



ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT REGULATIONS 2009

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I. THE COMPETITION

1. Title

The Competition, an international junior singles and doubles competition, shall be called the “ITF Junior Circuit”.

2. Mission Statement

The ITF Junior Circuit is comprised of the best international junior tournaments staged by its Member nations worldwide. National Associations are responsible for proposing the best national tournaments for inclusion in the Circuit, subject to the final approval of the ITF Junior Competitions Committee who govern the geographical distribution and grading of Circuit tournaments.

The ITF Junior Circuit provides a platform for the most successful junior players at national level to measure their standard against the best players from other nations and by reference to the ITF Junior World Ranking, which determines the ITF Junior World Champions at the end of each year.

3. Ownership

The Competition, shall be owned and managed by ITF Limited, hereinafter referred to as 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.

4. Players Eligible

Only boys and girls born between 1st January 1991 and 31st December 1996 may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2009 ITF Junior Circuit. Players may not participate in any ITF Junior Tournament unless they have reached their thirteenth (13) birthday before the start of the main draw. In accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rules set out in Appendix G, players are limited on the number of tournaments that they are permitted to participate in, in a calendar year according to their age.

5. Rules to be Observed

- a) The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the Junior Circuit Code of Conduct, the Constitution of ITF Limited and the Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF.
- b) In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations.
- c) In submitting an entry to a tournament sanctioned by the ITF as a constituent tournament of the circuit, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by and be bound by the above Rules and Regulations.

- d) Any player that enters and/or participates in the ITF Junior Circuit, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates in the ITF Junior Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix F.

6. International Player Identification Number (IPIN)

All players entering ITF Junior Circuit tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to have an International Player Identification Number (IPIN). Failure by a player to have registered and paid for valid IPIN Membership will result in the rejection of that player's entry.

7. Final Rankings

The final rankings, issued at the end of each calendar year shall be compiled on the basis of points earned for success in major individual and team events played on both a round-robin and knockout basis. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the two competitions.

The top ten (10) ranked junior girls according to the final year-end rankings will each be awarded a junior exempt position in the Main Draw of three (3) selected ITF Women's Circuit events, up to and including the \$100,000 prize-money level, according to the following criteria:

The year-end number 1 ranked girl will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at one (1) ITF Women's Circuit event up to and including \$100,000 prize money level and two (2) ITF Women's Circuit events up to and including \$75,000 prize money level.

The year-end number 2 ranked girl will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at two (2) ITF Women's Circuit events up to and including \$75,000 prize money level and direct entry into the main draw at one (1) ITF Women's Circuit event up to and including \$50,000 prize-money level.

The year-end number 3-5 ranked girls will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at two (2) ITF Women's Circuit events up to and including \$50,000 prize money level and direct entry into the main draw at one (1) ITF Women's Circuit event up to and including \$25,000 prize money level.

The year-end number 6-10 ranked girls will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Women's Circuit events up to and including \$25,000 prize money level.

The top ten (10) ranked junior boys according to the final year-end rankings will each be awarded a junior exempt position in the Main Draw of three (3) selected ITF Men's Circuit events, up to and including the \$15,000+H prize-money level, according to the following criteria:

The year-end number 1-2 ranked boys will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit events up to and including \$15,000+H prize-money level.

The year-end number 3-5 ranked boys will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit events up to and including \$15,000 prize-money level.

The year-end number 6-10 ranked boys will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit events up to and including \$10,000 prize-money level.

II. MANAGEMENT

8. Board of Directors

a) Management

The ITF Junior Circuit shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the ITF.

b) Duties

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- i) To approve and adopt the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct for the circuit.
- ii) To decide any appeals or disputes.
- iii) To register in the name of the ITF any trade marks in connection with the circuit and to protect such trade marks.
- iv) The Board of Directors shall appoint every two years a Junior Competitions Committee, which shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and further members as deemed necessary.

9. Junior Competitions Committee

The duties and powers of the Junior Competitions Committee shall be:

- a) To manage the day to day administration of the circuit.
- b) To ensure uniform application of, and compliance with, the Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct.
- c) To administer the funds of the circuit within the financial framework of the ITF.
- d) To report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters.
- e) To undertake other duties as laid down in these Regulations.
- f) To submit regular reports to the Board of Directors.
- g) To decide any appeals or disputes in whatever manner they deem to be appropriate and whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

III. RULES OF THE CIRCUIT

10. Combined Junior Ranking

The six best singles results plus one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the six best doubles results in junior tournaments obtained in Grade A (Super Series), Grade B (Continental Championships), Grade C (International Team Competition) and Grades 1-5 plus Super Series bonus points and Grand Slam bonus points will be taken into consideration for the final ranking.

11. If two or more players receive the same number of points, their ranking will follow the number of points, within their six best singles results, scored in Grade A (Super Series) tournaments including bonus points. If two or more are still equal, players will be ranked based on the grade of tournament where points have been won in singles, in the following order: Grade A, Grade B1, Grade 1, Grade B2, Grade 2, Grade B3, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 excluding Grade C (International Team Competition).

If two or more players are still equal their ranking will follow the number of points, within their six best doubles results, scored in Grade A (Super Series) tournaments, including bonus points. If two or more are still equal, players will be ranked based on the grade of tournament where points have been won in doubles, in the following order; Grade A, Grade B1, Grade 1, Grade B2, Grade 2, Grade B3, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, excluding Grade C (International Team Competition).

12. To be ranked a player must reach a round where points are available (see points table, page 7/8). The number of points available in each round will vary dependent upon the grading of the tournament and the round reached. Ranking points for any relevant tournament will not be awarded to any player in breach of the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule.

13. The official published rankings will be calculated on a 52 week rollover system.

14. To be eligible for a year-end ranking a junior must have played in a minimum of six individual junior singles tournaments, including at least three Grade A (Super Series) tournaments and including at least three ranking tournaments outside his/her own country. Each Grade A (Super Series) tournament won will count as two tournaments played. Each Grade A (Super Series) tournament won will further count as one foreign tournament played.

15. Tournament Application and Approval

Applications for inclusion in the circuit, giving full details of the tournament, are to be sent to the ITF, in accordance with the following deadlines:

a) Applications from tournaments to be held from January to June must be received by 30th June of the previous year. Applications from tournaments to be held from July to December must be received by 31st October of the previous year.

b) Only tournaments organised by a National Association, or sanctioned by the National Association concerned, will be considered for inclusion.

c) Applications for tournaments to be held during the same week and at the same venue as a professional tour event will only be considered for inclusion if the tour event is owned and run by the relevant National Association.

16. The fact that a tournament is included in a series or group of tournaments does not automatically entitle the tournament to be part of the ranking circuit, even though other tournaments of the same series have been accepted.

17. A tournament which begins in late December and ends in January can either be the first tournament of the ranking circuit, or the last, at the discretion of the Junior Competitions Committee.

18. If a tournament is included in the calendar and subsequently withdraws within three months of the scheduled first day of play, that tournament will not be accepted for the following year unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the tournament is accepted it will be allocated a lower grade the following year at the discretion of the ITF Junior Competitions Committee.

19. Sanction Fees

All tournaments on the ITF Junior Circuit must pay the relevant fee below in order to be included on the Calendar.

Grade A	\$535
Grade B1	\$480
Grade 1	\$430
Grade B2	\$370
Grade 2	\$320
Grade B3	\$265
Grade 3	\$215
Grade 4	\$160
Grade 5	\$110

20. Tournament Responsibilities

All tournaments must be played in accordance with the Rules of Tennis and the Regulations of the circuit.

21. The Code of Conduct for ITF Junior Circuit Tournaments shall also be enforced.

22. If required, tournaments shall assign to the ITF, free of charge, one (1) page in the Official Tournament Programme for an ITF editorial or advertisement.

23. Tournaments shall display an ITF Junior Circuit banner on their main court. This banner shall be provided free of charge by the ITF. The tournament report shall include a photograph of the banner in place.

24. The Tournament Director shall:

- a) Three (3) months prior to the tournament send to the ITF a copy of the letter of invitation, tournament entry form and tournament fact sheet for approval.
- b) Following the entry deadline send to the ITF a copy of the acceptance list for boys and girls main draw and qualifying for approval.
- c) Following the conclusion of the tournament send to the ITF the tournament report form

The Referee is responsible for:

- a) Using Tournament Planner software before and during the tournament
- b) On conclusion of the tournament sending to the ITF the Referee's Report form

25. The Referee shall also submit a report, including details of any penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct. A list of any penalties imposed shall be posted during the tournament on the competitors' notice board, and shall be updated on a daily basis.

26. Research

No research involving players, coaches or other persons directly associated with a tournament shall be conducted without prior approval of the ITF.

27. Any tournament not complying with the ITF Junior Circuit Regulations 2009 will be allocated a lower grade the following year, at the discretion of the Junior Competitions Committee, or in exceptional circumstances, may not be accepted in the circuit the following year.

28. ITF Responsibilities

The Junior Competitions Committee is responsible for the overall administration of the circuit and costs involved, and shall do its utmost to ensure that the calendar is widely publicised.

29. The ITF shall process results from all tournaments on the circuit and shall issue on a weekly basis the latest world ranking points accumulated by competitors. These shall be published on the ITF Juniors website: www.itftennis.com/juniors.

30. Grades and Allocation of Points

Tournaments shall be classified into grades, based mainly on a computer evaluation of previous tournaments while maintaining a geographical balance, with ranking points as set out below.

31. No points will be awarded to a player until he/she has played and won a round. Advancement through a bye or walkover in the first match will not be equivalent to winning a round. Advancement by virtue of retirement following the commencement of a match will be equivalent to winning a round. When a player has played and won a match, subsequent walkovers will not affect points won. An abandoned tournament counts as a tournament played if the player had not withdrawn before the decision to abandon was taken.

Any player who defaults from a tournament in either singles or doubles without providing a valid medical (from the tournament doctor) certificate will forfeit all points won in that tournament.

