

## **SUMMARY OF KEY RULE CHANGES**

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the following Regulations and Organisational Requirements, as follows:

- 2026 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Regulations
- 2026 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Organisational Requirements
- 2026 ITF Junior Team Competition Regulations

### **2026 ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS REGULATIONS**

Changes made from the previous year (2025) are shown in underlined text. In some instances, a note is included within the regulation change to provide rationale or further information of the change.

These are **not** the regulations. The full Tour Regulations can be seen in the ‘- Rules and Regulations’ section at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

#### **5A. Rules to be Observed**

g) All personal data submitted by players and/or Related Persons will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws. Players and Related Persons acknowledge and agree that personal data is processed by the ITF for the purposes of administering the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, enforcing the Rules and Regulations, maintaining the integrity of the sport and as further set out in the applicable ITF privacy notice(s) available on the ITF website at: [www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notices](http://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notices).

#### **20. Sanction Fees**

All tournaments on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors must pay the relevant fee below in order to be included on the Calendar. Fees listed are in US Dollars (USD).

Junior Grand Slam	<u>\$1200</u>
J500	<u>\$1100</u>
J300	<u>\$800</u>
J200	<u>\$650</u>
J100	<u>\$550</u>
J60	<u>\$550</u>
J30	<u>\$550</u>

#### **24. The Tournament Director shall:**

- a) Nine (9) weeks prior to the tournament send to the ITF a copy of the tournament fact sheet for approval. This shall not be changed once published. If the fact sheet has not been received by six (6) weeks prior to the Monday of the tournament week, the tournament may be cancelled.
- b) Following the conclusion of the tournament send to the ITF the tournament report form.
- c) Complete the mandatory Introduction to Safeguarding Children course via ITF Academy, prior to the commencement of the ITF WTT Juniors tournament.
- d) Ensure that required ITF Academy courses have been completed by the Tournament

Director and Tournament Physiotherapist (where stated in Organisational Requirements)

**31. Allocation of Points**

a) i) Elimination Draw Format: No ranking points will be awarded to a player until he/she has played and won a round in the Main Draw. Advancement through a bye in the first match will not be equivalent to winning a round. Advancement by virtue of walkover, or by retirement following the commencement of a match, will be equivalent to winning a round. An abandoned tournament counts as a tournament played where a player has played a match before the decision to abandon was taken.

ii) Round Robin to Elimination Draw format: No ranking points will be awarded to a player until he/she has played and won a match in the Round Robin Main Draw. A bye in the round robin group where there are fewer than four (4) players will not be equivalent to winning a match. A match win by virtue of walkover, or by retirement following the commencement of a match, will be equivalent to winning a match.

POINTS TABLE – J30 and J30 Singles Round Robin to Elimination Draw format

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Finalist</u>	<u>Semi Finals</u>	<u>Quarter Finals</u>	<u>Round Robin 1<sup>st</sup> Place</u>	<u>Round Robin 2nd Place</u>	<u>Round Robin 3rd Place</u>	<u>Round Robin 4th Place</u>
<u>J60</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2*</u>	<u>2*</u>
<u>J30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1*</u>	<u>1*</u>

\*Players must have won a match to earn the points outlined

\*\* The player finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place will progress to the quarterfinals and will receive ranking points according to their final position as per the above table.

**35\* . Match Format**

Each Elimination Draw Main Draw singles match shall be the best of three Tie-Break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Each J30/J60 Round Robin stage match shall be the best of two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 point) in place of a third set, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

Each Qualifying Draw singles match shall be the best of two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 point) in place of a third set, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. Ad scoring shall be used. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds.

In case of extreme heat play may be modified in accordance with Appendix D, Extreme weather conditions and lightning, d. Modification of Play (Singles and Doubles).

Each doubles match 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. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds.

For all singles and doubles matches the No Let Rule shall be in effect. When playing doubles using Short Sets in combination with No-Ad scoring and the No-let rule, only the player due to receive is permitted to return a serve that touches the net, strap or band and lands within the correct service box.

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

Grade	Boys'	Girls'
J500	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>
J300	32	32
J200	32	32
J100	32	32
J60	32	32
J30	16	16

**38. Minimum duration and tournament week**

The minimum duration of a tournament main draw shall be as follows:

Draw size	
64	6/7 days
48	6 days
32	5 days ( <u>6 days for J30/J60 Round Robin to Elimination Draw format</u> )
16	4 days

All Elimination Draw tournaments must be scheduled to start no later than Wednesday and finish no later than Sunday of the same week. All J30/J60 Round Robin to Elimination Draw tournaments must be scheduled to start no later than Monday and finish no later than Sunday of the same week. In special circumstances, tournaments may apply to the ITF for an exemption from this rule.

Singles Qualifying must be scheduled on the appropriate day(s) immediately prior to the first day of the singles Main Draw, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. The maximum duration of a tournament Qualifying event for an Elimination Draw tournament shall be two days. The maximum duration of a Qualifying event for a Round Robin to Elimination Draw tournament shall be one day, unless otherwise approved by ITF.

