ASIAN JUNIOR TOUR 16&UNDER

CIRCUIT REGULATIONS



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2025 Asian Tennis Junior Tour 16 & Under Regulations

I. Asian Tennis Junior Tour

1. Ownership and Rights

The Asian Tennis Junior Tour by Asian Tennis Federation (the Tour) is a series of junior tournaments and is owned and managed by the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF). The ownership includes all international sponsorship rights for the Tour. The management of the Tour is primarily conducted by the Junior Committee of the ATF and the Junior Tour Department of ATF. The ATF reserves the right of hosting Asian 16&Under event under the banner of ATF at its affiliated centers.

2. Sponsorship Rights

ATF insists that there should be no tobacco organizations secured as sponsors for any events of the Tour. ATF also insists that hard liquor alcohol brands should not be secured as a sponsor to tournaments; however non-distilled alcohol brands may be secured as a partner under the following guidelines:

- a) The brand is not a Title or Naming sponsor of the event
- b) The brand does not have on court exposure at the event
- c) The brand serves the drink at the event in a responsible fashion to persons over the age of 18 (Or relevant drinking age in the event country)

The sponsors of the tournament should not be conflicting in nature to any title sponsor to ATF Junior circuit.

3. Publicity and Promotion

- Each player grants and assigns to the ATF the right in perpetuity to make use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself, his/her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such promotion activities by the ATF shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.
- 2) ATF reserves exclusive rights for publicity on Net Banners. The organizer is not allowed to place any banners on the net, unless separately agreed with the ATF.
- 3) All tournament Organizations that have a web site must have a link to the ATF web site on their main page.
- 4) ATF Banner must be displayed at the Press Conferences, Prize Ceremony, Official Pictures and other official functions during the tournament.
- 5) There should be Asian Series Logos on Posters, Brochures, Official Program (FrontPage) and all printed materials.
- 6) <u>ATF logo should be prominently placed on all on court brandings. On court branding designs should be pre-approved by ATF office.</u>

4. Players Eligibility

- 1. For entering, signing-in and/or playing in a Tennis Asia Junior Tour event, the players agree to be aware of and to abide by the Rules of Tennis as approved by the International Tennis Federation and the Asian Tennis Junior Tour Rules and Regulations as amended from time to time by ATF. In submitting an entry online or otherwise the player is considered to have agreed to be bound by the aforementioned rules.
- 2. <u>In addition, the players need to create an account online at https://www.atf.hitcourt.com/register-player</u>
- 3. All players are required to have adequate medical and travel insurance cover, which is not provided by either ATF, the host National Association or the local organizer.
- 4. Non-Asian players participating in the Asian 16&Under Series tournaments (*Category A*, 1 & 2) will be eligible to earn points and will be ranked accordingly.
- 5. If a player resides in a country but is not a valid passport holder of that country then that National Association may endorse the player's entry only with the prior agreement of the National Association of the country of which the player holds the passport.
- 6. If a player is a dual passport holder, then his entry can be endorsed by either National Association provided neither National Association objects. Also, in any case, junior committee can consider of players participation.
- 7. Any National Association wishing to endorse the entry of a foreign player or a dual passport holder has to ensure that the player has good standing.
- 8. For players to participate in Asian 16&Under Series tournaments, they must have reached their (13th) thirteen birthday before the start of the singles Main Draw.
- 9. If a player is not in good standing with the National Association or is temporarily suspended, the National Association may contact the Tour Department of ATF to request to block the player concerned from entering tournaments. Any such request must be accompanied by relevant documentation. ATF, in cooperation with ITF, will investigate the case and may rule to block the players for a limited time or to deny the request. Such suspensions will be valid for any ATF junior event.
- 10. Anti-doping Policy: All players entering into any Tennis Asia Junior Tour events agree, as a condition of entry, to the following medical control: Random doping control tests may be conducted at Tennis Asia Junior Tour events in accordance with Bye-law 8 of the Constitution of the ITF Limited.
- 11. All players entering any Asian Tennis Junior Tour tournament agree, as a condition of their entry, that for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future against ATF, the tournament organizers and the National Association sanctioning such events.

5. Asian online account & International Player Identification Number (IPIN)

To play in the ATF Junior Tours, players must have registered with the ATF. Players should register online directly on the ATF tournament website (*https://www.atf.hitcourt.com/register-player*) or through the ATF website (www.asiantennis.com)

Player may also register for a Junior ITF IPIN. The Junior IPIN allows the player to play on the ITF Junior Circuit and the Tennis Europe Junior Tour (subject to fulfilling the age criteria). Players will not be allowed to enter/compete in an ATF event until the ATF registration is complete and

payment is made. No player will be allowed to sign-in as an Onsite Alternate or play as a Wild Card without having registered for ATF account. A sum of USD 40 as Annual subscription for creating the ATF account will be payable by the players. This can be paid online once the account has been created.

6. Final Ranking

The final rankings, issued at the end of each calendar year, shall be compiled on the basis of points earned in Asian Tennis Junior Tour 16 & under and below mentioned are few benefits for year-end top ranked players.

- a) <u>1 Main Draw Wild card to be awarded to player with an ATF 16 & Under year end NO 1</u> <u>Ranking (Boys & Girls) to ITF World Tennis Tour junior J100 events.</u>
- b) <u>1 Main Draw Wild Card to be awarded to player with an ATF 16 & Under year end NO 2</u> <u>Ranking (Boys & Girls) to ITF World Tennis Tour J100 or J60 events.</u>
- c) <u>Eligible player should get in touch with the ATF during the month of January to express</u> <u>his/her intention to apply for the wild card.</u>
- d) <u>ATF will confirm regarding the wild card as soon as practical so that the player has</u> <u>sufficient time to prepare for the travel.</u>
- e) <u>After confirmation of the Wild Card if a player for any reason do not participate in that</u> <u>tournament, he/she may not be offered substitute Wild card in to another event.</u>
- *f)* <u>Players who are offered wild card should at all time during the tournament abide by the</u> <u>ITF regulations and code of conduct.</u>

II. Rules and Regulation of the Tour

1. Ranking

- a) <u>A Players combined ranking shall be compiled on the basis of points earned in their best six (6),</u> <u>individual singles and / or doubles event with in the Asian 16&Under Series Tournaments and a sum</u> <u>of 3 times the ranking points earned in the ITF Junior World Tennis Tour tournaments. (the points</u> <u>earned in the following tournament will be included in the best 6 tournaments)</u>
 - <u>ATF 16 & under ranking points will be awarded according to the details outlined below for</u> players participating in the Junior Davis cup (JDC) and Junior Billi Jean King Cup (JBGKC) – <u>Asia Oceania final qualifying event. Players will receive 200 ATF 14 & under ranking</u> points for winning a match as Player 1 on the team, and 150 ATF 14 & under ranking points for winning a match as Player 2 on the team for each tie played. No points will be awarded for winning a doubles match
 - <u>ATF 16 & Under (Category 1) ranking points will be awarded for the players participating in</u> <u>the Roland Garros Regional (Wild card play-off qualifying) tournament.</u>

- <u>ATF 16 & Under (Category A) ranking points will be awarded for the players participating in</u> <u>the Roland Garros Junior Wild card Tournament (Asia)</u>
- b) <u>The 14& Under ranking at the end of the year will be rolled over to 16& U rankings for the players</u> to step in to the higher age group. 20% of the year end ATF 14 & under points will be carried over to 16U age group for 6 months to give a cushion to the 14& under players for participating at 16&U age group. These points will be taken off from 1st week of July.
- c) The ATF office will publish the rankings regularly on the internet and the organizers would be responsible for obtaining the required rankings from the ATF Asian 16&Under Website.
- d) The official published rankings will be calculated on a 52 week roll over system.
- e) For details of Ranking Points of Asian 16&Under Series Circuit, see Points Table on Page 15 & 16.

