IFBT COMPETITION RULES

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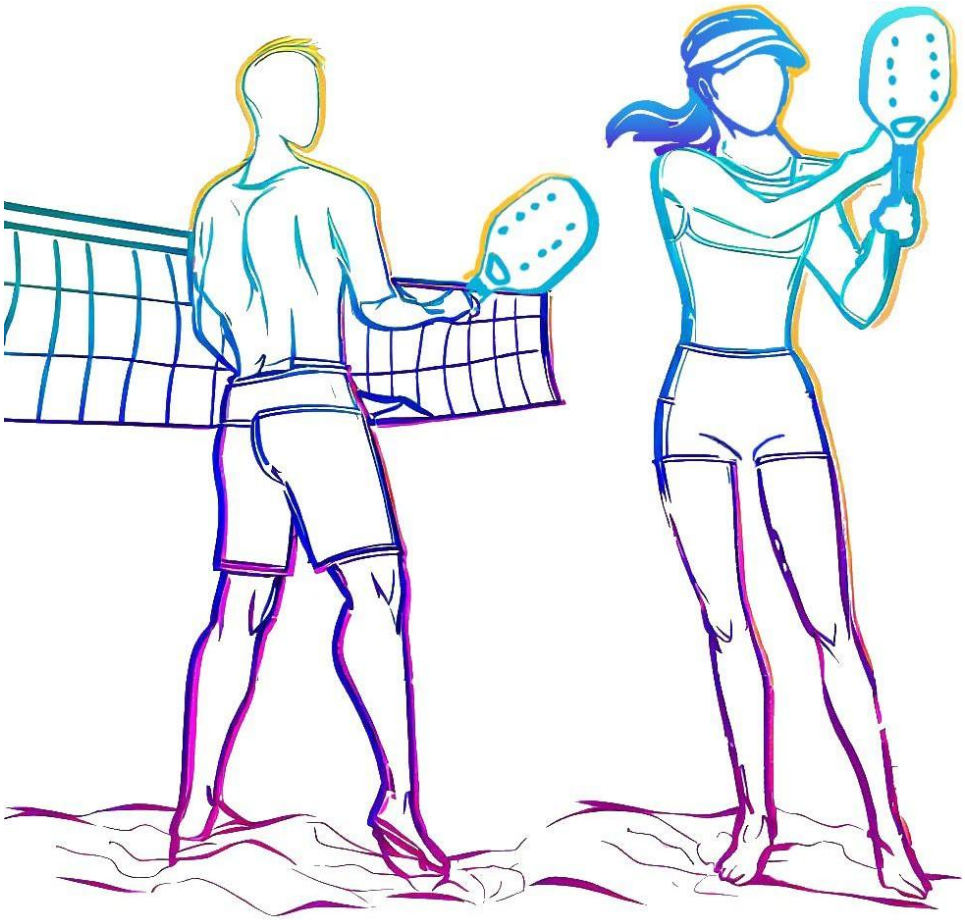

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1- Tournaments

1.1- Tournament Responsibilities

The tournament organizer is responsible for the organization, administration, safety and protection of the competition venue, and must ensure that the venue fully complies with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations.

a) The organizer is solely responsible for contracting the mandatory insurance policies required under the legislation of their country. These policies must include, at a minimum, liability insurance and coverage for death or injury affecting players, staff and third parties.
b) International Championships must have at least one person within the organization who speaks English.
c) By submitting the tournament application, the organizer agrees to fully comply with the IFBT Competition Regulations.

1.2 - IFBT Responsibilities

The IFBT is responsible for the general administration of the Tour, the World Ranking, and for disseminating it as widely as possible.

The IFBT will publish the sanctioned tournaments on the IFBT website.

The IFBT will manage the results of all the tournaments and will publish the World Ranking of the different categories.

1.3 - National Association Responsibilities

National Associations must ensure that the tournaments they sanction for inclusion in the Tour maintain appropriate standards of organization and administration.
The organizers are obliged to comply with all rules and regulations, give dissemination, and make good use of the IFBT brand.

National Associations are responsible for the organizers complying with the tournament standards and the Competition Rules.

The Official IFBT Logos should not be placed:

- against a visually confusing background or image; or
- too close to other visual elements.

The Official IFBT Logos should not be altered in any way.

1.4 - IFBT Approved Tournaments

Regional, National, and International Tournaments conducted by the IFBT Members, shall comply with the rules and regulations approved by the Board of the IFBT - International Beach Tennis.

1.5 - Request for Tournaments

IFBT makes available to its members an application that allows them to apply for tournaments, make fee payments, and enter results.

The tournament request must be entered in the application at least twelve (12) weeks before the WCT, eight (8) weeks the Open-1, four (4) weeks Open-2 and Advanced.

Tournaments that do not meet these deadlines may be rejected.

If, due to forgetfulness or other circumstances, a tournament is entered in the application when there are only a few days left until it takes place or after it has already concluded, there will be a penalty of twice the tournament fee.

The use of the IFBT logo in non-sanctioned tournaments is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply has a penalty of 250 euros.

