

# 2026 ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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**ITEM 1**  
**ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

**SECTION I. THE COMPETITION**

**1. TITLE**

The International Tennis Federation Team Championships for boys and girls aged 14 years and under, shall be called the “ITF World Junior Tennis” Competition.

The International Tennis Federation Team Championships for boys and girls aged 16 years and under, shall be called the “Davis Cup Juniors” and the “Billie Jean King Cup Juniors”.

References to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall hereafter mean ITF Limited.

References to the Competition in these Regulations shall mean the ITF World Junior Tennis competition, the Davis Cup Juniors and/or the Billie Jean King Cup Juniors (as applicable), unless specified otherwise.

**2. OWNERSHIP**

The Competition shall be owned by, and under the direction and control of, the ITF. Ownership shall include, but not be limited to, the following national and international rights: registered trademarks of the ITF; commercial exploitation of the Competition; international sponsorship of the competition; television, radio, film and video recordings, plus new media and internet coverage. The Board of Directors may assign rights to the Host Nation in accordance with detailed guidelines issued by the ITF consistent with these Regulations.

These Regulations are subject to change during the 2026 edition of the Junior Team Competitions with the introduction of the ITF World Tennis Number as a global rating applicable to ITF tournaments. Upon incorporation into these Regulations, the ITF World Tennis Number may be relied on for the purposes of seeding at ITF Junior Team Competition events.

**3. NATIONS ELIGIBLE**

3.1 The Competition shall be open to Class B Members of the ITF and only players who are eligible to represent a nation in accordance with Regulation 27 may be nominated members of the team of that nation. Class C members may enter the competition, subject to approval from the ITF.

3.2 i) The ITF Board has granted a dispensation from Regulation 3.1 to Pacific Oceania, which may compete in the Competition as if it were a nation.

The players deemed eligible to represent Pacific Oceania in the Competition are players from member nations of the ITF which are also members of the Oceania Tennis Federation, excluding Australia and New Zealand, subject to the various conditions provided in this Regulation 3.2.

ii) Upon a Nation acquiring Class B status, or being accepted into the Competition as a

Class C Nation, a player from the Nation in question is eligible to represent that Nation.

iii) Should Pacific Oceania submit an entry for an event for which the player is eligible, and no entry is submitted from a standalone Pacific Oceania associate member island, as outlined in 3.2.i), the player may represent Pacific Oceania

iv) If a Pacific Oceania associate member island Nation enters their own team in an event in the same year, the player from that Nation is not eligible to represent Pacific Oceania in that year's Competition.

v) For the avoidance of doubt, a player is eligible to compete for their Nation in one Competition year and for Pacific Oceania in a different Competition year, subject always to the aforementioned eligibility criteria.

#### **4. FORMAT**

The final stages of the Competition, incorporating sixteen (16) boys' and sixteen (16) girls' teams, shall be played on a round robin and/or knockout principle, as decided by the ITF Juniors Committee, at one venue during one week. Regional Qualifying Competitions shall be held to decide the sixteen (16) boys' and sixteen (16) girls' teams for the final stages of the Competition (see Section X).

#### **5. RULES TO BE OBSERVED**

The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the Constitution of the ITF Limited, the Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF, the ITF Junior Team Competition Code of Conduct, ITF Welfare Policy and the Duties and Procedure for Officials (together the "**Rules and Regulations**"). In submitting an entry, a National Association and its Team Members automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations. Any National Association, or Team Member that fails to honour this undertaking shall be subject to penalties pursuant to the Rules and Regulations.

In submitting an entry to the Competition, a National Association, its officers, directors, employees and Team Members agree, as a condition of entry, that subject to the limits set out below, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any sustained in travelling to or from, or participating in the Competition, against the ITF, the Host Nations, the Regional Associations, as well as officials and sponsors of the Competition.

For the purposes of these Regulations, **Team Member** mean players and Captains nominated by a National Association to participate (or otherwise participating in) the Competition and any extra players, coaches, trainers, medical and para-medical personnel, physiotherapists (and other physicians) and any other player support personnel attending the Competition on behalf of a National Association and/or assisting a player and/or Captain participating in the Competition.

Nothing in these Regulations excludes or limits the liability of the ITF or any of the parties listed above:

- i) for death or personal injury caused by their (respective) negligence;
- ii) for fraud; or
- iii) to the extent that such exclusion or limitation is not permitted by applicable law.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the ITF has the absolute right to refuse to accept or revoke a National Association's nomination of any individual to participate as a Team Member in the Competition. The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned Competition for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the Competition or to the successful running of the Competition. The ITF bears no liability to any Host Nation, National Association Host Organiser or Team Member or any other person or entity for any loss incurred as a result of a delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled event in the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the ITF, a Host Nation, and/or a Host Organiser shall be liable to any National Association, Team Member or any other person or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Competitions, including, without limitation, any travel, transport and/or accommodation costs. This decision (to refuse approval of or cancel any Competition or part thereof, will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Juniors Committee, or by the ITF Executive if the Committee so delegates its decision-making power, and may be appealed to the Independent Tribunal.

These Regulations and any dispute arising out of or in connection with them (including any dispute or claim relating to non-contractual obligations) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law, without regard to the conflict of law principles thereof.

Each Covered Person (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy) and National Association, and each of its Team Members, directors, officials, officers, members of staff, employees, contractors, agents, and representatives agrees to submit any disputes or claims or other matters arising in relation to the Regulations (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) to arbitration pursuant to Regulation 60 of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum.

All personal data submitted by players will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws. Players acknowledge and agree that personal data is processed by the ITF for the purposes of administering the Competition, enforcing the Rules and Regulations, maintaining the integrity of the sport and as further set out in the applicable ITF privacy notice(s) available on the ITF website at: [www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notice](http://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notice).

## **SECTION II. MANAGEMENT**

### **6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- (i) To approve, adopt and amend the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct for the Competition;
- (ii) To register in the name of the ITF any trademarks in connection with the Competition, and protect such trademarks;
- (iii) To appoint every two years a Juniors Committee, which shall consist of a Chair, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members deemed necessary.

- (iv) To refuse the entry of any National Association, or refuse the further participation of such National Association in the Competition, if in its opinion the participation of such National Association may result in Competition being endangered and/or brought into disrepute. No decision of the Board of Directors in this respect shall be valid unless such decision is supported by at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors present and voting.

## **7. JUNIORS COMMITTEE**

The duties and powers of the Juniors Committee shall be:

- (i) To guide the strategy for and monitor the management of the Tour and Team Competitions;
- (ii) To recommend changes to and to ensure the uniform application of these Regulations and the Code of Conduct;
- (iii) To administer the approved funds of the Tour and the Team Competitions within the financial framework of the ITF;
- (iv) To report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters;
- (v) To submit regular reports to the Board of Directors;
- (vi) To approve events for all ITF Junior Team Competitions and to select the dates and venues for each of those events;
- (vii) To decide the entry fee and allocation of any prizes.

## **SECTION III. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMPETITION**

**\* denotes that different Regulations apply for the Regional Qualifying Rounds (see Section X of these Regulations).**

### **8.\* APPLICATIONS TO HOST THE FINALS**

Any National Association wishing to host the final stages of the Competition shall submit its preliminary application in writing so as to reach the ITF ideally two (2) years prior to the year in which it wishes to hold the Competition. Upon receipt of a preliminary application, the ITF shall submit the requirements and specifications of the Competition to the National Association concerned. After receiving formal application and a proposed budget, negotiations between the ITF and the National Association, including an evaluation of the proposed site, shall take place ideally within one (1) year.

Approval of an application to host may be subject to conditions imposed by the ITF in its sole discretion.

### **9.\* VENUE AND DATE**

The ITF shall select and announce the venue and the date for the final stages of the Competition ideally one (1) year in advance of the Competition.

### **10. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ON-SITE ORGANISATION**

The financial arrangements for the on-site organisation shall be negotiated between the ITF and the Host Nation.

## **11. INSURANCE**

### **(a) Public and Products Liability insurance**

The Host Nation is responsible for taking out a suitable public and products liability insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which, as a minimum, insures against claims made for either damage to third party property or death/injury caused to people at the event. "ITF Ltd" and "ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd" must be named in as an additional insured on the policy and a copy must be provided to the ITF on request.

### **(b) Other insurances**

The Host Nation is responsible for taking out all compulsory insurance covers that are required by local legislation e.g. employers' liability (workers compensation), automobile etc. In addition, the Home Nation is responsible for ensuring all venues, training facilities etc. have appropriate insurance cover in place – including for example material damage / business interruption and public liability. A copy of such insurance policies must be provided to the ITF on request.

### **(c) Event Cancellation insurance**

All participating National Associations are responsible for taking out and maintaining at their own cost an event cancellation and abandonment insurance policy insuring against all reasonably known financial risks arising from the cancellation or abandonment in whole or in part of a Tie due to an event considered to be a force majeure event.

## **12.\* HOST NATION**

The Host Nation shall provide accommodation (captain: single room / players: triple room with three separate beds), meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and court facilities for thirty-two (32) teams to compete. The Host Nation shall abide by the requirements set out in the Hosting Agreement. The ITF will provide air tickets for three (3) players and a non-playing Captain of each team that qualifies for the final stages of the Competition.

## **13.\* OFFICIALS**

Minimum officiating requirements must be met for each stage of the Competition as shared by the ITF in advance of each stage/event.

## **14. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

The Host Nation must ensure that an Emergency Medical Team and a Sports Physiotherapist (*as defined in the ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards*) are present on site throughout the Competition from the official practice day until the last day of the Competition, inclusive. A Tournament Doctor must be readily available from the official practice day until the last day of the Competition.

Only the Tournament Doctor, Emergency Medical team and/or Sports Physiotherapist will be permitted to act on court, unless authorised by the ITF Referee under extenuating circumstances.

## **15. TOURNAMENT VISITOR ACCREDITATION**

Any Covered Person, as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy (Appendix D) or tournament visitor, as defined below, attending an ITF Junior Teams event must report to the



Tournament Committee upon arrival and request accreditation for the full duration of his/her stay. For the purposes of accreditation, the full name of the attendee and the organisation he/she represents must be provided.

Note: Tournament visitor includes, but is not limited to, the following groups:

Any prospective or current agent, suppliers, sports manufacturers, the media, recruitment organisations, or training, development and academic institution of any description. For the avoidance of doubt, it does not include anyone visiting an event solely as a tennis spectator.

## **16. SURFACE OF COURTS**

In consultation with the Host Nation, the ITF shall decide the surface of the court to be used, and any provision for an alternative surface which is to be used if play has to be transferred due to adverse weather conditions.

Approved surfaces as defined in the current version of "ITF approved tennis balls, classified court surfaces & recognised courts: a guide to products and test methods."

## **17. \*BALLS**

There shall be a minimum of four (4) new balls for each match and these are to be changed at least after eleven (11) and thirteen (13) games. Balls shall be provided for practice, but it shall not be obligatory to give new balls for this purpose.

## **18. ANTI-DOPING SERVICES**

To facilitate testing under the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, the National Association must provide on request, and at their own cost:

- a) A Doping Control Station that, at a minimum, satisfies the requirements of the prevailing version of the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations; and
- b) Sufficient chaperones to notify players selected for Sample collection, accompany and observe such players until their arrival at the Doping Control Station, and witness provision of those players' Samples as necessary.

## **SECTION IV. ENTRIES AND TEAMS**

**\* denotes that different Regulations apply for the Regional Qualifying Rounds (see Section X of these Regulations).**

## **19. ENTRIES**

Entries from National Associations shall be sent so as to reach the ITF by 8 December 2025. All competing nations shall receive the final list of entries following this date.

## **20. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

Each team shall consist of three (3) players and a non-playing Captain. The same Captain may be appointed for both the boys and girls teams. In order to be eligible to compete, a team must have a minimum of three (3) players on site and available to play. If, for reasons of health, injury, bereavement or exceptional circumstance, a team is able to field only two (2) players, such team will be permitted to participate only if written approval is obtained from the ITF prior to the start of the Competition.

## **21\*. NOMINATION OF TEAMS**

Nominations of individual players in order of merit for singles, and the non-playing Captain, must be received by the ITF no later than eight (8) weeks before the scheduled first day of play of the Competition. National Associations shall take into account the position of their players in the ITF, ATP/WTa, regional and national rankings and current year regional and national championships results when deciding the Order of Merit.

## **22\*. CHANGE OF NOMINATIONS**

(a) A National Association may change its nominations up until one hour before the Captains' Meeting which will be held prior to the draw.

(b) 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.

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

(d) The ITF must take such changes into account when determining the final seedings.

## **23\*. CHANGES TO ORDER OF MERIT**

The Order of Merit may be changed no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled first day of play of the Competition. Thereafter, except as provided in the next paragraph, no change may be made to the Order of Merit. Any player nominated after this date will be automatically placed at no. 3 in the Order of Merit for singles unless otherwise decided by the ITF.

Requests for changes to Order of Merit made within 14 days must be based on recent tournament results and are to be made in writing with supporting documentation to the ITF Representative whose decision is final. The ITF must take such changes into account when determining the final seedings.

## **24. PASSPORTS**

The Captain shall present passports of all team members, and shall present photo identification, including date of birth, for himself/herself, to the Referee prior to the start of the Captains' Meeting. Failure to present passports by the time determined by the Referee may render a team liable to disqualification.

## **25. PUBLICITY / PROMOTION & PLAYER IMAGES**

(a) Each player grants a worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free, transferable, and sub-licensable licence to the rights set out at (A) - (B) below (the "Image Rights") to:

(i) the ITF;

(ii) the Host Nation; and

(iii) the agents and assignees of each of the entities above.

- A. The right, for commercial and non-commercial purposes, to use or authorise the use of their name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media, for the purpose of commercialising the ITF Junior Team Competitions, publicising and promoting the sport of tennis, the ITF, the Host Nation, the Competition and their respective affiliates and events

including the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programs, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising, broadcasting and filming of the same.

- B. The right, for commercial and non-commercial purposes, to make, show and otherwise use, in any and all media, still and moving pictures, whether live or otherwise, and any other visual and/or audio-visual reproductions of their performance or appearance as a sports person on and off the court during the event.

