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General Secretaries/Managers, Senior Tennis
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VIA EMAIL

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Dear All,

Re: ITF Seniors World Team & Individual Championships – 2016 Rule Changes

I would like to take this opportunity at the close of the 2015 season to let you know about some important rule changes coming into effect for the 2016 ITF Seniors World Championships:

- **Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Team Championships**

Entry Fee: In 2016, the entry fee will increase to \$375 per team. If a National Association misses the Entry Deadline, it may still enter a team. For 24 hours after the stated Entry Deadline, the entry fee for a team will be twice the standard entry fee ($\$375 \times 2 = \750). Between 24 and 48 hours after the stated Entry Deadline, the entry fee will be three times the standard entry fee ($\$375 \times 3 = \1125). 48 hours after the Entry Deadline, no further entries will be accepted. Full details will be published in the fact sheet.

Withdrawals: Once a team has been officially entered by a National Association, i.e. a signed and stamped Entry Form is received at the ITF office, the entry fee of \$375 must be paid. After the Entry Deadline, if a team is withdrawn by the National Association, the entry fee must still be paid.

Seed Exempts: An additional Seed Exempt will be available for use in all formats of play, if necessary.

For formats of play with up to 6 seeds: no more than 2 Seed Exempts.

For formats of play with between 7-12 seeds: no more than 3 Seed Exempts.

For formats of play with between 13-16 seeds: no more than 4 Seed Exempts.

Eligibility: The regulations regarding a player's eligibility to represent a nation in a World Team Championships have been amended in order to maintain consistency with other ITF team competitions. The requirement for a player to have lived in the nation for 24 consecutive months has been removed.



- **Young Seniors/Seniors/Super-Seniors World Individual Championships**

Seeding: The number of seeds in Singles events will be amended in order to maintain consistency with other ITF events. The number of seeds shall be as follows:

For a draw of 128: 32 seeds
For a draw of 96: 32 seeds
For a draw of 64: 16 seeds
For a draw of 48: 16 seeds
For a draw of 32: 8 seeds
For a draw of 24: 8 seeds
For a draw of 16: 4 seeds
For a draw of 8: 2 seeds

Finally, I would like to advise you that we will publish the 2016 ITF Seniors Circuit Regulations as a PDF document on www.itftennis.com/seniors.

If you have any questions about these rule changes, please do not hesitate to contact Hayley.iveson@itftennis.com or James.McGurran@itftennis.com.

Yours sincerely,



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