

Wheelchair Tennis

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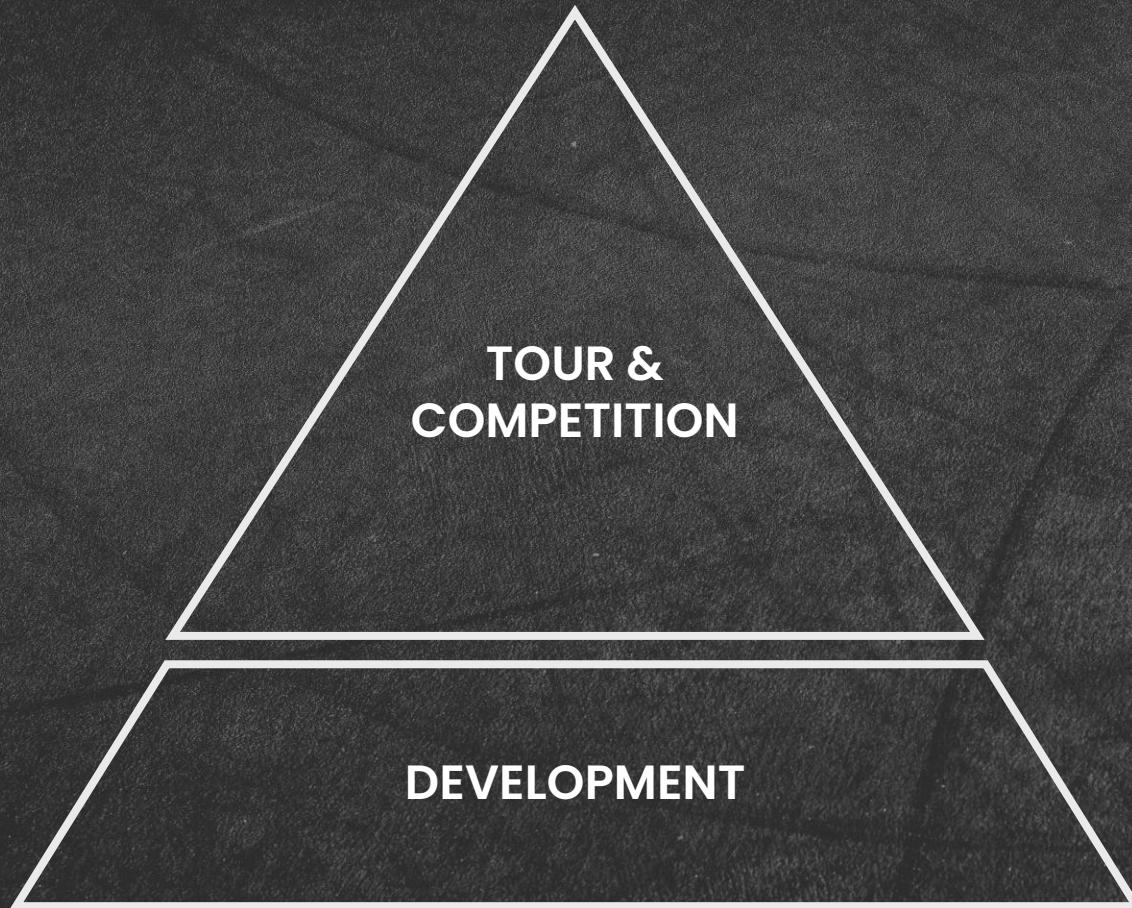
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Our Typical Player Profiles

Recognising the needs & motivations of typical players
- to inform our competition pathway structure



