

**CHANGES
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Effective Immediately: The Bonus Pool columns have been corrected and the Moscow prize money amended according to the rules. Those pages were sent under separate cover to be replaced in the printed copy of the rulebook.

Effective Immediately (22 January): A new Case & Decision has been added to page 85, 7.03 B. 1) c) Limit to On-Site Entry. It is noted in *italics* below:

Case: A player pulls out of doubles and the partner signs on-site with another doubles player (doubles/doubles, having a higher ranking than the advanced entry original cut). Since the new team would have been in the main draw had they entered in advance, does this count as 1 of the 2 allowed on-site entries?

Decision: No. In this situation the new team could not have entered through the advance entry method and therefore the on-site entry was their only option, this will not count as 1 of the 2 allowed. (Tour Policy)

Effective Immediately (23 January): Please delete the following in Section 8.05, G.1) c), page 193:

~~c) If the Covered Person is alleged to have committed any of the Corruption Offenses referred to at (i) sections D.1.c to D.1.j, (ii) D.1.l or (iii) section D2, then upon receipt of the Notice the AHO will immediately issue an order that the Covered Person be subject to a Provisional Suspension.~~

Effective Immediately (06 February): Please correct the reference to Exhibit Q to Exhibit R as noted below in *italics* in Section 6.19 on page 77:

6.19 Physiotherapist/Treatment Room

Each tournament must provide a Physiotherapist/treatment room for players and physiotherapists centrally located to the courts and the locker room. If the Physiotherapist/treatment room is located in an area separate from the locker room, proper security at the entry point must be provided. Only those persons with approved access and properly credentialed tournament staff, who in the performance of their duties justify access to the locker room, shall be authorized to enter the Physiotherapist/ treatment room. The room must be private and equipped with ice and ice chests/ coolers, towels, electricity and high/low treatment/massage tables with face cut-out in the following numbers: 2 per 28/32 singles main draw and additional tables for larger draws. See Exhibit **Q R** for full medical facility guidelines.

Effective Immediately (08 March): Please note the change to 6.19 Physiotherapist/Treatment Room noted below in *italics*:

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Effective Immediately (08 March): Please note a clarification to the exact date from which a player's Protected Ranking and the expiration date are calculated. Change is made to 9.03, F. 2) and 4) on pages 203-204 as noted below in *italics*:

- 2) **Calculation and Use.** The entry protection shall be a position in the ATP Rankings, as determined by the player's average ATP Rankings position during the first three (3) months* **after his last event played of his injury.** The entry protection shall be for entry into the main draw or qualifying competition or for special exempt consideration. The entry protection shall not be used for seeding purposes or lucky loser consideration.

*The player must be ranked (have at least one singles ranking point for a singles protected ranking and/or one doubles ranking point for a doubles protected ranking) during each week of this three (3) month period.

- 4) **Expiration Date.** A player has three (3) years from **the his original last event played time that the injury occurred** to activate his protected ranking and will not be eligible to use his entry protected ranking beyond this date. A player who does not compete in any tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, for a period of three (3) years from the date of his injury original last event played will have his entry protection revoked.

Effective 2 April 2018: Please note the addition of a second exception to the Special Exempt rule, 7.10 A. 1) e) as noted below in *italics*:

- e) **EXCEPTION 1:** A player who has entered and been accepted into the qualifying draw of an ATP World Tour tournament and has been withdrawn because he is still competing, will be added to the last position on the special exempt list of an ATP Challenger Tour tournament scheduled for the next week, even though he would have been a direct acceptance, had he entered the Challenger.

Note: EXCEPTION does not apply if player was Top 50 twenty-one (21) days prior to the first Monday of the Challenger.