**39. Singles Entry and Withdrawal**

iii) Multiple Entries

If a player is accepted into an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and a Men's or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournament in the same week, he or she will be withdrawn from the Junior tournament at the Withdrawal Deadline. Exception: If a player is accepted into the Main Draw of a Junior Grand Slam tournament, that tournament will be prioritised over all other ITF tournament entries that week up to and including a Mens M25 tournament, Womens W100 tournament or any other ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament. If at the ITF World Tennis Tour Men's and Women's Freeze Deadline a player remains entered onto the Alternates list of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and ITF World Tennis Tour Men's or

Women's tournament, the player will be withdrawn from the Entry Lists of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

### **43\*. Criteria for Acceptances**

In determining acceptances of players for the Main Draw and Qualifying, the following acceptance method will be used in conjunction with Regulation 48 Composition of Draws, to determine number of places per each criterion:

a) Entered players with an approved ITF Junior World Ranking as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance order will be determined by each player's ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. If tied by ITF Junior Ranking and ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

b) Entered players with an approved ATP/WTA ranking as of the Monday before the entry deadline – Players ranked in the professional game ATP 750 or better or WTA 400 or better will always be accepted at the bottom of the Main Draw Acceptance List. Players ranked in the professional game ATP 751-850 or WTA 401-500 will always be accepted and remain at the bottom of the Qualifying Acceptance List on the day of the Entry Deadline. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

c) Entered and unranked players with an ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

In J30 and J60 tournaments only, entered players with an ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

d) Entered players aged 16&Under\*\* from the region in which the tournament is played and with an ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

e) Entered players with no approved ITF/ATP/WTA ranking and/or ITF World Tennis Number\* the following acceptance method shall be followed firstly for vacancies in the Main Draw, if any, and then for vacancies in the Qualifying Acceptance List and Alternates List:

i) 50% of remaining places within the list will go to players from or resident in the country where the tournament is organised The remaining spots will be filled as follows:

ii) Players from, or resident in, other countries within the **Region** where the tournament is organised. The country and player shall be drawn by lot.

iii) - Players from, or resident in, other countries within the **Zone** where the tournament is organised. The country will be drawn by lot as above.

iv) Players from or resident outside of the Zone where the tournament is organised. The country will be drawn by lot as above.

v) Any remaining players from or resident in the country where the tournament is organised.

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

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

f) On-site Alternates shall be accepted according to the ITF junior ranking as of the Monday seven (7) days before the tournament week.

g) Unranked On-site Alternates shall be accepted according to their ITF World Tennis Number\*.

In a situation where two or more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

h) On-Site Alternates without an ITF Junior Ranking or ITF World Tennis Number\* shall be drawn by lot.

\*\* Players are eligible from their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday until the year in which the players turn 16 years of age, i.e. players born 2010 or later for tournaments in 2026.

**44. Entry Definitions – Note, only changes are included below. Please refer to the 2026 WTTJ Regulations to see all entry definitions.**

**a) Direct Acceptances:**

ii) J30 and J60 tournaments only: Entered players with an ITF World Tennis Number\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two of more players hold the same ITF World Tennis Number\*, acceptance order will be drawn by lot.

**d) Alternates WTN Regional Reserved:** A junior player who is ranked lower than the one (1) or two (2), as applicable, players selected as 16U WTN Regional Reserved Direct Acceptances into the singles Main Draw. In relevant J300, J200, J100, J60 and J30 tournaments, these players will replace any 16U WTN Regional Reserved Direct Acceptances that withdraw from 16U WTN Regional Reserved list before the Freeze Deadline. If no players eligible for the 16U WTN Regional Reserved place remain, the place will be filled in accordance with the criteria for acceptances.

**g) Lucky Losers:**

Players who have lost in the final round of the Qualifying competition or, if more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, those players who have lost in the previous qualifying round(s), or:

Lucky Loser (LLRR) players who place second in the round robin draw (applicable to Round Robin to Elimination Draw format).

If a player is forced to retire from the final round of Qualifying or from the Round Robin stage (J30/J60 only), due to illness or injury, he/she will retain his/her Lucky Loser status provided he/she has received clearance from the Tournament Doctor or Sports Physiotherapist.

For clarity, players awarded a LLRR spot in the Quarterfinals shall earn ranking points equivalent to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Round Robin stage if they lose their Quarterfinal match. Semi-Final points (or better) shall be earned if the player wins their Quarterfinal match.

**i) 16 & Under WTN Regional Reserved:** An eligible player aged 16 & Under (born 2010 or later for 2026 tournaments) from the same region in which the tournament is taking place who, by virtue of his/her WTN\*, gains Direct Acceptance into a designated ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

**46. Sign-in**

**b) Main Draw**

**ii) Doubles**

Elimination Draw tournaments: Each player must have entered and signed-in with the ITF

Supervisor by 12 noon (1200 hours) on the first day of the singles Main Draw.

Round Robin to Elimination Draw tournaments: Each player must have entered and signed-in with the ITF Supervisor by 12 noon (1200hours) on the final day of the Round Robin Draw.

