

## **ITHF statement on qualification rounds/tournaments**

Due to a recent misunderstanding involving a World Tour tournament, the Executive Committee has decided to issue these general guidelines for tournament organisers:

- (1) World Tour tournaments must be open for everyone to compete in.
- (2) It must not be possible for a beginner to play in a tournament, lose every match and still obtain world ranking points due to having been excused from a preceding qualification round.
- (3) Organisers unsure of whether a qualification competition counts as part of their main tournament, or as a separate tournament, are requested to ask the ITHF Executive Committee in advance.

Yours sincerely,

ITHF Executive Committee  
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