

ITF National Association Development Eligibility Criteria 2021

The 2021-2024 ITF Development strategy focuses on six strategic areas: Events, Performance, Participation, Education, Facilities and Administration & Resources. A range of projects and opportunities sit within these strategic areas and these are in place to achieve the strategy's two core objectives:

1. to increase participation in tennis worldwide for all ages, genders, playing standard and physical abilities; and
2. to develop talented players, particularly those from nations that are both under-resourced and under-represented.

Each ITF member National Association is assessed for its eligibility to benefit from these projects and this eligibility is based on the assessment of a nation's level of resource and representation. The ITF National Association Development Eligibility Criteria for 2021 is detailed below.

Resource Criteria

- A.** September 2020: World Bank Ranking of nations above the 2019 World Bank Global Average GDP per Capita (2019 used in the first instance, with 2018 figures then taken if 2019 figures unavailable)*
- B.** December 2019: United Nations National Accounts Main Aggregates Database per Capita GDP ranking of nations 2018 (above the 2019 World Bank Global Average GDP per Capita)*

Representation Criteria

- A.** Men's Representation - At least three men (singles main draws) in 2017-2020 Grand Slams, with direct acceptance and qualifier status only; AND Top 24 Davis Cup by Rakuten rankings (year-end rankings 2020 (12.10.20))
- B.** Women's Representation - At least three women (singles main draws) in 2017-2020 Grand Slams, with direct acceptance and qualifier status only; AND Top 24 Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas rankings (year-end rankings 2020 (12.10.20))

Notes

*Resource Criteria: There are a total of 76 National Associations with a national GDP per Capita that sits above the 2019 World Bank Global Average, and deemed "Resourced". World Bank Ranking data is used for a total of 197 National Associations (193x using 2019 data and 4x using 2018 data). The United Nations National Accounts Main Aggregates Database per Capita GDP data is used for a further 10x National Associations. 72x Resourced National Associations are sourced from the World Bank Ranking Data, while 4x are sourced from the United Nations National Accounts Main Aggregates Database per Capita GDP data."

Based upon the above criteria each nation is categorised in one of four tiers with the nations that require the most development support classified as both under-resourced and under-represented and placed in "Tier 1". Nations that are under-represented but resourced are included in "Tier 2". Nations placed in "Tier 3" have a degree of representation whether under-resourced or resourced. Finally, nations that are both resourced and represented are placed in "Tier 4". Tier 4 nations meet the full resource and representation criteria and have a greater degree of tennis maturity and lower requirement for development support. Tier 4 nations are therefore not eligible to access specific ITF Development programmes, as highlighted in the 'Global List of Nations & Tiers of Eligibility 2021' diagram below.

ITF Development Eligibility Criteria 2021 | Global List of Nations & Tiers of Eligibility