(b) With respect to the Image Rights:

(i) there will be no compensation payable in relation to the grant of such rights; and

(ii) the rights granted may not be used in such a way as to constitute an endorsement by the player of any product or company. Use of the Image Rights will not constitute such an endorsement provided that the following conditions are met:

A. player imagery may only be used in materials featuring no fewer than four (4) players;

B. player imagery may only be used in promotions that reference their association with the ITF Junior Team Competitions; and

C. no player's image may be used in a manner that is materially more prominent than the images of the other player(s) used.

(c) Players acknowledge that their tennis biography and complete tournament history shall be published on the ITF's website for the purposes of transparency and promotion of the sport.

(d) Notwithstanding the above, it is prohibited for any Covered Person to obtain, transmit, store or distribute any images and/or recordings (whether audio or visual) of players, unless they are the parent or legal guardian of the player, without the express written authorisation (which includes permission about how the image(s) will be used) of i) the parent or legal guardian of the player, and ii) the ITF Supervisor. Images and/or recordings taken with permission under this Regulation must be exclusively of tennis matches, practice or tournament activity including the presentation of trophies. Please see the ITF's *Process for ITF Tournament Supervisors, Coaches and Parents on Video Recording of Junior Matches For Performance Analysis*.

## **26. AGE LIMITS**

Only players who are eligible to compete in accordance with the Age Eligibility Rules (Appendix A) currently adopted by the ITF shall be nominated, specifically:

(a) for the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition, the player must be eligible to compete in 14 years and under events; and

(b) for the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors, the player must be eligible to compete in 16 years and under events.

## **27. ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER TO REPRESENT A NATION**

A player must have an active ITF Juniors IPIN membership (registration at [ipin.itftennis.com](http://ipin.itftennis.com)) at the time at which they compete in ITF Junior Team Competition events Qualifying events, Final Qualifying events and Finals.

Whilst recommended, it is not mandatory for players competing in regional pre-qualifying events to have an active ITF Juniors IPIN membership.

27.1 A player is entitled to represent one nation only at ITF World Junior Tennis, Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors and the Youth Olympic Games, with the exception as outlined in regulation 3.2 of the 2026 ITF Junior Team Competition Regulations.

27.2 Any player who is in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with Appendix E shall be qualified to represent that nation as a player if he/she:

- (a) has not previously represented any other nation at ITF World Junior Tennis, Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors or the Youth Olympic Games; and
- (b) (i) is a citizen of that nation and holds a current valid passport of that nation; or
- (ii) is a citizen of that nation, but in circumstances where that nation does not issue its own passport holds a qualifying passport issued by or on behalf of that nation which confirms the player's place of birth as that nation; or
- (iii) after a consecutive period of two (2) years (24 months) residence in that nation, can provide a genuine reason for being unable to hold or make application to hold a current passport where:
  - (a) he/she was born, or has a parent or grandparent born, in that nation; or
  - (b) he/she has obtained or procured the right to remain permanently or has been granted humanitarian protection in that nation.

27.3 A National Association may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel for permission to nominate a player who is not eligible under this Regulation, on the basis that the full circumstances of the player's case demonstrate he/she has a sufficient, genuine connection or commitment to life and tennis in the nation that he/she wishes to represent such that an exemption to Regulation 27.2 is warranted. The initial application must be received by the ITF Executive at least two months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated.

27.4 If:

(a) a player is, or may be, qualified under Regulation 27.2 to represent more than one nation, and the National Association of one of those nations wishes to nominate him/her to represent that nation; or

(b) a nation applies to nominate a player under Regulation 27.3 and that player is, or may be, eligible to represent another nation(s);

the National Association wishing to nominate the player must submit the nomination/application to the ITF at least two months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated. The ITF will notify the other nation(s) concerned, which shall be entitled to comment within 15 days of receipt, should it wish to do so.

27.5 If a player is nominated without an application being made under Regulation 27.3, the ITF Executive will decide on the eligibility of the player/captain having taken into account all relevant matters. The decision of the ITF Executive may be appealed to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which will consider the matter as an appeal in accordance with its Procedural Rules. The appeal must (i) be made in writing, (ii) detail the basis of the appeal, and (iii) be filed with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel within 14 days of notification of the decision of the ITF Executive. There is no right to appeal or challenge the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision.

27.6 If an application to nominate a player is made under Regulation 27.3, the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will decide on the application having taken into account all relevant matters.

27.7 In exceptional circumstances, the other Nation(s) concerned may not be notified before the player's eligibility is considered by the ITF Executive or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel. In such circumstances, the ITF Executive or ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall reach a provisional view under Regulation 27.5 or 27.6 respectively, subject to any subsequent comments received from the other Nation(s). If the provisional view is to approve the eligibility of the player to represent the nominating/applying Nation, and the Nation wishes to proceed with the nomination and/or application, the other Nation(s) concerned will then be notified of the nomination/application that has been received by the ITF and will have 15 days from receipt to comment should it wish to do so. The ITF Executive or ITF Internal Adjudication Panel will then reach its decision having considered any comments from the other Nation(s) concerned, in accordance with Regulation 27.5 or 27.6 above.

27.8 The ITF Executive and ITF Internal Adjudication Panel have the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player is qualified to represent that Nation.

27.9 A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a nation and such a nation is divided into two or more nations, shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those nations.

27.10 A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a nation and such nation is absorbed in whole or in part by another nation shall immediately be eligible to represent such other nation.

27.11 A player shall be deemed to have represented a nation if he/she shall have been nominated at the time of the draw.

## **28. THE CAPTAIN**

28.1 The Captain shall be allowed to sit on court beside the chair of his/her team but he/she may not move away from that area and in particular may not cross the net to the opposite side of the court. Apart from his/her team, he/she may talk to the Chair Umpire and, in case of an appeal on a question of tennis law, to the Referee. He/she may not talk to any Line Umpires. If the Captain is unable to fulfil his/her duties on court he/she may be replaced by a Captain officially nominated by the National Association concerned. Any additional costs incurred shall be borne by the National Association concerned.

28.2 The Captain must be a minimum of twenty-four (24) years of age prior to the end of the calendar year in which the competition is played (unless approved by the ITF in writing). A playing captain will not be permitted. The Captain shall qualify regardless of his/her nationality but must be in good standing according to Appendix F. The Captain shall be subject to the rules which apply to members of his/her team. A Captain shall be able to represent one nation only during a calendar year.

28.3 The Captain is required to have a coaching qualification recognised by the National Association concerned. The ITF recommends that Captains hold a coaching qualification that is equivalent to the ITF's Level 2 Coaching Advanced Players.

28.4 The Referee shall have the following power and discretion in relation to Captain misconduct before and during the period of the competition:

i) he/she may give a formal warning and, after two warnings, may remove him/her from his/her duties for the match in course and/or for any or all of the remaining matches of that Tie, in which case the Captain may be replaced only by a member of the nominated team. The Referee may remove the Captain without a formal warning for a single incident of misconduct, if in his/her discretion it is warranted; and/or

ii) he/she may remove the Captain's accreditation, order his/her removal from the site, and/or order continued denial of access for a specified period of time or for the remainder of the competition. However, prior to removal of accreditation, removal from site and/or denial of access to the site, the Referee must use best efforts to obtain the approval of the Senior Executive Director.

In addition to removal, the Captain may be subject to the applicable provisions and penalties of the Code of Conduct.

28.5 Where a Chair Umpire is in place for a match, the non-playing Captain shall be permitted to coach their player(s) between points in accordance with the ITF Off-Court Coaching procedures.

28.6 All Captains must complete mandatory online courses, as communicated to National Associations and Captains, prior to attendance at an ITF Junior Team Competition event. As a minimum, this includes the Introduction to Safeguarding Children course through ITF Academy.

## **29. CAPTAINS' MEETING**

The Captains' Meeting shall be held on the day prior to the commencement of the Competition.

## **30. MEDICAL CONTROL**

National Associations entering the Competition and those players nominated to compete on their behalf agree, as a condition of entry, to the following:

### **(a) Anti-Doping Policy**

Random doping control tests may be conducted during the Competition in accordance with the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

(b) If any player following completion of the procedures, including appeal, set forth in the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is found to have committed a Doping Offence no match result shall be re-assessed except in the case of the Final where such player's wins (if any) will be reversed. This may result in the team which originally lost the Final being declared the Champion Nation.

Such player will be subject to penalties laid down in the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

### **(c) Waiver of Claims**

It is acknowledged that the ITF has a duty to act on any reported positive test and it will act in the manner set out in this Regulation. Further all parties, be they a National Association or player, accept that the ITF must act on the information known to it at the relevant time and accordingly:

- (i) A National Association having been declared the loser of the Final as a result of a positive test of any of its players, agrees to waive any rights to legal action or compensation from the ITF in circumstances resulting from this Regulation;
- (ii) Nominated members of a Competition team agree to waive any rights to legal action or compensation from the ITF in circumstances resulting from this Regulation.

The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is set out in full on the ITF website ([www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com)) and in a separate rulebook that is published and distributed by the ITF to all National Associations. The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is available upon application.

### **31. INSURANCE**

National Associations are responsible for ensuring that all members of their team(s), and any accompanying officials in their delegation, are fully and adequately covered by insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in each event in the Competition. The ITF, Host Nation and/or Host Organiser shall not accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

### **32. RELATED REGULATIONS**

To the extent not covered herein, the Constitution of the ITF Limited and the Rules of Tennis shall be applicable to the Competitions.

## **SECTION V. THE DRAW AND SEEDING**

**\* denotes that different Regulations apply for the Regional Qualifying Rounds (see Section X of these Regulations).**

### **33. MAXIMUM ENTRY FOR THE FINAL STAGES OF THE COMPETITION AND PROVISION OF REGIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

- (a) A maximum of sixteen (16) boys' and sixteen (16) girls' teams' shall compete in the final stages of the Competition
- (b) If more than sixteen (16) boys' and sixteen (16) girls' entries are received, the ITF shall arrange Regional Qualifying Rounds (see Section X).

### **34.\* FORMAT OF PLAY**

For the 2026 Finals, the format of play shall be round robin and knockout, as decided by the ITF Juniors Committee.

### **35.\* SEEDING**

Seeded nations shall be selected by the ITF Juniors Committee, which shall take into account results from the regional qualifying zones, ITF Junior Rankings, ITF World Tennis Number, 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 nations as follows:

- (a) performances in past ITF 14 & Under team competitions will be used in relation to the ITF World Junior Tennis competition;
- (b) performances in past boys and girls 16 & Under team competitions will be used in relation to the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors respectively.

### **36.\* THE DRAW**

The Draw shall be made in public at the venue for the final stages of the Competition not later than twelve (12) hours before the commencement of the final stages of the Competition. Once the Draw has been made, there can be no change, unless a player from a seeded team withdraws prior to the commencement of the final stages of the Competition



and this adversely affects the seeding, in which case the Referee may request the Committee to adjust the seeding or to make the Draw again.

- (a) There will be eight (8) seeded nations in each event.
- (b) In the sixteen (16) team round robin draw, the seeds shall be nominated and positioned as follows:

Numbers 1 and 2 shall be placed on line 1 in groups 1 and 4 respectively.

Numbers 3 and 4 shall be drawn by lot to line 1 in groups 2 and 3.

Numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall be drawn by lot to groups 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Seeded nations from the same region will be drawn into different groups.

The remaining eight (8) teams shall be drawn by lot. Within each group, lines shall be filled from top to bottom.

Once the draw has been made the Referee will draw which lines will play each other on the first day of competition, ensuring that seeded teams play against unseeded teams. Only one such draw will be made and the same format will be used for all groups. On the second day of competition winning teams from the first day will play losing teams.

On completion of the round robin groups, the four group winners and four group runners-up shall contest the main draw quarterfinals, semifinals and the final. The winner of group 1 shall be placed at the top of the draw in position 1. The winner of group 4 shall be placed at the bottom of the draw in position 8. The winner of group 2 shall be placed in the middle of the draw in position 4. The winner of group 3 shall be placed in the middle of the draw in position 5. The runners-up of groups 1 and 2 shall be drawn into positions 6 and 7. The runners-up of groups 3 and 4 shall be drawn into positions 2 and 3.

The third and fourth placed teams shall contest 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> in the same manner. The third placed team of group 1 shall be placed at the top of the draw in position 1. The third placed team of group 4 shall be placed at the bottom of the draw in position 8. The third placed team of group 2 shall be placed in the middle of the draw in position 4. The third placed team of group 3 shall be placed in the middle of the draw in position 5. The fourth placed teams of groups 1 and 2 shall be drawn into positions 6 and 7. The fourth placed teams of groups 3 and 4 shall be drawn into positions 2 and 3.

In the event of unavoidable disruption to the Competition, such as bad weather, the Tournament Committee may use the following format:

On completion of the round robin groups, the four group winners shall contest the main draw semi-finals and the final. The winner of group 1 shall be placed at the top of the draw in position 1. The winner of group 4 shall be placed at the bottom of the draw in position 4. The winner of group 2 shall be placed in position 2. The winner of group 3 shall be placed in position 3.

The four group runners-up shall contest placement ties from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place in the same manner and so on.

### **37. BYES**

If there are byes, they shall be given to the seeded nations in descending order.

### **38. METHOD OF DETERMINING PLACES IN THE ROUND ROBIN**

Each tie will consist of three matches; two singles and one doubles.

The Nation which wins the majority of the matches in the Tie shall be declared the winner and shall be awarded one point.

If two Nations score an equal number of points, the head-to-head result between these Nations shall decide the winner.

If three or more Nations score an equal number of points the following procedure shall be used:

- The number of matches won shall decide the winner.
- If matches won are equal, the percentage of sets won of sets played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner.
- If percentage of sets won are equal, the percentage of games won of games played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner.

Where a match tiebreak is played, the tie-break shall be counted as one (1) set and one (1) game for the purposes of the standing's calculation.

When three or more Nations are tied on points, head-to-head results are never used to determine the positions in the group.

If any match is stopped and not completed for reasons of injury, etc, the full score shall be counted. Example: Player A leads over Player B by 6-1, 2-0 when Player B is injured and unable to continue. Player A's victory shall be counted as 6-1, 6-0 for the purpose of calculating sets and games won. If a match is a walk-over the score shall be counted as 6-0, 6-0 for the purpose of calculating sets and games won.

