

Regulations for the International Beach Tennis Amateurs & Non-professionals Tour AmaTOUR 2018.

The international beach-tennis tour for amateurs (hereinafter AmaTOUR) is:

- An unofficial organization that unites and represents the interests of all non-professional beach tennis players around the world;
- Community of organizers of non-professional beach tennis tournaments and their participants.

Objectives of AmaTOUR

- To combine non-professional tournaments in common geographical areas (zones) as well as around the world in a single tour with a common rating and calendar;
- To increase the interest and number of fans of beach tennis;
- To stimulate the support of sponsors in the development of beach tennis among amateurs;
- To facilitate the holding of tournaments for amateurs in certain territories and in geographical areas, increasing their quantity and quality.
- To facilitate the organization and holding of the Continental and World Amateur Championship.

AmaTOUR tasks:

- To create a database of organizers of non-professional tournaments around the world and attract new organizers of tournaments;
- To enable non-professional players to travel around the world and compete with their peers;
- To create a world rating of beach tennis players of non-professionals and regularly update it based on the results of the tournaments;
- To create a systematized world and zonal calendar of tournaments and timely add tournaments to the calendar;
- To keep a record of all non-professional tennis players by entering a voluntary IPIN system;
- To invite all players and tournament organizers to switch to an online platform to ensure the system of tournament applications, online calendars and ratings, thereby increasing the overall level of information and discipline in beach tennis.
- To take into account the opinion of players and tournament organizers, timely respond to questions and suggestions.

Tournaments AmaTOUR. Requirements for organization

AmaTOUR tournaments are non-professional beach tennis competitions for the following categories of players:

Fun / Intermediate (F / I) - amateur players not represented in the ITF world rankings, or represented at positions from 500 and below, as well as players who have reached the age of 50+, or under the age of 16+.

Advanced (A) - advanced amateur players, as well as any other players who do not play beach tennis professionally and/or do not practice coaching activities. Players shall be present in the world ITF ranking at positions 50 or below.

Minimum age for participation in tournaments:

Category F / I- 14 years,

Category A - 16 years.

The organizer keeps the right to allow participation for players who completely or partially do not meet these requirements, if this improves the image of the tournament.

For AmaTOUR Tournament Organizers the following Basic Rules for AmaTOUR tournaments are valid.

- Tournaments are held without restriction in any country of the world. The organizer can be a person or a legal entity that agrees with the goals and objectives of AmaTOUR and complies with the Rules of these Regulations.
- Conducting Championships of Continents and World Championships, as well as tournaments with a prize fund of more than 10 000 Euro are subject to separate provisions. Applicant for conduct of such championships must have the relevant organizing experience and get approval from the management of AmaTOUR.
- Tournaments are conducted in accordance with the rules of the beach tennis approved by the ITF for 2018, balls approved by the ITF for playing beach tennis.
- Tournaments can be held in single, doubles and mixed ranks, as also in several categories within one tournament day.
- Tournaments can be held in any format and on any system, with or without a limit on the minimum and maximum number of participants, with the final distribution of seats and rating points. Organizers are advised to provide a consolation tournament for losers in the first round (the first game) under the Olympic system of the tournament.
- The organizer independently chooses the categories of players, the size of the entry fee (if any) and the prize fund (if any) of the tournament. Organizers are encouraged to divide players into different categories corresponding to their level to motivate players to participate in the tournament.

- The organizer has the right to attract a qualified judge to the refereeing of the tournament or to independently provide the refereeing of the tournament. In the event that more than 5 justified claims are submitted for organizing and judging tournaments of this Organizer, the AmaTOUR Guide considers exclusion of this organizer from AmaTOUR.
- Classification (Ranking) AmaTOUR can serve as a base for calculating national ratings for any methodology chosen by a particular region.
- AmaTOUR tournaments must be open to players from all countries. The only restriction for participating in a tournament may be a player's incongruity in the selected tournament category by level or age. The final decision to include a player in the tournament is taken by the organizer.
- Tournaments must be registered and announced on the beachtennis.io/AmaTOUR system (hereinafter referred to as System) at least 10 days before the start of the tournament. The System is the main and only on-line platform for AmaTOUR conducting and charging the World Tour Rank.
- The results of the tournament must not be changed in the System within 48 hours from the date of the tournament. The organizer of the tournament bears the responsibility for entering the correct results. The results of the tournament are the basis for calculating the appropriate points for players and maintaining the classification (rating).
- Organizers pay a registration fee of 25 euros for the tournament at the time of registration in the System (effective from the end of the test mode). The tournament will not be fixed in the System and the players will not be awarded points if this fee is not paid.
- The procedure for organizing and holding AmaTOUR tournaments (for the organizers), the procedure for the tournament participation (by the player) and the rules for refusing to participate in the tournament are described in Appendix 1 to this Regulation.