#### 47. Composition of Draws

##### b) i) Main Draw – Elimination Draw format

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
<u>16U WTN Regional Reserved*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>0-2</u>	<u>0-2</u>	<u>0-2</u>	<u>0-2</u>
Qualifiers	2	2	4	6	8	8	8
Direct Acceptances (ITF Junior ranking)	<u>7-12</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>16-24</u>	<u>26-36</u>	<u>35-48</u>	<u>68-80</u>	<u>102-114</u>
Direct Acceptances (WTN) (J30/J60 only)*	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
Junior Grand Slam Regional Reserved Exempt (JGSE) (if applicable)	0	0	0	0	0-1	0	0

*\*If Special Exempt, 16 & Under WTN Regional Reserved, WTN Direct Acceptances and/or Junior Grand Slam Regional Reserved Exempt Positions are not used, the positions revert to Direct Acceptances.*

##### ii) Main Draw – Round Robin to Elimination Draw format

<u>J30, J60 Round Robin to Elimination Draw Format</u>	<u>32</u>
Wild cards	<u>4</u>
Special Exempts*	<u>0-2</u>
<u>WTN Regional Reserved*</u>	<u>2</u>
Qualifiers	<u>8</u>
Direct Acceptances (ITF Junior ranking)	<u>12-14</u>
Direct Acceptances (WTN)	<u>4</u>
<i><u>* If Special Exempt, 16 &amp; Under WTN Regional Reserved, WTN Direct Acceptances and/or Junior Grand Slam Regional Reserved Positions are not used, the positions revert to Direct Acceptances.</u></i>	

Should fewer than 24 players (including Main Draw players, Qualifiers, Special Exempts, Alternates) be present to play on day one (1) of the Round Robin Draw or should No Shows occur on day 1 that reduces the total number of Main Draw participants to fewer than 24, the format of the event (Boys and/or Girls Singles) will be amended to a standard elimination draw. The change in draw format can be made at any point between the entry deadline and the competition close of play on day one of the round robin matches. The change shall be determined by the ITF Supervisor and must be reasonably practical.

Where the change is made after the order of play is released for Day 1 of main draw singles, the 8 round robin groups shall be placed within the 8 sections of a standard 32 player elimination

draw.

## **48\*. Making the Draw**

### **b) Main Draw**

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

If three or four players from the same National Association are competing, they shall be drawn in separate quarters.

This principle of separation of players shall extend to cover all players in the draw, including, as far as possible, qualifiers drawn manually if the draw is made before the qualifying event is completed.

Round Robin Draw (J30/J60, where applicable): Separation of nationalities at the Round Robin stage - If there are two or more players of the same National Association competing, they shall be drawn in different round robin groups. This principle of separation of players shall extend to cover all round robin groups and nationalities in the draw including, as far as possible, qualifiers drawn manually if the draw is made before the qualifying event is completed.

### **i) Placing of Seeds**

Elimination Draw Format: If there are two seeded players from the same National Association competing, they shall be drawn in different halves of the draw.

Round Robin to elimination main draw format - Round Robin Stage

Seed 1 shall be placed into Line 1 of Group A. Seed 2 shall be placed into Line 1 of Group B. The principle of placing of seeds shall extend to cover all round robin groups through to placing Seed 8 on line 1 of Group H.

Progression from Round Robin to Elimination stage: Group A winner shall be placed on Line 1. The Group B winner shall be placed on Line 8. The winners of Groups C and D shall be drawn into lines 3 and 6. The winners of Groups E, F, G and H shall be drawn into the remaining lines.

### **ii) Byes**

Elimination Draw format: 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.

Round Robin Draw format (J30/J60, where applicable): In the event there are not enough competitors to fill the draw, the byes shall be awarded to the groups in seed order, seed 1 through to seed 8.

### **f) Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes**

Elimination stage of Round Robin to Elimination Draw format: Round Robin Lucky Loser (LLRR) must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of play in the Quarter-Finals of their event, i.e. Girls or Boys Singles, to be eligible as Lucky Losers. If no electronic communication is issued by the ITF Supervisor and/or no communication is displayed on site, this shall be 30 minutes before the start of play for all matches that day.

## 55. Schedule

The ITF Supervisor 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.

### J30, J60 Round Robin Group Stage Scheduling:

#### Groups of 4 Players

Day 1 of the round-robin shall be scheduled with Line 1 vs. Line 2, and Line 3 vs. Line 4.

The next scheduled match will consist of Winner vs. Loser, followed by the final outstanding match on the last day of the Round Robin group stage.

#### Groups of 3 Players

Day 1 of the round-robin should consist of line 2 vs. line 3 (non-seeded players).

The next scheduled match should consist of the losing player from Day 1 vs. the seeded player, followed by the final outstanding match on the last day of the Round Robin group stage.

## 57. Round Robin Standings Calculations

The round robin standings calculation will only include the results of matches played amongst the players who completed all matches in the round robin group. Retired matches count as completed for this purpose. All matches for a player that concede one (1) or more walkovers shall not be included for the purpose of the standings' calculation.

