

ITF Coaches Education Programme



Coaching Beginner and Intermediate Players Course

RULES OF TENNIS 3

Appendix II-The Racket



- Hitting surface
 - Stringing pattern be generally uniform
 - Playing characteristics are identical
 - Free of attached objects
- Frame of the racket
- Free of any device
 - No energy source

Appendix III-Advertising



- Permitted on the net
- Interferes with the vision of the players
- Court surface
- Colouring of advertising
- Inside the lines of the court

Appendix IV-Alternative scoring methods

- No-Ad scoring method
 - Deuce - receiver chooses the side
 - Doubles - not change position
 - Mixed Doubles - Same gender
- Short Sets
- Deciding Match Tie-Break (7/10 points)
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 - Order of service continues
 - Doubles
 - 120 seconds break
 - Balls should not be changed

Appendix V-Role of court officials

- Referee Final authority
- Chair umpire
- Call referee to court if in interpretation of tennis law
- Line umpires and net umpires
- Team events
- Chair umpire - Play suspended
- Referee - Play suspended

Ball Mark Inspection



- Clay courts
- Requested by a player
- Decided to make a ball mark inspection
- Original call
- Decision is final

Ball Mark Inspections



- Clay court tennis - announcing the score
- Doubles
 - Appeal made-correct procedure
 - Hindered
- Erases the ball mark
- Player may not cross net to check ball mark

Electronic Review Procedures

- Point ending shot or when a player stops
- Chair umpire-Refuse
- Doubles
- Original call
- Chair umpire's final decision

Appendix VI-Procedures for review and hearing on rules of tennis

- **1. Introduction**
- Approved by BOD 17 May 1998
- Amend or vary procedures
- **2. Objectives**
- Preserving the game of tennis
- Skills to play the game
- Encouraging improvements
- Fair Competition
- Ensure Fair review and hearings

3. Scope



- Rule 1 - The court
- Rule 3 - The ball
- Rule 4 - The Racket
- Appendix I and II of the Rules of Tennis
- Any other Rules of Tennis

4. Structure & 5. Application

- Structure
 - Ruling Board
 - Appeal Tribunal
- Application
 - Motion of the BOD
 - Receipt of an application

Point 6 & 7



- Appointment and Composition of Ruling Boards
 - President of ITF
 - Chairperson
 - Ruling board
- Proposed Rules by the Ruling Board
 - Details of proposed Ruling
 - Reasonable period

8. Application for Rulings

- Application
- Submitted in writing
- Minimum information
 - Full name and address of applicant
 - Date of application
 - Statement
 - Documentary evidence
 - Expert evidence
 - Equipment
 - Ruling within a specified time or date
- Defect

9. Convening The Ruling Board

- Valid application
- Ruling board need not hold a hearing

10. Procedure of the Ruling Board

- Chairperson
- Written Notice
- Judicial Rules
- Any review or hearings
 - Take place in private
 - May be adjourned or postponed
- Additional members
- Abstain
- Cost of application or reasonable expenses

11. Notification & 12. Application of current rules of tennis

- Notification
 - Written notice
 - Summary of decision
 - Binding under the Rules of Tennis
- Application of current rules of tennis
 - Interim Rulings
 - Implementation
 - Restraining orders

13. Appointment and Composition of appeal tribunals

- Appeal Tribunals
- No member of the Ruling Board
- No less than three
- Chairperson
- Regulate the procedures

14. Application to Appeal & 15. Convening the Appeal Tribunal

- **Application to Appeal**
- An Applicant may appeal
- An application for an appeal must
 - 45 days following Ruling
 - Details of the Ruling
 - Full grounds of the appeal
- Appeal fee
- **Convening the Appeal Tribunal**
- President convene appeal tribunal

16. Procedures of Appeal Tribunal & 17. General

- Procedures of Appeal Tribunal
 - Conduct Procedures and hearings
 - Ruling of Appeal Tribunal-final
- General
 - Single member
 - English
 - Publish extracts from its own Rulings
 - Writing
 - Notifications
 - Dismiss an application

Suggestions on how to mark out a court

- Position of the net
- Insert pegs at A and B
- Centerline and service line
- Identical procedure on the other side of net
- Combined doubles and singles court