



**AITA TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE AITA
PROFESSIONAL CIRCUIT**

Effective from 01 January 2024

AITA tournaments will be sanctioned only to the AITA registered centers or AITA registered academies. Tournament applications should be send to the AITA Office through respective State Association only.

It is mandatory for all players participating in any level of AITA tournament to have a valid AITA Registration (Renewed up to date). A player not having a valid AITA registration card WILL not be permitted to participate in AITA tournaments. All Players should complete the registration /renewal formalities well in advance before they apply for or plan to participate in a tournament.

The AITA Pro Circuit will be divided into the **Prize Money levels** as listed below during 2024. Any tournaments will be referred to either a Men or Women tournament in the respective prize money category. Combined tournaments can happen in any combination of the below mentioned prize money, where in the total prize money for the tournament will be ascertained by adding the respective prize money.

- ❖ AITA ₹1 Lakh tournaments for Men or Women.
- ❖ AITA ₹2.5 Lakh tournaments for Men or Women.
- ❖ AITA ₹5 Lakh tournaments for Men or Women.
- ❖ AITA ₹7.5 Lakh tournaments for Men or Women.
- ❖ AITA ₹10 Lakh tournaments for Men or Women.
- ❖ AITA National Championship for Men or Women.

Match Format

Singles Qualifying Draw - All Qualifying matches should be of three sets, with two (2) tie-break sets, and one match tiebreak game (10 points) if the score becomes 1 set all to decide the match. Normal scoring format to be used after deuces.

Singles Main Draw - Best of 3 Tie Break sets.

Doubles Draw – All double matches, should be of three sets, with two (2) tie-break sets, and one match tiebreak game (10 points) if the score becomes one set all to decide the match. No ad scoring will be used.

Tournament Referee

An ITF White Badge Official would be mandatory to supervise all the tournaments having a total combined prize money of more than ₹1Lakhs. The name of the referee will be decided by AITA and added to the Fact Sheet.

Referee in AITA Rs 1 Lakh event will be appointed by the **State Association**. It will be the responsibility of the State Association to send the contact details of Tournament Referee such as Name, Mobile Number and Email Id in order to put the same in the factsheet atleast 21 days before the event.

Organizational requirements

Courts:

A venue must have a minimum of three courts or two lighted courts having the same surface with a minimum of 380 Lux (12 units) with enough tournament staff to extend the matches into the night. Under exceptional circumstances, and due to unfavorable weather conditions, if another venue is clubbed with the main venue, it would be the responsibility of the organizers to provide proper transportation between the 2 venues.

Practice Courts

The practice courts shall be booked and managed by experienced staff that are able to coordinate all practice court bookings in a fair manner.

A minimum of one practice court must be available for a minimum of 9 hours each day. It is recommended that tournaments reserve additional practice courts available for participants where possible.

Practice courts must be available free of charge a minimum of one day prior to the start of the Qualifying Tournament for all Singles and Doubles Main Draw and Qualifying players until their elimination from the tournament.

Balls

AITA approved balls are to be used for all tournaments. The same balls are to be used for qualifying and main draw. Good condition practice balls are to be made available to the players for practice on deposit. For qualifying matches minimum of 3 balls are to be provided. For each main draw match, 3 new balls are to be provided for each match. In Main Draw matches, there should be a ball change before the start of the 3rd set.

Balls used for practice must be identical to those used for matches. Players must return practice balls.

Sports Physio

It is a must to have a sports physio/ doctor on site to help the players with injuries during the hours of play.

Water: Drinking water is to be provided on the court for players during the matches.

Chair Umpires: Chair Umpires must be provided by the organizers from Quarter Finals.

Obligations Binding a Player

For the year 2024, the age eligibility to participate in AITA men or women tournament is as follows:

CATEGORY	ELIGIBLE DOB
Men & Women	Players born till 31/12/2009

No player shall participate in more than 1 tournament in a week. A player can however lose in main draw of the week and take part in qualifying of the tournament for which the main draw starts the following week. One tournament in week will apply to all AITA tournaments and will include ITF/ ATP/WTA/ATT tournaments as well.