1.6 - Publication in the Official Calendar

The approved tournaments will be included in the annual IFBT World Tour Calendar.
The calendar will have all the important data of the tournament:

1.6.1 - Venue

- Venue's full address
- Number of courts
- Ball brand

1.6.2- Tournament Contacts

Name, telephone number and email address for at least one contact

1.6.3– Accommodation [(1)]

- Hotel's name, rating, and full address
- Bed and breakfast guide price
- Any special player's discounts

1.6.4- Local Tax [2]

- Percentage of local tax to be deducted from player prize money (if applicable)
- This must be confirmed before deadline.
- Official tax receipt must be provided if local tax is taken

[1] Only obligatory for WCT, Continental, and World Championships.

1.6.5 – Prize Payment Method [2]
PayPal, Bank transfer or by cash on site

[2] Applicable to all tournaments with prize money.

1.7 – Entry Fees

By registering players accept responsibility for paying the registration fees.

The organization will provide the necessary technical means to register the tournaments. Payment can be made in advance or on the day of the tournament. Players are required to have paid their registrations fees before playing their first match. Non-payments will be considered as no-shows for the tournament.

IFBT makes available to the organizers an application to make registrations and payments.

The following maximum Entry Fee may be charged per player per Tournament

Category	1st tournament	2nd tournament
World Championships	25€	20€
Continental	20€	15€
WCT	25€	20€
Open-1	15€	10€
Open-2	15€	10€
Advanced/Int./Beg.	15€	10€
Under/Over	15€	10€

The IFBT may authorize different fees at the request of the organization

**Each player in a team is responsible for payment of his/her Entry Fee.*

1.8 - No show at the Tournament

The player who cannot appear in a tournament is obliged to communicate this to the Head Judge, and to justify his/her absence. Non-presentation implies a penalty equivalent to the score obtained by the winner of the main category. This negative score will be added to the sum of the best eight results of your ranking during the twelve months period.

In the case of a repeat offense the Head Judge must notify the Disciplinary Committee.

1.9 - Insurances

The organization may charge participants the cost of sports accident insurance corresponding to the competition days, clearly indicating whether this coverage is mandatory or optional.

If the insurance is optional and the participant chooses not to purchase it, the organization will not assume any responsibility for injuries or accidents the player may suffer during sports practice**,** without prejudice to the mandatory insurance policies the organizer must maintain under point 1.1.

1.10 – Competition Categories

The categories approved by the IFBT are:

- Male and female Pro, Advanced, Intermediate or Beginners
- Under 10-12-14-16-18
- Under 30
- Over 30-40-50-60

2. - Tournaments Rules and Regulations

2.1 - Competition System

In the Doubles Category, a minimum of four pairs is required in order to establish a scoring system. In the Singles categories, the minimum is four players.

Doubles matches are organized using a round-robin group stage, followed by a knockout final bracket.

In Singles matches, a double elimination bracket can be established, where players have an additional opportunity to continue competing after a loss. This structure includes both a winners' bracket and a losers' bracket.

As for Doubles matches, the tournament director has the option to decide whether a double elimination bracket will also be implemented for this category.

2.2 - Group Play

Group Play (Round-Robin style/all play all): A single set of up to 6 games is played, with a two-game advantage. In case of a tie at 6-6, a tiebreaker is played, where the first player to reach 7 points, with a two-point lead over the opponent, is the winner.

2.3 - Eliminatory Round

Quarterfinals and Semi-finals: A single set of up to 6 games is played. In case of a tie at 6-6, a tiebreaker is played, where the first player to reach 7 points, with a two-point lead over the opponent, is the winner.

Finals: A single set of up to 9 games is played. In case of a tie at 8-8, a tiebreaker is played, where the first player to reach 7 points, with a two-point lead over the opponent, is the winner.

2.4 - Forming Groups

The registered teams will be distributed into groups based on the total number of pairs registered. The teams within each group will play against each other, with each team facing all the other teams in their respective group.

FIRST STAGE - GROUPS

DOUBLES MEN & WOMEN

Teams	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Groups 3 C.			2	1		3	2	1	4	3	2	5	4	3	6	5	4
Groups 4 C.	1			1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2
Groups 5 C.		1															
Seeds	1		2			3			4			5			6		
No. of matches	6	10	6	9	12	9	12	15	12	15	18	15	18	21	18	21	24
No. Groups	1		2			3			4			5			6		

Teams	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Groups 3 C.	7	6	5	8	7	6	9	8	7	10	9	8
Groups 4 C.		1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2
Seeds	7			8			9			10		
No. of matches	14	18	22	16	20	24	18	22	26	20	24	28
No. Groups	7			8			9			10		

2.5 - Seeding Players

To determine the seedings in the individual category, the players' rankings will be considered.

For the doubles categories, the seedings will be determined by adding up the ranking points of each player in the team within the category.

2.6 - Distribution of Seeds in Groups

Teams are sorted according to their pre-tournament ranking. The seeded teams, which are usually the top-ranked teams, are distributed across different groups to avoid them facing each other in the group stage. For example, if there are four seeded teams, one would be placed in each group.

2.7 - Player's substitutions

If a player is unable to participate due to injury, health, or inability to attend, their partner can request the substitution after registration and before the start of the competition. In all cases, the referee's decision to allow or disallow a substitution is final.

2.8 - Players & Technical Committee

Players & Technical Committee are formed by players, and sports technicians interested to develop Beach Tennis under IFBT.

