

## 25.24 TENNIS

### 25.24.1 COMPETITION DATES

October 26-30, 2025

### 25.24.2 COMPETITION VENUE (TBA)

### 25.24.3 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT



Tournament Director	TBA
Asst. Tournament Director	TBA
NSA CONTACT DETAILS	

### 25.24.4 COMPETITION EVENTS

### 25.24.5 COMPETITION 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.

The following must take place, unless otherwise approved by the National Association:

**25.24.5.1** Captains' Meeting

**25.24.5.2** Official Draw

**25.24.5.3** Opening Ceremony

**25.24.5.4** Closing Ceremony

### 25.24.6 QUALIFYING COMPETITION

Arrangements for the regional qualifying competitions

The number of teams that play pre-qualifying/qualifying/final qualifying is determined by the respective Regional Association and the NSA based on entry numbers. Where necessary a pre-qualifying event may take place.

The Host Nation for the final stages of the Competition shall have one (1) place in the draw, to be deducted from that Nation's regional allocation. The Host Nation may decline their participation in the Finals which must be confirmed by the player nomination deadline of the preceding qualifying event.

If the Host Nation is from a Region that only has one (1) place according to the regional allocation, the Region shall be awarded an additional place. This additional place is taken

away from the Region that finished second last at the preceding Final. The NSA has the right to alter this regional selection allocation following the receipt of entries.

The Host Nation of the Finals may decline their place in the respective Pre-Qualifying/Qualifying/Final Qualifying event without penalty provided that confirmation is given to the NSA prior to the player nomination deadline of the respective pre-qualifying, qualifying or final qualifying event, whichever occurs earliest. Where the Host Nation declines participation in the qualifying rounds the additional spot created shall provide one further place to the preceding qualifying round, where applicable.

**25.24.6.1 Officials** - Minimum officiating standards, which must be met, shall be provided by the NSA to each Host Organizer in advance of the qualifying event. Officials will be appointed by the NSA in conjunction with the applicable Regional Association.

**25.24.6.2 Seeding** - Seeded nations shall be selected by the NSA in conjunction with the applicable Regional Association which shall consider NSA Junior Rankings, professional rankings, regional rankings and results from ITF and Regional Association individual tournaments.

**25.24.6.3** Minimum Standards For The Organization Of Regional Qualifying Events And Finals. Minimum officiating requirements must be met for each stage of the Competition as shared by the NSA in advance of each stage/event.

In addition, the NSA must also appoint the following Tournament Personnel:

- 25.24.6.3.1** Tournament Director
- 25.24.6.3.2** Assistant Tournament Director
- 25.24.6.3.3** Tournament Referee
- 25.24.6.3.4** Assistant Referee
- 25.24.6.3.5** Chief of Officials
- 25.24.6.3.6** Technical Officials
- 25.24.6.3.7** Chief of Ball persons
- 25.24.6.3.8** Ball persons
- 25.24.6.3.9** Court Maintenance
- 25.24.6.3.10** Tournament Doctor
- 25.24.6.3.11** Sports Physiotherapist
- 25.24.6.3.12** Volunteers

## **25.24.7 COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the Constitution of the ITF Limited, the Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF, the ITF Junior Team Competition Code of Conduct, ITF Welfare Policy and the Duties and Procedure for Officials (together the “Rules and Regulations”). In submitting an entry, a National Association and its Team Members automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfill all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations. Any National Association, or Team Member that fails to honour this undertaking shall be subject to penalties pursuant to the Rules and Regulations.

In submitting an entry to the Competition, a National Association, its officers, directors, employees and Team Members agree, as a condition of entry, that subject to the limits set out below, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any sustained in travelling to or from, or participating in the Competition, against the ITF, the Host Nations, the Regional Associations, as well as officials and sponsors of the Competition.

For the purposes of these Regulations, Team Member mean players and Captains nominated by a National Association to participate (or otherwise participating in) the



Competition and any extra players, coaches, trainers, medical and para-medical personnel, physiotherapists (and other physicians) and any other player support personnel attending the Competition on behalf of a National Association and/or assisting a player and/or Captain participating in the Competition.

