



## FAQ: WTA Age Eligibility Rule (ITF \$25K and above) and the Introduction of the ITF Transitions Tour (\$15K) in 2019

Starting the week of December 31, 2018, the ITF will fully reposition \$15K tournaments to award ITF world ranking points rather than WTA professional ranking points. Please see the below FAQ for information on how this change may impact your WTA Age Eligibility Rule (AER) status.

**1. What ITF tournaments and wild cards will count toward my WTA ranking and WTA AER status starting in 2019?**

Only ITF \$25K tournaments and above starting from the tournament week that begins on December 31, 2018.

**2. How long will ITF \$15K tournaments where I earned WTA ranking points or accepted wild cards in 2018 count toward my WTA AER status?**

Only until the tournament week that begins on December 24, 2018.

**3. Will ITF \$15K tournaments where I earned WTA ranking points or accepted wild cards in 2018 continue to be counted towards my WTA AER status in 2019?**

No. Starting with the WTA rankings as of the December 31, 2018 tournament week, the ITF \$15K tournaments where you earned WTA ranking points or accepted wild cards in 2018 will not count toward your allotment of tournaments or wild cards under the 2019 WTA AER. The WTA ranking points earned at ITF \$15K tournaments will be removed from the WTA rankings as of the tournament week that begins on December 31, 2018.

**4. In 2018, I received formal notice that I reached my maximum number of tournaments and/or wild cards under the WTA AER since the time of my birthday in 2018, which included participation in one or more ITF \$15K tournaments. Will my WTA AER status change after December 31, 2018 until my birthday in 2019?**

The WTA or ITF will update you about how your WTA AER status for 2019 will be impacted, including any tournaments that you may be eligible to play starting the week of December 31, 2018.

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