The Committee is an advisory body to the Executive Committee to make proposals that affect the competitions and their regulations.

2.9 - Discipline Committee

The Disciplinary Rules are addressed: players, coaches, physiotherapists, health professionals, referees, judges, and all those people who are involved during the sporting development of the championships and tournaments.

Also, those events that may occur in adjoining premises, such as tournament's accommodations, transportation, tournament facilities bars, restaurants, etc.

2.10 - Medical Control Antidoping policy

The most important tournaments of the IFBT World Tour will be susceptible to the application of anti-doping analytics.

IFBT may conduct random tests without prior notice.

3.- Rankings

3.1 - International Rankings

All players participating in official tournaments of the IFBT will receive points for the IFBT World Rankings.

Rankings are formed from the top eight best results, during the last eighteen months.

The rankings will be updated weekly.

3.2 - Ranking by Class

To obtain ranking points the categories must be comprised of a minimum of four (4) teams.

3.3 –Ranking's Groups

Grades are determined by the characteristics of the tournament and the prizes

The Tournament Grades are as follows:

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS FEES 2025

	NAME	PRIZE R$	PRIZE US$	PRIZE €	FEES 2025
W-0	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	------	------	------	------
CONT	CONTINENTAL	------	------	------	------
WCT-G	WORLD CUP TOUR - GOLD	50.000 to up	US$ 11.500 to up	11.000€ to up	275 €
WCT-S	WORLD CUP TOUR - SILVER	$R 25.000 to $R49.000	US$ 5.500 to 11.000	5.000€ to 10.000€	220 €
WCT	WORLD CUP TOUR	$R13.000 to $R24.000	US$ 2.500 to 5.000	2.000€ to 4.500€	160 €
OPEN-1	INTERNATIONAL OPEN - 1	$R2.500 to $R12.000	US$ 500 to 2.499	400€ to 1.999€	105 €
OPEN-2	INTERNATIONAL OPEN - 2	$R0 to $R2.400	US$ 0 to 499	0 to 399€	70 €
NAT-PRO	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PRO	$R2.500 to $R12.000	US$ 500 to 2.499	400€ to 1.999€	105 €
NAT	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	$R0 to $R2.400	US$ 0 to 499	0 to 399€	70 €
ADV/OVER	ADVANCED + OVER	$R0 to $R5.000	US$ 0 to 1200	0 to 1.000€	70 €
ADV	AMATEUR/ADVANCED	Medals	Medals	Medals	70 €
O/UX	OVER & UNDER SERIES	Medals	Medals	Medals	70 €
O-X	OVER SERIES	Medals	Medals	Medals	70 €
U-X	UNDER SERIES	Medals	Medals	Medals	70 €

1) Price includes open, amateur, over & under categories
2) Price for only one category

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Prices paid by Paypal or Credit Card

Rankings points are determined by the pre-established Grade of the tournament and approved by the IFBT Competition Committee.

3.4 - Player Ranking Points

The points for Doubles Rankings are by player and determine on an individual basis.

3.5 - Determining Ranking Points

The Ranking Points per player are based on the IFBT Ranking Chart below:

IFBT INTERNATIONAL RANKING
PRO CATEGORIES

Score Table

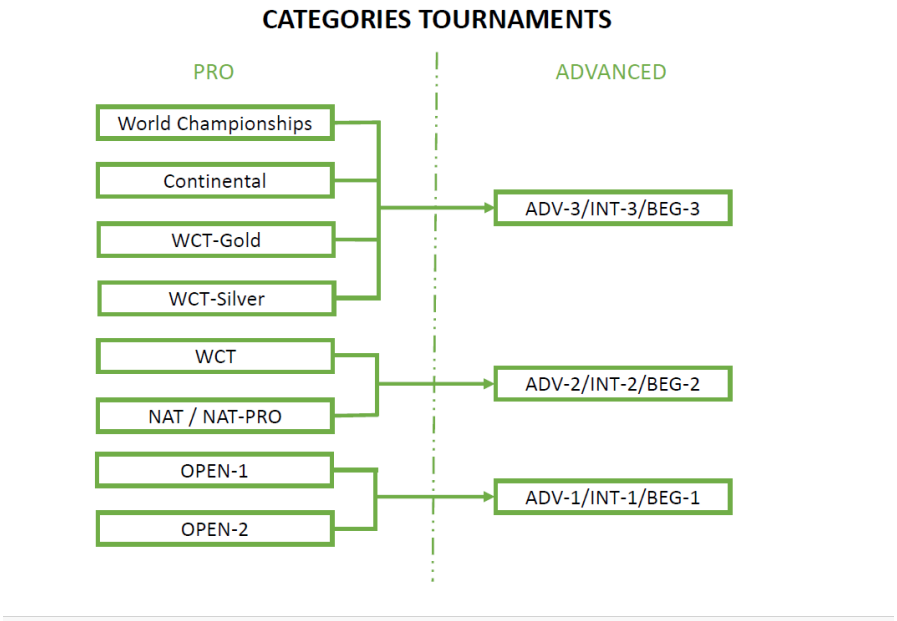
	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	WORLD CUP TOUR PLUS		WORLD CUP TOUR	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS		OPEN SERIES	
	W-0	CONT	WCT-G	WCT-S	WCT	NAT PRO	NAT	OPEN-1	OPEN-2
Number of teams	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17-64**
WINNER	390	340	290	250	220	200	175	175	135
RUNNER-UP	320	280	240	210	180	160	140	140	115
SEMIFINALIST (3-4)	280	240	210	180	150	130	110	110	100
QUARTER FINALIST (5-8)	240	210	180	150	125	110	100	100	80
1/8 FINALIST (9-16)	210	180	150	125	115	95	80	80	60
1/16 FINALIST (17-32)	180	150	125	115	90	75	60	60	45
1/32 FINALIST (33-64)	150	125	115	90	70	55	40	40	30
Number of teams	**9 - 16**	**9 - 16**	**9 - 16**	**9 - 16**	**9 - 16**	**9 - 16**	**9 - 16**	**9 - 16**	**9 - 16**
WINNER	320	276	240	210	175	160	130	130	110
RUNNER-UP	280	240	210	180	150	130	110	110	95
SEMIFINALIST (3-4)	240	210	180	150	125	110	100	100	80
QUARTER FINALIST (5-8)	210	180	150	125	115	95	80	80	60
1/8 FINALIST (9-16)	180	150	125	115	90	75	60	60	45
Number of teams	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**
WINNER	280	240	210	180	150	120	100	100	90
RUNNER-UP	240	210	180	150	120	100	90	90	80
SEMIFINALIST (3-4)	210	180	150	125	100	90	80	80	60
QUARTER FINALIST (5-8)	180	150	125	115	90	80	60	60	45

