



2020 AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Grand Slam Wild Cards for Players under 17 Years Old

If a player accepts a Wild Card at a Grand Slam event or Grand Slam Qualifying replacement event, then that Wild Card will not count toward a player's AER Wild Card Allotment for players 14-16 years. However, accepting a Wild Card at a Grand Slam or Grand Slam Qualifying replacement event will continue to count toward a player's overall AER Tournament Allotment.

If a player enters into a Grand Slam or Grand Slam Qualifying replacement event by direct acceptance, it will count as a Tournament Merited Increase.

Implementation upon resumption of play, August 3, 2020 and applied retroactively under current age eligibility allotment.

2. WTA Commitment Tournaments for Players under AER

All WTA Commitment Tournament Rules have been suspended through the remainder of 2020 for players under 18 years old.

Commitment Tournament requirements will apply for 2021.

Premier Mandatory Tournaments

A player who by ranking qualifies for direct acceptance into the Main Draw of a Premier Mandatory Tournament will be entered automatically.

1. Players Younger than 17 Years Old:

A player younger than 17 years old is not required to play Premier Mandatory Commitment Tournaments.

A player will receive a zero (0) ranking point result and any other applicable Late Withdrawal penalties only if she:

- does not opt out of the tournament before the entry deadline, but later withdraws from the Premier Mandatory Tournament, or
- opts out of a Premier Mandatory Tournament before the entry deadline and plays an Exhibition/Non-WTA event in the same week.

2. Players 17 Years Old and Older



A player 17 years old or older must comply with the Premier Mandatory Commitment Tournament requirements in Section II.A.1.a. A player's failure to play a Premier Mandatory Commitment Tournament that occurs when she is 17 years of age or older, even if due to ineligibility under the Age Eligibility Rule, will result in a zero (0) ranking point.

Premier 5 and Premier 700 Tournaments

A player under 18 years old will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result for not playing the required number of Premier 5 or Premier 700 Commitment Tournaments.

3. Year-End Top 5 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors: Pro Path Tournament and Wild Card Merited Increases

All players aged 15-17 years old ranked in the Top 5 of the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Rankings in the final week of 2020 earn 4 (four) Tournament Merited Increases in her current birth year and each subsequent birth year.

All players aged 15-16 years old ranked in the Top 5 of the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Rankings in the final week of 2020 may accept a maximum of 6 (six) Wild Cards per birth year, including Wild Card Merited increases.

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4. Pro Path Tournament and Wild Card Merited Increases

ITF World Tennis Tour Junior and Grand Slam finalists aged 14-16 years old earn one Tournament Merited Increase for each finalist appearance. Additionally, players aged 14-16 years old earn one Wild Card Merited Increase for each finalist appearance. Such Merited Increases earned in her current birth year may be carried over to her subsequent birth year if not used, provided, however, that the player is up to date with Player Development requirements and that she in no case may exceed her maximum number of Tournament or Wild Card Merited Increases.

Implementation upon resumption of play, August 3, 2020 and applied retroactively to all current Pro Path players.

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