other than prize money, unless authorised to do so by WTT.

3.4.2 In the event the WTT Event Supervisor believes that an Event Organiser may be violating this Rule, then upon demand, the Event Organiser must furnish to the WTT Event Supervisor access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating to such alleged prohibited compensation or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the WTT Event Supervisor. If an Event Organiser fails to provide such records or affidavit for such audit, it may be subject to a fine up to USD $100,000 and termination of the Event Rights Agreement, pending compliance with such demand.

3.4.3 3.4.3 Violation of this Rule 3.4 shall subject the event to a fine up to USD $100,000, plus the amount or value of any such compensation, and termination of the Event Rights Agreement, and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to WTT.

3.5 Wagers and On-Site Table Tennis Betting

No Event Organiser, its Affiliate, or Representative of the Event Organiser or its Affiliate shall engage in any form of gambling or wagering in connection with any Event. Any act or omission including soliciting, permitting, or facilitating such form of gambling or wagering (whether direct or indirectly, through physical or electronic means, or at the Event site or remotely) constitute an offence under this Rule.

3.6 Wildcards

No Event Organiser, its Affiliate, or Representative of the Event Organiser or its Affiliate shall directly or indirectly, accept compensation in exchange for a Wildcard.

3.7 Determination of Violation and Penalty

3.7.1 The WTT Event Supervisor and/or WTT Event Manager shall investigate all facts concerning any alleged Event major offence and shall issue a written notification to the Event EO copy to the head of the WTT Events Department. The Event Organiser shall be given up to fourteen (14) days (excluding weekends) to provide, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the Event Organiser deems to be relevant to the investigation.

3.7.2 Upon the completion of the investigation, WTT Event Series Director and WTT Event & Event Experience Director shall determine the innocence or guilt of the Event Organiser involved and, in the latter case, shall state in writing the facts as found, the conclusions and the penalty to be imposed on the Event Organiser. A copy of the decision shall be promptly delivered to the Event Organiser with copies sent to the head of the WTT Events Department.

3.7.3 If the penalty imposed on the Event Organiser includes a recommendation other than a fine, including a recommendation for loss or change in Event status, that recommendation shall be reviewed by the head of the WTT Events Department, who may implement, modify, or reject the recommendation of the WTT Event Series Director and WTT Event & Event Experience Director.

4. PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Entry/Withdrawal Offences

4.1.1 Withdrawal - Singles:

a) For all Main Draw entries, awarded Olympic Champions Gold Cards, Host Wildcards, awarded WTT Nominations and/or Youth Nominations, a withdrawal fine, specified in clause 4.1.1 (d) will be applied unless the player is officially on maternity leave from the sport, has officially retired from international competition , submits an official WTT Medical Withdrawal Form (template in Appendix D) or a valid medical certificate* that is submitted and approved by WTT, and the player does not compete in other non WTT events during the period of the entered event.

The Medical Withdrawal Form or a valid medical certificate must be submitted to WTT at the time of cancellation or no later than 72 hours from the withdrawal request, as specified in clause 2.9.

** In case the medical certificate option is chosen it would be deemed valid if it is issued on an official letterhead by a medical doctor/physician and includes all the requirements as per the WTT Medical Withdrawal Form. Failure to submit correctly filled documentation within the stipulated timeframes will result in the medical withdrawal being rejected.*

WTT reserves the right to request the player to undertake a medical consultation with a WTT appointed medical/health practitioner. For WTT Finals, WTT Champions, WTT Grand Smash Main Draw and WTT Star Contender Main Draw players, in case a withdrawal takes place after the respective draw and the player is not already onsite at the Event, WTT reserves the right to process such withdrawal as non-medical.

b) A player who is entered into Qualifying Singles at the time of the singles entry deadline has two (2) weeks to withdraw from the event. If the player withdraws after the two-weeks cancellation period, a withdrawal fine, specified in clause 4.1.1.(d), will be applied unless a valid WTT Medical Withdrawal Form / medical certificate is submitted (via the OES or through e-mail to WTT Entries and the assigned WTT Event Supervisor) and approved by WTT, as specified in clause 4.1.1.(a), and the player does not compete in other events during the period of the entered event.

c) Players are entitled to two (2) free withdrawals from Main Draw and Qualifying per year at WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender and WTT Feeder Series, and from Qualifying in Grand Smash without financial penalty. The two (2) free withdrawals are applied by default whenever the first two occur unless the MAs or the players specifically request by email to WTT Entries and the assigned WTT Event Supervisor to keep one or both free withdrawals for later use. Such request must be submitted at the time of the cancellation.

d) A player withdrawn from an event after the applicable entry deadline specified in clause (a) or (b) above and no later than 7 days before the event shall pay a withdrawal fine based on their ITTF TTWR position on the time of the entry deadline as follows:

ITTF WR	Grand Smash/Finals	Champions	Star Contender	Contender	Feeder
Players Ranked 1-10:	USD $5,000	USD $4,500	USD $3,500	USD $2,500	USD $1,000
Players Ranked 11-20:	USD $2,500	USD $2,250	USD $1,750	USD $1,250	USD $500
Players Ranked 21-50:	USD $1,000	USD $900	USD $700	USD $500	USD $200
Players Ranked 51+:	USD $250	USD $225	USD $175	USD $125	USD $50

e) Players who are under NER or they are in Wait List at the time of the cancellation are excluded from penalty fines.

4.1.2 Late Withdrawal – Singles:

a) For Main Draw and Qualifying entries, Olympic Champions Gold Cards, Host Wildcards, WTT Nominations and/or Youth Nominations, an additional withdrawal fine is applied unless a valid WTT Medical Withdrawal Form/medical certificate is submitted and approved by WTT, as specified in clause 4.1.1.(a), and the player does not compete in other non WTT events during the period of the entered event.

b) A player who withdraws from an event less than seven (7) days prior to commencement of the event, or is a No Show, shall pay a late withdrawal fine in addition to the withdrawal fine (stated in Paragraph 4.1.1d above) based on their current ITTF TTWR position at the time of the entry deadline as follows:

ITTF WR	Grand Smash/Finals	Champions	Star Contender	Contender	Feeder
Players Ranked 1-20:	USD $1,000	USD $900	USD $700	USD $500	USD $200
Players Ranked 21-50:	USD $500	USD $450	USD $350	USD $250	USD $100
Players Ranked 51+:	USD $250	USD $225	USD $175	USD $125	USD $50

c) All participants, playing or non-playing, shall also be responsible for any hotel cancellation policies applied by the EO.

d) The free withdrawal as per 4.1.1c is not applied on withdrawals that take place less than seven (7) days prior to commencement of the event and the player shall pay the late cancellation fee as per 4.1.2b.

4.1.3 Withdrawal & Late Withdrawal – Doubles & Mixed Doubles:

a) If the withdrawal from the Main Draw or the Qualifying occurs more than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the event, then the fine is USD $500 ($250 per pair member). If the withdraws occurs due to a player withdrawal the fine refers only to the withdrawn player.

b) If the withdrawal occurs less than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the event, or is a No Show, then the fine is USD $1,000 ($500 per pair member). If the withdraws occurs due to a player withdrawal the fine refers only to the withdrawn player. The fine shall be doubled if the doubles pair would have been a seeded pair in the Main Draw).

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.

d) Any pair who withdraws from the WTT Finals shall be fined USD $3,000.

e) For WTT Feeder Series events the fines in clauses (a) & (b) are applied at 20%.

f) Pairs who are under NER or they are in Wait List at the time of the cancellation are excluded from penalty fines.

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. The two (2) free withdrawals are applied by default whenever the first two occur unless the MAs or both the players forming the pair specifically request by email to WTT Entries and the assigned WTT Event Supervisor to keep one or both free withdrawals for later use. Such request must be submitted at the time of the cancellation.

h) The free withdrawal as per 4.1.3g is not applied on withdrawals take place less than seven (7) days prior to commencement of the event and the pair shall pay the late cancellation fee as per 4.1.3b.

4.1.4 Exceptions – Doubles & Mixed Doubles:

a) If either member of the pair were on-site at the time of the withdrawal and the withdrawal was due to a medical condition, then neither player is subject to a fine, however they must present to the onsite WTT Physiotherapist at WTT Series events or to the Event Doctor at WTT Feeder Series events for completion of the withdrawal form as per rule 4.1.6.

b) If the withdrawal was due to one or both members of the pair being accepted into the Main Draw singles of another Event, then neither player is subject to a fine.

c) If a valid WTT Medical Withdrawal Form/medical certificate is submitted and approved by WTT, as specified in clause 4.1.1.(a), and the player does not compete in other sub-events during the event, then neither player is subject to a fine.

4.1.5 Main Draw/Qualifying No-Show

a) A player/pair who was entered into or awarded a Wildcard into an Event, shall be considered as an official entry and shall appear for play. A violation of this Rule shall result in a fine as follows:

- USD $500 for Grand Smash Main Draw, Finals, Champions
- USD $250 for Grand Smash Qualifying, Star Contender and Contender (Main Draw or Qualifying)
- USD $125 for Feeder (Main Draw or Qualifying)

In addition to any other fines provided in this Code.

Fines shall be doubled in the case of any player/pair who would have been a seeded player in the Main Draw/Qualifying draw.

4.1.6 Match Retirement / Walkovers – Medical Procedure

a) A player who, because of injury or illness, retires during a match or withdraws during an event they 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 WTT Medical Withdrawal Form/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 immediately after the replacement takes place.

b) Failure to attend an on-site medical examination, by the WTT Physiotherapist at WTT Series events or by the Event Doctor at WTT Feeder Series, or to submit a WTT Medical Withdrawal Form/medical certificate either onsite or within the stipulated time frame shall be a violation of this Rule and shall subject a player to a fine of USD $2,500 ($1,500 for Qualifying).

c) Ranking points will be awarded as per the ITTF TTWR Regulation for retirements and walkover cases.

d) Players shall receive prize money for the last round in which they completed a match.