POINTS TABLE (Tournaments & Continental Championships)

Singles

	A	1	2	3	4	5	B1	B2	B3
Winner	250	150	100	60	40	30	180	120	80
Runner-up	180	100	75	45	30	20	120	80	50
Semi-Finalists	120	80	50	30	20	15	80	60	30
Quarter-Finalists	80	60	30	20	15	10	60	40	15
Losers in last 16	50	30	20	15	10	5	30	25	5
Losers in last 32	30	20	-	-	-	-	20	10	-

Doubles (Each Player)

	A	1	2	3	4	5	B1	B2	B3
Winners	180	100	75	50	30	20	120	80	50
Runners-up	120	75	50	30	20	15	80	60	30
Semi-Finalists	80	50	30	20	15	10	60	40	15
Quarter-Finalists	50	30	20	15	10	5	30	25	5
Losers in last 16	30	20	-	-	-	-	20	10	-

GRADE A SUPER SERIES BONUS POINTS

	Singles	Doubles
Winner of 3 or more Grade A Events (in a calendar year)	250	180

GRAND SLAM BONUS POINTS

	Singles	Doubles
Winner	250	180

Qualifiers losing in the first round of the main draw will receive 25 ranking points
Players losing in the final round of qualifying will receive 20 ranking points

GRADE C - TEAM COMPETITIONS - REGIONAL QUALIFYING

	No. 1 Singles Player Win	No. 2 Singles Player Win	Doubles Win Each Player
Final	80	60	60
Semi-Final	60	40	40
Quarter-Final	40	20	20

Points are to be given to a player for one result only (their best) in the competition.
Only players from the best 8 teams will be considered for the allocation of World Ranking points.

IV. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The following Regulations apply to all tournaments Grades 1 to 5 and, with some exceptions, to Grade A tournaments. These exceptions are given in Appendix A, together with additional clauses. (See Regulations marked *).

Special Regulations for Continental Championships and Tournaments (Grade B) and International Team Competitions (Grade C) are given in Appendices B and C.

32. Variations to Regulations

If a tournament committee wishes to vary any of the following Regulations, written application shall be made to the ITF office, giving full reasons for the request. Such application must be received not later than two months before the first scheduled day of play in the tournament.

33. Age of Competitors

Only boys and girls born between 1st January 1991 and 31st December 1996 may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2009 ITF Junior Circuit. However, players may not participate in any ITF Junior Tournament unless they have reached their thirteenth (13) birthday before the start of the main draw.

34. A player competing in a tournament must submit his/her passport/photo identification for scrutiny by the organising committee, who shall return it as soon as possible.

35. Number of Events

The following events shall be held:

Boys' and Girls' Singles, Boys' and Girls' Doubles.

36*. Number of Sets, Tie-Break

Each singles match shall be the best of three Tie-Break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. No rest shall be allowed after the second set.

All Doubles matches shall be two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 point) in place of a third set. No-Ad scoring shall be used.

In case of severe weather conditions the tournament committee may use alternative scoring methods as approved in the 2009 Rules of Tennis (available at www.itftennis.com).

37. Entries and Draws

Grade A, 1 - 5 tournaments shall be open to competitors from all countries.

38*. Tournaments shall have the following minimum number of competitors in each singles event main draw:

Grade	Boys'	Girls'
A	64	64
1	48	48
2	32	32
3	32	32
4	32	16
5	16	16

In all cases the minimum number of pairs in the doubles main draw shall be half the number in the singles.

Pre-qualifying draws should not be held. However, if held under the sanctioning of the relevant National Association, pre-qualifying draws are only permitted for national players to determine Wild Cards for the qualifying event.

Tournament Committees must ensure that the number of competitors in the main draw corresponds with their published draw sizes. Any tournament not complying with this regulation may be allocated a lower grade the following year, at the discretion of the Junior Competitions Committee, or in exceptional circumstances, may not be accepted in the Circuit the following year.

39. Minimum duration of a tournament

The minimum duration of a tournament (qualifying draws excluded) shall be as follows:

Drawsize	Indoor	Outdoor
64	6/7 days	6/7 days

48	6 days	6 days
32	5 days	5 days
16	4 days	4 days

40*. Invitations to and Selection of Competitors

Only entries submitted with National Association sanction shall be accepted.

Tournaments shall have an entry deadline 21 days prior to the start of the main draw. Exceptions shall be granted for Grade A tournaments and their warm-up events. Under special circumstances other tournaments may also apply to the ITF for an exemption from the 21-day rule.

Entries must be made in writing by facsimile or email. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure that the entry has been received.

- a) If a player resides in a country but is not a valid passport holder of that country the National Association of the country where he/she resides may endorse the player's entry only with the prior agreement of the National Association of the country for which he/she holds a valid passport.
- b) If a player is a dual passport holder his/her entry may be endorsed by either National Association provided that neither National Association objects.
- c) Any National Association wishing to endorse the entry of a foreign player or a dual passport holder is responsible for contacting all relevant National Associations to ensure that the player is in good standing.

Acceptance of players shall not be conditional upon acceptance in another tournament nor shall there be a restriction on the number of main draw acceptances per country or per region.

Tournaments shall confirm acceptance of players well before the tournament begins so that the competitors have sufficient time to make travel arrangements.

The criteria for acceptances shall be:

Singles

In determining acceptances of players for the main draw and qualifying draws, tournaments must use the following acceptance method:

- a) ITF Junior World Ranking. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance order should be drawn by lot.
- b) ATP/WTA rankings – Players ranked in the professional game ATP 550 or better or WTA 350 or better should always be accepted in the main-draw. Players ranked in the

professional game ATP 750 or better or WTA 500 or better should always be accepted in the qualifying draw.

c) Objective Order of Merit approved by the ITF (i.e regional rankings when all entered players are from the same region.)

d) When an objective Order of Merit is not available for all unranked entered players (ie. c above) -the following acceptance method should be followed:

i) – 50% of remaining places within the draw should go to players from the country where the tournament is organised according to the national ranking.

The remaining spots should be filled as follows:

ii) - Players from, or resident in, countries within the **Region** where the tournament is organized. Draw by lot.

iii) - Players from, or resident in, countries within the **Zone** where the tournament is organized. Draw by lot. (Include players from, or resident in, bordering countries, which are not in the same region/zone i.e.

Azerbaijan/Turkmenistan). Draw by lot.

iv) - Do not accept players from outside of the Zone where the tournament is organized. These players should receive a “Not Accepted” status.

v) – Guidelines 2, 3, and 4 should also be applied to the Alternate List.

Regions: (Asia) (Oceania) (Europe) (Africa) (South America) (Central America) (North America)

Zones: (Asia/Oceania) (Euro/Africa) (The Americas)

The Alternate list should be no larger than the size of the Qualifying Draw.

e) On-site Alternates should be accepted according to the latest available ITF Junior ranking.

f) Unranked Onsite Alternates should be drawn by lot.

Doubles

Direct Acceptances for Doubles are selected according to the following acceptance method:

Teams consisting of:

1. Two players, both of them either Singles Main Draw Direct Acceptances, Special Exempts/16 & Under Exempts or Qualifiers/Lucky Loser (not Wild Cards, see Note 1.)
 - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking
 - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player
 - c) Two unranked players.
2. Two players, one a Singles Main Draw Direct Acceptance, Special Exempt/16 & Under Exempt or Qualifier/Lucky Loser (not Wild Cards, see Note 1.);
 - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking
 - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player

- c) Two unranked players.
- 3. Two players, neither a Singles Main Draw Direct Acceptance or Qualifier/Lucky Loser;
 - a) Both players ranked, in order of total ranking
 - b) One ranked and one unranked player, in order of ranking of the one ranked player
 - c) Two unranked players.

If two or more teams are tied within any of these combinations, the order shall be drawn by lot.

Note 1: Direct Acceptances above do not include Wild Cards

Note 2: Doubles Wild Cards are in addition to this.

Note 3: Lucky Losers are those players who have been accepted into the Singles Main Draw by the doubles sign-in deadline.

Note 4: For the purposes of doubles acceptances players ranked in the top 500 on the WTA Tour or the top 750 ATP should be treated as ranked players.

41. One tournament per week

Players may not compete in more than one tournament per week. Players may not participate in qualifying for an event at the same time they are participating in another tournament in either singles or doubles.

42. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists

If an administrative error is made on a tournament player acceptance list and too many players are accepted into the tournament, arrive on site and sign-in to play the event, the last players accepted into the tournament based upon the most current updated entry list will play off for one (1) spot on the acceptance list.

43. Entry Definitions

a) Direct Acceptances

Players accepted directly into the main draw by virtue of the requirements given under rule 40*.

b) Qualifiers

Players included in the main draw as a result of their success in the qualifying competition.

c) Wild Cards

Wild Cards may be seeded and must be named at the time the draw is made.

Wild Cards who withdraw may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. Any such vacancy shall be filled by a lucky loser.

No player who has signed in for and been accepted into the qualifying of the tournament may be named as a wild card after the qualifying competition has commenced.

The qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

A tournament may not offer a Wild Card or accept the entry from any player who has either accepted a wild card or been committed by an entry to another tournament in the same week.

Should the ITF gather evidence that a Wild Card has been sold, the tournament will be banned from the ITF Junior Circuit and the player may also face disciplinary action by the ITF for bringing the game of tennis into disrepute.

d) Lucky Losers

Players who have lost in the final round of the qualifying competition or, if more lucky losers are required, those players who have lost in the previous qualifying round.

e) Alternates

Players who are not accepted into the main draw and/or qualifying.

Vacancies in the main draw shall be filled by players from the qualifying acceptance list up until the time that the qualifying event has started. Once the qualifying has started, vacancies in the main draw may only be filled by lucky losers.

Alternates should confirm their status, and are obliged to play if they enter an event. It is each player's responsibility to contact the appropriate entry authority regarding his/her status. If a player does not officially withdraw from a tournament (in writing by facsimile or email) and moves into qualifying or main draw, he/she will be penalised under the ITF Code of Conduct if he/she does not play.

If there is no singles qualifying event, signed-in Alternates shall take any vacant places in the singles main draw, in accordance with their position on the acceptance list. For vacancies that occur after the Order of Play has been released for the first day of play, the selection shall be made from the players who have signed-in for each day as applicable.

f) Not Accepted

Non ranked players from outside the host region or zone and those who did not make it onto the Alternates list.

g) On-site Alternates

Eligible players who appear at the tournament site at their own risk to fill a possible vacancy. In order to be eligible as an on-site alternate, a player complying with the criteria outlined in rule 40*. must have completed an official entry form and must personally sign-in with the Referee on site. Eligible players shall be accepted according to the latest available junior world ranking.

h) Special Exempts

Players on the qualifying acceptance list who cannot appear in the qualifying of a tournament because they are competing on the day that the qualifying competition

begins in another “qualified tournament” who apply for and receive exemption from qualifying as hereinafter provided. A qualified tournament is the singles and/or doubles event of another ITF Junior Circuit tournament, an ITF Women’s Circuit / WTA Tour tournament or an ITF Men’s Circuit / ATP Challenger / Tour tournament within the same region.

The Tournament Committee will allocate Special Exempt positions and shall be the final authority in this instance.

i) 16 & Under Team Competition Feed Up Exempt

A player who, by virtue of being part of a team which finished in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the Junior Davis Cup or Junior Fed Cup Finals, gains Direct Acceptance into a designated ITF Junior Circuit tournament. (See Appendix J)

j) 16 & Under Tournament Feed Up Exempt

A player who, by virtue of being the top 16 & Under ranked player in their region, gains Direct Acceptance into a designated ITF Junior Circuit Tournament. (See Appendix K)

44. Seeds

a) Number of Seeds

i) The Number of Seeds for main draw shall be as follows:

For a draw of 128: 16 seeds

For a draw of 64 : 16 seeds

For a draw of 48 : 16 seeds

For a draw of 32 : 8 seeds

For a draw of 24 : 8 seeds

For a draw of 16 : 4 seeds

For a draw of 8 : 2 seeds

ii) The Number of Seeds for qualifying shall be as follows:

For a draw with 2 sections: 4 seeds

For a draw with 4 sections: 8 seeds

For a draw with 6 sections: 12 seeds

For a draw with 8 sections: 16 seeds

b) Selection of Seeds

Singles

Seedings will be calculated automatically following the Seeding Comparison Chart – Appendix L.

Players without ITF or professional rankings cannot be seeded.

Doubles

Doubles seeding shall be based on the combined ranking groups (Appendix L). Within each ranking group, if two teams are considered equal, seeding shall be based on:

- i) Players' combined ITF Junior ranking (if both players have an ITF Junior ranking)
- ii) ITF Junior Ranking (if only one player has an ITF Junior ranking) followed by the Pro Singles ranking of the remaining player
- iii) Players' combined Pro Singles ranking (if neither player has an ITF Junior ranking)
- iv) Pro Singles ranking (if neither player has an ITF Junior ranking and only one player has a Pro Singles ranking)
- v) If teams are still tied, draw by lot.

Note: Pro Singles ranking refers to ATP or WTA Tour singles rankings as applicable. Pro Doubles rankings are not considered.

45. Sign-in/Registration

a) Qualifying

Each player (with the exception of Wild Cards who are in contact with the Referee) must sign-in personally on site with the Referee by 6.00 p.m. (1800 hours) the day before the start of play in the Qualifying competition.

Under exceptional circumstances the Referee may accept a telephone sign-in, but only from the Referee of the tournament at which a player was participating or the ITF office.

b) Main Draw

i) Singles

Each player accepted into the main draw (with the exception of Wild Cards who are in contact with the Referee) must sign-in personally with the Referee by 4.00 pm (1600 hours) the day before the start of the main draw.

Under exceptional circumstances the Referee may accept a telephone sign-in, but only from the Referee of the tournament at which a player was participating or the ITF office.

ii) Doubles

Each player must have entered and signed-in personally with the Referee by 2.00 pm (1400 hours) on the first day of the singles main draw.

46. Composition of Draws

Pre-qualifying draws should not be held. However, if held under the sanctioning of the relevant National Association, pre-qualifying draws are only permitted for national players.

a) Qualifying

The qualifying draw shall not be greater in size than the main draw.

Draw size	16	24	32	48	64	96	128
Wild Cards	2	4	6	7	8	8	8
Direct Acceptance	14	20	26	41	56	88	120

b) Main Draw

i) Singles

Draw size	16	24	32	48	64	96	128
Wild cards	2	2	4	6	8	8	8
Special Exempts	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Qualifiers	2	2	4	6	8	8	8
Direct Acceptances	11-12	19-20	22-24	34-36	46-48	78-80	110-112

Note: Tournaments requested by the ITF to provide 16 & Under Team or Individual Exempt Positions must use the following Main Draw composition:

Draw size	16	24	32	48	64	96	128
Wild cards	2	2	4	6	8	8	8
Special Exempts	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
16 & Under Exempts	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Qualifiers	2	2	4	6	8	8	8
Direct Acceptances	9-12	17-20	20-24	32-36	44-48	76-80	110-112

Note: If Special Exempt or 16 & Under Exempt Positions are not used the positions revert to Direct Acceptances.

ii) Doubles

Draw size	8	16	24	32	48	64
Wild cards	1	2	2	4	6	8
Direct Acceptances	7	14	22	28	42	56

47*. Making a Draw

The qualifying draws and the main draws should be made immediately after the respective sign-in has closed. All draws shall be conducted in public with at least two players present, one of whom shall be of a different nationality to that of the host country.

a) Qualifying

i) Sections and Seeds

The qualifying draw shall be made in sections, and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw. If four (4) qualifiers are required, there shall be four (4) sections; six (6) qualifiers, six (6) sections; and so on. The draw shall be seeded and the selection of seeds shall be consistent with the criteria used for the main draw. Each section shall have two seeded players/teams. The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line of each section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line of each section. If there are not a sufficient number of seeded players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seeds shall not have a second seeded player.

The top four ranked players from each nation should be drawn in different sections. Wherever possible players from the same nation should not be drawn against each other in the first round.

ii) Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw

Once the qualifying event has begun, only those players who ultimately qualify and lucky losers may be accepted into the main draw. The qualifying event commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

iii) Drawing of Qualifiers

At the conclusion of the qualifying event, the name of one qualifier shall be drawn for each qualifying place in the main draw. There shall be no prior designation of qualifying sections to qualifying places in the main draw. Likewise, when more than one lucky loser is to be inserted into the main draw, their position in the main draw shall be determined by drawing. Vacancies occurring before the qualifying is completed to be filled by lucky losers shall be drawn in conjunction with those players that qualified.

b) Main Draw

If there are two ranked players from the same National Association competing, they shall be drawn in different halves of the draw.

If three or four ranked players from the same National Association are competing, the first and second ranked shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth ranked players drawn into the quarters which do not already contain one of that National Association's players.

The selection of the top four players from any one country shall be determined by the most recent available junior or professional ranking (see Appendix L) of those players.

Any remaining competitors from the National Association shall be drawn by lot but, wherever possible, should not be drawn against each other in the first round.

i) Placing of Seeds

Taking into account the provisions of b) previous, seeds shall be placed or drawn as follows:

1. Place Seed 1 on line 1 and Seed 2 on line 16 (16 draw), 32 (24/32 draw), 64 (48/64 draw) or line 128 (96/128 draw).

2. To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (Seeds 3 and 4) and groups of four (Seeds 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16) from top to bottom as follows:

	16 draw (4 seeds)	24/32 draw (8 seeds)	48/64 draw (16 seeds)	96/128 draw (16 seeds)
Seeds 3, 4	5 12	9 24	17 48	33 96
Seeds 5, 6, 7, 8		8 16 17 25	16 32 33 49	32 64 65 97
Seeds 9,10,11,12			9 25 40 56	17 49 80 112
Seeds 13,14,15,16			8 24 41 57	16 48 81 113

ii) Byes

In the event that there are not enough competitors to fill the draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by a lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

iii) Vacancies And Substitutions

Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the following:

- a) From the entry deadline until the qualifying sign-in deadline:
 - i) Vacancies shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with their ranking on the acceptance list.
- b) From the qualifying sign-in deadline until the commencement of the qualifying competition:

i) Vacancies in the main draw shall be filled by entered players who have signed in for the qualifying event selected in accordance with their ranking on the acceptance list and thereafter by ranked on-site alternates who have signed in for the qualifying event selected in accordance with the latest available computer rankings. Where players have no such ranking, the order of priority shall be decided by lot.

ii) Vacancies in the qualifying event shall be filled by entered players who have signed in for the qualifying event selected in accordance with their positions on the acceptance list and thereafter on-site alternates selected in accordance with the applicable system of merit.

c) After commencement of the qualifying competition:

Vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers. A Lucky Loser shall be inserted as a substitute for any player who withdraws or is withdrawn before the first point is played in his/her first match. Lucky Losers are those players who have lost in the final round of Qualifying. If additional Lucky Losers are needed they shall be selected from losers in the previous round(s) in the same manner. Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows: The order of players with an ITF junior ranking shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked players shall be randomly drawn.

ii) Vacancies in the qualifying shall be filled by players who have signed the alternate list selected in accordance with the applicable system of merit.

In order to be eligible for substitution, a lucky loser must:

(1) report to the Referee and sign the lucky loser sign-in record at least one half (½) hour prior to the start of the first match of the day; and (2) be ready to play within five (5) minutes after the announcement of the default.

If the eligible lucky loser is not available to play, he/she shall be placed at the bottom of the lucky loser priority list for the day corresponding to the qualifying round in which he/she lost. If the eligible player is playing in the doubles event at the time he/she is called as a lucky loser in singles, the singles match may be rescheduled so he/she can fill the lucky loser position, provided the Referee determines that such rescheduling of the singles match does not cause an unreasonable disruption in the schedule; otherwise the next available lucky loser shall be selected to fill such vacancy.

iv) Special Exempts

Prior to the time that the qualifying draw is made, a Referee may accept a verbal or written request for special exempt status on behalf of a player qualified to make such a request, but only from the Referee of the tournament at which the player is still participating. If there are not sufficient special exempt places in the main draw for all applicants, the players shall be selected in accordance with their rankings (ITF Junior World Ranking/professional game) on Monday, seven days before the tournament week. If there is no qualifying competition, or if special exempts are not needed prior to

the time that the qualifying draw is made, then the places in the main draw reserved for special exempts shall become places for direct acceptances who have signed in for qualifying, to be selected in accordance with their position on the acceptance list.

The maximum number of special exempts is as follows:

16 Draw	1
32 Draw	2
48 Draw	2
64 Draw	2
128 Draw	2

c) Doubles

i) Conducting a Draw

The placing of seeds and byes and the drawing of the remaining teams shall be in accordance with the same principles used in the singles main draw.

ii) Vacancies

A team shall constitute a doubles entry. Therefore, if either of the players of a team cannot play, that doubles entry is subject to default and substitution. However, if a player has to withdraw through injury or other unavoidable circumstances after the sign-in deadline, but before the draw, his/her partner may enter again with another player who had not already been accepted in the doubles event. With this exception players may not change partners after the doubles entry deadline. If two or more seeded teams withdraw, the draw should be remade.

48. Seedings Official – Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds

Seedings will not be official until the final draw is made. The latest available rankings shall be used.

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player in the main draw eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of qualifying or by the eligible lucky loser if after commencement of qualifying. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play on the day preceding commencement of play in the main draw shall be filled by an eligible lucky loser.

Any replacement of seeds should be made without consideration to the placement of players from the same nation. (as explained in 47 b).

49. Withdrawals

Main draw players may withdraw from a Circuit tournament fourteen (14) days before the start of the tournament's main draw without incurring any penalty.

Qualifying players may withdraw without penalty up until qualifying sign-in, providing that the Tournament Director/Referee is informed.

Late withdrawals will be penalised in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

All withdrawals must be made in writing, by facsimile or by email. Players are advised to keep a paper copy of any withdrawal made. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure that the withdrawal has been received.

At the discretion of the Junior Competitions Committee any player withdrawing late from a Grade A event, except for reasons of injury, health or bereavement, may be suspended from competing in the following Grade A event.

50. Medical Excuse

A player may withdraw through injury or illness not more than twice each calendar year without incurring automatic penalty, providing an independent medical certificate is submitted to the appropriate entry authority and/or ITF stating that the player concerned is unable to play in the tournament due to a specified injury or illness. All medical certificates must be received by the appropriate entry authority and/or ITF within 21 days of the player's withdrawal from the tournament concerned. If a player sustains an injury which necessitates his/her withdrawal from subsequent tournaments, no automatic penalty will be levied. Following recovery, should a player participate in a tournament and have to withdraw through injury, a new medical certificate will be required, even if the injury is a recurrence. In the case of an appeal or dispute, the final decision shall rest with the Junior Competitions Committee.

51. Suspension and Postponement

The chair umpire may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any such suspension by the chair 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 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:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0 - 15 minutes delay | - no warm-up |
| more than 15 minutes) | - three (3) minutes of warm-up |
| less than 30 minutes) | |
| 30 or more minutes of delay | - five (5) minutes of warm-up |

52. Waiver of Claims

In submitting an entry into an ITF Junior Circuit event, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that 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 an ITF Junior Circuit event, against the ITF, the National Association or

Regional Association sanctioning such events.

53. Related Regulations

To the extent not covered herein The Constitution of ITF Limited 2009 and the 2009 Rules of Tennis shall be applicable to all ITF Junior Circuit Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of the ITF Junior Circuit Tournaments to promulgate and enforce their own special regulations insofar as they are consistent with the applicable provisions of these Rules and Regulations and have been approved by the ITF.

V. ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

54*. Hospitality

All tournaments Graded A, 1-3 level must provide meals (breakfast, midday and evening meals) and accommodation for all players in the singles and/or doubles main draw and for a minimum of one coach per nation commencing the evening before the first day of the main draw. All tournaments Graded 4-5 level shall, wherever possible, provide meals and accommodation for all players in the singles and/or doubles main draw and for a minimum of one coach per nation. These coaches must have been nominated by the National Association when submitting their players entries. No other coaches shall be guaranteed hospitality.

Please see Appendix N for guidelines on the required level of hospitality.

If hospitality is provided to an official team from a country, it is preferable, but at the discretion of the tournament committee, that hospitality be extended to all members of that team until the last player is eliminated from the singles and/or doubles main draw.

Tournaments may not restrict the provision of hospitality to a set number of participants per country.

Official tournament hospitality for coaches and players shall be provided separately and bedrooms may not be shared. Requests to share accommodation by players and coaches from the same or opposite sex should at all times be refused. The only exception allowed to this rule is when a National Association nominates a parent as the official coach/representative.

55. Tournament Visitor Accreditation

Any player support team member, as defined in the ITF welfare policy (ITF Junior Circuit Regulations 2009 - Appendix F) or tournament visitor, as defined below, attending an ITF Junior event must report to the Tournament Committee upon arrival and request accreditation for the full duration of his / her stay. The accreditation must state the full name of the attendee and the organisation he/she represents.

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

Any prospective or current agent, suppliers, sports manufacturers, media, recruitment organisations, or academic institution of any description. It does not include anyone visiting an event solely as a tennis spectator.

56. Travel Assistance

Any travel assistance shall be arranged only in advance and offered only to National Associations. It shall not be conditional upon a named player taking part. Travel assistance shall not be offered to individual players neither shall it be linked to a player's success in the tournament, nor shall it be conditional on a player's participation in any other tournament.

Regional Associations may co-ordinate the travel assistance offered to players taking part in a group of tournaments under their control.

57*. Courts

All match courts shall be of exactly the same surface. However, in the event of bad weather play may be moved to another surface, either under cover or not.

The minimum number of courts are as follows:

64 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of 8 courts, ideally 10.

48 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of 6 courts, ideally 7.

32 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of 4 courts, ideally 5.

In addition there should be at least one practice court per 32 players on site.

58. Practice facilities shall be provided. Practice courts shall preferably be of the same surface as the match courts, but this is not obligatory. Practice facilities need not be in the same stadium, but transport shall be provided. Players shall have the opportunity to reserve practice courts, and the Referee shall ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made.

59*. Officials

a) Grade 1, 2 & 3 Tournaments

The Referee shall be a minimum White Badge Official standard.

There shall be a Chair Umpire for each match from the quarterfinals.

There shall be at least two Line Umpires for each match from the semifinals.

b) Grade 4 & 5 Tournaments

The Referee shall be a minimum White Badge Official standard.

It is recommended that wherever possible there shall be a Chair Umpire for each match from the semifinals onwards.

60. Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer

A Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer shall be on-site for the duration of the event. (In relation to Appendix E.)

It is highly recommended that a doctor be present on-site for the duration of the event.

61. Schedule

The Referee shall, whenever possible, allow a player who has competed on the final day of the preceding tournament, a full day for travelling and rest before that player is obliged to play the first round of the succeeding tournament.

62. Every evening, the schedule for the following day's play shall be published and displayed in the stadium and/or hotels or otherwise made available for competitors and coaches.

63. Rankings

The latest available ITF Junior World Rankings shall be on display.

64. Facilities

There shall be a tournament desk staffed at all times. Adequate changing rooms and shower facilities shall be available.

65. Prize Money

No prize money in any form shall be paid at any junior tournament, either to the players or to their National Associations. Wild Cards into professional level events are not considered as Prize Money.

66. Gifts

The value of a gift to the winner of a tournament may not exceed the value of US \$500.00.

67. Tournament Entry Forms

Full details of the tournament shall be set out in the entry forms — conditions of play, arrangements for players etc.

A tournament shall use the ITF standard Entry Form which includes the clauses:

- a) The ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct will be in force at the tournament.
- b) The deadline for withdrawal without incurring any penalty is fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled start of the singles main draw.

68. Fact Sheet

All relevant information on arrangements for the event should be made available to the players and National Associations in the form of the ITF standard Fact Sheet.

Fact sheets must be sent to all relevant associations as soon as it is approved by the ITF. A fact sheet must also be forwarded to the ITF for approval by facsimile or email at least three months before the event concerned.

69. Entry Fees

One entry fee (covering singles and doubles) shall be reasonable and shall not exceed:

<u>Grade A, 1,2,3 (4 and 5 with Full Hospitality):</u>	<u>\$65 (or equivalent) per person</u>
<u>Grade 4 and 5 (without Full Hospitality):</u>	<u>\$50 (or equivalent) per person</u>
<u>Indoor Grade A, 1,2,3 (4 and 5 with Full Hospitality)</u>	<u>\$75 (or equivalent) per person</u>
<u>Indoor Grade 4 and 5 (without Full Hospitality)</u>	<u>\$60 (or equivalent) per person</u>

Any Grade 4 or Grade 5 tournaments charging a combined entry/hospitality fee must reduce the amount of the fee in accordance with this rule if a player elects to make his/her own hospitality arrangements.

70. Conditions of Play

a) 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 (1200hrs) should be interrupted or postponed until the following day. (The Referee can extend the time of play if, in his opinion, the match can be concluded in a reasonable time.)

A tournament can apply to the ITF for an exemption to the mandatory latest start time at least three months before the entry deadline.

b) Between Qualifying and Main Draw

Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his/her first round match in the singles main draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his/her final qualifying match. If a player plays two (2) singles qualifying matches in one day, he/she should not be scheduled on the following day for his/her first round singles match, unless such player is accepted into the tournament as a lucky loser.

c) Between Matches

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) singles match and one (1) doubles match per day, which shall not be scheduled less than twelve (12) hours after the completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day or round.

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless he/she is in a singles and doubles final to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

- a) Played less than one (1) hour - half (½) hour rest
- b) Played between one (1) hour and one and one half (1½) hours - one (1) hour rest
- c) Played more than one and one half (1½) hours - one and one half (1½) hours rest

If play has been interrupted for thirty (30) minutes or more due to rain or other warranted delay, the length of match time would be assessed from the moment play resumes following the delay.

If play is interrupted for less than thirty (30) minutes, match time would be considered continuous from the moment the first ball of the match was put into play.

No rest is allowed after the second set in a three-set match unless the extreme weather conditions rule is in effect.

71. Balls

a) Main Draw/Qualifying

In main draw and qualifying there shall be a minimum of three new balls for each match; another three new balls shall be provided for any third set.

b) Practice

Balls shall be provided for practice, but it is not obligatory to give new balls for this purpose.

72. Publicity and Promotion

Each player grants and assigns to the ITF the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself, his/her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such promotional activities by ITF shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

73. International Sponsorship

The ITF retains the right to secure international sponsors (Title & Ancillary) for the Competition. An international sponsor will have the right to exposure at select events of the Competition, and it will be the responsibility of the ITF to negotiate an agreement with each Host Organiser of these events with regards to this exposure. The ITF grants all Host Organisers of events the right to secure local sponsors.

The ITF retains the exclusive right for net branding at each event of the Competition. The Host Organiser of each event of the Competition is not allowed to place branding on the net unless agreed otherwise in writing with the ITF.

The ITF insists that there should be no Tobacco organisations secured as sponsors for any events of the Competition. The ITF also insists that hard liquor alcohol brands should not be secured as a sponsor to events of the Competition, however non-distilled alcohol brands may be secured as a partner under the following guidelines:

- i) the brand is not a Title or Naming sponsor of the event
- ii) the brand does not have on court exposure at the event
- iii) the brand serves the drink at the event in a responsible fashion to persons over the age of 18 (or relevant drinking age in the event country)

APPENDIX A

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GRADE A (SUPER SERIES)

Grade A tournaments shall follow the Regulations for Grade 1-5 tournaments, with the following exceptions and additions. It should be noted that the Grand Slam tournaments reserve the right to implement alternative rules.

Regulation 36• shall replace Regulation 36* in the main Regulations.

36• Number of Sets, Tie-Break

Each match shall be the best of three Tie-Break sets or two Tie-Break sets and one advantage set as decided by the Tournament Committee.

Doubles matches shall be two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 point) in place of a third set. No-Ad scoring shall be used.

38• Entries and Draws

Grade A tournaments shall have the following minimum number of competitors in each event:

Boys' Singles: 64 Boys' Doubles: 32 Girls' Singles: 64 Girls' Doubles: 32

If a Grade A event fails to have the above entry, or fails to accept players in accordance with Regulation 40• the following year the number of points awarded to the tournament will be decreased.

If the entry falls below 48 for either of the singles events, Grade A status may no longer be given.

Tournament committees should bear in mind that no points are awarded to a player until he/she has won a round and should therefore do their utmost to ensure that the number of competitors in the draw allows the maximum number of points to be awarded.

40• Invitations to and Selection of Competitors

e) In addition the highest ranked entrant from each of the following areas – South America, North America, Central America and Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania, if not already included in a) or b) above shall be accepted for main draw if their ranking is 80 or higher and qualifying if their ranking is 150 or higher.

The Alternate list should be no larger than the size of the Qualifying Draw.

The following Regulations are additional clauses to, and/or take precedence over the main Regulations.

47• Making the Draw

An official representative, as nominated by the ITF, and at least two (2) players (two (2) boys in the case of the boys main draw, and two (2) girls in the case of the girls main draw), one (1) of whom shall be of a different nationality to that of the host country, shall be present for the draw.

54• Hospitality

All Grade A tournaments must provide meals (breakfast, midday and evening meals) and accommodation for all players in the singles and/or doubles main draw and for a minimum of one coach per nation. These coaches must have been nominated by the National Association when submitting their player entries. No other coaches shall be guaranteed hospitality.

Please see Appendix N for guidelines on the required level of hospitality.

Where necessary, local transport shall be provided by the tournament committee.

Hospitality shall commence the evening before the first day of the main draw and end the day after the elimination of the player or the morning following the completion of the tournament, at the discretion of the tournament committee.

With the exception of those players who qualify for the main draw the tournament committee have no obligation to provide for players competing in the qualifying competition.

The issue of passes and use of facilities at Grade A tournaments which are held during a Grand Slam event, are at the discretion of the tournament committee.

57• Courts

The main court shall have spectator facilities, for example, at least small stands; other courts shall also have viewing facilities not only for coaches and players, but a number of seats for other spectators.

59• Officials

The Referee shall be a minimum Silver Badge Referee standard.

There shall be a Chair Umpire for every match

There shall be at least four Line Umpires for each match from the semifinals.

APPENDIX B

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GRADE B (CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS)

74. Tournaments Included

Tournaments in this group shall be staged either by a Regional Association or by another group of National Associations, and shall be open only to competitors qualified to represent a country from the area of that Regional Association or group of National Associations.

Applications for tournaments to be held during the same week and at the same venue, as a professional tour event will only be considered for inclusion if the tour event is owned and run by the relevant National Association.

75. Invitations to Competitors

Invitations to take part may only be sent to National Associations. Under no circumstances may invitations be sent direct to players.

76. Nomination of Competitors

Only players nominated by their National Association may compete. If a player is qualified to represent more than one country and the National Association of one of those countries wishes to nominate him/her to represent it, that Association must submit an application to the ITF, with a copy to any other National Association concerned.

77. Draw

If two players from the same National Association are competing, they shall be drawn in different halves of the draw.

If three or four players from the same National Association are competing, the first and second-ranking shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth-ranked players drawn into the quarters which do not already contain one of that National Association's players.

Any remaining competitors from the National Association shall be drawn by lot.

78. Hospitality

Full accommodation and meals (breakfast, midday and evening meals) shall be provided for all players in the singles and/or doubles main draw and for a minimum of one coach per nation commencing the evening before the first day of the main draw.

Please see Appendix N for guidelines on the required level of hospitality.

Official tournament hospitality for coaches and players shall be provided separately and bedrooms may not be shared. Requests to share accommodation by players and coaches from the same or opposite sex should at all times be refused. The only exception allowed to this rule is when a National Association nominates a parent as the official coach/representative.

79. Officials

The Referee shall be a minimum White Badge Official standard.

There shall be a Chair Umpire for each match from the quarterfinals.

There shall be at least two Line Umpires for each match from the semi-finals.

80. Other Regulations

In addition to the above, Regulations for the Continental Championship or Tournament which are approved by the Regional Association or group of National Associations concerned and by the ITF shall be followed. These Regulations shall be submitted to the ITF each year as soon as available. For any matters not covered by those Regulations, the Regulations for Grade 1 to 5 tournaments shall be observed.

APPENDIX C

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GRADE C (INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS)

81. Invitations to Competitors

An invitation to take part may only be sent to a Nation whose National Association is a Class B or Class C Member of the ITF. Under no circumstances may invitations be sent direct to players.

82. Selection of Competitors

Only teams nominated by those National Associations may compete.

83. Qualification of a Player to Represent a Country

(a) Any tennis player who is in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with the Appendix I shall be qualified to represent that country if he/she is a national of that country, has a current valid passport of that country and has lived in that country for 24 consecutive months at some time, and has not represented any other country during the period of 36 months immediately preceding the event.

If a player is qualified under the sub-section above to represent more than one country and the National Association of one of those countries wishes to nominate him/her to represent it, that Association shall submit an application to the ITF, with a copy to any other National Association concerned. Such application must be received by the ITF at least six months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated. The Junior Competitions Committee will give a ruling having taken into account all relevant matters.

(b) A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a country and such a country is divided into two or more countries, shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those countries. A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a country and such country is absorbed in whole or in part by another country, shall immediately be eligible to represent such other country.

(c) A player shall be deemed to have represented a country if he shall have been nominated and shall have accepted the nomination to play in the Olympic Games Tennis Event or in any International Team Competition recognised by the ITF and listed in Bye-law 2.1(a).

(d) A National Association may apply to the Juniors Competitions Committee to nominate a player who is not eligible under the above Regulations and the said Committee may agree the application if the full circumstances warrant an exception being made. Such application must be received by the ITF at least six months prior to

the event for which the player wishes to be nominated. A National Association may appeal the Junior Competitions Committee decision to the Board of Directors.

(e) The Junior Competitions Committee and/or the Organising Committee of the event, have the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player is qualified to represent that country.

(f) The Junior Competitions Committee can only approve exceptions for players to participate in the competitions of that Committee.

Note: A player who represented a country under the Rules of the Federation (as defined in the Articles of Association) in force in 1994 or prior thereto, shall continue to be eligible to represent that country even if he is no longer qualified to do so under the amended terms of this Regulation.

84. Non-Playing Captain

A non-playing captain of a team shall be subject to the rules governing members of that team except as regards to any limitations as to age of the playing members.

85. Officials

The Referee shall be of minimum White Badge standard.

There shall be a chair umpire for each match.

There shall be at least one linesperson for each match i.e. one for the far sideline.

86. Other Regulations

In addition to the above, International Team Competition Regulations which are approved by the International Committee concerned and by the ITF shall be followed. These regulations shall be submitted to the ITF each year as soon as these are available. For any matters not covered by those regulations, the regulations for Grade 1-5 tournaments shall be observed.

APPENDIX D

CODE OF CONDUCT

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE I: GENERAL

A. PURPOSE

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) promulgates this ITF Code of Conduct (Code) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by junior players and player support team members at all tournaments, continental championships and international team competitions included in the ITF Junior Circuit, and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the Sport of Tennis. All references to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall mean the ITF Limited.

B. APPLICABILITY

This Code is applicable as stated herein to ITF Junior Circuit events.

ARTICLE II: PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES

A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall only apply to ITF Junior Circuit events.

B. ENTRY OFFENCES

1. Late Withdrawal

A main draw player may withdraw from a tournament no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled start of the singles main draw without incurring penalty.

Qualifying players may withdraw without penalty up until qualifying sign-in, providing that the tournament director is informed.

All withdrawals must be made in writing, by facsimile or by email. Players are advised to keep a paper copy of any withdrawal made. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure that the withdrawal has been received.

Any late withdrawal by a player from a tournament, except for reasons of health or bereavement, shall be automatically punished by the levy of suspension points as follows:- four suspension points will be levied against the player on the first occasion of withdrawal without good reason and five suspension points for each subsequent occasion.

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”.

2. No-Show

Any player who fails to sign-in shall be considered a 'no-show' and shall be automatically punished by the levying of six suspension points.

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".

3. Playing Another Event

No player who has entered and been accepted into an ITF Junior Circuit event shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament unless authorised by the ITF. Violation of this Section shall result in a default by the Referee. 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".

ARTICLE III: PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. GENERAL

Every player, coach, trainer, relative, parent or guardian, as well as any other player support team member, shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site (including the official tournament hotel) of an ITF Junior Circuit tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions hereinafter set forth shall apply while within the precincts of each such site.

B. PUNCTUALITY

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the announced order of play. The order of play shall be posted as a highly visible place in a general player's area as designated by the Referee.

Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play using all available and reasonable means. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

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

C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Every player 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 an 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 Circuit tournaments 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 Circuit 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 Junior Circuit events played on clay courts.

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

2. Doubles Teams

Members of a doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours.

3. Identification

No identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing, products or equipment on court during 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. Shirt, Sweater or Jacket

- i. Sleeves. One (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve, neither of which exceeds three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm), plus one (1) manufacturer's identification on each sleeve, neither of which exceeds eight (8) square inches (52 sq.cm) shall be permitted. If written identification is used within this eight (8) square inches (52 sq.cm) area

on either or both sleeves, such written identification may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) per sleeve.

- ii. *Sleeveless: The two (2) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications permitted on the sleeves above, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm), may be placed on the front of the garment.*
- 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) shall be permitted.

b. Shorts/Skirts

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

On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) and which shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications on shorts/skirts shall be permitted.

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

c. 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).

d. Racquet

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

e. Hat, Headband or Wristband

One (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) shall be permitted.

f. 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.

g. 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 is prohibited on all dress or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

h. General

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.

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. When a solid colour patch is the same colour as the clothing, then in determining the area, the size of the actual patch will be based on the size of the identification.

4. 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.

5. Taping

No taping over of logos/patches shall be allowed.

D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

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 (20) 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.

The first violation of this Section shall be penalised by a Time Violation warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of one Time Violation point 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

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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

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

Players shall not receive coaching during a match (including the warm-up). Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach (includes

representative or relative of player) may be construed as coaching. 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.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to three (3) suspension points for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth 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 upon his failure to comply with such order 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

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 hereinafter set forth. 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 hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Sport, but does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein. 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

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in an ITF Junior Circuit tournament.

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 hereinafter set forth therefore.

N. LEAVING THE COURT

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” as hereafter set forth.

O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so. 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 the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

P. CEREMONIES

A player participating in the finals of an ITF Junior Circuit tournament event must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he is reasonably unable to do so.

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”.

Q. MEDIA CONFERENCE

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the postmatch 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 otherwise modified by the Referee for good cause.

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”.

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.

S. DEFAULTS

The Referee may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code 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.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be defaulted from all other events, if any, in that tournament, except when the offending incident involves only a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article III. B and C, or as a result of a medical condition or when his doubles partner commits the Code Violation which causes the default.

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 Player On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the punishment, other than under the Point Penalty Schedule, and give written notice thereof to the player.

V. APPEALS

Any player convicted of a violation of a Player On-Site Offence may appeal to the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis for review of the determination of guilt and penalty. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and filed by 5.00 p.m. G.M.T. with the ITF within twenty-eight (28) days after the last day of the tournament.

Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident, and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the Referee. In the event of a whole or partial reversal the ITF shall remove the penalty from the player's record in accordance with the disposition of the appeal.

W. SUSPENSION POINTS

Suspension points shall be recorded against a player for the following:

	Suspension Points
a) Withdrawal from a tournament after the withdrawal deadline (first occasion)	4
b) Withdrawal from a tournament after the withdrawal deadline (other than first occasion)	5
c) No Show for sign-in at a tournament	6
d) For each set of 3 Warnings given during one tournament	3

e) For each Point Penalty given	3
f) For each Game Penalty given	4
g) Any Default through the Point Penalty System except for Punctuality and Dress and Equipment	5
h) Any Default for a single violation of the Code (Immediate Default)	6
i) Any Default for punctuality	5

Any player receiving a total of ten (10) suspension points shall be suspended from competing in ITF Junior Circuit Tournaments for a period of four (4) weeks. Once the period of suspension has been served, the ten (10) points will be deducted from the player's suspension points total. Should a player have more than ten (10) suspension points when he/she commences his/her period of suspension, the balance of the points will be carried over.

The suspension shall commence from a date to be specified by the ITF, which shall take into account the time required to notify the player's National Association and all other relevant parties.

The ITF is responsible for notifying the Regional and/or National Associations and entry authorities of the ITF Junior Circuit tournaments of any suspension incurred by a player.

Organisers of ITF Junior Circuit Tournaments shall be in breach of the regulations governing these tournaments, if, having been previously notified by the ITF, they accept the entry of any player under suspension

ARTICLE IV: PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES

A. WAGERS

No player or Related Person_(defined hereinafter as including, but not limited to coaches, therapists, trainers, management representatives, family and business associates) shall wager anything of value in connection with any ITF Junior Circuit Tournament.

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 ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.

B. BRIBES OR OTHER PAYMENTS

No player or Related Person shall 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 ITF Junior Circuit event.

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 ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.

C. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

No player or Related Person at any ITF Junior Circuit 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 Circuit 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 Circuit.

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 ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.

D. 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 law of any country, 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. 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 ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.

E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the player involved; the player shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the player deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon the completion of

his investigation the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall determine the innocence or guilt of the player involved, and, in the latter case, shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision shall be promptly delivered to the player and to the Junior Competitions Committee.

F. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

Any player found to have committed a Player Major Offence may petition the Junior Competitions Committee for discretionary review of the determination and penalty of the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player. The ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the Junior Competitions Committee. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Junior Competitions Committee shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the player and the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis. At such hearing the player and the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall present to the Junior Competition Committee the relevant evidence on the matter. The Junior Competitions Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis on appeal.

If the appeal is decided against the player, then the Junior Competitions Committee shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the player, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members of the Junior Competitions Committee with respect thereto, if the same is not at a regular scheduled meeting of the Committee.

ARTICLE V: MEDICAL CONTROL - ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Any Player, Player Support Team Member or other Person who enters or participates in the ITF Junior Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2009.

The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2009 is set out in full on the ITF website (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 2009 is also available upon application.

ARTICLE VI: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES

A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall apply to each ITF Junior Circuit Tournament.

B. GUARANTEES

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of an ITF Junior Circuit Tournament shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall such a tournament permit any other person or entity to offer, give or pay money or anything of value to a player, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player's appearance at a tournament. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to disqualification and loss of sanction. In the event the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis believes that a tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis or his agent access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating in any way to such alleged guarantee, or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis.

C. WILD CARDS

No ITF Junior Circuit Tournament, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a withdrawal of its sanction.

D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No ITF Junior Circuit Tournament, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport.

Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a withdrawal of its sanction.

E. ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT RULES

No ITF Junior Circuit Tournament shall violate any provisions of these ITF Junior Circuit Rules. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a withdrawal of its sanction.

F. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Tournament Offence by an ITF Junior Circuit Tournament and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the tournament involved. The tournament shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the tournament deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon completion of his investigation, the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall determine the innocence or guilt of the tournament involved, and in the latter case shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision of the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall be promptly delivered to the tournament and to the Committee.

G. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

Any ITF Junior Circuit Tournament found to have committed a Tournament Offence may-petition the Committee for discretionary review of the determination and penalty of the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the tournament. The ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall there after promptly forward said petition to the Committee. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Committee shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the tournament and the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis. At such hearing the tournament and the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis shall present to the Committee the relevant evidence on the matter. The Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Manager of Junior Tennis on appeal. If the appeal is decided against the tournament, then the Committee shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the tournament, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members.

ARTICLE VII: WELFARE POLICY

Any player that enters and/or participates on the ITF Junior Circuit, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates on the ITF Junior Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix F.

APPENDIX E

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 Medicine Therapist/Trainer (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 that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
 - General player fatigue.
 - Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

b. Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer 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 Medicine Therapist/Trainer 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 Medicine Therapist/Trainer, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court. *

If the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer 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 Referee or Chair Umpire when the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer 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 Medicine Therapist/Trainer determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer, 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, the 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 and cramping 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.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the Referee or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer 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 Medicine Therapist/Trainer 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 Medicine Therapist/Trainer 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 should stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer should be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor, the Referee or Chair Umpire 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 should not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

g. Vomiting

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire should 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 Medicine Therapist/Trainer 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 should not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

h. Physical Incapacity

During a match, if there is an emergency medical condition and the player involved is unable to make a request for a Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call for the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer and Tournament Doctor to assist the player.

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered unable physically to compete, the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor should inform the Referee and recommend that the player is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress.

The 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 advice and any other information into consideration.

The player may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament if the Tournament Doctor determines that the player’s condition has improved to the extent that the player may safely physically perform at an appropriate level of play, whether the same day or on a later day.

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

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

Extreme weather conditions shall be defined at such time that heat, as measured by a Heat Stress Monitor, meets or exceeds a heat stress index of 28 degrees Celsius/82 degrees Fahrenheit. If a Heat Stress Monitor is not available, extreme weather conditions are then defined by the danger zone which is equal to or above the apparent temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit, illustrated on the chart below. Heat stress is measured by Wet Bulb Global Temperature (WBGT) which is calculated as (0.7 Wet Bulb + 0.2 Global Temperature + 0.1 Dry Bulb = WBGT).

Air Temperature (Celsius/Fahrenheit)											
	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	Apparent Temperature (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						

The Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer or Tournament Doctor and the Referee have the authority to determine if the extreme weather condition rule will go into effect during a tournament. If it is so determined, a ten (10) minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets. There may also be a delay in the starting time of the matches scheduled for play that day. When possible, this decision to delay the start of matches due to extreme weather conditions should be made prior to the scheduled start of play.

Measurement And Monitoring Of Weather Conditions

The Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer or Tournament Doctor will monitor weather conditions by taking measurements a minimum of three (3) times during the day:

- (1) ½ hour before match play begins for the day
- (2) middle of the scheduled day
- (3) prior to beginning of the last match of the day/night.

Implementation of the Rule

In the event that during the day there is a sudden change in weather conditions as determined by this periodic monitoring, the Extreme Weather Condition Rule may be put into effect at any time on all courts, excluding matches already in progress. If there is a change in weather conditions and the rule is lifted, those matches already in progress will continue under the extreme weather condition rule. In the case of rain or interruption to play, the Referee and Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer or Tournament Doctor can reassess the Rule.

Conditions of the 10-Minute Break

If it is a mutual agreement between the players not to take a ten (10) minute break, then play will continue. However, if requested by one player, the ten (10) minute break will be taken.

In the absence of a chair umpire, the Referee shall agree the time that the match shall be resumed with both players.

During the ten (10) minute break, no coaching or treatment will be allowed. However, a player will be allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or advice from the Sports Medicine Therapist/Trainer or Tournament Doctor.

Following the ten (10) minute break, no re-warm-up will be allowed.

This rule applies in addition to the allowed bathroom/change of attire breaks during the match.

Penalties

After completion of the extreme weather conditions ten (10) minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets, any delay in returning to the court shall subject a player to Time Violations.

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 should be taken on a set break and can be used for no other purpose. Change of attire breaks (girls' matches) must be taken on a set break.

In girl's singles events, a player is entitled to two (2) breaks during a match. In boy's singles events, a player is entitled to one (1) toilet break.

In a doubles match, each team is entitled to a total of two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's authorised breaks.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet/change of attire break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court. Any toilet/change of attire break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks. Additional breaks 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.

APPENDIX F

WELFARE POLICY

Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest or other similar associate of any player (together “Player Support Team Member”) and player shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner at all times and in accordance with this ITF Welfare Policy.

A. Elements of the Welfare Policy

i. Application

(a) Players and Player Support Team Members shall be familiar with, and agree to abide by, the ITF Welfare Policy.

ii. Unfair and/or Discriminatory Conduct

(a) Players and Player Support Team Members shall not engage in unfair or unethical conduct including any attempt to injure, disable or intentionally interfere with the preparation or competition of any player.

(b) Players and Player Support Team Members shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.

iii. Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct

(a) Players and Player Support Team Members shall not abuse his or her position of authority or control, and shall not compromise the psychological, physical or emotional well being of any player.

(b) Players and Player Support Team Members shall not engage in abusive conduct, either physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed toward any player, tournament official, ITF staff member, on-court official, coach, parent, spectator or member of the press/media.

(c) Players and Player Support Team Members shall not exploit any player relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of the player.

iv. Sexual Conduct

The following conduct is specifically prohibited:

(a) Players and Player Support Team Members shall not make sexual advances towards, or have any sexual contact with, any player who is (1) under the age of 17, or (2) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the conduct takes place or where the player resides.

(b) Players and Player Support Team Members shall not sexually abuse a player of any age. Sexual abuse is defined as the forcing of sexual activity by one person on another

person (i) of diminished mental capacity; or (ii) by the use of physical force, threats, coercion, intimidation or undue influence.

(c) Players and Player Support Team Members shall not engage in sexual harassment - for example, by making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favours or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

(d) Player Support Team Members shall not share a hotel room with a player who is (1) under the age of 17, or (2) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the hotel is located or where the player resides, unless such Player Support Team Member is the player's legal guardian or is related to the player.

v. Criminal Conduct – Players and Player Support Team Members shall comply with all relevant criminal laws. For greater certainty and without limiting the foregoing, this obligation is violated if a player or Player Support Team Members has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment involving (a) an offence involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, (b) an offence involving sexual misconduct, harassment or abuse, or (c) an offence involving child abuse. Further, this obligation may be violated if a player or Player Support Team Member has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to an offence that is a violation of any law specifically designed to protect minors.

vi. Anti-Doping Activity – Players and Player Support Team Members shall not commit any offence under the terms of the ITF's Anti-Doping Programme or aid or abet in any way a player's offence under that Programme.

vii. Conduct in General – Players and Player Support Team Members shall not conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect unfavourably on the ITF, any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF (the "ITF Tournaments), any player, official or the game of tennis.

B. Violations/Procedures

i. Any individual who believes that any player or Player Support Team Member has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Welfare Policy may file a written complaint with the ITF Executive Director responsible for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates. That complaint shall be signed and shall state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct. Upon receipt of such a signed complaint, the ITF Executive Director shall promptly initiate a review of the matter. The ITF Executive Director may also initiate an investigation on the basis of a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against a player or Player Support Team Members by a national federation or other tennis organisation or a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section v. above.

ii. Upon review of the complaint and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the ITF Executive Director may determine that the complaint does not merit further action. If the ITF Executive Director determines that the complaint does merit further action, after giving the accused individual the opportunity to present his or her views to the ITF Executive Director or his/her designee, either in person or in writing, at the ITF Executive Director's discretion, the ITF Executive Director may impose appropriate sanctions including (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all ITF Tournaments, or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the ITF Executive Director may deem appropriate. In addition, the ITF Executive Director shall have authority to issue a provisional suspension, pending the completion of the investigation and issuance of a final decision on the matter.

iii. Decisions of the ITF Executive Director may be appealed to the Committee responsible for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates, unless such decision involves the imposition of a suspension greater than one (1) year or a fine in excess of US\$5,000, in which case the appeal of such ITF Executive Director decision shall be made to the Board of Directors of the ITF. In either circumstance, the appellate body shall decide whether to review the appeal based solely on the ITF Executive Director's investigation or whether to hold a full hearing in which the accused player or Player Support Team Member will be given the opportunity to present his/her views directly to the appellate body, in which case the appellate body shall issue directions for the efficient conduct of the appeal.

iv. Any decision of the Executive Director and/or the Committee pursuant to this Welfare Policy may be communicated to those Member National Associations and ITF Tournament organisers deemed necessary by the Executive Director and/or the Committee.

APPENDIX G

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE

1. ITF Junior Age Eligibility Chart

Age	Number of tournaments permitted
18	Unrestricted
17	Unrestricted
16	25
15	16 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
14	14 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
13	10 (unless player achieves a top 50 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
11/12	0

NOTES

1. The number of tournaments permitted is counted between the date of a player's birthday and the day before their next birthday, not between 1st January and 31st December.
2. Participation in an ITF Junior Circuit tournament includes singles and/or doubles and/or qualifying.
3. For the purposes of the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule, the start date of a tournament is the Main Draw start date.
4. A player may not participate in any ITF Junior Circuit Tournament until they have reached their 13th birthday.
5. The number of tournaments permitted by the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule is in addition to the number of professional tournaments permitted by the Age Eligibility Rule (please refer to ITF Professional Circuit Regulations, and WTA Tour Regulations for details on the Age Eligibility Rule.)

APPENDIX H

AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

Competitions for players of 12 & under are permitted with the following restrictions:-

- a) In any calendar year players may only compete in a maximum of ten tournaments for 12 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the *USTA and Tennis Canada.
- b) Players may not participate in any 12 & under international individual tournament sanctioned by a Regional Association and/or National Association unless they have reached their 10th (tenth) birthday on or before the start of the main draw.
- c) Players eligible to compete in 12 and under Competitions may also compete in tournaments for 14 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the *USTA and Tennis Canada but participation in such tournaments will count towards the maximum of ten events permitted;
- d) Competition for players of 12 and under organised by a Regional Association must be a team competition;
- e) Players aged 12 and under shall not compete in 16 and under competitions outside their own country;
- f) There shall be no international or regional rankings for players aged 12 and under;
- g) The title 'World Champion' shall not be awarded to a player winning an event restricted to players of 12 and under;

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

COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS OF 14& UNDER

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

Competitors for these competitions, including the World Junior Tennis Competition, must therefore have been born between the following years:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Eligible Birth Year</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>1995 - 98</u>
<u>2010</u>	<u>1996 - 99</u>
<u>2011</u>	<u>1997 - 00</u>

COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS OF 16 & UNDER

These Rules are applicable to all international 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, including the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas, must therefore have been born between the following years:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Eligible Birthdates</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>1993 - 96</u>
<u>2010</u>	<u>1994 - 97</u>
<u>2011</u>	<u>1995 - 98</u>

APPENDIX I

GUIDELINES FOR THE NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS PERMITTED PER COUNTRY

1. Maximum number of tournaments permitted

The Guidelines for the number of tournaments permitted per country shall be based on the ITF voting system according to the number of Class B or Class C shares each country is entitled to. The maximum number of events permitted shall be as follows:

12 Class B Shares	-	up to 7 events permitted
9 Class B Shares	-	up to 6 events permitted
7 Class B Shares	-	up to 5 events permitted
5 Class B Shares	-	up to 4 events permitted
3 Class B Shares	-	up to 3 events permitted
1 Class B Share	-	up to 2 events permitted
1 Class C Share	-	1 event permitted in special circumstances

2. Number of new tournaments permitted per year

A maximum of one (1) new tournament per year, per country can be approved to join the ITF Junior Circuit.

3. Continental Championships

Continental Closed events (Grades B1, B2, B3) shall not be counted towards the maximum number of tournaments in a country.

4. Indoor tournaments

Applications for new indoor tournaments can be exempt from the Guidelines if deemed appropriate by the Junior Competitions Committee.

5. Countries classed as continents

For the purpose of the Guidelines Australia and the United States of America shall be considered as continents and are therefore exempt from the Guidelines at this time. The Junior Competitions Committee has the right, where it is deemed appropriate, to class other countries as continents for the purpose of the Guidelines.

6. Countries in excess of the maximum number of tournaments permitted

Countries which had more than the maximum number of tournaments permitted when the Guidelines were introduced were permitted to keep existing tournaments.

7. Special Consideration

The ITF Junior Competitions Committee may grant exceptions to the Guidelines where it is deemed appropriate.

APPENDIX J

16 & UNDER TEAM COMPETITION FEED UP SYSTEM

1. 16 & Under Team Competition Feed Up Exempt Positions will be offered to players in teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals.

2. Two 16 & Under Team Competition Feed Up Exempt Positions will be offered to each eligible player.

3. 16 & Under Team Competition Feed Up Exempt Positions will only be offered within a players' home region except in exceptional circumstances i.e. there is no relevant Grade tournament in the home region.

4. The level of pre-determined ITF Junior Circuit tournaments within the players' home region where main draw 16 & Under Team Competition Feed Up Exempt Positions will be offered is as follows:

JUNIOR DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS

Boys	1 st Place Team	2 nd Place Team	3 rd Place Team
No.1 Player	1 x Grade A 1 x Grade 1	2 x Grade 1	1 x Grade 1 1 x Grade 2
No.2 Player	2 x Grade 1	1 x Grade 1 1 x Grade 2	2 x Grade 2
No.3 Player	2 x Grade 2	1 x Grade 2 1 x Grade 3	2 x Grade 3

JUNIOR FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS

Girls	1 st Place Team	2 nd Place Team	3 rd Place Team
No.1 Player	1 x Grade A 1 x Grade 1	2 x Grade 1	1 x Grade 1 1 x Grade 2
No.2 Player	2 x Grade 1	1 x Grade 1 1 x Grade 2	2 x Grade 2
No.3 Player	2 x Grade 2	1 x Grade 2 1 x Grade 3	2 x Grade 3

5. 16 & Under Team Competition Feed Up Exempt Positions for players in teams placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals 2009 will be available in tournaments starting from the week beginning 16th November 2009 until the week beginning 20th September 2010.

6. 16 & Under Team Competition Feed Up Exempt Positions will be cancelled for eligible players from the 2009 Finals after 27th September 2010.

7. A maximum of two 16 & Under Team Competition Feed Up Exempt Positions will be available at each relevant tournament. Priority for positions will be according to the finishing position of the team and the position of the player within the team.

APPENDIX K

16 & UNDER TOURNAMENT FEED UP SYSTEM

1. 16 & Under Tournament Feed Up Exempt Positions will be offered to players selected through the regional 16 & Under year-end ranking or, if 16 & Under regional ranking is not available, through results in the 16 & Under Regional (or national for USA and Canada) Individual Championships.
2. Two 16 & Under Tournament Feed Up Exempt Positions will be offered to each eligible player in the singles main draw of pre-determined ITF Junior Circuit tournaments.
3. 16 & Under Tournament Feed Up Exempt Positions will be offered only within the player's home region except in exceptional circumstances i.e. there is no relevant Grade tournament in the home region.
4. The level of pre-determined ITF Junior Circuit tournaments within the players' home region where singles main draw 16 & Under Tournament Feed Up Exempt Position will be offered is as follows:

Boys & Girls	No. of Tournament & Grade
No.1 Player in the region	2 x Grade 1
No.2 Player in the region	1 x Grade 1 1 x Grade 2
No.3 Player in the region	2 x Grade 2
No.4/5/6/7 Player in the region	2 x Grade 3

5. No player can obtain an exempt position by virtue of his/her 16 & Under year-end ranking in another region (i.e. a South American player finishing in a top position of the 16 & Under year-end ranking in Europe).

6. The number of players (Boys & Girls) per region to benefit from the 16 & Under Tournament Feed Up system in 2009 is as follows:

- Africa 2
- Asia 4
- Canada (North America) 2
- Central America & The Caribbean 2
- Europe 7
- Oceania 2
- South America 3
- USA (North America) 2

APPENDIX L

SEEDING COMPARISON CHART

The following chart should be used to compare players with professional ranking against players with ITF Junior rankings for seeding purposes. If a player has a junior and a professional ranking and can be placed in two Ranking Groups, the higher Ranking Group shall always be used.

Example:

Player A – ITF Junior Ranking No.1

Player B – ITF Junior Ranking No.3

Player C - ATP Ranking 275

Seeding: 1=Player A 2=Player C 3=Player B

<u>Ranking Group</u>	<u>ITF</u>	<u>ATP</u>
<u>RG 1</u>	1	
<u>RG 2</u>		-250
<u>RG 3</u>	2	
<u>RG 4</u>		251-35
<u>RG5</u>	3-4	
<u>RG 6</u>		351-450
<u>RG 7</u>	5-6	
<u>RG 8</u>		451-500
<u>RG 9</u>	7-15	
<u>RG 10</u>		501-550
<u>RG 11</u>	16-	

<u>Ranking Group</u>	<u>ITF</u>	<u>WTA Tour</u>
<u>RG 1</u>	1	
<u>RG 2</u>		-150
<u>RG 3</u>	2	
<u>RG 4</u>		151-175
<u>RG 5</u>	3-4	
<u>RG 6</u>		176-200
<u>RG 7</u>	5-6	
<u>RG 8</u>		201-225
<u>RG 9</u>	7-8	
<u>RG10</u>		226-250
<u>RG11</u>	9-11	
<u>RG 12</u>		251-275
<u>RG 13</u>	12-14	
<u>RG 14</u>		276-300
<u>RG 15</u>	15-17	
<u>RG 16</u>		301-325
<u>RG 17</u>	18-20	
<u>RG 18</u>		326-350
<u>RG 19</u>	21-	

APPENDIX M

THE PLAYERS

1. Definition of “Good Standing” of a Player

The term “good standing” in connection with a player shall be defined as follows:

One whom: -

- (a) Is not under a suspension imposed by his National Association, or by the ITF, or through the imposition of a suspension under a Code of Conduct accepted and approved by the ITF.
- (b) Is accepted by his National Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which his Association has nominated him.
- (c) Makes himself available for selection for Official Team Championships and accepts the jurisdiction of his National Association while competing in events for which they have nominated him.
- (d) Respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times.
- (e) Accepts the Conditions of Entry of the events he enters, including the conditions of any Code of Conduct adopted for those events.
- (f) Agrees to undergo any medical control, including gender verification and tests, which are in operation at any event which he or she enters.

2. Definition of a “National”

A national of a country is a player who is eligible for and holds a passport of that country and for the purposes of Appendix C, Regulation 84. the tennis nationality of a player shall be:

- (a) In the case of a player who has represented a country, that of the country which he last represented.
- (b) In all other cases, that of the country which he is for the time being qualified to represent under Regulation 84.

3. Gender Verification

In any competition, a player may be required upon request to submit to gender verification to determine sexual status.

In the event that the gender of a player is questioned, the medical delegate (or equivalent) of the ITF shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the gender of a competitor.

The results of any tests conducted will not be made public out of deference to the human rights of the individual concerned but will be reported to the Chairman of the ITF Sport Science and Medicine Commission who shall advise the Board of Directors of the gender of the player concerned.

Failure by a player to submit to testing upon the request of the ITF shall subject the player to immediate suspension from the competition until such time as the appropriate testing is carried out in accordance with these Regulations.

Transsexuals

Any individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female before puberty are regarded as girls and women (female), while those undergoing reassignment from female to male are regarded as boys and men (male).

Individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female after puberty (and the converse) are eligible for participation in female or male competitions, respectively, under the following conditions:

- a. Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy.
- b. Legal recognition of their assigned sex has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities.
- c. Hormonal therapy appropriate for the assigned sex has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimise gender-related advantages in sport competitions.
- d. Eligibility should begin no sooner than two years after gonadectomy.

In all instances, a confidential case-by-case evaluation will occur.

APPENDIX N

HOSPITALITY PROVISIONS AT ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments must provide Full Hospitality:

Grade A, Grade 1, Grade B1, Grade 2, Grade B2, Grade 3, Grade B3

Please find following a definition of the minimum standards required to meet the Full Hospitality requirement. Any tournament found to be not meeting the minimum standards could be downgraded.

ACCOMMODATION

PLAYERS – Shared room – 2 / 4 players per room – all players should have an individual bed. Space in the room should be relevant to the number of occupants.

COACHES – Single room – Official National Association coach should be provided with a single room.

It is the responsibility of the player/coach/player support team member to ensure that they have a confirmed accommodation reservation before arrival at a tournament.

Official tournament hospitality for coaches and players shall be provided separately and bedrooms may not be shared. Requests to share accommodation by players and coaches from the same or opposite sex should at all times be refused. The only exception allowed to this rule is when a National Association nominates a parent as the official coach/representative.

MEALS

BREAKFAST – combination of

<u>Low sugar breakfast cereal</u>	<u>Fresh Fruit</u>
<u>Skimmed milk</u>	<u>Yoghurt</u>
<u>Toast</u>	<u>Cheese</u>
<u>Pancakes</u>	<u>Cold meats / Eggs</u>
<u>Multigrain Breads/Bagel</u>	<u>Fruit Juice</u>
<u>Rice</u>	<u>Crackers</u>
<u>Cold Cereals</u>	<u>Nuts</u>

APPENDIX O

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONS

BOYS' SINGLES

- 1978 Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia)
- 1979 Raul Viver (Ecuador)
- 1980 Thierry Tulasne (France)
- 1981 Patrick Cash (Australia)
- 1982 Guy Forget (France)
- 1983 Stefan Edberg (Sweden)
- 1984 Mark Kratzmann (Australia)
- 1985 Claudio Pistolesi (Italy)
- 1986 Javier Sanchez (Spain)
- 1987 Jason Stoltenberg (Australia)
- 1988 Nicolas Pereira (Venezuela)
- 1989 Nicklas Kulti (Sweden)
- 1990 Andrea Gaudenzi (Italy)
- 1991 Thomas Enqvist (Sweden)
- 1992 Brian Dunn (USA)
- 1993 Marcelo Rios (Chile)
- 1994 Federico Browne (Argentina)
- 1995 Mariano Zabaleta (Argentina)
- 1996 Sebastien Grosjean (France)
- 1997 Arnaud Di Pasquale (France)
- 1998 Roger Federer (Switzerland)
- 1999 Kristian Pless (Denmark)
- 2000 Andrew Roddick (USA)
- 2001 Gilles Muller (Luxembourg)
- 2002 Richard Gasquet (France)
- 2003 Marcos Baghdatis (Cyprus)
- 2004 Gaël Monfils (France)
- 2005 Donald Young (USA)
- 2006 Thiemo De Bakker (Netherlands)
- 2007 Ricardas Berankis (Lithuania)
- 2008 Tsung-Hua Yang (Chinese Taipei)

BOYS' DOUBLES

- 1982 Fernando Perez (Mexico)
- 1983 Mark Kratzmann (Australia)
- 1984 Augustin Moreno (Mexico)
- 1985 Petr Korda (Czechoslovakia) &
Cyril Suk (Czechoslovakia)
- 1986 Tomas Carbonell (Spain)

GIRLS' SINGLES

- Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia)
- Mary-Lou Piatek (USA)
- Susan Mascarin (USA)
- Zina Garrison (USA)
- Gretchen Rush (USA)
- Pascale Paradis (France)
- Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)
- Laura Garrone (Italy)
- Patricia Tarabini (Argentina)
- Natalia Zvereva (USSR)
- Cristina Tessi (Argentina)
- Florencia Labat (Argentina)
- Karina Habsudova (Czechoslovakia)
- Zdenka Malkova (Czechoslovakia)
- Rossana De Los Rios (Paraguay)
- Nino Louarssabichvili (Georgia)
- Martina Hingis (Switzerland)
- Anna Kournikova (Russia)
- Amelie Mauresmo (France)
- Cara Black (Zimbabwe)
- Jelena Dokic (Australia)
- Lina Krasnoroutskaia (Russia)
- Maria Emilia Salerni (Argentina)
- Svetlana Kuznetsova (Russia)
- Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)
- Kirsten Flipkens (Belgium)
- Michaela Krajicek (Netherlands)
- Viktoria Azarenka (Belarus)
- Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)
- Urszula Radwanska (Poland)
- Noppawan Lertcheewakarn (Thailand)

GIRLS' DOUBLES

- Beth Herr (USA)
- Larissa Savchenko (USSR)
- Mercedes Paz (Argentina)
- Mariana Perez-Roldan (Argentina) &
Patricia Tarabini (Argentina)
- Leila Meskhi (USSR)

1987	Jason Stoltenberg (Australia)	Natalia Medvedeva (USSR)
1988	David Rikl (Czechoslovakia) & Tomas Zdravila (Czechoslovakia)	Jo-Anne Faull (Australia) Andrea Strnadova (Czechoslovakia)
1989	Wayne Ferreira (South Africa)	Karina Habsudova (Czechoslovakia)
1990	Marten Renstroem (Sweden)	Eva Martincova (Czechoslovakia)
1991	Karim Alami (Morocco)	Laurence Courtois (Belgium) & Nancy Feber (Belgium)
1992	Enrique Abaroa (Mexico)	Cristina Moros (USA)
1993	Steven Downs (New Zealand)	Martina Nedelkova (Slovakia)
1994	Benjamin Ellwood (Australia)	Ludmilla Varmuzova (Czech Republic)
1995	Kepler Orellana (Venezuela)	Michaela Pastikova (Czech Republic) & Jitka Schonfeldova (Czech Republic)
1996	Sebastien Grosjean (France)	Cara Black (Zimbabwe) & Irina Selyutina (Kazakhstan)
1997	Nicolas Massu (Chile)	Eva Dyrberg (Denmark)
1998	Jose De Armas (Venezuela)	Daniela Bedanova (Czech Republic)
1999	Julien Benneteau (France) & Nicolas Mahut (France)	
2000	Lee Childs (Great Britain) & James Nelson (Great Britain)	Maria Emilia Salerni (Argentina)
2001	Bruno Echagaray (Mexico) & Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico)	Petra Cetkovska (Czech Republic)
2002	Florin Mergea (Romania) & Horia Tecau (Romania)	Elke Clijsters (Belgium)
2003	Scott Oudsema (USA)	Andrea Hlavackova (Czech Republic)

Following the introduction of the Combined Junior Ranking in 2004 only two World Champions are recognized in junior tennis.

JUNIOR GRAND SLAM

BOYS' SINGLES

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