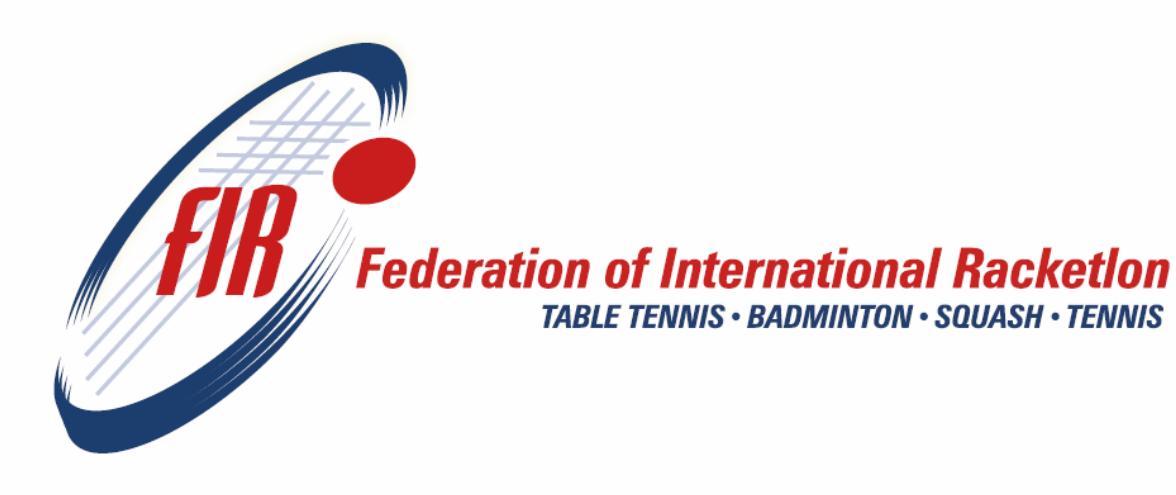

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INTRODUCTION

The FIR Tournament Regulations govern all FIR international Racketlon events and define the conditions under which Tournament Directors may apply for and plan their tournaments. Execution of the tournament will also require the Players and Draws Regulations,

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 tournament's World Tour status in the coming years.

All FIR international Racketlon tournaments must be played according to the valid "Rules of Racketlon" as can be found on www.racketlon.net. A FIR Delegate from the annually published FIR Delegate list will be nominated by FIR to monitor and assist all FIR World Tour events.

A. FIR Tournaments

1. Tournament Structure and Points

The following tournaments are organised by FIR:

a) FIR Racketlon World Championships (WC)
- World Championships Singles (WCS)
- World Championships Doubles (WCD)
- World Championships National Teams (WCNT)
It shall only be possible to hold a maximum of two out of the three World Championships at a single event

b) FIR Racketlon Super World Tour tournaments (SWT), maximum 4 tournaments per year

c) FIR Racketlon International World Tour tournaments (IWT), no maximum number

d) FIR Challenger tournaments (CHA), no maximum number

e) FIR Satellite tournaments (SAT), no maximum number

f) FIR Champions League

"FIR World Tour events" (WC, SWT, IWT, CHA and SAT events) comprise the World Tour and count for the World Tour Race. The following categories[2] shall be considered:

- Men's Elite & Open Singles
- Women's Elite & Open Singles
- Men's Seniors
- Women's Seniors
- Boy's Juniors
- Girls Juniors

World Ranking points are awarded at all "FIR Ranking Events" (all FIR tournaments except for Champions League and National Team events). The Council defines the ranking points matrix. The exact table can be found on www.racketlon.net.

All FIR World Tour events are to be held without any national ranking tournaments running at the same time at the same venue. All players must have a valid FIR annual licence and be registered on Tournament Software. The cost of the annual licence is defined by the FIR Council. Players who do not purchase the licence themselves online[3] must pay an additional administration fee of EUR 10.

[2] See 3.1 for definition of category

[3] EUR 15 per 1.1.2020

Satellite tournaments require the player to have a player id and a player licence. If they do not already have a player licence, FIR will gift it to them.

Everyone must in principle have the possibility to participate in FIR tournaments, qualification tournaments are not permitted. Qualification for the Elite draws is only possible according to world ranking positions and by wildcard. Only short exhibitions to promote Racketlon are allowed.

2. Tournament Applications

2.1. World Tour Committee

The FIR World Tour Committee shall be appointed by the FIR President and approved by the FIR Council. The Committee shall be chaired by the World Tour Officer and made up of a minimum of 3 people. For the purposes of impartiality, no member of the World Tour Committee shall be either an existing Tournament Director or existing President of their National Federation or Association. If an existing member of the World Tour Committee subsequently becomes a Tournament Director or President of their national federation or association, then they will be replaced.

The FIR World Tour Committee shall assess all applications and put forward their recommendation of the World Tour and Champions League venues to the FIR Council for final approval. This may include awarding a World Championships event to the same venue for up to 3 consecutive years. Challenger and Satellite tournaments are decided solely by the World Tour Committee. To allow the inclusion of tournaments which cannot be confirmed well in advance, the yearly calendar can be staggered across multiple announcements throughout the year.

When considering the World Tour, Challenger and Champions League tournament applications the FIR World Tour Committee shall assess a variety of factors to determine whether a tournament should be included on the World Tour and what status (CHA, IWT, SWT or WC) it should be granted. These factors will include, but are not limited to:

- the general performance of the tournament in the previous year(s), based on the delegate report and results and data of the Player Survey.
- the details and plans presented by the Tournament Director within their tournament application.
- What previous tournaments the Tournament Director has organised and what tournaments have been staged at the proposed sports centre.

As a general principle, Challengers and Satellites will be assessed more leniently with regard to compliance with these Tournament Regulations, in order to encourage the addition of new tournaments to the calendar. All exceptions shall be listed in the proposal to the FIR Council.

2.2. General Provisions

Applications for all tournaments must be made by the Tournament Director to the FIR World Tour Officer and approved by the host nation. The host nation of the tournament must be a FIR member country, which has paid its annual country membership fee and has no outstanding debt with FIR. By applying to host a FIR tournament, the applicant confirms that they has read the Tournament Regulations and fully accepts and complies with them. The host nation can apply for a maximum of two Super World Tour and International World Tour tournaments and an unlimited number of Challengers or Satellites per year. In exceptional cases (e.g. in the case of very large countries, or when also holding a World Championships), the host nation can request an additional tournament.

Each Tournament Director can apply for as many Challenger tournaments as it wants to hold, but only two Challengers per country per year are guaranteed by FIR.