#### **25.24.7.1 Nothing in these Regulations excludes or limits the liability of the ITF or any of the parties listed above:**

- 25.24.7.1.1** for death or personal injury caused by their (respective) negligence;
- 25.24.7.1.2** for fraud; or
- 25.24.7.1.3** to the extent that such exclusion or limitation is not permitted by applicable law.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, ITF has the absolute right to refuse to accept or revoke a National Association's nomination of any individual to participate as a Team Member in the Competition. The ITF may exercise that right as it sees fit, with or without providing reasons.

The ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned Competition for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the Competition or to the successful running of the Competition. The ITF bears no liability to any Host Nation, National Association Host Organizer or Team Member or any other person or entity for any loss incurred as a result of a delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled event in the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the ITF, a Host Nation, and/or a Host Organizer shall be liable to any National Association, Team Member or any other person or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such delayed, rescheduled, postponed or cancelled Competitions, including, without limitation, any travel, transport and/or accommodation costs. This decision to refuse approval of or cancel any Competition or part thereof, will be made on behalf of the ITF by the ITF Juniors Committee, or by the ITF Executive if the Committee so delegates its decision-making power, and may be appealed to the Independent Tribunal.

These Regulations and any dispute arising out of or in connection with them (including any dispute or claim relating to non-contractual obligations) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law, without regard to the conflict of law principles thereof.

Each Covered Person (as defined in the ITF Welfare Policy) and National Association, and each of its Team Members, directors, officials, officers, members of staff, employees, contractors, agents, and representatives agrees to submit any disputes or claims or other matters arising in relation to the Regulations (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) to arbitration pursuant to Regulation 60 of these Regulations, to the exclusion of any other forum.

#### **25.24.7.2 Off-Court Coaching Procedures - ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Summary**

- 25.24.7.2.1** Off-Court Coaching is permitted for all tournaments on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors.
- 25.24.7.2.2** Off-Court Coaching will only be permitted from rounds where matches have Chair Umpires.

**25.24.7.2.3** Any support team member (parent, friend, fellow competitor etc.) authorized by the player to sit in the 'designated coach seats' must comply with the conditions below. In this circumstance they are deemed as a 'coach'.

**25.24.7.2.4** Any coach who sits in the designated coach seats must be accredited and wear the official tournament accreditation.

**25.24.7.2.5**

### **25.24.7.3 Off-Court Coaching**

During play, Off-Court Coaching will be allowed in a non-disruptive manner under the following conditions:

**25.24.7.3.1** Coaching is only allowed from the designated coach seats.

**25.24.7.3.2** Best efforts will be made to locate the designated coach seats near the baseline or back area of court on the same end as the player's seat.

**25.24.7.3.3** Brief and discreet verbal coaching is allowed only when the player is at the same end of the court as their designated coach seats.

**25.24.7.3.4** Subtle, non-verbal coaching, defined as hand signals or gestures that do not hinder the opponent, is allowed when the player is at the same or the opposite end of the court as their designated coach seats.

**25.24.7.3.5** Coaches may NOT speak to their player when the player leaves the court for any reason (except as permitted during a rain delay).

**25.24.7.3.6** Players may NOT approach their coach or engage in conversation with their coach at changeovers or set breaks. Exceptions – players may approach their coach or engage in conversation with their coach ONLY during the opposing player's medical me out (including the me period when the Physiotherapist was called, and the player is waiting for the Physiotherapist and during the evaluation me) or a Bathroom break / change of a re break or during the last 90 seconds of a heat break or any approved break.

**25.24.7.3.7** If a Coach's verbal coaching, hand signals, or gestures begin to interrupt play or become a hindrance to the opponent(s), the Supervisor will notify the coach of the escalation prior to acting on being taken against the player. Should the distractions persist, the player may be subject to coaching penalties and fines.

*NOTE: Coaches are expected to dress professionally, in appropriate and clean tennis attire, when seated in the designated coach seats.*

*A coach can coach more than one player during a tournament, but coaching is only allowed from the designated coach seats of the relevant court.*

*A player may be penalized under the Code of Conduct if there is failure to meet these procedures. Off-court coaching is not permitted where an off-court official is required to go on court to umpire the remainder of a match.*

### **25.24.7.4 Arrangements for the final stages of the competition**

**25.24.7.4.1** **Officials** - Minimum officiating requirements must be met for each stage of the Competition as shared by the ITF/National Associations in advance of each stage/event.



