

RANKING PENALTY POLICY FOR NO-SHOWS

PRINCIPLE : When a player does not show up for a competition or for a match he will be penalized by the deduction from his rating of the points he should have lost if he should have lost the match in which he did not show up.

This would however affect only the first not played match scheduled for that player.

Furthermore it has to be noticed that his opponent in the not played match will get no points for this match.

I. Extent of the ranking penalty policy which will be applied from 1st January 2005 on

- ITTF Pro Tour Tournaments
- World Junior Circuit
- World and Olympic Title Competitions

II. Ranking Penalty Commission

A Ranking Penalty Commission will be in charge of this policy and especially deal with cases under III-2-a and IV-g. This Commission is composed of:

- Executive Director (Co-ordinator)
- Chairman Rules Committee
- Chairman Ranking Committee
- Competition Manager on duty at the event
- 2nd Competition Manager
- Chairman Athletes Commission
- Representative of coaches

III. No-Show at a competition

	PENALTY
A player nominated for a competition	NO
1. informs the organizers <u>before the draw</u> is made that he will not come	NO
2. informs the organizers <u>after the draw</u> is made that he will not come	NO*
a) for circumstances beyond his will (flight cancelled, no visa, late cancellation of financial governmental support, serious and verifiable injury or illness [broken leg, appendicitis,...], decease in close family,....)	NO*
b) for other reasons	YES
3. does not show up without any information to the organizers	YES

The Competition Manager on duty at a competition will report to the Ranking Penalty Commission all cases covered by this regulation which occurred during this competition with for each of them the issue he proposes. The Commission will then confirm or invalidate this issue.

IV. A player withdraws during a competition

a) at a certain stage of an event a player still in the run does not play his next match in the same event	YES
b) a player cannot start a match because his racket has been found illegal and he has no spare one	YES
c) a player does not show for a match because of political reasons (See ITTF Handbook 4.1.7)	YES
d) a player entered in more than one event does not show up for a match in one or more of these events (for instance, U-21)	YES
e) a player does not show up for an event because he has been disqualified for the remainder of a competition for his misbehaviour in another event	YES
f) a player does not show up for a match because he has to leave before the end of the competition (Because of commitments to his club or his Association, or because the time of his return flight or for any other reason)	YES
g) a player who has to give up in a match because of injury or illness does not show up for the next match he/she has to play	NO*

V. A pair does not show up for a match in a doubles event

For such cases it seems difficult when not impossible to apply a ranking penalty because

- perhaps only one of the players forming a pair is guilty and it would unfair to penalize his partner as well;
- furthermore it seems not logical to penalize a player on his individual ranking points for his behaviour in a doubles event.

VI. Team events

When it concerns only part of the team the regulations above would also apply (For instance when a player cannot play a singles of the team match because his racket was found illegal and he had no other suitable one, or when he was disqualified by the referee for the rest of the match). When the whole team does not show up or is not allowed to play by the referee because of the colour of their shirts or for any other reason there will be no individual penalty applied to the players.

VII. Bonus Points

The Bonus Points earned by a penalized player will not be affected, except that a player who does not play any match in an event cannot get Bonus Points for this event.

VIII. Appeals

When a player or his Association do not agree with a decision taken by the Ranking Penalty Commission an appeal may be made to the Executive Committee whose decision will be final.