

Junior Tennis-AITA Tournament and Competition Structure

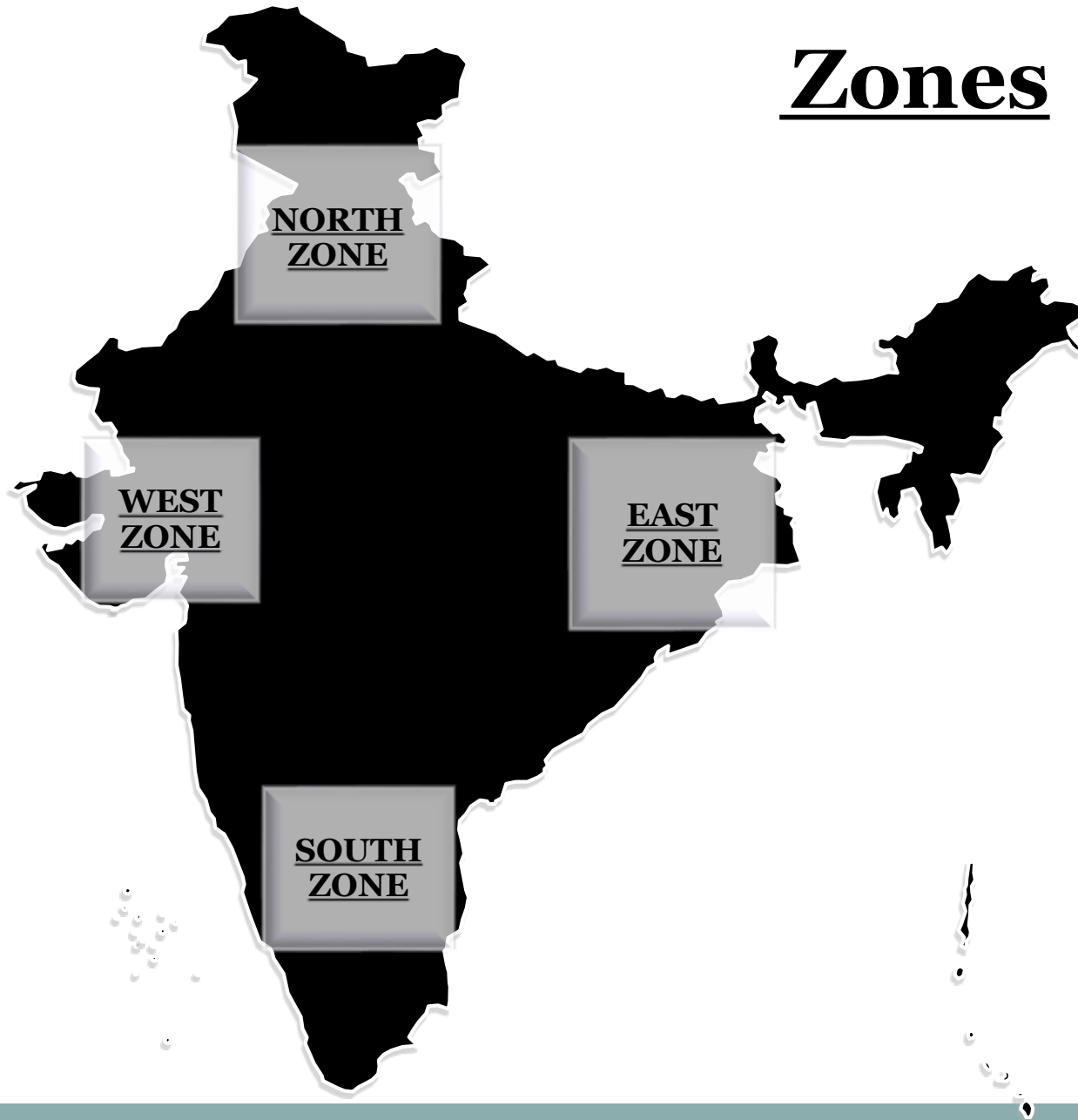
AITA Tournament Structure for Junior's

- For the Junior age groups the AITA tournament structure is classified as follows:

- Talent Series (7 Day's)
- Talent Series (3 Day's)
- Championship Series (7 Day's)
- Championship Series (3 Day's)
- Super Series
- National Series
- Nationals- Hard Court and Clay Court

The above tournaments are held for each of the age group Under 12/14/16/18

Zones



Tournament Categories- Talent Series



● Talent Series

- These tournaments are considered to be grass root level of tournaments and are more for the beginners and budding players who want to get into AITA ranking. It can be a 3 day or 7 day tournament.
- The entries into these tournaments are restricted on regional basis.
- There can be any number of talent series tournaments in a week in the country.
- This level of tournament promotes tennis even to the remotest part of the country
- There are at present around **204** of talent series tournaments in India, combined for all age groups.

