

## Men's Doubles - ITF Transition Tour to ATP Challengers – 2019

This document provides an overview of the men's entry process and means of progression in Doubles in 2019 at the following three levels: Transition Tour, \$25,000 tournaments, and ATP Challengers. Further details will follow:

### Draw Composition

	Transition Tour	\$25,000	ATP Challenger
Doubles Draw – numbers of teams	16	16	16
Direct Acceptance places	13	13	11
Places reserved for teams with ITF World Rankings	0	0	2
Wild Card teams	3	3	3

### ITF transition tour tournaments

- To be accepted into the Doubles competition by Direct Acceptance, both players need to have been accepted into the Singles Main Draw or Qualifying at the same tournament at the Qualifying Sign-in deadline.
- Players accepted into the Main Draw as a Direct Acceptance, Junior Reserved, Junior Exempt, and Special Exempt will have priority status for acceptance into doubles. Players competing in the Qualifying and all Wild Cards will be ordered after the priority status players.
- Teams will be ordered by singles acceptance status as follows: 1) Main Draw-Main Draw, Main Draw-Qualifying, Qualifying-Qualifying and then ordered by ranking.
- Each player on a team will be ordered by ATP Rankings in singles or doubles (Best Ranking) followed by ITF World Ranking in singles or doubles (Best Ranking) to determine the order of Direct Acceptance.
- If spaces in the doubles competition are unused, then these places will be reallocated as Wild Cards.
- Players in Wild Card teams are not required to have been accepted into the Singles competition.
- Teams will earn ITF World Ranking points in doubles.
- Prize money will be weighted towards more successful teams by eliminating prize money from R16 losing teams.

### ITF \$25,000 tournaments

- Players will be accepted based on ATP Ranking in singles or doubles (Best Ranking), followed by ITF World Ranking in singles or doubles (Best Ranking) to determine the order of Direct Acceptance (no requirement to participate in singles.)
- Teams will earn ITF World Ranking points in doubles. In 2019, players will also earn ATP Doubles points in the final rounds as set out in the table below.
- Prize money will be the same as ITF transition tour above.

### ATP Challenger tournaments

- Each ATP Challenger tournament will have 2 places reserved for teams with ITF World Rankings.



- The process for selecting the 2 teams with ITF World Rankings will be announced in due course following further work by the ATP and the ITF.
- Players will earn ATP Doubles ranking points.

### **General notes**

- In 2019, all ITF tournaments will be 7 days in duration, running from Monday to Sunday, including Singles qualifying. Doubles matches at ITF tournaments will be played from Tuesday to Saturday.
- At the end of 2018, ATP Doubles ranking points earned by players at \$15,000 and \$25,000 tournaments this year will be converted into ITF World Ranking doubles points, according to the table below. ATP Doubles ranking points earned at ATP Challenger level and above will be retained as ATP Doubles ranking points. In due course, the ITF and ATP will show players their new ATP Doubles rankings and new ITF World Rankings in doubles as if it were 2019 already – what we are calling “shadow” rankings. Once published, these rankings will be updated weekly so that players can familiarise themselves with the new system before 2019.
- An ITF World Ranking in doubles will be based off a player’s best 14 tournaments.

### *Conversion of ATP Doubles ranking points earned in 2018 to 2019 ATP Doubles ranking points and 2019 ITF World Ranking points in doubles*

Year	Tournament Level	Winner	Finalist	SF	QF	R16
2018	ITF Pro Circuit \$25,000 (+H)	35	20	10	0	0
2019	ITF Pro Circuit \$25,000 (+H)	5 / 225	3 / 135	1 / 67	27	0
2018	ITF Pro Circuit \$25,000	27	15	8	0	0
2019	ITF Pro Circuit \$25,000	3 / 150	1 / 90	45	18	0
2018	ITF Pro Circuit \$15,000 +H	27	15	8	0	0
2019	Transition Tour (\$15,000 +H)	150	90	45	18	0
2018	ITF Pro Circuit \$15,000	18	10	6	0	0
2019	Transition Tour (\$15,000)	100	60	30	12	0

	ATP ranking points
	ITF World Ranking points

- Further details will be published around the doubles acceptance process at transition tour and \$25,000 levels in due course.

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