

ITF National Association Development Eligibility Criteria 2025

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The ITF Development strategy focuses on six strategic areas: Events, Performance, Participation, Education, Facilities and Administration & Resources. A range of projects and opportunities sit within these strategic areas and these are in place to achieve the strategy's two core objectives:

1. to increase participation in tennis worldwide for all ages, genders, playing standard and physical abilities; and
2. to develop talented players, particularly those from nations that are both under-resourced and under-represented.

These two objectives will significantly contribute to the growth of the total players population to 120 million by 2030 under ITF2024+4.

Each ITF member National Association is assessed for its eligibility to benefit from these projects and opportunities, with the eligibility based on the assessment of a nation's level of resource and its representation in professional tennis namely in the Grand Slam tournaments, Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge. The ITF National Association Development Eligibility Criteria for 2025 is detailed below.

Resource Criteria*

To attain status as a resourced nation, a National Association's respective national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per Capita should have:

- A. World Bank ranking of nations above the 2023 World Bank Global Average GDP per Capita (updated 24 October 2024) - 2023 used in the first instance, with 2022 figures then taken if 2023 figures unavailable.
- B. United Nations National Accounts Main Aggregates Database per Capita GDP (updated December 2023) ranking of nations 2022 - above the 2023 World Bank Global Average GDP per Capita.
- C. World Bank ranking of nations above the 2023 World Bank Global Average GDP per Capita (updated 24 October 2024) - 2021 figures taken if criteria A and B above are unavailable.

** Resource Criteria: There are a total of 80 National Associations with a national GDP per Capita that sit above the 2023 World Bank Global Average, and deemed "Resourced". World Bank Ranking data is used for a total of 195 National Associations (180x using 2023 figures, 14x using 2022 figures and 1x using 2021 figures). The United Nations National Accounts Main Aggregates Database per Capita GDP data is used for a further remaining 13x National Associations. Of the 80 Resourced National Associations, 75x are sourced from the World Bank Ranking Data, while 5x are sourced from the United Nations National Accounts Main Aggregates Database per Capita GDP data. There are 5x National Associations where no GDP per capita data is available from either source and are deemed under-resourced for the purpose of this Criteria.*

Representation Criteria¹

To attain full representation, a National Association should have:

- A. Men's Representation - At least three men (singles main draws) in 2021-2024 Grand Slams, with direct acceptance and qualifier status only; AND be Top 24 Davis Cup rankings based on the year-end rankings 2024 (updated 25.11.24).
- B. Women's Representation - At least three women (singles main draws) in 2021-2024 Grand Slams, with direct acceptance and qualifier status only; AND be Top 24 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge rankings based on the year-end rankings 2024 (updated 25.11.24).

¹ In some cases, National Associations may attain only some specific components of representation (ie. Represented in men but not in women tennis), but not others and therefore are deemed to have a degree of representation.

Development Eligibility Tiers

Based upon the above criteria each nation is categorised in one of four tiers:

Tier 1: Nations that are most in need classified as both under-resourced and under-represented and placed in “Tier 1”.

Tier 2: Nations that are under-represented but resourced are included in “Tier 2”.

Tier 3: Nations placed in “Tier 3” have a degree of representation whether under-resourced or resourced.

Tier 4: Nations that are both resourced and represented are placed in “Tier 4”. Tier 4 nations meet the full resource and representation criteria and have a greater degree of tennis maturity and lower requirement for development support. Tier 4 nations are therefore not eligible to access specific ITF Development programmes, as highlighted in the ‘Global List of Nations & Tiers of Eligibility 2025’ diagram below.



ITF Development Eligibility Criteria 2025 | Global List of Nations & Tiers of Eligibility

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	TIER 1 (127)	TIER 2 (59)	TIER 3 (14)	TIER 4 (13)
PARTICIPATION: ITF World Tennis Number	✓	✓	✓	✓
PARTICIPATION: Digitalisation Grant Programme	✓	✓	✓	✗
PARTICIPATION: Junior Tennis Initiative	✓	✓	✓	✗
EDUCATION: Projects & Resources	✓	✓	✓	✓
EVENTS: Junior Competitions	✓	✓	✓	✓
FACILITIES: National Training Centre Recognition & Support programmes	✓	✓	✓	✓
FACILITIES: Facility Grants	✓	✓	✓	✗
PERFORMANCE: Player Grants	✓	✓	✓	✗
PERFORMANCE: Touring Teams	✓	✓	✓	✗