Groups shall be ordered as follows with 1st place progressing to Quarter Finals:

1. The player with the most wins
  2. If two players have the same wins, their Head-to-Head result
  3. If three or more players have an equal number of wins:
    - a. Sets Percentage
    - b. Games Percentage
- A match tie-break won shall count as 1 set and 1 game won, while a match tie-break lost shall count as 1 set and 1 game lost for the purpose of the standings' calculation
  - Head-to-Head does not apply where 3 players are tied on wins.
  - Results from players who withdraw prior to commencing their final match in the group stage will not be counted in the Standings Calculation.

## 60. Entry Fees

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

<b>Grade &amp; Hospitality Tier</b>	<b>Maximum Entry Fee per participant</b>
Outdoor J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 & J30 with Tier 1 full hospitality	\$150 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$100 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant
Outdoor J200, J100, J60, J30 with Tier 2 or Tier 3 reduced hospitality)	\$110 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$80 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant
Outdoor J60 and J30	\$70 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw

(without hospitality)	participant and \$55 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant
Indoor J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 & J30 with Tier 1 full hospitality	\$160 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$110 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant
Indoor J200, J100, J60, J30 with Tier 2 or Tier 3 reduced hospitality	\$120 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$90 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant
Indoor J60 and J30 without hospitality	\$80 (USD) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$65 (USD) per Qualifying Draw participant

### Electronic Line-Calling

The use of Electronic Line-Calling (ELC) systems is permitted at an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- The National Association must make a request to the ITF to use ELC at least nine (9) weeks in advance of the tournament start date;
- The request must have been approved by the ITF;
- The ELC system must have been classified by the ITF and approved by the ITF for use at the tournament in question;
- The ITF may at its sole discretion refuse the use of a particular ELC system during an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Tournament, including in the event such decision to refuse its use is taken once the tournament is already underway; and
- The processing of any data arising from the use of the ELC system shall always be subject to the provisions in Appendix M (Data Rights).
- Gold or Silver Approved ELC systems may be used for ELC Review at WTTJ tournaments, subject to obtaining advanced approval from the ITF.

### 63. Publicity and Promotion

(a) Each player grants a worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free, transferable and sub-licensable licence to the rights set out at (A) - (B) below (the "Image Rights") to:

- (i) the ITF;
- (ii) the sanctioning National Association and the Tournament Organiser of a tournament in which they are entered and/or involved; and
- (iii) the agents and assignees of each of the entities above.

(A) The right, for commercial and non-commercial purposes, to use or authorise the use of their name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media, for the purpose of commercialising the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, publicising and promoting the sport of tennis, the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their respective affiliates and events including the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programmes, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising, broadcasting and filming of the same.

(B) The right, for commercial and non-commercial purposes, to make, show and otherwise use, in any and all media, still and moving pictures, whether live or otherwise, and any other visual and/or audio-visual reproductions of their performance or appearance as a sports person on and off the court during the event.

(b) With respect to the Image Rights:

- (i) there will be no compensation payable in relation to the grant of such rights; and
- (ii) the rights granted may not be used in such a way as to constitute an endorsement by the player of any product or company. Use of the Image Rights will not constitute such an endorsement provided that the following conditions are met:

(A) player imagery may only be used in materials featuring no fewer than four (4) players;

(B) player imagery may only be used in promotions that reference their association with the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors; and

(C) no player's image may be used in a manner that is materially more prominent than the images of other player(s) used.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR J500 TOURNAMENTS, WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIOR FINALS AND JUNIOR GRAND SLAMS**

J500 tournaments shall have the following minimum number of competitors in each event:

Boys' Singles: 48      Boys' Doubles: 24      Girls' Singles: 48      Girls' Doubles: 24

### **ARTICLE III: ON-SITE OFFENCES**

#### **A. GENERAL**

Every player and Related Person, shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament and while engaged in activities directly related to the tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply while engaging with any persons in connection with the tournament and/or the Tour (including but not limited to Officials (including the Tournament Supervisor), the Tournament Director and ITF staff members) and who are preparing for, running and/or otherwise connected to a tournament in which the player and/or Related Person is or was entered/involved, and/or while within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

#### **K. COACHING AND COACHES (CC)**

Players shall not receive on-court coaching during a match (including the warm-up).

Off court coaching ("OCC") (as defined in the Rules of Tennis) is permitted at Qualifying and

Main Draw events within ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J100, J200, J300, J500 and Junior Grand Slams. This applies to matches with and without a Chair Umpire.

Off-Court coaching is permitted for matches with a Chair Umpire at J30 and J60 tournaments. For avoidance of doubt, off-court coaching is not permitted at qualifying or main draw matches within J30 and J60 tournaments that do not have a Chair Umpire. Any violation will be subject to the Code of Conduct. Off-Court coaching is subject to the other conditions outlined in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Off Court Coaching Procedures [linked HERE](#).