## **SECTION VI. CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION**

**\* denotes that different Regulations apply for the Regional Qualifying Rounds (see Section X of these Regulations).**

### **39. COMPOSITION OF TIE**

Each tie shall consist of two (2) singles and one (1) doubles and shall be played consecutively on the same court, except as provided in Regulation 42.

#### **40. ORDER OF PLAY**

The order of play must be as follows:

Number 2 v Number 2

Number 1 v Number 1

Followed by:  
the doubles match

Doubles matches must be played at the round-robin stage of any ITF Junior Team competition for the purposes of standings calculations. Any team who does not play their doubles match shall forfeit the match and the score shall be recorded as 0-6 0-6. In knock-out stages, where the score is 2-0 after singles, both teams are encouraged to play the doubles match. An abbreviated scoring format of two short sets (to 4 games) and a match tie-break may be played in this situation. The Referee has the final decision on scoring format used in this situation. For the avoidance of doubt, when playing doubles and using Short Sets in combination with No-Ad scoring and the No-Let rule, the receiving player only is permitted to return the serve.

#### **41. INTERVAL BETWEEN SINGLES AND DOUBLES**

There shall be a break of minimum ten (10) minutes and maximum twenty (20) minutes between the singles matches. There shall be an interval of at least thirty (30) minutes between the singles and doubles rubbers unless otherwise decided by the Referee.

#### **42. RELOCATION OF DOUBLES MATCH**

The Referee has the discretion to transfer a doubles match to another court.

#### **43. NOTIFICATION OF SINGLES AND DOUBLES PLAYERS**

The Referee shall receive from the Captains, not later than thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of play each day, the names of the two (2) singles players and the names of the doubles pairing. The doubles pairing may be altered by the Captain after the completion of the second singles match by formal application to the Referee, to be submitted no later than twenty (20) minutes before the doubles match begins. Failure to formally advise the Referee of a change to the doubles pairing will result in the forfeit of the doubles match.

#### **44. COMPOSITION OF THE DOUBLES PAIRING**

Any two (2) members of the team may be nominated by the Captain to play any of the doubles matches.

#### **45. ENTITLEMENT TO REST**

If a player is called upon to play more than one (1) tie in one day, the Referee shall decide his or her entitlement to rest.

#### **46. SUBSTITUTIONS**

If a player is unable to play his/her match due to health or injury or bereavement following notification of his/her name to the Referee, a substitution may be made by the Captain from the final nominated team, providing the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist is in agreement that the withdrawing player is not fit to play and the Referee authorises such a substitution.

#### **47. REPLACEMENT**

If a final nominated team is reduced to one fit player, a fourth, replacement, player may be nominated by the National Association concerned. Any additional costs shall be borne by the National Association concerned. In all cases, the Referee's decision to allow or not to allow a substitution shall be final.

#### **48. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT**

The ITF Referee, Chair Umpire or roving umpire may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any such suspension by the chair umpire or roving umpire must be reported immediately to the Referee. The Referee must, however, make all decisions on the postponement of a match until a later day. Unless and until a match is postponed by the Referee, the players, Chair Umpire and all on-court officials must remain ready to resume the match.

Upon suspension of a match, the Chair Umpire or roving umpire shall record the time, point, game and set score, and the name of the server, the sides on which each player was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match. If suspension is due to darkness, it should be after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress or at the end of a set.

There shall be five (5) minutes of warm-up before a match. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

0 - 15 minutes delay	no warm-up
Between 15 and 30 Minutes	three (3) minutes of warm-up
30 or more minutes of delay	five (5) minutes of warm-up

#### **49. LATEST START TIME**

It is mandatory that the latest start time for any match is not later than 9pm (2100hrs). Any match that is not completed by midnight (0000hrs) should be interrupted and postponed until the following day. (The ITF Referee can extend the time of play if, in his opinion, the match can be concluded in a reasonable time.)

#### **50. INJURY RULE**

If a player retires from a match due to illness or injury, the player is not permitted to continue to play in the Tie unless approved by the ITF Referee following consultation with the Tournament Doctor. For further information about retirements due to injury or illness, please refer to Appendix C, sub-paragraph (h) (Incapacity).

#### **51. MATCH FORMAT**

Each main draw singles match (round robin, quarterfinals, semifinals, finals and third place playoff tie) and relegation (15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> place playoff tie) playoff singles match shall be the best of three tiebreak sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. All other playoff matches shall play two tiebreak sets and a 10-point match tiebreak shall be played in place of a third set. Where the score is 2-0 after singles, both teams are encouraged to play the doubles match. An abbreviated scoring format of two short sets (to 4 games) and a match tie-break may be played in this situation if agreed by both captains and the Referee.

At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds. In case of extreme heat play may be modified in accordance with ITF Junior Team Competitions Regulations, Appendix C, Extreme weather conditions and lighting, d. Modification of Play Procedures (Singles and Doubles).

In Doubles, No-Ad scoring shall be used and a 10-point match tiebreak will be played if the score reaches one set all. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds.

For all singles and doubles matches the No Let Rule shall be in effect.

#### **52.\* PLACEMENT TIES**

Placement ties shall be organised for all teams from 1st to 16th place. All teams must compete in all placement ties.

#### **53. IDENTIFICATION ON DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

Team Identification is mandatory and the Identification on Dress and Equipment Rule currently adopted for the Competition shall apply (see Appendix B, Code of Conduct).

#### **54. PLAYERS', CAPTAINS' AND OFFICIALS' OATH**

The taking of a players', captains' and officials' oath is an official part of the Competition. This includes all regional pre-qualifying events, final qualifying events and the Finals.

### **SECTION VII. PENALTIES**

**\* denotes that different Regulations apply for the Regional Qualifying Rounds (see Section X of these Regulations).**

#### **55. DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

55.1 The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall make all decisions and interpretations entrusted to it under these Regulations (other than on-site determinations made by the Referee).

Any appeal against the decision or interpretation of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties. Any appeal shall be in writing and shall be received by the Independent Tribunal in accordance with its Procedural Rules.

55.2 Notwithstanding Regulation 55.1 above, the ITF Executive or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may reduce the 21-day appeal timeframe in exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to, where a decision needs to be rendered expeditiously to ensure the successful delivery of the Competition.

## **56. WITHDRAWALS**

### **56.1 Any team that:**

- (i) withdraws its entry less than twenty-eight (28) days, but more than fourteen (14) days, prior to the scheduled first day of play in its Regional Qualifying Round shall be fined \$500.
- (ii) withdraws its entry within fourteen (14) days of the scheduled first day of play in its Regional Qualifying Round shall be fined \$1,000.
- (iii) fails to play all its matches, including consolation or placement ties, in the Regional Qualifying Round or in the final stages of the Competition shall be fined \$1,000.
- (iv) is disqualified for an offence committed in the Regional Qualifying Round shall be fined \$1,000.
- (v) is disqualified for an offence committed in the final stages of the competition shall be fined \$2,500.
- (vi) withdraws from the final stages of the Competition after having qualified for them shall be fined \$2,000.
- (vii) withdraws from the final qualifying event having qualified through the pre-qualifying event shall be fined \$2,000.

Where a team withdraws from the final regional qualifying round or from the final stages of the Davis Cup Juniors, Billie Jean King Cup Juniors or ITF World Junior Tennis Competition, such team(s) will be replaced with the highest placed team(s) in the withdrawing team's regional pre-qualifying or final regional qualifying stage not already qualified.

56.2 Where a player or Captain leaves the Competition before the official departure date as notified by the ITF and without the approval of the Referee, the ITF shall fine the National Association of that player or captain \$1,000. National Associations are entitled to appeal a sanction issued under this regulation 56.2 to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel in accordance with regulation 60.4 below.

## **57. CEREMONIES**

For the purpose of ceremonies and official functions, under the above section, all nominated players and team Captains are required to attend the following functions unless reasonably unable to do so, as determined by the ITF:

- \* The Draw Ceremony
- \* The Opening Ceremony
- \* The Prize Giving Ceremony
- \* The Welcome Party
- \* The Players/Sponsors Party
- \* The Farewell Party

Team uniform must be worn at the Opening Ceremony and Prize Giving Ceremony. It is the responsibility of the National Association to ensure that their team/s attend all of the above.

#### **58. DEFAULT IN PAYMENT**

Any default in payment in respect of its team's participation in a previous Competition, shall render that National Association liable to have its entry refused for any future Competitions until any outstanding payment has been paid in full.

#### **59. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Any competing Nation that fails to conform to these Regulations may be immediately disqualified and/or shall be liable to have its entry refused for future Competitions until assurances of compliance with the Regulations are given, and subject to any further penalties set out in these Regulations. If a team that otherwise would have qualified for the final stages of the Competition is disqualified for an offence committed in the Regional Qualifying Round then that team shall be replaced in the final stages of the Competition by the highest placed team in their Regional Qualifying Round not already qualified.

### **SECTION VIII.**

#### **ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

**\* denotes that different Regulations apply for the Regional Qualifying Rounds (see Section X of these Regulations).**

#### **60. ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

##### **60.1 On-site enforcement**

- (a) The Referee is responsible for ensuring the uniform administration and interpretation of the Junior Team Competition Regulations, the Rules of Tennis, the Operations Manual, the Code of Conduct and the ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials.
- (b) The ITF Representative is the on-site representative of the ITF and is responsible for resolving disputes over interpretation that arise on-site regarding these Regulations and any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the ITF Representative.
- (c) All decisions of the Referee and ITF Representative are final, unless specified otherwise in these Regulations.

##### **60.2 First instance proceedings**

The Referee shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters:

- (a) unless expressly referred elsewhere, an allegation that a player has committed an offence under the Code of Conduct that is not a Major Offence or a breach of the Welfare Policy;

- (b) any disputes or questions of interpretation that arise on-site at a tournament (to be resolved in accordance with the Rules of Tennis); and
- (c) any other decisions, disputes, questions of interpretation or other matters that are entrusted under these Regulations to the Referee.

The ITF Referee, ITF Representative, ITF Juniors Committee, Tournament Director or other person/entity designated under these Regulations may decide any issues entrusted to them (respectively) under these Regulations. Unless expressly provided otherwise, there will be no right of appeal from their (respective) decisions.

The ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel;
- (b) any dispute or question about the proper interpretation of these Regulations (including reviewing as appropriate any on-site interpretation by the Referee);
- (c) any allegation that a Covered Person has committed a breach of the Welfare Policy;
- (d) any dispute or question about player eligibility arising under these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere);
- (e) any allegation that a player, Related Person or other person or entity bound by these Regulations has failed to comply with any other aspect of these Regulations (unless expressly referred elsewhere); and
- (f) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Independent Tribunal shall have exclusive jurisdiction, in the first instance, over the following matters (to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules):

- (a) any request for a decision that is entrusted under these Regulations to the Independent Tribunal;
- (b) an allegation that a player, Related Person or other person participating in the Competition has breached the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme;
- (c) an allegation that a player or Related Person has committed a Major Offence under the Code of Conduct;
- (d) any other dispute arising out of or relating in any way to these Regulations that is referred to it by the Board.

The Procedural Rules for both the Internal Adjudication Panel and the Independent Tribunal are available online at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com), or a hard-copy can be requested in writing to the ITF.

### **60.3 Sanctions**

Where the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and/or Independent Tribunal upholds an allegation of breach of these Regulations, it will determine the sanctions for such breach in accordance with the sanctions provisions in its Procedural Rules, unless these Regulations specify other sanctions for such breach, in which case it will apply the specific sanctions.



#### **60.4 Appeals**

Save where provided otherwise under these Regulations:

- (a) decisions by the Referee under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, to be determined in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision);
- (b) subject to the preceding paragraph (a) above, decisions of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel under these Regulations may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Independent Tribunal, in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules (in particular, the section applicable to the Independent Tribunal sitting as an appeal panel);
- (c) decisions of the Independent Tribunal (sitting as a first instance tribunal) may only be challenged by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as set out in the Independent Tribunal Procedural Rules;

Such appeals may only be brought by one of the following persons:

- (i) the person or entity that is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- (ii) the team member who is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- (iii) the Nation of the team member who is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- (iv) any Nation that is directly affected by the decision being appealed; and/or
- (v) the ITF.

A Nation will not be 'directly affected' pursuant to this Regulation 60.4 based solely on it or its players being a competitor of the person or organisation that is the subject of a decision sought to be appealed.

### **SECTION IX. INTERNATIONAL SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

**\* denotes that different Regulations apply for the Regional Qualifying Rounds (see Section X of these Regulations).**

#### **61. SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

##### **a) ITF World Junior Tennis**

The ITF retains the right to secure sponsors (Title & International Partners) for the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition, to include sponsorship of all Regional Qualifying competitions.

The ITF will provide each Host Nation with a Sponsorship Manual detailing their rights to secure Domestic Sponsors for the Competition. Domestic Sponsors must not be concerned with the business of the provision of online educational services, or other related services, in order to afford category exclusivity to Dwight Global as an international sponsor. The Sponsorship Manual will also provide specific instructions regarding the dressing of competition courts with sponsor identification.

The Host Nation will also be informed about the services provided by the international sponsors.

b) Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors

The ITF retains the right to secure sponsors (Title & International Partner) for the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors Competitions, to include sponsorship of all Regional Qualifying competitions.

In securing the international sponsorship of the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors, the ITF has to guarantee that the advertising within the site where the Competition will be played, is exclusively reserved for the Principal and Ancillary international sponsors. Therefore, before a venue can be approved by the ITF, a written statement must be supplied by the Host Nation that all the courts at the venue to be used for the Competition will be cleared of any boards, banners or other forms of commercial advertising and that any advertisements which cannot be removed will be covered for the duration of the event.

The ITF will provide each Host Nation with a Sponsorship Manual detailing their rights to secure Domestic Sponsors for the competition. Domestic Sponsors must not be concerned with the business of the provision of online educational services, or other related services, in order to afford category exclusivity to Dwight Global as an international sponsor. The Sponsorship Manual will also provide specific instructions regarding the dressing of competition courts with sponsor identification.