IFBT INTERNATIONAL RANKING
ADVANCED CATEGORIES

Score Table

	W0/CONT/WCT+			NAT-PRO/NAT/WCT			OPEN-1 OPEN-2		
	ADV-3	INT-3	BEG-3	ADV-2	INT-2	BEG-2	ADV-1	INT-1	BEG-1
Number of teams	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**	**17 - 64**
WINNER	100	60	40	85	50	35	65	40	25
RUNNER-UP	75	50	35	65	45	30	50	30	20
SEMIFINALIST (3-4)	60	40	30	50	35	25	40	25	15
QUARTER FINALIST (5-8)	50	35	25	45	30	20	30	20	10
1/8 FINALIST (9-16)	40	30	20	35	25	15	25	15	5
1/16 FINALIST (17-32)	35	25	15	30	20	10	20	10	2
1/32 FINALIST (33-64)	30	20	10	25	15	5	15	5	1
Number of teams	**9-16**	**9-16**	**9-16**	**9-16**	**9-16**	**9-16**	**9-16**	**9-16**	**9-16**
WINNER	75	50	35	65	45	30	50	30	20
RUNNER-UP	60	40	30	50	35	25	40	25	15
SEMIFINALIST (3-4)	50	35	25	45	30	20	30	20	10
QUARTER FINALIST (5-8)	40	30	20	35	25	15	25	15	5
1/8 FINALIST (9-16)	35	25	15	30	20	10	20	10	2
Number of teams	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**	**4 - 8**
WINNER	60	40	30	50	35	25	40	25	15
RUNNER-UP	50	35	25	45	30	20	30	20	10
SEMIFINALIST (3-4)	40	30	20	35	25	15	25	15	5
QUARTER FINALIST (5-8)	35	25	15	30	20	10	20	10	2

Depending on the main Pro category, you will have Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners.1,2 or 3.



3.6 - Under and Over Rating Categories

There are separate rankings for Under and Over categories. These rankings are independent of the main ranking system.

Between each of the age categories and the next there is a difference of 15% of the points. Within these categories are the following:

UNDER - WORLD RANKING

	Under-16	Under-14	Under-12	Under-10
WINNER	190	155	120	90
RUNNER-UP	170	140	110	80
SEMIFINALIST (3-4)	125	105	80	60
QUARTER FINALIST (5-8)	105	85	65	50
1/8 FINALIST (9-16)	95	80	60	45
1/16 FINALIST (16-32)	75	65	50	35

OVER - WORLD RANKING

	Over-30	Over-40	Over-50
WINNER	225	155	90
RUNNER-UP	200	140	80
SEMIFINALIST (3-4)	150	105	60
QUARTER FINALIST (5-8)	125	85	50
1/8 FINALIST (9-16)	115	80	45
1/16 FINALIST (16-32)	90	65	35

3.7 - Rankings and Allocation of Points

The results of the tournament must be sent to IFBT within a maximum period of 15 days from the end of the tournament through the app.
Once the results have been validated, the rankings will be updated.

4. – Players Categories

4.1 - Categories Pro, Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners

Players will be classified into the different categories according to their average points (Average = points ÷ tournaments played). The official IFBT application will take into account the player's average at the time of registration, not allowing players with an average outside the range to participate in categories that do not correspond to their level.

Players under 16 years of age may not participate in the Pro category unless they have express authorization from the IFBT. When a player participates for the first time or has only one tournament recorded, the Head Judge may decide in which category the player can register.

4.2.- Determination of Categories

The IFBT has implemented a classification system to differentiate between categories and establish a level of play for all players. This ranking is determined by the number of points obtained divided by the number of tournaments played (Average = points ÷ tournaments played). This average appears in the right-hand column of the IFBT classification.