FIR will actively promote “seniors’ showcase” tournaments (WC, SWT’s and selected IWT’s), where +65 and +70 classes are expected to attract a larger number of players than usual. Applications for IWT’s shall separately request “seniors’ showcase” status, to be approved by FIR.

2.3. Application Procedure, Commitment Statement and Deadlines

a)	World Championships:	Application only through national federation, application deadline shall be defined by FIR;
c)	Super World Tour:	Application by Tournament Director, application deadline **30.6. year ahead;**
d)	International World Tour:	Application by Tournament Director, application deadline **30.6. year ahead;**
e)	Challenger:	Application by Tournament Director, application deadline is **four (4) months** before the tournament starts.
f)	Satellite:	Application by Tournament Director, application deadline is **two (2) months** before the tournament starts.

2.3.1. Tournament commitment statement and contract

By filling out the application form to FIR for any FIR event, Tournament Directors automatically confirm the requirements given in this document and accept that the highest person taking all final decisions in both the preparations before the tournament as well as all issues or decisions that may arise during a tournament at a FIR event is the FIR Delegate. The application form is a CLEAR and FINAL COMMITMENT STATEMENT.

2.3.2. Exceptions of Requirements possible

In case certain requirements cannot be met and the Tournament Director knows this beforehand they can ask FIR for exceptions. The important part again is an advance notice together with the tournament application to the FIR World Tour Officer. In case some requirements are not met without advance notice, the Council can issue a warning, fine the tournament (especially if FIR Sponsor Rights are not fulfilled), lower the level of a tournament i.e. from IWT to Challenger status or even cancel the tournament for the next or one of the future years.

3. Tournament Requirements and Recommendations

3.1. Definitions: Tournament, category, class, event, draw

A tournament is made up of multiple “categories”, such as Women’s Singles, Mixed Doubles, Men’s Seniors.

A “category” is made up of multiple similar “classes[4]” banded either by player strength (e.g. the Men’s Open Singles category can be made up Men B and Men C classes), or by age (e.g. the Men’s Seniors category can be made up of +40. +45 and +50 Singles classes). All draws are open to all players, except elite draws.

Once the order of play has been determined for a class, it is known as a “draw”.

3.2. Prize Money, Trophies

Prize money is compulsory for all World Championships, and from 2025, for all SWT and IWT tournaments. Tournament directors may choose to add more prize money than the minimum and may distribute the extra as they wish, but only if announced one week in advance to FIR.

Elite draws are defined as Men A – Elite, Women A – Elite, Men A – Elite Doubles, Women A – Elite Doubles, Mixed A – Elite Doubles. For all tournaments more prize money is always allowed, thus a Challenger or Satellite may also offer prize money.

No prize money is allowed 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. Women A – Elite Doubles has only 2 participants), the prize money must be distributed to other classes, so that the total prize money is always fully paid. The FIR Delegate approves any prize money redistribution.

[4] known as “events” in TournamentSoftware

All prize money is preferred to be paid in cash to the winners at the official prize giving ceremony. The players only have the right to the prize money if they are present at the final prize giving ceremony. In special circumstances the Tournament Director is allowed to hand out the prize money even if the player is not present. If prize money is not paid by the Tournament Director, because of the absence of players, it can be kept by the tournament.

a) World Championships: **Singles** Prize money (from 2024) of minimum € 2'500, split as below:

- **Men**: 50% (1st: 45%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 17%, 4th: 8%);
- **Women**: 50% (1st: 45%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 17%, 4th: 8%);

Doubles Prize money (from 2025) of minimum € 1'500, split as below:

- **Men's Doubles**: 35% (1st: 50%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%);
- **Women's Doubles**: 35% (1st: 50%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%);
- **Mixed Doubles**: 30% (1st: 50%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%).

Teams No minimum prize money.

a) World Tour Finals: Prize money minimum € 5'000, split as below:

- **Men**: 50% (1st: € 1'125, 2nd: € 750, 3rd: € 425, 4th: € 200);
- **Women**: 50% (1st: € 1'125, 2nd: € 750, 3rd: € 425, 4th: € 200);

b) Super World Tour: Prize money (from 2025) of minimum € 1'500, split as below:

- **Men's Singles**: 50% (1st: 50%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%);
- **Women Singles**: 50% (1st: 50%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%);

c) International World Tour: Prize money (from 2025) of minimum € 500, split as below:

- **Men's Singles**: 50% (1st: 50%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%)
- **Women's Singles**: 50% (1st: 50%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%)

d) Challenger: No minimum prize money.

e) Satellite: No minimum prize money.

f) Champions League: No prize money

3.3. Entry Fees

3.3.1. Entry Fees Restriction

The entry fee (in EUR) for FIR World Ranking events in singles is restricted to a maximum of:

WCS	80
SWT	70
IWT	60
CHA	50
SAT	40
u21/u18	40
u16/u14/u12	30

The entry fee for an additional Singles class shall be reduced for World Tour events by 15 €.

The entry fees for +65 and +70 classes shall be reduced by 10 € if no other additional Singles class is played.

The entry fee per player for FIR World Ranking events in doubles is restricted to a maximum of:

WCD	40
SWT	30
IWT	25
CHA	20
SAT	15
Juniors	20

The entry fee per team for FIR team events is restricted to a maximum of:

WCNT	230
WCNT 40+/45+/55+	230
WCNT 65+	100
WCNT u21/u18	100
WCNT u16/u14/u12	70
Champions League	150

Tournament Directors may only charge more than the above maximum fees with the advance approval of the FIR World Tour Committee. All FIR World Tour events are encouraged to provide a proper meal at the players' dinner, for which they may charge participating players.
Tournaments may require prepayment over the internet until the day of the regular entry deadline.
The entry fees must be given on the website when the tournament is published on fir.tournamentsoftware.com.

For any singles draws planning less than the guaranteed three matches (including walkovers), an entry fee rebate shall be given to the player, if they cannot agree to replace the missing matches with alternative ones; EUR 10 if only two matches are scheduled, EUR 20 if only one match.
For doubles draws, a EUR 5 rebate shall be given to players with only one scheduled match.

3.3.2. 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[5] (except for Satellite-category tournaments). As a financial compensation, a fixed reimbursement for each playing Council member is refunded to the tournament (regardless of whether the Council member plays just one or multiple classes). The size of the reimbursement[6] is decided by the FIR Council. The reimbursement is subtracted from the Tournament Status Fees due.

3.3.3. EUR 10 Surcharge for Last-Minute Entries

As an incentive to encourage earlier player registrations, Tournament Directors may charge an additional 10 € for players whose initial registration is later than 28 days before the regular entry deadline e.g. if the regular entry deadline is Monday 30th at 11:59, then the Tournament Director may apply a surcharge to any player registering after Monday 2nd at 11:59. Players' change of registration (e.g. additional classes) or withdrawal during this period is not subject to this surcharge. Tournament Directors should preferably include this information when publishing their tournament. If applied, the surcharge must be charged to all players.