The Host Nation will also be informed about the services provided by the international sponsors.

## **62. OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL SPONSORS OF THE COMPETITION**

For 2026 there are no sponsors for the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition.

For 2026 the international sponsors of the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors Competitions are as follows:

Title Sponsor Davis Cup Juniors: None  
Title Sponsor Billie Jean King Cup Juniors: Gainbridge  
International Sponsors: None

## **SECTION X. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS**

Regional Qualifying Competitions shall be held when the number of entries exceeds sixteen (16) boys' and sixteen (16) girls' teams.

The number of teams that play pre-qualifying/qualifying/final qualifying is determined by the respective Regional Association and the ITF based on entry numbers. Where necessary a pre-qualifying event may take place.

The 2026 Regional Qualifying competitions will produce the following number of boys' and girls' teams for the final stages of the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition:

	Boys	Girls
Europe	6	6
Asia/Oceania	4	4
South America	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
North/Central America & The Caribbean	2	2
Africa	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The 2026 Regional Qualifying competitions will produce the following number of boys' and girls' teams for the final stages of the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors Competition:

	Boys	Girls
Europe	6	6
Asia/Oceania	4	4
South America	<u>2</u>	3
North/Central America & The Caribbean	2	2
Africa	<u>2</u>	1

The regional distribution of places for the Competition is also based on a performance elimination system for which the 16<sup>th</sup> placed Region gives up a qualifying place to the Region which had reduced places in the previous year's Final. However, the North/Central America and Caribbean Region is guaranteed a minimum of two places and therefore, should a team from the North/Central America and Caribbean Region be placed 16<sup>th</sup> at the Final then the second last placed Region will be relegated in favour of the Region with reduced numbers from the previous year.

The Host Nation for the final stages of the Competition shall have one (1) place in the draw, to be deducted from that Nation's regional allocation. If the Host Nation is from a Region that only has one (1) place according to the regional allocation, the Region shall be awarded an additional place. This additional place is taken away from the Region that finished second last at the preceding Final. The ITF has the right to alter this regional selection allocation following the receipt of entries. The Host Nation may decline their participation in the Finals which must be confirmed by the player nomination deadline of the preceding qualifying event.

Each region is confirmed to have the following maximum/minimum number of teams each year, depending on the final placed team in the previous year's Competition:

	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
<u>Europe</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Asia/Oceania</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>South America</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>North/Central America &amp; The Caribbean</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Africa</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

The Host Nation of the Finals may decline their place in the respective Pre-Qualifying/Qualifying/Final Qualifying event without penalty provided that confirmation is given to the ITF prior to the player nomination deadline of the respective pre-qualifying, qualifying or final qualifying event, whichever occurs earliest. Where the Host Nation declines participation in the qualifying rounds the additional spot created shall provide one further place to the preceding qualifying round, where applicable.

For each Regional Qualifying Competition a Tournament Committee shall be formed consisting of 3-5 persons to include a representative of the ITF, a Referee to be appointed by the Host Nation, and a Tournament Director to be appointed by the Host Nation. Regional Qualifying Competitions shall adhere to the Regulations for the final stages of the Competition, except for the following:

### **63. APPLICATION TO HOST AN EVENT**

Any National Association wishing to host a Regional Qualifying Competition shall submit their preliminary application in writing to their respective Regional Association who will in turn submit their recommendation so as to reach the ITF by 31 October preceding the year in which the National Association wishes to host the Competition.

After receiving formal applications and proposed budgets from the Regional Associations, a decision will be taken and negotiations between the ITF and the National Association, including an evaluation of the proposed site, shall take place as soon as possible.

### **64. VENUES AND DATES**

The ITF Juniors Committee shall select and announce the venues and dates for the Regional Qualifying Competitions ideally six (6) months in advance of the events. These events shall be held if the number of entries exceeds the number of places allocated to a region and, unless otherwise agreed, shall be held in the period of February to August.

### **65. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR REGIONAL QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS**

Following approval from the ITF, the Host Nation and Regional Association of a Regional Qualifying Competition shall inform all participating nations of the venue, the tennis club or stadium, the surface of the court, the format of play, the proposed times of play, whether it is proposed to play on covered courts and/or under floodlights, and the make of ball to be used, no later than two (2) months prior to the scheduled first day of play of the competition.

Any change in venue, format of play, surface and balls, after the announcement is made by the Host Nation and Regional Association, can only be made with the agreement of the ITF. It is the responsibility of the Host Nation to advise participating nations of any requirements for visa applications when notifying them of arrangements for the Regional Qualifying Competition.

### **66. HOST NATION**

Each respective Host Nation shall provide accommodation and court facilities for all the teams that have entered. Free hotel accommodation and meals, (breakfast, lunch and dinner) shall be provided for three (3) players and a Captain of each team. Players should be offered a triple room with three separate beds. Host nations are encouraged to provide

single rooms for Captains; however a maximum of two captains per room in separate beds will be permitted, subject to prior approval by the ITF. Captains and players must not share bedrooms under any circumstances. Players from the opposite sex must not share a room under any circumstances. The Host Nation must refuse any request that would be contrary to this Regulation. Private housing shall not be used by Host Nations as a form of hospitality. Each participating National Association is responsible for its own travelling expenses to the Regional Pre-Qualifying and Regional Qualifying Rounds.

If requested, the Host Nation shall submit an event budget to the Regional Association, where appropriate, and the ITF for approval at least two (2) months prior to the scheduled start of the Competition.

## **67. OFFICIALS**

Minimum officiating standards, which must be met, shall be provided by the ITF to each Host Organiser in advance of the qualifying event. Officials will be appointed by the ITF in conjunction with the applicable Regional Association (ATF/OTF/COSAT/COTECC).

## **68. QUALIFYING - NOMINATIONS AND ORDER OF MERIT**

- (i) Nominations of individual players in order of merit for singles, and the non-playing Captain, must be received by the ITF no later than 28 days before the scheduled first day of play.
- (ii) A National Association may change a maximum of two of its nominations up until one hour before the Captains' Meeting which will be held prior to the draw.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) Except where provided in the following paragraph, the Order of Merit may not be changed following the original nomination date.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) The ITF/Regional Association must take changes to nominations into account when determining the final seeding.

## **69. FORMAT OF PLAY**

The format of play shall be round robin and/or knockout, as decided by the Juniors Committee. The number and size of the round robin pools will be determined by the number of teams entered and number of qualifiers from the Region.

## **70. SEEDING**

Seeded nations shall be selected by the ITF in conjunction with the applicable Regional Association (ATF/OTF/COSAT/COTECC), which shall take into account 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 nations as follows:

- (a) performances in past ITF 14 & Under team competitions will be used in relation to the World Junior Tennis competition;
- (b) performances in past boys and girls 16 & Under team competitions will be used in relation to the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors respectively.

The ITF Juniors Committee shall decide the number of seeds and byes depending on the size of the draw. The local organisers will be informed of the seeds and their position in the draw not later than twelve (12) hours before play is scheduled to begin.

#### **71. DRAW**

The Referee shall conduct the Draw at the venue on the day before play is scheduled to begin.

#### **72. PLACEMENT TIES**

The Host Nation shall arrange placement ties to give first round losers extra competitive opportunities. These ties shall be held either on a knock-out basis or on a round-robin format as appropriate and as determined by the Referee.

#### **73. BALLS**

It is recommended that four (4) new balls be provided for each match, with a minimum requirement of three (3) new balls for each match. Balls are to be changed for a third set.

#### **74. ELECTRONIC LINE CALLING**

The use of Electronic Line-Calling (ELC) systems is permitted in ITF Junior Team Competitions, subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- The Host Nation must make a request to the ITF to use ELC at least nine (9) weeks in advance of the tie start date;
- The request must have been approved by the ITF;
- The ELC system must have been classified by the ITF and approved for use by the ITF for use at the tie in question;
- The ITF may at its sole discretion refuse the use of a particular ELC system during ITF Junior Team Competitions, including in the event such decision to refuse its use is taken once the tie is already underway; and
- The processing of any data arising from the use of the ELC system shall always be subject to the provisions in Appendix F (Data Rights).
- Gold or Silver Approved ELC systems may be used for ELC Review at ITF Junior Team Competitions tournaments, subject to obtaining advanced approval from the ITF.

**SECTION XI.**  
**AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS**

**75. ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

The above Regulations shall be binding on all Nations eligible to compete. The Board of Directors may grant dispensations from, modify, waive or otherwise alter these Regulations or their application in extraordinary circumstances.

**76. AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS**

- (a) These ITF Junior Team Competition Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Board of Directors.
- (b) Any amendments so made shall be effective for the Competition immediately following, unless otherwise decided.

**ITEM 3**  
**APPENDICES**

**APPENDIX A - AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES**

**COMPETITION FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 12 AND UNDER**

The following rules set forth eligibility rules and restrictions for competitions and other events (including Games) for players who are 12 and under:

- a) There shall be no 11 and under, no 10 and under and no 9 and under (or younger) age category international or regional individual or team competitions or Games. Only regional festival type activities sanctioned by a Regional Association may be held for players who have reached their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the event start date.
- b) In any calendar year players may only compete in a maximum of ten tournaments for 12 and under events sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the \*USTA and Tennis Canada.
- c) Players under the age of 10 shall not be eligible for entry into any international individual tournament, team competition, or Games sanctioned by a Regional Association, a National Association and/or any other national or international organisation. In accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used. Players are allowed to play in a 12 and under event from the year they turn 10 years of age, and have reached their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw, until the year the player turns 12 years of age.
- d) Players are eligible to compete in tournaments for players aged 14 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the \*USTA and Tennis Canada in the year they turn 11 years of age, if they have reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw, until the year the player turns 14 years of age, but participation in such tournaments will count towards the maximum of ten events permitted;
- e) Competition for players aged 12 and under organised by a Regional Association must be a team competition;
- f) Players aged 12 and under shall not compete in 16 and under international or regional individual or team competitions.
- g) There shall be no international or regional rankings for players aged 12 and under;
- h) No international competition may be organised for players aged 12 and under and the title 'World Champion'(or any similar title) shall not be awarded to a player winning an event restricted to players who are aged 12 and under;



\*Note: For the purpose of this Rule only National Championships in the USA and in Canada count as tournaments covered.

#### **TEAM COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 14 AND UNDER**

The following Rules are applicable to all international team competitions worldwide for players in 14 and under age group events.

Competitors for these competitions in 2026, in 2027 and in 2028, including the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition, must have been born between the following eligible birth years and have reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the first day of Competition:

##### **Competition Eligible Birth Years**

<u>2026</u>	<u>2012 - 2015</u>
<u>2027</u>	<u>2013 - 2016</u>
<u>2028</u>	<u>2014 - 2017</u>

#### **TEAM COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 16 AND UNDER**

The following Rules are applicable to all international team competitions worldwide for players in 16 and under age group events. No competitor may participate who is still eligible for 12 and under age group events.

Competitors for these competitions in 2026, in 2027 and in 2028, including the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors, must have been born between the following eligible birth years and have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the first day of Competition:

##### **Competition Eligible Birth Years**

<u>2026</u>	<u>2010–2013</u>
<u>2027</u>	<u>2011-2014</u>
<u>2028</u>	<u>2012-2015</u>

## **APPENDIX B - CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITIONS CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **ARTICLE I: GENERAL**

##### **A. PURPOSE**

The ITF promulgates this Junior Team Competitions Code of Conduct (Code) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by players, Related Persons and team Captains at international junior team competitions and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the Sport of Tennis.

##### **B. EXCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY**

This Code is applicable as stated herein to the Junior Team Competitions, including the Regional Qualifying Rounds. Any reference to players in this Code shall apply to all players and Related Persons. This Code of Conduct shall be the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any player and/or Related Person in ITF Junior Team Competitions, except to the extent that disciplinary jurisdiction is established under (i) the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme; and/or (ii) the ITF Welfare Policy.

For the purposes of this Code, 'Related Person' is defined as any Captains nominated by a Nation to participate (or otherwise participating in) the Competition and any extra players coach, trainer, Sports Physiotherapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any player, or any other person who receives accreditation at a Competition at the request of the player or any other Related Person.

A copy of the Code shall be made available on site to each Captain who is responsible for ensuring that all members of his or her team are fully aware of their obligations under this Code.

##### **C. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

All teams shall abide by the Rules for entries set forth in the Regulations. Any National Association that withdraws from the Competition, other than as provided for in the Regulations, will be subject to the penalties given in Section VII of these Regulations.

## ARTICLE II: ON-SITE OFFENCES

### A. GENERAL

Each player and Related Person shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of a Junior Team Competitions event and while engaged in activities directly related to the event, conduct himself or herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply while engaging with any persons in connection with the event (including but not limited to Officials, the Referee and ITF staff members) and who are preparing for, running and/or otherwise connected to an event in which the player and/or Related Person is or was entered/involved, and/or while within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

### B. PUNCTUALITY

Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called. For the purposes of this punctuality rule, the official clock in Junior Team Competitions events shall be the Referee's timepiece.

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his/her match is called shall be defaulted unless the Referee in his/her sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

### C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Every player and team Captain shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn.

Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the Chair Umpire or Referee to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in immediate default. (The ITF reserves the right to interpret the following rules so as to give effect to the intent and purposes of these Regulations)

#### 1. Unacceptable attire

Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up).

#### a. Shoes

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted as proper tennis attire. Shoes shall not cause damage to the court other than what is expected during the normal course of a match or practice. Damage to a court may be considered as physical or visible, which may include a shoe that leaves mark beyond what is considered acceptable. The ITF Referee has the authority to determine that a shoe does not meet these criteria and may order the player to change.

#### i. Grass Court Shoes

At ITF Junior Team Competition events played on grass court, no shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players. Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at ITF Junior Team Competition events played on grass courts.

**ii Clay Court Shoes**

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors events played on clay courts.

Grass court shoes shall not be worn during a match on clay courts.

**2. Team Identification**

Players and Captains shall be required at all times to dress in compliance with Team Identification principles. To comply, players and Captains shall display the Nation's name on the back of their shirt and, in addition, dress in national colours. Team Identification shall be in accordance with the official ITF Junior Team Competition style guide.

