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maximum Tournaments to use her Special Ranking, but she is subject to all withdrawal requirements, any applicable Late Withdrawal or No-Show fines, and any resulting zero (0) ranking point results on her WTA Rankings.

f. Wild Cards

If a player is accepted into the Main Draw (singles or doubles) of a Tournament using her Special Ranking, she may not accept a Wild Card into the same event.

If a player is accepted into the Qualifying of a Tournament using her Special Ranking, she may accept a Wild Card into the Main Draw of that Tournament before 4:00 p.m. tournament local time on the day of the Qualifying Sign-In.

g. Seeding

A player's Special Ranking qualifies her as an Additional Seed according to this Section; provided, however, that regardless of any "freeze," a player's eligibility as an Additional Seed expires no later than the date that is: (i) for a Special Ranking originally for a Medical Condition, 156 weeks after the beginning of a player's original Out-of-Competition Period; (ii) for a Special Ranking originally for Pregnancy, 156 weeks after the end of the Pregnancy; and (iii) for a Special Ranking originally for a Parental Start, 104 weeks after the beginning of a player's original Out-of-Competition Period.

i. Singles

Upon a player's Return to Competition, if she is accepted into the singles Main Draw of a WTA Tournament and her Special Ranking would qualify her for seeding in the draw (regardless of whether she was accepted using her Special Ranking), then she will be an Additional Seed in the draw, subject to the procedures below and in Section V.A.6.c.ii:

- (a) A player is eligible as an Additional Seed only at the first eight (8) WTA Tournaments after her Return to Competition;
- (b) Only singles Main Draws of 28, 30, 32, 56, 60, and 64 may contain Additional Seeds; singles Main Draws of 48 and 96 cannot contain Additional Seeds; and
- (c) If an Additional Seed withdraws after the draw is made, then the next player eligible to move into the draw (i.e., Qualifier, Lucky Loser, or Alternate as applicable) takes the open position.