[5] As decided by the AGM 2007. In force as of January 1st, 2008.

[6] EUR 50 per 1.1.2018

3.4. Internet – Tournament Information

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

a) World Championships: 6 months prior to the tournament incl. min. 2 hotel recommendations;

b) Super World Tour: 6 months prior to the tournament incl. min. 1 hotel recommendation;

c) International World Tour: 3 months prior to the tournament incl. min. 1 hotel recommendation;

d) Challenger: 3 months prior to the tournament incl. min. 1 hotel recommendation.

d) Satellite: 1 months prior to the tournament.

Further the Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST) as well as the Guaranteed Latest End Time (GLET) together with a preliminary time schedule for the tournament must be approved by the FIR Delegate and published on the tournament homepage. three months prior to the tournament, in order to facilitate the booking of flights in advance. Accommodation recommendations must be given on the internet with clear description how far the hotels are from the site and how they can be reached.

+65 and +70 classes must be organised to be held on a maximum of two consecutive days, to enable a single overnight stay to be sufficient. The GEST & GLET for these classes shall be published together with the general ones for all other classes.

The types of courts and the balls/shuttlecocks to be used at the tournament must be published together with the initial online tournament details and align with the FIR Approved Balls List.

No subsequent changes to this tournament information shall be made or published by the Tournament Director without the full agreement of the FIR Delegate.

3.5. Tournament Status Fee, Marketing Contribution Fund Fee

Each FIR event is required to pay a contribution to FIR, the tournament status fee and marketing contribution fund fee. The tournament director will pay the percentage of the total entry fees collected (before the inclusion of any discounted entries due to sponsorship):

	MCF	TSF	total
World Championships	10%	12%	22%
Super World Tour	8%	4%	12%
International World Tour	5%	2%	7%
Challenger	1%	2%	3%
Satellite	0%	0%	0%

The FIR National Team Event (regular, or women's only) will charge fees at a flat rate of EUR 10 / Team, in recognition of the significantly reduced ration of entry fees to court costs.

The FIR Delegate will fill out the payment specification form and, after verification by the tournament director, mail it to the FIR-Treasurer, who will issue an invoice for the fees.

For tournaments whose entry fees are less than the maximum defined in 3.3 above, the FIR Delegate may add an additional amount to allow for the effective total entry fee reduction.

3.6. Classes

Depending on the status of each tournament, the classes below need to be offered. More are always allowed. Classes may only be dropped at the lowest level. E.g. Men A and Women A Elite always need to be held and players can only qualify via the world rankings If there are too few entries, then first Men D needs to be dropped, then Men C etc.

All events may hold a one-day "First-Timers" class (with optionally a separate class for Women First Timers) on Saturday, for up to 16 local players who have not played international Racketlon before and who do not have a

FIR Players Licence. All First-Timer players will be gifted a FIR Single Tournament Players Licence and World Ranking points will be awarded. First Timers who want to play in further FIR classes at the same tournament need to buy the licence themselves,. For future tournaments in the same calendar year, they must upgrade to an annual licence. For subsequent years, they must buy a single tournament or annual licence like everyone else,

3.6.1. Available classes

	WC Singles	WC Doubles	WC NT	SWT	IWT	CHA/SAT
Men A – Elite	x			x	x	x
Men B – Advanced	x			x	x	x
Men C – Amateur	x			x	x	x
Men D – Beginner	x					
Men E – Fresh Starters	x					
First-Timers	x			x	x	x
Women A – Elite	x			x	x	x
Women B – Amateur	x			x	x	x
Seniors +40	x			x	x	
Seniors +45	x			x	x	x
Seniors +50	x			x		
Seniors +55	x			x	x	
Seniors +60	x			x		
Seniors +65	x			x		
Seniors +70	x			x		
Seniors +75	x			x		
Women Seniors +40	x			x	x	
Women Seniors +45	x			x	x	x
Women Seniors +50	x					
Women Seniors +55	x					
Juniors u21	x			x	x	
Juniors u18	x			x		
Juniors u16	x			x		
Juniors u14	x			x		
Juniors u12	x			x		
Girls u21	x			x		
Girls u18	x			x		
Girls u16	x			x		
Girls u14	x			x		
Girls u12	x					
Men A – Elite Doubles		x		x	x	x
Men B/C – Amateur Doubles		x		x	x	x
Men D/E – Beginner Doubles		x		x		
Women A - Elite Doubles		x		x	x	x
Women B – Amateur Doubles		x		x	x	
Mixed A – Elite Doubles		x		x		x
Mixed B – Amateur Doubles		x		x		
Seniors (+40) Doubles		x				
Seniors (+45) Doubles		x		x	x	
Seniors (+55) Doubles		x				
Seniors (+60) Doubles		x				
Seniors (+65) Doubles		x				
Women Seniors (+40) Doubles		x				
Women Seniors (+45) Doubles		x		x	x	
Seniors Mixed (+40) Doubles		x		x		
Seniors Mixed (+45) Doubles		x		x		
Seniors Mixed (+55) Doubles		x				
Juniors (u21) Doubles		x				
Juniors (u18) Doubles		x				

Juniors (u16) Doubles		x				
Juniors (u14) Doubles		x				
Juniors (u12) Doubles		x				
Girls (u21) Doubles		x				
Girls (u18) Doubles		x				
Girls (u16) Doubles		x				
Girls (u14) Doubles		x				
Girls (u12) Doubles		x				
Juniors Mixed (u21) Doubles		x				
Juniors Mixed (u18) Doubles		x				
Juniors Mixed (u16) Doubles		x				
Juniors Mixed (u14) Doubles		x				
Juniors Mixed (u12) Doubles		x				
National Teams World Cup			x			
National Teams Nations Cup			x			
National Teams Challenge Cup						
National Teams Seniors (+40)			x			
National Teams Seniors (+45)			x			
National Teams Seniors (+55)			x			
National Teams Seniors (+65)			x			
National Teams Juniors (u21)			x			
National Teams Juniors (u18)			x			
National Teams Juniors (u16)			x			
National Teams Juniors (u14)			x			
National Teams Juniors (u12)			x			

3.6.2. Minimum 3 players/pairs per class

For all classes it is a requirement to use the official naming of the FIR otherwise World Ranking points may not be awarded. All classes in the requirement list must be on the application form. Classes MUST be played with a minimum of four participants registered and three players taking part. Classes require at least three participating players in order to count for the World Rankings. Classes with only three registrations can be played if all players agree. If less than 4 players enter for a class, classes can also 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.