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 designated WTT Medical Services Personnel a doctor or receive authorisation from the previous WTT Event Supervisor before competing in any future Event.

f) For WTT Feeder Series events the fine in clause (b) is applied at 20%.

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 event if their withdrawal from Singles was for medical reason. The player must present to the on-site WTT Physiotherapist or the Event Doctor for assessment and be cleared to be physically capable to compete at a professional level of play for their doubles sub-event.

h) Players who fail to play a match on the final day of the event or a final match at any day of the event shall forfeit prize money of the sub-event(s) in which they were scheduled to play on that day.

i) WTT Medical Withdrawal Form to be filled by WTT:

Following any on-site retirement or withdrawal and in case the concerned player is participating or entered to a WTT event held within 14 days, from which they may be forced to withdraw due to the severity of the suffered injury/medical situation, the WTT Physiotherapist/Event Doctor will fill in the WTT Medical Withdrawal Form as part of the onsite examination confirming or not their ability to compete.

4.1.7 Seeded Late Withdrawal – Singles

a) Fines shall be doubled for any player who would have been seeded in the Main Draw, based on the most recent ITTF TTWR.

4.1.8 Playing Another Event

a) A player is not allowed to compete in any table tennis event, club match or exhibition in the same event week from which they have withdrawn, cancelled or forfeit via walk-over. In the event a player fails to adhere to this rule, the player will be fined as follows, based on the ITTF WR at the time of entry deadline:

ITTF WR	Grand Smash/Finals	Champions	Star Contender	Contender	Feeder
Players Ranked 1-20:	USD $5,000	USD $4,500	USD $3,500	USD $2,500	USD $1,000
Players Ranked 21-50:	USD $3,000	USD $2,700	USD $2,100	USD $1,500	USD $600
Players Ranked 51+:	USD $1,500	USD $1,350	USD $1,050	USD $750	USD $300

b) Free withdrawals under 4.1.1 are not relevant or applicable to 4.1.8, which apply regardless.

c) For Grand Smash (Qualifying) and for Champions (only for the two annual exemptions) players who cancel within the initial free cancellation period will not be subject to 4.1.8.

d) For avoidance of doubt, the same applies for same or lower tier WTT Events and regardless of sub-Events. Only in case a player is entered into two WTT Feeder Events in the same week and withdraws from one of the two will not be subject to 4.1.8.

4.1.9 WTT Grand Smash Qualifying – Third+ Withdrawal

a) A player with third and subsequent withdrawals from Qualifying of a WTT Grand Smash Event within a calendar year and regardless of the reason will be fined an additional USD $250 or USD $500, if that player would have been seeded based upon the most recent ITTF TTWR.

4.1.10 WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender Qualifying – Third+ Withdrawal

a) A player with third and subsequent withdrawals from Qualifying of a WTT Star Contender Event or WTT Contender Event within a calendar year and regardless of the reason will be fined an additional USD $100 or USD $250, if that player would have been seeded based upon the most recent ITTF TTWR.

4.1.11 WTT Feeder Qualifying – Third+ Withdrawal

a) A player with third and subsequent withdrawals from Qualifying of a WTT Feeder Series Event within a calendar year and regardless of the reason will be fined an additional USD $50 or USD $125, if that player would have been seeded based upon the most recent ITTF TTWR.

4.1.12 Participation Form

a) A player who does not sign an ITTF/WTT participation form will not be eligible to enter a WTT Event.

4.1.13 Top 100 Player Half Year Playing Schedule

a) Players within the top 100 singles on the ITTF TTWR must, if requested by WTT, must register their half-year playing schedule, defined as any Table Tennis event, (i.e. WTT Events and non-WTT Events) with WTT by 31 December and 30 June respectively. Failure to do so will result in a fine of USD $500.

4.1.14 Review of Penalties for Entry and Commitment Offences

a) Any player or other participant found to have committed an entry or withdrawal offence under this Rule 4.1 or other offences may petition the head of the WTT Events Department for discretionary review. However, it is strongly recommended that players (and their designated authority) always submit at the time of withdrawal full information on the reasons of such, so they can be assessed properly in the first instance. Each case can be dealt with once and initiated by the player (or designated authority) or other participant.

This written petition shall detail the basis for the review.

4.1.15 Deadline for Petition

The deadline for filing a petition to the head of the WTT Events Department for discretionary review is as follows:

a) All Events – Seven (7) days from the fine notification or last correspondence on the incident.

If WTT requests additional information, the petitioner will have 48 hours from receipt of this notice to submit the requested information.

4.1.16 Determination

The head of the WTT Events Department shall review the petition and decide within twenty-one (21) days from the day the petition was received.

4.1.17 Scope of determination

Decisions made by the head of the WTT Events Department in each case are limited to the terms stipulated in this Handbook.

4.1.18 Fine payments

If player/pair fine(s) cannot be deducted from prize money, they must be paid within thirty (30) days from the day the fine invoice is received or as otherwise stated on the fine invoice terms.

4.1.19 ITTF TTWR Penalties

The ITTF TTWR penalties and processes are regulated by the ITTF TTWR Regulations, and they are independent of the cancellation terms and financial penalties of the WTT Series and Feeder Series Handbook.

4.2 On-Site Offences/Procedures

The on-site offence provisions shall apply to every accredited participant during an event. References to "on-site" includes event hotels, transportation, all event facilities, and activities.

4.2.1 Dress and Equipment

Every player and other participants shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner. Players and pairs are encouraged to work with their clothing apparel partners to create bespoke clothing equipment that aligns with the WTT's strategic vision and showcases a player/pair's personality. All table tennis attire shall be approved by WTT and only this attire shall be worn. A player who violates this Rule may be ordered by the Referee or the WTT Event Supervisor to change their attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default.

4.2.1.1 Dress

a) Playing Apparel

i) The main colour or pattern or design of a shirt, skirt, or shorts, other than the sleeves and collar of a shirt, shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use. Players participating at events with black flooring are not permitted to play matches wearing a black playing shirt.

ii) Clothing shall not carry designs or lettering which might cause offence or bring the game into disrepute.

iii) Any markings or trimming on the front or side of a playing garment and any objects, such as jewellery, worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to distract or obstruct an opponent.

iv) Opposing players and pairs shall wear shirts that are visually non identical to enable them to be easily distinguished by spectators and online viewers.

- Where opposing players have visually identical shirts and cannot agree which of them will change, the decision shall be made by the umpire by lot.
- Where players need to change shirts during a match, they must wear a shirt same as the one with which they started the match.
- Players are strongly advised to present at the Call Area before the match, all shirts they might potentially use in a match, for the match officials to check that the shirts are in line with clothing rules.

v) Players forming a doubles pair are not required to be dressed in closely matching colours or similar design.

b) Playing Shirt

The advertisements on playing shirt shall be limited to:

- the maker's normal trademark, symbol or name contained within a total area of 24cm2;
- not more than 6 clearly separated advertisements, contained within a combined total area of 600cm2, on the front, side or shoulder of a shirt, with not more than 4 advertisements on the front;
- not more than 2 advertisements, contained within a total area of 400cm2, on the back of a shirt;

The back of the shirt should bear lettering to identify a player, positioned just below the collar.

The lettering should be in the Latin alphabet.

The player Association is optional.

* Allowed formats:

Player name (optional), "F. LAST" or LAST only.

(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.).)

WTT reserves the right to provide to players up to 2 (self-adhesive) patches promoting WTT partners, which shall be contained within a total area of 100cm2.

c) Playing Shorts/Skirts

Players shall be permitted not more than 2 advertisements, contained within a combined total area of 120cm2, only on the front and the sides of shorts or skirt.

d) Tracksuit

i) Players may choose to wear only the jacket when entering the field of play.

ii) Players may wear their playing uniform or full tracksuit during the trophy presentations.

iii) Players playing on tables where TV broadcast is in operation are required to wear their playing uniform only (match clothes and playing shoes). Players may wear a tracksuit jacket but are not permitted to wear tracksuit pants. The wearing of tracksuit pants for tables where TV broadcast matches is in operation is not permitted unless approved by the WTT Event Supervisor in advance.

e) Personal Equipment

i) Any accessory used by players shall not possess any advertising except for the maker's trademark, symbol or name in designated allocations and specific dimensions.

ii) Bags, socks, and shoes - Any maker's trademark, symbol or name shall only be restricted to the designated allocations as per the WTT Clothing Guidelines.

iii) Arm sleeves, wristbands, headbands, and bandanas - Any maker's trademark, symbol or name shall only 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) Racket - These accessories shall not possess any trademark, symbol or name and shall only be restricted to the designated allocations.

vi) Eyewear - These accessories shall not possess any maker's trademark, symbol or name and shall only be restricted to the designated allocations as per the WTT Clothing Guidelines.

vii) Bottles - No identification of association of any elements such as symbols, words or numbers shall be displayed on bottles as per the WTT Clothing Guidelines.

viii) Hijab - Colour shall match to that of playing clothes. No identification of association or any elements such as symbols, words or numbers shall be displayed on the hijab. Any markings or trimmings on the hijab shall not be so conspicuous as to distract or obstruct an opponent as per the WTT Clothing Guidelines.

ix) Towels - The maker's trademark and symbol shall be restricted to the designated allocations. Players who are playing on the show-court are obliged to use Event-branded towels provided, unless otherwise agreed with WTT and as per the WTT Clothing Guidelines.

f) Clothing Guideline for Coaches

i) Coaches are expected to dress appropriately when entering the Field of Play (FoP).

ii) If coaches are unable to fulfil the requirement, the Referee or the WTT Event Supervisor have the right to deny entry of coaches into the FoP.

g) Violations/Fines - Any player who violates this Rule and is not defaulted shall be subject to a fine of USD $1,000.

h) The WTT Event Manager or the WTT Event Supervisor shall decide on appropriate sanctions for offences reported by the Referee of an event within fourteen (14) days of the end of the Event.

i) Any player found to have committed an offence under this Rule 4.2.1.1 may petition WTT for discretionary review. This written petition shall detail the basis for the review.