Tournament Categories- Championship Series



● Championship Series

- Championship series provides a platform to more series players, who have proven themselves at Talent Series.
- It acts as a bridge between the lower level and higher level of tournament in AITA Circuit.
- The entry to Championship series is PAN India based, as compared to zonal based in Talent Series .
- Championship Series can be conducted in two formats : 3 Days tournament and 7 Days tournament.
- There are at present around **149** of Championship Series tournaments in India, across all age groups in Juniors.

Tournament Categories-Super Series, National Series & Nationals

- These tournaments are most important and the back bone of the AITA Junior Circuit.
- They provides higher level of competition among different age groups and further provide a strong platform to the kids to excel and take forward dreams of becoming a true professional player.
- SS,NS and Nationals tournaments can be conducted anywhere in India for a particular age group during a week, but only one tournament in a week in a age group across India.
- Nationals are fixed and are to be conducted twice in a particular age group.
- There are at present around **32** of **Super Series** tournaments in India.
- There are at present around **12** of **National Series** tournaments in India.
- There are at present around **10** of **Nationals** tournaments in India.

Match Format for a (3 Day) Talent and Championship series

Singles

Upto QF - Best of 15 Games.

QF & SF - Best of 17 Games.

Final - Best of three sets

Doubles

Size of Draw will be of 16 pairs.

First two sets would be short sets with No Advantage scoring i.e. Deuce 1 Point.

A 7 Point Match Tie Break will be played in lieu of the Final Set

Match Format for a (7 Day) TS, CS & SS, NS and Nationals

Singles

Qualifying Round: Best of 17 Games

Final Qualifying Round : Best of three tie break sets (Deuce 2 points)

Main Draw : Best of 3 Tie Break sets with Deuce 2 pts

Doubles

Size of Draw will be of 16 pairs

First two sets would be normal Tie-Breaker Sets with No

Advantage scoring i.e. Deuce 1 Point. A 10 Point Match Tie Break will be played in lieu of the Final Set.

Minimum Requirements for Tournament- to provide adequate facilities for players



- No tournament can take place at two different venues, irrespective of the distance apart, with a minimum requirement of 4 courts for staging a tournament.
- However, a TS or CS tournament being held over 3 days, may be done on three courts or two lighted courts.
- Minimum of 380 Lux (12 units) with enough tournament staff to extend the matches into the night.
- Tournament Referee: An ITF White Badge Official would be mandatory to supervise the Super Series / National Series / Nationals to maintain high level of officiating.
- Adequate fact sheets with required information are available on AITA website for the benefit of players at least 3-4 weeks prior to the tournaments.

Ranking System



- AITA has a strong system of ranking in place, which takes into consideration AITA ranking points earned during the last 52 weeks. In addition to AITA points, the points from the International tournament are also converted to AITA points to arrive at the final points tally of a player.
- The Junior ranking is prepared by adding points from best 6 singles tournaments and 25% of best 6 doubles results .
- Under -18 Category - In addition- the points earned in ITF multiplied by 2, plus the points earned from Men's / Women's.
- Under -16 Category – Added are the points earned from U-18.
- Under -14 Category -Also added are points earned in Under 16 and plus 25% of the total points earned in Asian U14.
- Under -12 Category - Also added are the points earned in Under-14

POINTS SYSTEM FOR AITA CIRCUIT



Round Of	64	32	PQ	Q	SF	F	W
TALENT SERIES (7 Days)	-	2	6	8	10	12	15
TALENT SERIES (3 Days)	-	1	3	4	5	6	8
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES(7 Days)	-	4	8	10	15	20	25
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES(3 Days)	-	2	4	5	7	10	15
SUPER SERIES	-	5	10	20	30	40	50
NATIONAL SERIES	5	10	20	30	40	50	75
NATIONALS	20	40	60	80	100	150	200

Entry and Acceptances to tournaments



We follow a 3 weeks deadline for entry and 1 weeks for withdrawal

Championship / Talent series (3 days):

- There will be no requirement to send entry. In the case of talent series the draw is open to players from the zone where the tournament is taking place. Sign in will be on Friday between 1200 & 1400 hrs at the venue. All players are accommodated in the one open draw.