3.6.3. Two classes possible

Players cannot play two classes in one Open category (e.g. Men C and Men B). All age-banded players must be allowed to play two singles classes per tournament, e.g. Seniors +50 and +55, or Juniors u21 and Men B, Women can also enter Men's singles or doubles, but must at least also play one Woman's Singles class if held. Similarly, 2 women can enter for Mixed Doubles. All players must be allowed to play two doubles classes per tournament e.g. Men B Doubles and Mixed B Doubles, or +45 Doubles and Men B Doubles. Which ones these are, can be defined by the Tournament Director according to the time schedule. It shall not be possible for a player to enter more than two doubles classes, or more than two singles classes in total, at any tournament.

3.7. Equipment and Facilities

All balls used for Elite draws have to be on the FIR Approved Balls List, which is published each year on www.racketlon.net.

3.7.1. Table Tennis balls

Non-celluloid (plastic) table tennis balls are a requirement for all FIR events according to the FIR Approved Balls list and must have 3 stars. The tournament can decide which colour of balls to use, if this option is available, but these must not have a similar colour as the background walls or banners.

Players may not wear shirt/shorts/skirt of a similar colour to the official tournament table tennis ball (white not allowed with a white ball, red, orange or yellow not allowed with an orange ball). Failure to comply after being requested to change clothing by the FIR Delegate will result in disqualification.

3.7.2. Badminton shuttles

It is a requirement at all FIR events, that feather shuttles are used in all classes for Badminton. For all draws the feather shuttles must be on the FIR Approved Balls list.

3.7.3. Squash Balls

Only Double yellow dot Dunlop balls are required in all classes for all FIR events. Other double yellow dot brands on the FIR Approved Balls list can be used with the FIR World Tour Committee's advance approval.

The FIR Delegate may approve play with single dot squash balls for the juniors u14 classes and younger.

3.7.4. Tennis Balls

Only balls on the FIR Approved Balls list may be used in all classes for all FIR events

The FIR Delegate may approve play with "green" tennis balls on the FIR Approved Balls List for the juniors u14 classes and younger.

3.7.5. Protective Glasses

Protective glasses must be worn in squash for all Juniors classes and are advised for ALL players.

3.7.6. Courts

A minimum of three match courts in each sport must be available in order to start three matches parallel (two every 15 min, one every 20 min) for all SWT and WCNT events. For IWT events two match courts in each sport must be available, but three are strongly recommended. For Challengers two match courts must be available. For Satellites one match court per sport is sufficient At WC a minimum of six match courts at the same venue is required. One of these courts in each sport must be part of a so-called centre court arena including a squash glass court and spectator stands branded for worldwide free live-streaming.

Elite classes main draw matches should be played on centre courts (one in each sport including referees) 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 to. Three minutes to move to the court for the next set and three minutes warm up before each set. For WC events, approved referees on all courts are required.

If there are any problems with this availability, organisers can ask FIR for exceptions. In case of summer events with tennis played outdoors at least two tennis courts must be available indoor in case of rain for all events at least offsite. The light must be reasonable on all courts, Badminton nets must be held by weights. Single Posts must be used on the tennis courts for all single matches. The space around the table tennis tables must be according to ITTF regulations[7] for Elite classes. For all other classes, the space must be reasonable; the matches can't take place in a small low ceiling room. Badminton Elite matches should be played on floors with only badminton lines marked; if the hall has multiple-coloured lines for different sports, then badminton mats must be used for Centre Court matches in WC, SWT and IWT events.

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 in), the badminton net must have a height of 1.524 m (5 ft) in the centre and one of 1.55 m (5 ft 1 in) 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.

3.7.7. Practice Courts

It is a requirement that organisers provide two practice courts in each sport for WC and SWT events at least from 5 p.m. the evening before the tournament starts.

[7] 14m long by 7m wide by 5m high

On match days at all WC, SWT and IWT events the same number of practice courts as match courts must be available from two hours before tournament start. During the tournament the only compulsory warm up court is a table tennis table where Elite players must have the possibility to warm up 15 min before their match start.

At Challengers and Satellites, practice courts are not compulsory, but Elite players must have the possibility to warm up with Table Tennis at least 15 minutes before the start of their match, which is compulsory for all tournaments.

3.7.8. Shuttle Service

WC and SWT events must offer a paid shuttle service for all players from the major airports or nearest train station to the sports centre and the tournament hotel, if no public transportation is available, or it would be more than 50% of the shuttle costs.

IWT events are recommended to offer shuttles for the Elite players at least twice a day from and to the tournament hotels.

3.7.9. Scoreboard

Scoreboards are to be used on all centre courts at all times. At WC and SWT events live-scoring on monitors on all centre courts, displaying the scores of all sets and the total score of the matches.

3.8. Draws and Seeding

3.8.1. Minimum 3 matches

It is a requirement for all World Ranking events to guarantee at least three scheduled matches for all players in each Singles draw, unless the draw is too small to allow this, and two matches in each Doubles draw. If the draw has byes, then the minimum rounds must be increased to ensure this. Tournament Directors should strive to organise four matches for players wherever possible. Walkovers and withdrawals will be considered as matches regarding this guarantee. If necessary, round robin groups can be held to achieve this – e.g. An 8-draw monrad with only 6 players should be changed to two groups of 3 players, with a 1 vs 1, 2 vs 2 and 3 vs 3 playoff. Monrad-style playoffs which make it possible to play the same opponent twice in one draw (e.g. A1 vs B2 and A2 vs B1 followed by final and bronze medal matches) should be avoided.

3.8.2. Size of draws

The official sizes of all FIR draws are: 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 96 and 128. Partial draws of 12, 24 and 48 are also allowed. The FIR Delegate decides on the size of all draws, with the objective of maintaining consistent playing levels across all tournaments. In extreme cases when needed to achieve this, non-standard draw sizes can be chosen (e.g. a 6-draw in round robin format), notwithstanding 3.9.1 below. The Tournament Director and FIR Delegate should consider the player experience before deciding to move players up a class to fill a higher draw. The sizes of elite draws are determined by the cut-off depending on the number and world ranking positions of the entered players.

FIR can, based on court availability, past experience etc., restrict the draw-sizes of classes before the tournament has started in order to avoid draw-sizes which are a burden to schedule, such as 5-, 7- or 9-draws. Players may still register for these classes even when full but are placed on the waiting list. The FIR Delegate can increase, or even remove, the draw-size restriction, if sufficient players are on the waiting list and transfer them to the main draw. This restriction shall be published at the time of opening the draws for online entry.