4.2.1.2 Racket Control

a) It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that racket coverings are attached to their racket blade with adhesives that do not contain harmful volatile solvents.

b) A racket control designated area within or near the Call Area shall be established at selected WTT Events.

i) Rackets shall be tested, according to the policy and procedure established by the ITTF Executive Board to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, racket covering thickness, flatness, and presence of harmful volatile substances.

ii) The racket control test shall be normally carried out before the match. The racket control test shall be carried out after the match at random only where the player does not submit the racket for a before match test.

iii) Rackets that do not pass the racket control test before the match cannot be used but may be replaced by a second racket which may be tested immediately if time permits, but if not, will be tested after the match; in the case where rackets do not pass a random racket control test after the match, the offending player will be liable to penalties.

iv) In certain circumstances, based on Racket Control rules, a post-match racket control test may include the dismantling of a racket, with the racket covering removed from the blade for inspection of racket covering and/or blade irregularities.

v) All players are entitled to have their rackets tested voluntarily without any penalties before the match.

c) Following four (4) accumulated failures on any aspect of racket testing in a period of four (4) years, the player may complete the Event, but subsequently the ITTF Executive Board will suspend the offending player for 12 months.

i) ITTF shall inform the suspended player in writing of such suspension.

d) ITTF maintains a register of all racket control failures since 1st September 2010.

4.2.1.3 Point Penalty Schedule

4.2.1.3.1 Advice

a) In an individual event, a player or pair may receive advice only from one person, designated beforehand to the umpire, except that where the players of a doubles pair are from different Member Associations, each may designate an adviser (an "**Adviser**"), but with regard to Rules 4.2.1.3.1 and 4.2.1.3.2 of this Code these two Advisers shall be treated as a unit; if an unauthorised person gives advice the umpire shall hold up a red card and send him or her away from the playing area.

b) Players may receive advice at any time except during rallies provided play is not thereby delayed. Play shall be continuous throughout an individual match except that any player is entitled to an interval of up to one (1) minute between successive games of an individual match and brief intervals for towelling after every six (6) points from the start of each game and at the change of ends in the last possible game of an individual match. If any authorised person gives advice illegally the umpire shall hold up a yellow card to warn him or her that any further such offence will result in their dismissal from the playing area.

c) After a warning has been given, if in the same match of an individual event any person again gives advice illegally, the umpire shall hold up a red card and send them away from the playing area, whether or not they were the person warned.

d) In an individual event, the person who was dismissed for giving advice illegally shall not be allowed to return until the individual match has ended.

e) If the dismissed person refuses to leave, or returns before the end of the match, the umpire shall suspend play and report to the Referee.

f) These regulations shall apply only to advice on play and shall not prevent a player, as appropriate, from making a legitimate appeal nor hinder a consultation with an interpreter or Member Association representative on the explanation of a juridical decision.

4.2.1.3.2 Misbehaviour

a) Players and Related persons shall refrain from behaviour that may unfairly affect an opponent, offend spectators, or bring the sport into disrepute, such as abusive language, deliberately breaking the ball or hitting it out of the playing area, kicking the table or surrounds and disrespect of officials and other stakeholders.

b) If at any time a player or Related persons commit a serious offence the umpire shall suspend play and report immediately to the Referee; for less serious offences the umpire may, on the first occasion, hold up a yellow card and warn the offender that any further offence is liable to incur penalties.

c) Except as provided in paragraphs b) and e) of this Rule 4.2.1.3.2, if a player who has been warned commits a second offence in the same individual match, the umpire shall award one (1) point to the offender's opponent and for a further offence they shall award two (2) points, each time holding up a yellow and a red card together.

d) If a player against whom three (3) penalty points have been awarded in the same individual match continues to misbehave, the umpire shall suspend play and report immediately to the Referee.

e) If a player changes his or her racket during an individual match when it has not been damaged, the umpire shall suspend play and report to the Referee.

f) A warning or penalty incurred by either player of a doubles pair shall apply to the pair.

g) Except as provided in paragraph b) of this Rule 4.2.1.3.2, if a coach or adviser who has been warned commits a further offence in the same individual match, the umpire shall hold up a red card and send him or her away from the playing area until the end of the individual match.

h) The Referee shall have power to disqualify a player from a match, an event, or a competition for seriously unfair or offensive behaviour, whether reported by the umpire or not; as the Referee does so, they shall hold up a red card; for less serious offences which do not justify disqualification, the Referee may decide to report such an offence to the WTT Event Supervisor.

i) If a player is disqualified from two (2) matches of an individual event, they shall automatically be disqualified from that individual competition.

j) The Referee may disqualify for the remainder of an Event any person who has twice been sent away from the playing area during that competition.

k) If a player is disqualified from an Event for any reason, they shall automatically forfeit any associated title, prize money and World Ranking points.

l) The WTT Event Supervisor shall report to the WTT Event Series Director any offences reported by the Referee of an Event within seven (7) days of the end of the Event. The WTT Event Series Director with their team shall decide on appropriate sanctions and penalties and issue a notification to the Member Association and the player(s) within twenty-one (21) days of the end of the Event.

m) Any player found to have committed an offence under this Rule 4.2.1.3.2 may petition WTT for discretionary review. This written petition shall detail the basis for the review.

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 person who violates this shall be referred to the ITTF Integrity Unit and shall be fined up to USD 5,000 in addition to the overall fine of the 4.2.1.1 rule.

4.2.1.5 Sponsorships Restrictions

No player, Related Persons or other participants 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.

4.2.2 Offences

a) Ball Abuse

i) Players (and Related persons) shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick, or throw a table tennis ball while on the grounds of the Event site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). For purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally or recklessly hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with disregard of the consequences.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine of up to USD $350 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

b) Racket or Equipment Abuse

i) Players (and Related Persons) shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick, or throw a racket or other equipment within the precincts of the Event site. For purposes of this Rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously, and violently destroying or damaging rackets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the table, net, court, umpire's chair, or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine up to USD $500 for each violation of personal equipment and up to USD $3,000 for event equipment. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

c) Physical Abuse

i) Players, Related Persons, or any other accredited participant shall not at any time physically abuse any official, player, ball person, sponsor, accredited participant, WTT or EO staff member, spectator, or any other person or animal within the precincts of the Event site. For purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of any person.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine up to USD $20,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an Event, or are singularly egregious, the Referee may refer the matter to the WTT Event Supervisor who shall investigate and report to the WTT Event Series Director within seven (7) days of the end of the Event. The WTT Event Series Director with their team shall decide on appropriate sanctions and penalties and issue a notification to the Member Association and the player(s) within twenty-one (21) days of the end of the Event.

iii) Violation of this Rule shall subject offender to a fine up to USD $20,000 for each violation and their accreditation will be immediately revoked by the WTT Event Supervisor, prize money for the Event might be withhold while the incident is being processed by WTT for further investigation and other disciplinary action.

d) Verbal Abuse

i) Players, Related Persons, or any other accredited participant shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse an official, player, ball person, sponsor, WTT or EO staff member, accredited participant, spectator, or any other person within the precincts of the Event site. Verbal abuse is defined as any statement about an Official, player, accredited participant, sponsor, spectator, or any other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine up to USD $20,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an Event, or are singularly egregious, the Referee may refer the matter to the WTT Event Supervisor who shall investigate and determine whether a Player Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour or Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game has occurred. Prize money earned at that Event shall be withheld by WTT until the WTT Event Supervisor has concluded an investigation and decide.

iii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a person to a fine up to USD $20,000 for each violation and their accreditation will be immediately revoked by the WTT Event Supervisor. The incident will be reported to WTT for further investigation and potential additional disciplinary action.

e) Audible Obscenity

i) Players and other participants shall not use an audible obscenity while on-site. 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.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a person to a fine up to USD $5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Rule shall also constitute a Player Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour.

f) Visible Obscenity

i) Players and other participants shall not make obscene gestures of any kind while on-site. Visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a person with hands and/or equipment that commonly have an obscene meaning.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a person to a fine up to USD $5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point

Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an Event, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Rule shall also constitute a Player Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour.

g) Unsporting Conduct

i) Players and other participants shall always conduct themselves in a sporting manner and give due regard to the authority of Officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, and others. Unsporting conduct is defined as any misconduct by a person that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the success of an Event, WTT and/or the sport. In addition, unsporting conduct shall include, the giving, making, issuing, authorising, or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the Event and/or the officiating thereof.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a person to a fine up to USD $20,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match, a player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an Event, or are singularly egregious, the Referee may refer the matter to the WTT Event Supervisor who shall investigate and determine whether a player Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour or Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game has occurred. Prize money earned at that Event shall be withheld by WTT until the WTT Event Supervisor has concluded an investigation and decide.

h) Good Presentation

i) Players, Related persons, Officials and other participants shall uphold the object of good presentation of the sport and safeguard its integrity by refraining from any attempt to influence the elements of a competition in a manner contrary to sporting ethics:

a) Players have to do their utmost to win a match and shall not withdraw except for reasons of illness or injury.

b) Players, coaches, Officials and other participants shall not participate in any form of, or support betting or gambling related to own or other matches and competitions.

ii) Any player who deliberately fails to comply with these principles shall be disciplined by total or partial loss of prize money in Events and/or by suspension from future Events (last applies for non-players too).

iii) In the event of complicity proven against any person, the relevant Member Association is also expected to discipline this person.

i) Leaving the Field of Play

i) A player shall not leave the field of play area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Umpire or Referee.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine up to USD $3,000 for each violation. In addition, the player may be defaulted and shall be subject to the additional penalties for failure to complete match.

j) Failure to Complete Match

i) A player must complete a match in progress unless they are reasonably unable to do so, including but not limited to medical reasons.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine up to USD $5,000. Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to immediate default and shall also constitute a Major Offence of Aggravated Behaviour.

k) Ceremonies

i) All Event finalists must attend and participate in the trophy presentations unless they are physically unable to do so as determined by the WTT Event Supervisor, in consultation with the WTT Physiotherapist/Event Doctor. This includes retirements and finals not played due to a walkover.

