



PHILIPPINE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

The Competition, singles, doubles and team event competition, shall be called
2018 Batang Pinoy (Lawn Tennis)

And singles, doubles and mixed doubles, shall be called
2018 Philippine National Games (Lawn Tennis)

Nationals are responsible for proposing by the best national tournaments for the inclusion in the Circuit.

The event aims to give juniors players the opportunity to compete and measure their standard against the best player from other locals up to the highest levels of the junior game.

Players Eligible

Only boys and girls who are under the jurisdiction of a national who are born between 1st January 2005 and 31st December may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2018 Circuit for Batang Pinoy and 1st between January 2005 and 31st December above for Philippine National Games.

Rules to be Observed

The competition is open to all tennis players based by their LGU's set forth.

1. TEAMS shall compose of maximum 8 individuals per LGU
 - a. 4 boys
 - b. 4 girls

2. SINGLES EVENT shall contain 2 individuals per LGU
 - a. 2 boys
 - b. 2 girls

3. The following events shall be held:
Boys' and Girls' Singles
Boys' and Girls' Doubles

4. For Philippine National Games:
Mens' and Womens' Singles
Mens' and Womens' Doubles
Mixed Doubles

The competition is open to all tennis players based on merit.

The competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the Junior Circuit Code of Conduct, the Constitution of ITF Limited 2018 and the ITF Rules of Tennis.

In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfill all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations.

Any player that enters and/or participates in the Junior Circuit, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enter and/or participates in the Batang Pinoy shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out.

THE CIRCUIT & TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Match Format

A match can be played to the best of 3 sets (a player/team needs to win 2 sets to win the match)

Each singles match shall be the best of three Tie-Break sets. No rest shall be allowed after the second set.

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.

In case of severe weather conditions the tournament committee may use alternative scoring methods as approved in the 2018 Rules of Tennis (available at www.itftennis.com).

In all cases the minimum of teams in the doubles main draw shall be half the number of the singles.

Tournament Committees must ensure that the number of competitors in the Main Draw corresponds with their published draw sizes approved by the ITF.

Minimum duration and tournament week

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

Draw size

64	6/7 days
32	5/6 days
16	4 days

Courts

All match courts shall be of exactly the same surface. However, in the event of bad weather play may be moved to another surface, either under cover or not.

The minimum number of outdoor courts is as follows:

128 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of 10 courts, ideally 12.

64 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of 8 courts, ideally 10.

48 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of 6 courts, ideally 7.

32 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of 4 courts, ideally 5.

In addition there should be at least one practice court per 32 players on site.

Entries and Draws

Tournaments shall be open to competitors from all regionals, except in exceptional circumstances and with the written approval of the NSA.

Suspension and Postponement

In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

0 - 15 minutes delay	- no warm up
15 – 30 minutes delay	- three (3) minutes of warm up
30 or more minutes of delay	- five (5) minutes of warm-up

Tournament Doctor and Sports Medicine Trainer

Each Junior Circuit Tournament must provide at its sole expense a Tournament Doctor on-call during play and a Sports Medicine Trainer available on-site during play. It is recommended that all reasonable off-court treatment is provided free of charge to the players.

Schedule

The Referee shall, whenever possible, have determined the following days' order of play.

Once officially released, the order of play shall not be amended unless the Referee deems it necessary and/or appropriate.

Conditions of Play

Latest Start Time

It is mandatory that the latest start time for any match is not before 8am. Any match that is not completed should be interrupted and postponed until the following day. (The Referee can extend the time of play if, in his/her opinion, the match can be concluded in a reasonable time.

As a principle, play should be continuous, from the time the match starts (when the first service of the match is put in play) until the match finishes.

a. Between points, a maximum of twenty (20) seconds is allowed. When the players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of ninety (90) seconds are allowed. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break game, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest.

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

The maximum time starts from the moment that one point finishes until the first service is struck for the next point. Event organisers may apply for ITF approval to extend the ninety (90) seconds allowed when the players change ends at the end of a game and the one hundred and twenty (120) seconds allowed at a set break.

2. If, for reasons outside the player's control, clothing, footwear or necessary equipment (excluding the racket) is broken or needs to be replaced, the player may be allowed reasonable extra time to rectify the problem.
3. No extra time shall be given to allow a player to recover condition. However, a player suffering from a treatable medical condition may be allowed one medical time-out of three minutes for the treatment of that medical condition. A limited number of toilet/change of attire breaks may also be allowed, if this is announced in advance of the event.
4. Event organisers may allow a rest period of a maximum of ten (10) minutes if this is announced in advance of the event. This rest period can be taken after the 3rd set in a best of 5 sets match, or after the 2nd set in a best of 3 sets match.
5. The warm-up time shall be a maximum of five (5) minutes, unless otherwise decided by the event organisers.

National Association Responsibilities

National Association ensure that the tournaments they sanction for inclusion in the Junior Circuit maintain appropriately high standards of organization and administration. This includes, but not limited to, having in place and maintaining appropriate policies and procedures in respect of child welfare and safeguarding and ensuring that the tournaments they sanction comply with such policies and with the ITF Junior Circuit Organizational Requirements (as may amended from time to time).

Grade and Allocation of Points

Tournaments shall classified into grades, based mainly on a computer evaluation based on previous tournaments while maintaining a geographical balance, with ranking points as set out below.

No Draw points will be awarded to a player until he/she has played and won round in the 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 if the player had not withdrawn before the decision to abandon was taken.

Any player who leaves a tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, or retires from a tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the tournament doctor), will forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that tournament and be subject to the penalties set forth in the Code of Conduct.

If the singles or doubles event of a tournament is cancelled, e.g. due to poor weather, before the tournament is concluded, loser points for the round achieved will be awarded to players. If a tournament is officially terminated and the final(s) have not been completed, the finalists will each receive runner-up points.

ON-SITE REQUIREMENTS

A. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

1. Unacceptable Attire

a. Shoes (hard or clay)

2. Identification

Non Permitted Commercial Identifications

No identification shall be permitted on players' clothing or equipment that promotes/displays betting companies, tobacco products, alcohol products, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the ITF Junior Circuit.

B. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (UnC)

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offense of "Aggravated Behavior" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Competition, the ITF or the sport of tennis. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

OTHER MATTERS

In all other matters not covered by the preceding rules, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final. All delegates must wear their Accreditation card/pass at all times specially in the playing venue premises. Coaches are required to attend the Solidarity for the draw. All players and coaches are required to attend the awarding ceremony in complete uniform.

NOTE: Code of Conduct of Coaches and players shall be implemented during the event. Falsifications of documents and dishonesty will undergo for disciplinary action to be reported to their respective LGU who endorsed them.

Note:

ITF Rules shall be implemented accordingly.

