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 VIA EMAIL

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Dear All,

Re: ITF Seniors Circuit – 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 on the ITF Senior Circuit in 2016:

World Individual Championships, Grade A, Regional Closed Championships – Abbreviations

In 2016, the following abbreviations will be used (historically and present):

- World Individual Championships** Formally known as Grade A, will be abbreviated to ‘WC’
- New Grade A Tournaments** Will be abbreviated to Grade ‘A’
- Regional Closed Championships** Formally known as Grades B1-B3, will be abbreviated to ‘RC1-RC3’

ITF World Ranking Points Table

The table below shows the ITF World Ranking points for all main draw knock out events including the new Grade A level:

Grade	World Championships	Regional Championships (RC1)	Grade A	Grade 1	Grade RC2	Grade 2	Grade RC3	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
	Main Draw									
Winner	330	240	210	180	150	120	90	80	60	40
Runner-Up	250	150	150	120	100	80	65	60	30	20
Semifinalist	165	120	100	80	60	50	35	30	20	10
Quarterfinalist	125	90	70	50	40	30	25	20	10	5
Loser in R16	105	75	50	30	25	20	15	10	5	
Loser in R32	70	50	35	20	15	10	5	5		
Loser in R64	40	30	20	10						



The table below shows the ITF World Ranking points for all main draw Round Robin events including the new Grade A level:

Final Player Position	Grade									
	WC	RC1	A	1	RC2	2	RC3	3	4	5
1 st	330	240	210	180	150	120	90	80	60	40
2 nd	250	150	150	120	100	80	65	60	30	20
3 rd &4 th	165	120	100	50	60	50	35	30	20	10
5 th &6 th &7 th	125	90	70	30	40	30	25	20	10	5

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

Round Robin – 5 Players only

If there are 5 players in a draw and the tournament lasts less than five days, a knock-out draw can be approved instead of a round robin format. If a knock-out draw is played, a consolation event is strongly recommended.

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 in due course

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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