



# **FIR-Tournament Regulations**

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## A. INTRODUCTION

In return for the commitment to comply with the requirements in this document, tournaments are offered World Ranking status. The ability of tournaments to comply with these requirements will be monitored by FIR Delegates and will influence the World Ranking status in the coming years.

All FIR Racketlon Tournaments must be played according to the valid “Rules of Racketlon” as can be found on [www.racketlon.net](http://www.racketlon.net). These must be posted in the sports centre, with the most important rules highlighted.

## B. FIR TOURNAMENTS

### 1. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND POINTS

The following Tournaments are organised by the FIR:

- a) FIR Racketlon World Championships (WC)
  - World Championships Singles (WCS)
  - World Championships Doubles and National Teams (WCDNT)
- b) FIR Racketlon Super World Tour tournaments (SWT), maximum 5 tournaments per year
- c) FIR Racketlon International World Tour tournaments (IWT), no maximum number
- d) FIR Challenger tournaments (CH), no maximum number.
- e) FIR Champions League

WC, SWT and IWT tournaments are part of the FIR Racketlon World Tour and count for the World Tour Race.

World Ranking points are awarded at for all tournaments. The Council defines the point’s matrix. The exact table can be found on [www.racketlon.net](http://www.racketlon.net).

All FIR tournaments are to held without any national ranking tournaments running at the same time at the same venue. Only exhibitions to promote Racketlon are allowed.

### 2. TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS

#### 2.1. General Provisions

Applications for all tournaments must be made to the World Tour Officer via the application form available on [www.racketlon.net](http://www.racketlon.net). By applying to host a FIR tournament, the applicant confirms that he has read the Tournament Regulations and fully accepts and complies with them.

The application must be signed by the tournament director and confirmed (by e-mail) by the national federation’s president.

The proposal for the FIR World Tour is made by the World Tour Officer and passed by the Council.

Challengers can be held and applied for by tournament organisers of new Racketlon countries without national federations yet. The decision about Challenger Tournaments is taken by the World Tour Officer only, but all members of the Council shall be informed by e-mail. Each country can apply for as many tournaments it wants to hold, but only two tournaments per country per year can be guaranteed by FIR.

#### 2.2. Application Procedure and Deadlines

- a) World Championships: Application only through national federation, application deadline **30<sup>th</sup> June**;
- b) Super World Tour: Application only through national federation, application deadline **30<sup>th</sup> June**;
- c) International World Tour: Application only through national federation, application deadline **30<sup>th</sup> June**;
- d) Challenger: Application through national federation (if existing), otherwise by tournament organiser. Application deadline **four (4) months** before tournament.

### 3. TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 3.1. Prize Money

It is a requirement for all tournaments to distribute defined minimum prize money for some of the Olympic draws.

Olympic draws are defined as Men Elite Singles, Women Elite Singles, Men Elite Doubles, Women Elite Doubles, Mixed Elite Doubles.

For all tournaments more prize money than the minimum is always allowed, thus a Challenger may also offer prize money.

a) World Championships: **World Championships Singles:**

Minimum 3500 € prize money, licence fee, pull out & no show in all Olympic draws means payment of entry fee or suspension:

Men: 2000 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 800 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 500 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 300 €, 4<sup>th</sup>: 200 €, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 50 € each);

Women: 1000 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 450 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 250 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 150 €, 4<sup>th</sup>: 50 €, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 25 € each);

Seniors (+45): 500 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 300 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 150 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 50 €).

**World Championships Teams and Doubles:**

Minimum 3500 € prize money, licence fee, pull out & no show in all Olympic draws means payment of entry fee or suspension:

Teams: 1000 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 500 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 300 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 200 €);

Men's Doubles: 1250 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 600 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 400 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 250 €);

Women's Doubles 500 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 300 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 150 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 50 €);

Mixed Doubles 750 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 350 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 250 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 150 €).

b) Super World Tour:

Minimum 3500 € prize money, licence fee; pull out & no show in all Olympic draws means payment of entry fee or suspension:

Men: 1650 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 650 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 400 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 250 €, 4<sup>th</sup>: 150 €, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 50 € each);

Women: 850 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 400 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 200 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 100 €, 4<sup>th</sup>: 50 €, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 25 € each);

Doubles: Men's Doubles 500 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 250 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 150 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 100 €);

Women's Doubles 200 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 100 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 70 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 30 €);

Mixed Doubles 300 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 150 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 100 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 50 €).

c) International World Tour: Minimum 1000 € prize money, licence fee, pull out & no show in all Olympic draws means payment of entry fee or suspension;

Men: 650 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 300 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 200 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 100 €, 4<sup>th</sup>: 50 €);

Women: 350 € (1<sup>st</sup>: 200 €, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 100 €, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 50 €).

d) Challenger:

No minimum prize money, licence fee.

Any extra prize money can always be added to any of the classes or distributed in other categories. Notice must be given to FIR for the website [www.racketlon.net](http://www.racketlon.net) latest one week before tournament start.

No prize money is allowed by law in any of the Junior Classes.

If any of the draws are not played due to too few entries or the draw is not filled (e.g. Super World Tour Women only 4 participants), the prize money must be distributed in other classes, so that the total prize money is always fully paid.