Championship / talent series (7 days):

- 32 main draw (boys & girls) (23 DA, 8 Q, 1 SE)
- The qualifying draw will be open.
- Sign in for qualifying will be between 1200 & 1400 hrs on Friday & main draw sign in will be between 1200 & 1400 hrs on Sunday.

Entry Systems in Tournaments



Super Series:

- 32 Main draw (Boys & Girls) (23 Direct, 8 Qualifiers, 1 Special Exempt)
- Boys – 48 Qualifying (44 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)
- Girls – 32 Qualifying (28 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)
- Sign in for qualifying will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Friday. There will be no sign in for Main Draw.

National Series:

- The Main Draw for Boys & Girls will consist of the following:
- Boys- 64 Main draw (55 Direct Acceptance 8 Qualifiers and 1 Special Exempt)
- Girls- 48 Main Draw (39 Direct Acceptance 8 Qualifiers and 1 Special Exempt)
- Qualifying Draw will be closed.
- Boys – 48 Qualifying (44 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)
- Girls – 32 Qualifying (28 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)
- Sign in for qualifying will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Friday. There will be no sign in for Main Draw.

Entry Systems in Tournaments



Nationals:

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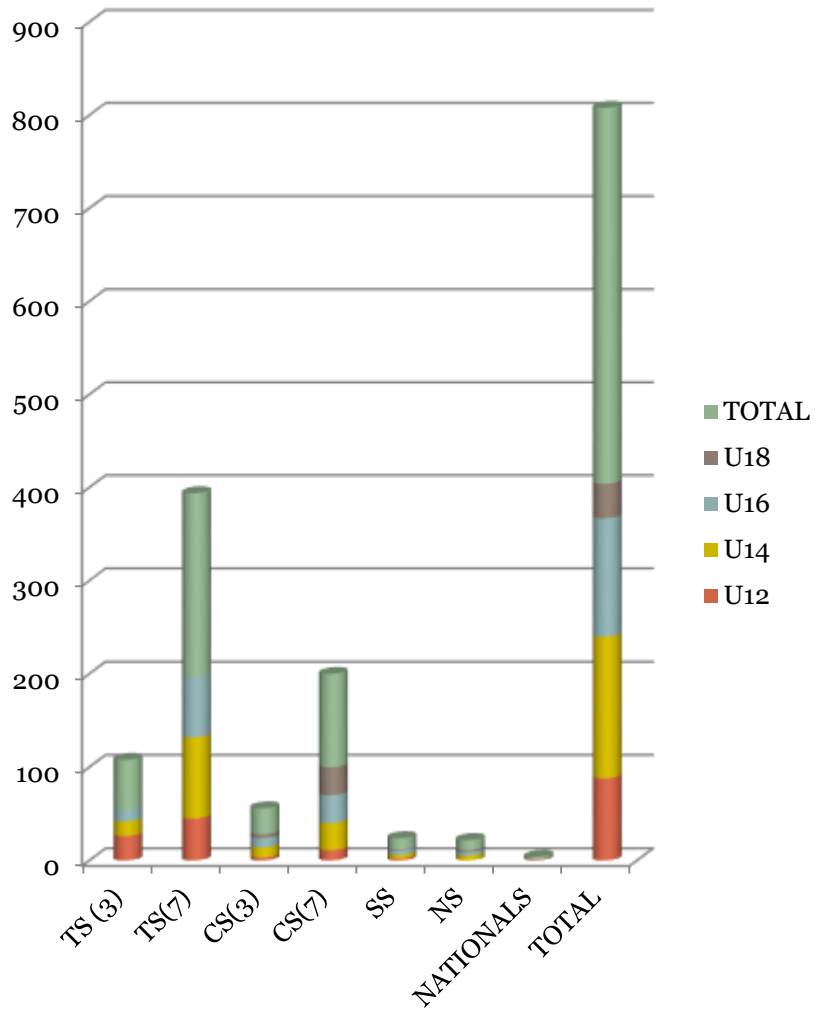
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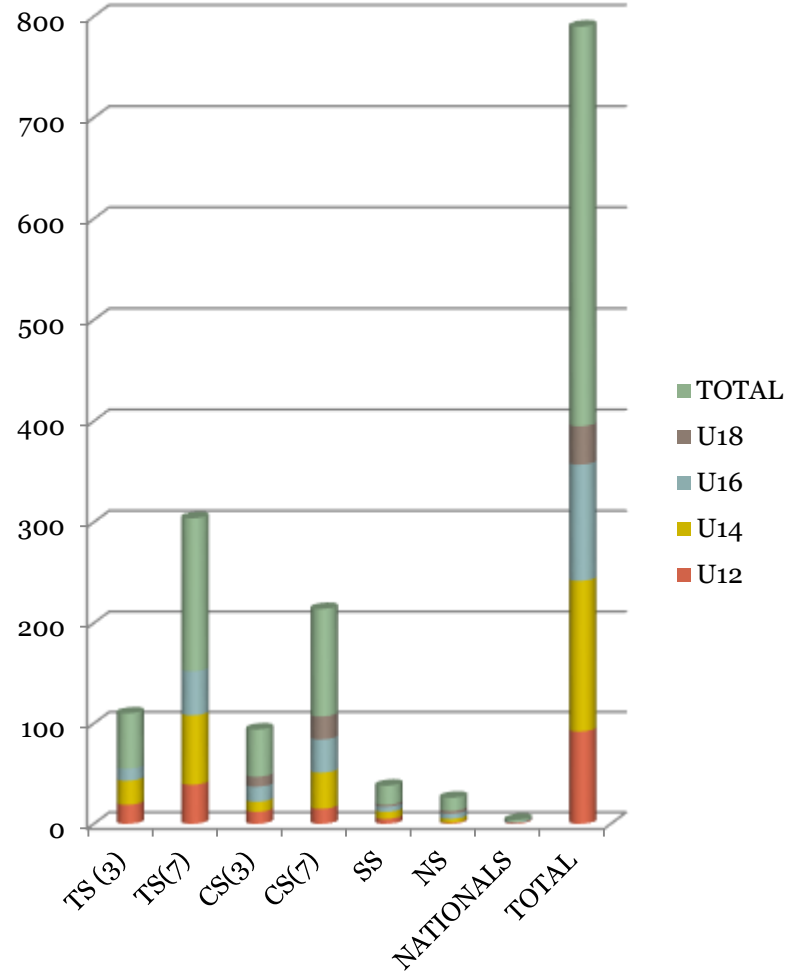
Comparison of Juniors Tournaments conducted from 1 Jan 2016 to 31 July 2016 and 1 Jan 2017 to 31 July 2017

1/1/2016 - 31/7/2016					
Juniors	U12	U14	U16	U18	TOTAL
TS (3)	26	16	12	0	54
TS(7)	45	87	65	0	197
CS(3)	3	11	10	4	28
CS(7)	11	29	30	30	100
SS	2	4	5	1	12
NS	0	5	4	2	11
NATIONALS	1	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	88	152	127	37	404

1/1/2017 - 31/7/2017					
Juniors	U12	U14	U16	U18	TOTAL
TS (3)	19	24	12	0	55
TS(7)	39	69	44	0	152
CS(3)	12	10	15	10	47
CS(7)	15	36	33	23	107
SS	5	7	5	2	19
NS	1	4	5	3	13
NATIONALS	1	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	92	150	115	38	395