Acceptance for Singles.

The entries for singles will be based on the AITA ranking list prepared in accordance with the ranking list available at the time of entry deadline. Any tie in the players ranking will be broken in the AITA office at the time of preparation of the acceptance list.

Acceptance for Doubles.

For Men

The doubles acceptance would be based on the **combined best singles or doubles ranking** of a team. It means that we have to combine the best ranking of a player out of singles or doubles and add with the best ranking out of singles or doubles of his partner. (for eg. Player A has a singles rank of 200 and doubles

rank of 150 and his partner B has a singles rank of 75 and doubles rank of 300....their combined ranking would be 225 by adding doubles rank of 150 of player A and singles rank of 75 of player B)

Seeding for the Men doubles will be based on the **combined doubles ranking of the team.**

For Women

Both doubles acceptance and seeding for women double will be based on **combined doubles ranking** of the team.

Prize Money Break down

Below is the prize money break down for both Men and Women Tournaments.

Total Prize Money	100000	250000	500000	750000	1000000
Singles (75%)	75000	187500	375000	562500	750000
Doubles (25%)	25000	62500	125000	187500	250000

SINGLES					
Winner	12500	31250	62500	93750	125000
Runner up	8400	21000	42000	63000	84000
Semi final	4750	11875	23750	35625	47500
Quarter Finals	2850	7125	14250	21375	28500
2nd Round	1750	4375	8750	13125	17500
Round of 32	1200	3000	6000	9000	12000
DOUBLES					
Winner	6200	15500	31000	46500	62000
Runner up	3800	9500	19000	28500	38000
Semi final	1900	4750	9500	14250	19000
Quarter Finals	1200	3000	6000	9000	12000
Round of 16	800	2000	4000	6000	8000

Prize money break up for Nationals will be displayed in the respective fact sheets of the Nationals.

Ranking Points and Calculation of Ranking

AITA ranking will take into account the points of **best 8 (eight) tournament results**, played in AITA professional circuit. To this the **Converted ATP/WTA points will be added** by using a multiplying factor of 10 (i.e. ATP/WTA points X 10). Further to this converted points of ITF World ranking points by using a multiplying factor of 1 (i.e. ITF world ranking points X 1.0) and converted AIT points by using a multiplying factor of 1 (i.e. AIT points X 1.0) will be added. Further points for interstate Men and Women and national points shall also be added to arrive at final list of points for rankings. There will be no additional point allocated for qualifiers.

Calculation of AITA Men / Women Ranking
AITA best 8 points
ATP/WTA points X10
ITF world ranking points X 1
ATP Points X 1
Points for Interstate Men/ Women and National Games

Singles (Men/Women)	1,00,000	2,50,000	5,00,000	7,50,000	10,00,000
Winner	20	40	75	100	125
Runner up	15	25	45	60	80
Semi final	8	15	25	35	50
Quarter Finals	4	7	14	20	30
2nd Round	3	4	7	10	15
Round of 32	1	2	2	4	5

Doubles (Men/ Women)	1,00,000	2,50,000	5,00,000	7,50,000	10,00,000
Winner	15	30	50	75	100
Runner up	10	20	40	50	65
Semi final	7	14	25	35	45
Quarter Finals	3	6	10	15	20
Round of 16	1	2	2	4	5

For Interstate Men, Women and Team event in National Games each player will get 10 points for winning each singles match. Each player (both partners) will get 10 points each for each doubles match won. For individual matches at the National Games point's equivalent to Rs. 5 Lakh AITA tournament will be awarded.

There would a separate singles and doubles ranking list compiled for Men and Women.

Draw Sizes

Singles Main Draw: - 32 for both Men and Women tournament.

Singles Qualifying: - For Rs 1 Lakh and Rs 2.5 Lakhs the Qualifying Draw will be open.

For Rs 5 Lakhs/Rs 7.5 Lakhs/Rs 10 Lakhs/Nationals Qualifying Draw will be 64 for Men and 48 Women's tournaments.