Player Profiles



Pro

Full-time

Competes to achieve success and prize money

Pro-aspiring

Full-time

Competes to develop into a Pro

International

Part-time

Competes for enjoyment/to attain some success

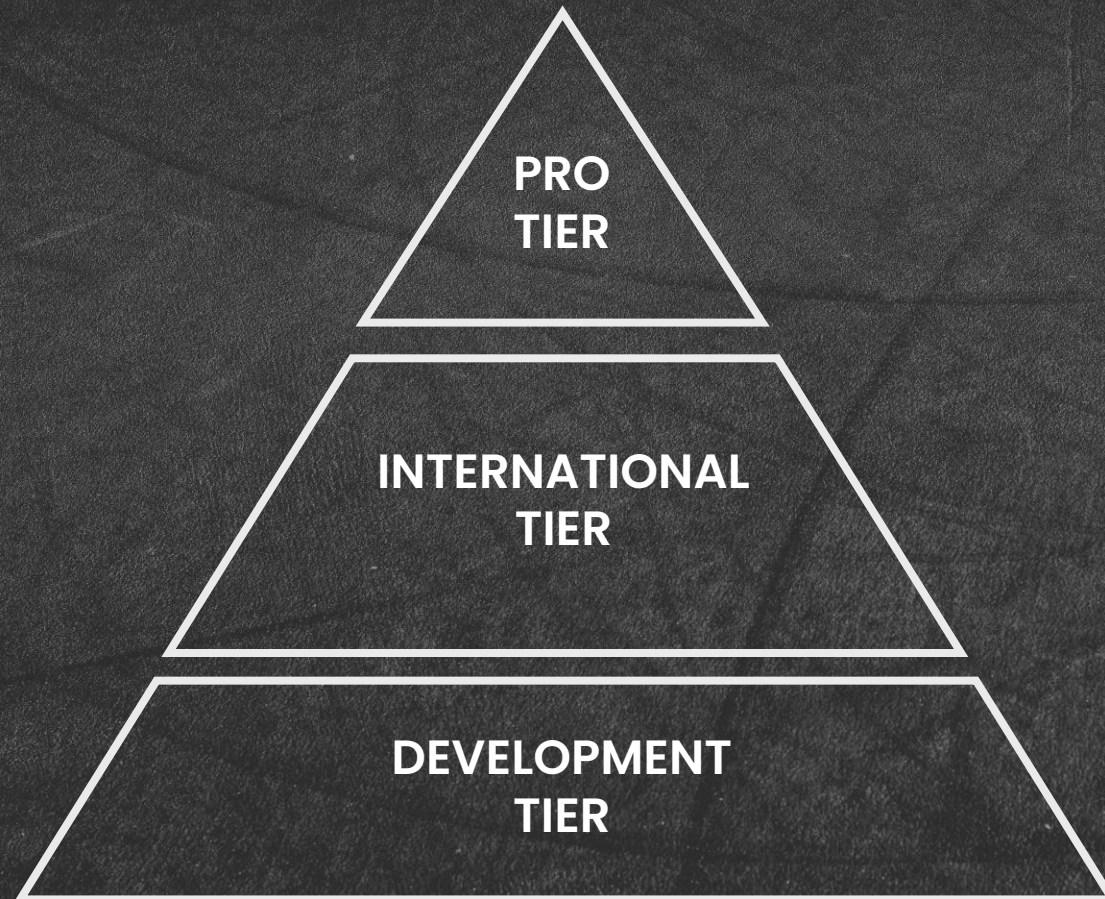
Participant

Part-time

Plays/competes for fun, health, social

Our Tour Goals (2026+)