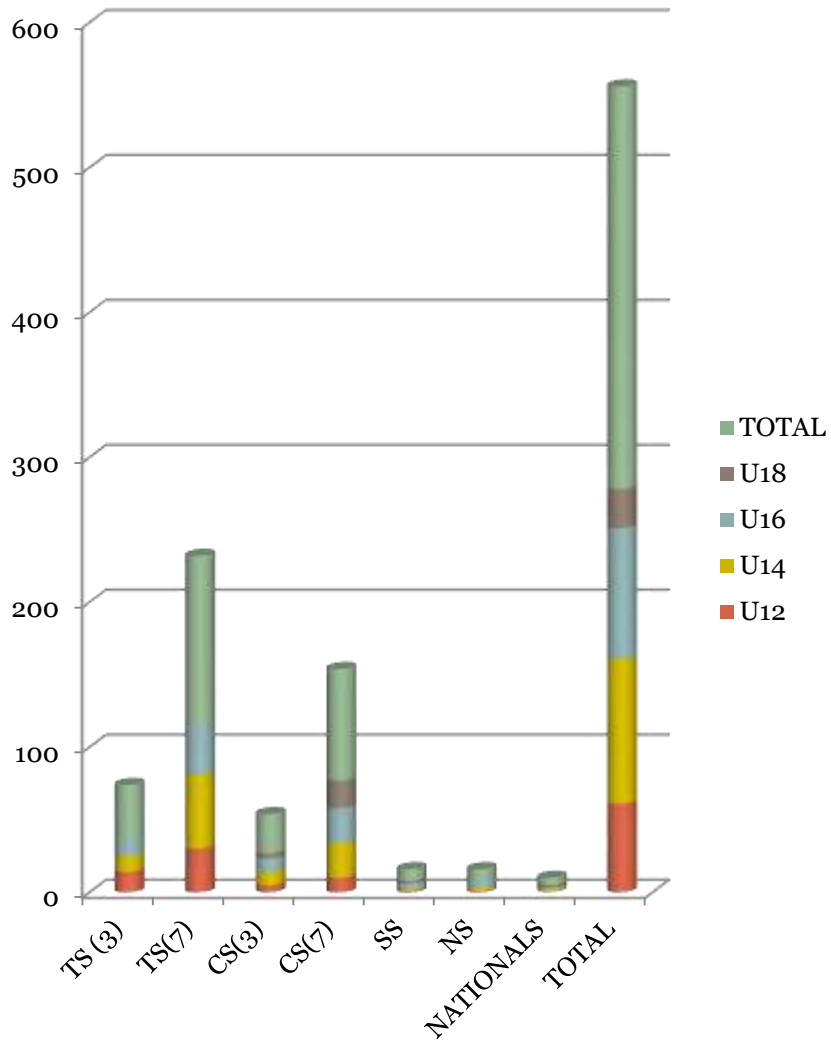
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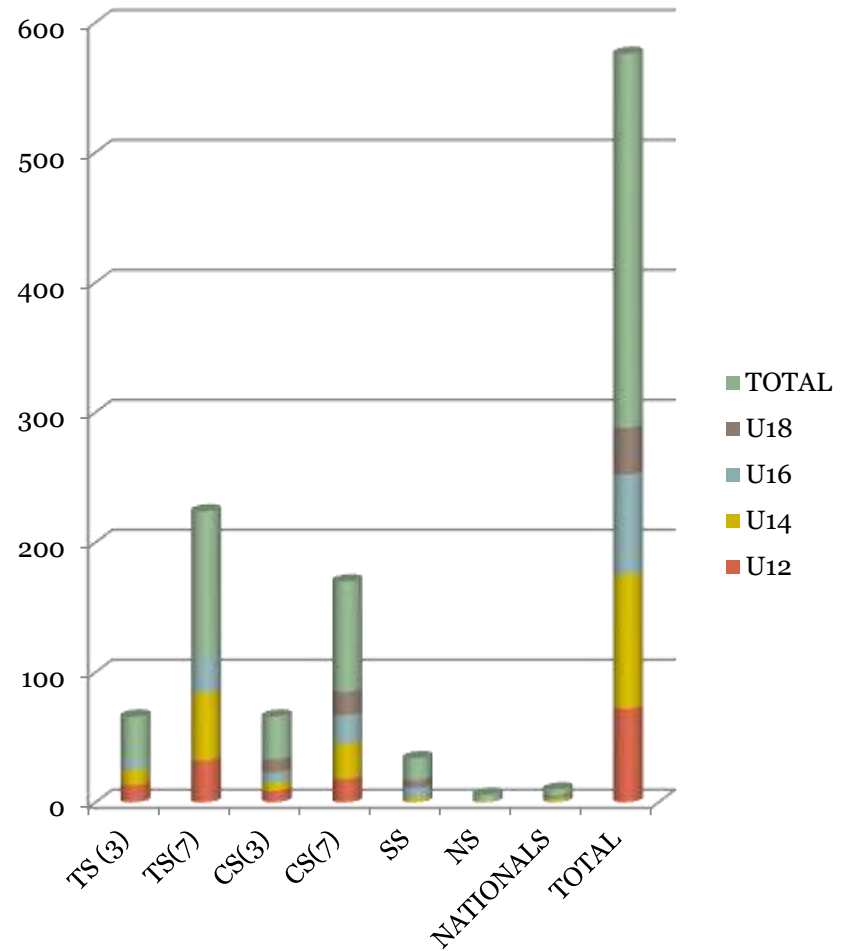
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Comparison of Juniors Tournaments conducted from 1 Aug 2016 to 31 Dec 2016 and 1 Aug 2017 to 31 Dec 2017

