

## 2008 ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

### MAJOR RULE CHANGES

Rule changes indicated by underline

#### 4. **Players Eligible**

Only boys and girls born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1990 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 1995 may compete in any tournaments that comprise the 2008 ITF Junior Circuit. Players may not participate in any ITF Junior Circuit tournament unless they have reached their thirteenth (13) birthday before the start of the main draw.

#### 6. **International Player Identification Number (IPIN)**

All players entering ITF Junior Circuit tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to have an International Player Identification Number (IPIN). Failure by a player to have registered and paid for valid IPIN Membership will result in the rejection of that player's entry.

#### 21. **ITF Junior Circuit Sanction Fees**

All tournaments on the ITF Junior Circuit must pay the relevant fee below in order to be included on the Calendar.

Grade A	\$535
<u>Grade B1</u>	<u>\$480</u>
Grade 1	\$430
<u>Grade B2</u>	<u>\$370</u>
Grade 2	\$320
<u>Grade B3</u>	<u>\$265</u>
Grade 3	\$215
Grade 4	\$160
Grade 5	\$110

#### 38\*. **Number of Sets, Tie-Break**

Each singles match shall be the best of three Tie-Break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Doubles matches at Grade A and Grade 1 tournaments shall be two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 points) in place of a third set. No-Ad scoring shall be used.

Doubles matches at Grade 2 to Grade 5 tournaments shall be the best of three Tie-Break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

In case of severe weather conditions the tournament committee may use alternative scoring methods as approved in the 2008 Rules of Tennis (available at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com)).

#### 42\*. **Invitations to and Selection of Competitors**

##### **Singles**

In determining acceptances of players for the main draw and qualifying draws, tournaments must use the following criteria:

- ITF Junior World Ranking. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance should be based on total singles points. If two or more are still equal, acceptance should be based on the grade of the tournament where points have been won in singles, as per Regulation 11.
- ATP/WTA rankings – Players ranked in the professional game ATP 500 or better or WTA 350 or better should always be accepted in the main draw. Players

ranked in the professional game ATP 750 or better or WTA 500 or better should always be accepted in the qualifying draw.

- c) Objective Order of Merit approved by the ITF (i.e. regional rankings when all entered players are from the same region.)
- d) When an objective Order of Merit is not available for all entered players (i.e. c) above) the following criteria should be followed:
  - i) – 50% of remaining places within the draw should go to players from the country where the tournament is organised according to the national ranking. The remaining spots should be filled as follows:
  - ii) - Players from, or resident in, countries within the **Region** where the tournament is organized. Draw by lot.
  - iii) - Players from, or resident in, countries within the **Zone** where the tournament is organized. Draw by lot. (Include players from, or resident in, bordering countries, which are not in the same region/zone i.e. Azerbaijan/Turkmenistan). Draw by lot.
  - iv) - Do not accept players from outside of the Zone where the tournament is organized. These players should receive a “Not Accepted” status.
  - v) – Guidelines 2, 3, and 4 should also be applied to the Alternate List.

**Regions:** (Asia) (Oceania) (Europe) (Africa) (South America) (Central America) (North America)

**Zones:** (Asia/Oceania) (Euro/Africa) (The Americas)

The Alternate list should be no larger than the size of the Qualifying Draw.

**42. • Grade A only**

e) In addition the highest ranked entrant from each of the following areas – South America, North America, Central America and the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania, if not already included in a) or b) above shall be accepted for main draw if their ranking is 80 or better and qualifying if their ranking is 150 or better.

**45. Entry Definitions**

**h) Special Exempts**

..... A qualified tournament is the singles and/or doubles event of another ITF Junior Circuit tournament, an ITF Women’s Circuit / WTA Tour tournament or an ITF Men’s Circuit / ATP tournament within the same continent.

**46. b) Selection of seeds**

Seeding shall be at the discretion of the tournament committee who shall take into consideration a player’s ranking in both the ITF Junior World Ranking and the professional game, as well as any other information from recent ITF Junior Circuit events. To compare players with ITF junior and professional rankings, please use the Seeding Comparison Chart – Appendix K. Players without an ITF junior or professional ranking cannot be seeded.

**49. b) iv) Special Exempts**

Prior to the time that the qualifying draw is made, a Referee may accept a verbal or written request for special exempt status on behalf of a player qualified to make such a request, but only from the Referee of the tournament at which the player is still participating. If there are not sufficient special exempt places in the main draw for all the applicants, the players shall be selected in accordance with their rankings (ITF Junior World Ranking/professional game) on Monday, seven days before the tournament week.

## **APPENDIX D - CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **ARTICLE VI: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES –**

#### **A. APPLICABILITY**

This Article shall apply to each ITF Junior Circuit Tournament.

#### **B. GUARANTEES**

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of an ITF Junior Circuit Tournament shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall such a tournament permit any other person or entity to offer, give or pay money or anything of value to a player, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player's appearance at a tournament. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to disqualification and loss of sanction. In the event the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis believes that a tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis or his agent access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating in any way to such alleged guarantee, or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis.

#### **C. WILD CARDS**

No ITF Junior Circuit Tournament, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a withdrawal of its sanction.

#### **D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME**

No ITF Junior Circuit Tournament, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport.

Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a withdrawal of its sanction.

#### **E. ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT RULES**

No ITF Junior Circuit Tournament shall violate any provisions of these ITF Junior Circuit Rules. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a withdrawal of its sanction.

#### **F. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Tournament Offence by an ITF Junior Circuit Tournament and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the tournament involved. The tournament shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the tournament deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon completion of his investigation, the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall determine the innocence or guilt of the tournament involved, and in the latter case shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision of the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall be promptly delivered to the tournament and to the Committee.

#### **G. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW**

Any ITF Junior Circuit Tournament found to have committed a Tournament Offence may petition the Committee for discretionary review of the determination and penalty of the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the

tournament. The ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall there after promptly forward said petition to the Committee. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Committee shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the tournament and the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis. At such hearing the tournament and the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall present to the Committee the relevant evidence on the matter. The Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis on appeal. If the appeal is decided against the tournament, then the Committee shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the tournament, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members.

**ARTICLE VII: WELFARE POLICY**

Any player that enters and/or participates on the ITF Junior Circuit, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates on the ITF Junior Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix F.

**APPENDIX K - SEEDING/COMPARISON CHART**

The following chart should be used to compare players with professional ranking against players with ITF Junior rankings for seeding purposes.

Example:

Player A – ITF Junior Ranking No.1

Player B – ITF Junior Ranking No.3

Player C - ATP Ranking 275

Seeding: 1=Player A 2=Player C 3=Player B

ITF	ATP		ITF	WTA
1	-250		1	-150
2	251-350		2	151-175
3-4	351-450		3-4	176-200
5-6	451-500		5-6	201-225
7-8			7-8	226-250
9-15	500-550		9-11	251-275
16-			12-14	276-300
			15-17	301-325
			18-20	326-350
			21-	