Doubles Main Draw:- Draw of 16. There will be no Doubles Qualifying.

A tournament having prize money of more than Rs 2.5 lakhs may have open draw in **Qualifying** if the following criteria is met:

- 1) Minimum number of courts should be **six** of same surface.
- 2) Special permission is required from AITA at the time of applying for the tournament.

However, Main draw size will be of 32 only.

Sign In Requirements

Telephonic Sign in is allowed with prior permission of the Tournament Referee.

Qualifying sign in will be compulsory. The sign in for qualifying will be uniform for all tournaments to be held on Friday between 12:00-14:00 Hrs. The singles Qualifying draw is to be made latest by 18:00 and displayed prominently as required.

Main Draw Sign in is required and shall take place on Sunday between 12:00-14:00 Hrs. The Singles Main Draw shall be made before 18:00 and displayed prominently as required.

Doubles Sign in will end of Monday at 12:00 Hrs followed by the draw.

Making the Draw

All draws should be made immediately after the respective sign-in has closed preferably in the **Referee room or decided by the tournament director** at the venue. All draws shall be made by the Referee (in public) in front of the players. The draw should be signed by two players preferably these players should be from different States to that of the host State.

No hand written draws will be permitted.

Composition of the Draws:

	Open Draw	Main draw size-	Main Draw Size-	Main Draw Size-
		32	48	64
Direct-On ranking	ALL	23	39	55
Qualifiers	NONE	8	8	8
Special Exempt	NONE	1	1	1
Wildcards	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

	Qualifying Draw-32	Qualifying Draw -48	Qualifying Draw-64
Direct-on ranking	28	44	60
Wild cards	4	4	4

For Doubles – Draw of 16, all teams to select as per the rules defined earlier. There will no Wild cards, Special Exempt or qualifying for doubles event in any tournament.

Entry Regulations

The **Acceptance List** will be made, taking into account the latest Rankings available on the website.

Whilst making the Acceptance List no player without a ranking will be put in the Main Draw. In case there are vacancies in the Main Draw, these spots shall be filled in by Lucky Losers.

Players with no rankings will remain in the alternates till the time the number of vacancies in the qualifying is equal to the number of unranked players in the alternates.

If two or more players have the same ranking at the time of making the Acceptance List then there will be a draw of lots.

Entries

Entries for all the tournaments will be taken online. Once the player sends the entry through online, he/she will get a confirmation through e-mail as well as the reference number of his/her entry will be available in the player's dashboard. No Fax OK slip or confirmation by phone is acceptable. Link of online entry system will be available on the tournament factsheet.

Due to an administrative mistake, if a player's entry is missed out the name will be added as No 1 in the qualifying (if the player should have been in the Main Draw) or No 1 in the alternates (if the player should have been in the Qualifying). As and when there is a Withdrawal the player will be moved into his correct place on the acceptance list.

Withdrawals

- Withdrawals will be taken online. **No withdrawals will be accepted through e-mail before the freeze deadline of the tournament.** The player should send late withdrawal to the tournament referee whose contact details are available on the tournament factsheet after the freeze deadline to avoid a no-show.
- If a player whose name is there on the acceptance list neither withdraws nor does the sign-in then it will be treated as **No Show**.
 - Withdrawal - Till Withdrawal Deadline - Via AITA Login.
 - Late Withdrawal - After the Withdrawal Deadline till the Freeze Deadline - Via AITA Login.
 - Late Withdrawal - After the freeze deadline till the Qualifying Sign In - Via Email to the Tournament Referee whose email address is mentioned on the fact Sheet and copy to entries@aitatennis.com
- Note: After the Qualifying Sign-in deadline, if any player sends a withdrawal from Qualifying Acceptance or Main Draw Acceptance, it will be considered a No-Show.
- If a player withdraws before the withdrawal deadline due to any reason, can play the tournament signing in as onsite alternate but if the player withdraws from the tournament after the withdrawal deadline, then he will not be allowed to play and it will be considered as Late Withdrawal.
- For any technical query on any particular tournament, the player must get in touch with the Referee only via email, whose email id will be available on the Fact Sheet and copy to AITA Entries System (entires@aitatennis.com).
- Tournament Directors are requested to refrain from taking decisions and/or request's related to technical and should be communicated/forwarded to the Tournament Referee immediately. Email sent to any other than Tournament Referee / AITA email address will not be considered.

