



## **RANKING DEFAULT POLICY FOR NO-SHOWS**

### **PRINCIPLE:**

When a player does not show up for a competition or for a match, the player will be penalized by a flat 25 penalty points per “no-show” per tournament.

This would, however, affect only the first non-played match scheduled for that player within the tournament.

The flat 25 penalty points remain valid for a period of 12 months from the date of implementation.

### **I. Extent of the Ranking Default Policy effective 1 January 2010 at:**

- ITTF Events and Olympic Games
  - a) Olympic and World Title Events
  - b) ITTF Sanctioned Events

### **II. Ranking Default Commission**

A Ranking Default Commission will be in charge of this policy. This Commission is composed of:

- an Executive Committee member in charge of Ranking functions
- the Technical Commissioner (or his appointee)
- a Representative of the Rules Committee (Chairman or his appointee)
- the Competition Manager on duty at the event (reporting and proposing actions)

### **III. No-Show or withdrawal before the start of a competition (team and singles events)**

	<b>DECISION</b>
A player nominated for a competition	NO
1. Informs the organizers <u>before the draw</u> is made that he will not play	
<b>2. <i>Informs the organizers <u>after the draw</u> is made that he will not play for whatever reason</i></b>	<b>YES</b>
3. Does not show up without any information to the organizers	YES

The Competition Manager on duty at a competition shall report to the Ranking Default Commission all cases covered by this regulation, submitting detailed explanation for each case subject to consideration by the Commission. The Commission will then confirm or reverse the proposal.

#### **IV. No-show or withdrawal during a competition (team and singles events)**

a) At a certain stage of an event, a player still in the run, does not play the next match in the same event	YES
b) A player cannot start a match because the player's racket has been found illegal and the player does not have a spare one	YES
c) A player does not show up for a match because of political reasons (See ITTF Handbook 4.1.7)	YES
d) A player entered in more than one event does not show up for a match in one of these events (for instance, U-21)	YES
e) A player does not show up for a match or an event because the player has been disqualified for the remainder of a competition for his misbehaviour in another event	YES
f) A player does not show up for a match because he/she has to leave before the end of the competition (because of commitments to a club or Association, or because the time of return flight, or for any other reason)	YES
g) A player, who has to give up in a match because of injury or illness does not show up for the next match he/she has to play ( <i>* no multiple penalisations</i> )	NO*

#### **V. No-show or withdrawal before or during a competition (doubles event)**

For such cases the policy shall not be applied because

- perhaps only one of the players forming a pair is guilty and it would be unfair to penalize the partner as well;
- it is not logical to penalize a player on singles ranking points for behaviour in a doubles event.

#### **VI. Team events**

When it concerns only part of the team, the regulations above would also apply (For instance when a player cannot play a singles match of the team-match because the racket was found illegal and the player had no other suitable one, or when the player was disqualified by the referee for the rest of the match). When the whole team does not show up or is not allowed to play by the referee because of the colour of their shirts or for any other reason, no individual penalty shall be applied to the players.

#### **VII. Bonus Points**

The Bonus Points earned by a penalized player will not be affected, except that a player who does not play any match in an event cannot get Bonus Points for this event.

#### **VIII. Appeals**

When a player or his Association does not agree with a decision taken by the Ranking Default Commission an appeal may be made to the Executive Committee whose decision will be final.

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