Re-model Competition Pathway



Launch Premier Tier
for pro & pro-aspiring players

Ensure relevant player opportunities
for international & pro-aspiring players

Lower barriers to compete
for new & developing competitors

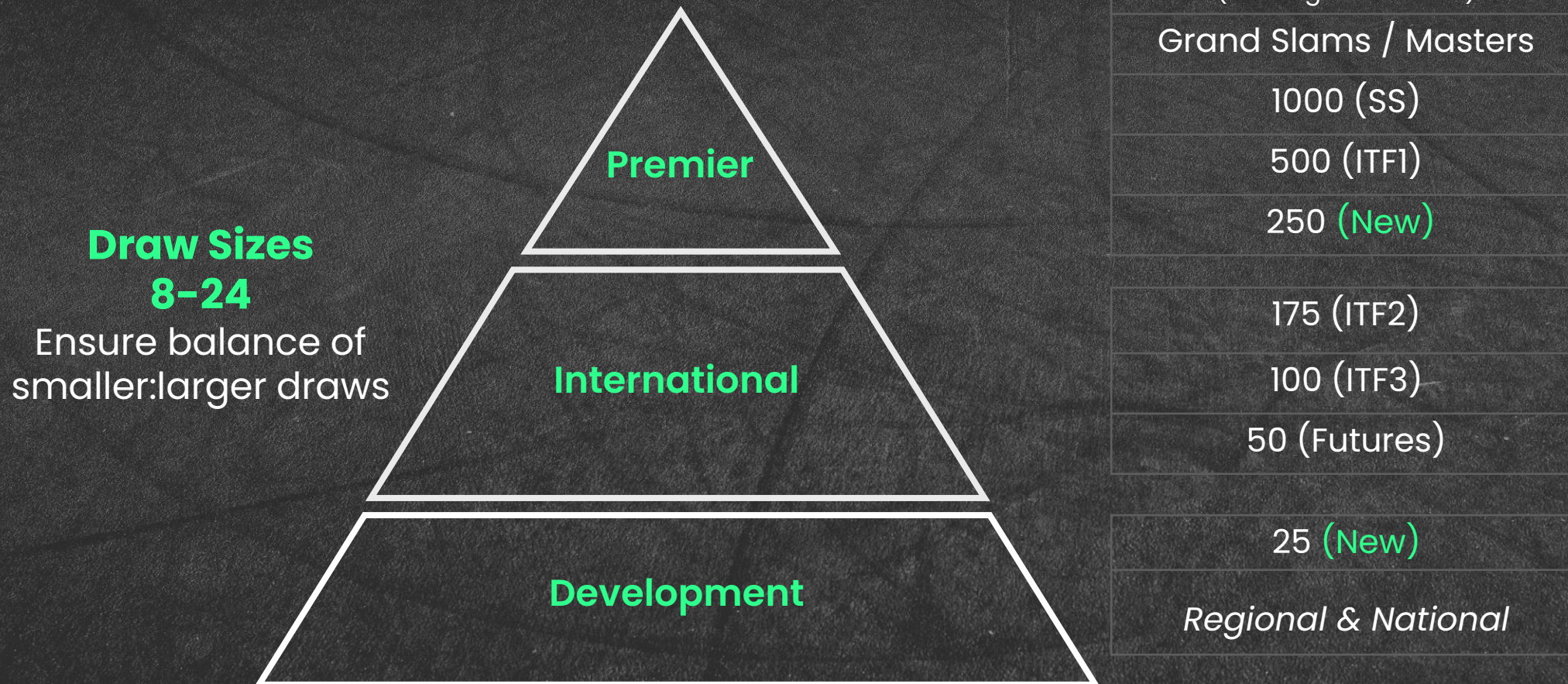
Competition Tier Purpose

To provide a pathway which better serves typical player profiles



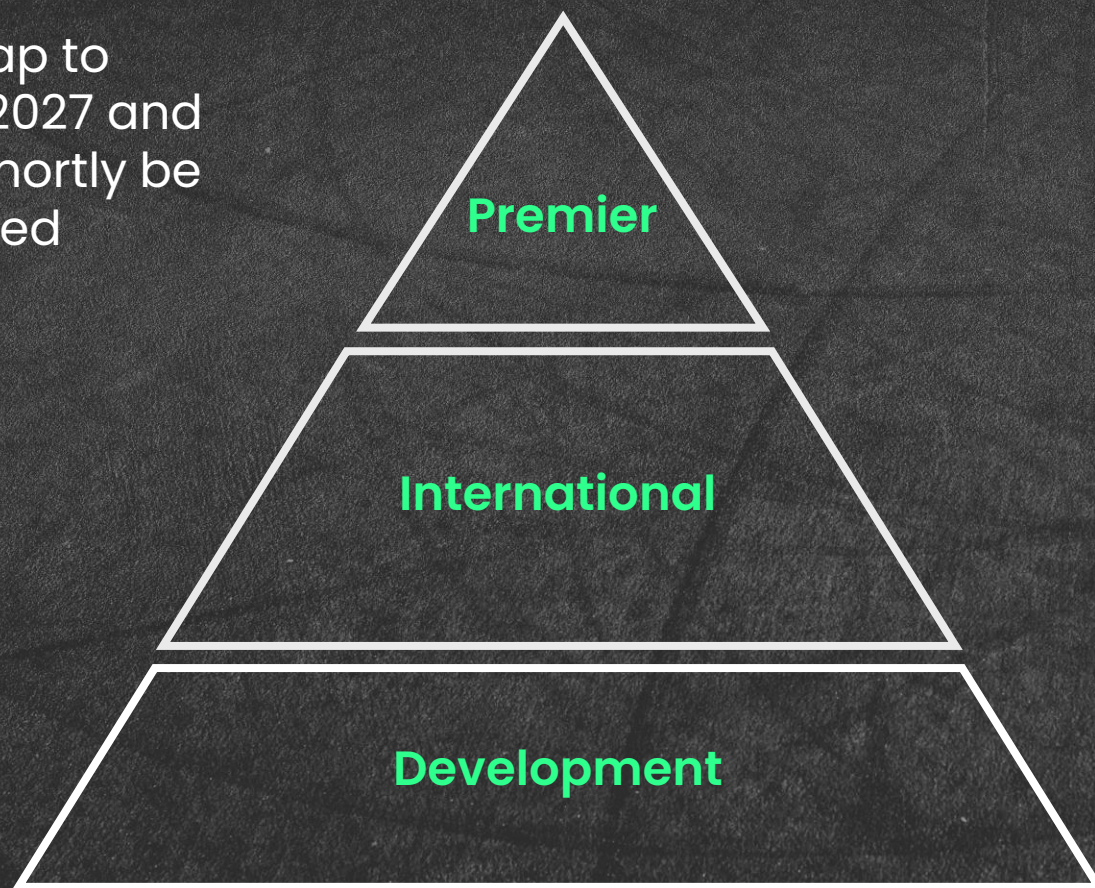
Grades & Draw Sizes

Provide calendar flexibility, encourage playing up to improve draw utilisation, and align to professional tennis nomenclature



Prize Money

A roadmap to changes for 2027 and beyond will shortly be published



| NEW Grades (existing in brackets) | Min PM (2026) |
|---|------------------|
| Grand Slams / Masters | TBA |
| 1000 (SS) | \$45K |
| 500 (ITF1) | \$32K |
| 250 (New) | \$32K |
| 175 (ITF2) | \$22K |
| 100 (ITF3) | \$14K |
| 50 (Futures) | \$3K |
| 25 (New) | \$1K |

2026 Sanctioning Process

Scheduling Principles

The ITF will apply the following principles to make decisions about the 2026 tour schedule:

Player Performance

- *Prioritise optimal conditions for athletes to achieve their best performance.*

Global Reach

- *Strive for a geographically diverse set of tournaments to ensure global representation of wheelchair tennis.*

Opportunities

- *Facilitate appropriate competitive opportunities at different tournament grades, satisfying demand, and allowing players to compete closer to home and at a more sustainable cost.*

Athlete-Oriented

- *Reduce potential barriers for athlete participation by considering the financial viability and travel requirements when scheduling.*