2. Tournament Application and Approval

- a) The Asian Tennis Junior Tour 16 & under tournaments consists of individual junior tournaments for 16 & under (16&U), organized in any of the Asian Tennis Association Member Nations. <u>Non-Asian</u> <u>member nation who are interested in hosting Asian Junior circuit tournament may contact the ATF</u> <u>Executive director -Tournament, for special approval to host the tournament in their respective</u> <u>Nation</u> The tournaments may be organized by National Associations, affiliated clubs or other organizers which must be approved by the applicable National Association.
- b) Associations are responsible for the supervision of the tournaments they selected to be a part of the Asian 16 & Under Series.
- c) <u>Application: Applications for the tournaments must be made on the ATF U16 website</u> (<u>https://www.atf.hitcourt.com/federation/login</u>), no later than 4 months before the week of the <u>tournament.</u>

Late applications may be approved, but only if there are positions available on the calendar. Application must be included the following;

- National Association, contact person at National Association, Contact details
- Organizing entity (club, etc.), Contact person, Contact details
- Title of tournament, City
- Venue, Address details
- Number of courts, surface, indoors/outdoors
- Tournament week
- Draw Sizes (see charts below for sizes selectable for each Category)
- Hospitality option offered (if any)
- d) Approval; the Asian Tennis Federation Tour Director will decide on the inclusion of Tournaments in the calendar.
- e) Applications must for inclusion in the Series; giving full details of the event are to be sent by the corresponding National Association to the ATF. In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfill all its obligations under the above Regulations.

f) If a National Association and/or Tournament Organizer so wishes, they may send tournament invitations to National Associations. Invitations shall be open, and not for named players. Under no circumstances may invitations be sent directly to players.

3. Cancellations

- a) <u>Any National Association, withdrawing their Tournament from the Asian Junior Tour calendar after</u> <u>it was published for the period shall be penalized according to the below mentioned details.</u>
 - <u>Nations withdrawing the tournament 2 months prior to the start of the main draw may be</u> <u>fined up to USD 200</u>
 - <u>Nations withdrawing the tournament 1 month prior to the start of the main draw may be</u> <u>fined up to USD 400</u>

The decision of the ATF Tournament and Officiating Committee will be final regarding the above.

4. Sanction Fees

<u>All tournaments on the ATF Junior Tour are required to pay the relevant sanction fees as outlined in the table</u> <u>below. Invoices for these sanction fees will be sent to the National Associations on a half yearly basis at the</u> <u>end of June and December each year and must be settled within 15 days of receipt</u>

1)	Category A:	US\$ 400
2)	Category 1:	US\$ 300
3)	Category 2:	US\$ 150

5. Officiating fees

The tournament must pay fees for the ATF referee for the 16 & under circuit tournament. Full hospitality (independent room, 3 meals and reasonable laundry) must also be provided to the referee if the referee is not from the city where the tournament is being held. Travel cost should also be reimbursed to the referee.

The minimum recommended fee of the ITF certified officials (as a white badge referee or higher level) working as referee for the circuit will be as follow:

Categories 2 and 1 – USD 550

Category A- USD 750

6. Factsheet

Sanctioned tournaments must complete a Fact Sheet providing all necessary information <u>on the online</u> <u>application form using the Nation Federation tournament application credentials on (www.atf.hitcourt.com)</u> <u>in addition to the data above National federations must also provide the start and end dates for each event</u> <u>according to the organizational requirements also transport and hotel information, visa requirements, must</u> <u>be provided.</u> All Fact Sheet details are to be supplied online no later than 2 months before the Tournament week. The Fact Sheets details will be published on the ATF U16. website once checked and approved by Asian Tennis Federation which should be no later than 6 weeks before the Tournament week.

Organizers failing to complete the Fact Sheet in time may have their sanction withdrawn the tournament removed from the calendar, or have the start of the entry process delayed.

7.	Tournament Obligation and Organizational Requirements
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	<u>Category A</u>	Category 1	Category 2
Options/Facilities	<u>Grade A</u> <u>With Full Hospitality</u>	Reduced Hospitality Category 1	Without Hospitality
Main Draw size	<u>32</u>	32 (Draw smaller than 32 needs special permission)	
Entry & Withdrawal	Entry and withdrawal by online through player account.		
Max Events by a Nation	<u>Up to 3 Grade A events</u> <u>in a year 2025, ATF will</u> <u>decide the nation so</u> <u>that Grade A</u> <u>tournaments are evenly</u> <u>distributed in all regions</u> <u>of Asia</u>	Category "1" + H tournaments These would be the individual tournaments, which we be allocated to the nations who want to run these to urnaments. The players have to be provided hospications.	
Qualifying Draw	<u>32</u>	<i>office.</i> 16, 24, 3	2, 48, 64
Draw format	Consolation		
Hospitality (Players)	FULL HOSPITALITY	REDUCED HOSPITALITY	<u>No hospitality</u>

	<u>To All Main Draw</u> <u>Players from one</u> <u>evening of day before</u> <u>start of Main Draw until</u> <u>Completion of the</u> <u>Tournament</u>	<u>To All Main Draw</u> <u>Players from 2nd round</u> <u>onwards, which will</u> <u>start one day before the</u> <u>scheduled day of 2nd</u> <u>round till the</u> <u>elimination from main</u> <u>draw (singles or</u> <u>doubles) No hospitality</u> <u>will be provided to the</u> <u>players in consolation</u> <u>even</u> ts		
Hospitality (Coaches) Appointed by the National Federations	Full hospitality to one Accompanying coach per nation un till completion of the tournament	Hospitality to accompanying coach can be provided at the discretion of the organisers	No hospitality for the coaches	
Rest room	Adequate, separate (for	boys and girls) and hygienic all tournament categories	rest rooms required for	
Medical Staff	Sports medicine trainer should be available on site to assist players with the medical needs on site, at all times.			
	A doctor on call should also be available			
Referee	Minimum ITF White Bad	dge Referee Official – to be	approved by ATF office	
Chair Umpires	All main draw matches	From Quarterfinals	From Quarterfinals	
Roving Umpires (Off Court)	For the matches not having chair umpires, tournament should provide enough off court supervisors to observe the matches being played without chair umpires.			
		Draw of 64 : 8 Courts		
The minimum No of Courts	6	Draw of 48 : 6 Courts		
		Draw of 32: 6 Courts or 5 courts if flood lights are available <u>& 3 courts for Draw of 16</u>		
Min Length of Main draw(days)	6	6	5	
Balls (ITF approved balls)	 a) Qualifying -3 new balls per match (no ball change) b) Main draw (Category A, 1) 3 new balls per match, ball change at final set. c) (Category 2) - 3 new balls per match and suggested ball change until Quarterfinals, Mandatory ball change for Semifinals and Finals. d) Consolation matches – good condition used balls (3) to be provided for the matches 			
Practice Balls	Minimum of 3 Used balls of playable condition			
Changing rooms	Adequate changing rooms and shower facilities shall be available			
Stringing	<u>A stringer should be provided on site during the match days with</u> <u>charge not more than USD 15</u>			

Official Hotel	All tournaments must nominate an official hotel for the tournament and mention all necessary details such as hotel address, room rates, and transport directions from the nearest airport or railway station. If the official hotel is more than 1.5 Kms from the venue, the tournament should provide transportation from the official hotel to venue starting from the day of qualifying sign in till the last day of the main draw in all categories of ATF 16U tournaments.		
IT requirements	The Organiser must provide a high-speed (cable or WiFi) internet connection for the Referee together with a computer and printer (unless the Referee bring his/her own equipment). Internet is mandatory requirement and is essential for the referee to run the hit court tournaments management system. Internet and or Wi-Fi must be offered for players and coaches from Grade 2 tournament onwards.		
Cafeteria	Food, Snacks and beverages (energy bar and drink) to be made available on payment basis.		
	<u>All Asian Junior Circuit tournaments will implement live scoring in</u> <u>either Off-Court Umpire or On-Court Umpire mode (Grade A</u> <u>tournament to have only on court umpiring mode). The referee will be</u> <u>supplied with a user manual to facilitate the operation of the live</u> <u>scoring system.</u>		
Live Scoring	Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the National Federation to provide Android mobile devices and ensure internet connectivity on- site for the effective use of this system. It will be the responsibility of the ATF supervisor to initiate the use of live scoring system and train the roving umpires and chain umpires on the usage.		
Live Streaming	<u>All Asian Junior Circuit Category A tournaments will have live</u> <u>streaming facilitated by the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF). National</u> <u>Federations are required to ensure that the necessary arrangements</u> for internet connectivity and electrical supply are in place to enable the <u>live streaming system to function effectively. This will be done in</u> <u>accordance with the live streaming production guidelines that will be</u> <u>distributed to all eligible tournaments</u> .		

- Reduced Hospitality includes free accommodation and breakfast only. Reduced Hospitality does not apply to coaches; tournaments offering Reduced Hospitality are not required to provide any hospitality for coaches. Accommodation means shared hotel rooms (not private housing) taking into consideration the Welfare Policy issued by ITF.
- 2) Full Hospitality includes free accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- 3) All tournaments must at their own expense provide a Referee & Chair Umpires for the duration of the tournament including sign-in days. The Referee must be qualified <u>(Minimum ITF White Badge Referee)</u> and be confirmed to ATF in the Fact Sheet to be published. Member Nations may apply minimum three (3) months before the Tournament for a waiver to the above requirements to propose English speaking nationally certified. ATF reserves the right to grant or deny such waiver. If the waiver is denied, a certified Referee must be provided.

