

2019 PROPOSED CHANGES TO ATP CHALLENGER TOUR

(All the below is subject to ATP Board Approval at Wimbledon Board meeting)

SINGLES MAIN DRAW ONLY (no qualifying) – 48 PLAYERS

The singles main draw at all Challenger Events will be a 48 draw.

Direct Acceptances (number TBA) based on player's ATP Ranking.

16 Byes

A number (TBA) of positions into the singles and doubles draw for players entering using their Transitional Tour Ranking.

Four or Five Wild Cards, depending on prize money level.

The doubles draw will remain unchanged with 16 teams (13 Direct and 3 Wild Card teams).

56 DRAW SINGLES MAIN DRAW

Tournaments may apply for a 56 singles main draw at Challengers in 2019 at certain prize money levels. Applications would be subject to ATP approval regarding calendar week, facility, match schedule and other criteria.

NO SINGLES OR DOUBLES QUALIFYING MATCHES, SEVEN (7) DAY TOURNAMENT

There will be no qualifying matches from 2019.

Singles matches will be played from Monday to Sunday.

Doubles matches will be played from Tuesday to Sunday.

** (Challengers in the weeks prior to Grand Slams, and in the same region, may request a Sunday start and Saturday final.)

ALTERNATES REPLACE LUCKY LOSER SYSTEM

With the elimination of the qualifying, vacancies occurring after the deadline will be filled from an on-site alternate list.

MATCH AND PRACTICE COURTS*

Challengers must provide the following number of courts:

Outdoor	3 match courts 3 practice courts
Indoor	2 match courts 3 practice courts**

All courts must be the same surface, speed and conditions.

*For combined events, this minimum number of courts must be available for exclusive ATP player use.

**Indoor courts with less than the minimum requirement may apply for a waiver which will be considered on a case by case basis.

PRIZE MONEY, TOURNAMENT FEE AND TOTAL CONTRIBUTION

Prize money subsidies will be given to Challenger events staged in 2018, subject to ATP approval.

Events will be categorized by the amount of points that the winner can earn, rather than Prize money of the Event. Accordingly, tournament branding and nomenclature will be based off points, in line with ATP World Tour events (250, 500, Masters 1000).

ATP Tournament fees will remain the same in 2019.

USD

Event Category	On site Prize Money	Tournament fee	Tournament's Total Contribution
ATP Challenger Tour X	\$ 162,480	\$ 22,500	\$ 184,980
ATP Challenger Tour X	\$ 135,400	\$ 18,750	\$ 154,150
ATP Challenger Tour X	\$ 108,320	\$ 15,000	\$ 123,320
ATP Challenger Tour X	\$ 81,240	\$ 11,250	\$ 92,490
ATP Challenger Tour X	\$ 54,160	\$ 7,500	\$ 61,660

EURO

Event Category	On site Prize Money	Tournament Fee	Tournaments Total Contribution
ATP Challenger Tour X	€ 137,560	€ 19,050	€ 156,610
ATP Challenger Tour X	€ 114,800	€ 15,900	€ 130,700
ATP Challenger Tour X	€ 92,080	€ 12,750	€ 104,830
ATP Challenger Tour X	€ 69,280	€ 9,600	€ 78,880
ATP Challenger Tour X	€ 46,600	€ 6,450	€ 53,050

HOSPITALITY

In 2019, hospitality will be obligatory at all ATP Challengers for all players.

Hospitality subsidies will be given to Challenger events staged in 2018, subject to ATP approval.

Singles players will receive Hospitality beginning earliest on Saturday and continuing through the night of the player's last match (no minimum number of nights).

Doubles players will receive Hospitality beginning earliest on Sunday through the night of the player's last match (no minimum number of nights).

Any event scheduled the week prior to a Grand Slam that has been approved for a Sunday-Saturday match schedule shall start Hospitality one day earlier for both singles and doubles.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Proposed Rules:

- All Challengers must provide two physiotherapists and at least one massage therapist.
- One physiotherapist to work Monday through Sunday and one physiotherapist to work Sunday through Thursday.

- ATP will designate and pay all costs of two physios at the top-level Challenger tournaments (previously known as \$150K + H).
If a top-level Challenger would like their own local physio to be the second physio, this can be accommodated if approved by ATP in advance (2nd designate to work through Thursday).
- ATP will designate and pay all costs for one physiotherapist at Challengers previously known as \$100K + H and \$125K + H. The ATP physio will stay the duration of the tournament week. These Challengers must provide the second physio (Sunday through Thursday).
- Massage therapists shall be free of charge to players at top-level Challengers formerly called \$150K + H.
- Massage therapists at all Challengers, except the top-level events, may charge the players for their services. The recommendation is a fee not to exceed US\$25/€25 for a 30-minute massage.
- Challengers formerly known as \$100K + H, \$125K + H, \$150K + H, are required to have one high-low table in the physiotherapist room although it is recommended to have two. A high-low table is recommended at Challengers formerly called \$50K + H and \$75K + H.
- All non-ATP physiotherapists must have completed the online ATP Medical Services education program satisfactorily, prior to working at ATP Challengers.

Recommendation:

Beginning on Monday of the ATP Challenger Tour tournament, it is recommended that each Challenger provides on-site an English-speaking tournament Doctor. At a minimum, each ATP Challenger Tour tournament is required to have an English-speaking tournament Doctor on call in proximity of the tournament site during the event.

CHALLENGER INSURANCE

Proposed Rule:

Each ATP Challenger tournament shall obtain and maintain general liability insurance or the equivalent thereof. The minimum limit is TBC. The tournaments must include the ATP Tour, Inc., its director and officers, employees, agents as additional named insureds.

BALLS

It is recommended to have six balls for each main draw match to be changed after seven and nine games throughout the tournament. At a minimum, at least four balls are to be provided for each match, to be changed after seven and nine games.

LIVE STREAMING

In 2019, three match courts will be streamed at Outdoor Challengers and two match courts will be streamed at Indoor Challengers.

The amount of funding per Challenger for live streaming will remain unchanged until further review for 2021.

OFFICIATING

The current rules state that the ATP may require four designated chair umpires. For 2019 this will be obligatory at all events. For tournaments approved for a 56 draw, the requirement is five designated chair umpires. The tournament will also be required to provide supplemental chair umpires as agreed and approved by the ATP Challenger Designation Coordinator.