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**To: Member National Associations of
SOUTH AMERICA competing in the
2006 World Junior Tennis Competition**

**WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION 2006
(ITF Team Championships for Boys and Girls of 14 & Under)**

Dear Secretary

Following your entry into the World Junior Tennis Competition, we write with further details regarding this event and ask that you please pass this information to the appropriate person/department within your organisation.

ITF TEAM IDENTIFICATION REGULATION

The ITF Team Identification Regulation will again apply in 2006. Team identification will be mandatory at the Finals of the World Junior Tennis competition and optional at the pre-qualifying and qualifying events.

Although not mandatory at pre-qualifying and qualifying events the ITF would like to encourage herewith all participating nations to provide their teams with team uniforms as itemised in the attached "junior style guide".

Attached to this Circular is a letter and also the ITF Style Guide relating to team identification. If you should have any questions regarding team identification, then please contact the ITF Juniors Department in London.

REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENTS

The selection of the teams for the 2006 World Junior Tennis Competition Finals will be made through regional pre-qualifying/qualifying events and regional qualifying places are indicated in the table below:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Europe	6	6
Asia/Oceania	4	4
South America	3	3

North/Central America & The Caribbean	2	2
Africa	1	1

The Czech Republic as the host nation will have one (1) place in the draw of the Finals, to be deducted from that nation's regional allocation. The ITF has the right to alter this regional selection allocation following the receipt of entries.

Final arrangements are now being made for the qualifying events, which will take place as follows:

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. African Junior Championships	10-16 April	Cairo, Egypt
2. Asia/Oceania	14-21 May*	Jakarta, Indonesia
3. North/Central America and the Caribbean Pre Qualifying	19-26 March*	Panama
5. North/Central America and the Caribbean Final Qualifying	4-8 May*	Mérida, Yucatan, Mexico
6. South America	7-14 May*	Mérida, Venezuela
7. European Summer Cups Qualifying	2-4 July	Various locations
8. European Summer Cups Final Qualifying girls	7-9 July	Sanremo, Italy
8. European Summer Cups Final Qualifying boys	7-9 July	Totana, Spain

*=Starting date=Practice day, End date=Departure day of teams

ENTRIES

Attached you will find the list of entrants accepted in the South America regional qualifying event.

FACT SHEET

The Host Nation of each qualifying zone has been requested to forward a detailed fact sheet to all participants in their continent, giving full information about the event. In particular, you will be informed of the expected dates of arrival and departure. These dates must be **strictly** adhered to in order to assist the smooth running of the event.

Should any teams need to arrive early or depart late, the Host Nation must be informed well in advance in order to organise suitable hospitality. Any costs incurred in this instance will be the responsibility of the participating nation concerned. Similarly, should any nation wish to send additional officials, they must inform the Host Nation as soon as possible and be prepared to cover any costs involved.

FORMAT OF QUALIFYING

All participating nations in the South America qualifying zone will be notified at the Captains Meeting of the precise format to be adopted. It should be noted, that a format of play will be adopted that, in the opinion of the Juniors Competitions Committee, provides all teams with the best possible chance of qualification.



The Host Nation in each case will be given precise instructions on the placement of seeds in the draw, conduct of the draw and format of consolation matches. All teams competing in the regional pre qualifying and final qualifying events will be expected to participate in all consolation matches scheduled.

SEEDING

The ITF Junior Competitions Committee will select the seeded nations at all regional qualifying events and the Finals. Seeding will be based on results from the regional qualifying zones, ITF Junior Rankings, professional rankings, regional rankings and results from ITF and Regional Association individual tournaments. In the event of nations appearing to be equal, a final decision will be based on performances by the relevant nation in past ITF 14 & Under Team Competitions.

National Associations are requested to complete the attached Player Result Forms, thus ensuring that we have as much information on the players as possible.

NOMINATION OF TEAMS

Each team shall consist of 3 players and 1 non-playing Captain. The same Captain may be appointed for both boys' and girls' teams, provided both categories are played at the same venue.

Players and Captains must qualify to represent their country in accordance with Regulation 25 of the World Junior Tennis Competition Rules. **Captains and players must hold a current valid passport of the country they are representing.** Unless previously cleared by the ITF, any captain or player arriving on-site without an appropriate passport will not be permitted to participate in the competition. Nations with any queries or doubts regarding eligibility of participants should check with the ITF Juniors' Department prior to their qualifying competition.

Nomination of individual players in order of merit for singles, and the non-playing Captain, must be received by the ITF no later than 14 days before the scheduled first day of play in the Competition. Therefore, in the South America Qualifying Zone the enclosed nomination forms must be returned by **no later than Monday 24 April 2006**.

A National Association may change a maximum of two its nominations up until one hour before the captains meeting which will be held prior the draw.

Where possible changes to nominations should be notified in writing to the ITF seven (7) days before the date of commencement of play or, at the latest, in writing to the ITF representative on the day of the captains meeting.

Except where provided in the following paragraph, the Order of Merit may not be changed following the original nomination date.

Requests for changes to Order of Merit must be based on recent tournament results and are to be made in writing with supporting documentation to the ITF representative whose decision shall be final.

Any player nominated after the original nomination date shall be automatically placed at the bottom of the order of merit for singles unless otherwise decided by the ITF representative.



The ITF must take such changes into account when determining the final seeding.