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 trophy presentations. Clothing worn by players during the trophy presentations should otherwise be in line with clothing and advertising rules of this Handbook.

iii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine up to USD $5,000.

l) Coaching and Coaches (Advisers)

i) Rule 4.2.1.3 above must be adhered to as stated. Coaches on-site are prohibited from:

a) Using an audible obscenity or making obscene gestures of any kind.

b) Abusing any Official, opponent, spectator, or other person, verbally or physically.

c) Engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of table tennis. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage an event, sponsor, player, official or WTT. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with WTT policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the

stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interest of an event, player, sponsor, official or WTT are expressly covered by this Rule.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a coach to a fine up to USD $5,000 for each violation. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an Event, or are singularly egregious, the WTT Event Supervisor shall have the authority to relocate the position of a coach if there is reasonable belief that coaching is occurring or the WTT Event Supervisor may order the coach to be removed from the match site or Event site through revocation of their accreditation and upon their failure to comply with such order, may declare an immediate default of such player while the incident will be reported to WTT for further investigation and other disciplinary actions.

iii) Coaches are required, if requested by WTT, to wear a microphone on the bench on TV tables. Coaches who do not comply will not be able to be on the bench. The fine for non-compliance shall be up to USD $ 500.

m) Default

i) During the match. The Referee may default a player either for a single violation of this Code (immediate default) or as outlined in the Point Penalty Schedule.

ii) On-site. The WTT Event Supervisor or the Referee may withdraw a player from all events for a single violation of this Code occurring during the Event.

iii) In all cases of default, the WTT Event Supervisor and the Referee's decision shall be final and may not be appealed.

iv) Penalties:

a) Any player who is defaulted shall lose all prize money (gross prize money to be paid to WTT), and other Event associated costs.

b) At the discretion of the WTT Event Supervisor, the player may be withdrawn from all other event categories, if any, in that event.

c) In addition, if the WTT Event Manager/WTT Event Supervisor determine that the default was particularly injurious to the success of the event or detrimental to the integrity of the sport, he/she may consider proposing additional sanctions and penalties to the WTT Event Series Director and WTT Events & Experience Director, within twenty-one (21) days from the Event.

v) The exception is when the offending incident involves:

a) A violation of the punctuality or dress and equipment provisions set forth in this Code; or

b) As a result of a medical condition; or

c) A match ending on a delay penalty (Code Violation for Delay of Game) if the delay penalty was the result of a medical condition.

d) A member of a doubles pairing did not cause any of the misconduct code violations that resulted in the doubles pairing being defaulted.

vi) In doubles:

a) A default assessed for violation of this Code shall be assessed against the doubles pairing.

b) The WTT Event Supervisor will assess the default penalties against both players in the doubles pairing unless an exception above apply.

c) At the discretion of the WTT Event Supervisor, one or both players may be withdrawn from all other categories, if any, in that event.

d) The partner of the player who caused the default shall receive points and prize money from the previous round.

n) Punctuality

Players are responsible for keeping themselves informed when and where to play and shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

i) Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after the match is called shall be fined USD $250.

ii) Any player not ready to play within five (5) minutes after their "on-time" or "followed by" scheduled match is called, will be fined up to an additional USD $750 and shall be considered a No-Show unless the WTT Event Supervisor and the Referee, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, decides not to declare a No-Show. In such case, the WTT Event Supervisor shall immediately inform the WTT Event Manager. This rule applies only to those players who are or have been on-site.

iii) For televised matches with an announced "walk-on" time or where a match is scheduled as followed by any players/pairs not ready to walk-on at the announced time or when TV is ready to commence the next match may be issued a fine at the discretion of the WTT Event Supervisor. Normal fines may be in the range of USD $1,000 - $5,000 but in extreme cases could be up to a maximum of USD $10,000.

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 coin 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.

o) Continuous Play

i) A player will receive a warning for the first violation and be subject to a fine for each subsequent violation (USD $250 then doubled for each additional violation) during that week's event for violating the following timings:

Time Allowed	
Action	Time Limit
Warm-up. Time begins at the conclusion of the coin toss.	2 minutes
Interval between successive games of an individual match.	1 minute
Intervals for towelling after every six (6) points from the start of each game and at the change of ends in the last possible game of an individual match.	15 seconds
A player or pair may claim one time-out period during an individual match.	1 minute

ii) Once the match has begun, play shall be continuous throughout an individual match except that any player is entitled to:

a) an interval of up to one (1) minute between successive games of an individual match.

b) brief intervals for towelling after every six (6) points from the start of each game and at the change of ends in the last possible game of an individual match.

iii) A player or pair may claim one time-out period of up to one (1) minute during an individual match.

a) In an individual event the request for a time-out may be made by the player or pair or by the designated Adviser; in a team event it may be made by the player or pair or by the team captain.

b) If a player or pair and an Adviser or captain disagree whether a time-out is to be taken, the final decision shall be made by the player or pair in an individual event and by the captain in a team event.

c) The request for a time-out, which can be made only between rallies in a game, shall be indicated by making a "T" sign with the hands.

d) On receiving a valid request for a time-out the umpire shall suspend play and shall hold up a white card with the hand on the side of the player or pair who requested it; the white card or another appropriate marker shall be placed on the court of that player or pair.

e) The white card or marker shall be removed, and play resumed as soon as the player or pair making the request is ready to continue or at the end of one (1) minute, whichever is the sooner.

f) If a valid request for a time-out is made simultaneously by or on behalf of both players or pairs, play will resume when both players or pairs are ready or at the end of one (1) minute, whichever is the sooner, and neither player or pair shall be entitled to another time-out during that individual match.

iv) There shall be no intervals between successive individual matches of a team match unless a player who is required to play in successive matches may claim an interval of up to five (5) minutes between those matches.

v) The Referee may allow a Medical Time-Out for an emergency suspension of play due to an incident resulting in the player being temporarily incapacitated and not unable to continue play, including situations where a pre-existing medical condition arises for the first time during the specific Event and worsens. In such cases, the Referee must call the WTT/Event Physiotherapist and/or the Event Doctor to assess the player's condition.

For all other medical situations where the injury or condition arises for the first time during the specific event, including when a pre-existing condition worsens, the Referee may require that the player's medical assessment be carried out at the conclusion of the game in progress.

Any further or additional treatment may only be performed during the regular one (1) minute interval between games. Such treatment may be administered by one (1) accredited member from among the player's Medical Entourage, Coach, WTT/Event Physiotherapist or the Event Doctor.

Cramping, muscle tightness or any other symptoms resulting from fatigue caused by the player's current state of fitness are not eligible for treatment, and therefore a Medical Time-Out shall not be requested or granted for such conditions.

vi) The assessment of a player's medical condition shall be conducted by the WTT/Event Physiotherapist and/or the Event Doctor. If the Referee approves the Medical Time-Out, the treatment may be administered by the WTT/Event Physiotherapist and/or the Event Doctor, or at the player's request by one (1) accredited member of the player's Medical Entourage, provided that such treatment takes place in the presence of the WTT/Event Physiotherapist and/or the Event Doctor.

Only in situations where a Medical Time-Out is called due to players' collision, for example during doubles, resulting in two or more players being affected, may one (1) accredited medical staff member per affected player enter the court to attend them.

vii) A player/pair is permitted one (1) Medical Time-Out per match, with the exception of nosebleeds; in such cases a player may request to insert or replace a nasal tampon as necessary, provided this does not cause undue delay.

The maximum duration of a Medical Time-Out is five (5) minutes of treatment. Timing begins once the player's assessment has been completed, the Referee has approved the Medical Time-Out and treatment has commenced, either in or near the playing area, or, when permitted by the Referee, at a nearby location ensuring privacy.

A player may be penalised for unnecessary or deliberate delays of any Medical Time-Out related procedure or after the allotted time has elapsed.

Apart from accredited medical staff i.e. the WTT/Event Physiotherapist, Event Doctor, Paramedics or an accredited member of the player's Medical Entourage, any other support personnel, including a translator, may only be permitted to approach with the Referee's approval.

viii) If any person in the playing area is bleeding, play shall be suspended immediately and shall not resume until all traces of blood have been removed from the playing area. If the bleeding involves a player the Medical Time-out rules apply.

ix) If any person in the playing area vomits, play shall be suspended immediately and shall not resume until all traces have been removed from the playing area. If the vomiting involves a player, the Medical Time-Out rules apply.

x) Players shall remain in or near the playing area throughout a match, except with the Referee's permission. During intervals between games and time-outs they shall remain within three (3) metres of the playing area, under the supervision of the umpire. A player may leave the three (3) metres zone only with the Referee's permission and must be accompanied by a Match Official.

xi) Any other situation affecting continuous play which are not explicitly addressed in this section 4.2.2 (o) shall be determined by the Referee's sole discretion.

p) Accreditation Misuse

Accreditation misuse by any participant (both the accreditation owner and any unauthorised user) will be subject to a penalty of up to USD $5,000 and where major damages are caused by such misuse, they will be subject to further penalties as covered by Major Offences.

Unauthorised access to Event premises and areas, at any time an individual is not authorised to do so is also subject to this rule i.e. a participant with access to specific areas who is found to be entering such areas at times not authorised to do so is also subject to this rule.

q) Pre-Event Media Availability

i) All players, when requested, are required to take part in media engagements and/or appearances prior to their first match at each Event. These engagements are designed to promote the event and maximise player visibility.