Entry/Withdrawal Deadlines for Tournaments

Entry deadline would be 3 Mondays prior to commencement of Tournament week.

Acceptance list would be announced at least, 10 Days prior to commencement of Main Draw. The Acceptance list will be available on the website.

Withdrawal deadline would be Monday, (7 days) before the tournament Monday.

Freeze Deadline would be Thursday 17:00 prior to tournament. After freeze deadline, no player will be moved up.

Seedings

Seeding for the qualifying & Main Draw will be made taking into account the latest **Rankings available** on the AITA website.

Special Exempt

Special Exempt position is given to a player on the Qualifying Acceptance List (entered players only) who has applied for and received exemption from the Qualifying event because he/she is still competing at a "Qualified Tournament" on the day the Qualifying event is scheduled to begin. A "Qualified Tournament" is the singles event of another AITA tournament of the same or higher prize money in the preceding week. Any unused Special Exempt place will be filled by an entered player who has signed in for Qualifying and is to be selected in accordance with his/her position on the Acceptance List. (No 1 position on the qualifying acceptance list after sign in).

In case more than 1 player apply for special exempt and qualify as per above, the latest available AITA ranking will be used to determine the order of players to receive special exempt.

No Special exempt is to be given for any other reason as defined above.

Lucky Losers

Any vacancies arising in the first round, (or in the 2nd round in case of byes in the first round) of the Main Draw, after the completion of the final qualifying round, shall be filled in by Lucky losers as follows: -

1st Preference – To all ranked players losing in the final qualifying round **picked up by lots**

2nd Preference – To all unranked players losing in the final qualifying round **picked up by lots**

If additional lucky losers are needed the losers of the previous round of qualifying shall be selected in the same manner.

The tournament referee shall conduct a Lucky Loser sign-in at an appropriate time to decide the Lucky Loser spots in the Main Draw. The Lucky Loser sign in time must be put on the tournament notice board well in time but not less than six hours before the sign in time. Lucky Looser sign in will be done every day in case the first round is delayed and not completed on the first or second day of the main draw.

Penalty Points

Late Withdrawal – Two Late withdrawals in a year are allowed and on the third late withdrawal, **15 Points** will be deducted. Thereafter, on every late withdrawal, there will be a penalty of **15 points**.

In case of No Show (Main Draw or Qualifying) – minus 10 points.

Tournament Entry Fees

An Entry fees of ₹1,250 will be charged from each player, for playing. This will cover both Singles and Doubles. Any player playing only singles or doubles will also have to pay the same entry fees.

Notes

Players, their coaches, and relatives, accompanying them on site, shall behave professionally at all times. They:-

- a) Shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site.
- b) Shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site.
- c) Shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.
- d) Shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball or Racquet, within the precincts of the tournament site.
- e) Shall not receive coaching during am match. Communications of any kind, audible or visible between a player and a coach/parent/relatives, may be construed as coaching.

If such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the point penalty schedule of ITF rules and regulations.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall constitute as a major offence, and a player may be defaulted from the tournament.

Players, their coaches, and relatives, accompanying the players, shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent or other person within the precincts of the site, shall not issue, authorize or endorse any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the tournament and or of the officiating thereof. If such violation occurs during a match or during tournament week, the violation shall be considered as a major offence and the player may be defaulted from the tournament.

The decision of the immediate default of the player shall be decided by the supervisor, in consultation with tournament director and / or with the State Secretary. Further action may be initiated by AITA against the players/ coaches/ parents, as deemed fit by the tournament committee/ code of conduct committee of AITA

The points, rules, and regulations which are not covered in the above stated guidelines, the ITF rules and regulations will prevail.