

Start of Match rule: 1-5-1

The latest version of the ITF Scorer features the procedure which enforces the “1-5-1” rule; this was introduced in 2020.

Chair Umpires will be required to:

- 1) Press the “Chair Umpire on Court” button when he/she arrives on court (i.e. match is called). *Once clicked, the button will change from light grey to blue.*
- 2) Press “Players on Court” when the last player arrives to his/her seat on court. *The “Chair Umpire on Court” button will turn to a lighter grey and the “Players on Court” button will turn blue.* 1-minute countdown will start and “Warm Up Start” button can now be pressed any time players begin their warmup (see point 3 below). If the 1-minute time runs out before the button is pressed, the font of the countdown will change to red and the “Warm up Start” button will turn to red and flash.
- 3) Press “Warm Up Start” button as soon as players start their warmup. 5-minute countdown will start, and the Chair Umpire will be able to proceed (as previously) with the coin toss and confirmation setups to the main scoring screen. The warmup timer will continue to be displayed in the top right corner on all screens. On the main scoring screen, the “End of Warm Up” button (in blue) will be displayed.
- 4) At the end of 5 minutes (or anytime earlier if players finish their warm up), press the “End of Warm Up” button.
- 5) After pressing the “End of Warm Up” button or after 5 minutes warm up time has finished (whichever occurs sooner), the last 1-minute countdown will automatically begin, and the stopwatch font will change to red. If “End of Warm Up” was not pressed within the allowed 5 minutes warm up time, this button will also turn red. The Chair Umpire can now choose to start the match anytime and continue using the device as usual.