All prize money winners have to be present at the official prize giving ceremony otherwise the prize money can not be paid. If prize money is not paid by the tournament director, because of the absence of the player half of the not paid prize money can be kept by the tournament, the other half is to be paid to FIR. FIR will then put it in an emergency prize money pot to help out if tournaments cannot pay the prize money due to financial collapse.

### 3.2. Entry Fees

#### 3.2.1. Entry Fees Restriction

The entry fee for World Ranking events in singles is restricted to 60 € for World Championships and Super World Tour events and to 55 € for International World Tour events. The entry fee for an additional Singles class is restricted to 40 €. In addition a maximum of 20 € (15 € for an additional Doubles class) per player can be asked for a doubles event.

The entry fee for a Singles class must include a welcome present (e.g. a T-Shirt) and a meal.

For Challengers organisers may not ask for more than 45 € per person (35 € for second and more Singles classes), including a meal or a present. In addition a maximum of 15 € per player can be asked for a doubles event.

The entry fee for national teams in the World Championships and club teams in the Champions League is restricted to 150 € per team. For Juniors national teams the entry fee is restricted to 75 € and for Seniors national teams to 120 €.

#### 3.2.2. Dues

Tournaments may require prepayment over the internet with a discount but have to comply with the restricted fees for all payments made in cash on site.

All players who pull out of a World Championships or a World Tour tournament after the entry deadline or don't show up are liable to pay the full entry fee (if they have not already done so) no matter what the reason for pulling out or not showing up was. FIR can suspend Elite players (players participating in Olympic draws) until they have paid the entry fee. All other players can only be suspended by the tournament organisers for their own next tournament.

Elite players will then be marked in the Players Corner of [www.resultreporter.com](http://www.resultreporter.com) and are suspended for all further Super World Tour, World Tour and Challenger tournaments until they have paid their outstanding entry fees per paypal over [www.resultreporter.com](http://www.resultreporter.com). As long as they don't pay they can't register for any other tournaments. FIR will then deduct the collected money minus 10 € per player working costs from the tournament fees the following year.

#### 3.2.3. No Entry Fees for Council Members

As a thank you for their commitment and time contribution all Council Members don't have to pay any entry fees at all FIR World Ranking events<sup>1</sup>.

### 3.3. Internet – Tournament Information

The tournament directors must ensure that tournament information as well as hotel recommendations are available on the internet.

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|------------------------------|---|
| a) World Championships:      | 6 months prior to the tournament incl. 3 hotel recommendations; |
| b) Super World Tour:         | 6 months prior to the tournament incl. 3 hotel recommendations; |
| c) International World Tour: | 3 months prior to the tournament incl. 2 hotel recommendations; |
| d) Challenger:               | 3 months prior to the tournament incl. 2 hotel recommendations. |

Further the Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST) as well as the Guaranteed Latest End Time (GLET) for the tournament must be published on the tournament homepage six resp. three months prior to the tournament, in order to facilitate the booking of flights in advance. At least three resp. two accommodation recommendations (at least one high budget and low budget) must be given on the internet with **clear** description how far the hotels are from the site and how they can be reached.

### 3.4. Tournament Status Fee

Each World Ranking event is required to pay a tournament status fee per entry which actually takes part in the tournament and off which the result is used for the World Rankings. The tournament status fee per entry is:

<sup>1</sup> As decided by the AGM 2007. In force as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

- a) World Championships: 5 € per Entry Singles, 4 € per Entry Doubles;  
 b) Super World Tour: 4 € per Entry Singles, 3 € per Entry Doubles;  
 c) International World Tour: 3 € per Entry Singles, 2 € per Entry Doubles;  
 d) Challenger: 2 € per Entry Singles, 1,50 € per Entry Doubles.

The tournament director must at the same time download the payment specification from [www.racketlon.net](http://www.racketlon.net), fill it out and mail it to the FIR-Treasurer. Payments shall be made to:

EU-payments: Swiftaddress: Swedsex, Ibanr: SE8380000832799030810973  
 Non EU-payments: Swiftaddress: Swedsex, Account nr. 832799030810973  
 Bankaddress: Swedbank, Arstaangsvagen 21C 3tr, 100 73 Stockholm

If banks charge excessive bank charges check that the receiving bank takes the costs. The FIR host bank charges maximum 1 euro for any such transaction and the individual sender bank shouldn't charge anything.

If the money does not reach FIR account latest two weeks after end of the tournament, a surcharge of 5% of the total amount will be added per week of delay.

### 3.5. Classes

Depending on the status of each tournament, the following classes need to be offered. More are always allowed.