1/8/2016 - 31/12/2016						1/8/2017 - 31/12/2017 (Projected)					
Juniors	U12	U14	U16	U18	TOTAL	Juniors	U12	U14	U16	U18	TOTAL
TS (3)	14	11	12	0	37	TS (3)	13	12	8	0	33
TS(7)	30	51	35	0	116	TS(7)	32	52	28	0	112
CS(3)	5	9	9	4	27	CS(3)	9	6	8	10	33
CS(7)	10	24	24	19	77	CS(7)	18	27	22	18	85
SS	1	1	4	2	8	SS	0	3	8	6	17
NS	1	2	5	0	8	NS	0	1	2	0	3
NATIONALS	0	2	1	2	5	NATIONALS	0	2	1	2	5
TOTAL	61	100	90	27	278	TOTAL	72	103	77	36	288



1/8/2016 - 31/12/2016



**1/8/2017 - 31/12/2017
(Projected)**

Recent Developments



- **All efforts are on to increase the Talent Series and Championship Series tournaments (Grass root level) in the country to help in increasing the number of players taking up tennis.**
- **2 ATF Development Camp took place in ATC-Delhi ,assigned for the age group of 14 & 16 which saw Indian players benefitting**

Recent Developments



- **Conducting Asian U-14 events to help our players gaining experience against foreign players. ATF under 14 tournaments are growing.**
- **Sending players for the Grand slam -Juniors as a team along with a coach.**
- **Partnership with Road to Wimbledon and Rendezvous –Roland Garros are great hit amongst Junior players.**

Notable Achievements in Junior Circuit



- **Girls Under 12 team qualified for 2017 ITF Asian 12&U Team Championships Finals.**
- **Indian juniors players qualified for Under 14 & 16 Europe tour.**
- **Every year, one Indian girl player gets selected for WTA Future Star tournament in Singapore.**
- **The number of players in Junior AITA ranking is growing year on year.**



Coaches Education Programme- AITA

Importance of Structure



- Coaches Education program is one of the most important projects of AITA and since 1999, over 3500 coaches have gone through the certification process based on ITF's syllabus. Apart from few of certification Courses.

Structure



- **Coaches Education committee of AITA. 3 Member committee with a chairman**
- **Director of Coaches Education of India. AITA has a new director from June 2017 for a period of 2 years.**
- **Administrative wing at AITA head office in Delhi.**
- **Coaches education is a very structured platform running with great success for last 18 years**

Structure



- AITA coaches structure can be broken down into following levels:-
 - Level I- Mini Tennis Coach
 - Level II/III- Foundation / Elementary coach
 - Level IV- Intermediate Coach
 - Level V- Advance Level Coach

Structure



❖ AITA -Level I Course

- ❖ This is basic course, which is more for entrusting coach to learn fun tennis techniques, mini tennis tricks and other interesting tennis promotion activities.
- ❖ This is a 4 day course conducted by tutors
- ❖ On successful completion of the course a student gets a certificate of Level 1 Coach of AITA (White card)

