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**To: Member National Associations of
EUROPE 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 "ITF junior style guide".

Attached to this Circular is a letter 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:

	DATE	LOCATION
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

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.

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.



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

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Luca Santilli'.

Manager - Juniors & Seniors Tennis

cc: Stephanie Kamberi – Tennis Europe
Hrvoje Zmajic – ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer for Europe

Enclosed:

Team ID Letter
Team ID Style Guide