

ITF National Association Development Eligibility Criteria 2024

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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.

These two objectives will significantly contribute to the growth of the total players population to 120 million by 2030 under ITF2024.

Each ITF member National Association is assessed for its eligibility to benefit from these projects and opportunities, with the eligibility based on the assessment of a nation's level of resource and its representation in professional tennis namely in the Grand Slam tournaments, Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge. The ITF National Association Development Eligibility Criteria for 2024 is detailed below.

Resource Criteria*

To attain status as a resourced nation, a National Association's respective national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per Capita should have:

- A. World Bank ranking of nations above the 2022 World Bank Global Average GDP per Capita (updated September 2023) - 2022 used in the first instance, with 2021 figures then taken if 2022 figures unavailable.
- B. United Nations National Accounts Main Aggregates Database per Capita GDP (updated January 2023) ranking of nations 2021 - above the 2022 World Bank Global Average GDP per Capita.
- C. World Bank ranking of nations above the 2022 World Bank Global Average GDP per Capita (updated September 2023) - 2020 figures taken if criteria A and B above are unavailable.

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Representation Criteria¹

To attain full representation, a National Association should have:

- A. Men's Representation - At least three men (singles main draws) in 2020-2023 Grand Slams[^], with direct acceptance and qualifier status only; AND be Top 24 Davis Cup rankings based on the year-end rankings 2022 (updated 27.11.23).
- B. Women's Representation - At least three women (singles main draws) in 2020-2023 Grand Slams[^], with direct acceptance and qualifier status only; AND be Top 24 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge rankings based on the year-end rankings 2022 (updated 13.11.23).

[^] The Championships, Wimbledon were not staged in 2020 due to the global Covid-19 pandemic.

¹ In some cases, National Associations may attain only some specific components of representation (ie. Represented in men but not in women tennis), but not others and therefore are deemed to have a degree of representation.

Development Eligibility Tiers

Based upon the above criteria each nation is categorised in one of four tiers:

Tier 1: Nations that are most in need classified as both under-resourced and under-represented and placed in “Tier 1”.

Tier 2: Nations that are under-represented but resourced are included in “Tier 2”.

Tier 3: Nations placed in “Tier 3” have a degree of representation whether under-resourced or resourced.

Tier 4: 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 2023’ diagram below.



ITF Development Eligibility Criteria 2024 | Global List of Nations & Tiers of Eligibility

