

2023 ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS REGULATIONS

Summary of Key Rule Changes

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2023 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Regulations. These are **not** the regulations. The full Tour Regulations can be seen in the ‘Governance - Rules & Regulations’ section at www.itftennis.com.

Changes made from the previous year (2022) 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.

Grade Name Changes (Various Regulations)

Note: The grade name for all tournaments taking place from January 2023 shall be changed as follows:

<u>2022 Grade Name</u>	<u>2023 Grade Name</u>
Junior Grand Slams	Junior Grand Slams
Grade A (JA)	J500
Grade 1 (J1/B1)	J300
Grade 2 (J2/B2)	J200
Grade 3 (J3/B3)	J100
Grade 4 (J4)	J60
Grade 5 (J5)	J30

4. Players Eligible

A player is eligible for the 2023 ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors if they meet all of the following criteria:

- a) they are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF;
- b) they are born between 1st January 2005 and 31st December 2010. Players are eligible to compete on the Tour in the year they turn 13 years of age, if they have reached their 13th birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of the tournament they are competing in, until the end of the year in which the player turns 18 years of age;
- c) they are in “good standing” with their national association as defined in Appendix M of the Regulations;
- d) in accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rules set out in Appendix G, they have not exceeded the limit in the number of tournaments in which they are permitted to participate in a calendar year according to their age; and
- e) All players with a registered IPIN must complete any mandatory modules stipulated by the ITF within the stated timelines. Modules must be completed on the ITF Academy educational website (<https://www.itf-academy.com/>). A player may be suspended from accessing the IPIN system until the relevant modules have been completed.

10. Combined Junior Ranking

The Combined Junior Ranking shall take into account the following from the preceding 52 weeks:

- (i) the six best singles results obtained in Grand Slam, J500, ITF Junior Finals, J300 Regional Championships, International Team Competition and J300, J200, J100, J60 or J30 junior tournaments (together “Ranking Tournaments”).
- (ii) one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the six best doubles results, obtained in Ranking Tournaments.
 - During 2023, a player may count only their ‘best result’ from up to two (2) editions of the same J100 or higher graded tournament, if both are included in the previous 52-week period.
 - Results from the same J60 and J30 tournament may be counted more than once within a player’s best six results during the 52-week period.

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 Grand Slam tournaments. If two or more are still equal, the number of points won in singles at each grade of tournament will be used to separate the players, counting backwards through the grades in descending order until the players are no longer tied: for example, J500 then J300, then J200. For the avoidance of doubt, points won at International Team Competitions is excluded from this countback.

If two or more players are still equal their ranking will follow the number of points, within their six best doubles results, scored in Grand Slam tournaments. If two or more are still equal, the number of points won in doubles at each grade of tournament will be used to separate the players, counting backwards through the grades in descending order until the players are no longer tied: for example, J500 then J300, then J200. For the avoidance of doubt, points won at a International Team Competitions is excluded from this countback.

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).

<u>Junior Grand Slam</u>	<u>\$750</u>
<u>J500</u>	<u>\$725</u>
<u>J300</u>	<u>\$600</u>
<u>J200</u>	<u>\$450</u>
<u>J100</u>	<u>\$325</u>
<u>J60</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>J30</u>	<u>\$180</u>

36. Entries

J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 and J30 tournaments shall be open to competitors from all countries, except in exceptional circumstances and with the written approval of the ITF.

The acceptance criteria for Regional Championships is determined by the relevant Regional Association(s) and/or the ITF.

48. Composition of Draws

Tournament Organisers of new or existing tournaments with 32 Qualifying and 32 Main Draw events are recommended to use a 24 Qualifying draw and a 48 Main Draw.

Note: This allows for more players to have certainty of their position within the acceptance list, allows for more players to participate, and more matches to be played. No further match courts are required.

60. Entry Fees

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

Grade & Hospitality Tier	Maximum Entry Fee per player
<u>Outdoor J500, J300, J200, J100, J60 & J30 with Tier 1 full hospitality</u>	\$100 (USD) or equivalent per player
<u>Outdoor J200, J100, J60, J30 with Tier 2 or Tier 3 reduced hospitality</u>	\$70 (USD) or equivalent per player
<u>Outdoor J60 and J30 (without hospitality)</u>	\$55 (USD) or equivalent per player
<u>Indoor J500, J300, J200, J100 (J60 and J30 with full hospitality)</u>	\$110 (USD) or equivalent per player
<u>Indoor J200, J100, J60, J30 with Tier 2/Tier 3 reduced hospitality</u>	\$80 (USD) or equivalent per player
<u>Indoor J60 and J30 without full hospitality</u>	\$65 (USD) or equivalent per player

Any J60 or J30 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.