Pre-event media engagements may include, but are not limited to:

a) Press conference, or player-media meet and greets.
b) 1-1 feature interviews with radio, newspaper, digital media outlets
c) Host or home broadcaster television interviews
d) WTT Media Day
e) Event promotional filming and/or photo shoots in studio, or off location (within host city)
f) Draw Ceremony / Draw Press Conference
g) Players' Welcome Reception
h) Fan / Partnerships Autograph Sessions, Meet & Greets

For pre-event promotional filming or photo shoots, WTT will cover the expenses incurred by a player. This includes the hotel accommodation for additional days the players are required on location, if earlier than the players' existing travel plans.

Violations: A violation occurs if a player fails to attend a Pre-Event Public / Media Appearance after having agreed—either verbally, in writing, or through any form of communication with a WTT official—and does not provide at least 24 hours' notice of withdrawal or valid justification for their absence.

WTT Grand Smash, WTT Champions, WTT Finals Events:
Fines (in USD):
Ranking (player's ITTF TTWR at time of Event entry):
1 – 10: $5,000
11 - 25: $2,500
26 – 50: $1,250

51 – 100: $1,000

101+: $500

Requested players will be given a minimum of 48-hour notice and must confirm their participation. Fines for violations may not apply if this notice period isn't provided to a player by WTT.

In cases where a player's non-appearance or withdrawal causes financial loss or reputational damage to WTT, fines will be reviewed and may increase, but not exceeding three (3) times the stipulated amounts based on a player's ranking.

Fines will double for repeat violations within a calendar year.

First-time Violation: Players may opt to compensate for the violation by formally agreeing to participate in media engagements totalling 2x the duration of the original commitment at the same event, or up to 4x the duration within the next 6 months. This option is only available for first-time violations. The duration of these activities will be based on the duration of the activity declined or missed.

WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender Events:
For WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender Events, a violation of this Rule shall result in a fine of $500 (USD).

WTT Feeder Series Events:
For WTT Feeder Series Events, a violation of this Rule shall result in a fine of USD $250.

For WTT Star Contender, Contender and Feeder Series events, first-time violations may be waived, or the player may be given an opportunity to fulfil media obligations at the same event, or their next participating event of the same or higher tier.

r) Mixed Zone

i) Unless injured or physically unable to appear, a player or pair must be available post-match in the mixed zone or media conference area, as determined by WTT, after the conclusion of each match whether the player or pair was the winner or loser. Post-match media obligations may not exceed 15

minutes, unless agreed by the player. This rule shall also apply to matches won or lost because of a withdrawal or retirement.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine in accordance with the following schedule:

WTT Grand Smash, WTT Champions, WTT Finals Events:

Fines (in USD):

Ranking (player's ITTF TTWR at time of Event entry)

1 – 10: $5,000

11 - 25: $2,500

26 – 50: $1,250

51 – 100: $1,000

101+: $500

Fines will double for repeat violations within a calendar year.

WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender, WTT Feeder Series Events:

For WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender, and WTT Feeder Series events, a violation of this Rule shall result in a fine of USD $500.

First-time violations will be waived, and the player will be given an opportunity to fulfil media obligations at the same event, or their next participating event of the same or higher tier.

s) Pre-Match Interview

i) All players scheduled to play on televised tables will be required, if requested, to perform a pre-match live broadcast or recorded interview on the day of the match (not to exceed two minutes in total). The interview may be conducted at either the player's practice court, in the call-area or as the players approach the court for walk on as determined by WTT.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine in accordance with the following schedule:

WTT Grand Smash, WTT Champions, WTT Finals Events:

Fines (in USD):

Ranking (player's ITTF TTWR at the time of Event entry)

1 – 10: $5,000

11 - 25: $2,500

26 – 50: $1,250

51 – 100: $1,000

101+: $500

Fines will double for repeat violations within a calendar year.

Players may opt to compensate for the violation by formally agreeing to be interviewed immediately after their match, irrespective of the result of the match (whether the player wins or loses). If players choose to not compensate for the violation, the fines will subsequently apply and be implemented.

WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender, WTT Feeder Series Events:

For WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender Events, and WTT Feeder Series a violation of this Rule shall result in a fine of USD $500.

t) Post-Match On-Court Interview

i) All players scheduled to play on televised tables will be required, if requested, to perform a post-match live broadcast interview (not to exceed two minutes in total). The interview will be conducted on the court immediately after their match, for live TV broadcast and in front of a live audience.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine in accordance with the following schedule:

WTT Grand Smash, WTT Champions, WTT Finals Events:

Fines (in USD):

Ranking (player's ITTF TTWR at time of Event entry):

1 – 10: $5,000

11 – 25: $2,500

26 – 50: $1,250

51 – 100: $1,000

101+: $500

Fines will double for each repeat offence within a WTT Series Year.

WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender, WTT Feeder Series Events:

For WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender Events, and WTT Feeder Series a violation of this Rule shall result in a fine of USD $500.

u) WTT All Stars Programme

i) All players, when requested, shall be required to participate in WTT activities organised as part of the WTT All Stars programme that promotes the players.

These activities may include but are not limited to public appearances such as autograph sessions, fan meet and greet sessions, media engagements, commercial partner meet and greets, CSR activities, or coaching clinics.

Non-public appearances can include but are not limited to, media interviews, media training and workshops, or WTT-led video and photo shoots.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine in accordance with the following schedule:

Fines (in USD):

Ranking (player's ITTF TTWR at time of Event entry):

1 – 50: $2,500

51 – 100: $1,000

101+: $500

Fines will double for each repeat offence within a WTT Series Year.

Violations: A violation occurs if a player fails to attend a public engagement after having agreed—either verbally, in writing, or through any form of communication with a WTT official—and does not provide at least 24 hours' notice of withdrawal or valid justification for their absence.

First-time Violation: Players may opt to compensate for the violation by formally agreeing to participate in public engagements totalling 2x the duration of the original commitment at the same event, or up to 4x the duration throughout the current WTT season. This option is only available for first-time violations.

v) Winner's Media Tour / Champions Photo and/or Video Shoot

i) Each winner of a WTT Grand Smash, WTT Champions or WTT Finals, event, must participate in a media tour or photo and/or video shoot as arranged by WTT during the days immediately following

the completion of the event. Players and their managers will be informed with respect to the scope and duration of the activities.

WTT will cover all expenses incurred by a player while participating in these activities. This includes the hotel accommodation for the additional days players are required to extend on location.

ii) Violation of this Rule shall subject a player to a fine in accordance with the following schedule (based on most recent rank position in the ITTF TTWR):

WTT Grand Smash, WTT Champions, WTT Finals Events:
Fines (in USD):
Ranking (most recent)
1 – 10: $5,000
11 - 25: $2,500
26 – 50: $1,250
51 – 100: $1,000
101+: $500

Fines will double for each repeat offence within a WTT Series Year.

w) In-Match Interviews

The coach of the player, or player, who wins the first game of a match shall be required, if requested, to complete a broadcast-only interview with the Match Commentator(s) for that match (not to exceed 3 questions in total).

The interview will commence after the conclusion of the Game Break.

x) Coach Microphones

Coaches are required, if requested by WTT, to wear a live microphone while on the coach's bench during matches on the Infinity ∞ Arena at WTT Grand Smash, WTT Champions and WTT Finals events.

Up to $500 (USD) fine shall be imposed to coaches for non-compliance

4.2.3 Determination of Violation and Penalty

4.2.3.1 The WTT Event Supervisor shall make a reasonable investigation to determine the facts regarding all player on-site offences. Upon determining that a violation has occurred, the WTT Event Supervisor shall report the incident to the WTT Event Series Director within seven (7) days from the conclusion of the Event. Where an incident is time sensitive the WTT Event Supervisor shall notify the Member Association and the player by e-mail instantly with a warning about the incident and notification that it has been reported for further investigation.

4.2.3.2 The WTT Event Supervisor and/or WTT Event Manager shall have the authority to investigate statements or actions made by a player that are not heard or seen by on-court Officials by reviewing tapes of televised matches. After reviewing all facts and circumstances they should report the incident to the WTT Event Series Director and WTT Event & Experience Director within seven (7) days from the conclusion of the Event. Where an incident is time sensitive the WTT Event Supervisor/WTT Event Manager shall notify the Member Association and the player by e-mail instantly with a warning about the incident and notification that it has been reported for further investigation. The WTT Event Series Director and WTT Event & Experience Director shall determine sanctions and penalties and issue a notification to the Member Association and the player within twenty-one (21) days from the conclusion of the Event.

4.2.3.3 The player or Member Association shall have the right to petition WTT for a discretionary review, consistent with the procedures outlined in this Code.

5. MAJOR OFFENCES/PROCEDURES

5.1 Offences

5.1.1 Aggravated Behaviour

a) No player, their Related Persons, or any other participant at any Event shall engage in aggravated behaviour which is defined as follows:

i) One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting aggravated behaviour.

ii) One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an Event, or is singularly egregious, including the sale of credentials.

iii) 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 any Event.

b) Violation of this Rule shall subject to a fine up to USD $25,000 or for players the amount of prize money won at the Event, whichever is greater, and/or suspension from play in any Event for a minimum period of

twenty-one (21) days and a maximum period of one (1) year. Violation of this Rule by a related person may result in a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all Events.

5.1.2 Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

The favourable reputation of WTT, its events and players are a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all WTT members. Accordingly, it is an obligation for Players, Related Persons and other participants, to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of table tennis.

a) Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include publicised comments that unreasonably attack or disparage any person or group of people, an event, sponsor, player, Official, or WTT or its Affiliate. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with WTT policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of an event, player, sponsor, Official, or WTT or its Affiliate are expressly covered by this Rule.

b) A player or any other person that has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of table tennis and be in violation of this Rule.

c) A player or any other person convicted of a violation of a criminal or civil law of any jurisdiction may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of table tennis.

d) A player or any other person charged with a violation of a criminal or civil law of any jurisdiction may be deemed by virtue of such charge to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of table tennis and WTT may provisionally suspend such player, or related person, from further participation in events pending a final determination of the criminal or civil proceeding.

e) Violation of this Rule shall subject the player to a fine of up to USD $100,000 and/or suspension from play in events for a period of up to three (3) years. Violation of this Rule by a Related Person may result in a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all Events.