The average ranges are as follows:

- Pro (Open): average equal to or greater than 150 points.
- Advanced: average between 100 and 149 points.
- Intermediate: average between 30 and 99 points.
- Beginners: average less than 30 points.

5. - Tournament Promotion

5.1 - Publicity and Promotion

When the athletes register in the official tournaments published in the official calendar, their accept that his/her name and surname maybe be published with the score obtained in these competitions.
By registering for the tournament, players consent to the publication of photos of them playing at the venue, at player parties, or at the awards ceremony on the IFBT website, social media or other media, including the right to use the same on event posters, programs, merchandise and other materials, and for promotional video.

If the athletes do not want their image to appear in the aforementioned media, they must communicate at the time of registration to the event organizers.

5.2 – Video, TV & Media Rights

All international television rights, including satellite and video news, are owned in their entirety, and managed by the IFBT.

All Internet and other media rights, both national and international, are the sole property of the IFBT, and no filming for such purposes may be made at the tournament without the express written permission of the IFBT. Tournaments may not authorize webcasting via websites, television or any other medium without the express written permission of the IFBT.

5.3 - Commercial and Data Rights

Each National Member will retain the right to commercial exploitation of the event.

The IFBT will have the exclusive right to exploit the rights of the Tour's official and corporate Sponsors, which it will communicate to all National Members.

Upon receipt of this notification by the IFBT, National Members may not enter into any agreement with any competitor of the Tour Sponsors and/or the IFBT (for these purposes, a "competitor" is any other company operating in the same product or serv ice sector as the Sponsor).

6. - Tournament Logistics

6.1 - Medical Care

An injured player may receive treatment from the physiotherapist or the tournament doctor during the three-minute suspension, and during the ninety second side changes throughout the match.

6.1.1 - Physiotherapist and AID

IFBT will create a physiotherapy service with staff specialized in the treatment of beach tennis players.

Each IFBT Major Tournament like the World Championships, European, Pan-American, and WCT, must provide an IFBT approved Physiotherapist(s).

The physiotherapist will be empowered to perform small cares and AID.

Interested

Physiotherapist to be IFBT approved apply to the IFBT secretariat.

All Physiotherapy treatments are provided to players free of charge.

The organizers will take care of the rates applied by the physiotherapy service. The Physiotherapists will have a single room hotel accommodation.
Complimentary room shall be in the players hotel, or another hotel approved by IFBT.

6.2 - Sanction Fee

All Tournaments sanctioned by the IFBT for inclusion on the World Tour must pay the relevant sanction fee.
Sanction fees are non-transferable and will not be refunded due to cancellation or reduction of the category.
The payment of the sanction fee will be made through the app at the time of requesting the tournament.

6.3 - Prize Money Distribution

The prize money will be awarded based on the criteria detailed below. It will be determined by the final position in the bracket and the number of teams.

Number of teams	Results			
4-7	WINNER	FINALIST		
8-16	WINNER	FINALIST	SEMI-FINALIST (2)	
17-64	WINNER	FINALIST	SEMI-FINALIST (1)	QUARTER-FINALIST (1)(2)

(1) If prize money is to be awarded to the semi-finalists and quarterfinalists it must be equal or greater than the registration fee for category won.
(2) Prize money is optional in Mixed Doubles, Men's, and Women's Singles.

6.3.1 - Prize Money Percentage Distribution

Prize money for each category will be paid to teams (or players in singles) based on the round reached in accordance with the following percentage distribution.

Criteria by category			
WINNER	FINALIST	SEMI-FINALIST	QUARTER-FINALIST
100%	50%	25%	12,5%

6.3.2 - Prize Money Distribution for Category

The organizers will decide which categories will have prizes. Only Men's and Women's Doubles are obligatory. Men and women will receive the same prize money for the equivalent rounds reached in their respective draws.

If the organizer decides to give prizes to three categories, they will be Men's and Women's Doubles, and Mixed.
It is possible for organizers to choose to add prize money to other categories. Example in Over categories. But the price money mustn't be higher than the Mixed category.
Example: Total Prize Money of 2,000 USD

Two categories		
Men's Doubles	50%	1000
Women's Doubles	50%	1000
	100%	2000

Three categories		
Men's Doubles	40%	800
Women's Doubles	40%	800
Mixed Doubles	20%	400
	100%	2000

Five categories		
Men's Doubles	36,4%	727
Women's Doubles	36,4%	727
Mixed Doubles	18,2%	364
Men's Singles	4,5%	91
Women's Singles	4,5%	91
	100%	2000

Example: We organize a tournament with a total prize money of 2,000 USD. We have decided to give prize money only for the obligatory categories Men's and Women's Doubles.

The amount for each category will be 1,000 USD.

Men's Doubles (18 teams)

	no. Players	x PLAYER	TOTAL
WINNER	2	200	400
FINALIST	2	100	200
SEMI-FINALIST	4	50	200
QUARTER-FINALIST	8	25	200
			1000

Women's Doubles (10 teams)

	no. Players	x PLAYER	TOTAL
WINNER	2	200	400
FINALIST	2	100	200
SEMI-FINALIST	4	50	200
~~QUARTER-FINALIST~~	~~8~~	~~25~~	~~200~~
			800 ~~1000~~

The example is for the category with the most teams, in our case the category Men's Doubles has 18 teams. A tournament with 18 teams will be awarded prize money beginning with the quarterfinals. In Women's Doubles the number of teams is less, and with 10 teams will be awarded prize money beginning with the semi-finals.

