

**CHANGES
TO THE
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OFFICIAL RULEBOOK**



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A correction to page 10, 1.07 D. Commitment has been made to the published 2015 ATP Official Rulebook. It is noted in *italics* below:

D. Commitment

The commitment for the commitment player is, the singles event of all ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournaments for which he is accepted, the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals (if qualified as a direct acceptance or designated as the alternate) and four (4) ATP World Tour 500 tournaments, one (1) of which must be held following the US Open. For commitment and ranking purposes, the Monte Carlo Masters 1000, *London Queens and Halle* will be included in the minimum requirements for the 500 category. 2015 Davis Cup points may be counted as one (1) of the best of six (6) in the Emirates ATP Rankings, however, it shall not count towards the commitment requirement of a commitment player. See page 193 "Ranking Penalty."

Effective Immediately

Additions have been made to pg. 282, **Exhibit O – Glossary**, noted below in *italics*:

Draw Results:

The supervisor must record match results using, where appropriate, the following definitions:

Abandoned: Match began but was not completed for any reason other than default or retirement. There is no winner or loser. The match is not to be completed. Players receive points and money equivalent to loser of that round.

Default: Losing player was defaulted under provisions of Code of Conduct after match had begun.

Incomplete: Match began but was not completed for any reason other than weather, default, or retirement. There is no winner or loser. It is anticipated that the match will be resumed and completed.

Ineligible: *Player fails to sign the Consent and Agreement Form prior to his first match.*

Retired: Losing player retired because of illness or injury after match had begun.

Unplayed: Match did not begin for any reason other than (a) illness or injury on the part of one player or (b) one player was subjected to penalties of Code of Conduct before first serve of match was struck or otherwise not permitted by the ATP or tournament supervisor from playing. There is no winner or loser and the match will not be played.

Unregistered - Player fails to complete the registration process prior to his first match.

Walkover: Match did not begin because:

- a) losing player was ill or injured or
 - b) losing player was subjected to penalties of Code of Conduct before first serve of match was struck or otherwise not permitted by the ATP or tournament supervisor to play.
- This would not be used when a lucky loser or alternate is substituted. Winners of "walkover" matches receive points and prize money as if the match had been played.

Weather: Match began but was not completed because of inclement weather. There is no winner or loser. It is anticipated that the match will be resumed and completed.

Effective Immediately

A *note* has been added to Section 9.03 ATP Rankings, G. Points, 5) Point Table, pg. 195 directly beneath the Points Table:

NOTE: Challenger tournaments that provide hospitality receive the points of the next highest prize money level.

Effective Immediately

A clarification has been added to Section 7.09, B. 2), pg. 91 to the heading as noted below in *italics*:

2) Doubles - ATP World Tour 500 2015 Trial (*Mandatory*) & Challenger (*Optional*)

There shall be a four-draw event with one team qualifying.

Effective Immediately

Corrections/clarifications have been made to Section 7.20, A. 3), pg. 107 regarding vacancies as indicated below in *italics*:

- 3) The sign-in for doubles lucky losers or alternates shall follow the same procedures as the sign-in for singles lucky losers or alternates. One member of a lucky loser team may sign in for the team. If there is no qualifying competition, substitutions shall come from the alternate list of teams not accepted directly into the main draw. ~~and shall follow the acceptance procedures outlined above.~~ In either case, only substitutions of the originally paired teams are permitted. If two (2) or more positions become available at the same time during the preceding period, the positions to be occupied shall be determined by drawing.
 - a) There shall be one **Lucky Loser** / alternate sign-in sheet that will have all eligible **Lucky Loser** / alternate teams listed.
 - b) The system of merit for alternates is based on the same method as used in the system of merit for entry.
 - c) **The system of merit for Lucky Losers is based on the same method as used to determine seeding.**

NOTE: 4) Vacancies in ATP World Tour 500 Doubles main draw will be filled by the following method:

- i.) Team losing in the final round of qualifying shall be the number 1 lucky loser; and
- ii.) The two teams losing in the first round of the doubles qualifying shall be numbers two (2) and three (3) based upon their ranking as used in the determination of seeds; and then
- iii.) All teams who signed in for the on-site entry list and were not accepted or could not participate in the qualifying and shall be ordered based upon their rank on the acceptance list.
- iv.) One player from each team must sign the daily lucky loser / alternate sign-in sheet to be eligible to fill a vacancy.

5) Vacancies in Challenger Doubles main draw will be filled by the following method:

- i.) **Team losing in the final round of qualifying shall be the number 1 lucky loser; and**
- ii.) **The two teams losing in the first round of the doubles qualifying shall be numbers two (2) and three (3) based upon their ranking as used in the determination of seeds.**
- iii.) **One player from each team must sign the daily lucky loser / alternate sign-in sheet to be eligible to fill a vacancy.**

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