

Appendix 2 – Eligibility of a Player to Represent a Country

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Eligibility of a Player to Represent a Country (See LTA Rule 35(a))

ITF Limited (trading as the International Tennis Federation)

Any tennis player who is in good standing with his National Association in accordance with the Company's Constitution shall be qualified to represent that country if he:

- (a) is a national of that country, has a current valid passport of that country and has lived in that country for 24 consecutive months at some time and has not represented any other country during the period of 36 months immediately preceding the event.

If a player is qualified under this sub-section above to represent more than one country and the National Association of one of those countries wishes to nominate him to represent it, that Association shall submit an application to the ITF, with a copy to any other National Association concerned. Such application must be received by the ITF at least six months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated.

The Davis or Fed Cup Committee (as appropriate) will give a ruling, having taken into account all relevant matters.

- (b) (i) A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a country and such country is divided into two or more countries, shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those countries.
- (ii) A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a country and such country is absorbed in whole or in part by another country, shall immediately be eligible to represent such other country.
- (c) A player shall be deemed to have represented a country if he shall have been nominated, and shall have accepted, the nomination to play in the Olympic Games Tennis Event or in any International Team Competition recognised by the ITF and listed in ITF Bye-Law 2.1(a).
- (d) A National Association may appeal to the Board of Directors to nominate a player who is not eligible under the above rules and the Board of Directors may agree the application if the full circumstances warrant an exception being made. Such application must be received by the ITF at least six months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated.
- (e) The Davis or Fed Cup Committee (as appropriate) has the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player is qualified to represent that country.

Notes:

1. A player who represented a country under the Rules in force in 1994 or prior thereto, shall continue to be eligible to represent that country even if he is no longer qualified to do so under the amended terms of this regulation.
2. Age eligibility criteria only apply to players participating in the Fed Cup. Only players who have reached their fourteenth birthday by the first day of the tie (for the World Group and World Group II) and the Monday of the week of the Zone Group event may participate in the Fed Cup Competition. (Reference Rule 30(a) in Fed Cup Rules & Regulations 2007).

Definition of Good Standing of a Player

For the purposes of the ITF provisions relating to the Eligibility of a player to represent a country as set out above, the term “good standing” in connection with a player shall be defined as follows:

One whom:

- (a) Is not under a suspension imposed by his national association, or by the ITF, or through the imposition of a suspension under a Code of Conduct accepted and approved by the ITF.
- (b) Is accepted by his National Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which his Association has nominated him.
- (c) Makes himself available for selection for official team championships, the Olympic Tennis event and accepts the jurisdiction of his National Association while competing in events for which they have nominated him.
- (d) Respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times.
- (e) Accepts the conditions of entry of the events he enters, including the conditions of any code of conduct adopted for those events.
- (f) Agrees to undergo any medical control, including gender control and tests, which are in operation at any event which he or she enters.