Men and women must receive the same prize money for the equivalent rounds. The same distribution will be maintained eliminating only the prize money of the quarter finalist in Women's Doubles. After distributing the prize money if there is any remaining it must be distributed between all winners.

6.4 - Liability for Non-Payment

1. Organizers of tournaments sanctioned by the IFBT are responsible for the full and timely payment of the established fees, as well as for the distribution of the announced prize money.
2. Any partial or total non-payment of fees or committed prize money may be considered a serious offence under the Internal Regulations and may lead to disciplinary sanctions, including temporary or permanent suspension of authorization to organize tournaments.
3. The IFBT shall not, under any circumstances, assume direct payment of prize money to players in place of the organizer. However, it may intervene to verify non-payments, inform the affected parties, and apply the corresponding disciplinary measures.
4. The Executive Board may establish preventive control mechanisms, such as advance deposits, proof of payment, or blocking of new tournament requests, to avoid recurring non-payment situations.

7.- Course of the game

7.1 - Warm-up

The Warm-up is the period or act of preparation for a match and can be no longer that 5 minutes.

7.2 - Being Late

A player or team must show up to compete in the Championship at the time indicated by the organizer of the event. If the player does not show up to play the match within 15 minutes a Walk Over will be applied.
In the Doubles categories, if one or both members of the pair are missing, a W.O. will apply to the team.

The W.O. means that they will not be able to participate in other matches of the Round Robin. The W.O. is applied only to the category that has not met the schedule, not in the other categories of the Championship that may be registered.

7.3 - Coaching Players

During a match a player or team may only receive advice/coaching from the captain or trainer during the change of the sides.
Other players participating in the tournament, or the public are not allowed to give advice/coaching during the match.

7.4 - Accident During a Match

If a player is injured during warm-up or in the game, and in the case that it is not a serious injury that makes it impossible to play, a player may request a suspension of three minutes to recover. After this time if the player is unable to play, the team loses the match by default.

If the injury occurs during the round robin, they will not be able to continue playing the other matches of the round robin or pass to the final draw.

In case of loss by injure in a draw of double elimination boxes (winner-loser), the team cannot enter on the side of the losing teams.

If a player is injured, because of sharp objects buried in the sand, or severe trauma with stones, more time is allowed for the healing of wounds or a temporary suspension of play no longer than thirty minutes.

7.5 - Extreme Weather Conditions

7.5.1 - Extreme Heat Condition
In the event of extremely hot conditions the Head Judge is authorized to suspend or postpone the match until the extreme conditions improve.

7.5.2- Thunderstorms and Lightning
Storms are an important danger to take into account in the development of a tournament.

The Head Judge has the authority to suspend play when a storm appears imminent (for example, if lightning is observed and thunder occurs within 30 seconds or less).

Everyone should be advised to seek appropriate shelter immediately. Play should not resume until the probability of lightning has passed.

7.6 - Cancellation and Postponement
The cancellation of a championship can occurs for different reasons. Some of them are predictable and players can be notified ahead on time, and others unforeseeable due to forces such as the weather.

7.6.1 - Tournament Postponement
A Championship may be postponed to another date, and the organization must communicate it before the date of competition with the following deadlines: WCT six (6) weeks, Open 1 four (4) weeks, Open 2 and Advanced two (2) weeks.

7.6.2 - Tournament Cancellation

1. Causes of cancellation: A Championship may be fully or partially canceled due to force majeure, including adverse weather conditions, logistical or health emergencies, insufficient registrations, or any other circumstance that prevents its proper conduct.
2. Effects of cancellation: The IFBT will not assume any financial, contractual, or compensatory responsibility towards players, federations, associations, sponsors, organizers, or affected third parties. The IFBT acts as a sanctioning and supervisory body and does not intervene in travel, accommodation, insurance, or sponsorship arrangements, which are the sole responsibility of players, federations, associations, or organizers.
3. Categories with insufficient registration: The IFBT and the organizers reserve the right to cancel categories that do not meet the minimum registration requirement, considering this situation as organizational force majeure, without generating any right to claims or compensation. The organizers may, voluntarily, offer alternatives such as reassigning participants to other categories or refunding the registration fee.

4. Minimum registration threshold:
   - Open doubles categories: minimum 4 pairs.
   - Open singles categories: minimum 4 players.
   - Team categories: minimum 4 complete teams composed of 2 men and 2 women.
5. Preventive recommendations:
   - Players: Obtain reimbursement insurance to cover travel and accommodation in case of cancellation.
   - Organizers: Include specific cancellation clauses in contracts with sponsors and, if necessary, have insurance to cover preparatory costs for canceled events.

7.7 - Reimbursement of registration fees for the Championship's
cancellation.

In case of cancellation of one or more categories or the entire Championship, the players will not have the right to ask for any compensation in both National and International tournaments.

The organization will refund the registration fees paid up to 24 hours before the Championships, without any deduction.

Once the tournament has started, if must be suspended due to climatological or for outside forces the amounts to be returned would be:

a. Cancellation of the tournament without starting any category, the organization will refund the entire registration fees.

b. When only some categories have been cancelled the organization will return the full amount of the categories not played. If they were playing when is cancelled, they will not be entitled to a refund.

Categories or Championships cancelled before or during the competition will not have the right to receive prize money.

The insurance amount will not be refunded.

** Players will not have to return the shirt or the "welcome pack" received.*

8. - Beach Tennis Officials

All IFBT sanctioned Tournaments must have Referees certified by IFBT.

All Referees (Head Judge, Table Judge, Umpire Judge, and Line Judge) must have the appropriate qualifications for the category of the tournament.

8.1 - IFBT Supervisor

The IFBT supervisor is a qualified referee with extensive experience in refereeing major IFBT Beach Tennis events.

He/she will be designated by the Competition Committee of the IFBT and will assist the Head Judge, and collaborate for the fulfilment of the Competition Regulations in the major IFBT Tournaments.

a. Before the event he/she will hold meetings with the Head Judge and assistant referees to supervise the correct application of the Rules and appropriate procedures.
   He/she will supervise that the Round Robin draw is done correctly, and that the seedings are correct.

b. During the tournament he/she will supervise that all the referees do their work correctly, and in case of doubts in the application of the Competition regulations he/she will assist the Head Judge.

c. After the tournament, he/she will inform the Competition Committee of the development of the tournament and all situations that occurred

8.2 - Refereeing and Referees

Each Tournament will have a Head Judge, responsible for the monitoring the matches, and controlling their assistants:

8.2.1 - Head Judge

The Head Judge has the authority to decide matters relating to the IFBT Competition Rules. In cases that do not specify a rule, the Referee's decisions are final.

The Head Judge is the head of the competition's organization. They are also responsible for making the Tournament draws in accordance with competition rules and regulations. The making of the draw includes determining seeds and placing players and byes. The Head Judge must then work with Tournament organizers to have the necessary number of courts to schedule matches.

The Head Judge has the authority to decide matters relating to the Tournament Rules, Code of Conduct, and Duties. In cases that do not specify a rule, the Head Judge's decisions are final.
After the match and at the request of the players, the Head Judge may provide explanations for their decisions.

Players may appeal in writing the decisions of the Head Judge to the IFBT Competition Committee.

The Head Judge will report any serious incidents that took place during the Tournament to the IFBT Competition Committee and will take the disciplinary measures that deem appropriate.

The Head Judge is not allowed to participate in the Tournament.

8.2.2 - Table Judges

Table Judges have the responsibility of controlling the matches played on the different courts, and receive results and manage tournament draws. These tasks are performed under the supervision of the Head Judge. The number of table judges will depend on the total number of courts in the tournament.

8.2.3 - Umpire Judge

Umpire Judges are optional on the central court for the main tournaments such as the WCT, Continental and World Championships.

After the match and at the request of the players, the Umpire may provide explanations for their decisions. Players may appeal in writing the decisions of the Referee to the IFBT Competition Committee.

8.2.4 - Line Judge

Line Judges are assistant to the Umpire Judge to control line calls and foot faults. Their decisions can be over-ruled by the Umpire Judge.

8.3 - Referee's Decisions

The Head Judge is the final authority on all questions and his/her decisions are final.

8.4 - Disciplinary Reports

Any on or off court violation of the IFBT conduct rules or regulations by a player should be detailed by the Tournament organizer or the Head Judge filling out, and sending the form to the Disciplinary Sportive Committee explaining the misconduct within a maximum of five (5) days after the tournament.

9. - Players

9.1 - International Players Code (IP Code)

The I.P. Code (International Players Code) is the code which identifies all players as Player Members of IFBT. It permits players to participate in the

Tournaments registered in the calendar of the International Tour, and in the development of the Sportive Committee.

The Player Members will pay a reduced annual fee which can be paid online.

The status of Player Members allows participation in sporting and cultural events organized within the IFBT environment.
Player Members can participate in all activities, Committees, and in the new bodies created in the future that appear in the Statutes or Internal Regime.

The Player Members can set up a Sportive Committee which will be the body of communication between the athletes and the Executive Committee for all aspects that affect them.

All players registered with an IP Code can participate in Tournaments sanctioned by IFBT. It is their responsibility and are recommended to undergo annual medical tests.

9.2 - Dress Code

The dress code for players consists of bathing suits, trousers, shorts or skirts, shirts, or polos. Caps, sand socks and shoes are optional.
Tournament winners must wear a T-shirt during the awards presentations, and all matches on the Central Court.

9.3 - Code of Conduct

Misconduct amongst players, disrespect to referees, opponents, partners, or the public is as follows:

- Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Discussions, intimidation etc.
- Audible and visible obscenity: Actions contrary to fair play, or morals, or obscene gestures.
- Offensive: Gestures or insulting words, offensive or defamatory.
- Assault: Assault or attempted towards a team, opponents, referees or the public.
- Ball Abuse: The intentional release of the balls outside the boundaries of the field or returning a ball dangerously.
- Abuse of racket and equipment: The release or intentional breaking of the racket, accessories, chairs, or track equipment.

