

OBJECTIVES

ATP **RANKINGS**

▶ **Improve Opportunities For ALL Players**

Increase the opportunities for players to progress through the rankings in an improved structure at the start of professional tennis. Player jobs, income and opportunity will be maintained and improved under new structure.

▶ **Improve Player Services**

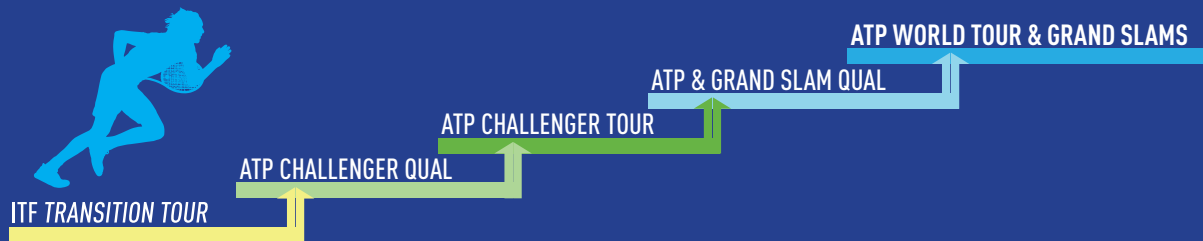
Changes at the entry-level into professional tennis will lead to a significant reduction in the number of ATP ranked players, leading to improved player services, a better reflection of men's professional tennis, and improved integrity in the sport.

OBJECTIVES (cont.)

ATP. RANKINGS

► Improve Player Pathway Through Professional Tennis

Ensure there is a fair progression path for all players, providing adequate stepping stones through each level up the ATP Rankings.



CHANGES | ATP WORLD TOUR

► Realignment of Playing Incentives

Current system encourages Players to play down for points and upwards for money. The new structure will lead to increased incentive for players to play up by entering the appropriate tournaments relative to their ranking (versus playing down), and to a reduction in stagnation in the rankings.



CHANGES | ATP CHALLENGER TOUR

▶ ATP Will Look to Increase the Number of ATP Challenger Tour Events

ATP will look to increase the number of ATP Challenger Tour events to make sure that players will have sufficient job opportunities throughout the year.

▶ 24–Qualifying Draw from 2019 Onwards

The Challenger Qualifying draw will have a specific number of spots allocated to players accepted through their ATP Ranking, ITF Ranking and Wild Cards. Players will play two rounds to qualifying, 24 draw for 6 qualifying spots

▶ Monday to Sunday Events

Very limited overlap of Events from one week to the next. Qualifying will be Monday/Tuesday, therefore eliminating the Special Exempt spots. This will help player scheduling from one week to the next.

▶ Player Hospitality for All Main Draw ATP Challenger Tour Events

With the positioning of the ATP Challenger Tour as the entry point into professional tennis, hospitality will be added for all main Draw Singles and Doubles.



CHANGES | ITF

- ▶ ITF Pro Circuit \$15,000 tournaments to become ITF *transition tour* tournaments in 2019 with their own ITF Rankings System
- ▶ Players will be able to use their new ITF Rankings to enter ITF *transition tour*, ITF Pro Circuit \$25,000 and ATP Challenger Tour qualifying events
- ▶ Allocated places for Players Entering ATP Challenger Tour Qualifying Events with their respective ITF Ranking
- ▶ ITF Ranking Points awarded at all ITF events and at ATP Challenger Tour qualifying
- ▶ 2019: REDUCED ATP points at ITF Pro Circuit \$25,000 and \$25,000 + H events and NEW ITF Ranking Points
- ▶ 2020: NO ATP Points at any ITF events



HOW DOES THIS IMPACT PLAYERS?

- ▶ **Better Services & Conditions for Professional Players**

Professional tennis will start at ATP Challenger Tour. All ATP ranked players will be within the overall ATP structure, benefiting from a more professional and fair system.

- ▶ **Better Opportunity for ALL Players to Become a Professional Tennis Player and then be Better Looked After when ATP Ranked**

- ▶ **An ATP and ITF Shadow Ranking Will Be Running Throughout 2018, Showing a Player's Ranking Based on Current Results with the 2019 Allocated Ranking Points**

- ▶ **Fewer ATP Ranked Players**

It is estimated that the changes at the entry level into professional tennis will lead to a significant reduction in number of ATP ranked players. All Players that will lose their ATP Rankings will have the opportunity to continue to pursue their professional tennis dreams through ITF *transition tour* and climb back into the ATP Rankings.