## **ARTICLE IX: RECIPROCITY & INFORMATION SHARING**

Defined terms used in this Appendix are:

- (a) Tennis Organisation means any organisation involved in the governance, regulation, sanctioning, organization, or administration of tennis, including but not limited to the Women’s Tennis Association, Association of Tennis Professionals, Grand Slam Tennis (Grand Slam Tennis is the body responsible for co-ordination between the four Grand Slam tournaments), and each member national association

## **ARTICLE XI: NOTICE**

All written communications to the ITF Senior Executive Director or Executive Director, ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

ITF Senior Executive Director (ITF Tours & Player Pathway)  
and/or Executive Director, ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors (as applicable)  
Email address: Juniors@itftennis.com

Tel: (44) 20 8878 6464

Fax: (44) 20 8392 4737

### **A. PLAYER**

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served electronically upon them. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if sent to the subject player at their registered email address or other email address designated by the player.

## **APPENDIX F**

### **ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE**

#### **1. ITF Junior Age Eligibility Chart**

Age	Number of tournaments permitted
<b>18</b>	Unrestricted
<b>17</b>	Unrestricted
<b>16</b>	25

<b>15</b>	<u>18 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)</u>
<b>14</b>	<u>14 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)</u>
<b>13</b>	<u>10 (unless player achieves a top 50 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)</u>
<b>11/12</b>	<u>0</u>

## **APPENDIX G**

### **AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES**

#### **COMPETITION FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 12 AND UNDER:-**

The ITF World Tennis Number, as a global rating measure, is permitted to be used as part of the criteria of acceptances at 12&U, 14&U, 16&U regional tournaments at the discretion of the sanctioning body and to support a tournament committee with seedings.

## **APPENDIX H**

### **16 & UNDER WTN REGIONAL RESERVED PROJECT**

Players that meet the following criteria will be eligible for 16U WTN Regional Reserved place, to the extent set out in the table below:

- i) Aged 16 & Under (born 2010 or later for 2026 WTTJ Tournaments)
- ii) from the same region in which the tournament is taking place
- iii) with a WTN\* as of the Monday before the entry deadline

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Number of WTN Feed-Up places</u>	<u>Minimum WTN required at Entry Deadline</u>
<u>J500</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>J300</u>	<u>One (1) place</u>	<u>15.99 (Boys) / 17.99 (Girls)</u>
<u>J200</u>	<u>Two (2) places</u>	<u>17.99 (Boys) / 19.99 (Girls)</u>
<u>J100</u>	<u>Two (2) places</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>J60</u>	<u>Two (2) places</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>J30</u>	<u>Two (2) places</u>	<u>N/A</u>

\*Players must have a WTN confidence level of 50% or better for the WTN to be counted as part of the acceptance process for ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments.

Players must enter the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament through IPIN as is standard process. Unless otherwise stated in the table above players are permitted to use their WTN for entry into an unlimited number of tournaments, in accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rules set out in Appendix F.

16&U WTN Regional Reserved Alternates will replace any 16&U WTN Regional Reserved Direct Acceptances that withdraw from the WTN Regional Reserved list before the Freeze Deadline. Any vacancies in the WTN Regional Reserved places that become available after the Freeze Deadline will be filled by the next eligible entered player, according to Regulation 43, Criteria for Acceptances.

## **APPENDIX J** **TRANSGENDER PLAYERS**

The ITF will deal with any cases involving transgender and non-binary players in accordance with the principles set out in the [ITF Gender Eligibility Policy](#), which can be found on the ITF website: <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>

## 2026 ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIOR ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2026 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Organisational requirements. These are **not** the regulations. The full Organisational requirements can be seen in the 'Tournament Organisers' section at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

Changes made from the previous year (2025) are shown in underlined text, where they have not been included in the WTT Juniors Summary changes section above.

### Important Deadlines

	Deadline
J300, J500, JGS Application Submitted	21 weeks
J30, J60, J100, J200 Application Submitted	17 weeks
Fact Sheet	9 Weeks
Cancellation, postponement or tournament changes	9 Weeks
JGS warm-up events, J500 and JGS Singles Entry Deadline	Tuesday @14:00 GMT (20, 27, 34, or 41 days*)
J30, J60, J100, J200 Singles Entry Deadline	Tuesday @14:00 GMT (20 days*)
Singles Withdrawal Deadline	Tuesday @14:00 GMT (13 days*)
Freeze Deadline	Wednesday @ 14:00 GMT (5 Days*)
Qualifying Sign-In Deadline	1 day prior to start of Qualifying @ 18:00 local time
On-site Doubles Sign-In Deadline	<b>Elimination Singles Main Draw format:</b> First day of Singles Main Draw @ 12:00 local time <b><u>Round Robin to Elimination Singles Main Draw format:</u></b> <u>Day before start of Doubles @12:00 local time</u>

## Tournament Sanction Fees

Sanction Fee payments in 2026 are as follows:

Tournament Grade	Sanction Fee
<u>J30</u>	<u>\$550 USD</u>
<u>J60</u>	<u>\$550 USD</u>
<u>J100</u>	<u>\$550 USD</u>
<u>J200</u>	<u>\$650 USD</u>
<u>J300</u>	<u>\$800 USD</u>
<u>J500</u>	<u>\$1100 USD</u>
<u>Junior Grand Slam</u>	<u>\$1200 USD</u>

### ITF Branding Guidelines

At J500 level tournaments, at least two (2) show courts must be dressed with two (2) end-court ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors event banners (approximately 12m x 2m). The end-court banners must feature the World Tennis Tour Juniors (WTTJ) logo which shall occupy no less than 20% of the banner space, as well as two (2) net court banners (approximately 85cm x 85cm) featuring the WTTJ logo only. A minimum of eight (8) side-court ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors banners (approximately 3m x 1m) must feature across the rest of the site.