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	TIER 1 (130)	TIER 2 (58)	TIER 3 (12)	TIER 4 (13)
PARTICIPATION: World Tennis Number	✓	✓	✓	✓
PARTICIPATION: Digitalisation Grant Programme	✓	✓	✓	✗
PARTICIPATION: Junior Tennis Initiative	✓	✓	✓	✗
EDUCATION: Projects & resources	✓	✓	✓	✓
EVENTS: Junior Competitions	✓	✓	✓	✓
EVENTS: Men's and Women's ITF World Tennis Tour™ Tournament Grants	✓	✓	✓	✗
FACILITIES: National Training Centre Recognition & Support programmes	✓	✓	✓	✓
FACILITIES: Facility Grants	✓	✓	✓	✗
PERFORMANCE: Player Grants	✓	✓	✓	✗
PERFORMANCE: Touring Teams	✓	✓	✓	✗
AFGHANISTAN (Suspended 2023)	LESOTHO	AMERICAN SAMOA	ARGENTINA (F)	AUSTRALIA
ALBANIA	LIBERIA (Suspended 2021)	ANDORRA	CHILE (F / BJJC)	BELGIUM
ALGERIA	LIBYA	ANGUILLA	CHINA (DC)	CANADA
ANGOLA	MADAGASCAR	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	CROATIA (BJJC)	CZECHIA
ARMENIA	MALAWI	ARUBA	HUNGARY (BJJC)	FRANCE
AZERBAIJAN	MALAYSIA	AUSTRIA (F / DC)	KAZAKHSTAN	GERMANY
BANGLADESH	MALDIVES	BAHAMAS	NETHERLANDS (BJJC)	GREAT BRITAIN
BELARUS (Suspended 2022) (M / DC / BJJC)	MALI	BAHRAIN	POLAND (M / DC)	ITALY
BELIZE	MARSHALL ISLANDS (Suspended 2011)	BARBADOS	ROMANIA (M / DC)	JAPAN
BENIN	MAURITANIA	BERMUDA	SERBIA (BJJC)	SLOVAKIA
BHUTAN	MAURITIUS	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	SLOVENIA (M / DC)	SPAIN
BOLIVIA	MEXICO (M / F / DC)	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	UKRAINE (M / DC)	SWITZERLAND
BONAIRE	MOLDOVA	BULGARIA		UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	MONGOLIA	CAYMAN ISLANDS		
BOTSWANA	MONTENEGRO	COOK ISLANDS		
BRAZIL (F / DC)	MOROCCO	COSTA RICA		
BURKINA FASO	MOZAMBIQUE	CURACAO		
BURUNDI	MYANMAR	CYPRUS		
CAMBODIA	NAMIBIA	DENMARK		
CAMEROON	NAURU	ESTONIA		
CAPE VERDE (Suspended 2022)	NEPAL	FINLAND (M / F / BJJC)		
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	NICARAGUA	GREECE		
CHAD	NIGER	GUAM		
CHINESE TAIPEI (F / DC / BJJC)	NIGERIA	GUYANA		
COLOMBIA (M / F / BJJC)	NORFOLK ISLANDS	HONG KONG, CHINA		
COMOROS	NORTH MACEDONIA	ICELAND		
CONGO	PAKISTAN	IRELAND		
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	PALAU	ISRAEL		
COTE D'IVOIRE	PALESTINE (Suspended 2010)	KOREA (M / F / BJJC)		
CUBA	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	KUWAIT		
DJIBOUTI	PARAGUAY	LATVIA (M / F / DC)		
DOMINICA	PERU	LIECHTENSTEIN		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	PHILIPPINES (Suspended 2020)	LITHUANIA		
ECUADOR	RWANDA	LUXEMBOURG		
EGYPT	SAMOA	MACAU		
EL SALVADOR	SENEGAL	MALTA		
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	SIERRA LEONE	MONACO		
ERITREA	SOLOMON ISLANDS	NEW ZEALAND		
ESWATINI	SOMALIA	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS		
ETHIOPIA	SOUTH AFRICA	NORWAY		
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	SRI LANKA	OMAN		
FIJI	ST LUCIA	PANAMA		
GABON	ST VINCENT & GRENADINES	PORTUGAL (F / DC / BJJC)		
GAMBIA (Suspended 2017)	SUDAN	PUERTO RICO		
GEORGIA	SURINAM	QATAR		
GHANA	SYRIA	RUSSIA (Suspended 2022) (DC / BJJC)		
GRENADA	TAHITI	SAN MARINO		
GUATEMALA	TAJIKISTAN	SAUDI ARABIA		
GUINEA BISSAU (Suspended 2016)	TANZANIA	SEYCHELLES		
GUINEA CONAKRY	THAILAND	SINGAPORE		
HAITI	TIMOR-LESTE	ST KITTS & NEVIS		
HONDURAS	TOGO	ST MAARTEN		
INDIA	TONGA	SWEDEN (M / BJJC)		
INDONESIA	TUNISIA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO		
IRAN	TÜRKIYE	TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS		
IRAQ	TURKMENISTAN	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES		
JAMAICA	TUVALU	UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS		
JORDAN	UGANDA	URUGUAY		
KENYA	UZBEKISTAN			
KIRIBATI	VANUATU			
KOREA, DPR (Suspended 2018)	VENEZUELA			
KOSOVO	VIETNAM			
KYRGYZSTAN	YEMEN			
LAO	ZAMBIA (Suspended 2013)			
LEBANON	ZIMBABWE			

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
- F** Nation does not have at least three women represented in Grand Slams
- DC** Nation is not Top 24 Davis Cup
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