- AFGHANISTAN (Suspended 2023)
- ALBANIA
- ALGERIA
- ANGOLA
- ARMENIA
- AZERBAIJAN
- BANGLADESH
- BELARUS (Suspended 2022) (M / DC / BJKC)
- BELIZE
- BENIN
- BHUTAN
- BOLIVIA
- BONAIRE
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- BOTSWANA
- BURKINA FASO
- BURUNDI
- CAMBODIA
- CAMEROON
- CAPO VERDE (Suspended 2022)
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
- CHAD
- CHINESE TAIPEI
- COLOMBIA (M / F / DC)
- COMOROS
- CONGO
- CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
- COTE D'IVOIRE
- CUBA
- DJIBOUTI
- DOMINICA
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- ECUADOR
- EGYPT
- EL SALVADOR
- EQUATORIAL GUINEA
- ERITREA
- ESWATINI
- ETHIOPIA
- FIJI
- GABON
- GAMBIA
- GEORGIA
- GHANA
- GRENADA
- GUATEMALA
- GUINEA
- GUINEA-BISSAU
- HAITI
- HONDURAS
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
- IRAQ
- JAMAICA
- JORDAN
- KENYA
- KIRIBATI
- KOREA, DPR (Suspended 2018)
- KOSOVO
- KYRGYZSTAN
- LAO, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
- LEBANON

- LESOTHO
- LIBERIA (Suspended 2021)
- LIBYA
- MADAGASCAR
- MALAWI
- MALAYSIA
- MALDIVES
- MALI
- MARSHALL ISLANDS
- MAURITANIA
- MAURITIUS
- MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF
- MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF
- MONGOLIA
- MONTENEGRO
- MOROCCO
- MOZAMBIQUE
- MYANMAR
- NAMIBIA
- NAURU
- NEPAL
- NICARAGUA
- NIGER
- NIGERIA
- NORFOLK ISLANDS
- NORTH MACEDONIA
- NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
- PAKISTAN
- PALESTINE (Suspended 2010)
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- PARAGUAY
- PERU
- PHILIPPINES
- RWANDA
- SAMOA
- SENEGAL
- SIERRA LEONE
- SOLOMON ISLANDS
- SOMALIA
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SRI LANKA
- ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
- SUDAN
- SURINAM
- SYRIA ARAB REPUBLIC
- TAHITI
- TAJIKISTAN
- TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF
- THAILAND
- TIMOR-LESTE
- TOGO
- TONGA
- TUNISIA
- TURKIYE
- TURKMENISTAN
- TUVALU
- UGANDA
- UZBEKISTAN
- VANUATU
- VENEZUELA
- VIETNAM
- YEMEN
- ZAMBIA (Suspended 2013)
- ZIMBABWE

- AMERICAN SAMOA
- ANDORRA
- ANGUILLA
- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- ARUBA
- BAHAMAS
- BAHRAIN
- BARBADOS
- BERMUDA
- BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
- BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
- BULGARIA
- CAYMAN ISLANDS
- COOK ISLANDS
- COSTA RICA
- CURACAO
- CYPRUS
- DENMARK
- ESTONIA
- FINLAND (M / F / BKJC)
- GREECE
- GUAM
- GUYANA
- HONG KONG, CHINA
- ICELAND
- IRELAND
- ISRAEL
- KOREA, REPUBLIC OF (M / F / BKJC)
- KUWAIT
- LATVIA
- LIECHTENSTEIN
- LITHUANIA
- LUXEMBOURG
- MACAU
- MALTA
- MEXICO (M / F / DC)
- MONACO
- NEW ZEALAND
- NORWAY
- OMAN
- PALAU, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
- PANAMA
- PORTUGAL (F / DC / BJKC)
- PUERTO RICO
- QATAR
- RUSSIA (Suspended 2022) (DC / BJKC)
- SAN MARINO
- SAUDI ARABIA
- SEYCHELLES
- SINGAPORE
- ST. KITTS AND NEVIS
- ST. LUCIA
- ST. MAARTEN
- SWEDEN (M / F / BKJC)
- TRINIDAD NAD TOBAGO
- TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- URUGUAY
- US VIRGIN ISLANDS

- ARGENTINA
- AUSTRIA (F / BJKC)
- BRAZIL (F)
- CHILE (F / BJKC)
- CHINA, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF (DC)
- CROATIA (BJKC)
- HUNGARY (BJKC)
- JAPAN (DC)
- KAZAKHSTAN
- POLAND (DC)
- ROMANIA (M / DC)
- SERBIA (BJKC)
- SLOVENIA (M / DC)
- UKRAINE (M / DC)
- AUSTRALIA
- BELGIUM
- CANADA
- CZECHIA
- FRANCE
- GERMANY
- GREAT BRITAIN
- ITALY
- NETHERLANDS
- SLOVAKIA
- SPAIN
- SWITZERLAND
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

KEY
 ✓ Nation is eligible for project
 ✗ Nation is not eligible for project
M Nation does not have at least three men represented in Grand Slams
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DC Nation is not Top 24 Davis Cup
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