

National Training Centre (NTC) Recognition Programme Quick Guide



The overall objective of this programme is to increase the standards of NTCs worldwide and to give ITF recognition to NTCs under the control of National Associations (NAs).

ITF recognition is based on criteria and minimum standards at Gold, Silver, Bronze, and White levels with Gold being the highest. Recognition will be valid for four years. Facilities are eligible to upgrade after a minimum of two years after receiving official designation.



Who can apply?

- All ITF member National Associations.
- The NA must hold a long-term lease of the facility (at least 4 years), own the land/facility or, have a contract to deliver national programmes (at least 4 years).
- The NA must be in good standing with the ITF and their Regional Association (RA).
- The NA must be actively developing tennis with the ITF and their RA.

When can I apply?

The NA can apply throughout the year - there are no deadlines for applications.

What are the levels of Recognition?

Systems and performance programming will be assessed at four levels:

Gold



Elite level facilities, systems, and performance programming.

Silver



Advanced level facilities, systems, and performance programming.

Bronze



Standard level facilities, systems, and performance programming.

White



Basic level facilities, systems, and performance programming.

Building on foundational requirements outlined at each level, the higher the level of recognition applied for, the more in-depth evidence will be required.


Key assessment components by level:

Assessment level	Facilities	Integrity	Management	Coaching	Player Programmes	SSSM
WHITE						
BRONZE						
SILVER						
GOLD						



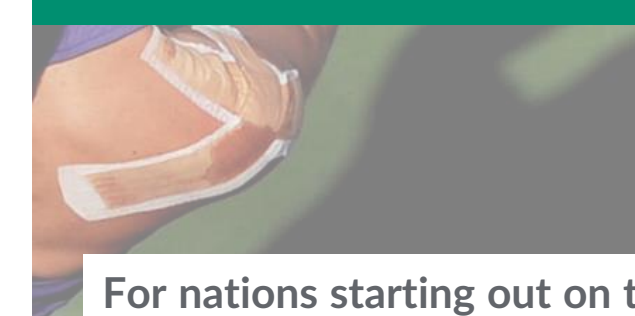
What level can I apply for?

- If this is the first time applying for the programme, all facilities must apply and receive recognition at the Bronze or White level first.
- If an exceptional case is supported by evidence, the ITF will consider initial applications at SILVER or GOLD level.



What are the mandatory assessment components to receive recognition?

- Meeting Integrity requirements for recognition level applied for.
- Meeting Coaching requirements for recognition level applied for.
- Meeting the Player Programmes and Services requirements and/or Sports Science & Sports Medicine (SSSM) requirements for recognition level applied for.



For nations starting out on the NTC recognition pathway, Infrastructure, Governance, and Integrity are key elements at the White and Bronze levels. Nations that are further along the NTC recognition pathway (Gold and Silver) will be expected to focus more on Sports Science & Sports Medicine, and Player Programmes.

For a detailed description of the criteria required for each level, please contact the ITF Development Officer for your region.

How will the NTC application be assessed?

The evaluation process is an evidenced based, program assessment. Each of the 4 recognition levels will be assessed in all 6 key areas:



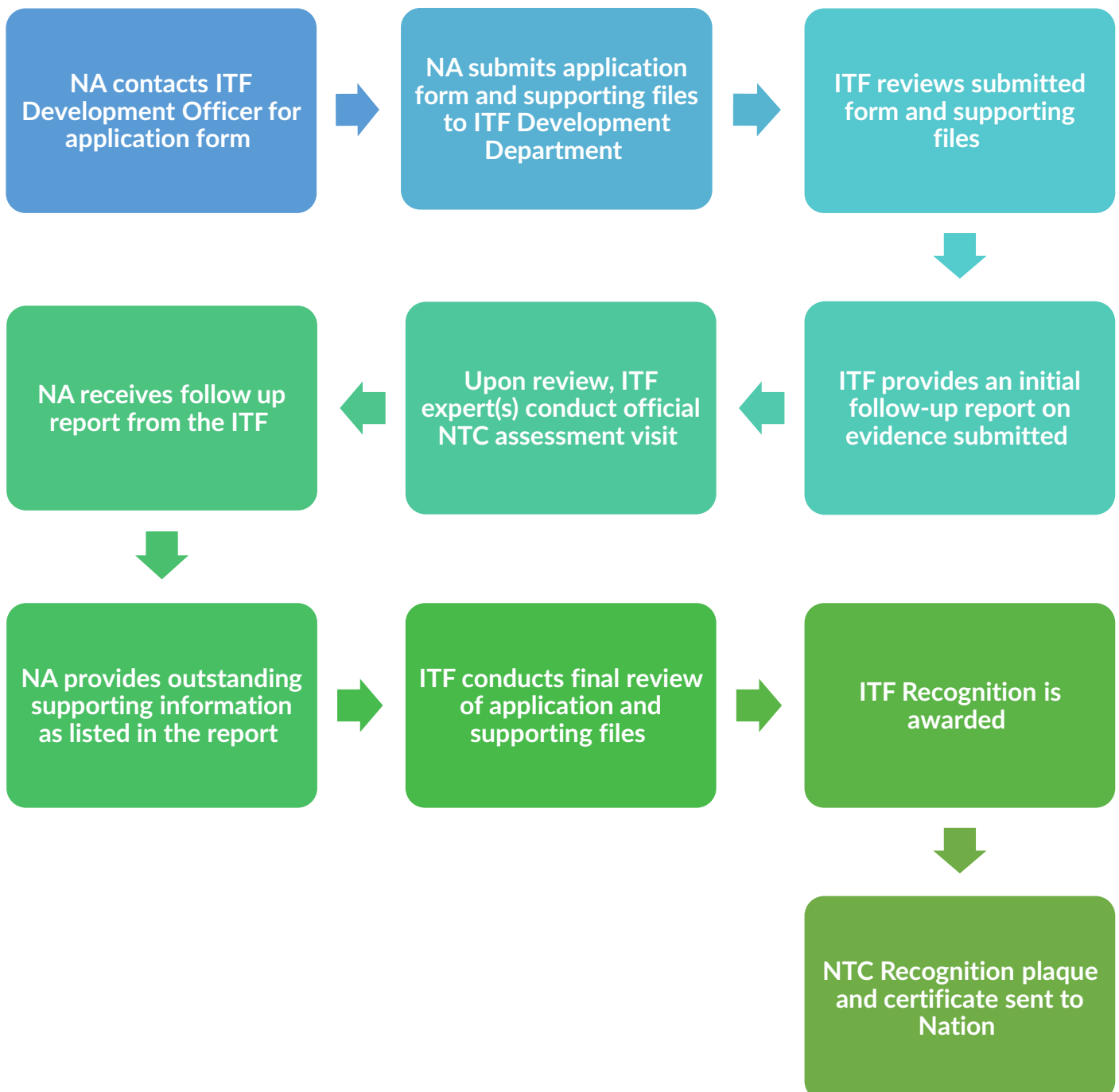
What are the benefits of ITF Recognition?

- Confirmation of NTC minimum standards.
- External evaluation and recommendations for improvement (as required).
- Independent assessment of NTC infrastructure.
- Helps to attract funding from Government and Olympic Committee, as well as other potential sponsors.
- ITF Recognition plaque and certificate can be displayed at the NTC premises.

How can the ITF help National Associations to achieve the ITF Recognition?

- ITF Facility grants for eligible nations.
- Visits by the ITF Development Officer.
- Visits by ITF Consultants.
- Technical support.
- ITF Academy (online courses and resources).
- Access to NTC resources and templates in the 6 key areas.

What is the process for ITF Recognition?





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