#### 3.5.1. Available classes

- a) World Championships Singles: Men A (Elite), Men B (Advanced), Men C (Amateur), Men D (Beginners); Women A (Elite), Women B (Amateur); Men Seniors 45+, Men Seniors 50+, Men Seniors 55+, Men Seniors 60+; Women Seniors 45+; Boys u13, Boys u16, Boys u21; Girls u21.
- b) WC Doubles and National Teams: Men's Doubles A (Elite), Men's Doubles B (Amateur), Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles A (Elite), Mixed Doubles B (Amateur), Seniors (45+) Doubles, Seniors (55+) Doubles, Boys (u13) Doubles, Boys (u16) Doubles, Boys (u21) Doubles, Girls (u21) Doubles;  
 National Teams Elite, National Teams Juniors (u21), National Teams Seniors (+45).
- c) Super World Tour: Men A (Elite), Men B (Advanced), Men C (Amateur), Women A (Elite), Women B (Amateur), Seniors (45+), Seniors (55+), Boys u13, Boys u16, Boys u21, Girls u21, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.
- d) International World Tour: Men A (Elite), Men B (Advanced), Men C (Amateur), Women A (Elite), Seniors (45+), Boys u21
- e) Challenger: Men A (Elite), Women A (Elite),

#### 3.5.2. Minimum 4 players per class

For all Classes it is a requirement to use the official naming of the FIR otherwise no World Ranking points can be awarded. All classes in the requirement list must be on the application form. Classes can only and MUST be played with a minimum of four participants in order to count for the World Rankings. If less than 4 players enter for a class, classes can be grouped together. The requirements for World Ranking events are just the minimum, if tournament organisers want to have additional classes played, they may of course. If a tournament wants to play new and other classes than given above, it can do so even with less than 4 participants, but this will not award World Ranking points.

#### 3.5.3. Two classes possible

Players can not play two classes in one category, e.g. Men A und Men B. Women can also enter Men B, Men C or Men D, but must at least also play one Woman's competition. All players must be allowed to play at least two classes per tournament. Which ones these are, can be defined by the tournament director according to the time schedule.

### 3.6. Equipment and Facilities

All balls used for Olympic draws have to be on the FIR Official Ball Supply List, which is published each year on [www.racketlon.net](http://www.racketlon.net).

#### 3.6.1. Table Tennis balls

Orange or white table tennis balls are a requirement on World Ranking events and must have 3 stars. The tournament can decide which colour of balls to use, but these must not have a similar colour as the background walls or banners. In case a player is wearing the same colour T-Shirt as the ball he can be asked to change the T-Shirt or the tournament can provide a different colour ball.

#### 3.6.2. Badminton shuttles

It is a requirement at all world ranking events, that feather shuttles are used in all classes for Badminton. For all elite classes the feather shuttles must be of the best A-quality, for all other classes B-quality and for Amateur classes C-quality is sufficient.

#### 3.6.3. Squash Balls

Double yellow dot squash balls are a requirement in all classes for all World Ranking events. For elite classes the only balls allowed are WISPA and PSA approved balls.

#### 3.6.4. Tennis Balls

ITF-approved tennis balls are required in all classes for all World Ranking events.

#### 3.6.5. Protective Glasses

It is a recommendation (as stated in the FIR rules) that organisers require protective glasses to be worn in squash, for all classes except Olympic draws.

#### 3.6.6. Courts

A minimum of 3 courts in each sport must be available in order to start 3 matches parallel every 15 min for all SWT events, 4 match courts for World Championships. For International World Tour events 2 match courts in each sport must be available, but 3 are strongly recommended and for Challengers 2 match courts must be available.

Elite Classes should be played on centre courts at all WC, SWT and IWT events with starting times at least every 20 minutes to make sure that the time rules for breaks between the sets can be kept upright. 3 Minutes between each set and 3 minutes warm up before each set.

If there are any problems with this availability, organisers can ask the World Tour Officer for exceptions. In case of summer events with tennis played outdoors at least 2 tennis courts must be available indoor in case of rain for all events. The light must be reasonable on all courts; the nets must be on original height in table tennis, badminton and tennis and held by weights in badminton. Single Posts must be used on the tennis courts for all single matches. The space around the table tennis tables must be reasonable; the matches can't take place in a small low ceiling room.

The net height for Table Tennis, Badminton and Tennis is according their respective official regulations, i.e. for Table Tennis the net must have a height of 15.24 cm (6 inch), the Badminton net must have a height of 1.524 m (5 ft) in the centre and one of 1.549 m (5 ft 1 inch) on the edges and for Tennis the net must have a height of 0.914 m (3 ft) in the centre and a height of 1.067 m (3.5 ft) on the edges.

#### 3.6.7. Practice Courts

It is a requirement that organisers provide practice courts for World Championships and Super World Tour Events at least on the evening before the tournament starts. In addition one extra practice court must always be available during the World Championships and Super World Tour tournaments. This counts for International World Tour Events at least two hours before tournament start. At Challengers no practice courts are compulsory, but Elite players must have the possibility to warm up with Table Tennis at least 15 minutes before the start of their match, like at Super World Tour and World Tour events.

### 3.6.8. Shuttle Service

World Championships and Super World Tour Events must offer shuttle service at least for the Elite players from the major airports to the sports centre or the tournament hotel. International World Tour Events are recommended to offer shuttles for the Elite players at least twice a day from and to the tournament hotels.

## 3.7. Draws and Seeding

### 3.7.1. Minimum 3 matches

It is a requirement for all World Ranking events to guarantee at least three matches for all players in each Single draw and two matches in each Doubles draw. For Olympic draws four rounds have to be guaranteed except if only a 8-player draw is being played.

