WT BEACH TENNIS TOUR FINALS
2026 RULES & REGULATIONS

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1. Qualification Deadline

Qualification for the 2026 WT Beach Tennis Tour Finals will be determined by the top 8 men's teams and top 8 women's teams according to the Beach Tennis Tour Final Team Race Rankings published on Monday 16 November 2026, following the completion of Aruba Sand Series.

If a player qualifies for the Tour Finals with two (2) different partners, the player concerned will have the option of selecting with which of the partners they have qualified they will compete with at the Tour Finals. This will be according to the Beach Tennis Tour Final Team Race Rankings updated on 16 November which will be used to determine final acceptances.

2. Acceptance Method

A Team's best ten (10) results across all BT400's, Sand Series and World Championships will be used to formulate the Beach Tennis Tour Final Team Race Rankings.

Teams will be informed of their Qualification on Monday 16 November and have until Wednesday 18 November 11:00 GMT to accept their qualification to compete in the 2026 Beach Tennis Tour Finals.

If two (2) Teams are tied on the same number of points (Beach Tennis Team Race Rankings), the highest combined ranking of the two (2) teams as per the individual WT beach tennis world rankings of Monday 16 November 2026 will be used. If a tie remains, the team with the highest individual player according to the WT beach tennis world rankings of Monday 16 November 2026 will determine the order to break the tie-break and to establish the final order of Teams to be accepted.

Alternate Teams will be listed as per the Tour Finals Team Race rankings on Monday 16 November and contacted to establish availability and location during the Beach Tennis Tour Finals if an Alternate Team is required prior or during the Finals.

3. Withdrawals

Withdrawal of a Team following the confirmation deadline (Wednesday 18 November) must be in writing to the WT Beach Tennis department (beach@world.tennis). Players qualify as a Team and withdraw as a Team.

If an accepted Team is forced to withdraw due to one (1) of the team members being ill or injured, the Team will be replaced by one (1) of the Alternate Teams as per the Beach Tennis Tour Finals Team Race in order of the teams positions on the Beach Tennis Tour Final Team Race Rankings updated on Monday 16 November and as availabilities for consideration have been confirmed.

Individual substitutions and re-pairing of players are not permitted.

4. Draw Size and Format

The competition will comprise of two (2) phases. Phase 1 – Round Robin, Phase 2 – Knock Out competition (Semi Finals and Finals). There will be no positional play-off matches.

The Beach Tennis Tour Final Team Race rankings of Monday 16 November will be used to determine qualification and seedings. The WT individual beach tennis world rankings will not be used for seeding purposes.

The draw will be conducted on Friday 27 November as stated on the factsheet.

Phase 1 – Round Robin Competition:

- The 8 men's and women's teams will be drawn into two (2) Round Robin groups of four (4) teams.
- Groups will be scheduled to play on alternative days allowing a day off between round robin matches.
- Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 in Group B
- The remaining six (6) teams will be drawn randomly in pairs of two (2) as per their final ranking order between Group A and B.
  - 3 & 4 – drawn by lot. 1st team drawn to Group A, 2nd team drawn to Group B
  - 5 & 6 – drawn by lot. 1st team drawn to Group A, 2nd team drawn to Group B
  - 7 & 8 – drawn by lot. 1st team drawn to Group A, 2nd team drawn to Group B

All matches within the Round Robin phase must be completed.

Round Robin schedule of play:

Round 1:	1 vs. 3 & 2 vs. 4
Round 2:	Winning Team vs. Winning Team &
	Losing Team vs. Losing Team
Round 3:	Remaining matches to be played within the Group

Phase 2 – Semi Finals and Final:

- The top two (2) teams at the completion of the Round Robin phase in Group A and Group B will qualify for the knock-out semifinal phase of the competition.
- Winning team from Group A will play against 2nd positioned team in Group B.
- Winning Team from Group B will play against 2nd positioned team in Group A.
- The winning team from each semifinal will proceed to the Final and will compete for the 2026 WT Beach Tennis Tour Final Title.

5. Playing Days

The tournament will be played over eight (8) competition days:

- Days 1 – 6: Round Robin competition
- Day 7: Semi Finals
- Day 8: Finals
- One (1) match per day, with Round Robin Groups alternating between the initial six (6) days of competition.

In an unlikely situation where players may be required to play more than one (1) match on a day for unforeseen circumstances, suitable rest will be considered between matches.

6. Practice Days

Official practice will commence two (2) days prior to the start of the competition. Match and practice courts will be available for players to book courts/sessions.

Practice will commence on Thursday 26 November from 10:00.

7. Scoring Format

All matches (Round Robin & Knock-out) will consist of **three (3) tie-break sets**.

Each match won during the Round Robin phase will result in the winning Team being awarded one (1) point.

During the round robin phase of the competition if a team retires during a match the score will be recorded as per the following example:

Team A leads **Team B 6-4 3-6 1-2** when a member of Team B must retire. The final score for media releases will be recorded as 6-4 3-6 1-2 (Ret.), but for the purpose of the Round Robin competition the score will be recorded as **Team A 6-4 3-6 6-2** with the **remaining games of the set being awarded to Team A**. This is for possible three (3) way ties within the Group at the completion of the Round Robin phase.

8. Determining Final Positions in the Round Robin Groups

The standings calculation will only include the results of matches played amongst the players/teams who completed all matches in the round robin group. Retired matches count as completed for this purpose.

All matches for a team that concedes one (1) or more walkovers shall not be included for the purpose of the final standings' calculation. A walkover is not a retirement. A walkover is defined as where a team is either late due to punctuality or players have not taken to the court and the match commenced.

The final positions within a Group will be determined by:

- Highest number of points. A Team is awarded one (1) point per match won.
- If the number of points is equal for two (2) Teams, the head-to-head result will be used i.e. Team A and Team B are tied for 2nd position. Team B defeated Team A. Team B will be positioned 2nd, with Team A finishing 3rd.

- If the number of points is equal for three (3) or more Teams, for these Teams only:
    - The percentage of sets won from sets played against all Teams within the Group (including the 4th Team not part of the tie) will be calculated.
    - If, after the calculation, only two (2) Teams remain tied, the head-to-head result between the two (2) Teams will be used to break the tie.
    - If, after the calculation of percentage sets, a three-way tie still exists, the percentage of games won from games played against all Teams within the Group (including the 4th Team not part of the tie) will be calculated.
    - If, after the calculation, only two (2) Teams remain tied, the head-to-head result between the two (2) Teams will be used to break the tie.
    - If, after the above, a three-way tie remains, the final standing will be drawn by lot.

9. Retirement & Substitution

If a team is forced to retire due to injury or illness during a Round Robin match, the score will be recorded as per rule 7 above – Scoring Format. The team may continue to compete in any remaining matches within the Round Robin competition provided the necessary medical clearance is given by the Tournament Physiotherapist and/or Doctor to the ill or injured player.

All matches for a team that concedes one (1) or more walkovers shall not be included for the purpose of the standing's calculation.

If a Team is forced to withdraw from the Round Robin phase, Alternates may be considered as follows:

1. Next available Team as per the Alternate list based on the Tour Finals Team Race on Monday 16 November 2026.

In the event of an Alternate Team substitution results will be considered as follows:

1. All results recorded against the original team will count.
2. The new Team's results will only be considered for any remaining matches as the new paring / team.
3. Ranking points and prize money will be awarded to the new Team.

Alternate Teams may not substitute for a retirement during a match that is in progress.

No substitutions will be permitted in the knockout phase. If a player or team is forced to withdraw prior to their semi-final or final a walkover will be awarded to the opposing team.

In the case of a walkover during the semi-final or finals, the winning team may be required to play an exhibition match as determined by the organisers and WT.

10. Tennis Balls

Practice Balls:

- Each Team will receive six (6) new balls, commencing two (2) days prior to the start of the tournament. Thereafter practice balls can be exchanged for better used balls on a daily basis once matches have commenced.
- Teams qualifying for the semi-final and final will be allocated 4 new balls for practice on the day.

Match Balls:

- Four (4) new balls will be used in all matches, with balls being changed after the 1st 9 games and every 11 games thereafter (9/11).

11. Officials

The following Officials will be appointed:

- Referee – minimum WT Silver badge certification.
- Chair Umpires – all matches will have a chair umpire that is Nationally certified.
- Line Umpires – minimum of two (2) line umpire for all matches.
- Ball retrievers – minimum of three (3) ball retrievers for all matches.

12. Prize Money

The total Prize Money will be $138,000 divided equally between the men's and women's Competition ($69,000 per gender).

Local taxes will be deducted as follows:

- Foreign players – 25%
- Local players / Foreign players with Brazilian Tax ID (CPF) – 7.5% to 27.5% depending on amount.

Prize Money Distribution:

Winning Team:	$19,500 per team
Finalists:	$13,500 per team
Semi Finalists:	$9,000 per team
3rd position Teams (Round Robin Phase):	$5,500 per team
4th position Teams (Round Robin Phase):	$3,500 per team

13. Hospitality

All Teams will receive full hospitality commencing two (2) days prior to the competition (start of official practice) until the **morning after the completion of the tournament (10 nights)**.

Full hospitality is defined as:

- Accommodation **(Single room per Player)** + breakfast at the official hotel.
- Lunch (as determined by organisers and approved by WT).
- Dinner (as determined by organisers and approved by WT).

Check-in at the hotel is from 14:00 on Thursday 26 November 2026.

Each player will receive a travel allowance capped at a maximum of $300, which will be added to their final prize money as follows:

- Players based in Brazil will need to provide proof of travel expenses to the organisers and will be re-imbursed the actual travel costs (up to $300).
- Players from outside of Brazil will need to provide proof of travel from abroad to Brazil and will be re-imbursed the full $300.

14. Code of Conduct

The general Code of Conduct as per the Beach Tennis Tour Regulations will be in effect.

Ceremonies, Press Conferences and Player Activities:
Players are obliged to attend all requested ceremonies and press conferences. In addition, participating in player activities as determined by the WT to be reasonable. Failure to attend mandatory ceremonies, press conferences and player activities may result in all prize money, travel allowance, hospitality and points due to the Player/Team being forfeited.

Mandatory Ceremonies, Press Conferences and Player Activities are but not limited to:

- Player welcome reception.
- Draw function.
- Draw press conference and media activation.
- Pre and Post match interviews.

- Post match press conferences (where required) in allocated area.
- Other media activities as requested.
- Prize giving ceremony (Finalists + Winners).
- **All sponsor-related activities/clinics and events to promote the tournament and beach tennis as agreed between WT and the organisers within reason.**
- Activations/Clinics to be attended by the teams during the non-match days (days not scheduled to play) during the round robin phase.

All information will be circulated to players at least 48hours prior to the activities.

15. Ranking Points

Ranking points will be awarded as per the rankings breakdown below and updated on Monday 7 December 2026:

- 150 Points per team for qualifying for the Tour Finals
- 100 points per team for each round robin match won = 300 maximum points
- 150 points per team for winning their group (Group A / Group B)
- 125 points per team for being 2nd in their group (Group A / Group B)
- 150 points per team for winning their semi-final match
- 250 points to winning team of the Finals
- **Maximum available points to an undefeated team = 1000 points**

Ranking points earned during the WT Beach Tennis Tour Finals will count towards the Beach Tennis Team Race Rankings and the WT Beach Tennis World Rankings.

The Team finishing the year as No1 on the WT Beach Tennis Tour Final Team Race including the points from the WT Beach Tennis Tour Final will be recognized as the overall season ending No1 Team.

16. Video Review – Trial

Video Review will be available during all matches played on Centre Court during the Tour Finals.

The Final procedures will be circulated prior to the commencement of the Finals once agreed and approved by WT and the production company.

Calls / Decisions to be reviewed:

- Foot Faults
- Line Calls
- Foul shots / Touch
- Hindrance