



Players and Draws Regulations

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1. INTRODUCTION

This document includes regulations and requirements concerning international Racketlon players for Super World Tour and International World Tour tournaments on the FIR Racketlon World Tour as well as international Challenger events awarding World Ranking points as well as all other Racketlon Events hosted by the FIR (such as Champions League etc.).

2. REGISTRATION & FEES

2.1. Registration on Result Reporter

In order to be able to achieve World Ranking points, all international Racketlon players must as from January 1st, 2008 register on www.resultreporter.com.

The FIR manages this register.

2.2. Annual Players License Fee

As from January 1st, 2009, FIR has introduced a mandatory annual Players License. This License empowers the player to participate in all international Racketlon tournaments awarding World Ranking points (i.e. Super World Tour, World Tour and Challenger events) as well as all other events hosted by the FIR and wherefore a License is required.

The annual player's license fee is determined by the Council for each year. Each player has to pay the License Fee together with his entry fee at the tournament desk of his first tournament of the year or in advance via paypal on www.resultreporter.com. The Council can offer a discount if the license fee is paid in advance via paypal.

Payments will be ticked off on www.resultreporter.com. Players who deny to pay the fee are not allowed to participate in any event of the FIR until the License Fee is paid. They will further be immediately taken out of the world rankings.

2.3. Summary

- 1) Mandatory registration on www.resultreporter.com.
- 2) License Fee per Player and year, payable before or at the first tournament of the year.

3. GENERAL RULES FOR THE DRAWS

3.1. Size, Format, Seeding & Wildcards

The size and format of all the classes – except for Elite – is entirely in the hands of the tournament director. It is up to the organiser to play group play, monrad or knock-out system with a plate competition.

The following are classed as Elite: Men's Singles A (Elite), Women's Singles A (Elite), Men's Doubles A (Elite), Women's Doubles A (Elite), Mixed Doubles. Elite draws shall be considered Olympic draws for the respective tournaments.

The players must be guaranteed three matches per single class and the latest world rankings must be used 1) for the classification of the players in the different classes and 2) for the seeding. Tournament organisers are reminded to try to restrict too strong players playing in lower classes, so that the so called leisure players don't lose interest in Racketlon. Any alternate player can be placed on the position of a player which has withdrawn as long as the first round of the respective draw has not been completed.

There is no limitation for wildcards in all draws except elite. Tournament organisers are reminded to try to restrict too strong players playing in lower classes, so that the so called leisure players don't lose interest in Racketlon.

At the end of all tournaments all players must have a clear end position in the draws, these can also be the same as another players position.

3.2. Nationalities in the Draw

When the draws are made no players of the same country shall meet in the first round except players from the hosting country, if more than half of the participants are from the hosting country.

This counts for all draws including elite. The only exceptions are if an alternate player comes in instead of another player in the elite draws, then the country of the opponent is not taken into account or if more than half of the participants of a class are from the same (non-hosting) country.

3.3. Minimum Number of Players

The minimum number of Players is four, as with four players three matches (group play) can be guaranteed.

All classes in the tournament invitation (according to the tournament specification) with at least four players must be played and are awarded world ranking points.

Classes with only 2 or 3 players can be played but will not be awarded any world ranking points. Further, the players must be reimbursed half of their entry fee as they are not guaranteed three matches.

3.4. Different classes in the same general category

It is not possible for players to enter into several classes of the same category like Men B and Men C or Women A and Women B. Seniors and Juniors can of course play their age class and another class, as can Seniors play in +45 and +55 or Juniors in u21 and u18 if the tournament director agrees to adjust the time schedule accordingly. This is entirely a decision of the tournament director.

3.5. Women in Men's classes

Women can in principle also start in a Men's class if the tournament organisation lets them, but they must at least start in one Women's Singles class too.

3.6. Number of Classes per player

According to the number of entries and the number of available courts, the tournament director can limit the number of classes each player can enter to at least two.

3.7. Age Classes

Age classes with an age limit are open to all players that are younger/older than or turn the respective age during the calendar year, i.e. it is enough for the condition to be fulfilled *at some point during the year*. E.g. Seniors 45+ is open to all players that are or will turn 45 during the calendar year and Girls U16 is open to all players that are younger or will turn 16 during the calendar year.