- 4) It is also mandatory that the Referee has a working email account and immediate access to internet, a phone onsite open for international calls.
- 5) Matches without Umpires: For matches where Chair Umpires are not required, tournaments must at their own expense provide Assistant Referee qualified to officiate at the applicable level of play and preferably being conversant in English to support the Referee in monitoring the matches.
- 6) There shall be a Chair Umpire (not facing the sun) and player seats next to the Umpires chair on all match courts. In hot weather conditions, there shall be an umbrella for the player seats and also for the Chair Umpire. There shall be a name and score indication system (mechanical or electronic) well visible for the players and public on every match court (obligatory for Category 1 and recommended for Category 2 tournaments).
- 7) Tournament Desk: There shall be a tournament desk staffed starting from the 1st session of practice court allotted and as required after the end of the last match. A board indicating matches on court shall be placed in a central position on-site.
- 8) Play is allowed with artificial lighting. It is highly recommended that there is a minimum of 500 lux evenly distributed over the court surface.
- 9) Courts should be in the same club, although it is acceptable to use the courts of another club in order to reach the minimum required, provided it is notified well in advance to ATF. In such cases, transportation must be provided. All match courts, including qualifying matches, 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. If matches are played at two or more venues, there must be a qualified Assistant Referee with working knowledge in English assigned to each venue.
- 10) Practice courts: Practice facilities shall be provided and are included in the above minima. Practice courts should be the same surface as the match courts. Practice facilities need not be at the same venue, if not transport must be provided. Players shall have the opportunity to reserve practice courts, which shall be free of charge, and the Referee shall ensure that satisfactorily arrangements are made.
- 11) All events shall be scheduled to finish no later than on the Sunday of the Tournament week. If weather or other unavoidable circumstances so require, tournaments may extend one (1) day until Monday into the following week. If at all possible, approval for such extension must be confirmed by ATF and the following weeks tournaments informed by ATF or the Referee.
- 12) Tournament Results to be sent daily includes detailed activities taken place during the day i.e. Opening/ Closing Ceremony and the results of the matches. This can also include photographs, newspaper cuttings that can be displayed on the website.
- 13) The tournament has to appoint a qualified Sports Physio for the duration of the tournament that includes the qualifying rounds. There must be a separate room for the physio that includes a treatment table or bed.
- 14) Tournament Report includes:
 - a) Sign-In sheets for all Qualifying and Main draws events that have full forenames, family names, nationalities and full dates of birth.
 - b) Complete Draw sheets of main draw Singles and Doubles events including qualifying, denoting seeds, wildcards, qualifiers and lucky losers;
 - c) Program and reports of the event including photographs and other relevant tournament information.

d) An overall report, including details of any penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct. A list of any penalties imposed shall be posted during the tournament on the competitor's notice board, and shall be updated on a daily basis.

7. Entry Fee

1) Tournament Organizers may charge an Entry Fee to include Singles (Main Draw and Qualifying) and Doubles and Consolation (if any) of up to:

Tournament category	<u>Entry Fee</u> <u>Total</u>	Collection for organizers	<u>ATF Junior office</u> (Administration fee)
<u>Category A</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>15</u>
Category 1	<u>65</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Category 2</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>15</u>

- 2) Players entering Doubles only may be charged up to half these amounts. The Entry Fees are payable in cash at the time of sign-in.
- 3) Entry Fees may be paid in local currency at an official bank exchange rate dated on the Monday 7 days before the Tournament week.
- 4) The entry fee consists of two parts; one part for the organizers and the other part from each player to ATF Junior office for administration expenses (*please look at the table above*).

8. Conditions of Play

1) Latest Start Time

It is mandatory that the latest start time for any match is not later than 9pm (2100hrs). Any match that is not completed by midnight (0000hrs) 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)

2) Between Qualifying and Main Draw

Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his/her first-round match in the singles Main Draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his/her final Qualifying match

3) Between matches

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) main draw singles match and one (1) main draw doubles match per day, which shall not be scheduled less than twelve (12) hours after the completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day or round.

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one singles match in the same day such player shall, unless he/she is in a single and doubles final to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

- 1) Played less than one (1) hour half (1/2) hour rest
- 2) Played between one (1) hour and one and one half (1&1/2) hours one (1) hour rest
- Played between one and one half (1&1/2) hours and two (2) hours one and one half (1&1/2) hours rest

4) Played more than two (2) hours – two (2) hours rest

If play has been interrupted for thirty (30) minutes or more due to rain or other warranted delay, the length of match time would be assessed from the moment play resumes following the delay. If play is interrupted for less than thirty (30) minutes, match time would be considered continuous from the moment the first ball of the match was put into play.

No rest is allowed after the second set in a three-set singles match unless the extreme weather conditions rule is in effect.

9. Prize Money/ Gifts

- 1) No prize money or pocket money in any form shall be paid at any junior tournament, either to the players or to their National Associations. Any infringement to this rule will be penalized by a fine and can be subject to the expulsion of the tournament from the Series.
- 2) The value of a gift to the winner of a tournament may not exceed the value of USD500.00. Tournament Directors are responsible for ensuring that gifts and services provided to players are suitable for minors and comply with any legal requirements of the jurisdiction where the players reside and of the country where the event is held.

10. The Tournament Director(shall)

- 1. Two (2) months prior to the tournament supply online to the ATF U16 web-site the tournament fact sheet for approval.
- 2. Following the conclusion of the tournament send to the ATF the tournament report form.
- 3. <u>Collect the referee report and discuss on any changes and improvement required for the next event</u> <u>and check the entry fee and ATF admin fee payable to ATF office. Invoice of the same shall be sent</u> <u>to the Nations federation at the end of each quarter.</u>

11. Referee's responsibility

- 1. <u>Using Tournament software provided by the ATF before and during the tournament.</u>
- 2. <u>Ensuring that all players' passports are checked for date of birth and nationality and that any</u> <u>discrepancies with the information provided in Tournament software are reported to the ATF.</u>
- 3. <u>Uploading results daily using the Tournament software.</u>
- 4. <u>On conclusion of the tournament sending to the ATF the Referee's Report form, (Including the entry</u> <u>fee & ATF admin fee collection details) any penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct.</u>
- 5. <u>A list of any penalties imposed shall be posted during the tournament on the competitors' notice</u> <u>board, and shall be updated on a daily basis.</u>

12. ATF Responsibilities

The ATF is responsible for the overall administration of the Circuit and costs involved, and shall do its utmost to ensure that the calendar is widely publicized.

13. National Association Responsibilities

National Associations shall ensure that the tournaments they sanction for inclusion in the Asian Tennis Junior Tour maintain appropriately high standards of organization and administration.

14. Waive of Claims

In submitting an entry into an ATF U16 Tour, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that 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 an ATF U16 Tour, and/or any of its related activities and/or while in the location of an ATF U16 Tour, against the ATF or the National Association sanctioning such events, promoters, sponsors, television or other broadcast licensees, vendors, venues, local organizers and others connected with such ATF U16 Tour, including its employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and representatives.

III. Tournament Regulations

1. Age Eligibility

Only boys and girls born between 1stJanuary 2009 and 31stDecember 2012 may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2024 Asian Tennis Junior Tour 16 and under. However, players may not participate in any ATF Junior Tour 16 & under unless they have reached their thirteen (13) birthdays before the start of the Main Draw until the year the players turn 16 years of age.

2. Match Format

At all level of tournaments, the singles qualifying and consolation singles matches will be played with 2 tie break sets and a ten-point match tie break at one set all, with normal ad scoring at deuce.

Singles main draw matches will be played best of 3 tie break sets. Normal ad scoring will be followed for singles.

All doubles matches will be played with 2 tie break sets and a ten-point match tie break at one set all with no ad scoring, at all levels of tournaments.

No Let rule in service would be followed in singles and doubles.

In cases of severe weather disruptions, the Tournament Organizer and Referee may ask ATF to:

- a. Move outdoor tournaments to indoor/covered courts, even if the surface is different;
- b. To play Singles Main Draw matches using a Match tiebreak in substitution for the 3rd set (No-Ad shall not be used);
- c. To abolish Consolation events;
- d. To use other solutions to successfully finish the tournament under the most reasonable conditions.