Structure



❖ AITA -Level II Course

- ❖ This is also termed as Elementary Course
- ❖ This is intended for people, with a bit of tennis background and can rally few tennis strokes with trainees
- ❖ This is a 7 day course conducted by tutors
- ❖ On successful completion of the course a student gets a certificate of Level 2 Coach of AITA (Blue card)

Structure



❖ AITA -Level III Course

- ❖ This is also termed as Foundation Course
- ❖ This is more extensive and advanced than the Elementary course.
- ❖ The school runs over 7 days and includes 3 1/2 days of Level II course material.
- ❖ Coaches with Level III are expected to be able to Good feeder and handle beginners programmes.
- ❖ On successful completion of the course a student gets a certificate of Level 3 Coach of AITA (Green card)

Structure



❖ AITA –Level IV Course

- ❖ This is also termed as Intermediate course with fitness Level 1 .
- ❖ The school is open for the coaches possessing AITA Level III (Green Card)
- ❖ The school runs over 7 days and includes 2 days of fitness course
- ❖ The Green card is awarded only after completion of on court practical experience of 100 hours under supervision of other senior coaches.
- ❖ On successful completion of the course a student gets a certificate of Level 4 Coach of AITA (Bronze card)

Structure



- ❖ AITA advance level Course (ITF Level 2)
 - ❖ This level of course is equivalent to ITF Level 2 course.
 - ❖ The school runs through 11 days of rigorous training and evaluations by tutors.
 - ❖ The school aims to identify the coaches who can train the intermediate and advance level of players.
 - ❖ The school can be attended only by coaches who have Bronze card (AITA level IV)
 - ❖ On successful completion the coaches are given Silver card
 - ❖ The Silver card is awarded only after completion of on court practical experience of 100 hours under supervision of other senior coaches

Structure



- ❖ AITA High Performance level with AITA Level 2 fitness programme.
 - ❖ The school runs through 9 days of rigorous training and evaluations by tutors.
 - ❖ The school aims to produce coaches who will be equipped to handle the advance and professional level of players.
 - ❖ The school is open for the coaches possessing Silver Card)
 - ❖ On successful completion the coaches are given Gold card, which is the highest AITA coaches certification
 - ❖ The Silver card is awarded only after completion of on court practical experience of 100 hours under supervision of other senior coaches

Coaches Courses



- **Detail of Total AITA coaches courses:**

○ AITA Level-III coaches courses 2009-2017	94
○ AITA Level-IV coaches courses 2011-2017	17
○ AITA Level-V coaches courses 2008-2017	9

So on an average there are around 12 coaches courses being run in a year for different levels. Average number of the students per course is around 20-25

National Coaches Workshop



- AITA conduct a biennial National Tennis Coaches Workshop in various part of the country.
- Coaches Workshop is aimed to provide a holistic experience to coaches and give a wonderful opportunity for the delegates to interact, network and share ideas.
- The workshop engages lectures and presentations from master minds in coaching and allied fields.
- It also provides opportunity to award and honor some profound coaches.
- This is great way to enrich knowledge for a common cause and honor the ones doing a great job

Team of Coaches Education



- **Level III Tutors- 9**
- **Level V Tutors- 5**
- **Trainee Tutors- 3**
- **Fitness Tutor-1**

The number of tutors are not large, but we are taking steps to augment the list by having more tutors school to develop more tutors

Registration of AITA Coaches



- All the AITA certified coaches are require to register with AITA and pay a license fees for registration.
- The registration is valid for 2 years, there after it has to be renewed, with a recommendation of a AITA tutor.
- This is more to have a track of certified coaches and their performance.
- Registration also does give them a sense of belongingness to AITA

Current Road Map to become a AITA Certified Coach



- One has to apply , as a student ,for a coaches school. The order has to be followed starting from level-I to Level-II and so on.
- An intense degree of school takes place and the tutors do expect high degree of professionalism
- There is different level of fees which is charged from the students depending on the level of the course being attended

Indian Coaches



- India is one of the leading countries in Asia in terms of number of certified coaches and is a Silver rated country.
- We have a large number of tutors who are indulged in conducting school even outside India to teach coaches, apart from being invited regularly as speakers in conferences and seminars.
- AITA is coming with a new paper on coaches education very soon to improve the coaches education system further.
- Number of coaches travelling with the Indian teams to various professional, junior and Team competitions is on a constant rise.