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| | TIER 1 (129) | TIER 2 (57) | TIER 3 (13) | TIER 4 (11) |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| PARTICIPATION: World Tennis Number | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| FACILITIES: National Training Centre Recognition & Support programmes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| EDUCATION: Education | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| EVENTS: Junior Competitions | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| PARTICIPATION: Digitalisation Grant Programme | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| PARTICIPATION: Junior Tennis Initiative | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| FACILITIES: Facility Grants | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| PERFORMANCE: Men's and Women's ITF World Tennis Tour™ Tournament Grants | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| PERFORMANCE: International Player Grants | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| EVENTS: Touring Teams | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| AFGHANISTAN | LIBERIA | AMERICAN SAMOA | ARGENTINA (W) | AUSTRALIA |
| ALBANIA | LIBYA | ANDORRA | AUSTRIA (W / BJKC) | BELGIUM |
| ALGERIA | MADAGASCAR | ANGUILLA | BELARUS (M / DC) | CANADA |
| ANGOLA | MALAWI | ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA | CHILE (W / BJKC) | CZECH REPUBLIC |
| ARMENIA | MALAYSIA | ARUBA | CROATIA (BJKC) | FRANCE |
| AZERBAIJAN | MALDIVES | BAHAMAS | INDIA (W / BJKC) | GERMANY |
| BANGLADESH | MALI | BAHRAIN | KAZAKHSTAN (M) | GREAT BRITAIN |
| BELIZE | MARSHALL ISLANDS (Suspended 2011) | BARBADOS | POLAND (DC) | ITALY |
| BENIN | MAURITANIA | BERMUDA | ROMANIA (M / DC) | JAPAN |
| BHUTAN | MAURITIUS | BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS | RUSSIA | SPAIN |
| BOLIVIA | MEXICO | BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (Suspended 2016) | SLOVAKIA (DC) | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |
| BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA | FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA | CAYMAN ISLANDS | SWITZERLAND (DC) | |
| BOTSWANA | MOLDOVA | COOK ISLANDS | | |
| BRAZIL (W / DC) | MONGOLIA | COSTA RICA | | |
| BULGARIA | MONTENEGRO | CURACAO | | |
| BURKINA FASO | MOROCCO | CYPRUS | | |
| BURUNDI | MOZAMBIQUE | DENMARK | | |
| CAMBODIA | MYANMAR | ESTONIA | | |
| CAMEROON | NAMIBIA | FINLAND | | |
| CAPE VERDE | NAURU | GREECE | | |
| CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (Suspended 2014) | NEPAL | GUAM | | |
| CHAD | NICARAGUA | HONG KONG | | |
| CHINA (M / DC / BJKC) | NIGER | HUNGARY (M / W) | | |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | NIGERIA | ICELAND | | |
| COLOMBIA | NORFOLK ISLANDS | IRELAND | | |
| COMOROS | NORTH MACEDONIA | ISRAEL | | |
| CONGO | PAKISTAN | KOREA | | |
| CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC | PALESTINE (Suspended 2010) | KUWAIT | | |
| COTE D'IVOIRE | PAPUA NEW GUINEA | LATVIA (M / W / DC) | | |
| CUBA | PARAGUAY | LIECHTENSTEIN | | |
| DJIBOUTI | PERU | LITHUANIA | | |
| DOMINICA | PHILIPPINES (Suspended 2020) | LUXEMBOURG | | |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | RWANDA | MACAU | | |
| ECUADOR | SAMOA | MALTA | | |
| EGYPT | SENEGAL | MONACO | | |
| EL SALVADOR | SIERRA LEONE | NETHERLANDS (M / BJKC) | | |
| EQUATORIAL GUINEA | SOLOMON ISLANDS | NEW ZEALAND | | |
| ERITREA | SOMALIA | NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS | | |
| ESWATINI | SOUTH AFRICA | NORWAY | | |
| ETHIOPIA | SRI LANKA | OMAN | | |
| FIJI | ST LUCIA | PALAU | | |
| GABON | ST VINCENT & GRENADINES | PANAMA | | |
| GAMBIA (Suspended 2017) | SUDAN | PORTUGAL | | |
| GEORGIA | SURINAM | PUERTO RICO | | |
| GHANA | SYRIA | QATAR | | |
| GRENADA | TAHITI | SAN MARINO | | |
| GUATEMALA | TAJIKISTAN | SAUDI ARABIA | | |
| GUINEA BISSAU (Suspended 2016) | TANZANIA | SEYCHELLES | | |
| GUINEA CONAKRY (Suspended 2004) | THAILAND | SINGAPORE | | |
| GUYANA | TOGO | SLOVENIA (DC / BJKC) | | |
| HAITI | TONGA | ST KITTS & NEVIS | | |
| HONDURAS | TUNISIA | SWEDEN (M / W / BJKC) | | |
| INDONESIA | TURKEY | TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | | |
| IRAN | TURKMENISTAN | TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS | | |
| IRAQ | TUVALU | UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS | | |
| JAMAICA | UGANDA | UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | | |
| JORDAN | UKRAINE (DC / BJKC) | URUGUAY | | |
| KENYA | UZBEKISTAN | | | |
| KIRIBATI | VANUATU | | | |
| KOREA, DPR (Suspended 2018) | VENEZUELA | | | |
| KOSOVO | VIETNAM | | | |
| KYRGYZSTAN | YEMEN | | | |
| LAO | ZAMBIA (Suspended 2013) | | | |
| LEBANON | ZIMBABWE | | | |
| LESOTHO | | | | |

KEY
 ✓ Nation is eligible for project
 ✗ Nation is not eligible for project
M Nation does not have at least three men represented in Grand Slams
W Nation does not have at least three women represented in Grand Slams
DC Nation is not Top 24 Davis Cup
BJKC Nation is not Top 24 Billie Jean King Cup

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