3. Tour Structure

- a. Tournaments may include Events in one or more Age Groups as their local event. But the ATF 16&Under tour must be organized: Boys Singles, Girls Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles.
- b. There are *three* categories of events:

Category A: ATF 16&Under Junior Series with Full Hospitality, ATF tour office to decide thetournament hostCategory 1: ATF 16&Under Junior Series with reduced hospitality.Category 2: ATF 16&Under Junior Series without hospitality.

c. Any travel assistance offered shall be arranged only in advance and may be offered to National Associations only. It shall not be conditional upon a named player taking part. Travel assistance shall not be offered to individual players, neither shall it be linked to a player's success in the tournament, nor shall it be conditional on a player's participation in any other tournament.

Following number of events will be allowed in any tournament week of the year:

Category A:	(3) Maximum of 3 Tournaments per year
Category 1:	(5) Maximum of Five Events per week, but in different zones of Asia;
Category 2:	(5) Maximum of Five Events (in any given week, anywhere in Asia)

For one (1) week, Category 2 and 1 tournament can be held maximum of 7 events in total.

<u>Region (Central, Southern, Eastern, South eastern and Western Asian) will be considered for the</u> <u>schedule.</u>

4. ATF Ranking Tale for 16 & Under:

Position	<u>Category A</u> <u>With Full Hospitality</u>	<u>Category 1</u> Reduced Hospitality	<u>Category 2</u> Without Hospitality
1	<u>1200</u>	600	300
2	<u>1000</u>	500	250
3	<u>800</u>	400	200
4	<u>650</u>	300	150
5	<u>500</u>	240	120
6	<u>450</u>	200	100
7	<u>400</u>	160	80
8	<u>350</u>	130	65
9	<u>300</u>	100	50
10	<u>250</u>	90	45
11	<u>200</u>	80	40
12	<u>150</u>	70	35
13	<u>120</u>	60	30
14	<u>105</u>	50	25
15	<u>90</u>	40	20
16	<u>75</u>	34	17
17	<u>67.5</u>	30	15
18	<u>60</u>	28	14
19	<u>52.5</u>	26	13
20	<u>45</u>	24	12
21	<u>37.5</u>	22	11
22	<u>30</u>	20	10
23	<u>25.5</u>	18	9
24	<u>22.5</u>	16	8
25	<u>21</u>	14	7
26	<u>19.5</u>	12	6
27	<u>18</u>	10	5
28	<u>16.5</u>	8	4
29	<u>15</u>	6	3
30	<u>13.5</u>	4	2
31	<u>12</u>	2	1
32	<u>10.5</u>	0	0

Point allocation for doubles/ player

<u>Round</u>	<u>Category A</u>	<u>Category 1</u>	<u>Category 2</u>
<u>Winner</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>75</u>
Runners Up	<u>250</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>62.5</u>
<u>Semi Finalist</u>	<u>162.5</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>37.5</u>
<u>Quarter Finalist</u>	<u>87.5</u>	<u>32.5</u>	<u>16.25</u>
<u>Round of 16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Combined Ranking = Singles Ranking points + Doubles ranking points

Ranking points according to draw size

- a. Singles draw size: draw of 16 half of his or her position points / 8 draw and less no points
- b. Doubles draw size: Draw of 8 half of his or her position points / 4 draw and less no points

No points will be awarded to a player until he/she has played and won a match. This is applicable separately to both singles and doubles rankings points.

Advancement through a bye or walkover in the first match will not be equivalent to winning a match. Advancement by virtue of retirement following the commencement of a match will be equivalent to winning a match. When a player has played and won a match, subsequent walkovers will not affect points won.

Leaving the tournament

Any player that leaves a tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events (Singles, Doubles and/or Consolation), or retires from a tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the tournament doctor or trainer), will forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that tournament and be subject to the penalties set forth in Suspension Points section below. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behavior".

5. Entry and Withdrawal Process

- 1. A player applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying of the tournament.
- 2. <u>Entry Deadline: Tuesday twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later</u> <u>than 3:00 pm Kazakhstan time)</u>
- 3. Under exceptional circumstances ATF can reduce the 21 days entry deadline rule.
- 4. It is the player's responsibility before entering any Asian Tennis Junior Tour 16 and under tournament to check the correct entry deadline on the official tournament fact sheet on the ATF tournament website. It is also the player's responsibility to check that an online entry has gone through and that a confirmation email has been received.
- 5. Withdrawal Deadline (Main Draw and Qualifying): Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later than 3:00pm Kazakhstan Time).
- 6. Any withdrawal from a player accepted into main draw or qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline will be considered a Late Withdrawal. A player's first three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year will be excused and the player will not be penalized,

provided the withdrawal is received by <u>ATF Junior Tour online prior to the Qualifying sign-in</u> <u>deadline</u>. It is not necessary to provide a medical certificate in case of a Late Withdrawal and Onsite Medical Certificates issued after the player has been eliminated from the tournament will not be taken into consideration for any excuses for Late Withdrawals into the following week's event.

Players on the Alternate list may withdraw at any time without penalty as long as they have not been moved into a Qualifying or Main Draw Acceptance list at Freeze deadline.

- 7. Withdrawal after the Freeze Deadline should be made online using the players log in credentials on www.atf.hitcourt.com. It's not required to email the ATF office or the referee, if the player does not turn up for the match it would be counted as "No show" and will be penalized according to the suspension point schedule.
- 8. Freeze Deadline: Thursday preceding the tournament week (no later than 3:00Pm Kazakhstan Tim) After the Freeze Deadline players on the Qualifying Acceptance List will no longer be moved into the Main Draw, and players on one or more Alternate Lists will no longer be moved into the Qualifying Acceptance List. Such Alternates are not committed to play the tournament and therefore are not subject to Late Withdrawal or No-Show penalties.
- 9. <u>All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online through the registered ATF account using the</u> players login credentials created on the ATF tournament website (www.atf.hitcourt.com) to be received before the appropriate deadline.
- 10. It is the player's responsibility to make all entries and withdrawals and to check his/her position on the Entry Lists.
- 11. All players entering ATF Junior tours must be a member of their national tennis association and must be in "good standing" with their national associations.
- 12. All players entering ATF Junior Tours agree, as a condition of their entry, to have registered for *annual IPIN Membership and have paid the appropriate fee.*
- 13. Failure by a player to register for *ATF Membership* will result in the rejection of that player's entry.
- 14. A player enters only one tournament per week.

6. Administrative Error on Acceptance list

If an administrative error is made on a tournament Acceptance List and a player is not included or too many players are accepted into the tournament, the Acceptance List will be corrected at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the criteria for acceptances.

7. Acceptance list Criteria

- 1. <u>1. Singles:</u> In determining acceptances of players for the Main Draw and Qualifying, the following <u>acceptance priority will be used:</u>
 - a) Entered players with an ATF 16 & Under Ranking as of Monday before the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance order will be determined by each player's Singles WTN as of the Monday before the entry deadline. If tied by ATF Ranking and Singles WTN, acceptance order will be drawn by lot

- b) <u>Entered & ATF unranked players with Singles WTN as of Monday before the entry deadline.</u> In a situation where two or more players hold the same Singles WTN, acceptance order will <u>be drawn by lot.</u>
- c) <u>Entered player with no approved ATF 16 & under rank and Singles WTN the National</u> <u>Ranking provided by the National Association will be considered in the following acceptance</u> <u>order according to below mentioned criteria.</u>
 - <u>50% of Players from the host nation</u>
 - <u>25 % of Players from the same region of the host nation</u>
 - <u>25 % of Players from other region of the host nation</u>
 - Any further vacancies will be filled by players from other non-Asian nations.
- d) <u>Unentered players (On site Alternate) with ATF 16 & Under ranking as Monday before start</u> of the tournament. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance order will be determined by each player's latest available Singles WTN as on Monday before the start of the tournament.
- e) <u>Unentered players (On site Alternate) with Singles WTN as of Monday before the start of</u> <u>the tournament. In a situation where two or more players hold the same Singles WTN,</u> <u>acceptance order will be drawn by lot</u>
- f) Unentered players (On site alternate) without ATF 16U ranking and singles WTN but having National ranking submitted by the National association will be considered in the following acceptance order.
 - <u>50 % of Players from the host nation</u>
 - <u>25 % of Players from the same region of the host nation</u>
 - <u>25 % of Players from other region of the host nation</u>
 - Any further vacancies will be filled by players from other non-Asian nations.
- g) <u>ATF wild card Players with ATF 16U ranking can apply for a ATF wild card to ATF office</u> latest by Monday seven (7) days before the tournament week.
- Doubles: (For the purposes of doubles acceptances, Singles Main Draw participants include Main Draw Direct Acceptances, Special Exempts or Qualifiers/Lucky Loser(s), but exclude Main Draw Wild Cards.