Proposed branding samples/images must be sent to the ITF for approval no less than three (3) weeks prior to the tournament start date.

The main entry points to tournament venues must display the WTTJ logo and/or WTTJ Event to clearly identify that a WTTJ tournament is taking place. For full details please refer to the WTT Juniors Branding Guidelines and Toolkit. The WTT Juniors Branding Guidelines and Toolkit will be subject to change during 2026 when the ITF becomes World Tennis. Communication will be issued to National Associations in early 2026 with further details. Tournament Organisers can find the rules detailing permitted advertising in the ITF Rules of Tennis.

### Medals and Trophies

The ITF encourages tournaments to produce trophies and medals for Winners and Runners Up, where possible. Where trophies and medals are produced, find some suggested wording below to be used for engraving purposes:

2026 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors

J300 Roehampton

Girls' Singles Winner

2026 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors  
J300 Roehampton  
Boys' Doubles Runner-Up

**Live Streaming**

Live Streaming is possible at ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors events, subject to conforming with the conditions outlined in the WTTJ Regulations (see Television, Recording and Radio Rights) such as a requirement for a minimum 30 second delay. Live Streaming is encouraged at tournaments in line with these Regulations.

J300 and J500 level tournaments are recommended to provide live streaming on at least two (2) match courts during the tournament.

At J500 tournaments live streaming on 2 courts is mandatory from the quarterfinals onwards.  
At J300 tournaments it is recommended that live streaming is provided from the first round of main draw until the conclusion of the tournament.

Any live stream must display an on-screen graphic with the names of the players.

**Live scoring**

Live Scoring is encouraged at all tournaments.

Live scoring is recommended for all Main Draw matches at J300 and J500 tournaments.

J500 tournaments must provide live scoring for all matches where there is a Chair Umpire.

J300 and J500 tournaments must provide live scoring on all courts with live streaming.

**Required Practice and Match Courts**

At J300 & J500 tournaments with Singles Main Draw sizes of 48 or 64 additional practice courts are required, see the table below. Such courts must be available free of charge to all players accepted into the Main and Qualifying Draws up to and including the day of their elimination, as well as Alternates and Lucky Losers who sign the Lucky Loser/Alternate list for the given day. Accepted players have priority in using the practice courts. Practice courts shall preferably be of the same

surface as the match courts, but this is not obligatory at J30, J60, J100 and J200 tournaments. Practice courts must be of the same surface and speed as match courts for J300 and J500 tournaments. Practice facilities need not be in the same stadium, but transport must be provided if two sites are used.

Draw size	16	<u>32</u>	32	48	64
Format	Elimination	<u>Round Robin to Elimination</u>	Elimination	Elimination	Elimination
Grade	J30	<u>J30, J60</u>	J30, J60, J100, J200, J300	J30, J60, J100, J200, J300, J500	J30, J60, J100, J200, J300, J500

Minimum no. of practice courts	1	<u>2</u>	2	3 (J30 - J200) / 4 (J300 & J500)	4 (J30-J200) / 6 (J300 & J500)
Minimum no. of match courts	4	<u>5*</u>	4	6	8
Tournament days (Main Draw)	4	<u>6</u>	5	6	6/7

\*Subject to ITF approval, J30/J60 tournaments using the Round Robin to Elimination Draw format may be played on four (4) match courts, provided the tournament can demonstrate sufficient court time each day.

### Spectator Seating

- At J300 tournaments, the main show court must offer a stand / seating for a minimum of 100+ people.
- At J500 tournaments, the main show court must offer seating and/or viewing for a minimum of 250+ people. A second show court must offer seating and/or viewing for at a minimum of 100 people.

### Electronic Line Calling

Gold or Silver Approved Electronic Line Calling Systems may be used for Electronic Line Calling Review. Tournament Organisers must obtain advanced approval from the ITF Juniors Team prior to them being used. A list of ITF Classified ELC Systems can be found here.

### Schedule of Matches

Draw size	Main Draw Format	Main Draw Duration
64	Elimination	6/7 days
48	Elimination	6 days
<u>32</u>	<u>Round Robin to Elimination</u>	<u>6 days</u>
32	Elimination	5 days
16	Elimination	4 days

Tournament Organisers must ensure that courts are available for the required number of days in accordance with the size of the draw.

### Round Robin to Elimination Format

From week 1 of the 2026 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors calendar (29<sup>th</sup> December 2025), a Round Robin to Elimination draw format shall be available J30 and J60 level tournaments, which shall complement the existing elimination draw format. All other tournament grades from J100 level and higher shall exclusively use the elimination draw format.

