

2023 Toilet Break Summary: ITF Tours

| Questions | Juniors WTT | WTT Men | WTT Women | Wheelchair | Masters | Beach Tennis |
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| When can a player leave the court for an authorised toilet break? | Must be taken on a set break | Should be taken on a set break | Should be taken on a set break | Preferably on a set break | Should be taken on a set break | TBC |
| When is an authorised break counted? | Anytime a player leaves the court for a toilet break/change of attire break. Any toilet break/change of attire break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks | Anytime a player leaves the court for a toilet break/change of attire break. Any toilet break/change of attire break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks | Anytime a player leaves the court for a toilet break/change of attire break. Any toilet break/change of attire break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks | Anytime a player leaves the court for a toilet break/change of attire break. Any toilet break/change of attire break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks | Anytime a player leaves the court for a toilet break/change of attire break. Any toilet break/change of attire break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks | TBC |
| When can a player leave the court for a change of attire break? | Girls Matches only MUST be taken on a set break | Not Applicable | Must be taken on a set break | Must be taken on a set break | Must be taken on a set break | TBC |
| How many breaks are allowed in singles? | 1 break per match | 1 break per match | 1 break per match | 2 breaks per match | 2 breaks for women and 1 break for men | NA |
| How many breaks are allowed in doubles? | Total of 2 breaks per team. If partners go together this counts as 1 break. | 1 break per team. If partners go together this counts as 1 break | Total of 2 breaks per team. If partners go together this counts as 1 break. | Total of 2 breaks per team. If partners go together this counts as 1 break. | Total of 2 breaks per team. If partners go together this counts as 1 break. | Limited number of toilet/change of attire breaks may be allowed if announced in advance of the event |
| How long is allowed for an authorised toilet break? | Reasonable Time | Reasonable Time | Reasonable Time | Reasonable time | Reasonable time | TBC |
| When can a player taken an additional toilet break? | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire/Off court umpire/Referee but they will be on their 'own time' | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire/Off court umpire/Referee but they will be on their 'own time' | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire/Off court umpire/Referee but they will be on their 'own time' | When needed, but for the 3rd break they must be approved by the Chair Umpire/Off court Umpire or Referee. If a player takes a 3rd break without permission they may be charged with 'leaving the court without permission' under the Code of Conduct. | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire/Off court umpire/Referee but they will be on their 'own time' | TBC |
| Penalty if late back to court for an additional toilet break? | If player is on their "own time" and is late back to court they will be penalised by the Point Penalty Schedule ie: Back to Back Code Violations for Delay of Game | If player is on their "own time" and is late back to court they will be penalised by the Point Penalty Schedule ie: Back to Back Code Violations for Delay of Game | If player is on their "own time" and is late back to court they will be penalised by the Point Penalty Schedule ie: Back to Back Code Violations for Delay of Game | If player is on their "own time" and is late back to court they will be penalised by the Point Penalty Schedule ie: Back to Back Code Violations for Delay of Game | If a player is taking an authorised or additional toilet break during a set will be considered as going on 'own time' and if late back to court will be penalised by the Point Penalty Schedule ie: Back to Back Code Violations for Delay of Game | TBC |
| ITF Supervisor Powers | The ITF Supervisor/Referee has the power to deny permission for a player to leave the court for a toilet break/change of attire break if they believe there is gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the rules | | | | The ITF Supervisor/Referee has the power to deny permission for a player to leave the court for a toilet break/change of attire break if they believe there is gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the rules | |
| Additional Notes | A toilet break/change of attire break is NOT allowed before a match tie break | | | A toilet break/change of attire break must be approved by the Chair umpire, if there is one, or the opponent who cannot reasonably refuse the request | | |
| | A toilet break/change of attire is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet break/change of attire is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet break/change of attire is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet break/change of attire is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet break/change of attire is to be used for this purpose only | |
| | Players are required to use the nearest toilet as determined by the Referee/Official | Players are required to use the nearest toilet as determined by the Referee/Official | Players are required to use the nearest toilet as determined by the Referee/Official | Players are required to use the nearest toilet as determined by the Referee/Official | Players are required to use the nearest toilet as determined by the Referee/Official | Players are required to use the nearest toilet as determined by the Referee/Official |

| GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | |
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| What if a player requests a MTO + Toilet Break? | A player should not take an MTO/Toilet break/Change of Attire consecutively unless approved by the Supervisor/Referee |
| What if one player is receiving an MTO and their opponent asks to go for a second toilet break? | The player will be allowed to go to the toilet but will be on their 'own time' as it is an additional toilet break. The player should be told that they need to be back on court by the time play is ready to restart ie: 30 secs after "Time" is called following completion of MTO. Otherwise the player will be subject to back to back Code Violations for Delay of Game. |
| How to time an additional toilet break ie 'on own time' | A player will be timed for the break between points/during changeover or during set break. They are allowed the permitted time (25 secs, 90 secs, 120secs) and anything over this will be penalised with Code violations for Delay of Game. The time will be reset after each code and continue until the player is back on court. |
| What if one player is using their authorised break and their opponent also goes but is on their 'own time'? | The player on their 'own time' needs to be either: Back on court before their opponent regardless of time taken to avoid penalty OR Back on court before 25 secs/90 secs/120 secs have elapsed to avoid Code Violations for Delay of Game. |
| What if a player abuses the toilet rule eg: doesn't use the toilet, just goes and fills up their water bottle? | A player is subject to penalty under the Code of Conduct for Unsportsmanlike Conduct |