3.8. Forfeiting of Matches

If a player forfeits a match because of injury or any other reason he cannot continue to play for play off positions in the draw he has retired in.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, he can continue to play in any other draw of the tournament in which he hasn't retired.

3.9. Winner in Group-Play draws

If a draw is played in group play format, the winner of the group shall be the player with the most victories. If several players have the same number of victories, the direct encounter shall be decisive. If the direct encounters are equal (e.g. three players have each two victories), the points difference shall be decisive among all the players with the equal number of victories. The relevant point difference is calculated as soon as one player can theoretically not win the game anymore, i.e. the maximum point difference is 43 points and the minimum is 1 point. If there is still more than one player with the same point difference, a toss shall be decisive. The tournament director is responsible for such toss.

3.10. Entry Fees

All players are obliged to pay the entry fee for any tournament if they don't withdraw before the entry deadline no matter what the reason for withdrawing or not showing up. It is solely the tournament director's decision if they chose not to collect any missing fees from late withdrawals or no show players. The tournament directors than send a list to FIR with players not having paid, who are banned to play any future events until the money has been transferred.

3.11. Referees

In principle it is not expected to have any referees for any matches apart from the elite draws. It is up to the tournament organisation to decide if they want to or can provide referees for any other classes. In case of dispute during a match players can ask the head referee to provide a referee to finish the match. Referees can be any of the players taking part in the tournament, because by entering an international Racketlon tournament all players agree to referee in at least one of the four sports.

3.12. Summary

- 1) Size, format, seeding, wildcards of all classes except Elite
- 2) No players from same countries can meet first round
- 3) Minimum of four players
- 4) Players cannot play two classes of same category e.g. Men A and B
- 5) Women can also enter for Men, if they play Women too
- 6) Tournament director decides how many classes per player
- 7) For age classes age must be fulfilled at any time in the current year
- 8) If players forfeit a match in 1 class, they can continue in another
- 9) Entry Fees must be paid if withdrawal after entry deadline or no show
- 10) In principle no referees expected

4. RULES FOR THE DRAWS OF ELITE CLASSES

4.1. Qualification for Elite Classes

For Racketlon to become an official sport recognised by SportsAccord - Association of Sports Federations it is important that a qualification for the Elite Classes with prize money is only possible over the world ranking plus a number of wildcards. In order that not any player can just enter Elite draws.

4.2. Entries to Elite Classes

International players are therefore asked to stay realistic when they enter for tournaments. If players with too low rankings enter Elite Classes they will be moved to the lower class, and players with too high rankings in the lower class will be moved to the higher class in order to have clean cut-offs in Men A and Women A Elite Classes.

4.3. Formats for Elite Classes

The size of the draw is decided upon and done by FIR after consultation with the tournament director depending on the number of total entries and the quality of the players entered.

There will be a monrad draw sheet for 8, 12, 16, 24, and a maximum of 32 Elite players which must be used for the Elite draws on the Super World and World Tour guaranteeing each player four matches with the chance to achieve world ranking points in all of them. All places in the respective draws must be taken up.

4.4. FIR does Elite Draws

Except for Challengers, the draws of all classes offering prize money shall be done central and automatically by FIR vice president with the FIR Result Reporter system. The draws are sorted in advance by World Tour Officer.

4.5. Cut-Off for Elite Draws

For all Racketlon World Tour events the World Tour Officer shall together with the Tournament Director choose the most appropriate size for the Elite Classes draw. The size depends on the number and quality of entries. All places must be taken up.

For all Racketlon World Tour events the players ranked in the top 7/8th of all entries in the tournament MUST always play in the Elite class. E.g. if a 32 draw is used in Elite the top 28 ranked players in the tournament MUST play Elite and cannot on their own wish play Class B. This number can be raised though if not all wildcards are issued (see 4.6).

The world ranking of the last player in the main draw according to the world rankings is called the Cut-Off. In our example it is the 28th player, while the remaining four players can then be chosen by the wildcard system as per point 4.6.