## 25.24.7.5 Scoring System

### 25.24.7.5.1 Score in a Game (Rule 5)

#### “NO-AD” SCORING METHOD

A “No-Ad” game is scored as follows with the server’s score being called first:

“Love” “15” “30” “40” “Game”

No points First point Second point Third point Fourth point

If each player/team has won three points, the score is “Deuce” and a deciding point shall be played. The receiver(s) shall choose whether to receive the service from the right half or the left half of the court. In doubles, the players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the “Game”.

In mixed doubles, the player of the same gender as the server shall receive the deciding point. The players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive the deciding point.

### 25.24.7.5.2 Score in a Set

**25.24.7.5.2.1** Short Sets - The first player/team to win four games wins the set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches four games all, a tie- break game shall be played. Alternatively (at the discretion of the sanctioning body), if the score reaches three games all, a tie-break game shall be played.

**25.24.7.5.2.2** Short Set Tie-Break (5 Points) - When playing Short Sets only, a Short Set tie-break may be used. The first player/team to win five points wins the “Game” and “Set”, with a deciding point if the score reaches four all. The order and number of serves shall be determined by the sanctioning body. Players/Teams will only change ends after the first four points have been played.

**25.24.7.5.2.3** Match Tie-Break (7 Points) - When the score in a match is one set all, or two sets all in best of five sets matches, one tie-break game may be played to decide the match. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set.

The first player/team to win seven points shall win the match tie-break and the match provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s). If necessary, the match tie- break game shall continue until this margin is achieved.

**25.24.7.5.2.4** Match Tie-Break (10 Points) - When the score in a match is one set all, or two sets all in best of five sets matches, one tie- break game may be played to decide the match. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set.

The first player/team to win ten points shall win the match tie-break and the match provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s). If necessary, the match tie-break game shall continue until this margin is achieved.



Note: When using the match tie-break to replace the final set:

- 25.24.7.5.2.4.1** The original order of service continues. (Rules 5 and 14)
- 25.24.7.5.2.4.2** In doubles, the order of serving and receiving within the team may be altered, as in the beginning of each set. (Rules 14 and 15)
- 25.24.7.5.2.4.3** Before the start of the match tie-break there shall be a 120-second set break.
- 25.24.7.5.2.4.4** Balls should not be changed before the start of the match tie-break even if a ball change is due.
- 25.24.7.5.3** **Final Set Tie-Break (10 Points)** - When the score in a match is one set all, or two sets all in a best of five sets match, and six games all in the final set, a ten-point tie-break game may be played to decide the match. The first player/team to win ten points shall win the tie-break and the match provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s). If necessary, the tie-break game shall continue until this margin is achieved.
- 25.24.7.5.4** **Change of ends:** During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after the first point and thereafter after every four points.
- 25.24.7.5.5** **The Let During a Service**
- 25.24.7.5.5.1** “No Let” Rule - This alternative is play without the service let in Rule 22.a, whereby a serve that touches the net, strap or band is in play. At the discretion of the sanctioning body, when playing doubles using Short Sets in combination with No-Ad scoring and the No-Let rule, either player on the receiving team is permitted to return a serve that touches the net, strap or band and lands within the correct service box.
- 25.24.7.5.6** **Alternative Procedures and Scoring Methods**
- The alternatives listed in this Appendix VI may be used.

## 25.24.7.6 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:

- 25.24.7.6.1** 128 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of ten (10) courts, ideally twelve (12).
- 25.24.7.6.2** 64 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of eight (8) courts, ideally ten (10).
- 25.24.7.6.3** 48 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of six (6) courts, ideally seven (7).
- 7.6.4.** 32 draw combinations (boys & girls) should have a minimum of four (4) courts, ideally five (5).

In addition, there should be at least one (1) practice court per thirty-two (32) players on site.