| Questions | Davis Cup | Billie Jean King Cup | Grand Slams Men's Matches | Grand Slam Women's Matches & Mixed Doubles | ATP | WTA |
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| When can a player leave the court for an authorised toilet break? | Should be taken on a set break | Should be taken on a set break | Must be taken on a set break. If a player wants to leave the court during or just after the warm-up, he will also be allowed 3 minutes inside the facility and this will count as one of his authorised toilet breaks | At a set break or before their own serve | Must be taken on a set break. If a player wants to leave the court during or just after the warm-up, he will also be allowed 3 minutes inside the facility and this will count as his one authorised toilet break for the match. | At a set break or before their own serve |
| When is an authorised toilet break counted? | Anytime a player leaves the court for a toilet/change of attire break. Any toilet/change of attire break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks | Anytime a player leaves the court for a toilet/change of attire break. Any toilet/change of attire break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks | A toilet break is counted as authorised only when taken on a set break (or during/after the warm up). A toilet break taken during the set is considered as an 'additional' toilet break. The player will be on their own time and will also lose one of the authorised Toilet/Change of attire breaks. | A player can only leave the court for 1 authorised toilet break during a set break or before their own serve. Toilet breaks taken during warm up count as an authorised break | A player can only leave the court for their authorised toilet break during a set break (or during/after the warm-up). A toilet break taken during the set is considered as an 'additional' toilet break. A player will be on their own time and will also lose one authorised toilet/change of attire break. | A player can only leave the court for 1 authorised toilet break during a set break or before their own serve. Toilet breaks taken during warm up count as an authorised break |
| When can a player leave the court for a change of attire break? | Must be taken on a set break | Must be taken on a set break | Must be taken on a set break. An additional 2 minutes will be allowed for change of attire breaks off court (maximum 5 minutes from the moment player enters the facility) | Must be taken on a set break. An additional 2 minutes will be allowed for change of attire break off court (maximum 5 minutes from the moment player enters the facility) | Must be taken on a set break . Can only be allowed in conjunction with a Toilet Break unless provision of "equipment out of adjustment" take precedent. An additional 2 minutes will be allowed to change wet shorts/underwear off court in addition to the 3 minutes toilet break (maximum 5 minutes from the moment player enters the facility) | Must be taken on a set break. An additional 2 minutes will be allowed for change of attire break. (maximum 5 minutes from the moment player enters the facility) |
| How many authorised toilet breaks are allowed in singles? | 1 break per match | 1 break per match | 1 toilet/change of attire break per match for 3 set matches, total of 2 toilet/change of attire breaks per match for 5 set matches. In a 5 set match the toilet breaks are split. 1st toilet/change of attire break can be taken during first three sets of the match. 2nd toilet/change of attire break has to be taken just after the conclusion of the third set until the rest of the match. Any toilet/change of attire break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks | 1 break per match | 1 break per match for 3 set matches. | 1 break per match |
| How many authorised toilet breaks are allowed in doubles? | Total of 2 authorised breaks per team. If partners leave the court together it will count as 1 of their authorised breaks. | Total of 2 authorised breaks per team. If partners leave the court together it will count as 1 of their authorised breaks. | Total of 1 authorised toilet/change of attire break per team. If partners leave the court together it will count as their 1 authorised break | Total of 2 authorised toilet/change of attire breaks per team. If partners leave the court together it will count as 1 of their authorised breaks. | Total of 1 authorised toilet/change of attire break per team. If partners leave the court together it will count as their 1 authorised break | Total of 2 authorised toilet/change of attire breaks per team. If partners leave the court together it will count as their 1 authorised break. |
| How much time is allowed for an authorised break? | Reasonable Time | Reasonable Time | Maximum of 3 minutes from the moment player enters the FACILITY (toilet) until they leave the facility. This time includes hand washing, hair tying etc. Reasonable time is allowed to walk to and from the facility | Maximum of 3 minutes from the moment player enters the FACILITY (toilet) until they leave the facility. This time includes hand washing, hair tying etc. Reasonable time is allowed to walk to and from the facility | Maximum of 3 minutes from the moment player enters the FACILITY (toilet) until they leave the facility. This time includes hand washing, hair tying etc. Reasonable time is allowed to walk to and from the facility. | Maximum of 3 minutes from the moment player enters the FACILITY (toilet) until they leave the facility. This time includes hand washing, hair tying etc. Reasonable time is allowed to walk to and from the facility |
| When can a player take an additional toilet break? | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire/Referee but they will be on their 'own time' | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire/Referee but they will be on their 'own time' | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire but a player will be on their 'own time' and will lose one authorised toilet/change of attire break they may still have for that match. | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire, but a player will be on their 'own time'. In this case player will NOT lose their AUTHORISED BREAK if the ADDITIONAL toilet break is taken first. | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire, but a player will be on their 'own time' and will lose an authorised toilet/change of attire break they still have for that match. | When needed, with approval of the Chair Umpire, but a player will be on their 'own time'. In this case player will NOT lose their AUTHORISED BREAK if the ADDITIONAL toilet break is taken first. |
| What is the penalty if a player is late back on court after taking an additional toilet break? | Point Penalty Schedule ie: Back to Back Code Violations for Delay of Game | Point Penalty Schedule ie: Back to Back Code Violations for Delay of Game | If a player is on their "own time" and exceeds the allowed time, they will be penalised with back to back Time Violations,warning then point penalties (depending on whether a warning has been previously issued or not) regardless of whether serving or receiving until player is back on court and ready to play. | If a player is on their "own time" and exceeds the allowed time, they will be penalised with back to back Time Violations,warning then point penalties (depending on whether a warning has been previously issued or not) regardless of whether serving or receiving until player is back on court and ready to play. | If a player is on their "own time" and exceeds the allowed time, they will be penalised with back to back Time Violations,warning then point penalties (depending on whether a warning has been previously issued or not) regardless of whether serving or receiving until player is back on court and ready to play. | If a player is on their "own time" and exceeds the allowed time, they will be penalised with back to back Time Violations,warning then point penalties (depending on whether a warning has been previously issued or not) regardless of whether serving or receiving until player is back on court and ready to play. |
| What is allowed during toilet breaks? | Team captain can accompany player to the locker room and coach during that time | Team captain can accompany player to the locker room and coach during that time | No coaching allowed, no bags to be taken into the cubicle | No coaching allowed, no bags (except small bag with sanitary products) to be taken into the cubicle | No coaching allowed, no bags to be taken into the cubicle | No coaching allowed, no bags (except small bag with sanitary products) to be taken into the cubicle |
| | A toilet/change of attire break is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet/change of attire break is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet/change of attire break is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet/change of attire break is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet/change of attire break is to be used for this purpose only | A toilet/change of attire break is to be used for this purpose only |
| | Players can go back to the locker room for the toilet/change of attire break | Players can go back to the locker room for the toilet/change of attire break | Players are required to use the nearest toilet as determined by the Referee/Official | Players are required to use the nearest DESIGNATED toilet as determined by the Referee/Supervisor | Players are required to use the nearest toilet as determined by the Referee/Official | Players are required to use the nearest DESIGNATED toilet as determined by the Referee/Supervisor |

| GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | |
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| | ITF |
| | ATP/WTA/GS |
| What if a player requests a MTO + Toilet Break? | A player should not take an MTO/Toilet break/Change of Attire consecutively unless approved by the Supervisor/Referee. For ATP and GS events, the Physio/Supervisor are consulted and a decision is made on a case by case scenario. |
| What if one player is receiving a MTO and their opponent asks to go for a second toilet break? | A player will be allowed to go to the toilet but will be on their 'own time' as it is an additional toilet break. Player should be told that they need to be back on court by the time play is ready to restart ie: 30 secs after "Time" is called following completion of MTO. Otherwise a player will be subject to back to back Code Violations for Delay of Game (DC/BJKC) or Back-to-Back Time Violations (GS/ATP/WTA) until player is back on court and ready for play. |
| How to time an additional toilet break ie 'on own time' | A player will be timed for the break between points/during changeover or during set break. They are allowed the permitted time (25 secs, 90 secs, 120secs, TV changeover times) and anything over this time will be penalised with Code violations for Delay of Game (DC/BJKC) or Back-to-Back Time Violations (GS/ATP/WTA). The time will be reset after each violation and will continue counting until player is back on court and ready for play. |
| What if one player is using their authorised break and their opponent also goes to the toilet but on his/her 'own time'? | A player who left the court on their 'own time' needs to be either: Back on court before their opponent regardless of time taken to avoid penalty OR Back on court before 25 secs/90 secs/120 secs have elapsed to avoid Code Violations for Delay of Game (DC/BJKC) or Back-to-Back Time Violations until player is back on court and ready for play (GS/ATP/WTA) |
| Can a player quickly change their shorts/skirt outside of the court during a changeover without using their authorised break? | The answer is yes. A player is not allowed to go to the changing room, but is allowed to go outside camera view or just off court. They must change quickly and therefore this does not count as their authorised change of attire break. If a player is late to resume play, they would be penalised with a Time Violation as if a player was just too slow to play followed by Code Violation "Delay of Game" as Time Violations in this case cannot be given back - to - back. |
| A player goes to the toilet and goes over the allowed 3 minutes. When they arrive back on court the clay court is still being watered, what happens? (ATP/WTA/GS) | A player should not be penalised in this case. Every situation should be observed separately. |
| How to deal with the situation when only one toilet facility (cubicle) is available? (Singles vs Doubles matches) | Singles match: Duration of the of the toilet break of the opponents will be timed separately. Doubles: Duration of the toilet break of all players will be timed separately including players of the same team. |