Please note that this rule is mandatory for teams competing at all stages of the Competition.

**3. Doubles Team Identification**

In addition to the team identification requirement indicated in Rule 2. Team Identification above, it is emphasized that both members of the team display the nation's name on the back of their shirt and dress in national colours.

**4. Identification**

No identification shall be permitted on a player's or team Captain's clothing, products or equipment on court before, during or after a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony, except as follows (the ITF reserves the right to interpret the following rules so as to give effect to the intent and purposes of these Rules):

**a. Boys ITF Junior Team Competitions**

**1. Shirt, Sweater or Jacket**

- i. Sleeves.** Two (2) positions for commercial (i.e. non-manufacturer's) or manufacturer's identification for each sleeve shall be permitted, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm), plus one (1) commercial identification of a National Association Team Sponsor on one (1) sleeve, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm). Maximum of two (2) identifications may be placed within each six (6) square inch position. Identifications may contain writing.
- ii. Sleeveless.** Two (2) positions for the manufacturer's or commercial (i.e. non-manufacturer's) identification for the front or collar of the shirt shall be permitted, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm). If no more than one (1) identification is placed on the front or collar of the shirt, then one (1) manufacturer

identification may be placed on the back of the shirt, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm). Identifications may contain writing.

- iii. **Front, Back and Collar.** Two (2) logos of the manufacturers or commercial identifications, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) may be placed in any location on the front or on the collar. Alternatively, one (1) manufacturer's or commercial identification which may not exceed six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) may be placed on the front or collar and then an additional manufacturer's identification, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), may be placed on the back. Identifications may contain writing.
- iv. **Other.** Identification of the clothing manufacturer, without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing, may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed twelve (12) square inches (77.5 sq.cm) in one of the following positions:
  - a. On each of the shirt sleeves (if a manufacturer's identification is not on the sleeves pursuant to the section i. above); or
  - b. On the outer seams (sides of torso) of the shirt.

**2. Shorts**

Two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm), may be placed on the front or back of the shorts; or two (2) manufacturer's identification neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), may be placed as follows: one (1) identification on the front and one (1) identification on the back of the shorts. Identifications may contain writing.

On compression shorts and/or compression sleeves, two (2) manufacturer's identifications not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) or one (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) are permitted in any location. These shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications permitted on shorts.

**3. Socks/Shoes**

Manufacturer's identifications on each sock and on each shoe shall be permitted.

**4. Racquet**

Manufacturer's identifications on racquet and strings shall be permitted.

**5. Hat, Headband, Wristband and Face Covering**

One (1) manufacturer's identification and/or one (1) commercial identification, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), shall be permitted on hats and headbands. The commercial identification must be located on the side of the garment and worn so that it is positioned on the side of the head.

One (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) will be permitted on wristbands or face covering.

**6. Bags, Towels, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia**

Tennis Equipment Manufacturer's identifications shall be permitted on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39sq.cm).

**b. Girls ITF Junior Team Competitions**

**1. Shirt, Sweater or Jacket**

- i. **Sleeves.** One (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve shall be permitted, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), plus one (1) commercial identification of a National Association Team Sponsor on one (1) sleeve, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), plus one (1) manufacturer's identification on each sleeve, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm). Identifications may contain writing.
- ii. **Sleeveless.** The two (2) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications permitted on the sleeves above may be placed on the front of the garment. Identifications may contain writing.
- iii. **Front, Back and Collar.** Total of two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) or one (1) manufacturer's identification, which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), may be placed in any of these three locations. Identifications may contain writing. These shall be in addition to the positions permitted for either a sleeved or sleeveless shirt, sweater or jacket.
- iv. **Other.** Identification of the clothing manufacturer, without the name of the manufacturer or any other writing, may be placed once or repeatedly within an area not to exceed twelve (12) square inches (77.5 sq.cm) in one of the following positions:
  - c. On each of the shirt sleeves (if a manufacturer's identification is not on the sleeves pursuant to the section i. above); or
  - d. On the outer seams (sides of torso) of the shirt

**2. Shorts / Skirts/ Compression Shorts / Leggings**

On short and skirts, two (2) manufacturer's identifications shall be permitted, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm), or alternatively one (1) manufacturer's identification which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm).

On leggings or mid-thigh compression shorts, worn with a skirt or shorts, one (1) manufacturer's identification shall be permitted, not to exceed

two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) and which shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications on shorts/skirts.

On leggings or mid-thigh compression shorts (worn without a skirt or shorts) up to two (2) manufacturer's identifications shall be permitted, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm), or alternatively one (1) manufacturer's identification which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm).

Identifications may contain writing.

Note: A dress for the purposes of permissible identification shall be treated as a combination of a skirt and a shirt (dividing dress at waist).

**3. Socks / Shoes**

Manufacturer's identifications on each sock and on each shoe shall be permitted. The identifications on the sock(s) on each foot shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm). Identifications may contain writing.

**4. Racquet**

Manufacturer's identifications on racquet and strings shall be permitted.

**5. Hat, Headband, Wristband and Face Covering**

One (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm) shall be permitted on wristbands or face covering.

For hats and headbands, one (1) manufacturer's identification is permitted on the front and one (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification on the side, neither of which to exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm). Identifications may contain writing.

**6. Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia**

Tennis Equipment Manufacturer's identifications on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) shall be permitted.

**c. Another Tennis, Sport or Entertainment Event**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinabove set forth the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any tennis circuit, series of tennis events, tennis exhibition, tennis tournament, any other sport or entertainment event other than ITF Junior Team Competitions is prohibited on all dress or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

**d. General**

All identifications should be firmly attached at all points on the clothing or equipment

No identification shall be permitted on player's clothing or equipment that promotes/displays betting companies, tobacco or e-cigarette products, alcohol products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the ITF Junior Team Competitions or that, in the opinion of the ITF Supervisor, shares a clear visual likeness with any such entity so that the identification could reasonably be mistaken for such entity.

In the event the utilisation of any of the foregoing permitted commercial identifications would violate any governmental regulation with respect to television, then the same shall be prohibited.

For the purposes of this rule, the manufacturer means the manufacturer of the clothing or equipment in question.

Tennis Equipment Manufacturer. The tennis equipment manufacturer is the entity that distributes, or offers for sale, tennis racquets, clothing, strings, or shoes.

Clothing Manufacturer- Clothing manufacturer is the corporate or product identification, trademarks (regardless of registration status) or other recognizable names presented in the form of a logo or mark on the clothing product in question.

Commercial Identification. Corporate or product identification other than the manufacturer of the item, including social media usernames, hashtags, and URLs. This may include a National Team sponsor.

In addition, the size limitation shall be ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to a player's clothing without regard to the colour of the same. In determining area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle shall be drawn around the same and the size of the patch for the purpose of this Rule shall be the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be.

**5. Warm-Up Clothing**

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the Referee prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

A team's nation name on the back of the warm-ups is not considered to be a logo and is legal in any size.

Identification for a National Association Team sponsor on the back of warm-up clothing is permitted and should not exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq. cm) and is permitted to be worn during warm-up only and during any official ceremonies.



## **6. Taping**

No taping over of logos/patches shall be allowed.

## **7. Fines**

Violation of the provisions with respect to Team Identification may result in a fine to the relevant National Association to be determined by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, such fine not to exceed US\$5,000.

### **D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME**

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds shall elapse from when the last player arrives to his seat on court until the players are ready for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire. This will be followed immediately by the warm-up period. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match.

Following the expiration of the warm-up period play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

A maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the first serve of the next point. If such serve is a fault then the second serve must be struck by the server without delay.

When changing ends a maximum of ninety (90) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game until the time the first serve is struck for the next game. If such first serve is a fault the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period.

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the set until the time the first serve is struck for the next set.

If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set.

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready. A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:

- Server The Time Violation shall result in a "fault"
- Receiver The Time Violation shall result in a "point penalty"

In each case, the Chair Umpire/Referee may determine that an extension of time is necessary and/or decide not to impose any penalty.

When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

**E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY (AOB)**

Players shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below. For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by Court Officials or spectators.

**F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY (VOB)**

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below. For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his/her hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

**G. VERBAL ABUSE (VA)**

Players shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

**H. PHYSICAL ABUSE (PhA)**

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of a Court Official, opponent, spectator or other person.

**I. ABUSE OF BALLS (BA)**

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up) the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below. For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally or recklessly hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

**J. ABUSE OF RACQUETS OR EQUIPMENT (RA)**

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below. For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging racquets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire’s chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

**K. COACHING AND COACHES (CC)**

Players shall not receive coaching during a match (including the warm-up) (except in team competitions by the Captain as permitted by the Rules of Tennis and the Regulations). Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach other than the team Captain may be construed as coaching. For the avoidance of doubt, off court coaching (as defined in the Rules of Tennis) is not permitted during ITF Junior Team Competitions. Players shall also prohibit their coaches (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site, (2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or of the officiating thereof. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore and the Referee may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and may declare an immediate default of such player. For the purposes of this Rule, a “coach” shall also include any representative and/or relative of a player.

**L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (UnC)**

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in

accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Competition, the ITF or the sport of tennis. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

**M. BEST EFFORTS (BE)**

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in an ITF Junior Team Competition event.

For purposes of this Rule, the Referee and/or Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

**N. LEAVING THE COURT (LC)**

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire or Referee. A player who violates this section may be defaulted by the Referee and subjected to the additional penalties for “Failure to Complete a Match” below.

**O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH (FCM)**

Any player nominated for any match in the Tie must commence or complete such match unless he is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance. A player who violates this section may be defaulted forthwith by the Referee. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tie, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section may subject him to the additional penalties set forth in these Regulations.

If a doubles team fails to complete a match in progress, the Referee shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this section.

**P. MEDIA CONFERENCE (MC)**

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the post-match media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended or modified by the Referee for good cause.

For purposes of this Rule, media obligations also include but are not limited to post-match and post-draw ceremony interviews with the home and visiting teams national broadcaster and with the journalist from the official ITF Junior website. Violation of this section shall subject the player to suspension by the ITF Senior Executive Director with respect to the offending incident from play in ITF Team Competitions, ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors events

and Regional Circuits events organized by any Regional Associations for a period up to three months.

**Q. PARTISAN CROWD/SPECTATORS BEHAVIOUR**

During Junior Team Competition matches each nation must control its supporting spectators so that play is not interrupted or disturbed. In the event that the spectators or any individual spectators supporting a nation behave in such a partisan manner that play is unreasonably interrupted or the players at any time are unreasonably provoked and/or intimidated, the Referee shall penalise such nation's player in accordance with the following:

FIRST Offence	WARNING
SECOND Offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT Offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Partisan Crowd violation, the Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Tie, the Referee shall have the authority to declare a default for a single violation of this section.

**R. POINT PENALTY SCHEDULE**

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST offence	WARNING
SECOND offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

The imposition of a decision under the Point Penalty Schedule shall be final and unappealable.

**S. DEFAULTS**

The Referee may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code (Immediate Default) or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above. In all cases of default, the decision of the Referee shall be final and unappealable.

Subject to the exceptions specified below, any player who is defaulted shall be subject to the following additional penalties:

- a. at the Referee's discretion, default from the remainder of the tie and/or all other ties, if any, in that competition.
- b. suspension by the ITF Senior Executive Director from play in ITF Team Competitions, ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors events and Regional Tour events organized by any Regional Associations for a period up to three months.

The exceptions to the additional penalties set out above are:

- a. the player was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article II B and C, or
- b. the player was defaulted as a result of a medical condition or

- c. when the player's doubles partner commits the Code Violation which causes the default.

Default of a player from the remainder of the tie and/or competition may include at the Referee's discretion the removal of accreditation and denial of access to the site. A default as a result of a violation by a team member / person other than a player will subject that person to removal of accreditation, and at the Referee's discretion, denial of access to the site.

However, prior to any default from the remainder of the tie and/or competition, the Referee must use best efforts to obtain the approval of the ITF Senior Executive Director or his designee.

#### **T. DOUBLES EVENTS**

##### **Warnings/Point Penalties/Game Penalties/Defaults**

Warnings, Point Penalties, Game Penalties and/or a Default if assessed for violation of the Code shall be assessed against the team.

#### **U. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The Referee shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred, shall report all facts in writing to the ITF Senior Executive Director and give written notice thereof to the player or Related Person.

#### **V. APPEALS**

Any player or Related Person found to have committed an On-Site Offence may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under Article II. 5 by the Senior Executive Director. Any such appeal shall be heard by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing, using the form prescribed by the ITF must detail the basis for the appeal, and must be filed with the ITF Head of Junior Tennis by 5.00pm GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the player or Related Person is notified of the violation (the "Notice of Appeal"). The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the player or Related Person as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the player or Related Person wishes to submit.

## **ARTICLE III: MAJOR OFFENCES**

### **A. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR**

No player or Related Person at any ITF Junior Team Competition event shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour" which is defined as follows:

- 1.** One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting "Aggravated Behaviour".
- 2.** One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Junior Team Competition event, or is singularly egregious.
- 3.** A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour", but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the ITF Junior Team Competition.

Violation of this section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament, event or tour, and Regional Circuit tournaments organized by any Regional Association.

Any player or Related Person who, directly or indirectly, offers or provides or receives any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other covered person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the tournament site shall be deemed to have engaged in Aggravated Behaviour and be in violation of this section.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or tour, and Regional Circuit tournaments organized by any Regional Association.

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

No player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. If a player is convicted of a violation of a criminal or civil law of any nation, the punishment of which includes possible imprisonment for more than one year, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and the ITF may provisionally suspend such player from further participation in ITF Junior Team Competitions pending a final determination in Article III.E. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this section.

Violation of this section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ITF tournament, event or tour, and Regional Circuit tournaments organized by any Regional Association.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ITF tournament, event or tour, and Regional Circuit tournaments organized by any Regional Association.

### **C. WAGERS**

No Player or Related Person may wager anything of value in connection with any Competition. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a suspension from play in the Competitions (and any other ITF sanctioned events) for a period of up to three (3) years. Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all Competitions (and any other ITF sanctioned events).