2026 Sanctioning Process– Premier Tier Criteria (excluding WTGS)

Premier Tier – Additional sanctioning criteria:

Profile/Promotion

- *Elevated event profile / reach, promotional activity / activation*

Elevated Prize Money

- *Providing prize money above minimum requirements.*

Hospitality

- *Provision of free hospitality for athletes from day before start of competition to day after end of competition.*

Tour Structure

- *The Tournament attracts typical pro player profiles (WT1000/500) or pro aspiration profile (WT250) & fits into an ITF identified series or key regional competition.*

Event format

- *Event offers all three divisions.*

Services/Standards

- *Performance-standard support, food, transportation.*

2026 Sanctioning Process

| Tier | Name | Min Prize Money | Set Draw Size | Qualification | Second Draw |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|---|---------------|-------------|
| Premier Tier | GS | TBA | TBA | | |
| | WT1000 | \$45000 | 24M/24W/24Q (unless otherwise agreed) | Yes | No |
| | WT500 | \$32000 | 24M/24W/24Q (unless otherwise agreed) | Yes | No |
| | WT250 | \$32000 | 24M/24W/24Q (unless otherwise agreed) | Yes | No |
| International Tier | WT175 | \$22000 | 24M (no fixed W/Q but 24 encouraged). | Yes | Yes |
| | ITF100 | \$14000 | 16M can be increased to 24M if 16 women and 12 quads provided (no fixed M/WQ) | Yes | Yes |
| | WT50 | \$3000 | 16/24/32 M 8/12/16/24/32 W/Q | Yes | Yes |
| Development Tier | WT25 | \$1000 | 16/24/32 M 8/12/16/24/32 W/Q | Yes | Yes |

