

FIR Regulations Change Summary

FIR has issued a revision of all regulations for the coming 2018 season. The revised documents are published on <http://www.racketlon.net/content/rules>.

The **Tournament Regulations** is aimed at the Tournament Directors, not the players, and defines the quality standards, to which the TD agrees to comply when holding a FIR tournament. The 2018 World Tour and Challenger events were already contracted with the TD's in Q3 of last year using the previous version of this document, and so nothing with any negative financial impact towards running tournaments has been introduced.

The **Players Draws Regulations** is primarily aimed at the players, so they know what to expect at the international Racketlon tournaments they compete in. At times, for the sake of simplicity, it repeats some of the information in the Tournament Regulations, but should not contradict it in any way.

Each document has a version history at the beginning, listing in brief form what has changed since the last version, but below is an "Executive Summary" for those who like everything in a nutshell.

Tournament Regulations

- Introduction of a EUR 10 surcharge for players who wait with their initial tournament registration until the last 4 weeks prior to regular close of registration. This rule has been widely publicised and is an attempt to encourage players to register early
- Tournament Director to hold live-draws of Elite classes on social media
- Scoreboards mandatory for Centre Court matches
- No longer mandatory for Elite finals to be the last two matches of the tournament
- Two seeds for a 4-draw
- Increased draw size flexibility to encourage consistent playing level for Elite classes
- Prize money to be paid in cash only
- EUR 50 flat-rate reimbursement to Tournament Director for each participating Council member (as they pay no registration fees)
- Cap set on production costs of WC tournament programme

Players Draws Regulations

- same nationality rule for doubles now (again) requires all four players to be from same country, not at least one of each pair
- Addition of EUR10 "last-minute-registration" surcharge, draw-size flexibility, 4-draw seeding and Elite live-draws as per Tournament Regulations above