



2020 Age Eligibility Rule (AER) after COVID-19 Suspension of play- FAQ

1. If I did not use all of my tournaments or wild cards prior to my birthday because of the suspension of play due to COVID-19, am I allowed to carry them over to my next birth year?

Per the regular implementation of the rule, a player's AER Tournament and Wild Card Allotments are not allowed to be carried over from one birth year to the next.

2. Am I limited to the # of events/weeks in a row that I can play?

A player is allowed to use her full AER Tournament and Wild Card Allotments for her applicable birth year, including any earned Merited Increases. Please refer to the attached information regarding scheduling and periodization to manage your Tournament Allotment in a performance enhancing and healthy way and to avoid overplay. To minimize the probability of injuries, it is recommended to not play more than three (3) weeks in a row.

3. How does the WTA ranking structure work? What happens to my current professional ranking points that I earned? (for more details refer to Rankings document included)

- All points from a player's March 16, 2020 ranking breakdown will be frozen and will have their drop date extended 52 weeks (except for players suspended for anti-doping or Corruption offences).
- A player's ranking will be comprised of her Best 16 singles results and best 11 doubles results between March 9, 2019 and December 31, 2020.
- The ranking method to be used starting in 2021 is to be determined later in 2020.
- **ITF 15K+ and WTA 125K series events**
 - 2019 Points from March 9, 2019 will remain on a player's ranking for an extended 52 weeks, dropping off in 2021 when the result would have dropped in 2020, unless they are replaced by a new 'best other' 16 or 11 result.
 - Upon resumption of play, for players who compete at these level events, a 2020 result can/will replace their lowest "best other" result as part of their Best 16 singles and Best 11 doubles ranking results if the 2020 result is better.
- **WTA Premier, International and Grand Slam Tournaments**
 - A player may not count the same WTA Premier, International, or Grand Slam result twice on her ranking. Only the better of her 2019 and 2020 result at any given tournament will count toward her ranking.
 - Points earned at WTA Premier, International and Grand Slams in 2020, whether a 2019 or 2020 result is on her ranking, will drop after the event is scheduled to be played again in 2021 or after 52 weeks, whichever is earlier.

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