

## A. ITF JUNIORS TENNIS

### 1. Expansion of the Junior Exempt Project

Junior players who finish the 2019 calendar year in the Junior Top 20 will receive five (5) “Junior Exempts” into 2020 ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments, an increase of two (2) exempts compared to last year. The additional two (2) Junior Exempt places are set at the same level as the 2019 lowest level of tournament at that ranking band.

As a result, the 2020 Junior Exempt Project is as below. Eligible players will receive letters from the ITF in the week of 16 December 2019. Players with questions should contact [juniors@itftennis.com](mailto:juniors@itftennis.com)

#### Men’s ITF World Tennis Tour

2019 year-end ITF Junior Ranking	Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments
1-4	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000+H
5-10	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding 25,000+H)
11-20	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$15,000 (excluding 15,000+H)

#### Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour

2019 year-end ITF Junior Ranking	Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments
1	One (1) Tournament up to and including \$100,000 (excluding \$100,000+H) Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$80,000 (excluding \$80,000+H)
2	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including \$80,000 (excluding \$80,000+H) Three (3) Tournaments up to and including \$60,000 (excluding \$60,000+H)
3-5	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including \$60,000 (excluding \$60,000+H) Three (3) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)
6-10	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)
11-20	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$15,000 (excluding \$15,000+H)

### 2. IPIN memberships – credit card only

Cash payments for IPIN memberships are no longer accepted on-site. Players need to pay online with credit card. National Associations should contact the ITF for additional solutions where credit card payment is not practical for players from their country.

### 3. ITF Junior ranking points

The ranking points awarded to tournaments at Grade 2 and above will change for 2020 as follows:

Category	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
<b>Singles</b>						
Grand Slam*, Youth Olympics	1000	<del>600</del> 700	<del>370</del> 490	200 300	<del>100</del> 180	45 90
Junior Finals	750	450	320/ <del>220</del> 250	<del>165</del> 200/ <del>145</del> 185/ <del>125</del> 165/ <del>105</del> 150	-	-
Grade A	500	<del>300</del> 350	<del>185</del> 250	<del>100</del> 150	50 90	20 45
Grade 1 / B1	<del>280</del> 300	<del>170</del> 210	<del>100</del> 140	60 100	<del>30</del> 60	<del>15</del> 30
Grade 2 / B2	<del>160</del> 200	95 140	60 100	30 60	<del>15</del> 36	7 18
Grade 3 / B3	100	60	36	20	10	5
Grade 4	60	36	18	10	5	-
Grade 5	30	18	9	5	2	-
<b>Doubles</b>						
Grand Slam, Youth Olympics	750	<del>450</del> 525	<del>275</del> 367	<del>150</del> 225	75 135	-
Grade A	375	<del>225</del> 262	<del>140</del> 187	75 112	<del>35</del> 67	-
Grade 1 / B1	<del>210</del> 225	<del>130</del> 157	75 105	45 75	20 45	-
Grade 2 / B2	<del>120</del> 150	75 105	45 75	25 45	<del>12</del> 27	-
Grade 3 / B3	75	45	27	15	7	-
Grade 4	45	27	14	7	-	-
Grade 5	25	13	6	3	-	-

### 4. Draw sizes

Minimum draw sizes for ITF Junior tournaments by grade are set out below. The minimum draw sizes for Grade 1 tournaments will change from 48 to 32 in 2020.

Grade	Boys	Girls
A	64	64
1	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>
2	32	32
3	32	32
4	32	32
5	16	16

### 5. Sign-in / registration

At their own choice, Juniors tournaments will be able to offer on-line sign-in via a tournament entry fee payment web page. At tournaments where this service is offered, players will have the option to sign-in and pay their entry fee online before the normal sign-in deadline, and will not have to travel to the site just to sign in. Players will continue to have the option to sign in on site as normal, if they prefer.

## **6. Making the draw**

The ITF Supervisor shall appoint one or two players to witness the making of the draw.

