

ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR MINIMUM OFFICIATING REQUIREMENTS 2023



The following sets out the 2023 minimum standards for ITF World Tennis Tour (WTT) tournaments.

All references to ITF WTT tournaments in this document refer to Men's and Women's ITF WTT tournaments only and do not include ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments.

National Associations that wish to supply a higher certification level of official, or more officials, than the minimum requirements are encouraged to do so. Any requests for these officiating requirements to be waived should be made to ITF Officiating at least eight (8) weeks prior to the tournament.

Officials' Proposal Forms must be submitted to the ITF for approval at least eight (8) weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Any changes to already approved Officials' Proposals must be communicated to the ITF for another approval. Notwithstanding any other provision of ITF WTT Regulations, the Code of Conduct for Officials or the Tennis Anti-Corruption Programme, the ITF has the absolute right to deny approval of any official's appointment to officiate at any ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament(s), and to revoke any previously given approval. The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons (but may include for integrity or performance-related reasons).

1. ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor of an ITF WTT tournament must be available from the Qualifying Sign-In until the End of Play on Finals Day and may not leave or arrive late at an ITF WTT tournament in progress without prior approval from ITF Officiating. The ITF Supervisor must arrive on site of the tournament at least 4 hours before the Qualifying Sign-In deadline and inform the ITF WTT staff (see contacts below) immediately if he/she will not be able to do so. The only exception to these requirements is when the Supervisor has to leave the tournament early to be the Supervisor of an ITF WTT tournament the following week (see End of Week Referee below) or if another Supervisor arrives to the same site to conduct the Qualifying Sign-in and Qualifying for the following week.

If the End of Week Referee is required, the Supervisor cannot leave the tournament earlier than after the end of play on Friday. No exception will be granted for a Supervisor to arrive after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline (i.e. for the Main Draw) and/or leave before the end of the same tournament.

If an ITF Supervisor is required to leave a tournament early but is NOT travelling to another ITF WTT tournament, he/she must contact ITF Officiating in writing for authorisation at least eight (8) weeks in advance of the tournament. He/she cannot commit to another event unless this is approved by ITF Officiating.

ITF Officiating must be informed if there are any potential conflicts between an ITF Supervisor's assignment at an ITF WTT tournament and an assignment at an ATP and/or a WTA tournament.



2. ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR CHAIR UMPIRES

Each National Association/Tournament must appoint the minimum number of **Designated Chair Umpires** as per page 3/4 below and minimum number or **ALL** chair umpires as per the number of match courts:

Number of Match Courts	3	4	5	6
Number of Chair Umpires	5	6	8	9

If the Tournament/National Associations wishes to supply CUs for earlier rounds of Qualifying Draw than required, ALL matches in that round must have a chair umpire (i.e. not matches on Centre Court only).

All Chair Umpires, including National Chair Umpires, must be registered with the ITF Officiating department in order to be eligible to work at any Qualifying or Main Draw match of an ITF WTT tournament.

A Designated Chair Umpire at an ITF WTT tournament must be on-site for the Qualifying days (as per the Minimum Requirements - see below) and a sufficient number of designated officials must be available until the final day of the tournament unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

ITF Officiating must be informed if there are any potential conflicts between a Chair Umpire's assignment at an ITF WTT tournament and an assignment at an ATP and/or a WTA tournament. A Chair Umpire may not leave or arrive late at an ITF WTT tournament in progress without prior approval from ITF Officiating.

3. END OF WEEK REFEREE (only applying to ITF WTT tournaments with Prize Money \$15,000 and \$25,000)

If the ITF Supervisor of an ITF WTT tournament is leaving before the end of the tournament to conduct the Qualifying Sign-In and Qualifying Draw of another ITF WTT tournament or provided he/she has received prior approval from ITF Officiating, an End of Week Referee (EWR) must be proposed and approved by the ITF. An ITF Supervisor working at any Women's ITF WTT tournament with Prize Money of \$40,000 or higher must stay until the end.

A suitable EWR is one of the following:

1. International Referee (Gold or Silver);
2. Designate International Chair Umpire (Gold, Silver or Bronze);
3. White Badge Referee with sufficient experience;

At a combined ITF WTT Tournament, the EWR must hold an ITF Referee certification (White Badge Referee or higher).



If one of the Designate Chair Umpires becomes the EWR, he/she can no longer work as a Chair Umpire and therefore must be replaced with the same (or higher) Badge Chair Umpire for the days when he/she is acting as the EWR so that the minimum requirements are met and the required number and level of Designated Chair Umpires are present during the Final Week-end. All End of Week Referees will be subject to approval by ITF Officiating.

4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR TOURNAMENTS PLAYED ON MORE THAN ONE SITE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ON-SITE ISSUES

Where a tournament is played on more than one site, an Assistant Referee (International Referee/International Chair Umpire/White Badge Referee approved by ITF Officiating) must be provided by the tournament to act as On-site Referee at the secondary site. The On-site Referee must be in constant contact with the ITF Supervisor, who will remain responsible for all issues arising on-site, but where communication with the ITF Supervisor is not possible the On-site Referee shall act on behalf of the ITF Supervisor. It is the tournament's responsibility to ensure the required number of Chair Umpires and Line Umpires are provided across both sites (in addition to the supplementary On-site Referee), in accordance with the Minimum Requirements.

5. ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR TOURNAMENTS COMBINED WITH ATP TOURNAMENTS

The ITF WTT tournaments should comply with the Minimum Officiating Requirements at individual ITF WTT tournaments, regardless of the ATP designations for Chair Umpires. ITF Designated Chair Umpires, who are working at an ITF WTT tournaments combined with an ATP event, may work as Chair Umpires at the ATP event if requested and at the condition that the Minimum Officiating Requirements for the ITF WTT tournaments are complied with at all times. ATP Supervisor may not work as the ITF Supervisor of an ITF WTT tournament during the same week.