3.8.3. Regular Entry Deadline and Online Entry Fast-Close

The regular entry deadline for SWT, IWT and CHA events is Monday 11:59 a.m. local time of the week before tournament start. WC events close seven days earlier. The FIR Delegate can approve bringing this date forward for one or more individual classes if the class is full to capacity. The FIR Delegate can approve extending the regular entry deadline and must publish this on www.racketlon.net for it to be valid.

If a draw is not full on reaching the regular entry deadline, the FIR Delegate can decide to accept further entries via email until publishing the draw. In case a draw is already complete, or after the draw has already been published, players shall be placed on a waiting list, so they qualify for being entered into the tournament in case

of withdrawals or no-shows. The Tournament Director must enter players on the waiting list into Tournament Planner "Reserve List".

On reaching the regular entry deadline, the Tournament Planner TP-file is to be transferred by the Tournament Director to the FIR Delegate. The FIR Delegate will determine the draw sizes in all classes at latest by Thursday 11:59 after receiving the TP-file. During this time, players on the waiting list can be included in draws that are not full. The FIR Delegate will organise the making of the Elite draws and will then return the TP-file to the Tournament Director. Once draws are made and published, no further players other than ALT players can be added to replace players withdrawing from the tournament.

The relevant world ranking for the tournament is the one valid at the date of the regular entry deadline and is used 1) for the classification of the players in the different classes and 2) for the seeding.

The Tournament Director can, with the FIR Delegate's approval, invoke an "Online Entry Fast-Close" if the number of players or entries needs to be restricted due to limited court availability. The online entry is then opened at a predetermined time and closed when the maximum number of players or entries has been reached. Details of any Online Entry Fast-Close needs to be published well in advance to give all players an equal chance of entering, with consideration of the timezones. Players wanting to enter, or change their existing entry, after the online entry fast-close must do so via email to the Tournament Director, who can put them on the waiting list.

3.8.4. Seedings

The seeding for all elite and open draws of all world ranking tournaments including Challengers must be done according to the world rankings, except for a reigning champion there to defend his/her title at a World Championship Elite singles event. In that case he/she will automatically be the 1st seed. The same rule applies to winners of a World Championship age-category singles title, should they enter the same age-group the following year. E.g. the winner of the winner of the 45+ singles will be seed #1 in the 45+ class the following year, but not in the 50+ class. The exception is only valid for singles.

A total of ¼ of the official draw-size should be seeded e.g. 16-draw with 12 players, 4 are seeded. A 4-draw has 2 seeds. In case two seeded players have the same FIR world ranking position, their seeding will be determined by either:
a) their respective placement on the FIR Race for that season, or (if this cannot separate them)
b) a drawing of lots

In case two seeded pairs in doubles have the same FIR world ranking position, lots are drawn which pair is drawn to which position in the draw.

3.8.5. Wildcards

For all FIR Ranking events, the players ranked, according to the valid FIR world rankings on the day of the regular entry deadline, in the top 7/8th of the Elite draw of an Open category MUST always play in the Elite class (e.g. Men's A or Women's A), unless given a special exemption to play down a level.

Players can be offered a wildcard, to enter the Elite draw although they have 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. FIR can offer the tournament its wildcards and vice versa.

By registering for an Elite draw, players are implicitly applying for a wildcard, should this be necessary. Players may additionally contact FIR and the Tournament Director stating their justification for Elite status. 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 FIR world rankings.

There are no limits on wildcards for non-Elite draws, nor for Challenger events.

Winners of a World Championships Men's Singles, or a Men's or Mixed Doubles (if the pairing remains the same) open event will automatically be promoted to the next higher level at the following World Championships as an extra wildcard (additional to the regular wildcards) e.g. winner of MC is automatically placed into MB the next year, XB winners in XA etc

Winners of a World Championships Women's Singles or a Women's Doubles (if the pairing remains the same) open event can be awarded an optional extra wildcard (in addition to the regular wildcards) for the next higher

level at the following World Championships e.g. winner of WB is automatically offered a place in WA the next year, should the player wish to take it.

If any player who qualifies for the World Tour Finals by finishing in the top-8 of the FIR Race cannot or does not want to play in the World Tour Finals event, FIR may choose a wild card to replace him or her. Should many qualifying players not compete in the World Tour Finals, FIR may, in extreme cases, elect to hold the event with fewer than 8 participants.

3.8.6. Publishing of Draws

The Tournament Director may organise with FIR that all Elite draws are made by individually selecting the names of the players or pairs "out of a hat" live using FIR's social media channels, such as Facebook, to ensure a fair and unbiased process. If no live-draws are made, the FIR Delegate will organise the draws to be made using only Tournament Planner. If the Delegate is part of any draw, then another member of the Delegate team must be found to make those Elite draws

All draws for FIR international Racketlon events must be published online together with the time schedules at the latest by Monday of the week of the first day of the tournament on fir.tournamentsoftware.com. After the time schedule has been published, no first-round match times may be changed without the players' consent.

3.8.7. Re-Draw

Under exceptional circumstances, the FIR Delegate can authorise a complete re-draw. Typical examples might be the need to change from a monrad to a round robin group following player withdrawal, or mistakes in the handling of seeded alternate players.

3.9. Tournament Software

3.9.1. Obligation to use Tournament Software

All FIR events are obliged to use Tournament Software for draws, entries and results reporting. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director that all participants have registered their players profile on Tournament Software otherwise their results cannot be processed for the World Rankings.

If Tournament Directors enter any players themselves who have not paid their annual licence fee via Tournament Software, they are responsible to collect the player licence fees and the additional administration fees of 10 € per licence on site and transfer to FIR.

3.9.2. Costs of Tournament Software, Collection of Annual Licence Fees

The costs per country for a licence of Tournament Software, to run all FIR Racketlon tournaments in that country is around 100 €[8] per year and needs to be paid to FIR together with the annual country membership fee, or as soon as a Challenger or Satellite event has been added to the World Tour.

3.9.3. Matters concerning Tournament Software

The FIR Tournament Software Officer and the FIR Delegate are in charge of communicating with the tournament organisers and players for all matters concerning Tournament Software.

3.10. Media - Reporting Results

3.10.1. Requirements overview

The FIR expects that all tournaments should strive to generate as much media coverage and reporting as possible, both in conjunction with the FIR Media Team, as well as independently of them.

3.10.2. Media Officer

It is a requirement for FIR World Tour event organisers to appoint a Media Officer for the tournament who is responsible for all points below.

[8] EUR 106.48 for 2026

3.10.3. Tournament Software - Internet

FIR Tournament Software is required for all FIR events. Internet must therefore be available for the Media Officer at all tournaments. Results should be permanently updated at regular intervals throughout the day, ideally at least twice every hours. They must be completed and online and available on fir.tournamentsoftware.com immediately 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 at media@racketlon.net to make clear who won the Elite classes with prize money.

