

ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors

On-Court Coaching Protocols

For tournaments at Grade A and Grade 1 on the 2019 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, an on-court coaching rule will be implemented. Please find below an outline of the protocols in place for this process.

Coaches

- All nominated and approved coaches must register with the Referee and sign the on-court coaching protocol prior to their player's first match of the tournament.
- Each player will be permitted one designated on-court coach for the duration of the tournament.
- The coach must also have a coaching qualification recognised by his/her National Association and/or the ITF.
- Coaches are subject to the same on-court Code of Conduct provisions as players.
- Coaches will be subject to the same clothing identification requirements as players in regards to commercial identifications when going on-court. The ITF's Guidelines Regarding Authorised Identifications can be found below and in full in the 2019 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Regulations: <https://www.itftennis.com/juniors/tournaments/rules-regulations.aspx>
- Coaches will be expected to dress and present themselves in a professional manner. The coach must use the official court entrance to get onto the court, unless otherwise decided by the Referee.
- Coaches may only provide assistance/advice during the on-court coaching period and are not permitted to bring anything onto the court (e.g. Food, drinks, equipment, medical supplies) unless this has been approved by the Chair Umpire. The coach can bring notes to the court but is not permitted to leave them with the player.
- The coach must leave the court immediately upon the Chair Umpire announcing "Time".

Penalties

- A player will be penalised under the Point Penalty Schedule ("Delay of Game") if play has not commenced within 30 seconds of "Time" being called as a result of their coach leaving the court.
- If an on-court violation occurs during a match the coach will not be allowed to participate in on-court coaching for the remainder of the tournament.
- Coaches are subject to the normal coaching rules outside the on-court coaching procedure and may be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule for Coaching.

Players

- Players can request their coach once per set only, either on a changeover or at the end of a set. If a player has received on-court coaching during the first set they may not call their coach again at the end of the first set. If a player has received on-court coaching during the second set they may call the coach again at the end of the second set, but in this case they will not be allowed to call the coach during the third set.
- The player must request their coach through the Chair Umpire. The Chair Umpire will immediately announce the request.

- A player can only request one of the following at the same time during the match (changeover / set break): either request the coach, or ask for the trainer, or ask for a toilet/change of attire break.

Penalties

- A player will be penalised under the Point Penalty Schedule (“Delay of Game”) if play has not commenced within 30 seconds of “Time” being called as a result of the coach leaving the court.
- If an on-court coaching violation occurs the player will not be allowed to receive on-court coaching (and may not designate a different coach) for the remainder of the tournament.

Chair Umpire

- Prior to the play on day 1, each Chair Umpire will receive the list of the approved coach for each player.
- During the pre-match meeting, the umpire will include a brief explanation of the on-court coaching procedures and confirm that both, one or none of the players/teams have a designated coach for the match.
- When on-court coaching is used:
 - The player shall request through the Chair Umpire to have his/her designated coach on court. The Chair Umpire will confirm to the player whether the request is granted or not.
 - The Chair Umpire shall immediately announce the request.
 - The Chair Umpire will monitor the timing of the changeover or set break as per normal procedure, and will call “Time” in the normal way. If a player receiving on-court coaching is not ready to play within 30 seconds of the umpire calling “Time” as a result of the coach leaving the court, the delay is penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule (“Delay of Game”).
- Any concerns about on-court coaching/personnel on-court should be communicated directly to the Referee.