Singles Qualifying participants are players who played in the Singles Qualifying draw in any capacity, including Qualifying Wild Cards and Alternates.

Direct Acceptances for Doubles are selected according to the following acceptance method from teams consisting of:

1. Two players, both of them Singles Main Draw participants (as outlined above)

- Both players with ATF 16 & under rank
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Doubles WTN
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Singles WTN
- Both players with Doubles WTN
- One player with Doubles WTN and other player with Singles WTN
- Both players with Singles WTN

- One unranked player and the other player with ATF 16& under ranking
- One unranked player and other player with Doubles WTN
- One unranked player and other player with Singles WTN
- Both Unranked players

<u>2. Two players, one a Singles Main Draw participant, the other player a Singles Qualifying participant</u> or Singles Main Draw wild card-

- Both players with ATF 16 & under rank
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Doubles WTN
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both players with Doubles WTN</u>
- One player with Doubles WTN and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both players with Singles WTN</u>
- One unranked player and the other player with ATF 16& under ranking
- One unranked player and other player with Doubles WTN
- One unranked player and other player with Singles WTN
- Both Unranked players

<u>3. Two players, where one player only is a Singles Main Draw participant and the other player is not</u> in singles main draw or qualifying draw.

- Both players with ATF 16 & under rank
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Doubles WTN
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Singles WTN
- Both players with Doubles WTN
- One player with Doubles WTN and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both players with Singles WTN</u>
- One unranked player and the other player with ATF 14& under ranking
- One unranked player and other player with Doubles WTN
- One unranked player and other player with Singles WTN
- Both Unranked players

<u>4. Two players, where both players in the team were Singles Qualifying participants and/or a Singles</u> <u>Main Draw wild card(s)</u>;

- Both players with ATF 16 & under rank
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Doubles WTN
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both players with Doubles WTN</u>
- One player with Doubles WTN and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both players with Singles WTN</u>
- One unranked player and the other player with ATF 16& under ranking
- One unranked player and other player with Doubles WTN
- One unranked player and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both Unranked players</u>

<u>5. Two players, where one player was a Singles Qualifying participant or a Singles Main Draw wild</u> card and the other player is neither in singles main draw or singles qualifying draw.

- Both players with ATF 16 & under rank
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Doubles WTN

- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both players with Doubles WTN</u>
- One player with Doubles WTN and other player with Singles WTN
- Both players with Singles WTN
- One unranked player and the other player with ATF 16& under ranking
- One unranked player and other player with Doubles WTN
- One unranked player and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both Unranked players</u>

6. Two players who are neither in Singles Main Draw nor in Singles Qualifying draw:-

- Both players with ATF 16 & under rank
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Doubles WTN
- One player with ATF 16 & under rank and other player with Singles WTN
- <u>Both players with Doubles WTN</u>
- One player with Doubles WTN and other player with Singles WTN
- Both players with Singles WTN
- One unranked player and the other player with ATF 16& under ranking
- One unranked player and other player with Doubles WTN
- <u>One unranked player and other player with Singles WTN</u>
- Both Unranked players

8. National Ranking

All National Rankings must be submitted to the ATF by the National Association at least seven (7) days before the Entry Deadline if they are to be used for acceptance purposes for a given tournament.

If a National Association produces an updated National Ranking during the year, the National Association may send quarterly updates to the ATF.

9. Sign-in/Registration

Qualifying - <u>The Qualifying Sign-In Deadline is at 18:00 hours local time on the day before the</u> <u>scheduled start of the Qualifying event unless specified otherwise on the published Fact Sheet.</u>

<u>Players accepted into the Singles Qualifying Draw as entered direct acceptance are **not required** to <u>Sign-In with the ATF Supervisor. Players must be on-site and available to play their first-round</u> <u>match as scheduled. Each Player when on site must provide a contact telephone number to the</u> <u>ATF supervisor so the ATF Supervisor may contact the Player during the Tournament.</u></u>

Entered Alternate players (who wish to compete), **must Sign-In** prior to the singles qualifying signin deadline by contacting the on-site ATF Supervisor, either in person or Telephone method outlined on the Tournament Fact Sheet. Entered Alternates that do not Sign-In either in person or by Telephone method outlined on the Tournament Fact Sheet will not be considered for inclusion in the draw.

Any alternate player may be signed in for the Qualifying Draw by the Supervisor of an ATF or a National Association sanctioned tournament in the previous week, if such player has completed that tournament in the two days preceding the start of the Qualifying competition. This player must be on site and play his/her first match latest by the start of last match of the first round of Qualifying. Players travelling as part of a team under one coach may be signed in by the Supervisor of an ATF or National Association sanctioned tournament in the previous week, if any other member of that team is still competing in that tournament in the two days preceding the start of the Qualifying competition.

Any on site alternate (un entered) players who wish to compete in the tournament must sign in personally with the ATF supervisor prior to the singles qualifying sign in deadline. No phone sign in will be accepted for un entered players

Any unused Special Exempt place(s) or Main Draw vacancies (following withdrawals after the <u>Freeze Deadline and until the 1st day of Qualifying Order of Player is released) shall be filled by</u> <u>entered players who have signed in for Qualifying prior to the qualifying deadline. If there is no</u> <u>Qualifying event, Main Draw vacancies shall be filled by players on the Alternates List, selected in</u> <u>accordance with the Criteria for Acceptances until the 1st day of Main Draw Order of Play is</u> <u>released. Any vacancies in the Qualifying Draw shall be filled by Alternates or On-Site Alternates</u> <u>who have signed in for the qualifying competition, selected in accordance with the applicable</u> <u>Criteria for Acceptances, until the 1st day of Qualifying Order of Play is released.</u>

Main-Draw

- i. Singles <u>Players accepted into the Singles Main Draw are not required to Sign In. Players</u> <u>must be on-site and available to play their first-round match as scheduled. Each Player</u> <u>must provide a contact telephone number so the ATF Supervisor may contact the Player</u> <u>during the Tournament</u>
- ii. Doubles <u>Each player must have entered and signed-in with the ATF Supervisor by 12 noon</u> (1200 hours) on the scheduled first day of start of the singles Main Draw

Sign -in Deadline (As per the above regulations mentioned)		
Singles Qualifying and Main draw (Entered Players)	No Sign in required as per the regulations mentioned above	
Singles Qualifying Alternate (Entered Players)	In person or by alternate method (Telephone) before 6:00 pm local time 1 day prior to the commencement of qualifying draw	
On Site Alternate (Un entered Players)	On site with the ATF supervisor before 6:00 pm local time 1 day prior to the commencement of qualifying draw.	
Doubles	Before 12:00 on the 1 st day of the singles main draw	

10. Vacancies Replacement

Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the following:

a. From the Withdrawal deadline until the Freeze Deadline:

Direct Acceptance vacancies in the Qualifying and Main Draw shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with the applicable Criteria for Acceptances. A player not accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying will appear on the Tournament's Alternates List.

b. At the Qualifying Sign in deadline:

i) <u>Vacancies in the Main Draw Acceptance List (created by Late Withdrawals, unused Special Exempt</u> positions, and Main Draw Wild Card positions not to be used as confirmed by the Tournament Organizer) shall be filled by entered players who appear on the Qualifying Draw Acceptance List selected in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances.

ii) Vacancies in the Qualifying Acceptance List (created by Late Withdrawals, players being moved to the Main Draw as above or Qualifying Wild Card positions not to be used as confirmed by the Tournament Organizer) shall be filled by alternate players who have Signed-in for the Qualifying event in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances.

c) From the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline until the commencement of the Qualifying competition:

Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled by entered players who have signed in for Qualifying selected in accordance with the applicable criteria for acceptances.

e) After the Completion of the Qualifying Competition:

If after the completion of the qualifying competition there are vacancies in the Main Draw, the ATF Supervisor will fill the Main Draw with all of the Qualifiers and, if necessary, Lucky Losers in the order that they were drawn as detailed below. It shall be assumed all players who lost in the last round of Qualifying will want to take a position in the Main Draw. Therefore, it is the player's responsibility to inform the ATF Supervisor at the end of their match if they do not want to be considered for a Lucky Loser position.

