

## **AGE ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

### **SECTION X - AGE ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

- vi. Within one (1) month of eligibility, meet with representatives of the WTA for the purpose of developing and agreeing upon the player's schedule (including but not limited to Professional Tennis Tournaments, Billie Jean King Cup, Olympics, and Exhibitions/ Non-WTA Events) for the next twelve (12) months. The player must submit her projected schedule via the online ScheduleZone module, including details on the player's off-season, pre-competition weeks, active rest and recovery weeks, and appropriate developmental blocks for review and approval. Once approved by the WTA, the player and her coach must also agree to the schedule. Changes to the agreed upon schedule must be submitted to the WTA for approval no less than four (4) weeks prior to such requested change. The approved schedule is subject to review, and failure to comply with the schedule will subject the player to penalties as outlined in Section X.C.2.

Each player also must acknowledge in writing that she has a full understanding of the Singles Commitment Tournament requirements and Player Development Programs.

- vii. It is a player's responsibility to advise the WTA of any changes in her Player Support Team Members, including coach or agent.

#### **b. Player Support Team Requirements**

A coach who is nominated by a Player Development player to receive and subsequently applies for a WTA player-coach credential must provide proof of Qualification/Certification from a recognized organization or governing body (e.g., a National Federation, the ITF, PTR). A copy of the current certification and/or confirmation from the governing body that the coach is current and in good standing will be required in order to receive a WTA player-coach credential.

## **C. VIOLATIONS**

### **1. Forfeiture of Ranking Points**

If a player plays in a Tournament that exceeds the number or level permitted to be played under the AER or enters a Tournament that in any way conflicts with the AER or Player Development Programs, she will automatically forfeit any ranking points received from that Tournament.