### 3.7.2. Nationalities in the Draw

The nationality of the players must be clearly indicated in the draw, with the three lettered acronym according to the official Olympic country abbreviations in sport.

### 3.7.3. Olympic Draws – Entry Deadline

The entry deadline for WC, SWT and IWT tournaments is set to exactly 2 weeks before tournament start, because the draws have to be done by FIR. E.g. most tournaments start on Friday, so the entry deadline is Thursday 24.00. FIR then has 5 days to make the draws. For all other draws the entry deadline can be determined by the tournament director. The relevant world ranking for the tournament is the one valid at the date of the entry deadline.

### 3.7.4. Draws online

All draws for the World Championships and the Racketlon World Tour events must be online together with the time schedules at least one week before the first day of the tournament on an own tournament homepage or [www.resultreporter.com](http://www.resultreporter.com).

## 3.8. Resultreporter

### 3.8.1. Requirements overview

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|------------------------------|---|
| a) World Championships:      | Resultreporter LIVE, Draws, Entries, No extra costs, Collect Players Licences   |
| b) Super World Tour:         | Resultreporter LIVE, Draws, Entries, No extra costs, Collect Players Licences   |
| c) International World Tour: | Resultreporter Olympic Draws, Entries, No extra costs, Collect Players Licences |
| d) Challenger:               | Resultreporter Entries, No extra costs, Collect Players Licences                |

### 3.8.2. Obligation to use Resultreporter

In order to be able to build up the Racketlon database [www.resultreporter.com](http://www.resultreporter.com) and to be able to update the World Rankings by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, all WC, SWT, IWT and Challenger events are obliged to use Resultreporter for draws, entries and results reporting. It is the responsibility of the tournament director that all participants have registered their players profile on [www.resultreporter.com](http://www.resultreporter.com) otherwise all the results of the tournament can not be processed for the World Rankings.

Resultreporter LIVE Score must be used by all WC and SWT tournaments.

### 3.8.3. Costs of Resultreporter, Collection of Annual Licence Fees

There will be no extra costs for the tournaments by using Resultreporter. All costs are taken by FIR as a service for the tournaments. The only obligation of the tournaments is to collect the Annual Players Licence Fee from all players who have not paid yet together with the entry fees. The other option is to click the button so players without a valid licence cannot enter the tournament, but need to pay via paypal first.

### 3.8.4. Result Reporter possibilities

The Resultreporter 3.0 offers the following possibilities:

- Creates an OWN home-site for a tournament, easily updated through a web interface, each tournament gets his own web address;
- Player presentation automatically “fetched” from the players profile the picture on the player profile is used as presentation material on the big screens in the racket centre;
- LIVE draws, “click-able” monrad draws, shows which match the looser and winner goes to after a match is played;
- Click-able player names in draws and entries (brings up the player profiles);
- Automatically ranking integration, all reported results can be exported to the ranking system;
- Own commercials on the home page easily updated by a web interface;
- Automatic draws;
- Automatic seeds;
- List of recently played matches;
- Statistics including head-to-head;
- Updates of the big screen reporting with indicators for server, match points etc.

#### 3.8.5. *Result Reporter LIVE Score*

- LIVE Reporting of the matches to the internet;
- Big screen support within the racket centers, an update is made direct to the web after each point.

#### 3.8.6. *Result Reporter Officers*

FIR Resultreporter Officer is in charge to communicate with the tournament organisers and players for all matters concerning Resultreporter.

### 3.9. **Media - Results Reporting**

#### 3.9.1. *Requirements overview*

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|------------------------------|--|
| a) World Championships:      | Media officer, Result Reporter, Internet, Live-scoring, one report one week before tournament and one report one day after, draws and results displayed in sports centre, National TV coverage, Internet TV coverage, national print media cooperation.          |
| b) Super World Tour:         | Media officer, Result Reporter, Internet, Live-scoring, one report one week before tournament and one report one day after, draws and results displayed in sports centre, National or local TV coverage, Internet TV coverage, national print media cooperation. |
| c) International World Tour: | Media officer, Result Reporter, Internet, one report one week before tournament and one report one day after, draws and results displayed in sports centre, Internet TV coverage, local print media cooperation.   |
| d) Challenger:               | one report one week before tournament, e-mail draws and report one day after tournament draws and results displayed in the sports centre.  |

#### 3.9.2. *Media Officer*

It is a requirement for World Championships and Racketlon World Tour organisers to appoint a Media Officer for the tournament who is responsible for all points below and the use of the Resultreporter. At Challenger events the tournament director can be the Media Officer and makes sure that the results are delivered to the FIR Players who did not show up and were not replaced must be left in the draw so that walk-overs are visible. The no-show players must not be awarded an end position though.

