

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

In 2018 the ITF Board of Directors approved the offer of rebates for ITF Subscription Fees paid by Class B 1-share National Associations.

Following payment of the 2024 ITF subscription fee, all National Associations that meet the eligibility criteria will be able to apply for a rebate of up to \$3,500 against that subscription fee.

## **PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES:**

- To alleviate the financial burden on National Associations;
- To further invest in the development of tennis:
- To encourage engagement with the ITF Development Strategy and ITF2024+4.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Only Class B 1-share member National Associations that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for a rebate:

- Has paid in full the 2024 ITF Subscription Fee;
- Has paid all outstanding ITF Subscription Fees;
- Is not currently suspended from ITF membership.

### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

The rebate may be used to offset the costs, either partially or in full (subject to the maximum value of \$3,500) of one or more of the following Development projects:

- a) ITF Junior Team Competitions travel costs for team;
- b) ITF Junior Tennis Initiative (National Association 14&U Development Programme);
- c) ITF Play Tennis and Play Beach Courses 4-day course to introduce tennis and beach tennis to children and adults;
- d) ITF Academy (National Association membership plans);
- e) National Training Centre Recognition programme ITF expert visit;
- f) African Regional Training Centre Enrolment fee for players;
- g) Project to be agreed with the ITF Development Department (National Associations will usually be expected to choose a project from the above list).

Further details regarding the projects that form part of the rebate programme are described on the following pages.

Please note that a rebate cannot be exchanged for a cash payment, to discharge indebtedness (i.e. payment of historical debts owed to the ITF), or for any Development project other than those listed above.

Any remaining balance at the end of the calendar year will expire and cannot be carried forward to the following calendar year for use in 2025.

## **ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITIONS**

The ITF team competitions give young tennis players the opportunity to experience international competition and the unique atmosphere of playing in a team for their country.

Eligible National Associations can apply for the rebate to cover the travel costs of teams playing in the following events:

- Regional Pre-Qualifying (if applicable);
- Regional Qualifying Rounds (12&U, 14&U and 16&U);
- Regional Finals and Zonal (Asia/Oceania) Play-Offs (12&U only).

National Associations will need to purchase air tickets for the official team (3 players and 1 non-playing captain) prior to playing in the ITF Junior Team Competitions. The ITF Development Department will then reimburse National Associations upon receipt of a copy of the flight ticket invoice (up to a maximum value of \$3,500).

Please note that National Associations will only be reimbursed after the team has played in the ITF Junior Team Competition(s).





## **ITF JUNIOR TENNIS INITIATIVE (JTI)**

The Junior Tennis Initiative (JTI) is a 14-and-under junior development programme funded by the ITF, which forms a key part of the National Association's player development pathway.

A national JTI provides opportunities for increased participation in tennis, as well as identifying the most talented players for focused player development within a nation.

Eligible National Associations can apply to use the rebate for their JTI in the form of:

- a development grant to be invested in the key components that form part of the national 14-andunder junior development programme; or
- a contribution to purchase tennis equipment locally for the purposes of the JTI only (a maximum of 50% can be used as a contribution).

Full details regarding the rebate application for the JTI are stated within the <u>JTI Guidance Document</u>.

During 2024, the ITF would encourage investment in:

- organising a series of Tennis Festivals;
- organising competitions within Primary Schools; or
- organising competitions within Clubs focused on 10/12-and-under players.

All applications must be supported with a financial breakdown and a detailed summary of how the assistance is planned to support the national programme during 2024. A financial breakdown template is included within the Guidance Document.

Applications that are JTI project related must be received no later than Monday 30 September 2024.



## ITF PLAY TENNIS COURSE or ITF PLAY BEACH COURSE

The ITF Play Tennis and Play Beach courses are stand-alone introductory level tennis or beach tennis coaching qualifications that are delivered through the ITF member National Associations or member National Beach Associations.

The aim of the ITF Play Tennis and Play Beach course is to help participants understand how to introduce tennis or beach tennis to beginner players of all ages, organising and delivering tennis sessions in a fun and effective learning environment.