### **D. BRIBES OR OTHER PAYMENTS**

No Player or Related Person may offer, give, solicit, or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any Player's efforts or participation in any Competition. Violation of this section shall subject the Player to a suspension from play in the Competitions (and any other ITF sanctioned events) for a period of up to three (3) years. Violation of this section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all Competitions (and any other ITF sanctioned events).

### **E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF will investigate all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence. All Players and Related Persons must cooperate fully with such investigations. The ITF may make a written demand to a Player or Related Person (a "Demand") to furnish to the ITF any information that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of a Major Offence, including (without limitation) requiring the Player or other Related Person to attend an interview and/or to provide a written statement setting forth his/her knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. The Player or Related Person must furnish such information within seven business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other deadline as may be specified by the ITF.

Where, as the result of an investigation under this Article III.E, the ITF forms the view that a Player or Related Person has a case to answer for commission of a Major Offence, the ITF shall send a written notice to the Player or Related Person (the "Notice of Charge") setting out:

- (a) the Major Offence(s) alleged to have been committed, a summary of the facts upon which such allegations are based;
- (b) the potential consequences applicable if it is determined that the alleged Major Offence has been committed; and
- (c) the Player or Related Person's entitlement to respond to the Notice of Charge in one of the following ways:
  - (i) to admit the Major Offence(s) charged, and accede to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge;
  - (ii) to admit the Major Offence(s) charged, but to dispute and/or seek to mitigate the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the consequences at a hearing; or
  - (iii) to deny the Major Offence(s) charged, and to have the Independent Tribunal determine the charge and (if the charge is upheld) any consequences, at a hearing;
- (d) if the Player or Related Person wishes to exercise his/her right to a hearing before the Independent Tribunal, he/she must submit a written request for such a hearing



so that it is received by the ITF as soon as possible, but in any event within ten (10) days of the Player or Related Person's receipt of the Notice. The request must also state how the Player or Related Person responds to the charge in the Notice and must explain (in summary form) the basis for such response. In the event no such response is received by that deadline, the Player or Related Person will be deemed to have admitted the Major Offence(s) charged, and to have acceded to the consequences specified in the Notice of Charge.

In the event that the ITF withdraws the Notice of Charge, or the Player or Related Person admits the Major Offence(s) charged and accedes to the consequences specified by the ITF (or is deemed to have done so), a hearing before the Independent Tribunal shall not be required. Instead the ITF shall promptly issue a decision confirming (as applicable) its withdrawal of the Notice of Charge or the commission of the Major Offence(s) and the imposition of the specified consequences, and shall send a copy of the decision to the Player or Related Person.

### **Provisional Suspension**

At the time, afterwards, or before, it issues a Notice of Charge, the ITF may impose a Provisional Suspension on the Player or Related Person in question pending determination of the charge(s), where it considers it necessary to protect the integrity and/or reputation of the Competition, the ITF, and/or the sport of tennis.

Where a Provisional Suspension is imposed, the ITF shall notify the Player or Related Person of his/her right:

- (a) at his/her election, to make an application to the Chair of the Independent Tribunal convened to hear his/her case, either immediately or at any time prior to the full hearing, for an order that the Provisional Suspension should not be imposed (or, if the Provisional Suspension has been imposed, that it should be vacated). The Chair of the Independent Tribunal, sitting alone, will rule on the application as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- (b) to have the proceedings before the Independent Tribunal expedited so that the hearing is held, and the charge against him/her is determined, as soon as possible, consistent with the requirements of due process.

In circumstances where the ITF decides not to impose a Provisional Suspension, the Player or Related Person shall be offered the opportunity to accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension pending the resolution of the matter. If the Player or Related Person wishes to accept the offer (and receive credit against any period of suspension that might be imposed), the Player or Related Person must communicate his/her acceptance in writing to the ITF, in a form acceptable to the ITF.

No admission shall be inferred, or other adverse inference drawn, from the decision of a Player or Related Person (a) not to make an application to avoid (or to vacate) a Provisional Suspension, or (b) to accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension.

A Player or Related Person may not, during the period of any Provisional Suspension, play, coach or otherwise participate in any capacity in any tournament, event or tour owned or sanctioned by the ITF.

Any period of Provisional Suspension served by the Player or Related Person (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the ITF) shall be credited against any period of suspension imposed by the Independent Tribunal, provided that the Player or Related Person must have respected the terms of the Provisional Suspension in full. No credit against a period of suspension shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the Provisional Suspension (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted in writing, in a form acceptable to the ITF), regardless of the Player's or Related Person's status or lack of participation during such period. If a period of suspension is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the Player or Related Person shall receive a credit for such period of Provisional Suspension served against any period of suspension that may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

### **Hearing**

If the Player or Related Person charged exercises his/her right to a hearing, the matter shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal and shall be resolved in accordance with the Independent Tribunal's Procedural Rules.

### **F. APPEAL**

The ITF, the Player and/or the Related Person may appeal the Independent Tribunal's decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The appeal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration, in the English language, and shall be governed by English Law.

### **G. COMMENCEMENT OF PENALTY**

A suspension imposed on a Player for a Major Offence shall take effect from the later of the following, unless specified otherwise by the Independent Tribunal or the ITF when issuing the suspension:

- a) The date of notification by the ITF or Independent Tribunal
- b) If the player is participating in a Tournament on the date of notification, the day after he or she finishes competing in that Tournament.

The revocation of accreditation or denial of access to ITF Junior Team Competitions imposed on a Related Person shall take effect immediately upon notification.

Any breach by a player or Related Person of the terms of their sanction under this Article III.G shall be referred to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel and dealt with pursuant to clause 5 of the *Procedural Rules governing an Internal Adjudication Panel convened under ITF Rules*.

## **ARTICLE IV: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (COVERED PERSONS)**

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ITF introduced an obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the *ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols* including without limitation the *Minimum Standard of Behaviour* (the “**Protocols**”).

The ITF reserves the right at any time to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols. The ITF’s decision to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols shall be made entirely at the ITF’s discretion and shall be made without any obligation to notify Covered Persons, National Associations, Regional Associations or other governing bodies.

In the event the ITF decides to reintroduce the obligation for Covered Persons to comply with the Protocols the provisions in Article IV: A, B, and C below shall apply.

### **A. MINIMUM STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR**

Covered Persons shall comply with the Protocols. Any failure to comply with the Protocols shall amount to a violation of this Article IV. Violation of this Article IV may result in the following sanctions:

- (i) For a player: one or more point penalties in accordance with the Suspension Points Schedule pursuant to Article II.R (Point Penalty Schedule) or an Immediate Default and six (6) suspension points in accordance with Article II.S (Defaults).  
One violation of this Article IV.A that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or is singularly egregious, or a series of two (2) or more violations of this Article IV.A within a twelve (12) month period which when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the tournament may also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”;
- (ii) For a Nation responsible for a Covered Person: disqualification in respect of the Tie, Event or Competition.
- (iii) For any other Covered Person: immediate revocation of accreditation and denial of access to the Competition site. One or more violations which are singularly or collectively flagrant or egregious or detrimental or injurious to the Competition may also result in permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF tournaments, competitions and events as determined by the ITF.

### **B. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Referee shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding an alleged violation of Article IV.A. Upon determining that a violation has occurred, the Referee shall specify the sanction(s) to be imposed and give written notice thereof to the Captain or Covered Person (as applicable). The Referee shall not revoke a Covered Person’s entry and/or access to a stage of the Competition without first consulting the ITF Senior Executive Director save where the immediate revocation of entry and/or access to a tournament is, in the reasonable opinion of the Referee, necessary to preserve the health and safety of other Covered Persons.

### **C. APPEAL**

Any Nation or Covered Person (as applicable) found to have committed an offence under Article IV.A may appeal the determination of a violation and/or the punishment imposed under section A. above (but not any Immediate Default issued to a player) to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel, which shall determine the matter in accordance with its Procedural Rules (save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision). The appeal shall be made in writing, using the form prescribed by the ITF and must be filed with the ITF by 17:00 (5.00pm) GMT within fourteen (14) days from the date the Nation/Covered Person is notified of the violation. The Notice of Appeal must include a statement by the Nation/Covered Person as to the facts and circumstances of the incident along with any other evidence the Nation/Covered Person wishes to submit.

### **ARTICLE V: MEDICAL CONTROL - ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

Any Player, Captain, Player Support Personnel or other Person who participates in the ITF Junior Team Competitions shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is set out in full on the ITF website ([www.itftennis.com/antidoping](http://www.itftennis.com/antidoping)) and in a separate rulebook that is published and distributed by the ITF to all National Associations. The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is also available upon application.

### **ARTICLE VI: WELFARE POLICY**

Covered Persons (as defined in the Welfare Policy) that attend and/or participate in the ITF Junior Team Competitions shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix D.

### **ARTICLE VIII: INTERPRETATIONS**

Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction.

### **ARTICLE IX: NOTICE**

All written communications to the ITF Senior Executive Director or Executive Director of ITF Juniors Tennis should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

Senior Executive Director (ITF Tours and Player Pathway) and/or Executive Director of ITF Juniors Tennis  
International Tennis Federation  
[Juniors@itftennis.com](mailto:Juniors@itftennis.com)

Tel: (44) 20 8878 6464

Fax: (44) 20 8392 4737

**A.      PLAYER**

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served electronically upon them. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if sent to the subject player at their registered email address or other email address designated by the player.

**B.      JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITION EVENT**

Service of any document on an ITF Junior Team Competition event as required by this Code shall be deemed complete if sent via email to the Executive Director of ITF Juniors Tennis.

## **APPENDIX C – MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS**

### **MEDICAL**

#### **a. Medical Condition**

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist (also known as the Primary Health Care Provider) during the warm-up or the match.

- **Treatable Medical Conditions**
  - Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
  - Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.
- **Non-Treatable Medical Conditions**
  - Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
  - Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
  - General player fatigue.
  - Any medical condition requiring injections or intravenous infusions, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.
  - Any medical condition requiring oxygen, unless prior medical approval has been given by the ITF. Except as permitted by this provision, the use of supplemental oxygen is not permitted at any time, for any reason.

#### **b. Medical Evaluation**

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, to evaluate him/her during the next change over or set break. Only in the case that a player develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Physiotherapist to evaluate him/her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other. At the

discretion of the Sports Physiotherapist, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court.

If the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

c. Medical Time-Out

A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the ITF Referee or Chair Umpire when the Sports Physiotherapist has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a change over or set break, unless the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Physiotherapist is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Physiotherapist, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor.

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at non-professional events, the ITF Referee may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

*Muscle Cramping:* A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

In cases where there is doubt about whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non-acute medical condition inclusive of muscle cramping, or non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. If the Sports Physiotherapist believes that the player has heat illness, and if muscle cramping is one of the manifestations of heat illness, then the muscle cramping may only be treated as part of the recommended treatment by the Sports Physiotherapist for the heat illness condition

Note:

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor to have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Chair Umpire to resume play immediately. If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor, he/she may forfeit the

point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of end or set-break in order to receive treatment. There may be a total of two (2) full change of end or set-break treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or ITF Referee that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the ITF Referee for the special circumstance in which the Sports Physiotherapist determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Sports Physiotherapist will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

d. Medical Treatment

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

e. Penalty

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalized by Code Violations for Delay of Game.

Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

f. Bleeding

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Physiotherapist should be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Physiotherapist, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor, the ITF Referee may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play must not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

g. Vomiting

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomiting has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Sports Physiotherapist should determine if the player has a



treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

h. Incapacity

If any concern arises about a player's medical condition (whether physical or psychological) they are unable to compete, or they pose a serious health risk to players, officials or competition organisers or staff, the Sports Physiotherapist and/or Tournament Doctor should be called to assist the player.

If the issue arises during a match, the Chair Umpire should immediately call for the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Physiotherapist to assist the player.

The Doctor is responsible for ensuring that the player is afforded the best medical attention, that his/her well-being is not put at risk, and that his/her medical condition is not a risk to other players or the public at large. All discussions between the Doctor and the player take place within the context of a doctor-patient relationship and are therefore confidential and may not be divulged to a third party without the informed consent of the player. However, if the Doctor determines that the player's medical condition makes the player unable to participate safely in the tournament, the player must permit the Doctor to advise the ITF Referee of their determination (only disclosing medical information to which the player has consented). Upon receipt of such report from the Doctor, the ITF Referee will decide whether to retire the player from the match in progress or withdraw the player from the match to be played (as applicable). The ITF Referee shall use great discretion before taking this action and should base the decision on the best interests of professional tennis, as well as taking all medical opinion and advice, and any other relevant information into consideration.

If the player's medical condition improves sufficiently to return to match play, the Doctor may inform the Referee accordingly. At the discretion of the Referee, the player may subsequently compete in another match in that tie (e.g. doubles) or that event, either that day or on a subsequent day.

It is recognized that national laws or governmental or other binding Regulations imposed upon the tournament by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

## **EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND LIGHTNING**

### **a. Definitions**

#### **Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play**

Extreme Weather Conditions shall be defined as when the Heat Stress Index (Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) Index) meets or exceeds 30.1°C/86.2°F. If the WBGT cannot be measured, then the Heat Index should be calculated using the chart below, and Extreme

Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 34.0°C (93.2°F).

### Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play

Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the WBGT on court meets or exceeds 32.2°C (90.0°F). If the WBGT cannot be measured, then the Heat Index should be calculated using the chart below, and Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is defined as when the Heat Index meets or exceeds 40.1°C (104.2°F).