66. 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 or e-cigarette organisations, or betting companies secured as sponsors for any events of the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, Host Organisers and National Associations are permitted to accept financial grants from national, regional or state lottery providers, provided that the respective Host Organiser or National Association: (i) has obtained the ITF's prior written approval to the proposed arrangements; (ii) uses all proceeds from any such financial grants solely for the purposes of supporting its sporting activities; (iii) does not grant any sponsorship or other promotional rights to the lottery provider; and (iv) complies with the terms of any other applicable guidelines as the ITF may issue from time to time.

The ITF also insists that alcohol brands cannot be secured as a sponsor to events of the Competition in any circumstances.

The ITF will have the right to instruct individual tournaments on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors to use the balls of the Official Ball manufacturer providing that the balls are given to the tournament free of charge. The ITF accepts that certain tournaments may have existing agreements in place with ball manufacturers and in such circumstances, the ITF will waive the right to require the use of the Official Ball at these tournaments for the duration of the existing agreement.

Should the ITF inform a tournament of the intention to use an Official Ball, that tournament agrees that once their current agreement has expired, no new agreement with a ball manufacturer will be entered into.

APPENDIX B SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

69. Criteria for Acceptances

Regional Associations and/or relevant National Association(s) are responsible for the Criteria for Acceptances of each of their Regional Championships. These Criteria must be agreed by the ITF.

70. Nomination of Competitors

Unless otherwise decided by the relevant Regional Association and ITF, only players nominated by their National Association may compete. A Regional Association may approve the use of entry through the IPIN system, in which case the Regional Association and/or relevant National Association(s) will review and approve the final Acceptance Lists.

Note: Regional Championships shall no longer be referred to as 'B1', 'B2' or 'B3' grades. Each Regional Championships will received a grade of either J100, J200 or J300.

C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

2. Identification

No identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing, products or equipment on court before, during or after a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony, except as follows:

a. Boys ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors

- iii. **Front, Back and Collar.** Two (2) manufacturers or commercial identifications, neither of which exceeds six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) may be placed in any location on the front or on the collar. Alternatively, one (1) manufacturers or commercial identification which may not exceed six (6) square inches (39 sq.cm) may be placed on the front or collar and then an additional manufacturer's identification, not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm), may be placed on the back. Identifications may contain writing.

Note: Clothing regulations for Boys to align with World Tennis Tour Men. Clothing regulation for Girls to align with World Tennis Tour Women.

APPENDIX F WELFARE POLICY

A "Covered Person" is bound by all sections of this Welfare Policy, and is defined as any person who:

- Receives accreditation and/or otherwise competes, coaches, officiates, works at, or otherwise participates in any tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Holds a valid player registration to enter or compete in any ITF tennis tournament (Player);
- Is a parent, legal guardian or chaperone of a Player;
- Is a coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, therapist or any other Person supporting, working with, treating or assisting any Player participating in or preparing to participate in a tennis tournament, event or activity organised or sanctioned by the ITF;
- Attends, or is a resident or is employed at, an ITF Regional Training Centre;
- Is a member of an ITF Touring Team in any capacity;
- Is an ITF employee or ITF-appointed consultant;
- Holds an ITF or ITF-recognised Officiating or Coaching qualification or certification;
- Attends, whether by payment or otherwise, any ITF tournament, event or activity; or
- Acts as an ITF contractor or volunteer or is involved in the administration of or preparation for

any of the above.

Each Covered Person is deemed, as a condition of their participation in the activities described above, to have agreed to be bound by this Policy, and to have submitted to the authority of the ITF to enforce this Policy, including any consequences for breach thereof, and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels identified in these Regulations and in the ITF Safeguarding and Case Management Procedures to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under this Policy.

APPENDIX P - JUNIOR EXEMPT PROJECT

Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour

<u>2022 year-end ITF Junior Ranking</u>	<u>Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments</u>
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) <u>Three (3) Tournaments up to and including \$40,000 (excluding \$40,000+H)</u>
6-10	<u>One (1) Tournament up to and including \$40,000 (excluding \$40,000+H)</u> Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)
<u>11-20</u>	<u>One (1) Tournament up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)</u> <u>Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$15,000 (excluding \$15,000+H)</u>

Note: Expansion of the Junior Exempt Project for Girls, including the new ITF World Tennis tour W40 category.