#### 3.9.3. *Resultreporter - Internet*

FIR Result Reporter is required for all Super World Tour and International World Tour events. Internet must therefore be available for the Media Officer at all Super World Tour and International World Tour events. Results should be permanently updated, but must be completed and online and available on [www.racketlon.net](http://www.racketlon.net) latest 1 hour after the tournament is over on the same day. In addition a short paragraph of 5 sentences shall be sent per e-mail to FIR Head Office [office@racketlon.net](mailto:office@racketlon.net) to make clear who won the elite classes with prize

money. Challengers may use their own system of draws, but must make sure that the results are sent to FIR World Ranking Officer and the same 5 sentence paragraph is delivered to FIR Head Office [info@racketlon.net](mailto:info@racketlon.net) within one day after the end of the tournament.

#### *3.9.4. Live Scoring*

All World Championships and Super World Tour Events must use the online live-scoring system together with the Result Reporter involving four extra laptops and screens at each centre court of each sport.

It is a recommendation for any other World Tour event to use the system too if possible.

#### *3.9.5. Reports and pictures on the internet*

The media officer is responsible to deliver one short report plus one picture of the tournament latest one week before the first day of play and one short report and three pictures latest one day after the last day of play to FIR Head Office [office@racketlon.net](mailto:office@racketlon.net). These requirements are in the interest of the tournament to help with the promotion.

#### *3.9.6. Draws, results and rules displayed in sports centre*

All draws must be displayed in the sports centre either on paper or on monitors. The results should be updated permanently so that spectators can follow the tournament. It is recommended to use the Resultreporter function „Scan your result“ and let the players enter the results themselves. An extra or even better two are needed.

The “Rules of Racketlon” must be displayed in the sports centre with the most important ones highlighted.

#### *3.9.7. TV and Internet Coverage*

WC tournaments must guarantee TV coverage on national TV as well as Internet TV coverage. SWT tournaments must guarantee local or national TV coverage in addition to Internet coverage. IWT and Challengers should do their best to make at least Internet coverage possible. All TV or Internet spots on DVDs must be given personally to the FIR president or sent per post to the FIR Head Office.

#### *3.9.8. Print Media*

WC and SWT tournaments are required to sign a media cooperation with national print media in order to promote the event. World Tour events should aim for regional and local print media. All print media articles must be given personally to the FIR president or scanned and sent per email to [office@racketlon.net](mailto:office@racketlon.net) or sent per post to FIR Head Office.

### **3.10. Referees**

All tournaments must appoint a Head Referee of the tournament, who takes all final decisions according to Rules and Regulations of the FIR– Fédération International de Racketlon. In cases which are not provided for in the Rules and Regulations of the FIR, the head referee may take a final decision on his own responsibility according to ideas and ethics of Racketlon and after consultation of the responsible FIR Delegate, who is appointed by the FIR World Tour Tournament Support Officer and who is present at all World Championships and Racketlon World Tour tournaments.

On all World Tour events, a Referee must be nominated to umpire all elite matches played in the main draws Men Elite, Women Elite, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles and Mixed Doubles. This counts for all main matches from first round, but not loser pool.

For all other draws and for Challenger tournaments referees must be provided if any of the players ask for one. Challenger tournaments are required to provide referees for Elite matches as from semi finals on. If no Head Referees are appointed at challengers, the tournament director automatically acts as head referee. 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.

### **3.11. Other Requirements**

#### *3.11.1. World Tour Race Trophies*

It is a requirement on the last World Tour Race tournament of the year to provide and pay trophies for the players who finished among the top 3 in the Seniors, Men Elite and Women Elite and to organise a prize giving ceremony.

### 3.11.2. *Prize Giving Ceremony*

At all FIR Tournaments it is required to hold an official prize giving ceremony where at least the top 3 players or double pairs in all classes are awarded with medals or trophies. This prize giving ceremony should take place on a podium.

### 3.11.3. *Massage, Physiotherapist, Doctor*

At World Championships and Super World Tour tournaments a massage should be possible on site, a doctor and a physiotherapist on standby in cases of injury (players have to pay themselves).

At International World Tour and at Challenger events a doctor, Physiotherapist and a masseur should at least be on standby.

### 3.11.4. *Flags and National Anthems*

At World Championships and Super World Tour event prize giving ceremonies the national anthems should be played for the winners of the main draw classes. At Team World Championships the national anthem of each participating nation should be played at least once, either at the opening ceremony or before each teams first match.

All flags of the participating nations should be put up in the sports centre. FIR has a set of 50 flags to rent out. International World Tour and Challenger events are recommended to do the same.

### 3.11.5. *Stringing Service*

At World Championships and Super World Tour events a stringing service at the player's own cost should be on site. At International World Tour and Challenger events such service should at least be on standby.

### 3.11.6. *Time Schedules*

To avoid problems with the time schedule it is strongly recommended that all Doubles matches except finals should start and be played on Friday. The Elite Singles women and men finals must be the last matches of any tournament except World Championships Doubles and National teams.

It is a requirement to allow at least 15 minutes between the start of the matches on all side courts and at least 20 minutes on the centre courts for elite matches. 15 minutes rest is allowed for all players in all draws no matter how many they play. All Players have the right of at least 1 hour rest from the end of their match to the beginning of the next match in the same singles draw. In doubles a 15 minute break must be granted.