Air temperature											
	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.3°C 110°F	46.1°C 115°F	48.9°C 120°F
Relative humidity	Heat Index (combined index of air temperature and relative humidity)										
0%	17.8°C 64°F	20.6°C 69°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.3°C 83°F	30.6°C 87°F	32.8°C 91°F	35°C 95°F	37.2°C 99°F	39.4°C 103°F	41.7°C 107°F
10%	18.3°C 65°F	21.1°C 70°F	23.9°C 75°F	26.7°C 80°F	29.4°C 85°F	32.2°C 90°F	35°C 95°F	37.8°C 100°F	40.6°C 105°F	43.9°C 111°F	46.7°C 116°F
20%	18.9°C 66°F	22.2°C 72°F	25°C 77°F	27.8°C 82°F	30.6°C 87°F	33.9°C 93°F	37.2°C 99°F	40.6°C 105°F	44.4°C 112°F	48.9°C 120°F	54.4°C 130°F
30%	19.4°C 67°F	22.8°C 73°F	25.6°C 78°F	28.9°C 84°F	32.2°C 90°F	35.6°C 96°F	40.1°C 104.2°F	45°C 113°F	50.6°C 123°F	57.2°C 135°F	64.4°C 148°F
40%	20°C 68°F	23.3°C 74°F	26.1°C 79°F	30°C 86°F	33.9°C 93°F	38.3°C 101°F	43.3°C 110°F	50.6°C 123°F	58.3°C 137°F	66.1°C 151°F	
50%	20.6°C 69°F	23.9°C 75°F	27.2°C 81°F	31.1°C 88°F	35.6°C 96°F	41.7°C 107°F	48.9°C 120°F	57.2°C 135°F	65.6°C 150°F		
60%	21.1°C 70°F	24.4°C 76°F	27.8°C 82°F	32.2°C 90°F	37.8°C 100°F	45.6°C 114°F	55.6°C 132°F	65°C 149°F			
70%	21.1°C 70°F	25°C 77°F	29.4°C 85°F	33.9°C 93°F	41.1°C 106°F	51.1°C 124°F	62.2°C 144°F				
80%	21.7°C 71°F	25.6°C 78°F	30°C 86°F	36.1°C 97°F	45°C 113°F	57.8°C 136°F					
90%	21.7°C 71°F	26.1°C 79°F	31.1°C 88°F	38.9°C 102°F	50°C 122°F						

### **b. Measurement Procedure**

The WBGT or Heat Index should be measured at least three (3) times daily by the ITF Referee or his/her designee. Ideally, measurements should be taken every two (2) hours, but a minimum three (3) readings should be taken at the following times:

- i. 30 minutes before match play begins;
- ii. Middle of the scheduled day's play; and
- iii. Just prior to beginning the last match of the day, or just prior to the start of the first evening session match.

The WBGT or Heat Index also should be measured under the following circumstances:

- (a) Following any suspension of play; and
- (b) At the discretion of the ITF Referee, in consultation with the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Physiotherapist.

Details on the measurement of WBGT and Heat Index are provided in the current edition of the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards for Tennis Tournaments*.

### **c. Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play**

When the Extreme Heat Condition – Modification of Play criterion is met before the start or resumption of a match, the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) should be followed. For the avoidance of doubt, the ITF Referee has the discretion to apply the procedures set out in sub-section (d) at a WBGT or Heat Index below the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion, if in his or her opinion it is required in the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, spectators or others.

If there is a change in weather conditions and the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met while a match is in progress, as determined by the periodic monitoring set out above in sub-section (b), the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) should be followed on all courts, including matches already in progress. Once notified that the Extreme Weather Condition: Modification of Play criterion is met, the Chair Umpire must inform the players when the players next approach the players' bench for a change of ends or set break.

If there is a change in weather conditions and the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is no longer met, as determined by the periodic monitoring set out above in sub-section (b), those matches already in progress should continue to follow the procedures set out below in sub-section (d) until they are completed or suspended.

### **d. Modification of Play Procedures (Singles & Doubles)**

A 10-minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets (in a best of 3 tie-break sets match only) if one or more of the players requests such a break. If neither/none of the players requests such a break, then play will continue.

However, if a match has already resumed following the suspension of play and one set was completed before the suspension of play (in a best of 3 sets match), the 10-minute break will no longer be available, unless otherwise decided by the ITF Referee.

The ITF Referee, in consultation with the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist, may choose to delay the starting time for matches until such a time as the Extreme Heat Condition: Modification of Play criterion is no longer met.

- i. During the 10-minute break:
  - a. Coaching is allowed.
  - b. A Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment is not allowed, unless approved by the ITF Referee. Approval would normally be restricted to requests for the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist that are made on-court to the Chair Umpire, or were already agreed before the end of the second set (in a best of 3 sets match). However, a player is allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or medical advice from the Tournament Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist during the 10-minute break.
- ii. Immediately following the 10-minute break:
  - a. Any delay in resumption of play will subject a player to Time Violations under the Code of Conduct (Warning and Point Penalties only apply).
  - b. No re-warm up is allowed.
  - c. A player is not allowed to receive a Medical Evaluation, Medical Time-Out or Medical Treatment, unless approved by the ITF Referee.
- iii. Consecutive Breaks

An Extreme Weather Condition: Modification of Play 10-minute break and a Bathroom/Change of Attire break cannot be taken consecutively.

**e. Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play (Singles and Doubles)**

When the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met before the start or resumption of a match, the start or resumption of play should be suspended until Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is no longer met. If a game is in progress when the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is met, play should be suspended at the end of that game. Once the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion is no longer met, the ITF Referee should give the players reasonable notice of the time at which play will resume. For the avoidance of doubt, the ITF Referee has the discretion to suspend play at a WBGT or Heat Index below the Extreme Heat Condition: Suspension of Play criterion, if in his or her opinion it is required in the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, spectators, or others.

**f. Lightning**

The ITF Referee or his/her designee is responsible for monitoring the local weather for lightning. The ITF Referee has the authority to suspend play when a thunderstorm appears

imminent (for instance if lightning is sighted and thunder occurs in 30 seconds or less). Everyone on-site should be advised to seek appropriate shelter immediately. Play should not resume until the likelihood of a lightning strike has passed (as a guideline, at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike is seen and the last sound of thunder is heard). Additional information on thunderstorms and lightning is provided in the *ITF Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards for Tennis Tournaments*.

#### **TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK**

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break/change of attire break (girls' matches).

Toilet breaks/change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break.

In girls' singles matches a player is entitled to one (1) break during a match.

In boys' singles matches a player is entitled to one (1) toilet break during a match.

In a doubles match, and in any singles matches played with a reduced format of two tiebreak sets and a match tiebreak, a toilet break/change of attire break is permitted before the match tiebreak.

In a doubles match, each team is entitled to two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) break. If only one player leaves the court, it also counts as one (1) break.

These breaks may be taken for toilet visits, change of attire (girls' matches), or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court.

Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks.

Toilet breaks not taken on a set break will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time.

The Referee shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break if it is interpreted by the Referee as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules.

A player should not take a toilet/change of attire break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the Referee. A player may change her attire during a toilet break.

Any player abuse of this rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

## APPENDIX D - WELFARE POLICY

A “**Covered Person**” is bound by all sections of this Welfare Policy, and is defined as any person who:

- Receives accreditation and/or otherwise competes, coaches, officiates, works at, or otherwise participates in any tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Holds a valid player registration to enter or compete in any ITF tennis tournament (**Player**);
- Is a parent, legal guardian or chaperone of a Player;
- Is a coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, therapist or any other Person supporting, working with, treating or assisting any Player participating in or preparing to participate in a tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Attends, or is a resident or is employed at, an ITF Regional Training Centre;
- Is a member of an ITF Touring Team in any capacity;
- Is an ITF employee or ITF-appointed consultant;
- Holds an ITF or ITF-recognised Officiating or Coaching qualification or certification;
- Attends, whether by payment or otherwise, any ITF tournament, event or activity; or
- Acts as an ITF contractor or volunteer or is involved in the administration of or preparation for any of the above.

Each Covered Person is deemed, as a condition of their participation in the activities described above, to have agreed to be bound by this Policy, and to have submitted to the authority of the ITF to enforce this Policy, including any consequences for breach thereof, and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels identified in these Regulations and in the ITF Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under this Policy.

### **Section A.**

Criminal Conduct – illegal drugs and substances

Any Covered Person convicted of or having entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment relating to the use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances will be deemed to be in violation of this Section A of the ITF Welfare Policy and shall be subject to sanction in accordance with the *Procedural Rules Governing Proceedings before an Internal Adjudication Panel Convened Under ITF Rules*.

### **Section B.**

Children Safeguarding Policy

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<https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>*

**Section C.****Adult Safeguarding Policy**

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## **APPENDIX E**

### **THE PLAYERS**

#### **1. Definition of “Good Standing” of a Player**

Any player or captain selected by a Nation to take part in the Competitions must be of Good Standing. The National Tennis Association of the Nation for which the player or captain is to be selected shall determine whether the player is of Good Standing before he/she is selected to take part in the ITF Junior Team Competitions.

A National Tennis Association shall deem a player or captain to be of good standing where he/she:

(a) is free from a suspension for breach of a code of conduct or other disciplinary regulations, imposed by his/her National Tennis Association, the ITF, or by another relevant organisation enforcing a Code of Conduct that the ITF considers is relevant to a player's Good Standing;

(b) is accepted by the National Tennis Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which the National Tennis Association has selected such player or captain.

(c) makes himself/herself available for selection for ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments, for official team championships, including the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, and accepts the jurisdiction of the National Tennis Association while competing in events for which they have selected him/her.

(d) respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times;

(e) accepts the conditions of entry of the events such player or captain enters, including the conditions of any Code of Conduct adopted for those events and the terms and conditions contained in the IPIN registration system.

(f) agrees to undergo any medical control and/or other tests which are in operation at any event which such player or captain enters.

(g) has not been convicted by a competent court of a nation of an offence:

(i) in respect of which an unsuspended sentence of at least 12 months was imposed; or

(ii) which involved any act or omission which would reasonably be considered to compromise the integrity of tennis, the National Tennis Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending an ITF World Tennis tour Juniors tournament, an official team championships, the Olympic Tennis Event and Youth Olympic Tennis Event;

(h) has not otherwise engaged in conduct which brings the national tennis association and/or the ITF into disrepute; or



(i) does not have unpaid fines of \$500 or above owing to the ITF, having been afforded sufficient time to pay the fine(s).

(defined collectively as the '**Good Standing Criteria**').

A National Association shall make an initial determination of whether a player meets the Good Standing Criteria (an 'NA Determination').

An NA Determination can only be reviewed where:

- i) It relates only to Good Standing Criteria (a), (g) and/or (h);
- ii) The player has exhausted any internal National Tennis Association appeal mechanisms (if the review is sought by the player); and
- iii) The request for a review is lodged no later than 21 days after the party requesting the review receives notice of a final NA Determination.

A review by a player or the ITF of an NA Determination shall be heard by the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel (IAP). IAP may set aside the NA Determination only where it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances to deny or allow (as applicable) the player eligibility to represent their nation, including but not limited to:

- i. Where the NA Determination was so unreasonable as to be manifestly excessive or manifestly prejudicial to the player;
- ii. Whether the proceedings that resulted in the NA Determination were procedurally unfair or contrary to natural justice, having regard to all the circumstances; or
- iii. Where the reputation of the competition or the ITF would suffer serious prejudice if the player were to participate.

Any decision of the IAP made under this Appendix shall be final and binding. For the avoidance of doubt, the IAP shall not act as a further appeal body for, nor have any powers to dismiss or modify any disciplinary suspension or sanction that falls within Good Standing Criteria (a), and appeals against any such decision shall be handled in accordance with the procedural rules applicable to that decision.

## **2. Definition of a "National"**

A national of a nation is a player who is eligible for and holds a passport of that nation and for the purposes of Regulation 27, the tennis nationality of a player shall be:

- (a) In the case of a player who has represented a nation, that of the nation which he/she last represented.
- (b) In all other cases, that of the nation which he/she is for the time being qualified to represent under Regulation 27.

### **3. Gender Eligibility Policy**

The ITF will deal with any cases involving transgender players in accordance with the principles set out in the ITF Gender Eligibility Policy, which can be found on the ITF website: <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>

## **APPENDIX F DATA RIGHTS**

### **1. Definitions**

The following terms shall have the following ascribed meanings:

<b>“APPROVED PAT”</b>	means any system of Player analysis technology that is approved by ITF (which may include an Eligible ELC System).
<b>“DATA RIGHTS”</b>	shall mean the right to in any way use or create or assemble official data including without limitation the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all official data including but not limited to the live scoring rights.
<b>“ELC DATA”</b>	means any data collected, generated or derived from a Eligible ELC System.
<b>“ELIGIBLE ELC SYSTEM”</b>	means an electronic line calling system that: (i) is an Approved PAT; (ii) is classified by the ITF or Joint ELC Committee (as applicable to the level of classification); and (iii) has been approved by ITF for use at the relevant Competition.
<b>“MATCH PERIOD”</b>	shall mean in respect of each match the period commencing at the start of that match and expiring 30 seconds after conclusion of the last game in said match.
<b>“LIVE SCORING RIGHTS”</b>	shall mean the right to exercise data rights during the applicable match period.
<b>“OFFICIAL DATA”</b>	shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring (including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incident such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc.) And/or other statistical information relating to the competition, any match and/or the participants therein, howsoever generated and including without limitation PAT data;
<b>“PAT DATA”</b>	shall mean player performance analysis data and/or other data or information (and any analysis derived from that data or information) that is collected during any ITF Junior Team Competition (“Competitions”) and by means of an Approved PAT in accordance with these Regulations (including this Appendix F). PAT Data can include ELC Data.

## 2. Data rights

The ITF will have the exclusive right to exercise the data rights including without limitation the live scoring rights in respect of any and all matches and/or any and all elements of the competition. Each host organiser will assist the ITF in its efforts to exercise the data rights.

ITF hereby confirms that each host organiser may on a royalty free basis use official data by the following means:

- (a) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data in official publications and on official websites, mobile applications and/or other media outlets **provided that** any such use takes place after the applicable match period and is for non-gambling purposes;
- (b) the right to supply the official data excluding PAT data to official sponsors **provided that** any such supply takes place after the match period and is for non-gambling purposes; and
- (c) the right to use the official data excluding PAT data for in-venue purposes (including by way of example and not limitation on in-venue scoreboards) before the expiry of the match period for non-gambling purposes;

In addition the host organiser of an event and (if applicable) the licensees of traditional broadcast television in the host nation may use official data in their live and/or delayed transmissions of that event provided that (i) such use is an integral part of the transmission of the television signal of the event; (ii) the official data is not used in connection with gambling or for gambling purposes; and (iii) the official data used relates only to the event which is being broadcast.