5.1.3 Prohibited Appearance Fees

a) WTT Contender Series Event Organisers have the option to offer fees for participation and promotional services. No other Event Organiser or its Affiliate is permitted to offer, give, or pay money or anything of value, nor shall the Event Organiser or its Affiliate 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 assure a player's competing in an event, other than prize money, unless authorised to do so by WTT.

b) Violation of this Rule shall subject the player to a fine up to USD $20,000 plus the amount of value of any such payment, and/or to suspensions from play in any event for a period of up to three (3) years.

c) If the WTT Event Supervisor and/or WTT Event Manager believes that a player may be violating this Rule, then upon demand, that player or their Related Persons, must furnish or provide access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating to such alleged prohibited compensation or, in the absence of such records, that player shall provide an affidavit setting forth the facts with respect to any transaction in question. In case a player fails to provide the records or affidavit, the WTT Event Supervisor and/or WTT Event Manager may suspend them from participation in Events pending compliance with such demand.

5.2 Determination and Penalty

WTT shall conduct such investigation of an alleged player major offence as they, in their sole discretion, determines is appropriate and necessary. Upon completion of the investigation, the head of the WTT Events Department shall determine whether a player major offence has occurred and, if so, shall fix a penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision setting forth such penalty shall be promptly delivered to the player.

6. CODE OF CONDUCT ON SPORTS BETTING FOR PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS

This Rule 6 sets out the guiding principles for all players, coaches, and officials (technical, team and administrative) on the issues surrounding the integrity of sport and betting.

Guiding Principles:

1. Be Smart: know the rules.
2. Be Safe: never bet on table tennis.
3. Be Careful: never share sensitive information.
4. Be Clean: never fix an event.
5. Be Open: tell someone if you are approached.

6.1 Be Smart: know the rules

Find out the sports betting integrity rules of the ITTF and your Member Association, team, club, Athletes' Commission, competition, and your country's laws, before the start of each season so that you are aware of the ITTF's most recent position regarding betting. Many sports and countries either have or are developing regulations on sports betting and you need to be aware of these – even if you do not bet. If you break the

rules, you will be caught and risk severe punishment including a potential lifetime ban from table tennis and even being subject to a criminal investigation.

6.2 Be Safe: never bet on table tennis

Never bet on yourself, your opponent or table tennis. If you, or anyone in your entourage (coach, family members, etc), bet on you, your opponent or table tennis, you risk being severely sanctioned. It is best to play safe and never bet on any events within table tennis including:

- never betting or gambling on your own matches or any competitions (including betting on yourself or your team to win, lose or draw as well as any of the different side-bets);
- never instructing, encouraging or facilitating any other party to bet on table tennis;
- never ensuring the occurrence of a particular incident, which is the subject of a bet and for which you expect to receive or have received any reward;
- never give or receive any gift, payment or other benefit in circumstances that might reasonably be expected to bring you or table tennis into disrepute.

6.3 Be Careful: never share sensitive information

As a player or official you will have access to information that is not available to the public, such as knowing that a star player is injured or that the coach is putting out a weakened side. This is considered sensitive, privileged or inside information. This information could be sought by people who would then use that knowledge to secure an unfair advantage and make a financial gain.

There is nothing wrong with you having sensitive information; it is what you do with it that matters. Most players know that they should not discuss important information with anyone outside of their club or coaching staff (with or without reward) where the player might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting. The same applies to Officials.

6.4 Be Clean: never fix an event

Play and officiate fairly, honestly, and never fix an event or part of an Event. Whatever the reason, do not make any attempt to influence adversely the natural course of a table tennis event or part of an Event. Sporting competitions must always be an honest test of skill and ability and the results must remain uncertain. Fixing an Event, or part of an event goes against the rules and ethics of sport and when caught, you may receive a criminal prosecution and a lifetime ban from table tennis.

Do not put yourself at risk by following these simple principles:

- Always perform to the best of your abilities (play to your potential and umpire fairly).
- Never accept to fix a match. Say no immediately. Do not let yourself be manipulated - unscrupulous individuals might try to develop a relationship with you built on favours or fears that they will then try to exploit for their benefit in possibly fixing an event. This can include the offer of gifts, money, or other support.
- Avoid addictions or running up debts as this may be a trigger for unscrupulous individuals to target you to fix competitions. Get help before things get out of control.

6.5 Be Open: tell someone if you are approached

If you hear something suspicious or if anyone approaches you to ask about fixing any part of a match then you should tell the Athletes' Commission, the WTT officials (WTT Event Manager or WTT Event Supervisor), the Referee, the Umpires and Referees Committee (if you are a technical official) or someone you trust straight away. If someone offers you money or favours for sensitive information, then you should also tell the ITTF or Athletes' Commission. Any threats or suspicions of corrupt behaviour must always be reported. The police and national laws are there to protect you. Your club, your Member Association or your Athletes' Commission will help. If in doubt as to who to contact, email: integrity@ittf.com

7. EXCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY

Unless otherwise set out in the ITTF Statutes or the WTT Handbook, this Code shall be the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any Covered Persons.

8. OFFENCES, PENALTIES, INVESTIGATIONS, AND SERVICE

8.1. The fees or penalties for offences under this Code may be automatically issued by WTT, subject to Rules 8.2 and 11.

8.2 If it deems appropriate, WTT (or the head of the WTT Events Department or its Directors) may refer any alleged breach of this Code to the ITTF Integrity Unit for investigation or prosecution, according to the principles and procedures set out in the ITTF Statutes, and the Covered Persons accepts the authority of the ITTF Integrity Unit as set out thereunder. Notwithstanding this, the ITTF Integrity Unit may, at its discretion, commence an investigation or prosecution of any alleged breach of this Code.

8.3. Service of any document on an Event Organiser as is required under this Code shall be deemed completed if emailed to the Event Director at the email address indicated in the Event Rights Agreement.

8.4. Service to a player of any notice or other document shall be deemed completed if emailed to the player at their designated email address.

8.5. Any written communication to be sent to the WTT Event Manager, the WTT Event Supervisor, or such other relevant persons shall be done via the prescribed email address, unless notice of change is subsequently published.

9. FINES

9.1. All monetary fines set out in this Code are in US Dollars (USD).

9.2. Payment of fines by the Event Organiser for any violation of Rule 2 or Rule 3 shall be paid as follows:

9.2.1 The Event Organiser shall pay the fine to WTT within twenty-one (21) days of the date of notification.

9.2.2 WTT will withhold the amount of the fine from any monies owed to the Event Organiser by WTT.

9.2.3 If the monies owed to the Event Organiser are insufficient to pay the fine, the Event Organiser shall pay the balance within twenty-one (21) days after receiving written notice of the fine.

9.3. Payments of fines by any player for any violation of Rule 4 or Rule 5 shall be paid as follows:

9.3.1. WTT shall deduct fines from the player's prize money, if any.

9.3.2. If the player's prize money is insufficient to pay the fine, the player shall pay the balance within twenty-one (21) days after the Event to WTT.

9.4. If a fine is not paid in a timely fashion, WTT may suspend, pending payment, the Covered Person fined from further participation in any Event.

9.5. WTT is authorised to obtain collection of all overdue fines along with costs, if any, by all reasonable means, including deduction from any subsequent prize monies or legal proceedings, as may be deemed necessary and appropriate.

10. SUSPENSION

10.1. Whenever any suspension is involved as a penalty for a violation of this Code, only weeks with Events shall be included in the suspension period.

10.2. Whenever a Covered Person is suspended by WTT and an appeal either of right or discretionary review is filed, then the suspension shall be stayed pending the resolution of the appeal.

10.3. Suspensions shall commence on the Monday after the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be filed, or, in the case of appeal, commencing on the Monday after a final decision on appeal.

11. APPEALS PROCEDURES

11.1. Any appeal of any penalty issued pursuant to this Code shall be exclusively and definitively resolved by the WTT Compliance Panel, according to the principles and procedures set out in the WTT Handbook, unless otherwise decided by the WTT Compliance Panel.

The WTT Compliance Panel shall be composed of one (1) WTT Representative (nominated by the CEO), one (1) WTT Legal Officer and one (1) independent (third party), neutral legal counsel.

11.2. The Covered Persons agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the WTT Compliance Panel.

11.3 The appellant must formally submit their appeal to the Compliance Panel, providing all relevant information and supporting documentation.

11.4 The appeal to the Compliance Panel should be filed within fourteen (14) days from the day they received the petition response notification, or the major offence notification and an appeal fee must be paid as follows:

- USD $1,000, for appeals related to Chapter 4. breaches,
- USD $2,000 for appeals related to Chapter 5. breaches.

11.5 In case the fine is amended, i.e. abolished or lowered, compared to the original fine/sanction notification, the fee is refunded to the concerned party.

11.6 The Compliance Panel will conduct a thorough review of the appeal, which may include a hearing of, but not limited to the player, consider all evidence presented, and make a final decision based on the merits of the case, which should be communicated within twenty-eight (28) days from the date the appeal fee is fully received. The WTT Compliance Panel has the right to extend the process, as long as an update is communicated within the given timeline.

11.7 The WTT Compliance Panel has the original or appellate jurisdiction to hear and decide any alleged infringement of any provision or such other claims arising from any provision under this Code.