### 3.11.7. *Elite Time Schedules*

It is a requirement that the time schedule is built around the Elite matches. At all WC and WT events all Elite matches of the main draw must be played on so called Centre Courts (at least one court per sport) with starting times of no less than 20 minutes intervals. Some empty spaces should ensure that in the elite main draw players never have to wait for courts and the time rule 3 minutes between the sets is kept upright. Elite Players have the right of at least 1 hour rest from the end of their match to the beginning of the next match in the same draw. In the Olympic draws no more than 3 matches per day are allowed.

### 3.11.8. *Volunteer and Team Recommendations*

A team of 20 or more is a recommendation for WC and SWT tournaments, 10 for Int. World Tour and 5 for Challengers. At WC and SWT tournaments the official T-shirts in the same colour are compulsory for the Volunteer team. Structurally the FIR would also like to make the following recommendations for positions on tournament committees; this list also covers the main tasks in organising an event.

Compulsory for all WC and WT events:

- Tournament Director
- Head Referee
- Referees in all sports for Olympic main draws TT, BA, SQ, TE

Recommended for all tournaments:

- Media Officer
- Tournament Co/Vice Director
- Results Secretary
- Sports Centre Liaising Officer
- Marketing Officer
- Webpage Officer
- Result Reporter Officer
- Rankings Officer
- 3 Desk Helpers
- 4 Score keepers for centre courts
- 4 Court Co-ordinators, one in each sport
- Referees from domestic sporting federations – TT, BA, SQ, TE
- Equipment Officer
- Sponsorship Officer
- Finance Director - Payments Officer / Financial Advisor / Debt Collector / Budget Officer

### 3.12. Tournament and FIR Sponsors

#### 3.12.1. General principles

All WC and WT tournaments must comply with the new FIR General Sponsorship Guidelines. This shall not affect the individual tournament sponsors, but will mean some more obligations in regards to the FIR sponsors of WT, especially SWT and WC tournaments. All Title, Presenting and Ball Sponsors must be named to FIR together with the tournament application, so FIR can check a conflict of interest with existing or potential FIR Sponsors. The following points are taken out of version 1 of the FIR General Sponsorship Guidelines and can be amended slightly before and during the beginning of the World Tour 2011.

The FIR General Sponsorship Guidelines are published on the official FIR website and may be amended by the FIR from time to time.

#### 3.12.2. FIR Logos

The official FIR logos must be used on all printed material in connection with all WT and Challenger tournaments as well as the official tournament websites.

#### 3.12.3. Rights of Tournament Sponsors

- Title sponsor with name in the title of tournament, e.g. XYZ Austrian Open
- Other Sponsors
- Ball Sponsor

#### 3.12.4. Rights World Championships Sponsors

- Presenting Sponsor of FIR Championships, e.g. World Championships presented by XYZ
- Other Sponsors
- Ball Sponsor

#### 3.12.5. Tournament obligations towards FIR World Tour title Sponsor (only one) e.g. Novomatic Austrian Open on the xxxx World Tour

##### **Super World Tour (SWT) Tournaments guarantee**

- Sponsor name and logo on the title page of the official webpage of all SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo on all SWT posters, flyers, and other printed materials in connection with the SWT tournaments.
- Sponsor name and logo in the SWT tournament programs
- Sponsor name and logo on at least one event banner at all SWT tournaments

- Space for a minimum of 6 sponsor Banners (max. 6x1sq) on the 4 Centre Courts and in the Sports centre at all SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo in E-mail newsletters to all players of all SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name or logo on tournament or organisation T-Shirts or any other players gift of all SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name or logo on the prize giving podium of all SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name through the microphone at Opening and/or Closing Ceremony and match calls of SWT tournaments
- National or local TV coverage of SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo on interview walls of SWT tournaments with TV coverage
- Internet coverage of all SWT tournaments
- Print media cooperation at all SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo on all press texts of SWT tournaments

#### **International World Tour (IWT) Tournaments guarantee**

- Sponsor name and logo on the title page of the official webpage of all IWT tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo on all IWT posters, flyers, and other printed materials in connection with the IWT tournaments.
- Space for a maximum of 4 sponsor Banners (max. 6x1sq) on the 4 Centre Courts and in the Sports centre at all IWT tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo in E-mail newsletters to all players of all IWT tournaments
- Sponsor name or logo on tournament or organisation T-Shirts or any other players gift of all IWT tournaments
- Sponsor name through the microphone at Closing Ceremony at IWT tournaments
- At least one local or regional Print media cooperation
- Sponsor name and logo on all press texts of IWT tournaments

#### **Further Sponsor activities on request**

- Possibility of a sales and marketing area at all WT tournaments
- Possibility for sponsor representative to speak at Opening or Prize Giving Ceremony of all WT tournaments
- Possibility to put up a Blow Up in the sports centre (if space available) or outdoors in front of the sports centre at WT tournaments
- Possibility to invite VIP Customers at sponsors costs to SWT tournaments and arrange a Meet and Greet with World Class Racketlon players together with a gala dinner
- Possibility to invite 4 customers or employees to take part in WT tournaments without having to pay the entry fees
- Possibility of any other needs of the sponsor if ratified by FIR

