

**CHANGES
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Corrections to Exhibit Y - ATP World Tour 500 Field Expectation, **Premier Player Group**, pg. 303 and **Over delivery**, pg. 304 have been made as noted below. These are corrections and not new rules.

Premier Player Group. Players ranked as a year-end (~~December 7, 2009~~) top 30 player (commitment players) are eligible to be selected in the premier player group for purposes of fulfilling the field expectation. The size of the premier player group shall be twelve (12) players plus two (2) alternates selected as follows:

Over delivery. A+ players over the minimum shall result in a credit against any deficiency in overall overall delivery of player field expectation. For example: if a Double has 3 A+ players and 0 A players, the net amount owed would be **\$150,000** or **€135,000** (\$100,000 / €90,000 owed for each A player below expectation equals **\$300,000** / **€270,000** minus \$150,000 / €135,000 credit for the additional A+ player).

Amendment to the INDEX, pg. 315, **Host Locality** is noted below.

Host Locality, **24, 26, 29**, 212

Clarification to the Default provision under the Code whereas a player may be removed from the event for a single violation of the Code in a non-match situation was approved at the recent London Board meetings. Changes in **bold**.

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VIII. The Code

M. On-Site Offenses/Procedures

4) Offenses

m) Default

- i) **During the match.** The supervisor may default a player either for a single violation of the Code (immediate default) or as outlined in the Point Penalty Schedule.
- ii) **On-site.** The supervisor may withdraw a player from all events for a single violation of the Code occurring during the event but not during a player's match.
- iii) In all cases of default, the supervisor's decision shall be final and may not be appealed.
- iv) **Renumbered**
- v) **Renumbered**
- vi) **Renumbered**

Effective Immediately – 6/26/12

Correction to the Prize Money Doubles rule, Section III FINANCIAL, pg. 33 and Section IX. ATP Rankings, pg. 194. Changes in **bold**.

III. FINANCIAL 3.08 A. 3)

Doubles: Should a doubles match in an ATP World Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event be uncontested or fail to be completed, the losing team shall only receive points and prize money from the previous round unless one of the following is applicable:

- a) Neither player was in the singles main draw;
- b) The retiring/withdrawing player is still in the singles competition and at the time of the medical examination is declared unfit to play in the singles of that event or, if no longer involved in the singles competition of that event, is forced to withdraw from the **singles of the next tournament in which he is entered.**

- i) **For ATP World Tour events if the retiring/withdrawing player was not in the singles draw of that event and is forced to withdraw from the next event in which he is entered (singles or doubles).**
 - ii) **For ATP Challenger events if the retiring/withdrawing player was not in the singles draw of that event and is forced to withdraw from the following week's event (singles or doubles) after the withdrawal deadline.**
- c) The **retiring** / withdrawing player had withdrawn/retired from his singles match, which was scheduled the same day; **or, if the doubles match is scheduled for a following day the player is examined by the tournament doctor and is declared unfit for competition.**

A team withdrawing from the first round will not receive prize money even if there is not an alternate team.

IX. ATP RANKINGS 9.06

E. Points. The provisions set forth under E.1), 2) and 3) related to the South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) apply to doubles as well, the point table being similar, except that the second-round loser column becomes irrelevant. No points are awarded in the first round at any event. Should a doubles match in an ATP World Tour or Challenger Tour event be uncontested or fail to be completed, the losing team shall only receive points and prize money from the previous round unless one of the following is applicable:

- a) Neither player was in the singles main draw;
- b) The retiring/withdrawing player is still in the singles competition and at the time of the medical examination is declared unfit to play in the singles of that event or, if no longer involved in the singles competition of that event, is forced to withdraw from the **singles of the next tournament in which he is entered.**
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A team withdrawing from the first round will not receive prize money even if there is not an alternate team.

CASES & DECISIONS remain unchanged.

Effective Immediately – 08/31/12

Following the recent Board Meetings (New York – August 2012), the Board approved an update in the rulebook requiring that all references to "rotating banners" include **LED** banners.

2.01 Branding C 3, pg. 26

- c) Court Backdrops – Color (Exhibit A.14)

The preferred backdrop color for all ATP World Tour tournaments is the closest match to PMS 281.

 - i) Lettering.

PMS Cool Grey 5 is the preferred color used for lettering. If the tournament selects

color combinations other than those outlined in the previous sentence, then such color combinations may not include shades of white, yellow or other light colors and must be approved in advance by the ATP.

ii) Rotating / **LED** Banners.

Background and lettering on Rotating / **LED** Banners should be consistent with the color of the back walls. Rotating / **LED** Banners can change between games.

6.01 Facilities & On-Site Conditions, pg, 68

E. Back Fences, Back Walls, Banners, Signs and Seats

- 1) The back fences, back walls, net, net posts, line umpire boxes and other fixtures on a court shall not have any white, gray, yellow or other light colors that can interfere with the vision of the players as determined by the supervisor.
- 2) Background and lettering on rotating / **LED** banners should be consistent with the color of the back walls. If placed in front of back walls, rotating / **LED** banners can change only during a changeover. If placed in front of side walls, rotating / **LED** banners can change only after the completion of any game.
- 3) Spectator seating shall not have any white, gray, yellow or other light colors that can interfere with the vision of the players. Light colored seats shall be covered to comply with this rule.