12. PARTICIPANTS OTHER OBLIGATIONS

a) All participants should be sufficiently protected by medical, travel and other appropriate insurance and take all reasonable measures to protect themselves from the risks reasonably foreseeable in an Event.

b) All participants, playing or non-playing, shall be responsible for any hotel cancellation policies applied by the EO.

c) Event Organisers have the right to decline issuance of accreditation until initial payment of entry or hospitality invoices has been settled.

d) Event Organisers have the right to apply a surcharge of up to 5% on hospitality or accreditation packages for those late in submitting details past the respective deadlines as indicated on the Event Prospectus.

e) Event Organisers have the right to apply 5% interest after the payment due date of an invoice. This fee will increase up to 20% if payment has still not been received 30 days after the initial payment due date.

f) Such surcharges can only be applied provided that clear terms are pre-defined on the Event Prospectus and invoices.

g) Event Organisers have the right to decline official hospitality packages requests in case participants or their designated authority are late with submission of respective details. In this case the EO will have the right to assign participants on the Accreditation Only option where available (with respective notification to those concerned).

13. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

13.1. In this Code, unless otherwise defined in the WTT Handbook, the capitalised terms have the following meaning:

Term	Means
Adviser	A person validly designated by any player pursuant to rule 4.2.1.3.1 of this Code to provide that player or pair advice.
Affiliate	In relation to an entity, any entity that is from time to time controlled by, controls or is under common control with, directly or indirectly, such entity. For this purpose, "control" of any entity means ownership of a majority of the issued shares or voting power of an entity or party or the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of an entity or party, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.
Code	This document termed "Event & Player Code of Conduct", as amended from time to time.
Covered Person	An Official, Player, Related Person, Event Organiser, Affiliate of an Event Organiser, or Representatives of an Event Organiser or of an Affiliate of an Event Organiser, as well as any natural person or organisation that has submitted to the ITTF Tribunal's jurisdiction or is otherwise bound by this Code, the ITTF Statutes or the WTT Handbook. Any person who ceases to be a Covered Person for any reason shall for all purposes under this Code be deemed to be and to remain a Covered Person in respect of any investigation or allegation into conduct whilst that person was a Covered Person. Any person who became a Covered Person shall be deemed to be and to remain a Covered Person for a continuous period of twelve (12) months after the date, on each occasion, upon which that person became a Covered Person. Any person who is not otherwise a Covered Person but who engages in conduct which would amount to conduct which is a breach of this Code shall be deemed for the purposes of this Code as a Covered Person.

Event	An event sanctioned by WTT that is organised by an Event Organiser pursuant to an Event Rights Agreement and such event include (as applicable and as renamed from time to time by WTT): (a) WTT Grand Smash (b) WTT Finals (c) WTT Champions (d) WTT Star Contender (e) WTT Contender (f) WTT Feeder (g) Showcase or Promotional Events
EO/Host	The organising entity of a WTT Event.
Event Rights Agreement	The agreement entered between WTT and the Event Organiser under which WTT grants to the Event Organiser certain rights to plan, organise, finance, and stage an Event.
Official	Any person who is an employee, office holder (including a nominated candidate) or Representative of WTT, an Affiliate of WTT, the Event Organiser or an Affiliate of the Event Organiser, or who officiates or is a match official or who is part of the workforce in any Event (whether remunerated or otherwise).
Player	Any player who enters or participates in any Event.
Related Person	Any adviser, coach, trainer, management representative, therapist, physician, agent, family member, event guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of the player or any other Related Person.
Representative	Any officer, member, director, employee, consultant, agent, operator, promoter, contractor, or such other representative, in each case, from time to time.

13.2. In this Code, unless otherwise specified:

i) Headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Code.

ii) A "person" includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body.

iii) Words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

iv) A reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

v) A reference to “writing” or “written” includes email.

vi) Any obligation on a Covered Person not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done.

vii) Any reference to this Code, a legislation or regulation is a reference to this Code, that legislation or regulation as amended, extended, re-enacted, or consolidated from time to time except to the extent that any such amendment, extension or re-enactment would increase or alter the liability of a Covered Person, and

viii) any words following the terms “including”, “include”, “in particular”, “for example”, “such as” or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase, or term preceding those provisions.

VI. MARKETING

1. WTT ALL STARS PROGRAMME

1.1 Responsibilities

All players/pairs participating in the Main Draw must make themselves available for media/sponsor/WTT-related activities at each Event, including any activities involving Event or WTT sponsors that may conflict with players' personal sponsors unless, in WTT's reasonable discretion, the players' participation in such activities will jeopardise their relationships with their personal sponsors.

All WTT All Stars activities shall be arranged by the WTT PR & Marketing Department.

1.2 WTT All Stars Commitments

A player, when requested, will have fulfilled their total WTT All Stars commitment at each Event when they complete two (2) hours of their assigned PR & Marketing activities.

1.3 Planning

a. WTT Responsibility

i) All WTT All Stars activities must be organised through the WTT PR & Marketing Department.

ii) To maximise the effectiveness of the WTT All Stars Programme and to make the best use of players' time, the WTT PR & Marketing team shall:

a) Develop a list of "high impact" and "low impact" activities, in consultation with the EO and players; and

b) Develop a list of player activity preferences, in consultation with players.

iii) The WTT PR & Marketing department shall seek to customise activities to match up with such preferences where possible.

b. Event Responsibility

i) Requirements

The WTT PR & Marketing team leads the WTT All Stars programme.

a) Any player media activity or public appearance request from the Event LOC, sponsors, or any other WTT department, must be submitted to the WTT PR & Marketing team four (4) weeks before the Event. All WTT All Stars activities will be coordinated by the WTT PR & Marketing team.

b) The WTT All Stars programme and activities are executed at a quality commensurate with the level of Event (factors to determine quality of execution may include but are not limited to

reasonable scheduling; appropriate transportation; adequate security; suitable staff; and applicable provision of equipment or supplies).

c. Penalties

Events failing to comply with the scheduling requirements in (a) and (b) above will not be guaranteed player participation in the Event's related WTT All Stars activities.

d. Player Responsibility

Previously scheduled personal player-sponsor commitments cannot override WTT-designated mandatory activities, provided the player has submitted to WTT a minimum notice of 24 hours. The necessary fines apply in should a player miss a pre-agreed activity:

Violations: A violation occurs if a player fails to attend a Pre-Event Public / Media Appearance after having agreed—either verbally, in writing, or through any form of communication with a WTT official—and does not provide at least 24 hours' notice of withdrawal or valid justification for their absence.

WTT Grand Smash, WTT Champions, WTT Finals Events:

Fines (in USD):

Ranking (player's ITTF TTWR at time of Event entry):

1 – 10: $5,000

11 - 25: $2,500

26 – 50: $1,250

51 – 100: $1,000

101+: $500

Requested players will be given a minimum of 48-hour notice and must confirm their participation. Fines for violations may not apply if this notice period isn't provided to a player by WTT.

In cases where a player's non-appearance or withdrawal causes financial loss or reputational damage to WTT, fines will be reviewed and may increase, but not exceeding three (3) times the stipulated amounts based on a player's ranking.

Fines will double for repeat violations within a calendar year.

First-time Violation: Players may opt to compensate for the violation by formally agreeing to participate in media engagements totalling 2x the duration of the original commitment at the same event, or up to 4x the duration within the next 6 months. This option is only available for first-time violations.

The duration of these activities will be based on the duration of the activity declined or missed.

WTT Star Contender, WTT Contender events:
For WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender Events, a violation of this Rule shall result in a fine of $500 (USD).

WTT Feeder Series events:
For WTT Feeder Series Events, a violation of this Rule shall result in a fine of USD $250.

For WTT Star Contender, Contender and Feeder Series events, first-time violations may be waived, or the player may be given an opportunity to fulfil media obligations at the same event, or their next participating event of the same or higher tier.

1.4 WTT All Stars activities

All players shall be required to complete any WTT All Stars activities when requested by the WTT PR & Marketing Department.

These activities may include but are not limited to public appearances such as autograph sessions, fan meet and greet sessions, media engagements, commercial partner meet and greets, Head of State or government official meet and greets, CSR activities, or coaching clinics.

Non-public appearances can include but are not limited to, media interviews, media training, or WTT-led video and photo shoots.

1.5 WTT Studio / Production

As part of the WTT All Stars programme, all players are required, if requested, to participate in WTT-led filming or photo shoot to be featured on WTT platforms per year.

Player Studio Obligations according to player's ITTF TTWR:

1 – 50: Minimum of 6 WTT-driven content features per year, totalling no more than 6 hours of WTT Studio filming time

51 - 100: Minimum of 4 WTT-driven content features per year, totalling no more than 4 hours of WTT Studio filming time

101+: Minimum of 2 WTT-driven content features per year, totalling no more than 2 hours of WTT Studio filming time

1.6 Practice

WTT reserves the right to film all players during their on-site practices; these footage will be used for WTT platforms and content channels, and may be supplied to photo and broadcast media, provided such media remain off court. WTT also reserves the right to permit its broadcast TV partners and rights-holders to film players during their on-site practices. WTT also reserves the right to undertake media interviews with players at practice.

Failure to comply with the requirements in this section will result in a fine as per this handbook – under the section of Pre-Match Interviews.

2. GENERAL PR & MARKETING

2.1 Marketing Activity

a. Requirement

All players are required, if requested, to participate in three (3) activities per year (each not exceeding two (2) hours, including travel time) for major marketing or publicity purposes for WTT or a WTT sponsor that takes place before, during or after a WTT Series event in which a player is entered or at such other mutually agreeable date and location, subject to the following restrictions:

i) The two (2) hours must be within a single eight (8)-hour period, unless otherwise approved by the player.

ii) The activity must be in conjunction with the promotion of the WTT and/or Events.

iii) The activity may involve a WTT sponsor that is in category conflict with the player's personal sponsors unless, in WTT's reasonable discretion, the players' participation in such activities will jeopardise their relationships with their personal sponsors.

iv) The activity cannot constitute a direct individual endorsement by the player of a commercial product.

v) For activities involving player photography, where WTT can clear the rights without expense, players shall be permitted to utilise photographs for non-commercial purposes on their personal websites and

in player promotional materials, following a possible hold-back period set by the WTT. In no event shall a player utilise the photographs in conjunction with a sponsor or third-party activity or allow a different sponsor or other third party to utilise the photographs.

vi) WTT will cover all expenses incurred by a player while participating in these activities. This includes the hotel accommodation for the additional days players are required to extend on location at a WTT Series event.