3.10.4. Live-Scoring

All WC and SWT events must use an online live-scoring system for the Elite draws involving four extra laptops/tablets and screens at each centre court of each sport

3.10.5. Reports and pictures on the internet

The media officer is responsible to deliver one short report plus one picture of the tournament at least one week before the first day of play once the draws are published. When matches have finished on each day of the tournament the media officer must produce a general text of what has happened on the day especially in Elite draws to publish on www.racketlon.net daily. At the end of the tournament a long report about all draws is to be written and published including pictures on www.racketlon.net. These requirements are in the interest of the tournament to help with the promotion.

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

3.10.7. Media Coverage

WC events are required to deliver extensive media coverage, which can include social media, blogs, podcasts, print media and TV spots. This coverage shall start at least 6 months prior to tournament begin. Media working places including wifi are also to be offered as a mixed zone where players and reporters can hold interviews. SWT events are required to deliver a significant amount of media coverage, starting at least 3 months prior to tournament beginning. Other World Tour events are encouraged to deliver as much media coverage as they can.

3.11. Referees and Line Judges

The appointed FIR Delegate also acts as the Head Referee for that same tournament and takes all final decisions concerning the games, scoring and so forth according to the FIR Racketlon Rulebook. In cases which are not provided for in the Rules and Regulations of FIR, the Head Referee may take a final decision on his own responsibility according to ideas and ethics of Racketlon. A Head Referee with a personal implication in a decision must unbiasedly explain the situation to another FIR-representative at the venue or, if not possible, on the phone, who will then make the decision. they is also the only person who needs to be called if a player wants to take a 5-minute injury time-out according to FIR rules. The Head Referee can take a doctor or physio with him on the court and ask for consultation, but he makes the final decision.

For WC and SWT events, at least one referee in each sport must have a background in umpiring the specific sport. These referees should be used in all main round Elite matches including 3rd place playoff.

For IWT events, score-keepers must be available for all main round Elite matches including 3rd place playoff in table tennis, badminton and tennis. Squash referees are mandatory for all Elite main-draw matches in singles and doubles in all World Tour events. The squash referee must always be experienced and able to control the game.

For all other draws and for Challenger events, referees must be provided if any of the players asks for one. Referees can be any of the players taking part in the tournament.

For WC and SWT events, there shall be a minimum of one line-judge for badminton and tennis, positioned to call the shuttle/ball in or out on the far tramline for all Elite singles semi-finals and finals. The line judge can be any unbiased person with knowledge of the sport.

3.12. Junior Safeguarding

All FIR-sanctioned tournaments involving participants under the age of 18 shall comply with the **FIR Junior Safeguarding Policy** and with applicable child-protection and safeguarding requirements in the host country.

The Tournament Director shall ensure that an appropriate person is identified to receive safeguarding concerns during the tournament. For FIR World Championships and all FIR sanctioned tournaments, a named Safeguarding Contact shall be communicated to participants before or during the event.

Participation in an FIR-sanctioned tournament does not transfer parental or supervisory responsibility for a junior participant to FIR or the tournament organiser. Each junior must remain under the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian, or another responsible adult authorised by them.

3.13. Other Requirements

3.13.1. World Tour Race Trophies

It is a requirement on the last World Tour Race events of the year to provide trophies for the players who finished among the top 3 in the Seniors, Men A - Elite and Women A - Elite and to organise a prize giving ceremony. The trophies are paid for by the FIR and should not cost more than 300 €.

3.13.2. Prize Giving Ceremony

At all FIR events it is required to hold an official prize giving ceremony at the end of the tournament where at least the top 3 players, double pairs or teams in all classes are awarded with medals or trophies. If specific draws are finished on an earlier day, then an additional prize giving ceremony on this day is recommended. The FIR Delegate can approve, as an exception, awarding medals or trophies to players before the ceremony.

The prize giving ceremonies should take place on a podium.

3.13.3. Massage, Physiotherapist, Medical Service, Doctor

At WC and SWT events a massage should be possible on site, and medical service or a doctor and a physiotherapist (permanently, for WC events) on standby in cases of injury (players have to pay themselves). The tournament organiser should provide medical assistance according with national regulations.

At IWT and at Challenger events a doctor, physiotherapist and a masseur should at least be on standby.

3.13.4. World Tour Banner, Flags and National Anthems

At WC event prize giving ceremonies, the national anthems should be played for the winners of all Elite classes (singles and doubles) and all National Team events. National anthems can be played for the winners of other classes at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

All flags of the participating nations should be put up in the sports centre at all WC, SWT and IWT events together with the FIR World Tour banner. FIR will organise delivery of the banner.

3.13.5. Stringing Service

At WC and SWT events a stringing service at the player's own cost should be on site. At IWT and Challenger events such service should at least be on standby.

3.13.6. 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 the first day (except for World Championships). Elite singles finals should never take place at the same time and should be a minimum of 90 mins apart from each other - only in exceptional cases and with the full agreement of the FIR Delegate can this be changed.

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.

3.13.7. 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 identified Centre Courts (at least one court per sport, maximum 2 courts 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 to move to the next court between the sets is maintained. 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 Elite singles draws no more than 3 matches per full day of 12 hours or 2 matches per short day of 8 hours are allowed.

3.13.8. Volunteer and Team Recommendations

The FIR advises that Tournament Directors ensure they have a support team before and during the tournament. The FIR also advises that the tournament volunteers are easily identifiable by a t-shirt or other visible item of clothing.

3.13.9. Tournament Banner

The FIR Racketlon World Tour banner, or the FIR World Championships banner should be visible on the main centre court and for the prize giving ceremony for all World Tour events.

3.14. Tournament and FIR Sponsors

3.14.1. General principles

All sponsorship issues are handled in a separate FIR Sponsorship Regulations document.

In summary, FIR can oblige tournament organisers to use specific suppliers or brands, such as tournament balls or shuttlecocks, even if the tournament has a different agreement with the local suppliers.

All Title, Presenting and Ball Sponsors must be named to FIR together with the tournament application or at a later date whenever a new tournament sponsor is confirmed, to allow the FIR to check for any conflicts existing FIR Sponsors.

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

3.15. Fines

3.15.1. Withdrawals and no-show

In case a player withdraws after the regular entry deadline, or fails to show at the tournament, then they are required to pay their entry fee (unless waived by the Tournament Director).

FIR can suspend players from any FIR events until they have paid the entry fee either to FIR or to the Tournament Director. The player Suspension List is managed by the FIR World Tour Officer.

