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the doubles event at the time he is called as a lucky loser/alternate in singles, the singles match may be rescheduled so he can fill the lucky loser/alternate position, provided the Supervisor determines that the rescheduling does not cause an unreasonable disruption of the schedule or does not cause the winner to play a second match that day; otherwise the next available lucky loser/alternate shall be selected to fill such vacancy.

Alternate Sign-In Procedures

Case: The two (2) players ahead on an alternate list do not sign in 1/2 hour before the singles qualifying matches are to begin. One (1) of the players arrives on-site just before it is known that an alternate is going to be needed. Who gets in?

Decision: Neither of the two (2) players. In order to be eligible for substitution, an alternate must sign in before the deadline and must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of being called.

Doubles Alternate at two tournaments?

Case: A team signs in for doubles at two tournaments the same week. They do not get into the main draw, but are the #1 alternate at both events. The team signs the Alternate list at tournament A on Monday and Tuesday and then wants to sign the Alternate list at tournament B on Wednesday. Are they permitted to do this?

Decision: Yes, however, a team is only eligible to be signed in on one "live" list per day.

Eligible for Lucky Loser - ATP Tour

Case: May a player or team sign the lucky loser sign-in sheet if they are not accepted into the qualifying competition?

Decision: No. To be eligible as a lucky loser, a player or team must have played and lost in the qualifying event.

Extending Closing Times

Case: The first-round singles matches are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. A steady rain is falling at 9 a.m. and it is decided to postpone the start of play until 11 a.m. should the lucky loser sign-in be extended?

Decision: Yes. Extend the deadline to 10:30 a.m.

Case: The lucky loser Sign-in closed at 10:30. A player arrives at 10:45 to sign in saying that:

1. The Referee told me that the deadline would be at 11:00; or
2. Somebody on the phone said the deadline was 11:00; or
3. Tournament transportation was 45 minutes late.

Decision:

1. Allow the player to sign in. Information given by the Referee (if verified) must be honored.
2. Sign-in not allowed. Players receiving information over the phone do so at their own risk unless they speak directly to the Supervisor or Referee.
3. Sign-in not allowed. The player is responsible for arriving on time.

Which Lucky Loser to Insert?

Case: On Monday before the last singles match has gone on court, a player whose first-round singles match is scheduled for Tuesday is

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forced to withdraw because of injury. No one signed the lucky loser list on Monday. How is the vacancy resolved?

Decision: The vacancy should be filled from Monday's lucky loser list. However, since no one signed the lucky loser list on Monday, the vacancy shall be filled from the Tuesday lucky loser list, if any eligible players sign in. If no one signs on Tuesday, then a walkover shall be awarded.

Who Goes In?

Case: A player withdraws from the singles event on Tuesday. His singles match was not scheduled until Wednesday. There was a singles lucky loser sign-in on Tuesday. The last singles match scheduled for Tuesday has not gone on court. Is the vacancy filled from Tuesday or Wednesday's lucky loser sign-in?

Decision: Tuesday's sign-in.

C. Vacancies

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- 1) A team shall constitute a doubles entry. If either of the players of a team cannot play, that doubles entry is subject to withdrawal and substitution.
- 2) If the withdrawal is from the advance acceptance list and prior to 12 Noon (EST) on the Friday before the event, then the next team on the alternate list is moved into the main draw. (See ATP Addendum, page 388)
- 3) If the withdrawal is from the advance acceptance list and occurs after the 12 Noon (EST) deadline on the Friday before the event then an additional on-site entry position is created for each withdrawal.
 - a) For both 2 and 3 above, the partner of the withdrawing player may enter doubles or sign in for the singles qualifying of the same or another event through the on-site entry method; or
 - b) If the withdrawal was due to one or both players being accepted into the main draw singles of another ATP Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event, then both players may enter the doubles of that event through the appropriate on-site entry procedure.
- 4) If a player from a team that is a direct acceptance withdraws based on a medical reason or other unavoidable circumstances after the on-site sign-in deadline, his partner may enter as an on-site alternate with another player who has not already been accepted into the main draw doubles event. This new team may be considered for acceptance based on its position in the on-site entry list including any entry protection position, as specified in 7.20 A. 6) b).

Can I Sign In For Q's after Withdrawing from Doubles?

Case: A player is withdrawing from a Doubles Advanced Entry list where he is a direct acceptance. Can he sign in for the singles qualifying of another ATP or Challenger tournament that same week or play doubles somewhere else?

Decision: No. However, his partner, who was not the reason for the withdrawal, can sign in for singles qualifying or find another partner and sign-in on-site for doubles at the same or another tournament.