The above mentioned regulations do not count for Challenger events. The tournament directors of Challengers can act more autonomously, but should be in contact with FIR.

4.6. Wildcards for Elite Draws

A maximum of 1/8th of the total number of players in the draw can be offered a wildcard, meaning they can enter the elite draw although having a lower ranking than the Cut-Off or no world ranking at all. Half of the wildcards are offered by the tournament director, the other half by FIR. If there is an odd number of wildcards the tournament director has the only or extra wildcard, except for Elite Draws of World Championships, where the FIR shall have the only or extra wildcard. If there are no applications or the tournament director and/or FIR see no need to issue any or the full number of wildcards they must not do so and can instead raise the Cut-Off to the next players according to the world rankings.

4.7. Seeding for Elite Draws

The seeding for the elite competitions of all world ranking events including Challengers must be done strictly according to the world rankings. A total of ¼ of the players in the used elite draw sheet should be seeded. I.e. 16 players, 4 seeded; 32 players, 8 seeded.

The placing of the seeded players should be done in the quarterfinals seeded 1 to 4 play seeded 5 to 8. In the semi finals 1 plays 3 or 4 and 2 plays the other. In 12 or 24 draws the seeded players must have the byes in the first round.

4.8. Withdrawals in Elite Classes

If players in the Elite draws withdraw after the draws are done, the tournament director should do his best to replace these players by the top seeded players from Men B. The waiting list for elite draws is sorted according to world rankings. The player with the highest world ranking is the first to get into the elite draw. If they don't any other appropriate local player can play or in the worst case this position is kept free. Such players are called Alternate players.

In case a seeded player withdraws, the first none seeded player according to world ranking moves to the free position and the alternate player is moved to the first none seeded players original position.

If players in Elite draws withdraw after the entry deadline or don't show up for whatever reason, they must still pay the full entry fee for all draws they entered. Until they have paid they are blocked on www.resultreporter.com to enter any other tournaments.

4.9. Referees in Elite Classes

All tournaments must appoint a Head Referee of the tournament, who takes all final decisions according to the FIR– Federation International de Racketlon Rulebook. On the Super World Tour and International World Tour all Elite matches in the main draw or other matches in draws with prize money must be refereed in all four sports. Challenger tournaments are required to provide referees for Elite matches from semi finals. Players can at any time ask the head referee to appoint a referee also for the first rounds. These referees can by all means be players.

4.10. Summary

- 1) Qualification - Elite classes according to world rankings
- 2) Entries can be moved to other classes
- 3) Format Elite is monrad with 8, 12, 16, 24 or 32 players
- 4) All Elite draws Super World Tour, World Tour done centrally by FIR
- 5) Cut-Off for Elite draws done by FIR
- 6) Wildcards for Elite draws given by tournament director and FIR
- 7) Seeding for Elite draws according to the world rankings
- 8) Alternate players can replace withdrawals in Elite classes
- 9) Entry Fees are due upon late withdrawal
- 10) Referees in all Super World Tour Elite classes and in all World Tour Elite as from the quarterfinals

5. NATIONALITIES

5.1. Racketlon Nationality

All players starting at an international Racketlon tournament are starting for the country of their nationality as they enter it on www.resultreporter.com. To play for a country, players must have a valid passport or citizenship from this country. All players with two or more passports may choose for which country to play Racketlon and can change their Racketlon nationality by giving notice to FIR Head Office and evidence prove. If players change citizenship and get a passport from only one other country they automatically also change their Racketlon nationality. In case of Great Britain at least one of the parents must be from the country played for e.g. Scotland or Wales.

5.2. Nationality change for national team

In case players have played official FIR national team competition for their country and they change nationality they can start for the national team of their new country after a waiting period of one year. Such a change is only possible once in a life time.

5.3. Summary

- 1) Passport and citizenship give Racketlon nationality
- 2) Nationality change for National Team selection possible once per life time

6. FINAL PROVISIONS

6.1. Coming into Force

The Players Regulations were passed at the Councils Meeting of the FIR and shall be valid as from January 1st, 2011.

6.2. Amendments and Modifications

The Players Regulations can only be amended and modified by the Council of the FIR.

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