Effective 10 September 2012

*Following the recent Board Meetings (New York – August 2012), the Board approved the following rule changes, **effective in 2013**. Changes noted in **BOLD**.*

Pg. 70, VI. FACILITIES & ON-SITE CONDITIONS

6.06 Equipment and Supplies

B. Chairs

1) Chair Umpire

- a) The sitting platform of the chair for the chair umpire must be between six (6) feet (1.83 m.) and eight (8) feet (2.44 m.) high. The seating area should be approximately two (2) feet (.61 m.) wide. The chair shall be centered along the extension of the net approximately three (3) feet (.914 m.) from the net post if the court configuration will accommodate such placement.
- b) The chair umpire's and on-court announcer's, if any, microphone must have an "on-off" switch.
- c) Umbrellas are required if the sun is a factor.
- d) **Each chair must have a writing platform as specified in Exhibit __ or as otherwise approved by the ATP.**
- e) At all outdoor events, the positioning of the umpire's chair shall be on the West side of the court on all courts except for competition court that had the umpire's chair on the East side of the court in 2000 due to infrastructure or other agreed unusual requirements.

Effective 1 January 2013

Pg. 73, VI. FACILITIES & ON-SITE CONDITONS

6.09

E. Internet

Always-on high speed Internet connection is to be provided in the offices of the ATP supervisor, ATP tour manager, ATP physiotherapist, **ATP Scoring system specialist** and

the ATP PR & Marketing unless otherwise approved by the ATP. The **recommended required minimum upload and download speeds allocated to ATP staff are is 1 megabits per second (mbs) or greater. and the minimum acceptable speed is 512 kbs. Recommended user access is via Ethernet or Wi-Fi.**

Unless reasonably unable to do so, tournaments shall use web filtering technology to restrict access to internet gambling sites in all areas where tournament provided internet access is provided.

Effective 1 January 2013

Pg. 74, VI. FACILITIES & ON-SITE CONDITIONS, 6.09

F. Live Scoring

Each Tournament shall be responsible for the set up and maintenance of an **encrypted wireless internet** network (~~WiFi~~) ~~with a signal throughout the venue~~, based on specifications provided by ATP, to support live scoring services for each match* of the event and subject to 6.09 F, ~~will provide ATP access to such signal and~~ assist ATP in its efforts to produce and host the live score data generated from each match. Each tournament hereby consents to ATP's non-exclusive use of such live score data, ~~however, and~~ each Tournament shall not allow or authorize the dissemination, transmission, publication or release from the grounds of the Tournament of any live match score or related statistical data, including without limitation the live score data from the ~~WiFi~~ network, by a third party until :30 seconds after the actual occurrence of the incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (e.g., a point being scored), such delay shall not be applicable to the live audio and/or visual broadcast or streaming by any method or means (i.e., moving pictures and/or sound/audio reporting of the actual on-court action) and purposes related to such broadcast, of any match (subject to Exhibit C – Broadcast Standards set forth herein). Further, each Tournament shall notify ATP in advance of any third party to whom the Tournament has granted access ~~to the WiFi network~~ for the purpose of accessing the live score data.

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6.19 Player Treatment Room

Each tournament must provide a treatment room for players and physiotherapists centrally located to the courts and the locker room. If the 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 access approval through the TIC and properly credentialed tournament staff, who in the performance of their duties justify access to the locker room, shall be authorized to enter the player treatment room. The room must be private and equipped with ice and ice chests/coolers, towels, electricity and treatment/massage tables in the following numbers: 2 per 32 singles main draw and additional tables for larger draws. **It is also required that an Automated External Defibrillator ("AED") be provided in the Player Treatment Room.** See Exhibit U for full medical facility guidelines.

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iii) **Time Violations.**

Violating a provision of this Section, as server or receiver, shall be penalized by a "Time Violation – Warning" and each subsequent violation shall be penalized as follows:

- **Server.** When serving the time violation shall result in a "fault".
- **Receiver.** When it is determined that the receiver is the cause of the time violation, then the receiver shall be penalized by the assessment of one (1) point penalty. The receiver must also play to the reasonable pace of the server. A Time Violation may be issued in this case prior to the expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server. Assess a code violation if the receiver is consistently or obviously delaying the server, thus employing "Unsportsmanlike Conduct".

Note: A second time violation occurs when a player who has received a prior warning as either the server or receiver is issued another time violation as either server or receiver. Example is Player A had received a warning for not serving within the 25 second limit; later, as receiver, Player A is deemed to not be playing to the reasonable pace of the server. This would be considered a second violation and a point penalty would be issued.

~~iv) Receiver not playing to the reasonable pace of the server~~

- ~~aa) Start stopwatch the moment the ball goes out of play or when the player is ordered to play.~~
- ~~bb) Assess time violation (also before expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds) if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.~~
- ~~cc) Assess code violation if the receiver is consistently or obviously delaying the server, thus employing "Unsportsmanlike Conduct".~~

Effective 1 January 2013
