



2015 “Open Book” Test for Certified Officials

Open Book Test Answers

1. At a \$25,000 Women’s Pro Circuit Event, the designated Bronze Badge Chair Umpire, who is also a White Badge Chief Umpire, is fulfilling the duties of the Chief Umpire at that event. The tournament had not nominated any Chief Umpire and had asked the Chair Umpire for the support. Since the official is working in both capacities the entire event, the official is allowed to add this event to his/her work record as Chief Umpire AND Chair Umpire.

- A. True
- B. **False**

As stated in the Chair Umpire and Chief Umpire Certification Structure, officials are only allowed to fulfil one role at an event. In this situation the official is working as a Chair Umpire and this role only should be recorded in TP, and therefore in the work record.

At many events officials help in other areas and we support this engagement in general. However, to fulfil the minimum requirements official are obliged to make sure that no dual roles are correctly recorded in their work record on the ITF Officiating Portal.

B is the correct answer.

2. Men’s Doubles at a Pro Circuit Event: Player A is wearing a very dark blue shirt and white shorts, Player B is wearing a very light blue shirt and white shorts. The players are allowed to play the match wearing this outfit.

- A. **True**
- B. False

This was a rule change for 2015. At ITF Pro Circuit Events and Grand Slam tournaments doubles partners are not required to wear identical attire anymore.

A is the correct answer.



2015 “Open Book” Test for Certified Officials

3. During a match at a Davis Cup Group III Event, Player A is penalised with ‘Time Violation, Warning’ during the last game of the first set. Later during the match the same player receives another Time Violation when serving at 3-3, 15:15 in the second set. The penalty for this Time Violation is ‘Time Violation, Point Penalty’.

- A. True
B. **False**

At all Davis Cup & Fed Cup events the second and every subsequent violation committed by the server will be penalised with a loss of serve.

The correct answer is B.

4. After the pre-match meeting at a Men’s Pro Circuit Event, Player A walks to his bench and takes his iPod, puts in his earphones and starts preparing for the warm-up. It is obvious that Player A would like to listen to some music while warming-up. Player A is allowed to use his iPod during the warm-up.

- A. True
B. **False**

All officials should be aware that electronic devices cannot be used during the matches unless approved by the ITF Supervisor/Referee. Since we count the warm-up towards the match, players are not allowed to use electronic devices from the moment the warm-up has started until the end of the match.

The correct answer is B.

5. During a rally at a WTA Singles Match, Player A hits a forehand and the ball touches the top of the net, bounces again on top of the net and then falls over on Player B’s side. However, because of the wind the ball gets stuck between the net strap and the net (on Player B’s side) and does not fall on the court. Both players look at the umpire. What is the correct decision?

- A. Point to Player A
B. Point to Player B
C. **Replay the point**



2015 “Open Book” Test for Certified Officials

Even though nobody would ever believe that this scenario would be possible, exactly this situation happened during a Qualifying match at the WTA Event in Doha. You can find various arguments in the Rules of Tennis which support all three answers, however, since the situation would have never happened under normal circumstances with a tight net, the decision is to replay the point.

C is the correct answer.

6. **At all Pro Circuit Events a Bronze Badge Chair Umpire is allowed to evaluate a White Badge Chair Umpire when requested by the ITF Supervisor.**

- A. **True**
- B. False

The main reason for evaluating officials is to educate and to help them. Therefore ITF Officiating is constantly checking the numbers of evaluations written at ITF Pro Circuit Events. Even though we understand that running a tournament and finding the time to observe officials might be a difficult task, we need to make sure that Chair Umpires are evaluated. Supervisors can certainly ask certified Chair Umpires to help evaluate other Chair Umpires but some officials are not sure what combination of badge level is acceptable.

The “Chair Umpire Evaluator’s Guide” states that another Chair Umpire who has a higher certification can evaluate any Chair Umpire.

Therefore A is the correct answer.

ATP and WTA may follow additional guidelines which are communicated by the on-site Supervisor.

7. **A toilet break taken after the coin toss, but before the warm-up starts, counts as one of the authorised toilet breaks for that match.**

- A. True
- B. **False**



2015 “Open Book” Test for Certified Officials

The Procedures for Officials state that any toilet break taken after the warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks. Since in this situation the warm-up has NOT started, the toilet break does not count.

B is the correct answer.

8. In a Doubles match at an ATP Event using the ‘No-Ad’ Scoring method (score: 3-3 Deuce), the receiving team changes the order of receiving just before the deciding point. The umpire does not notice and the deciding point is played. Because of an overrule this point has to be replayed. Just before replaying the point, the Chair Umpire notices the wrong position of the receivers. The players have to correct their position of receiving immediately.

- A. True
- B. False

The main principle for correcting any errors happening during a match is to correct the error immediately. There are also different procedures which should be applied in case a certain number of points have been played (Rules of Tennis, 27)

Even though in this situation one point was played, there is, in this case, the possibility to correct the mistake immediately without any effect on the game and to continue the match with the receivers being in the correct position.

The correct answer is A.

9. At a Beach Tennis match (A&B vs C&D) the serve of Player A hits the net and falls over on the opponent’s side. C&D are not able to return the ball. What is the ruling?

- A. The service is a ‘Let’
- B. Second service
- C. Point Team A&B
- D. Point Team C&D

The number of Beach Tennis events is growing constantly and certified officials are required to cover the Grade 1 and 2 events. To make all officials aware of this special part of the Tennis world, we decided to throw in this easy question.



2015 “Open Book” Test for Certified Officials

As Beach Tennis is played with the “No Let” Rule, **C is the correct answer.**

10. A WTA singles match (A vs B) is played on a clay court and the score is 64. Both players request to receive On-Court-Coaching for the first time and the Chair Umpire makes the announcement. Also during the same set break the service Line Umpire realises that the height of the net is not correct but the Line Umpire is not able to fix the problem. The ground staff is called and play cannot resume in time, however, it will only take a little bit of extra time to fix the problem. After 90 seconds the coach of Player A leaves the court and indicates to the Chair Umpire that the coach of Player B has to leave the court as well, even though the ground staff is still trying to fix the net. What should the Chair Umpire do?

- A. The Chair Umpire should tell the coach of Player B that he/she has to leave the court now, after 90 seconds of the set break.
- B. The Chair Umpire allows the coach of Player B to stay on court until 120 seconds (set break time) have elapsed. Then the coach has to leave the court.
- C. **The Chair Umpire allows the coach of Player B to stay on court until he/she announces ‘Time’.**

The players can benefit from the extra time and stay on court until the Chair Umpire calls ‘Time’. A similar situation is mentioned in the ‘WTA Q & A’s – On-Court Coaching’ Case 4. In general the players can use the time until the Chair Umpire announces ‘Time’ even if the match is slightly delayed for any reason. This does not apply in case the match is stopped because of weather conditions.

The correct answer is C.