Tournaments are strongly encouraged to use the Round Robin to Elimination Draw format for Boys and Girls singles events taking place between 1 January and 30 June 2026. New 'stand-alone' tournaments joining the calendar in 2026 will be required to use the Round Robin to Elimination format, i.e. tournaments not forming part of a two-week (or more) tournament swing.

### J30/J60 Match Schedule Summary – Round Robin to Elimination

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
<u>Qualifying Singles</u> <u>Draw size = 16, 24, 32</u>	<u>Main Draw Singles</u> <u>8 Round Robin groups of 4</u> <u>3 matches per round robin group</u> <u>to be played per day</u>			<u>Main Draw Singles</u> <u>Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, Finals</u> <u>Draw size = 8</u> <u>±</u> <u>Main Draw Doubles Elimination</u> <u>Draw size = 16</u>		

Tournaments using the Round Robin to Elimination draw format may run a 24 or 32 doubles draw provided they have a minimum of eight (8) match courts. In this instance, the doubles would be required to start no later than day four (4).

#### **Player Lounge**

Each Tournament must provide a suitable Player Lounge area on-site for the duration of the Tournament for use by all players and their guests. At J500 level tournaments, the Player Lounge must be in an indoor building (a canopy or tent is not acceptable), unless otherwise approved by the ITF. If an outdoor canopy or tent is approved and used, it must have sides and heating (winter) or fans (summer), as appropriate.

It is recommended at J300 level tournaments that the Player Lounge is located within an indoor building.

#### **Treatment & Gym**

At J300 and J500 tournaments, ideally a fully equipped gym, located on-site at the tournament venue, will be available to players. If this is not possible, the tournament must provide an on-site warm-up and recovery / fitness area with the following equipment:

Three (3) treadmill and/or stationary bikes, which must include a minimum of (two) 2 stationary bikes, one (1) set of free weights, six (6) stretching mats, two (2) sets of resistance bands, four (4) x foam rollers.

#### **Officials**

##### **ITF Supervisor**

The Tournament Organiser is obliged to source and provide a suitable number of off-court officials certified by the sanctioning national association to assist the ITF Supervisor with the supervision of all non-chair umpired matches. The ratios of officials to courts is recommended as follows:

- At J500 tournaments – one (1) off-court umpire for every two (2) match courts
- At J300 and J200 tournaments – one (1) off-court umpire for every three (3) courts
- At J100, J60 and J30 tournaments – one (1) off-court umpire for every four (4) match courts

	J30, J60, J100	J200	J300	J500
ITF Supervisor	Minimum White Badge	Minimum White Badge	Silver Badge preferred*	Minimum Silver Badge
Designated Chair Umpire/s Level	National Chair umpire for each Final	National Chair Umpire recommended from Semi Finals  Mandatory Chair Umpire for each Final White badge CU recommended	National Chair Umpire recommended from Quarter Finals and required from Semi Finals  Mandatory White Badge Chair Umpire for each Final	National Chair Umpire required from Round of 32, recommended from the start of Main Draw  Mandatory White Badge Chair Umpire for Semi Final onwards.

### Sports Physiotherapist

Where the Singles Main Draw is 48 players or more, it is expected that a second English-speaking Sports Physiotherapist is available for the final day of qualifying and the first three (3) rounds of the Main Draw.

All physiotherapists appointed at J300 and J500 are required to complete the Introduction to Safeguarding Children and ITF Physiotherapy Education courses hosted on ITF Academy in advance of the tournament.

Appointed personnel must show a completion certification to the ITF Supervisor upon arrival at the tournament site. Each course is free to access and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. 4

### Ball Persons

At J500 tournaments ball persons are required for the Finals.

If using Ball Persons, there must be a minimum of three (3) ball persons per court and they should be trained prior to going on court for their first match.

### Tournament Entry Fees

Grade & Hospitality Tier	Maximum entry fee per participant (*includes ITF/National Association charge)
Outdoor J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 & J30 with Tier 1 full hospitality	\$150 (USD) (*\$50) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$100 (USD) (*\$0) per Qualifying Draw participant

Outdoor J200, J100, J60, J30 with Tier 2 or Tier 3 reduced hospitality	\$110 (USD) (*\$40) or equivalent per main Draw participant and \$80 (USD) (*\$10) per Qualifying Draw participant
Outdoor J60 & J30 (without hospitality)	\$70 (USD) (*\$15) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$55 (USD) (*\$0) per <u>Qualifying Draw participant</u>
Indoor J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 & J30 with Tier 1 full hospitality	\$160 (USD) (*\$50) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$110 (USD) (*\$0) per Qualifying Draw participant
Indoor J200, J100, J60 & J30 with Tier 2 or Tier 3 reduced hospitality	\$120 (USD) (*\$40) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$90 (USD) (\$10) per Qualifying Draw participant
Indoor J60 & J30 (without hospitality)	\$80 (USD) (*\$15) or equivalent per Main Draw participant and \$65 (*\$0) per <u>Qualifying Draw participant</u>

## 2026 ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITION REGULATIONS

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2026 ITF Junior Team Competition Regulations. These are **not** the regulations. The full Team Regulations can be seen in the 'Governance - Rules & Regulations' section at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

Changes made from the previous year (2025) are shown in underlined text.