Order of Selecting the Lucky Looser

The order of Lucky Looser order will be randomly drawn for group of players in following priority: -

- 1. Group of Players with ATF 16U ranking
- 2. Group of Players with Singles WTN
- 3. <u>Thereafter the group of unranked players shall be randomly drawn.</u>

Lucky loser vacancies know at the time of making the main draw will be drawn together with the qualifiers into the main draw. Players not wanting the accept the Lucky loser spot after losing in the singles qualifying must notify the ATF supervisor.

f) Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes

<u>Alternates and Lucky Losers must be present and sign-in with the ATF Supervisor at least 30 minutes before</u> <u>the scheduled start of play, to be eligible as Alternates / Lucky Losers. The Alternate / Lucky Loser sing in</u> <u>may occur on several days.</u>

<u>Alternates and Lucky Losers must be ready to play in proper tennis attire within a total time of (5) minutes</u> after the announcement of a vacancy. Matches must commence without delay after the selection of the <u>Alternate or Lucky Loser</u>.

If the eligible Lucky Loser is not available to play according to paragraph ii) above, he/she shall be placed at the bottom of the Lucky Loser Priority List for the day corresponding to the qualifying round in which he/she lost. Such player is not subject to penalties for late withdrawal/no show. If the eligible player is playing in the doubles event at the time he/she is called as a Lucky Loser in singles, the singles match may be rescheduled so he/she can fill the Lucky Loser position, provided the ATF Supervisor determines that such rescheduling of the singles match does not cause an unreasonable disruption in the schedule; otherwise, the next available Lucky Loser shall be selected to fill such vacancy

11. Draw Composition

All Asian 16/U Series tournaments shall have a feed-in system in all singles draws. Here are some of the definitions for specific terms:

- 1) Direct Acceptances (DA): Entered players accepted directly into the Main Draw by ATFU16 Ranking Acceptances. *The DA (RA) number in brackets applies to events where SE positions are not used following the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.
- 2) Qualifying Acceptances (QA): Entered players accepted directly into the Singles Qualifying event by virtue of their ATF U16 Ranking
- 3) Alternates (Alt): Entered players (still) not accepted into the Singles Main Draw or Qualifying event by virtue of their ATF U16 Ranking.
- 4) Wild Cards (WC, QWC): Entered players may be named as Singles Main Draw Wild Cards (WC) or Qualifying Wild Cards (QWC) by the Tournament Organizers at any time until the Singles Qualifying draw is made, and will appear on the Acceptance Lists to ATF.

Similarly, non-entered players may be named as Singles Main Draw or Qualifying Wild Cards by the Tournament Organizers at any time until the Singles Qualifying draw is made, however, they will not appear on the Acceptance Lists. No player may be offered or accept a Wild Card should he/she already be accepted and committed to another tournament.

Wild Card positions must not be sold. Should ATF gather evidence that this is the case; the tournament will be banned from the Tennis Asia Junior Tour. Wild Cards that withdraw cannot be replaced with another Wild Card after the applicable draw has been made. A Wild Card who does not show for their match is substituted by a Lucky Loser or Alternate as the case may be.

- 5) Qualifiers (Q): Positions reserved for players by virtue of their success in the Qualifying draw.
- 6) On-Site Alternates (OSA): On-site Alternates are non-entered players who appear on-site in person to sign-in for possible unused positions in the Qualifying Draw.
- 7) Lucky Losers (LL): The order or Lucky Losers is established in the following way:
 - a. Players who have lost in the Qualifying finals, and if required, players who have lost in previous Qualifying round(s) in sequence. For each round, Lucky Losers shall be selected as following priority in the group-
 - 1. Group of Players with ATF 16U ranking
 - 2. Group of Players with Singles WTN
 - 3. Thereafter the group of unranked players shall be randomly drawn.
 - b. The order of players within groups shall be randomly drawn;
 - c. This order is used at the time the Singles Main Draw is made, or if the Qualifying was still in progress at this time when the draw is completed once the Qualifying is completed.
 - d. The order so established is also used for the Lucky Loser Sign-in lists used on the first day(s) of the Main Draw as long as there are still players to play their first match, whether this is in the first round or subsequent rounds. For such days, the Lucky Loser Sign-in closes 30

minutes before the scheduled start of play on each day that the first rounds are played in the event and shall open at least 30 minutes before.

- e. Once called, a Lucky Loser must be ready to play within five (5) minutes. If a Lucky Loser is called to play but is not ready within five (5) minutes, the player will be moved to the bottom of the Lucky Loser list for that day, but will keep his/her original position on the list any for further days.
- 8) <u>Special Exempt (SE) -: Players entered and appearing in the qualifying list can apply for special exempt if they are still competing in a singles event of a "qualified event" on the day the qualifying event is scheduled to begin.</u> Qualified events will be as follows: -
 - For Category 2 and 1- Any level of ATF 16U tournament
 - For Grade A- Category 1 or Grade A

9) Selection of Singles Seeds <u>Players will be seeded on the basis of ATF 16& U ranking only. Players without ATF 16& U ranking will NOT be seeded. Any tie in the rankings will be drawn by lots.</u>

10) Selection of Doubles Seeds

Doubles seeding shall be based on the Seeding Priority as follows:

- a) Players' combined ATF Junior ranking (if both players have an ATF Junior ranking)
- b) Teams with both players not having ATF rankings will not be seeded.
- c) If two or more teams are tied at same combined ranking, it will be broken by draw of lots.

Singles Main Draw	
Position	32 Draw
DA[Direct Entry]	16 (18*)
SE [Special exempt]	0-2*
Wild Card[Organizers]	4
Wild Card [ATF]	2
Q [Qualifier]	8
S[Seeds]	8
Seed 1	Line 1
Seed 2	Line 32
Seed 3-4	Line 9,24
Seed 5-8	Line 8,16,17,25

Singles Qualifying Draw & Doubles

Position	16 draws	24 draws	32 draws	48 draws	64 draws
DA [Direct Entry]	12	19	26-24	41-38	56-52
Wild Card [Organizers]	4	5	5	6	7

Wild Card [ATF]			1	1	1
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12. Conducting Draw

1. All draws will be conducted by the Referee using *Tournament Management system provided by ATF. TP Software.* At least two players should be present while the draw is made, one of whom shall be of a different nationality to that of the host country.

The Tournament management system will create the draw automatically based on the following:

- 2. If there are two players from the same National Association competing, they will be drawn in opposite halves of the draw.
- 3. If there are three or four players from the same National Association competing (other than the host nation), the first and second ranked will be drawn as above and the third and fourth ranked player's will be draw into the remaining quarters, which do not already contain one of that National Association's players. The selection of the top four players from any one country shall be determined by the Asian 16/U Junior Rankings or, in absence of the Asian 16/U Rankings if it exists, or in its absence, the Tournament Planner will bifurcate the players of nations based on country name.
- 4. Any further bifurcation of unseeded players of a same nation would be done on the basis of those players who are nominated by their National Association as their top players (maximum four) in order of national ranking.
- 5. Seeding will not be official until the final draw is made. The latest available ATF rankings shall be only be used.
- 6. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player in the main draw, eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of qualifying or by the eligible lucky loser if after commencement of qualifying draw.
- 7. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed, which occurs after the release of the Order of Play on the day proceeding commencement of play in the main draw, shall be filled by a Lucky Loser. If a seeded player withdraws, the remaining seeded players shall stay in their positions and the replacing player inserted in the vacated position.
- 8. If there are an insufficient number of ranked players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seeds will not have a second seeded player.
- 9. If there is an insufficient number of players to fill all the positions in the draw, byes will be awarded to seeded players in descending order.

"For the information of all players, coaches and parents involved in the tournament, all the draws in the Asian Junior Tennis tour 16&U are automated. The automation takes into account, the rules and regulations available for the tour"

13. Method for Conducting a Draw

The Referee will "Create Draw" by using the automated <u>*Tournament Management system*</u> provided to him/her by the Asian Junior Tennis Tour 16 and Under Department. All provisions of separating more than one player from a single nation will be done automatically by the tournament planner.

14. Consolation events

- 1. In tournaments with consolation draws, all players who have lost in their first singles main draw matches are to play in the consolation singles draw. All players will be automatically placed in the consolation draw. In the consolation draw tournament, single matches will be played till the last day of the tournament to draw individual placing of every participant.
- 2. The Tournament Organizer may choose the format for a consolation draw. The match format must be announced before the order of play is released on the day preceding the start of matches.
- 3. If a player gives a walkover or retires at any round of consolation event, the player will still be allowed to compete in subsequent rounds of consolation event as per the draw. In case of retirement, the tournament doctor/ Sports Physio must certify the player to compete before being allowed to play next match.