- WT 175 and below can hold either qualification or second draw.
 - Second draw/qualification must be applied for at same time as main draw.
- Junior events cannot be held at Premier Tier events. Must be separate junior competition.

2026 Sanctioning Process

- Applications will open August with new grading system in baseline TMS
- Important to have adequate tournament numbers at the different grades for player pathway.
- No significant changes to organisational requirements for 2026, a roadmap for 2027 and beyond will be communicated at a later date.
- Tournaments will be sanctioned for 2026, but this does not guarantee the same grade in 2027 and beyond as the calendar evolves.

Ranking Points

Purpose & Goals of ranking points

- Appropriately reward performances
- Facilitate & encourage progression and ranking churn
- Incentivise players to play up to higher level events
- Produce an accurate ranking of players to reflect a consistency of performance
- Deliver consistency and alignment within points tables where possible (e.g. across divisions)

Ranking Points

Summary of current issues identified:

- Incentivises players to play down rather than up
- Low draw utilisation
- Point variation between divisions for same grade/draw size
- Round-by-round increases are not consistent

Principles applied to develop New Ranking Points Tables:

- Utilise ATP/WTA/ITF WTT models – relationships between grades & round by round
- Recognise the specific eco-system of WT (population, draw sizes)
- Incentivise and reward playing up inc. 1st rnd loser points at higher grades, qualification points
- Improved competitiveness and meritocracy
- Align points levels with typical player profiles and tiers

2026 Ranking Points

| | | Main Draw | | | | | | | Qualifying | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----|-----|------|------|------------|-------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----|--|
| | | Grade | Draw Size | Winner | RU | SF | QF | R16 | R24 | Q Win | Q F Rnd | Q3 ¹ | Q2 ² | Q1 | |
| Premier Tier | GS | | 16 | 1200 | 780 | 480 | 240 | 120~ | | | 60^ | 30^ | 15^ | | |
| | | | 8 | 1200 | 780 | 480 | 120~ | | | | 60^ | 30^ | 15^ | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | WT1000 | 24 | 1000 | 650 | 400 | 200 | 100 | 50~ | | 25^ | 12^ | 6^ | 1 | |
| | | | 16/12 | 800 | 520 | 320 | 160 | 50~ | | | 25^ | 12^ | 6^ | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | WT500 | 24 | 600 | 390 | 240 | 120 | 60 | 30~ | | 15^ | 8^ | 4^ | 1 | |
| | | | 16/12 | 525 | 342 | 210 | 105 | 30~ | | | 15^ | 8^ | 4^ | 1 | |
| | | | 8 | 450 | 295 | 180 | 30~ | | | | 15^ | 8^ | 4^ | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | WT250 | 24 | 350 | 228 | 140 | 70 | 35 | 18~ | | 9^ | 4^ | 2^ | 1 | | |
| | | 16/12 | 300 | 195 | 120 | 60 | 18~ | | | 9^ | 4^ | 2^ | 1 | | |
| | | 8 | 250 | 163 | 100 | 18~ | | | | 9^ | 4^ | 2^ | 1 | | |
| International Tier | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | WT175 | 24 | 200 | 130 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 1 | 10 | 5^ | 3^ | 2^ | 1 | |
| | | | 16/12/8 | 175 | 114 | 70 | 35 | 1 | | 10 | 5^ | 3^ | 2^ | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | WT100 | 24 | 100 | 50 | 25 | 14 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2^ | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | 16/12/8 | 85 | 43 | 22 | 11 | 1 | | 4 | 2^ | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | WT50 | 32/24 | 50 | 25 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| | | 16/12/8 | 45 | 23 | 12 | 6 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
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| | | WT25 | 32/24 | 25 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | 16/12/8 | 23 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |