

## TRANSITION RANKINGS

Players changing age group are not always properly represented in the Tennis Ireland National Junior Ranking age group they are moving into. In order to have a more accurate representation of players strength, a once off injection of ranking points will be applied the first week in October to transition the players into the new age group.

The *transition points* in the new age group will equal 25% of a player's end of season ranking points in the previous age group. The points will appear in the form of a *transition tournament* and will appear as any other tournament in a player's ranking profile and will be deleted at the beginning of January.

## WINTER MATCHPLAYS UNDER 12, 14 & 16

**Draw:** The national matchplay will be a 16 size draw

**Qualification:** The first 12 places will be determined by the national ranking published on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The final four places will be filled by 1 qualifier from each provincial matchplay. The Provincial qualifier will be the winner of the Provincial matchplay provided there is at least one top 30 ranked player in the draw. If the winner is unavailable the runner up of the Provincial matchplay will qualify provided that player is ranked inside the top 30 nationally.

If the provincial matchplay winner or runner is not available to participate, the place will be offered to the next highest nationally ranked player

**Players directly accepted to play in the National Matchplays are not eligible to play in the Provincial Matchplays.** Provincial matchplays will take place after Nov 7<sup>th</sup> when the top 12 national places have been filled. It is advised that all players consult their Provincial matchplay rules and regulations for clarification of entry procedures. Players who anticipate a top 12 national ranking on Nov 7th may provisionally enter the National matchplay **only** or they may enter **both** their Provincial matchplay and National matchplay. Once the top 12 places are confirmed they will be notified directly by Tennis Ireland. Entry for the National Matchplay will be open from Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Withdrawals**-Any places that become available through withdrawals will be offered to the highest ranked player in the Tennis Ireland National Junior Ranking published two weeks prior to the national matchplay. Players must have taken part in the Provincial matchplay series to be eligible for a *lucky loser* spot.

**Ranking points**- Players who qualify from their provincial matchplay for National matchplay will receive ranking points from one matchplay event only.

## WINTER MATCHPLAYS UNDER 18

**Draw:** In U18s the draw size shall be 16

**Qualification:** The first 12 places will be determined by national ranking published on **November 28<sup>th</sup>**. The final four places will be filled by 1 further qualifier from each provincial matchplay provided there is at least 1 top 30 player in the provincial draw.

The ranking points from all U18 provincial matchplay will be included in the national rankings on Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Withdrawals:** Any places that become available through withdrawals after 28<sup>th</sup> Nov will be offered to the highest ranked player in the Tennis Ireland National Junior Ranking published on that date. Players must have taken part in the Provincial matchplay series to be eligible for a *lucky loser* spot.

**Ranking points:** Players who play in both events will retain **only** the higher points received of the two events.