



PHILIPPINE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES:

The Competition, singles and doubles competition, shall be called
TENNIS Batang Pinoy (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 and 31st December 2007 to 2011 may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the year Circuit.

Rules to be Observed

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

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. 1 boy
 - b. 1 girl
3. The following events shall be held:
Boys' and Girls' Singles
MIXED Doubles
TEAM Event



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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 enter and/or participates in the Batang Pinoy shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out.

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.

L. 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 Offence 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.



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Match Format

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.

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.

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

In case of severe weather conditions the tournament committee may use alternative scoring methods as approved present 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



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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.

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, has 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.)

Note:

ITF Rules shall be implemented accordingly.



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2023 ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

Summary of Key Rule Changes

Rules to be Observed

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 (Local Government Unit) and its Team Members automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfill all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations. Any Local Government Unit, or Team Member that fails to honour this undertaking shall be subject to penalties pursuant to the Rules and Regulations.

For the purposes of these Regulations, **Team Member** mean players and Captains nominated by a Local Government Unit 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 Local Government Unit and/or assisting a player and/or Captain participating in 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 (Local Government Unit), 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.



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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FINAL STAGES OF THE COMPETITION

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.

ENTRIES AND TEAMS

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.

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.

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.

PENALTIES

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.

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.



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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.

Officials

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

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.

AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

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 sanction Regional Association may be held for players who have reached their 9th birthday on or before the event start date.

CODE OF CONDUCT

On-site Offences

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.



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MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE ORGANISATION 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:

- a) Tournament Director
- b) Tournament Referee
- c) Chief of Officials
- d) Technical Officials
- e) Chief of Ball persons
- f) Ball persons
- g) Court Maintenance
- h) Tournament Doctor
- i) Sports Physiotherapist
- j) Stringer

Official functions

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

- a) Captains' Meeting
- b) Official Draw
- c) Opening Ceremony
- d) Closing Ceremony

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MEDALS FOR BATANG PINOY

BRONZE	-	24 PCS
SILVER	-	12 PCS
GOLD	-	12 PCS

As September 4, 2024



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