### **25.24.7.7 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.

### **25.24.7.8 Conditions of Play**

Latest Start Time - It is mandatory that the latest start time for any match is not before 08:00 AM.

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.)

Note: ITF Rules shall be implemented accordingly.

### **25.24.7.9 Unsportsman-like 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, 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.

### **25.24.7.10 Code of Conduct**

#### **25.24.7.10.1 On-Site Offenses**

Identification: Hat, Headband, Face covering or Wristband - One (1) manufacturer's identification, without writing, not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) shall be permitted.

### **25.24.7.11 Penalties**

**25.24.7.11.1** 7.11.1. Withdrawals - Where a team withdraws from the final regional qualifying round or from the final stages of the Junior Tennis Competition, such team(s) will be replaced with the highest placed team(s) in the withdrawing team's regional pre- qualifying or final regional qualifying stage not already qualified.

## **25.24.8 ELIGIBILITY**

Only boys and girls who are under the jurisdiction of a National who are born between 1st January 2008 and 31st December 2012 may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the year Circuit.

### **25.24.8.1 Age Eligibility**

#### **25.24.8.1.1** Competition For Players Who Are 12 And Under

There shall be no 11 and under, no 10 and under and no 9 and under (or younger) age category international or regional individual or team competitions or Games. Only regional festival type activities sanctioned by the Regional Association may be held for players who have reached their 9th birthday on or before the event start date.

## **25.24.9 NUMBER OF ENTRIES (Per Event)**

The competition is open to all tennis players based on their LGU's set forth. Only a minimum of three (3) players and maximum of five (5) on both boys and girls only.

### **25.24.9.1 TEAMS shall compose of maximum 8 individuals per LGU**

#### **25.24.9.1.1** Four (4) Boys

#### **25.24.9.1.2** Four (4) Girls

### **25.24.9.2 9.2. SINGLES EVENT shall consist 2 individuals per LGU**

#### **25.24.9.2.1** One (1) Boy

#### **25.24.9.2.2** One (1) Girl

### **25.24.9.3 9.3. The following events shall be held:**

#### **25.24.9.3.1** Boys' and Girls' Singles

#### **25.24.9.3.2** Boys' and Girls' Doubles

#### **25.24.9.3.3** Team Event

The competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the Junior Circuit Code of Conduct, the Constitution of ITF Limited 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 enters and/or participates in the Batang Pinoy shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out.

### **25.24.9.4 Entries and Teams**

**25.24.9.4.1** **Entries** - Entries from Local Government Units shall be sent so as to reach the PSC, NSA by slated date. All competing nations/LGUs shall receive the final list of entries following this date.





**25.24.9.4.2 Publicity/Promotion & Player Images** - Players acknowledge that their tennis biography and complete tournament history shall be published on the PSC's website for the purposes of transparency and promotion of the sport.

**25.24.9.4.3 Insurance** - Local Government Units are responsible for ensuring that all members of their team(s), and any accompanying officials in their delegation, are fully and adequately covered by insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in each event in the Competition. The NSA, Host Nation and/or Host Organizer shall not accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

### **25.24.9.5 Medals**

**25.24.9.5.1** Bronze - 22 pieces

**25.24.9.5.2** Silver - 11 pieces

**25.24.9.5.3** Gold - 11 pieces

## **25.24.10 COMPETITION FORMAT**

**25.24.10.1** Each singles match shall be the best of three Tie-Break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF. No rest shall be allowed after the second set.

**25.24.10.2** 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. No rest shall be allowed after the second set.

**25.24.10.3** For all singles and doubles matches, the No Let Rule shall be in effect.

**25.24.10.4** In case of severe weather conditions, the tournament committee may use alternative scoring methods as approved in the present Rules of Tennis (available at [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com)).

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

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

**25.24.10.7 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

## **25.24.11 TEAM LEADERS' MEETING AND DRAWS**

## **25.24.12 PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

## **25.24.13 EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING/UNIFORM**

**25.24.13.1** Unacceptable Attire

**25.24.13.1.1** Shoes (Hard or clay)

**25.24.13.2** Identification

**25.24.13.2.1** 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 categories deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, the ITF or the ITF Junior Circuit.