Classification AmaTOUR

- The player's rating is calculated according to the categories Fun / Intermediate (F / I) - men and women and Advanced (A) - men and women and consists of 10 most successfully played tournaments in the last 52 weeks;
- In the overall standings tournaments of all categories are with the same odds, even if they are played on the same day (single, doubles and mixed), in a doubles and mixed positions, to both players of both sexes;
- Prize fund can be cumulative in all categories of the tournament. Prize fund should be applied for one particular tournament (not a set of several tournaments). The corresponding points are awarded to players of all categories and ranks.
- Points for the tournament with the corresponding prize fund are accrued when the organizer submits documents confirming the payment of the prize fund to the players.
- Player's rating is updated online every Monday.

Points table for AmaTOUR tournaments.

Place	World Championship*	Continent Championship	Championship with the prize money from 10 000 EUR(equivalent)	Tournament with the prize money from 5 000 EUR (equivalent)	Tournament with the prize money from 5 000 EUR (equivalent)	AmaTOUR
1	100	70	50	40	30	20
2	85	55	40	30	20	15
3	70	40	30	20	15	12
4	55	30	20	15	12	10
5-8	40	20	15	12	10	8
9-16	30	15	12	10	8	6
17-24	20	12	10	8	6	4
24-32	15	10	8	6	4	2
32-64	10	8	6	4	2	1

*is not provided by the time of January 20, 2018.

The management of AmaTOUR.

General and technical management, coordination of actions and accomplishment of the goals and tasks set by AmaTOUR is carried out by the Organizing Committee, which consists of 8 (eight) most active organizers of AmaTOUR tournaments from different countries and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee. For 2018, before the active participation of the organizers, the role of the Organizing Committee is fulfilled:

- Marina Trefilova - Chairman of the Organizing Committee
- Nikita Ribakovs-Technical Director
- Julia Chubarova -Director on Development and PR

General Provisions.

- The Organizing Committee is not responsible for the actions of players and organizers of AmaTOUR, as well as third parties during the AmaTOUR tournaments.
- All Players and organizers of AmaTOUR should behave tactfully, expressing friendly and respectful attitude to other players, organizers and judges. It is strictly forbidden to swear on tennis courts, to manifest racism and express any form of aggression towards other players and third parties. During the matches, players can not be in a state of intoxication, under the influence of drugs or illegal drugs. Violation of any of these provisions leads to the AmaTOUR player receiving complaints from the organizers of the tournament, and the organizers from the Organizing Committee AmaTOUR. A player who receives five complaints will be excluded from AmaTOUR.

This provision shall enter into force on January 20, 2018. Until 01.07.2018 AmaTOUR operates in the test mode.

Annex 1.

The procedure for organizing and holding AmaTOUR tournaments for organizers.

- The organizer registers and creates his profile on beachtennis.io;
- The organizer enters the AmaTOUR section of the tournament calendar page;
- If the user does not have the rights of the organizer, he requests them by clicking on the "request organizer rights" button.
- The organizer adds the tournament by clicking on the "add tournament" button.
- It is necessary to fill in the necessary registration form for the tournament and the information sheet with the parameters and program of the tournament and pay the registration fee within 24 hours (the test mode of the Tour is valid until 1 July 2018, the fee is not charged).
- After checking the application forms and payment of the re-build (technical) fee, the technical department of AmaTOUR adds the tournament to the calendar and activates the acceptance of applications for it.
- Before the start of the tournament, the organizer confirms all players who have registered online through the System and can manually add new players.
- The organizer can add a tournament schedule, in which case an alert will be sent to all players by e-mail with the time of each next game.
- After the tournament, the organizer fills in the results (the pair is the occupied place).
- Players who participate in the tournament are automatically awarded points.

The organizer can add manually the participants who are not in the system or in the rating. After participating in the tournament, these players will appear in the ranking. Upon their subsequent registration in the system, their player profile and name in the rating will be synchronized.

Organizers are obliged to recommend participants to register in the system beachtennis.io, in order to simplify their work and train players to independently enter tournaments and view the calendar.

The procedure of application for the tournament by the player:

For a tournament application, it is not necessary to be a registered user of beachtennis.io. However, only registered users have the following functions:

- application for the tournament and refusal to participate with one click;
- on-line player profile;
- statistics of matches played and tournament results;
- "Find Partner" functionality

The process of application for the tournament by the player:

- Filling the form online (for unregistered users) or the button "apply" (for registered users).
- Partner selection.
- Confirmation of the application by the partner (notification comes to the post office). If the partner is not registered in the system, to confirm the application he will have to fill in an online application form or register.
- Confirmation of the application by the organizer.

Rules for refusing to participate in the tournament.

- If the player has refused to participate in the tournament before the deadline specified by the organizer, then he is able to do it online with a single click;
- If the player decides to withdraw from the tournament after the deadline, he must contact the organizer using the contact details provided and explain the reason for the refusal;
- If the organizer considers the reason for the late refusal to be insufficient, he has the right not to allow this player to participate in his tournaments for an indefinite period.
- Such a sanction may be imposed on the players specified in the application, but not on the tournament.

The organizer is obliged to inform AmaTOUR about the decisions specified in clauses 3 and 4, and has the right to notify other organizers of AmaTOUR tournaments about the actions of a particular player.

The player has the right to appeal against any action of the tournament organizer within 10 days after the end of the tournament.