A tournament must comply with the Minimum Requirements for Line Umpires at ITF WTT tournaments, regardless of the Minimum Requirements for Line Umpires at the ATP event. However, where possible, ITF WTT tournaments are encouraged to match the Line Umpire requirements of ATP tournaments.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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ITF WORLD TENNIS TOURS MINIMUM OFFICIATING REQUIREMENTS



	W15/M15	W25/M25	W40	W60 – W80	W100
ITF Supervisor	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee		One [1] Gold Badge Referee
Chair Umpires (CU)	<p>Designated:</p> <p>Two [2] White Badge CUs or one [1] White Badge CU and one [1] Green Badge CU</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <p>One [1] Designate CU must assist the Supervisor during Qualifying</p> <p>One [1] CU is required for all Main Draw matches</p>	<p>Designated:</p> <p>One [1] International Badge CU*</p> <p>Two [2] White Badge CUs</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <p>One [1] Designate CUs must assist the ITF Supervisor before the Final Round of Qualifying</p> <p>One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying and all Main Draw matches</p>	<p>Designated:</p> <p>One [1] International Badge CU*</p> <p>Two [2] White Badge CUs</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <p>One [1] CU is required for every Qualifying match and all Main Draw matches.</p>		<p>Designated:</p> <p>Two [2] International Badge CUs*</p> <p>One [1] White Badge CU</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw:</p> <p>One [1] CU is required for every Qualifying match and all Main Draw matches</p>
Line Umpires	None required.	<p>- One [1] Line Umpire is required for every Main Draw match.</p> <p>No Line Umpires are required at Clay Court Tournaments.</p>	<p>One [1] Line Umpire is required for every Main Draw match.</p> <p>No Line Umpires are required at Clay Court Tournaments.</p>	<p>- One [1] Line Umpire is required for every Qualifying match.</p> <p>- Two [2] Line Umpires are required for every Main Draw match.</p>	<p>- One [1] Line Umpire is required for every Qualifying match</p> <p>- Two [2] Line Umpires are required for every Main Draw match.</p> <p>- Three [3] Line Umpires are required for Main Draw Semi Final and Final matches.</p>

ITF WORLD TENNIS TOURS MINIMUM OFFICIATING REQUIREMENTS AT COMBINED TOURNAMENTS

		W15	W25	W40 – W80	W100
M15	ITF Supervisor	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold Badge Referee
	Chair Umpires (CUs)	<p>Designated: Four [4] White Badge CUs or three [3] White Badge CU and one [1] Green Badge CU</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw: Two [2] Designate CU must assist the Supervisor during Qualifying One [1] CU is required for all Main Draw matches</p>	<p>Designated: One [1] International Badge CU* Four [4] White Badge CUs or three [3] White Badge CUs and one [1] Green or two [2] White and [2] two Green</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw: Two [2] Designate CUs must assist Supervisor during Qualifying of both Tournaments. One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at Women's \$25,000 One [1] CU is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments.</p>	<p>Designated: One [1] International Badge CU* Four [4] White Badge CUs</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw: One [1] Designate CU must assist ITF Supervisor during the duration of the Qualifying of Men's \$15,000. One [1] CU is required for every Women's Qualifying match at Women's \$40,000- \$80,000.</p> <p>One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments.</p>	<p>Designated: Two [2] International Badge CUs* Three [3] White CUs</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw: One [1] Designate CU must assist ITF Supervisor during the duration of the Qualifying of Men's \$15,000. One [1] CU is required for every Women's Qualifying match at Women's \$100,000.</p> <p>One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments.</p>
M25	ITF Supervisor	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold or Silver Badge Referee	One [1] Gold Badge Referee
	Chair Umpires (CUs)	<p>Designated: One [1] International Badge CU* Four [4] White Badge CUs or two [2] White Badge CUs and one [1] Green Badge CU</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw: Two [2] Designate CUs must assist Supervisor during Qualifying of both Tournaments. One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at Men's \$25,000.</p> <p>One [1] CU is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments.</p>	<p>Designated: Two [2] International Badge CUs* Three [3] White Badge CUs</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw: Two [2] Designate CUs must assist ITF Supervisor before Final Round Qualifying at both Tournaments One [1] Chair Umpire is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at both Tournaments</p> <p>One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments.</p>	<p>Designated: Two [2] International Badge CU* Three [3] White Badge CUs</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw: One [1] Designate CU must assist ITF Supervisor before Final Round Qualifying of Men's \$25,000 One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at Men's \$25,000 and for every Women's Qualifying match at Women's \$40,000 – \$80,000.</p> <p>One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments.</p>	<p>Designated: Three [3] International Badge CU* Three [3] White Badge CUs</p> <p>Qualifying and Main Draw: One [1] Designate CU must assist ITF Supervisor before Final Round Qualifying of Men's \$25,000</p> <p>One [1] CU is required for every Final Round Qualifying match at Men's \$25,000 and for every Women's Qualifying match at Women's \$100,000.</p> <p>One [1] Chair Umpire is required for all Main Draw matches at both Tournaments.</p>
Line Umpires		A Tournament must treat the ITF World Tennis Tour Combined Tournament as two (2) separate ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments and comply with the Minimum Officiating Requirements for each individual Tournament.			

*International Chair Umpire – Gold, Silver or Bronze Chair Umpire

**ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments combined with ATP Tournaments – see page 1 for further information