### 1. NATIONS ELIGIBLE

3.2 i) The ITF Board has granted a dispensation from Regulation 3.1 to Pacific Oceania, which may compete in the Competition as if it were a nation.

The players deemed eligible to represent Pacific Oceania in the Competition are players from member nations of the ITF which are also members of the Oceania Tennis Federation, excluding Australia and New Zealand, subject to the various conditions provided in this Regulation 3.2.

### 25. PUBLICITY / PROMOTION & PLAYER IMAGES

(a) Each player grants a worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free, transferable, and sub-licensable licence to the rights set out at (A) - (B) below (the "Image Rights") to:

- (i) the ITF;
- (ii) the Host Nation; and
- (iii) the agents and assignees of each of the entities above.

- A. The right, for commercial and non-commercial purposes, to use or authorise the use of their name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media, for the purpose of commercialising the ITF Junior Team Competitions, publicising and promoting the sport of tennis, the ITF, the Host Nation, the Competition and their respective affiliates and events including the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programs, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising, broadcasting and filming of the same.
- B. The right, for commercial and non-commercial purposes, to make, show and otherwise use, in any and all media, still and moving pictures, whether live or otherwise, and any other visual and/or audio-visual reproductions of their performance or appearance as a sports person on and off the court during the event.

(b) With respect to the Image Rights:

- (i) there will be no compensation payable in relation to the grant of such rights; and
- (ii) the rights granted may not be used in such a way as to constitute an endorsement by the player of any product or company. Use of the Image Rights will not constitute such an endorsement provided that the following conditions are met:
  - A. player imagery may only be used in materials featuring no fewer than four (4) players;
  - B. player imagery may only be used in promotions that reference their association with the ITF Junior Team Competitions; and

C. no player's image may be used in a manner that is materially more prominent than the images of the other player(s) used.

## **28. THE CAPTAIN**

28.3 The Captain is required to have a coaching qualification recognised by the National Association concerned. The ITF recommends that Captains hold a coaching qualification that is equivalent to the ITF's Level 2 Coaching Advanced Players.

## **55. DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

55.1 The ITF [Internal Adjudication Panel](#) shall make all decisions and interpretations entrusted to it under these Regulations [\(other than on-site determinations made by the Referee\)](#). Any appeal against the decision or interpretation of the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties. Any appeal shall be in writing and shall be received by the Independent Tribunal in accordance with its Procedural Rules.

55.2 Notwithstanding Regulation 55.1 above, the ITF Executive or the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel may reduce the 21-day appeal timeframe in exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to, where a decision needs to be rendered expeditiously to ensure the successful delivery of the Competition.

## **73. BALLS**

It is recommended that four (4) new balls be provided for each match, with a minimum requirement of three (3) new balls for each match. Balls are to be changed for a third set.

## **74. ELECTRONIC LINE CALLING**

The use of Electronic Line-Calling (ELC) systems is permitted in ITF Junior Team Competitions, subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- The Host Nation must make a request to the ITF to use ELC at least nine (9) weeks in advance of the tie start date;
- The request must have been approved by the ITF;
- The ELC system must have been classified by the ITF and approved for use by the ITF for use at the tie in question;
- The ITF may at its sole discretion refuse the use of a particular ELC system during ITF Junior Team Competitions, including in the event such decision to refuse its use is taken once the tie is already underway; and
- The processing of any data arising from the use of the ELC system shall always be subject to the provisions in Appendix F (Data Rights).
- Gold or Silver Approved ELC systems may be used for ELC Review at ITF Junior Team Competitions tournaments, subject to obtaining advanced approval from the ITF.

## ARTICLE II: ON-SITE OFFENCES

### A. GENERAL

Each player and Related Person shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of a Junior Team Competitions event and while engaged in activities directly related to the event, conduct himself or herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply while engaging with any persons in connection with the event (including but not limited to Officials, the Referee and ITF staff members) and who are preparing for, running and/or otherwise connected to an event in which the player and/or Related Person is or was entered/involved, and/or while within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities

### ARTICLE IX: NOTICE

All written communications to the ITF Senior Executive Director or Executive Director of ITF Juniors Tennis should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

Senior Executive Director (ITF Tours and Player Pathway) and/or Executive Director of ITF Juniors Tennis  
International Tennis Federation  
[Juniors@itftennis.com](mailto:Juniors@itftennis.com)

Tel: (44) 20 8878 6464

Fax: (44) 20 8392 4737

#### A. PLAYER

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served electronically upon them. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if sent to the subject player at their registered email address or other email address designated by the player.

#### B. JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITION EVENT

Service of any document on an ITF Junior Team Competition event as required by this Code shall be deemed complete if sent via email to the Executive Director of ITF Juniors Tennis.

### APPENDIX E

#### THE PLAYERS

##### 3. Gender Eligibility Policy

The ITF will deal with any cases involving transgender players in accordance with the principles set out in the ITF Gender Eligibility Policy, which can be found on the ITF website: <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>

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