3.15.2. Tournament Changes and Cancellations

If a FIR event is cancelled, the FIR may implement a fine of EUR 1000 which would be paid to FIR and the organisers may not participate in any FIR events until this fine is paid. If a FIR event changes its date or its place after the application deadline, a fine of EUR 500 may be implemented plus the costs for reprinting World Tour posters and flyers (in case they have already been printed) of around EUR 700, may need to be paid. All decisions about whether FIR should issue a fine in relation to the cancellation, change of date or place of a FIR event, will be made by the FIR World Tour Committee. If players can prove they have paid flights, alternative shuttles should be provided to any new venue or flight costs should be reimbursed. The national federation that exists in the respective country is liable to be charged with any fines that are implemented. The FIR World Tour Committee will also take any such changes or cancellations into consideration when constructing the following year's World Tour.

3.15.3. FIR-Tournament Delegate

A FIR Tournament Delegate is nominated by FIR for each FIR World Tour event as assistance for the tournament organisation. For World Championships, FIR will provide two Delegates, in view of the significant additional workload. FIR Delegates are nominated by FIR and published on www.racketlon.net.

The Tournament Delegate should be on site the night before the tournament starts at around 17:00 and stay until one hour after the tournament ends and check the tournament regulations with the tournament organiser. A technical meeting is to be held with the tournament organiser and some of his most important team members the evening before tournament start.

The FIR Tournament Delegate is also responsible to be in contact with the tournament organiser and FIR from between 3 and 6 months before the tournament and will also approve all draws and time schedule before any publication.

The Tournament Director accepts that the FIR-Delegate is the highest officials at the tournament and take all final decisions both before and during the tournament for the best of international Racketlon.

In return for the help, the tournament organisation must offer the Delegate (for World Championships, both Delegates) during the entire tournament free accommodation in a hotel single room including breakfast and one warm meal per day and no entry fee. This is valid from one day before tournament start (room and evening meal) until latest one day after tournament (room and breakfast) start if the Delegate cannot travel home the same day the tournament ends.

Tournament Status Fees are due for the FIR Delegate (see 3.4 above).

3.16. Insurance

Players and tournament organisers are responsible for their own insurances. FIR declines all liability.

B. FIR National Team Competitions (World Championships)

From 1.1.2019, the Open FIR National Team Competition will be changed to 3 separate competitions:

- FIR Elite World Cup (for the strongest nations).
- FIR Nations Cup
- FIR Challenge Cup

Each country must enter their team squads online 1 month before the tournament. The strongest teams for the Elite World Cup, and the draw sizes and types are determined by the FIR Delegate.

The remaining teams will be placed into either the 2nd tier competition: FIR Nations Cup or 3rd tier: FIR Challenge Cup, according to the strength of the teams (based on, but not limited to, the FIR World Ranking of the best woman and the best 3 men players). The format of the FIR Nations Cup and Challenge Cup competitions will be decided by the FIR Delegate based around how many teams have entered.

There is no promotion or relegation between the competitions. Each year, depending on the strength of the team squads entered, the FIR Delegate will make a decision about which teams will compete in which of the 3 Open team competitions.

From 1.1.2027, the Open FIR Women's National Team Competition will be added, with 3 separate competitions:

- FIR Women's World Cup (for the strongest nations).
- FIR Women's Nations Cup
- FIR Women's Challenge Cup

Juniors and Seniors competitions will be organised into one competition per age class.

Whilst every effort will be made to place each national team in the competition they wish to compete in, the FIR will have final say as to each national team's allocation.

All disputes regarding a national team's allocation to a division shall be decided by the FIR Council.

1. The Team

1.1. The Team

Each FIR member country can submit national teams to the FIR National Team Competitions, but only if it has no outstanding debt to FIR.

Each Open 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).

The Women's national team consists of a minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 5.

A Juniors (u21) national team consists of a minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 6 players, including at least one girl.

A Juniors (u18) national team consists of a minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 6 players, including at least one girl.

A Juniors (u16, u14 or u12) national team consists of a minimum of 2 players (boys or girls) and a maximum of 4 players.

A Seniors (+40) national team consists of a minimum of 4 men and a maximum of 6 men plus a minimum of 1 woman and a maximum of 2 women.

A Seniors (+45) national team consists of a minimum of 4 men and a maximum of 6 men plus a minimum of 1 woman and a maximum of 2 women.

A Seniors +55 national team consists of a minimum of 4 men and a maximum of 6 men plus a minimum of 1 woman and a maximum of 2 women.

A Seniors (+65) national team consists of a minimum of 2 players (men or women) and a maximum of 4 players.

An Open national team may designate their best woman to play in a man's position, leaving their next-best woman to play as the top woman. For a woman playing in a man's position, her men's ranking (if any) will be used when deciding the seeded teams.

The same logic is used for juniors and seniors national team events.

All teams must nominate a team captain. For all teams, the team captain can be one of the players or another non-playing person.

In order to be allowed to play for their country all members of the National Squad must:

- hold a valid passport for a country (if a player holds more than one passport, then they are allowed to represent either country but is only allowed to swap the country they play for once in their lifetime)

OR

- (for u18 or younger classes) have been a permanent resident of that country for 2 years or more where that country has been their primary home OR
- (for all other classes) have been a permanent resident of that country for 5 years or more where that country has been their primary home.

A player is allowed to swap the country they play for once while they play u18 or younger classes.
In all other cases a player is only allowed to swap the country they play for once in their lifetime after they leave the u18 class.

The team members must be designated at entry deadline of the tournament. One single 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 national captain or at least one player from each nation comes to the team captains meeting, which is organized by FIR on the evening before tournament start.

Players may be on the squad of more than one team of different classes, but the time schedule will not be adjusted for any of such players e.g. a player in the Juniors u21 national team or Seniors +45 national team may also play for the Elite team in the World Cup, or a player in the u18 national squad may also be registered for the u21 team, but if both teams play at the same time no adjustment of the schedule will be made. This does not apply for amateur teams. Players playing in amateur teams may not be on any other squads, except to transfer to another team of the same nation to replace a player withdrawing due to injury, should that team otherwise be unable to field a full team. Similarly, a player registered as reserve for one of the juniors or seniors squads may be transferred from a "lower" to a "higher" team (e.g. a player registered for the u21 3rd team may be transferred to the u21 first or second team. The player transferring to the new team may not have played any Team Event matches prior to being transferred. The rule 1.3 below, that reserves may not be deployed during a match, remains in force. The withdrawing player may not play any further Team Event matches throughout the tournament.

1.2. Line-up commitment

Before a team match begins each team shall commit to their line-up; i.e. to all team members who will be active in it and in what positions. Teams may choose who plays singles and doubles, regardless of world rankings.

The order of the national players within the team is determined by the FIR 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 FIR Seniors world ranking shall be used for the seeding of the senior national teams, and the FIR Juniors world rankings for junior national teams.