In addition ITF confirms that where ITF provides a live score centre of any match on the ITF website the host organiser may request ITF's permission to incorporate a link on their respective official websites that enables viewers to access and view such live score centre. ITF will not unreasonably refuse any request to incorporate such a link provided that the link is incorporated in accordance with ITF directions.

All other rights to use or create or assemble official data or in any way to exercise the data rights are reserved exclusively to ITF and may be exploited by ITF at its sole election.

## 3. Data rights protection

Host organiser shall not allow or authorise the dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data from the venue.

The use of laptop computers, mobile phones or other handheld electronic devices within the venues to collate, collect, use, store, reproduce, onward supply or make available any official data and/or any match score or other related statistical data or for purposes relating to gambling shall be prohibited and each host organiser national association shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition (including without limitation by means of venue regulations, ticket conditions and accreditation terms), save for incidental use within

editorial reporting. The exception to this provision is host organiser and/or ITF credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

The host organiser shall co-operate with the ITF in relation to:

- Any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the exercise, collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> party) of live scoring rights;
- Any measures that the ITF takes to protect the exclusivity of live scoring rights and the prevention of any unauthorised collation, collection, use, storage, reproduction, onward supply or making available of official data.

#### 4. Use of Approved PAT

National Associations shall be entitled to use Approved PAT at their Competitions, and Players and coaches shall be entitled to use their own Approved PAT in matches which they participate in, in each case provided that: (i) they notify and obtain prior written approval of the ITF in advance of each Competition where they are seeking to use an Approved PAT; and (ii) their use of the Approved PAT and PAT Data generated therefrom complies at all times with the terms of these Regulations (including this Appendix F).

Players and coaches are not allowed to operate their own Eligible ELC Systems but they shall be entitled to use Eligible ELC Systems operated by the ITF or any National Association in accordance with these Regulations.

#### 5. PAT data exploitation

If ITF authorises use of an Approved PAT which generates ELC Data it may also agree that such ELC Data can be used by the relevant National Association for officiating purposes in respect of a match or Competition, and the National Association shall comply with any directions or additional terms and conditions ITF may require in relation to such use.

Otherwise, use of PAT Data by any National Association, Player or coach shall be subject to the following conditions:

- i. PAT data shall only be used for internal analysis and coaching purposes of the respective player (or in the case of a National Association, players under their jurisdiction) and such use shall be strictly subject to Rule 31 of the Rules of Tennis.
- ii. Each National Association, coach or player who collects PAT Data shall (and shall procure that any technology provider or service operator involved in the collection, collation and/or analysis of PAT data on their behalf shall):
  - a) Not publish, use or otherwise exploit any PAT data or supply any PAT data to third parties for any purposes other than as described above or that have otherwise been pre-approved in writing by ITF and shall take such steps as ITF may reasonably require to prevent any unauthorised access to and/or use of such PAT data, in particular but without limitation no PAT Data or product derived therefrom shall be used or supplied to any third party for any purpose related to betting;

- b) Ensure that ITF shall be able to access free of charge any and all such PAT data live and/or delayed at the venue of the match and/or such other point as may be agreed and ITF shall be free to use such PAT data and authorise third parties to use such PAT data for any purposes;
- iii. In the event that such PAT data is accessed by unauthorised third parties and/or ITF reasonably believes that PAT data and/or the Approved PAT are being used for any purposes in breach of these regulations ITF shall be entitled to rescind its approval and the National Association, the coach or players (as applicable) will immediately cease use of the Approved PAT pending resolution.

## **APPENDIX G**

### **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENTS**

(For a Nation hosting the Finals, please see Appendix H)

These minimum standards are in addition to the requirements relating to the organization of all Events stipulated elsewhere in these Regulations.

The ITF must be consulted in advance if there is any doubt with regard to compliance with the points mentioned below. If a host nation does not fully comply with the minimum requirements the host nation may receive a reduced host nation contribution.

The arrangements for all Events shall be subject to approval by the ITF Juniors Committee.

#### **1. Hospitality**

There must be sufficient hotel accommodation of a satisfactory international standard to accommodate all teams and ITF Officials. Players should be offered a triple room with three separate beds. Host nations are encouraged to provide single rooms for Captains; however, a maximum of two Captains per room in separate beds will be permitted. Captains and players must not share bedrooms under any circumstances. Players from the opposite sex must not share a room under any circumstances. The Host Nation must refuse any request that would be contrary to this Regulation. Breakfast, lunch and dinner must be provided free of charge by the host nation for all teams competing in the Event. Hospitality shall commence the evening before the practice day and end with breakfast the day after play has finished.

#### **2. Transportation**

Each competing nation is responsible for its own flight costs.

An efficient transportation system must be provided to take players and officials to and from the airport and, if the official hotel is not situated next to or close to the venue, frequent and regular transport between the Event hotel and venue and to all and any official functions must also be provided.

#### **3. Facilities**

The venue must have appropriate on-site facilities including but not limited to:

- a) Fully equipped changing rooms
  - b) Players' Lounge
  - c) On-Court Equipment
- Sunshades, water coolers and a good supply of water (still water) must be available on all match courts during the competition and practice day(s).

4. Minimum officiating requirements must be met for each stage of the Competition as shared by the ITF in advance of each stage/event. In addition, the Host Nation must also appoint the following Tournament Personnel:

- a) Tournament Director
- b) Chief of Officials
- c) Tournament Doctor
- d) Sports Physiotherapist

e) Stringer

5. Official functions

The following must take place, unless otherwise approved by the ITF:

- a) Captains' Meeting
- b) Official Draw
- c) Opening Ceremony
- d) Closing Ceremony

6. Courts

Sufficient courts must be provided for the format of the competition. Courts must be available for practice prior to the start of the competition should teams wish to arrive early, at their own cost, to practise. Matches starting around 1000hrs will normally finish by 1600/1700hrs, but courts must be reserved for the entire day for competition use in case of weather delays or long matches.

Match courts, as well as practice courts, must be in good condition and maintained properly during the event.

Practice courts must be made available on a fair and equal basis to all teams.

7. Security

The Host Nation shall be responsible for the formulation, administration and implementation of a comprehensive security and safety system that ensures, as far as is reasonably practicable, the security, health and safety of all members and delegation of all teams and ITF officials, at all times, from their arrival in the host nation or territory until their departure from the host nation or territory.

8. Insurance

(a) Public and Products Liability Insurance

The Host Nation is responsible for taking out a suitable insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which, as a minimum, insures against claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the Event. "ITF Ltd and ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd" must be named as an additional insured on the policy, and a copy must be provided to the ITF on request.

(b) Other Insurances

The Host Nation is responsible for taking out all compulsory insurance covers that are required by local legislation e.g. Employers liability (workers compensation), automobile etc. In addition the Host Nation is responsible for ensuring all venues, training facilities etc. Have appropriate insurance cover in place – including for example material damage / business interruption and public liability. A copy of such insurance policies must be provided to the ITF on request.

(c) Event cancellation insurance

All participating nations are responsible for taking out and maintaining at their own cost an event cancellation and abandonment insurance policy insuring against all reasonably known financial risks arising from the cancellation or abandonment in whole or in part of an event due to an event considered to be a force majeure event.



## **APPENDIX H**

### **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF FINALS**

These minimum standards are in addition to the requirements relating to the organization of all Events stipulated elsewhere in these Regulations.

The ITF must be consulted in advance if there is any doubt with regard to compliance with the points mentioned below.

The arrangements for all Finals shall be subject to approval by the ITF Juniors Committee.

#### **1. Hospitality**

There must be sufficient hotel accommodation of a satisfactory international standard able to accommodate all teams and ITF Officials. Players should be offered a triple room with three separate beds and all captains must be offered a single room. Captains and players must not share bedrooms under any circumstances. Players of the opposite sex must not share a room under any circumstances. The Host Nation must refuse any request that would be contrary to this Regulation. Breakfast, lunch and dinner must be provided free of charge by the host nation for all teams competing in the Event. At a minimum, hospitality shall commence the evening before the practice day and end with breakfast the day after play has finished.

#### **2. Transportation**

An efficient transportation system must be provided to take players and officials to and from the airport and, most importantly, frequent and regular transport between the Event hotel(s) and venue and to all and any official functions must be provided.

#### **3. Facilities**

The stadium and venue must have appropriate on-site facilities including but not limited to:

a) Locker Rooms

Fully equipped changing rooms of suitable international standard

b) Players' Lounge of a suitable size to accommodate all teams and support staff unless otherwise agreed by the ITF.

c) Public Address System

d) ITF Offices

The ITF Representative and any other ITF staff (up to eight people) can be based in one office which must be equipped with high-speed Wi-fi access. It must also have or be close to a laser jet printer and photocopying facilities. The Referee must have his/her own office which must be equipped with at least one international direct land line telephone and high-speed Wi-fi.

e) Media Conference Room with easy access from the court and locker rooms.

f) On-Court Equipment

Including but not limited to umpires chairs, singles sticks, measuring stick, players/captains' chairs (4 for Singles, 6 for Doubles), water coolers (on court) and a good supply of water, towels, scoreboards (one for each court), banners displayed in accordance with the manual, sun umbrellas (if required).

#### 4. Officials

Minimum requirements must be met for each stage of the Competition as shared by the ITF in advance of each stage/event. In addition, the Host Nation must also appoint the following Tournament Personnel:

- a) Tournament Director
- b) Chief of Officials
- c) Chief of Ballpersons
- d) Ballpersons
- e) Tournament Doctor
- f) Sports Physiotherapist
- g) Stringer

#### 5. Communications

Walkie-Talkies may be necessary depending on the layout of the venue. If they are considered necessary by the ITF they will be required for the Referee, the ITF Representative(s), the Tournament Doctor, the Sports Physiotherapist and the Chief of Officials.

#### 6. Accreditation

The Host shall provide accreditation for all players and captains, for nominated local staff and officials (including the ITF representatives).

#### 7. Official functions

The following must take place, unless otherwise approved by the ITF:

- a) Captains' Meeting
- b) Official Draw
- c) Welcome Party
- d) Opening Ceremony
- e) Player Party
- f) Closing Ceremony
- g) Farewell Party

#### 8. Courts

Sufficient courts must be provided for the format of the competition. Courts must be available for practice prior to the start of the competition should teams wish to arrive early, at their own cost, to practise. Matches starting around 1000hrs will normally finish by 1600/1700hrs, but courts must be reserved for the entire day for competition use in case of weather delays or long matches.

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#### 9 Dressing of Courts

The Host Nation must ensure that at least two (2) show courts are provided for the Finals, one for each Event. The two show courts, and any additional courts, must be dressed to a high standard as per the court layout in the Operations Manual. The

dressings of courts shall be completed at least two days prior to the commencement of the Finals.

The Host Nation is responsible for producing its own domestic sponsor banners to make a continuous court surround. All banners must be stretched and mounted on frames/boards so as to ensure the best possible visual effect.

10. Security

The Host Nation shall be responsible for the formulation, administration and implementation of a comprehensive security and safety system that ensures, as far as is reasonably practicable, the security, health and safety of all members and delegation of all teams and ITF officials, at all times, from their arrival in the host nation or territory until their departure from the host nation or territory.

11. Insurance

(a) Public and Products Liability Insurance

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12. Official Programme and Publicity Material

The Host shall be responsible for the Official Programme for the Finals, which shall be subject to approval by the ITF before production.

# **Total Number of Competing Nations Each Year (14 & Under)**

	<b>Nations</b>	<b>Boys Teams</b>	<b>Girls Teams</b>	<b>Total Teams</b>
<b>1992</b>	54	54	50	104
<b>1993</b>	76	74	66	140
<b>1994</b>	84	78	72	150
<b>1995</b>	87	84	69	153
<b>1996</b>	90	86	74	160
<b>1997</b>	81	77	68	145
<b>1998</b>	84	82	68	150
<b>1999</b>	74	70	64	134
<b>2000</b>	83	80	75	155
<b>2001</b>	80	79	70	149
<b>2002</b>	78	70	70	140
<b>2003</b>	74	70	68	138
<b>2004</b>	81	77	72	149
<b>2005</b>	77	76	70	146
<b>2006</b>	85	84	76	160
<b>2007</b>	83	81	78	159
<b>2008</b>	93	86	83	169
<b>2009</b>	89	86	82	168
<b>2010</b>	94	89	83	172
<b>2011</b>	113	106	96	202
<b>2012</b>	95	90	84	174
<b>2013</b>	89	86	78	164
<b>2014</b>	90	88	84	172
<b>2015</b>	97	96	89	185
<b>2016</b>	98	92	85	177
<b>2017</b>	98	94	90	184
<b>2018</b>	98	94	84	178
<b>2019</b>	98	94	86	180
<b>2020</b>	<i>ITF Junior Team Competitions did not take place</i>			
<b>2021</b>	55	55	56	111
<b>2022</b>	94	92	80	172
<b>2023</b>	99	96	85	181
<b>2024</b>	115	109	98	207
<b><u>2025</u></b>	<u>112</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>218</u>

### Total Number of Competing Nations Each Year (16 & Under)

	Nations	Boys Teams	Girls Teams	Total Teams
1985	44	43	39	82
1986	45	43	40	83
1987	51	50	45	95
1988	53	52	40	92
1989	46	45	40	85
1990	52	51	44	95
1991	58	55	49	104
1992	64	54	54	108
1993	88	86	68	154
1994	84	84	64	148
1995	95	94	73	167
1996	91	90	78	168
1997	92	90	68	158
1998	82	82	69	151
1999	83	78	67	145
2000	85	83	68	151
2001	80	76	70	146
2002	79	73	70	143
2003	79	74	64	138
2004	84	82	68	150
2005	84	82	73	155
2006	93	90	83	173
2007	88	84	82	166
2008	95	90	91	181
2009	94	90	85	175
2010	87	85	78	163
2011	104	101	88	189
2012	96	93	87	180
2013	95	87	83	170
2014	94	92	78	170
2015	96	89	80	169
2016	100	94	83	177
2017	97	94	82	176
2018	95	91	80	171
2019	96	90	85	175
2020	<i>ITF Junior Team Competitions did not take place</i>			
2021	55	47	46	93
2022	88	85	78	163
2023	109	99	89	188
2024	118	110	98	208
<u>2025</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>201</u>

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