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## ITF EXTENDS SUSPENSION OF INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS THROUGH JULY 31

*ROEHAMPTON, UK* - The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has extended the suspension of all ITF tournaments through to July 31, 2020, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

All ITF circuits and event categories scheduled to take place during the newly extended period are suspended, including ITF Juniors, ITF Seniors, UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour, Beach Tennis Tour and the men's and women's ITF World Tennis Tour.

ITF President, David Haggerty said, "These are tough and disappointing decisions to make, but health and safety remain our primary concern. We continue to review the global situation and assess all our options to resume international competition the moment it is safe to do so. We are working closely with tennis stakeholders to review the calendar and make the right decisions together."

While the global pandemic continues to prevent international competition, the partial lifting of government restrictions in some nations has permitted the resumption of recreational tennis and national competitions. The ITF has issued the following <u>Return to Tennis guidelines</u> for the staging of competitions with appropriate integrity, health and safety measures in place and advises recreational players to follow information and instructions from their national federation as they return to play.

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