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.

Once a match has started, the line-up is confirmed, even if it is subsequently noticed to be incorrect, and the match will be played with this line-up to completion. Following matches shall use the corrected line-up.

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, they may not be replaced and loses the remaining points.

1.4. Seeding of the National Teams

For Elite and Amateur national teams, the sum of the Elite ranking positions of the best three men and the best woman of the respective team at the close of team registrations shall determine the seeding.

For the Women's national teams, the sum of the Elite ranking positions of the best two women of the respective team at the close of team registrations shall determine the seeding

For Seniors +40, +45 and +55 national teams, the sum of the Seniors ranking positions of the best 3 senior men, and the best senior woman shall be decisive.

For Seniors +65 national teams, the sum of the Senior men's ranking positions of the best 2 seniors shall be decisive, even if one or more of the best seniors are women

For Juniors u21 and u18 national teams, the sum of the Juniors ranking positions of the best two boys and the best girl shall be decisive.

For Juniors u16/u14/u12 national teams, the sum of the Junior boy's ranking positions for the best ranked two players shall be decisive, even if one or more of the best juniors are girls.

In last instance FIR Delegate decides!

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

1.5. FIR makes draws at Team Captains Meeting

FIR makes the draws of the Championship Division at the Team Captains Meeting, the day before the tournament starts. Team seedings is based on the players who will actually be participating in the Team Event. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to de-register any players who have withdrawn after registration, or who will not be available to play in the Team Event (due to injury, other private commitments etc).

2. Order of Play

An Open team match consists of four individual Racketlon matches – 2 Men's Singles, 1 Women's Singles and 1 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 (Doubles Team A)	vs.	BMD (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 following 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 Women's national team match consists of four individual Racketlon matches – 2 Women's Singles and 2 Women's Doubles. The women playing singles may (but must not) each also play one doubles with a third woman, but not with each other. The second doubles pair must be a different combination to the first pair Matches are played in the following order:

AWD (best Doubles Team A)	vs.	BWD (best Doubles Team B);
AWD2 (second-best Doubles Team A)	vs.	BWD2 (second-best Doubles Team B);
AW1 (best woman of Team A)	vs.	BW1 (best woman of Team B);
AW2 (second best woman in Team A)	vs.	BW2 (second best woman in Team B).

The Seniors +40, +45 and +55 competition is played in the same manner as an Elite team match.

The Seniors +65 competition consists of three Racketlon matches – 2 Singles and 1 Doubles – and is played in the following pairs: Best Seniors, Doubles, Second Best Seniors.

The Juniors u21 and u18 competition consists of 3 individual Racketlon matches in singles in the order of play: boy 1, girl, boy 2.

The Juniors u16/u14/u12 competition consists of 2 individual Racketlon matches in singles in the order of play: player1, player2, and one doubles. The player 2 singles shall be the last match

The single coin-toss to decide who shall start serving at table tennis shall apply to the whole team.

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. FIR may approve a Tournament Director request to play to 15 or 21 points. Sides are changed when one of the players, or doubles pairs, reaches 6 (or 8 or 11) points. If the score is 10-10 (or 14-14, or 20-20) the serve switches hand for every point until the set is decided by a two-point 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 2 teams is equal after all matches. In this case, the tennis set of the last match 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 at least two encounters can be played. The missing players encounter is then scored with 0:44 (or 0:60, or 0:84).

A woman can play instead of a man in all national team competitions if not enough men are present, but may not also play in the women’s rubber in the same match.

If a player gets injured during the match the achieved points are frozen and all remaining points go to their opponent.

C. FIR Champions League

1. League Format

From 1.1.2017, the Champions League is a league-based format, with one or more leagues. All the teams in the same league will be selected to have similar strengths. The Champions League is played at one or more FIR World Tour tournaments in combination with the regular singles and doubles categories.

1.1. Application to play

A team may apply to FIR to participate in the Champions League, naming the team captain. FIR will name the teams selected at the beginning of the season, specifying the dates and locations where it will be held.

All players with a valid FIR player licence may register to participate. There is no guarantee they will be selected to play.

1.2. Squads

Team captains make up their squad by selecting in turn from a pool of available players. There are no restrictions (gender, nationality, age etc) for the player selection. The minimum squad size is 6 players, but each team must be able to field a minimum of 3 men and 1 woman for each of their matches across both Champions League weekends. The maximum squad size is determined by FIR. The player selection uses a "drafting" process. The exact rules of the drafting process will be developed and agreed by FIR before the start of each Champions League season.

1.3. Teams

The team captain selects teams from his squad for each individual team match, This team can be different from match to match. The team captain decides whether a player should play just one singles or one doubles match, or whether the player should play in both a singles and one doubles match. A player may not play in two doubles team matches

1.4. Line-up commitment

The order of the men players in each squad is submitted by the team captain before the start of the first Champions League weekend (and this order is then set for both Champions League weekends in the year).

This order is at the discretion of the team captain and does not have to follow world rankings.

The team captain is responsible to pass the line-up to the tournament organiser 30 minutes before the beginning of each match. The team captain is allowed one "switch" in the order of their men's singles e.g. number 1 and number 2 can switch, or number 2 and number 3 can switch (but no.3 cannot switch with no.3).

For the Men's and Mixed Doubles line up, the player named first in the pair shall start in squash.

1.5. Order of Play

A Champions League team match consists of 4 individual Racketlon matches – 3 Men's Singles, 1 Women's Singles and 2 Doubles – and is played in the following order:

AMD (Men's Doubles Team A)	vs.	BMD (Men's Doubles Team B);
AXD (Mixed Doubles Team A)	vs.	BXD (Mixed Doubles Team B);
AM1 (best man in Team A)	vs.	BM1 (best man in Team B);
AW (woman of Team A)	vs.	BW (woman of Team B);
AM2 (second best man in Team A)	vs.	BM2 (second best man in Team B);
AM3 (third best man in Team A)	vs.	BM3 (third best man in Team B);

All sets in the main draw of a team competition must be played following 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 single coin-toss to decide who shall start serving at table tennis shall apply to the whole team.

2. Scoring and Gummiarm Rule

The Scoring and Gummiarm Rule as described in section B clause 3 (National Team) is applicable to the FIR Champions League with the following exceptions.

In case the two teams are equal after all 4 matches, a Gummiarm point is played in the last match: 3rd Men Singles.

D. Final Provisions

1. Coming into Force

These Tournament Regulations were initially passed by the FIR Founding Assembly on 2nd February 2019 in Vienna and the most recent modifications approved by the FIR Council on 30th October 2026. The revised version shall be valid with immediate effect.

2. Amendments and Modifications

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

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