#### *3.12.6. Tournament obligations towards FIR Pool Sponsors (max.4)*

##### **Super World Tour (SWT) Tournaments guarantee**

- Sponsor name and Logo in the SWT tournament programs
- Sponsor name and logo on at least one event banner at all SWT tournaments
- Space for a maximum of 2 sponsor Banners (max. 6x1sq) in the Sports centre at all SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name through the microphone at Opening and/or Closing Ceremony of SWT events
- National or local TV coverage of SWT tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo on interview walls of SWT tournaments with TV coverage
- Internet coverage of all SWT tournaments
- Print media cooperation at all SWT tournaments

### **International World Tour (IWT) Tournaments guarantee**

- Space for a maximum of 1 sponsor banner (max. 6x1sq) in the Sports centre at all IWT tournaments
- Sponsor name through the microphone at Closing Ceremony at IWT tournaments
- Internet coverage of selected IWT tournaments
- Print media cooperation at selected IWT tournaments

### **Further Sponsor activities on request**

- Possibility of a sales and marketing area at all SWT tournaments
- Possibility for sponsor representative to speak at Opening or Prize Giving Ceremony of all WT tournaments
- Possibility to invite VIP Customers at sponsors costs to SWT tournaments and arrange a Meet and Greet with World Class Racketlon players together with a gala dinner
- Possibility to invite 2 customers or employees to take part in WT tournaments without having to pay the entry fees
- Possibility of any other needs of the sponsor if ratified by FIR

#### *3.12.7. Obligations FIR World Championships Sponsor (1 per WC)*

### **Racketlon World Championships (WC) tournaments guarantee**

- Sponsor name and logo on the title page of the official webpage of all WC tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo on all WC posters, flyers, and other printed materials in connection with the WC tournaments.
- Sponsor name and logo in the WC tournament programs
- Sponsor name and logo on at least one event banner at all WC tournaments
- Space for a minimum of 8 sponsor Banners (max. 6x1sq) on the 4 Centre Courts and in the Sports centre at the WC tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo in E-mail newsletters to all players of all WC tournaments
- Sponsor name or logo on tournament or organisation T-Shirts or any other players gift of all WC tournaments
- Sponsor name or logo on the prize giving podium of all WC tournaments
- Sponsor name through the microphone at Opening and/or Closing Ceremony and match calls of WC tournaments
- TV coverage of WC tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo on interview walls of WC tournaments
- Internet coverage of all WC tournaments
- Print media cooperation of all WC tournaments
- Sponsor name and logo on all press texts of WC tournaments

### **Further Sponsor possibilities on request**

- Possibility of a sales and marketing area WC tournaments
- Possibility for sponsor representative to speak at Opening or Prize Giving Ceremony at WC tournaments
- Possibility to put up a Blow Up in the sports centre (if space available) or outdoors in front of the sports centre at WC tournaments
- Possibility to invite VIP Customers at sponsors costs to WC tournaments and arrange a Meet and Greet with World Class Racketlon players together with a gala dinner
- Possibility to invite 2 customers or employees to take part in WC tournaments without having to pay the entry fees
- Possibility of any other needs of the sponsor if ratified by FIR

#### *3.12.8. Liability of FIR Sponsor Rights*

The tournament directors of all WT and WC tournaments are responsible towards FIR that the Rights of FIR Sponsors are fulfilled as stated in these FIR General Sponsorship Guidelines. FIR will assist and monitor all WT and WC tournaments in regards to fulfil the FIR Sponsors rights in the best possible way.

### **3.13. Fines and Commitment Statement**

#### *3.13.1. Annual players Licence Fee*

The fee is collected by the tournaments together with the entry fees at tournament registration. By sending in the application form, tournament directors and national presidents accept this and are liable to pay the sum of licenses they should have collected to FIR, no matter if they collected the licenses or not. If tournaments don't want to collect the licence fee they can open the entry system on [www.resultreporter.com](http://www.resultreporter.com) for players only who have already paid the entry fee or can do so via PayPal directly on [www.resultreporter.com](http://www.resultreporter.com).

#### *3.13.2. Exceptions of Requirements possible*

In case certain requirements can not be met and the tournament director knows this before hand he can ask FIR for exceptions, which can again be sanctioned by the World Tour Officer. The important part again is a beforehand notice together with the tournament application to FIR [office@racketlon.net](mailto:office@racketlon.net). In case some requirements are not met without advance notice, the Council can speak out a warning, fine the tournament especially if FIR Sponsor Rights are not fulfilled, lower the level of a tournament i.e. from World Tour to Challenger status or even cancel the tournament for the next or one of the future years.

#### *3.13.3. Tournament Cancellations*

If a Challenger tournament is cancelled a fine of 200 € is to be paid to FIR and the organisers may not participate in any FIR events until this fine is paid.

If a national federation exists in the respective country it is liable to be charged. In the unlikely case a WT tournament is cancelled the Council will speak out a fine depending on the number of players who booked their flights to this tournament already and will cancel the tournament for the next year. The national federation of this country is also liable to be charged in such a case.

#### *3.13.4. Tournament commitment statement*

By sending the application form to FIR for any FIR World Ranking events, tournament directors automatically confirm the requirements given in this document. The application has to be confirmed by the national federation's president. The application form is a CLEAR and FINAL COMMITMENT STATEMENT.