PLAYER RESULTS FORMS

We ask that these are completed for each nominated player and sent with the Team Nomination forms. National Associations shall take into account the position of their players on the International Computer Rankings (ITF, ATP/WTA, regional and national rankings) and current year regional and national Championships results when deciding the Order of Merit.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

The 2006 Competition is open only to those players born on or after 1st January 1992. National Associations wishing to select players aged 12 & under must take into consideration the ITF Rules for 12 & Under Competition as outlined in the Junior Team Competitions Regulations 2006 Item 5 Appendix A.

ITF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE

An ITF representative will be available at the South America qualifying events to oversee the organisation of the competition and to answer any questions your captains may have during the week.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

Each player grants and assigns to the ITF the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself, his/her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such promotional activities by ITF shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

WITHDRAWALS

Any team that withdraws its entry later than three months, but before one month, of the scheduled first day of play in its Regional Qualifying Round, shall have its **entry refused** for the following year's Competition and **shall be fined**. This fine shall be the same amount as the ITF contributes per team to the organising National Associations of the Regional Qualifying Rounds.

Any team that withdraws its entry within one month of the scheduled first day of play in its Regional Qualifying Round shall have its **entry refused** for the following year's Competition and **shall be fined twice the amount** the ITF contributes per team to the organising National Association of the Regional Qualifying Rounds.

VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS

We would advise all nations to find out well in advance whether there are any special visa requirements for entry into Venezuela. From experience, we certainly advise all nations to make the appropriate enquiries ***immediately*** in order to avoid any last minute disappointments.



HOSPITALITY/TRAVEL FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS

At regional qualifying events, free accommodation and meals will be provided for all teams by the Host Nation. Each participating nation will be responsible for their own travel expenses.

FINALS

The World Junior Tennis Finals 2006 will take place in Prostějov, Czech Republic from 7-12 August. The event will be played on 16 clay courts and will be a joint operation between the International Tennis Federation and the Czech Tennis Association.

FORMAT OF THE FINALS

The Finals will be a 16-team Final for both the boys' and girls' events and the format will be round robin, followed by a knockout stage, as required, to place all teams from 1st to 16th positions.

HOSPITALITY

All teams (3 players and 1 non-playing captain) who qualify for the Finals will be provided with meals and accommodation, free of charge. Teams will be expected to arrive on Saturday 5 August and depart on Sunday 13 August.

TRAVEL TO THE FINALS

The ITF has secured a sponsorship deal with Lufthansa German Airlines, making Lufthansa "the Official Airline of the ITF Junior Team Competitions". The ITF will provide Nations qualifying for the Final with air tickets for each member of the Official Team (3 players and 1 non-playing captain per team) and **all tickets will be booked by the ITF with Lufthansa.** It should be noted that the ITF has a fixed fund set aside for travel costs and any additional expenses over the amount of this fund will be charged to nations on a pro-rata basis.

It is advisable for all nations to set aside an amount in their budgets for 2006 in the event that the ITF is unable to fully cover air ticket costs.

Return air tickets will be provided from the capital city, or from another nominated city, of each National Association qualifying for the Final to **Vienna Airport**. It will, however, be the responsibility of each National Association to organise and pay for any travel necessary to bring team members to the agreed city of departure.

Additional travel costs incurred through changes to nominations will be borne by the relevant National Association.

REGULATIONS

A copy of the 2006 World Junior Tennis Competition regulations is being sent by mail to your Association. This document is also available on the ITF Juniors Website at <http://www.itftennis.com/juniors>.

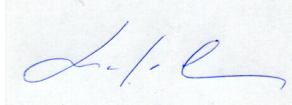
Please ensure that the team captain is fully conversant with all the rules of the Competition, in particular the Code of Conduct, the Dress Code, including the team identification rule.



Finally, may we wish all teams good luck in qualifying and we look forward to meeting the successful teams at the Finals in Prostějov in August. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either Isabelle Gemmel, Co-ordinator Juniors & Seniors Tennis (Tel. +44 208 392 4666, Fax. +44 208 392 4735, Email: isabelle.gemmel@itftennis.com) or myself for assistance.

Kind regards

Luca Santilli



Manager - Juniors & Seniors Tennis



cc: COSAT
Ms Edmundo Rodriguez - Member, ITF Junior Competitions Committee
Mr Miguel Miranda - ITF Development Officer, South America
Mr Carlos Nieme, Referee, Venezuela

Enclosed:

Team Nomination Forms
Player Results Forms
South America entry lists
Team ID Letter
Team ID Style Guide





**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED
NO LATER THAN 24 APRIL 2006**

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**WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION 2006
SOUTH AMERICA QUALIFYING ZONE
QUALIFYING ROUND 07-14 MAY (VENEZUELA)**

TEAM NOMINATION FORM

GIRLS

The Tennis Association of hereby nominates the following team
(in order of merit) for the South America Qualifying Zone of the World Junior Tennis
Competition 2006:

	First Name	Family Name	Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
Capt:	_____	_____	
	(Mr/Miss/Mrs)		

(Only players born on or after 1st January 1992 are eligible to compete)

The members of the team and the Captain are eligible to represent this Association in
accordance with Regulation 25 of the World Junior Tennis Competition Rules.

Signature

Title

Date



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TEAM NOMINATION FORM

BOYS

The Tennis Association of hereby nominates the following team
(in order of merit) for the South America Qualifying Zone of the World Junior Tennis
Competition 2006:

	First Name	Family Name	Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
Capt:	_____	_____	

(Mr/Miss/Mrs)

(Only players born on or after 1st January 1992 are eligible to compete)

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Signature

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Date