EXCEPTION 2: A player who has entered and been accepted into the qualifying draw of an ATP World Tour 500 tournament and has been withdrawn because he is still competing in an ATP World Tour event, will be added to the last position on the special exempt list of an ATP World Tour 250 tournament located in the same region (as determined by ATP) if specific conditions are met. These conditions are:

1. He is qualified for a Special Exempt spot in the ATP World Tour 500 event.
2. Due to other qualified player(s) for the Special Exempt into the ATPWT 500 event there is no Special Exempt available.
3. The player's ranking would have qualified him for the main draw of the 250 event, had he entered there instead of the 500 qualifying.

Effective Immediately (10 March 2018): Please note a clarification to page 125, 7.21, G. 1) as noted below in *italics*. *a) is deleted, b) becomes a) and c) becomes b).*

~~a) If a player is competing in a Davis Cup Tie on another continent; or~~

- a) If a player is competing on the Sunday in a Grand Slam, ATP World Tour, ATP Challenger Tour, **Davis Cup** or Futures tournament, and the following week's tournament is on a different continent; or in a Monday Final on the same continent. Davis Cup Ties on the same continent which are delayed until Monday may also be considered. For the purposes of this rule the world is divided into 7 distinct continents. They are Europe, Asia, Antarctica, Australia, Africa, North America (including Central America) and South America.

In such cases, the match must be scheduled early Wednesday and if the player enters doubles, then he shall be required to play as determined by the Supervisor.

The criteria listed in a) ~~and b)~~ above shall not apply in the case where a tournament has been approved for a Saturday final.

- b) Challengers scheduled...

Effective Immediately (16 April 2018): Please note a modification to the Case & Decision on pages 36, below 3.08 b) and 339, Section XI, about midway down the page as noted below in *italics*:

Case: A player withdraws on-site from singles before his first singles match but is still in doubles. Is he eligible for first round prize money compensation if all other conditions are met?

Decision: ~~No.~~ **Yes.** The player ~~cannot~~ **may** collect the on-site prize money if he is still competing **in the doubles of that tournament as long as he receives medical clearance prior to the doubles match. any other event that week. The doubles match cannot be on the same day as his withdrawal or on the day of his scheduled singles match.**

Effective 1 January 2019: Beginning for all 2019 Challenger events, Page 85, 7.03 C 2) will be eliminated.

~~2) ATP Challenger Tour Tournaments~~

~~Qualifying is at the tournament's option. The size of the draw is four (4) with two (2) seeds. The composition of the doubles qualifying draw will be the first three (3) teams from the on-site entry list who were not accepted in the main draw and have declared availability to participate in the qualifying event plus one (1) wild card team. All matches will be played as two tie-break sets, no ad scoring with a match tie-break at one set all.~~

~~Points. The qualifying team shall receive the same number of points as awarded to the singles qualifier in same event.~~

Effective Immediately (02 May 2018): Please delete the Cases & Decisions on page 161 after 8.03 D. 2) (just above E). This rule did not pass for 2018.

~~Case: A team wins their first match and withdraws from their second round match (none of the exceptions apply). To assess the penalty, Player A has already received a Warning at another tournament playing with a different partner. Player B, his partner at this event, has not previously been issued a warning. This is an ATP 500 event. How are the penalties issued?~~

~~Decision: Player A is fined for a second offense, occurring at an ATP 500 event and thus the fine is \$7,500. Player B's is a first offense so he receives a Warning.~~

~~Case: A team withdraws from their quarter-final round doubles match at an ATP 250 event. Both players have received a Warning for a previous withdrawal. Neither player was in the singles draw. Player A is not in singles but is in the doubles main draw at an event the following week and must withdraw. Player B is entered in the main draw of the following week's event with a different partner and they play the event. How are the penalties handled?~~

~~Decision: If Player A was the cause for the withdrawal in the previous event, because he also was forced to withdraw the next week, neither player is penalized. If Player B was the player withdrawing the previous event then because he did compete the following week the team does not qualify for an exception to the rule. Each player is fined for a second offense occurring at an ATP World Tour 250 events in the amount of \$5,000.~~