



COVID-19 RULES IMPACT – 2022

*Summary of the application of WTA Rules for **2022 only** due to the effects of operating in the COVID-19 environment. All rules will be “evergreen” and subject to change as may be appropriate.*

WITHDRAWING FROM ONE TOURNAMENT TO PLAY ANOTHER

If a player enters a Tournament but subsequently is unable to play that Tournament for COVID-related reasons beyond her control (as WTA determines in its sole discretion), then she may request approval from WTA to:

- play an ITF event in the same week if she has already entered such event;
- accept a Wild Card into another Tournament in the same week; or
- sign-in on site to play another Tournament in the same week.

WITHDRAWALS DUE TO COVID-19 REASONS

The below COVID-19 withdrawals do not count toward a player’s allotment of excused withdrawals and prize money withdrawals per Tour Year.

To qualify for the below COVID-19 withdrawals, a player must have intended to play but was withdrawn by WTA for COVID-19 reasons, including, but not limited to, (i) testing positive, (ii) being in contact with a known positive, or (iii) being required to quarantine. If a player who intended to play a Tournament tests positive before travelling to the Tournament and provides documentation of the positive test, then she will be withdrawn by WTA and the withdrawal will not count toward her allotment of excused withdrawals or prize money withdrawals, but she will not receive any prize money as outlined below. If a player is withdrawn from a Commitment Tournament for COVID-19 reasons, then such Tournament (and subsequent Tournament(s) for which she uses a Continuing Withdrawal) does not count toward her Commitment Tournament requirements. Likewise, if a player is withdrawn from a Grand Slam for COVID-19 reasons, then she will not receive a zero (0) ranking point result for that Tournament.

*If there is more than one (1) withdrawal from a draw, but not all of the withdrawals qualify for prize money per the Rules below, then the last player(s) or team(s) that move into the draw receive the reduced prize money, regardless of their position in the draw.

Singles Qualifying (on-site withdrawal)*

- A player withdrawn by WTA from the Singles Qualifying of a Tournament before her first match because of COVID-19 will receive 50% of first-round Qualifying prize money.
- A player who replaces the withdrawn player will receive any prize money she earns in Qualifying and the Main Draw, if applicable, less the 50% of first-round Qualifying prize money paid to the withdrawn player.

Singles Main Draw (on-site withdrawal)*

- Before the Start of Qualifying (or if no Qualifying, before a player’s first match):
 - A player withdrawn by WTA from the Main Draw before the start of Qualifying (or if no Qualifying, before her first Main Draw match) because of COVID-19 will receive 50% of first-round prize money.
 - A player who replaces the withdrawn player will receive the greater of (i) any prize money she earns in the Main Draw less the 50% of first-round prize money paid to the withdrawn player or (ii) the prize money she would have earned in the first round (or second round if she had a bye) of Qualifying.
- After the Start of Qualifying but Prior to a Player’s First Main Draw Match

- A player withdrawn by WTA from the Main Draw after the start of Qualifying but prior to her first Main Draw match because of COVID-19 will receive first-round prize money in accordance with the Prize Money Withdrawal Rule.
- An Alternate or Lucky Loser who replaces the withdrawn player will receive any prize money she earns in Qualifying, if applicable, and the Main Draw less the Main Draw first-round prize money paid to the withdrawn player.

Doubles Main Draw (on-site withdrawal)

- A team withdrawn by WTA from the Doubles Main Draw before its first match because of COVID-19 will receive 50% of first-round prize money. A team that replaces the withdrawn team will receive any prize money it earns in the draw less the 50% of first-round prize money paid to the withdrawn team.*
- If a player is withdrawn by WTA from the Doubles Main Draw before her team's first match because of COVID-19, her partner may re-pair up to the team's first match provided that the newly re-paired team has a higher combined ranking (using best of WTA Singles or Doubles Rankings) than the first team on the Alternate List at the time of re-pairing. If the partner re-pairs, then:
 - Reseeding procedures apply in accordance with the Rulebook;
 - The withdrawn partner will receive 25% of total first-round prize money;
 - The non-withdrawn partner will receive any prize money she earns in the draw as normal (team earnings/2); and
 - The new partner will receive any prize money she earns in the draw (team earnings/2) less the 25% of first-round prize money paid to the withdrawn partner.

Example for Doubles WD where Partner Repairs

| | 1 st Round Loss | | | 2 nd Round Loss | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|--|-----------|
| | 1 st Round Pz My | | | 2 nd Round Pz My | |
| | Team = \$1,000 | | | Team = \$2,000 | |
| Withdrawn partner | 25% | \$250 | Withdrawn partner | 25% of 1 st Round | = \$250 |
| Non withdrawn partner | 50% (\$1,000 /2) | \$500 | Non withdrawn partner | 50% (\$2,000/2) | = \$1,000 |
| NEW partner | 25% | \$250 | NEW partner | 50% (\$2,000/2) Less 25% 1 st Rd (\$250) | = \$750 |
| TOTAL | | \$1,000 | TOTAL | | \$1,750 |

BONUS POOL

The 2022 Bonus Pool will be suspended.

COVID SPECIAL RANKING ENTRY

A player may request a COVID Special Ranking Entry if she: (i) has been withdrawn from a Tournament for testing positive or being in close contact with a known positive; and (ii) misses the following Tournament(s) because she is recovering from COVID-19 or is unable to travel.

If approved, a player's COVID Special Ranking Entry is her WTA Ranking as of the time she was withdrawn from the original Tournament. She may use her COVID Special Ranking Entry to enter four (4) WTA or ITF Tournaments until the end of 2022. A player may use her COVID Special Ranking Entry to participate in a maximum of two (2) WTA 1000 Mandatory Tournaments as part of her maximum Tournaments to use her COVID Special Ranking Entry.