### **3.14. FIR-Tournament Delegate**

A FIR Tournament Delegate is nominated by FIR for each WT and Challenger event as an assistance for the tournament organisation. In most cases the Tournament Delegate is a council member or a tournament organiser with a lot of experience. Each tournament can also request which person they would like to have as a Tournament Delegate as long as he is on the FIR Tournament Delegate List published at the beginning of each year and as amended during the year.

The Tournament Delegate should be on site the night (5 pm at the latest) before the tournament starts and stay until one hour after the tournament ends to especially make sure that all results are properly entered and that FIR has received all post tournament information necessary.

The FIR Tournament Delegate is also responsible to be in contact with the tournament organiser before the tournament concerning draws and time schedule.

In return for his help the tournament organisation must offer him during the entire tournament (one day before the tournament starts until one day after the tournament ends if the Tournament Delegate can not travel home the same day) free accommodation (private or hotel), breakfast and one warm meal per day and no entry fee.

## **C. FIR NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS**

These are the rules specific to national team events:

## 1. THE TEAM

### 1.1. Designation of Team members

Each Elite national team consists of a minimum of 5 players (4 men and 1 woman) and a maximum of 8 players (6 men and 2 women) and must have a team captain. The team captain can be one of the players or another non-playing person. A Juniors (u21) national team consists of a minimum of 2 boys and 1 girl and a maximum of 4 boys and 2 girls. A Seniors (+45) national team consists of a minimum of 4 men and 1 woman and a maximum of 6 men and 2 women.

All members of the National Team have to be citizens of the country that they represent and allowed to play for their country according to the Players and Draws Regulations.

The team members must be designated at entry deadline of the tournament. One man or one woman of the team may be changed until the team captains meeting on the evening before the team event starts.

It is compulsory that the team captain or at least one player of the team comes to the team captains meeting on the evening before tournament start.

### 1.2. Line-up commitment

Before a team match begins each team shall commit to their line-up; i.e. to which 5 team members will be active in it and in what positions.

The order of the national player within the team is determined by the Elite world ranking, i.e. the player with the highest ranking plays on position one etc. and players without world ranking play at the end. In case of several players without world ranking, the team may choose their seeding. The Elite world ranking is also relevant for the seeding of the senior and junior national teams, whereas the senior and the junior world ranking is relevant to determine the seeding if several players are not ranked in the Elite but in the senior or junior ranking.

For the doubles line up the player named first in the pair shall start in Squash.

Each of the teams has the right to hide their line-up from their opponents until their opponents have committed to their line-up.

The team captain is responsible to pass the Line-up to the tournament organiser 20 minutes before the beginning of the match.

### 1.3. Reserves Deployment

Reserves may be deployed during a tournament but never during a team match. If a player needs to interrupt a match due to injury he may not be replaced and loses the remaining points.

### 1.4. Seeding of the National Teams

For Elite national teams, the sum of the Elite ranking positions of the best three men and the best woman of the respective team shall determine the positioning. For Seniors and Juniors national teams, the sum of the Elite ranking positions of the best three seniors respectively the best two boys and the best girl shall be decisive.

The teams with the worst positioning need to play preliminary round(s) to qualify for the main draw.

## 2. ORDER OF PLAY

A Elite team match consists of four individual Racketlon matches – 2 Men's Singles, 1 Women's Singles and 1 Men's Doubles – and is played in the following order:

AM1 (best man in Team A)	vs.	BM1 (best man in Team B);
AW (woman of Team A)	vs.	BW (woman of Team B);
AMD (Men's Doubles Team A)	vs.	BMD (Men's Doubles Team B);
AM2 (second best man in Team A)	vs.	BM2 (second best man in Team B).

All sets in the main draw of a team competition must be played after each other. This means all players must play Table Tennis, then move on to Badminton, then to Squash and finally to Tennis. The players must be on the

court immediately after the set before them is finished. The warm up time before the next set is limited to one minute.

The Juniors (u21) competition consists of 3 individual Racketlon matches in singles in the order of play: boy1, girl, boy2. The Seniors (+45) competition consists of 4 individual Racketlon matches with two men's singles, one men's doubles and one women's singles in the order: men1, woman, men doubles, men2.

### **3. SCORING AND GUMMIARM RULE**

In line with the fundamental principle of "each rally counts" the winner of the team match is not the team that wins most individual matches but the team that wins most points in total.

The individual matches in national team competitions are played to 11 points. If the score is 10-10 the serve switches hand for every point until the set is decided by a two points margin.

There is no Gummiarm point played in Tennis if the score is equal in one match. A Gummiarm is only played, if the score of the two teams is equal after all 4 matches. In this case, the tennis set between the second pair of men is extended for one single point according the ordinary Gummiarm rules. This point shall determine the winner of the team match.

A team can also start and play a team match if not all players are present. The missing players encounter is then scored with 0:44.

If a player gets injured during the match the achieved points are frozen and his opponent gets 11 points in the rest of the sets.

## **D. FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **1. COMING INTO FORCE**

These Tournament Regulations were passed at the Council's Meeting of the FIR and shall be valid as from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

### **2. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

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

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