The above Marketing activities do not count for Event-related marketing or media activities designated in the following categories:

- Pre-Event Public / Media Appearances
- Mixed Zone Interviews
- Pre-Match Interviews
- Post Match On-Court Interviews
- Winner's Media Tour / Champions Photo and/or Video Shoot
- WTT Content Feature

But can be accounted for a player's WTT All Star programme responsibilities.

2.2 Sale of Tickets to Player Appearances

i) Grant of Rights: Each player acknowledges and agrees that WTT retains the exclusive right to conduct, promote, broadcast, record, and make use of all WTT events, including but not limited to official matches, practice sessions, player appearances, and any related promotional activities. WTT holds the authority to offer for sale and sell tickets to these events or any other WTT marketing and promotional activities.

ii) Practice Sessions and Player Appearances: Notwithstanding any other provision in this handbook or any other agreement to the contrary, WTT shall have the right, without the requirement of additional consents or agreements, to sell tickets to any practice sessions or player appearances. Such events may be designated as ticketed events at the sole discretion of WTT for purposes including but not limited to fan engagement, promotional events, or special exhibitions.

iii) Notification: WTT shall endeavour to notify the affected player(s) of its intention to sell tickets to a practice session or player appearance at least 48 hours in advance of the commencement of ticket sales. Such notification shall include details of the event, its purpose, and any specific expectations or requirements of the player(s) involved.

2.3 Player Responsibilities Upon Withdrawal or Retirement

Upon a player's withdrawal or retirement from an Event, the player must provide WTT with a verbal, written, or pre-recorded audio or video statement within 24 hours of the official notice, containing the reason for the withdrawal or retirement and a suitable quotation that WTT reserves the right to release these statements to the media and public.

This applies to:

WTT Grand Smash events:

Top 50 seeds (WS and MS)

Top 20 seeds (XD, WD, MD)

WTT Finals & WTT Champions events:

All players

WTT Star Contender events:

Top 10 seeds (WS and MS)

Top 5 seeds (XD, WD, MD)

WTT Contender events:

Top 5 seeds (WS and MS)

Top 3 seeds (XD, WD, MD)

2.4 Event Payment for Additional Services

Events are responsible for player fees for media/sponsor/promotional services rendered in addition to the above detailed player responsibilities. The fee shall be determined based upon the value of a given player in a given market.

2.5 WTT Commercial Benefits, Promotions, and Endorsements

2.5.1 Player Group Licensing Rights - WTT Global Premier/Premier/Partners

Each player who participates in the WTT Series agrees that WTT, WTT Global Premier/Premier/Sponsors, and WTT Events may use or grant to others the right to use their name, photograph, likeness, signature, voice, picture, and/or biographical information (collectively, "Player Likeness"), alone or in conjunction with

the name, photograph, likeness, signature, voice, picture, and/or biographical information of others, for the purpose of promoting the WTT in newspapers, magazines, motion pictures, programs, player and tournament yearbooks, broadcasts and telecasts, educational materials, and all other publicity and promotional materials and media, including publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product, as long as such publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product is directly related to the publicity and promotion of the WTT or WTT Events and does not constitute a direct individual endorsement of such commercial product.

WTT and WTT Global Premier/Premier/Partners shall utilize a minimum of three (3) players or a series of three (3) players in each use unless in WTT's sole discretion it sees appropriate to utilise less players for a particular promotion.

WTT Events shall use a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) players and, no more than two (2) players from one (1) member association unless otherwise agreed by WTT.

All credential holders at a WTT event may not use a product that is in direct conflict with a WTT partner product.

2.5.2 Television Rights

Each player also conveys to the WTT any television rights he/she may own in all WTT events in which they participate. This includes but is not limited to any WTT Series Events or any other event organised by WTT.

VII. APPENDIX A – WTT SERIES PRIZE MONEY BREAK DOWNS

Prize Money breakdown based on the Event Prospectus of each Event.

VIII. APPENDIX B – ITTF TTWR Regulation

Direct link to the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Regulation.

ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Regulation

IX. APPENDIX C – Charts

Automatic Entry (AER), Olympic Champions Gold Card, Host Wildcards, PDR, WTT Nominations, WTT Youth Nominations, NER charts

WTT GRAND SMASH								
	AER	Olympic Champions Gold Card	Host WC	WTT Nomination	WTT Youth Nomination	Qualifier	Total	NER (per MA)
MAIN DRAW								
Singles	46-49	Up to 3	4	3	-	8	64	6 players (MD + QD)
Doubles	20		4	-	-	-	24	4 players (1 full pair)
Mixed	20		4	-	-	-	24	4 players (1 full pair)
QUALIFYING*								
Singles	57		6	-	1	-	64	6 players (MD + QD)

** If one of provisional Qualifying sizes is selected the respective numbers as per 1.1.1 come in effect.*

WTT FINALS						
	AER	Host WC	WTT Nomination	Qualifier	Total	NER (per MA)
MAIN RAW						
Singles	16	-	-	-	16	-
Mixed	7	1	-	-	8	-

WTT CHAMPIONS							
	AER	Olympic Champions Gold Card	Host WC	WTT Nomination	Qualifier	Total	NER (per MA)
MAIN DRAW							
Singles	27-30	Up to 3	1	1	-	32	4 players

WTT STAR CONTENDER								
	DER	Host WC	WTT Nomination	WTT Youth Nomination	Qualifier	PDR	Total	NER (per MA)
MAIN DRAW								
Singles	25	4	2	1	8	8	48	4 players
Doubles	10	2	-	-	4	-	16	8 players (MD + QD) (3 full pairs)
Mixed	10	2	-	-	4	-	16	4 players (MD + QD) (any pair)
QUALIFYING								
Singles Up to 96 K/O	88	8	-	-	-	-	96	6 players
64 K/O	56	8	-	-	-	-	64	
Doubles	7	1	-	-	-	-	8	8 players (MD + QD) (3 full pairs)
Mixed Doubles	7	1	-	-	-	-	8	4 players (MD + QD) (any pair)

	WTT CONTENDER							
	DER	Host WC	WTT Nomination	WTT Youth Nomination	Qualifier	PDR	Total	NER (per MA)
MAIN DRAW								
Singles	15	3	1	1	8	4	32	4 players
Doubles	10	2	-	-	4	-	16	8 players (MD + QD) (3 full pairs)
Mixed	10	2	-	-	4	-	16	4 players (MD + QD) (any pair)
QUALIFYING								
Singles 48-Draw (grp)	40	8	-	-	-	-	48	4 players
up to 64 Draw (grp)	56	8	-	-	-	-	64	4 players
64-Draw (K/O)	56	8	-	-	-	-	64	4 players
96-Draw (K/O)	88	8	-	-	-	-	96	8 players
128-Draw (K/O)	120	8	-	-	-	-	128	8 players
Doubles 8 - Draw	7	1	-	-	-	-	8	8 players (MD + QD) (3 full pairs)
Mixed 8-Draw	7	1	-	-	-	-	8	4 players (MD + QD) (any pair)

WTT FEEDER							
	DER	Host WC	WTT Nomination	WYN	Qualifier	Total	NER (per MA)
MAIN DRAW							
Singles 32/48-Draw	18/34	4	-	2	8	32/48	8 players (MD + QD) Host players unrestricted
Doubles/Mixed 16-Draw	10	2	-	-	4	16	4 players (MD) (2 full pairs) 8 host players (MD) (4 full pairs)
QUALIFYING							
Singles 16/32/48/64/96/128-Draw	14/30/46/62/94/126	-	-	2	-	16/32/48/64/96/128	8 players (MD + QD) Host players unrestricted
Doubles/Mixed 8/16-Draw	8/16	-	-	-	-	8/16	6 players (MD + QD) (3 full pairs) 10 host players (MD + QD) (5 full pairs)

X. APPENDIX D– WTT MEDICAL WITHDRAWAL FORM

To be filled ELECTRONICALLY and in ENGLISH, also if using own Medical Certificate, by the referring Medical Doctor/Physician.

Player Full Name and Surname: Player NAME SURNAME

Player Date of Birth: DD.MM.YYYY

I certify that Player Name Surname , a patient of mine has been medically examined and is NOT DEEMED MEDICALLY FIT to participate in the following World Table Tennis event(s):

_____ .

Date of medical examination: DD.MM.YYYY

Location of medical examination: City, Country

Reason for Withdrawal:
(please include extensive detail of mechanism of injury if musculoskeletal or medical condition reason, any diagnosis, results of scan findings if applicable)

Treatment to Date:
(please include the current treatment given so far and plan moving forward with timeframes on player return)

I further certify that I am a Medical Doctor/Physician (MD) licensed to practice medicine in Country , with the License Number License Number , specialized in Medical Specialty .

I hereby confirm that the information provided on this Form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, based on my professional evaluation of the patient's condition and attest that withdrawal from the above mentioned event(s) is medically necessary for the player's health and well-being.

Referring Medical Doctor/Physician Full Name: MD Name and Surname

Clinic Name and Address: Clinic Name and Address

Phone Number and Email Address: Phone Number and Email Address

Date: DD.MM.YYYY

Referring Medical Doctor/Physician Signature:
(electronic, hand written)

STAMP

XI. DISCLAIMER

Please note that all information set forth in this document is valid at the time of publication.

WTT reserves the right to amend or supplement the Handbook from time to time, and users agree to implement any such changes made.

XII.DOCUMENT UPDATES

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