APPENDIX A Important Deadlines

Important dates	Online Application by Organizers	Latest Information displayed on Website after approval	
Tournament Application	4 months	16 weeks	
Fact Sheet	2 months	8 weeks	
Entry Deadline	21 days 3:00pm (Kaz Time), Tue.		
Withdrawal Deadline	13 days 3:00pm (Kaz Time), Tue.		
Freeze Deadline	Thursday 4 days (3:00pm Kaz Time) before the tournament week		
Tournament Results	Daily results to be sent by 6pm local time.		
Tournament Report	Immediately after the conclusion of the Tournament		

APPENDIX B CODE OF CONDUCT FOR 2024 Asian Tennis Junior Tour 16 and Under

APPLICABILITY

This Article shall only apply to the Asian Tennis Junior Tour events

ENTRY OFFENCES

• Late Withdrawal

A player in Main draw or qualifying may withdraw from a tournament no later than 3:00pm India Time thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week without incurring penalty. After this Withdrawal Deadline, a player in Main Draw or Qualifying is committed to the tournament. A player in the Alternate List may withdraw at any time prior to such time as they are moved into the Qualifying as a Direct Acceptance, from which time they are committed to the tournament.

All withdrawals must be made online, if after the freeze deadline. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the withdrawal has been recorded to the online system.

Any late withdrawal by a player from a tournament, after the three permitted withdrawals per year, shall be automatically punished by suspension points

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behavior".

• Permitted Late Withdrawal

Players are permitted three (3) Withdrawals per year which shall not count as Late Withdrawal Offences, providing the player withdraws prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

• Consecutive Medical Withdrawals

A player's withdrawal from consecutive tournaments due to injury or illness or following an on-site medical withdrawal, will be considered as one (1) withdrawal if the player gives notice of such to the ATF.

Following recovery, should a player participate in a tournament and have to withdraw through injury or illness, a new medical certificate will be required, even if the injury is a recurrence.

No-Show

Any player accepted to the Main Draw or Qualifying of a tournament who does not turn up for the match without notifying the ATF and Referee of his withdrawal and the reason for the withdrawal in writing shall be considered a 'No-Show' and shall be automatically punished by the levying of suspension points.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behavior".

SUSPENSION POINTS

Late withdrawals	13-7 Days (3:00pm India Time) before Monday of Main Draw week	1
	7 Days before the Monday of Main Draw week to Freeze Deadline	
	From Freeze Deadline to Qualifying Sign-in Deadline	3
	From Qualifying Sign-in Deadline to 1st match of the player	4
No show	Failure to sign-in at a tournament	6
For on-site offences	For first warning given	1
	For warning + point penalty	2
	For warning + point penalty + first game penalty	3
	For warning + point penalty + second game penalty	4
	For any subsequent game penalty	+1
	Default after any of the above	+1
	Any Default for a single violation of the Code (Immediate Default)	6
	Any Default for punctuality	4
	Leaving the Tournament	5

Suspension points shall be recorded against a player according to the following:

Any player receiving a total of fifteen (15) suspension points shall be suspended from competing in Asian Tennis Junior Tour Tournaments for a period of four (4) weeks. At the suspension, the player will be automatically removed from the entry list of any tournament entered that is due to commence during the period of suspension, and prevented from entering any tournament due to commence during the period of suspension.

Once the period of suspension has been served, the fifteen (15) points will be deducted from the player's suspension points total. Should a player have more than fifteen (15) suspension points when he/she commences his/her period of suspension, the balance of the points will be carried over.

The suspension shall commence on the Tuesday 14 days after the player received the suspension points to reach fifteen (15) or more, and notification about the suspension has been given to the player's National

Association and all other relevant parties. ATF may after due consideration delay the start of the suspension period.

A player might be suspended from ATF Junior circuit for offences of serious nature as per ATF welfare policy. Such Decision to suspend the player will be taken under approval of ATF Tournament Committee and ATF Safeguarding Taskforce.

ATF is responsible for notifying National Associations of any suspension incurred by a player.

Concurrency

No player who has entered and been accepted into an Asian Tennis Junior Tour event shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament. Violation of this Section shall result in a default by the Referee. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behavior"

ONSITE OFFENCES

A. GENERAL

Every player and Related Person, shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of an ATF Junior Circuit tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions below shall apply while within the precincts of each such site, and references to the site shall include tournament hotels, transport, all tournament facilities and locations of tournament functions or activities.

B. PUNCTUALITY

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the announced order of play. The order of play shall be posted in a highly visible place in a general players' area as designated by the ATF Supervisor. Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play using all available and reasonable means. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called. Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his/her match is called shall be defaulted unless the ATF Supervisor in his sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn. Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the Chair Umpire or ATF Supervisor to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default.

Unacceptable Attire Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up)

1. Shirts, Sweater or Jacket

a. **Sleeves.** Two (2) positions on each sleeves up to a maximum of six (6) square inches, which can be used to put commercial or manufacturer identifications. A maximum of 2 identifications can be placed within these six (6) squares inches position. b. Front, back or collar. Two (2) positions of up to a maximum of six (6) square inches, which can be used to put commercial or manufacturers identifications. A maximum of 2 identifications can be placed within these six (6) squares inches position. Alternatively there could be one area up to six (6) square inches in front or collar to place commercial or manufacturer identification and an additional manufacturer identification up to (4) square inches on back of the garment. An additional commercial identification up to four (4) square inches may be placed in the front if the garment is sleeveless.

2. Shorts

- a. <u>Two manufacturer identifications up to a maximum of two (2) square inches or one (1)</u> <u>manufacturer identification up to a maximum of four (4) square inches may be placed in</u> <u>the front or back of the shorts.</u>
- b. <u>Compression shorts or sleeves and leggings</u>. One (1) additional manufacturer identification can be placed up to a maximum of 4 square inches. This is addition to the identifications specifically allowed in above sections.
- **3.** <u>Hat, Headband, wristband and Face cover.</u> One (1) manufacturer or commercial identification up to four (4) square inches is permitted.

<u>Shoes/ Socks/ Racquet/ Strings/Bags/Drink containers.</u> Standard manufacturer identifications are permitted.

D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds shall elapse from when the last player arrives to his seat on court until the players are ready for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire. This will be followed immediately by the warm-up period of five (5) minutes. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match.

Following the expiration of the warm-up period play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

A maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the first serve of the next point. If such serve is a fault then the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. When changing ends a maximum of ninety (90) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game until the time the first serve is struck for the next game. If such first serve is a fault the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period.

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the set until the time the first serve is struck for the next set. If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set. The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready. A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty-five (25) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

The first violation of this Section, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation -Warning and each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:

Server - The Time Violation shall result in a "fault"

Receiver The Time Violation shall result in a "point penalty"

In each case, the Chair Umpire/Supervisor may determine that an extension of time is necessary and/or decide not to impose any penalty. When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule

E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY (AOb)

Players shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised 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 Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below. For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by Court Officials or spectators.

F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY (VOb)

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised 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 Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below. For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his/her hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

G. VERBAL ABUSE (VA)

Players shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised 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 Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

H. PHYSICAL ABUSE (PhA)

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised 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 Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of a Court Official, opponent, spectator or other person.

I. ABUSE OF BALLS (BA)

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up) the player shall be penalised 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 Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally or recklessly hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

J. ABUSE OF RACQUETS OR EQUIPMENT (RA)

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised 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 Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below. For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging racquets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

K. COACHING AND COACHES (CC)

Players shall not receive coaching during a match (including the warm-up). Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach (includes representative or relative of player) may be construed as coaching. Players shall also prohibit their coaches (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site, (2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or of the officiating thereof. If such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised 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 Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below therefore and the ATF Supervisor may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and may declare an immediate default of such player.

For the purposes of this Rule, a "coach" shall also include any representative and/or relative of a player.

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 penalised 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 Behaviour" 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 ATF or the sport of tennis. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising 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.

M. BEST EFFORTS (BE)

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in and ATF Juniors Circuit tournament. For purposes of this Rule, the ATF Supervisor and/or Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties below.

N. LEAVING THE COURT (LC)

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire or ATF Supervisor. A player who violates this section may be defaulted by the ATF Supervisor and subjected to the additional penalties for "Failure to complete a match" as hereafter set forth.

O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH (FCM)

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so. A player who violates this section may be defaulted forthwith by the ATF Supervisor. If a doubles team fails to complete a match in progress, the ATF Supervisor shall have discretion over whether one or both of the team members will be sanctioned under this Section. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behavior".

P. POINT PENALTY SCHEDULE

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST offence WARNING

SECOND offence POINT PENALTY

THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT offence GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the ATF Supervisor shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

3. MAJOR OFFENCES

A. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

No player or Related Person at any ATF Juniors Circuit event shall engage in "Aggravated Behavior" which is defined as follows:

1. One or more incidents of behavior designated in this Code as constituting "Aggravated Behavior".

<u>2</u>. One incident of behavior that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ATF Junior circuit event, or is singularly egregious.