## **7. Warm-up procedure**

In 2020, ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments (Junior and Pro) will implement the 1-5-1 warm up procedure for matches, namely:

- A player is allowed to spend up to 1 minute from arriving to his/her bench to the pre-match meeting / coin toss
- 5 minutes of warm up
- 1 more minute of preparation time until the first point is played

## **8. On-court coaching**

Following the trial at Grade A and Grade 1 tournaments in 2019, in 2020 on-court coaching will no longer be permitted at any tournament. Significant analysis was undertaken of the use of on-court coaching in 2019: how often it was used; at which stage of the match; and whether it had an effect on the result of the match. Players and coaches were also surveyed and asked their opinion about the advantages, and any drawbacks, of on-court coaching; how often they used it; and whether they supported its permanent introduction. As a result of this research, the ITF Juniors Committee decided not to introduce on-court coaching as a permanent feature of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors.

## **9. Seeding modification**

2020 sees a clarification to the seeding order for Junior events. If two players are both seeded based on a professional ranking on the same line of the comparison chart, the player with the higher junior ranking has priority.

## **10. ITF Knowledge - Juniors**

Players ranked in the top 200 of the ITF Junior Rankings are required to complete the Anti-Doping and Integrity modules of the ITF Knowledge educational website. Players have three months from the date of entry into the top 200 to complete the modules. Players who have not completed the mandatory modules by the end of the three months may have their IPIN accounts suspended.

## **11. Regional Reserved Places**

Players ranked in the top 50 of the Tennis Europe 16 & Under rankings and/or ranked in the top 50 of the COSAT 16 & Under rankings will be eligible to use the ranking to be accepted into a Regional Reserved place in the Main Draw of certain ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments, to the extent set out in the table below. In determining acceptances of players for Regional Reserved places the relevant Regional 16 & Under ranking will be used from five (5) weeks prior to the tournament entry deadline, unless otherwise stated.

The 16 & Under Tennis Europe ranking will be eligible for use in tournaments in Tennis Europe member nations only. The 16 & Under COSAT ranking will be eligible for use in tournaments in COSAT member nations only.

Players must enter the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament through IPIN as is standard process. Unless otherwise stated in the table below players are permitted to use the relevant 16 & Under

regional ranking for entry into an unlimited number of tournaments, in accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rules set out in Appendix G.

The following Regional Reserved places are available:

<b>ITF Junior Tournament Grade</b>	<b>Tennis Europe*</b>	<b>COSAT</b>
<b>Grade 2 (2 places per tournament)</b>	Top 5 boys and Top 5 girls – maximum of 4 places per player per calendar year**	n/a
<b>Grade 3 (2 places per tournament)</b>	Top 10 boys and top 20 girls	Top 20 boys and Top 10 girls
<b>Grade 4 (3 places per tournament)</b>	Top 50 boys and Top 50 girls	Top 30 boys and Top 30 girls
<b>Grade 5 (3 places per tournament)</b>	n/a	Top 50 boys and Top 50 girls

\*Only players born between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2005 are eligible for Tennis Europe Regional Reserved places.

\*\*Tennis Europe ranking from 25 February 2020 to be used for tournaments from week commencing 30 March 2020 to week commencing 6 July 2020. Tennis Europe ranking from 9 June 2020 to be used for tournaments from week commencing 13 July 2020 to week commencing 7 December 2020.

Regional Reserved places are only available for players who are not otherwise accepted into the Main Draw of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament.

A player whose Tennis Europe or COSAT 16 & Under ranking is lower than the two (2) or three (3) players, as applicable, accepted in the Regional Reserved places for relevant Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 5 tournaments will be listed on the Alternates Regional Reserved list (as well as in a Qualifying acceptance place or Alternates list as appropriate).

At relevant Grade 2 tournaments, after the Entry Deadline, any Regional Reserved places that become available through a Withdrawal will be filled by the next eligible entered player, according to Section 43, Criteria for Acceptances.

At relevant Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 5 Tournaments, Regional Reserved Alternates will replace any Junior Regional Reserved Direct Acceptances that withdraw from the Junior Regional Reserved list before the Freeze Deadline. Any vacancies in the Regional Reserved places that become available after the Freeze Deadline will be filled by the next eligible entered player, according to Section 43, Criteria for Acceptances.

## **12. ITF Junior Team Competitions Rule Changes**

No changes planned.

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