

ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors

On-Court Coaching FAQs

- 1) What is the sign-in procedure for coaches?**
 - Coaches must register with the Tournament Supervisor and sign the on-court coaching protocol prior to their player's first match of the tournament. The coaches must fill in their name, nation, coaching qualification, and player that they coach.

- 2) How can the Supervisor control if the coach is approved by the NA? Does something have to be sent beforehand?**
 - All coaches must register with the Supervisor and sign the on-court coaching protocol, so they must list their coaching qualification and NA on the form. The ITF will conduct checks with listed NAs to verify the information provided.

- 3) Qualifying will not have Chair Umpires, only Main Draw matches. Therefore does this rule only apply to the Main Draw?**
 - The rule applies to any matches that have a Chair Umpire. In practice this will be the Main Draw only, for most tournaments.

- 4) Does the rule apply equally for Singles and Doubles?**
 - Yes, the rule applies to both events.

- 5) For Doubles, can both players' coaches come on at the same time, once in the set, or can two coaches come on once each in a set at different times and talk to both players? Or, if one coach comes on, is this the one 'coach visit' for the set for that team?**
 - The players can nominate two coaches for each match but only one coach can go on-court at a time. For example, the coach of player A can go on-court after the first set and the coach of player B after the second. Therefore, two coaches can be nominated for each match, but only one coach is allowed on-court per set.

- 6) Is a 'coach visit' in a set break considered the visit for the set just completed or the following set?**
 - Players can request their coach once per set only, either on a changeover or at the end of the set. If a player has received on-court coaching during the second set they may call the coach again at the end of the second set, but in this case they will not be allowed to call the coach during the third set.

- 7) Can the coach come on before the match tie break in doubles?**
 - Yes

- 8) If two players from the same country are on-court at the same time on different courts, can a 'deputy' coach be appointed to one player for those matches?**
 - No, players have to nominate their coach at the start of the week.

9) Would a coach telling a player through the fence part way through a game to 'call me out on the change' constitute a breach of the Coaching section of the Code of Conduct?

- The player has to request the coach so the coach should not tell the player to call him/her. If the Chair Umpire observes this, the coach should not be allowed to come on-court. Therefore, yes, it is a breach of the Coaching section.

10) Some Main Draw matches at my tournament have off-court umpires, and other matches have Chair Umpires. In order to provide equal conditions to every player, can the on-court coaching rule be permitted for both types of matches?

- The on-court coaching rule can only be implemented for matches with Chair Umpires. All Grade 1 tournaments and above must have Chair Umpires for matches from semi-finals onwards. Therefore, please only implement the on-court coaching rule from the semi-finals onwards when all matches will be umpired in the same way. Tournaments which have Chair Umpires for all rounds can use the on-court coaching rule in all rounds.

11) How do I get my son/daughter's coach a qualification?

- Most coaches are likely to have a coaching qualification already, either issued by their National Association or otherwise recognised by the ITF. If a coach has not already completed a course and been certified, they will need to do this (usually via their National Association) prior to being allowed to coach on-court.

12) Can the on-court coaching rule also be implemented in the Qualifying?

- The on-court coaching rule is implemented for matches with a Chair Umpire only. For Grade 1 and Grade A events, tournaments must have a Chair Umpire from the semi-finals onwards. Therefore for most tournaments, the rule will only be implemented from this point onwards. If a tournament provides Chair Umpires in Qualifying, the on-court coaching rule can be implemented in Qualifying too.