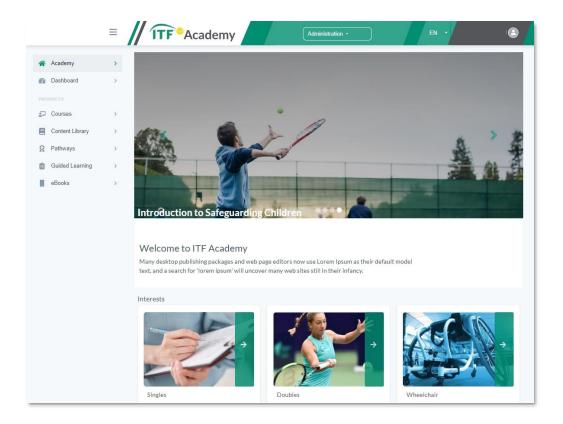
Eligible National Associations can apply to use the rebate towards the cost of organising an ITF Play Tennis Course or an ITF Play Beach Course.

Further details regarding the ITF Play Tennis Course can be found on the ITF website: <a href="https://www.itftennis.com/en/news-and-media/articles/itf-coach-education-programme-educating-and-certifying-coaches/">https://www.itftennis.com/en/news-and-media/articles/itf-coach-education-programme-educating-and-certifying-coaches/</a>



## **ITF ACADEMY**

The ITF Academy is the ITF's online educational platform. Launched in March 2019, it is an essential education tool directed towards coaches, players, parents, and all interested in increasing their tennis knowledge.



In January 2021, the ITF introduced ITF Academy National Association (NA) membership plans. There are four different levels of membership plan available, from a "basic" package to more comprehensive packages (bronze, silver, and gold).

#### STANDARD BENEFITS FOR ALL PACKAGES

- NA Manager account
- Unlimited NA Master Tutor accounts
- Unlimited NA Tutor accounts
- Use of ITF blended certification course structure
- Managed Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- User analytics
- Two-day training session for NA Manager
- Technical support for NA Manager

Eligible National Associations (NA) can apply to use the rebate to pay towards the cost of an ITF Academy National Association membership plan. If you are interested in using the rebate for this project, please contact your ITF Development Officer for further details.



## NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE RECOGNITION PROGRAMME

The National Training Centre (NTC) Recognition Programme aims to support eligible National Associations to develop their existing NTCs. The main objectives for this programme are to provide National Associations with an ITF approved expert for a period of up to one week to assist and support in the following areas:

- Facilities and equipment;
- Management;
- Integrity;
- Coaching Team;
- Sports science and sports medicine;
- Player Programmes.

Eligible National Associations can apply to use the rebate to cover the accommodation and onsite costs of the ITF approved expert which are normally paid by the host National Association.



# AFRICAN REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

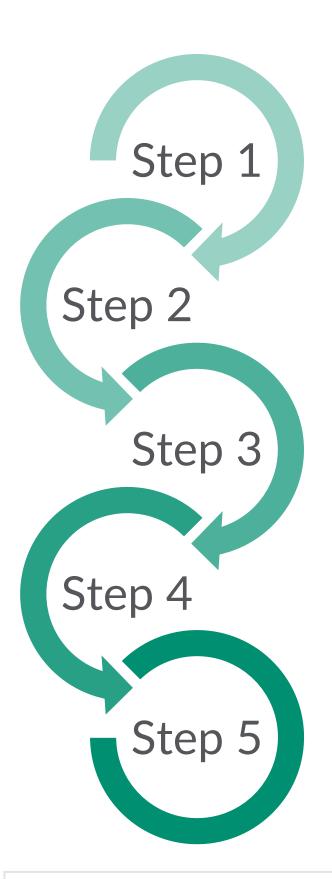
Eligible National Associations can apply to use the rebate to cover the cost of the enrolment fee for players that are part of the African Regional Training Centre.

If you are interested in using the rebate for this project, please contact your ITF Development Officer for further details.





# **HOW TO APPLY**



#### 1. GUIDELINES

Read Subscription Rebate Programme Guidelines to familiarise yourself with the eligibility criteria and determine your application project type

#### 2. APPLICATION FORM

Complete and send subscription rebate application form and supporting documents to your respective ITF Development Officer by 30 November 2024 at the latest\*

#### 3. PROJECT DISCUSSION

ITF Development Officer liaises with National Association to discuss application

#### 4. APPLICATION REVIEW

ITF Development Officer submits application form to the ITF Development Department for final review

#### 5. DECISION

ITF Development Officer informs National Association of the outcome of their application and the next steps

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE\***

Applications can be submitted throughout the year but must be received before 30 November 2024; applications submitted after this date will not be accepted.