9.4 - Disciplinary Measures

Depending on the seriousness of the offense the penalties are as follows:

First Warning – Warning for misconduct does not imply a penalty, but the player is warned of a possible sanction.

Second warning – Subject to penalty for misconduct, the player or the team is sanctioned with the loss of a point.

Third Notice – Penalty for misconduct is punishable by expulsion, and is equivalent to the loss of the match.

The penalty for offensive behaviour or aggression is the loss of the entire match.

This may include the suspension of all related activity, elimination of ranking points, and the exclusion from participation in certain events.
In addition, the Disciplinary Committee of IFBT may disqualify a player for serious offenses for a period of one week to twelve months; for very serious offenses for a period of twelve months to thirty-six months.

- See IFBT Disciplinary Rules

9.5 - Claims

If an individual wishes to challenge a decision issued by the Sports Disciplinary Committee, they may file an appeal with the sole Judge of Appeal within five business days of receiving the sanctioning resolution of the Committee.

It is expected that the sole Judge of Appeal will make a decision within a period of fifteen business days from the date the appeal is received from the interested party. If an extension of time is necessary due to valid reasons, the affected person will be duly informed, and given the opportunity to object to any such delay.

Please note that decisions resulting from the ruling of the sole Judge of Appeal are deemed to be final.

10.- Anti-Doping Policy [(3)]

Any Player, who participates in the IFBT Beach Tennis World Tour shall comply with all of the provisions of the IFBT Anti-Doping policy.

The purposes of the World Anti-Doping Code which supports it are to protect the Athletes' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for Athletes worldwide, and to ensure harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the international and national level with regard to the prevention of

doping.

The World Anti-Doping Code (Code) is the core document that harmonizes anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities around the world. It works in conjunction with eight International Standards which aim to foster consistency among anti-doping organizations in various areas.

(3) World Anti-Doping Agency

11.- Fair Play (4)

Fair Play is a complex concept that comprises and embodies a number of fundamental values that are not only integral to sport but relevant in everyday life.

Fair competition, respect, friendship, team spirit, equality, sport without doping, respect for written and unwritten rules such as integrity, solidarity, tolerance, care, excellence and joy, are the building blocks of fair play that can be experienced and learnt both on and off the field.

– The fundamental values of fair play:

11.1- Fair Competition

To enjoy the fruits of success, it is not enough to win. Triumph must be measured by absolute fair means, honesty and just play.

11.2 - Respect

For every athlete, playing by the written rules is mandatory, and respecting the unwritten ones is a must. Fair play requires unconditional respect for opponents, fellow players, referees and fans.

11.3 - Friendship

Rivalry on the field does not exclude friendship. On the contrary, friendship could grow from noble rivalries.

11.4 - Equality

Competing on equal terms is essential in sport. Otherwise, performance cannot be measured properly.

11.5 - Sport Without Doping

Fair play means not cheating by taking drugs or doping. Anyone who does these ruins the game for everyone else.

11.6 - Integrity
Being honest and having strong moral principles are essential to fair play. Practicing sport within a sound ethical framework is vitally important if you aim to be a true champion.

11.7 - Solidarity
It is important to support each other and share feelings, aims and dreams. Mutual support brings mutual success on and off the field

11.8 – Tolerance
The willingness to accept behaviours or decisions you may not agree with develops your self-control. Ultimately, that could be the deciding factor when it comes to winning or losing.

11.9- Care
True champions care about each other as they understand they could not be where they are without having been cared for by others.

How do the fundamental values of fair play contribute to the betterment of the world?

Fair Play is not a theory. Fair Play is an attitude that manifests itself in behaviour. Whenever we act in the spirit of fair play, we contribute to building a peaceful and better world.

Final Section – Questions & Answers
1. Respect
Question: Describe a situation where you disagree with a referee's decision. How would you act with respect?
Answer: "If the referee awards a point to my opponent and I believe the ball was out, I would accept the decision calmly, continue playing without protest, and show respect by greeting the referee and my opponent after the match."

2. Integrity
Question: Imagine you notice a scoring error that benefits you. What would you do to maintain integrity?
Answer: "If the scoreboard gives me a point I didn't earn, I would immediately inform the referee or my opponent to correct it, even if it disadvantages me."

3. Friendship & Solidarity
Question: Give an example of how you could support a rival or teammate outside the court.
Answer: “If a rival gets injured during the tournament, I would help them reach the medical area and encourage them to recover and return to play.”

4. Equality
Question: What does competing on equal terms mean to you? Provide an example inside or outside sport.
Answer: “Equality means everyone has the same opportunities. For example, men and women must receive the same prize money for equivalent rounds. Outside sport, it means all students should have equal access to educational resources.”

5. Fair Play Beyond Sport
Question: Choose one value (respect, tolerance, care…) and explain how you could apply it in everyday life outside sport.
Answer: “I choose tolerance. In daily life, I can apply it by listening calmly to different opinions in a work meeting and finding common ground.”

Fair Play for a Better World
Whenever we act in the spirit of fair play, we not only honor sport but also contribute to creating a fairer and more peaceful world.

[(4)] *International Fair Play Committee*

Final Note:
In the event of discrepancies or conflicts between the different language versions of this regulation, the Catalan version shall prevail.

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