

FIR Tournament

Wild-Card & Special Exemption

Policy

Wild Card (WC)

1. Applies equally to Elite classes (MA, WA, MADbl, MBDbl, XADbl) only
2. Tournament Rules determine that the top 7/8 ranked players/pairs MUST play in Elite draw
3. WC allows strong players whose ranking points do not make them eligible for Elite draws to be granted a position as an exception
4. It is not mandatory to allocate any WC's
5. Decision on who is given a WC split equally between FIR & TD, with TD getting an extra choice if the split is uneven
6. TD normally grants his WC's to domestic players, as he will know his strength best
7. FIR normally grants their WC's to non-domestic players, to encourage as many different nations to participate in the Elite draw as possible
8. FIR normally restricts the number of times a player can be given a WC in any one year
9. By registering for the Elite class, players are implicitly applying for WC status if needed. If they are new to FIR, they should back this up, prior to the tournament registration deadline, with a formal request to the FIR WTO, with a copy to the TD, with reasons to justify it.
10. FIR WTO & TD make their decisions without any further approval needed
11. All approved players need to be marked "WC" in TournamentSoftware

Special Exemption Status (SES)

1. Applies equally to Elite classes (MA, WA, MADbl, MBDbl, XADbl) only
2. Tournament Rules determine that the top 7/8 ranked players/pairs MUST play in Elite draw
3. SES allows players who are clearly too weak, but whose ranking points would otherwise force them to play in the Elite draw, to be granted a position in the B-class as an exception
4. It is not mandatory to allocate any SES's
5. Decision on who is given an SES lies solely with FIR WTO
6. There is no limit on the number of players who can be given SES for any draw, though it should not (but may) normally exceed the number of WC's awarded
7. There is no limit on the number of times a player may be granted SES
8. Players wishing for SES status need to formally request this to the FIR WTO, with a copy to the TD, with reasons to justify it prior to the tournament registration deadline. The FIR WTO can request the player to submit such an application after this deadline, but prior to publishing the draws
9. FIR WTO decides without any further approval needed
10. All approved players need to be marked "WC" (until a correct label has been implemented) in TournamentSoftware
11. Players with SES are processed in the draws prior to WC decisions