<u>3. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do</u> not constitute "Aggravated Behavior", but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the ATF Juniors Circuit

<u>4. Bullying, Harassment, Sexual Abuse on players, team members or related person shall be deemed to</u> <u>have engaged in Aggravated Behavior and be in violation of this section. Such serious offense will be</u> <u>referred to ATF Safeguarding taskforce for further sanctions</u>

5. Any player who, directly or indirectly, receives money in exchange for his/her participation in an ATF Juniors Circuit tournament shall be in violation of this section.

Subject to approval of ATF task force, violation of this section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others shall subject the player to a maximum penalty of partial or permanent suspension from play in any ATF tournament or ITF Junior Team Competitions.

B. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. If a player or Related Person is convicted of a violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and the ATF Executive Director subject to approval of the ATF task force committee may provisionally suspend such player from further participation in ATF Juniors Circuit tournaments and ITF Junior Team Competitions. In addition, if a player or Related Person has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this section.

<u>Violation of this section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others shall subject</u> <u>the player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in any ATF tournament, event or</u> circuit subject to approval of the ATF Task force committee.

<u>Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to any ATF tournament, event or circuit.</u>

For points not mentioned above the ITF code of conduct will be in force at the ATF Junior Circuit tournaments All players/ coaches and parents will be bound to conduct themselves as per ITF code of conduct at all times. For more information on the players' code of conduct please refer to the ITF WTT Juniors' regulations (to download the ITF WTT Juniors regulations please visit the ITF website www. itftennis.com

APPENDIX C MEDICAL, TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

MEDICAL

Medical Condition

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Physiotherapist/ Athletic Trainer (also known as the Primary Health Care Provider) during the warm-up or the match

• Treatable Medical Conditions

- a) Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
- b) Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.

• Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

- a) Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- b) Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match
- c) General player fatigue

Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

• Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, to evaluate him/her during the next change over or set break.

Only in the case that a player develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Chair Umpire for the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer to evaluate him/her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other.

At the discretion of the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court. *

If the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

• Medical Time-Out

A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the Referee or Chair Umpire when the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a changeover or set break, unless the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor. *

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at nonprofessional events, the Referee may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition.

All clinical manifestations of heat illness shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

Muscle Cramping: A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

In cases where there is doubt about whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non-acute medical condition inclusive of muscle cramping, or non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. If the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer believes that the player has heat illness, and if muscle cramping is one of

the manifestations of heat illness, then the muscle cramping may only be treated as part of the recommended treatment by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer for the heat illness condition.

Note:

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor to have muscle cramping shall be ordered by the Chair Umpire to resume play immediately.

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor, he/she may forfeit the point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of end or set-break in order to receive immediate evaluation, and treatment if time allows. There may be a total of two (2) additional changes of ends treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or Referee that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the Referee for the special circumstance in which the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions.

This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

Medical Treatment

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

• Penalty

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalized by Code Violations for Delay of Game.

Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

Bleeding

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer should be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor, the Referee may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play must not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

Vomiting

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomiting has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer should determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

• Physical Incapacity

During a match, if there is an emergency medical condition and the player involved is unable to make a request for a Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call for the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and Tournament Doctor to assist the player.

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered unable physically to compete, the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer and/or Tournament Doctor should inform the Referee and recommend that the player is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress.

The Referee shall use great discretion before taking this action and should base the decision on the best interests of tennis, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

The player may subsequently compete in another event at the same Tie if the Tournament Doctor determines that the player's condition has improved to the extent that the player may safely physically perform at an appropriate level of play, whether the same day or on a later day.

* It is recognized that national laws or governmental or other binding regulations imposed upon the event by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Tournament Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

TOILET /CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAK

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break /change of attire break.

Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break. Change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break.

In singles events, a player is entitled to one (1) break during a match.

In a doubles match, (both for boys and girls) each team is entitled to a total of two (2) breaks. Each time a player leaves the court it is counted as one of the authorized toilet break. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's authorized breaks. These breaks may be taken for toilet visits, change of attire (Girl's matches), or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet/change of attire break, it is considered one of the authorized breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court. Any toilet/change of attire break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorized breaks. Additional breaks will be

authorized, but will be penalized in accordance with the point penalty schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time.

The Referee shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break if it is interpreted by the Referee as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules.

A player should not take a toilet/change of attire break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the Referee.

A player may change his/her attire during a toilet break.

APPENDIX D EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

Extreme weather conditions shall be defined at such time that heat, as measured by a Heat Stress Monitor, meets or exceeds a heat stress index of 28 degrees Celsius/82 degrees Fahrenheit. If a Heat Stress Monitor is not available, extreme weather conditions are then defined by the danger zone which is equal to or above the apparent temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit, illustrated on the chart below.

Heat stress is measured by Wet Bulb Global Temperature (WBGT) which is calculated as (0.7 Wet Bulb + 0.2 Global Temperature + 0.1 Dry Bulb = WBGT).

			Α	ir Tempe	rature (C	elsius/Fa	ahrenheit)				
	21.1°C	23.9°C	26.7°C	29.4°C	32.2°C	35°C	37.8°C	40.6°C	43.3°C	46.1°C	48.9°C
	70°F	75°F	80°F	85°F	90°F	95°F	100°F	105°F	110°F	115°F	120°F
Relative humidity	Apparent Temperature										
nunnaity	(combined index of air temperature and relative humidity)										
0%	17.8°C	20.6°C	22.8°C	25.6°C	28.3°C	30.6°C	32.8°C	35°C	37.2°C	39.4°C	41.7°C
	64°F	69°F	73°F	78°F	83°F	87°F	91°F	95°F	99°F	103°F	107°F
10%	18.3°C	21.1°C	23.9°C	26.7°C	29.4°C	32.2°C	35°C	37.8°C	40.6°C	43.9°C	46.7°C
	65°F	70°F	75°F	80°F	85°F	90°F	95°F	100°F	105°F	111°F	116°F
20%	18.9°C	22.2°C	25°C	27.8°C	30.6°C	33.9°C	37.2°C	40.6°C	44.4°C	48.9°C	54.4°C
	66°F	72°F	77°F	82°F	87°F	93°F	99°F	105°F	112°F	120°F	130°F
30%	19.4°C	22.8°C	25.6°C	28.9°C	32.2°C	35.6°C	40.1°C	45°C	50.6°C	57.2°C	64.4°C
	67°F	73°F	78°F	84°F	90°F	96°F	104.2°F	113°F	123°F	135°F	148°F
40%	20°C	23.3°C	26.1°C	30°C	33.9°C	38.3°C	43.3°C	50.6°C	58.3°C	66.1°C	
	68°F	74°F	79°F	86°F	93°F	101°F	110°F	123°F	137°F	151°F	
50%	20.6°C	23.9°C	27.2°C	31.1°C	35.6°C	41.7°C	48.9°C	57.2°C	65.6°C		
	69°F	75°F	81°F	88°F	96°F	107°F	120°F	135°F	150°F		
60%	21.1°C	24.4°C	27.8°C	32.2°C	37.8°C	45.6°C	55.6°C	65°C			
	70°F	76°F	82°F	90°F	100°F	114°F	132°F	149°F			
70%	21.1°C	25°C	29.4°C	33.9°C	41.1°C	51.1°C	62.2°C				
	70°F	77°F	85°F	93°F	106°F	124°F	144°F				
80%	21.7°C	25.6°C	30°C	36.1°C	45°C	57.8°C					
	71°F	78°F	86°F	97°F	113°F	136°F					
90%	21.7°C	26.1°C	31.1°C	38.9°C	50°C						
	71°F	79°F	88°F	102°F	122°F						

The Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer or Tournament Doctor and the Referee have the authority to determine if the extreme weather condition rule will go into effect during a tournament. If it is so determined, a ten (10) minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets. There may also be a delay in the starting time of the matches scheduled for play that day. When possible, this decision to delay the start of matches due to extreme weather conditions should be made prior to the scheduled start of play.

Measurement and Monitoring of Weather Conditions

The Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer or Tournament Doctor will monitor weather conditions by taking measurements a minimum of three (3) times during the day:

- 1/2 hour before match play begins for the day
- Middle of the scheduled day
- Prior to beginning of the last match of the day/night.

Implementation of the Rule

In the event that during the day there is a sudden change in weather conditions as determined by this periodic monitoring, the Extreme Weather Condition Rule may be put into effect at any time on all courts, excluding matches already in progress.

In the case of rain or interruption to play, the Referee and Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer or Tournament Doctor can reassess the Rule.

Conditions of the 10-Minute Break

If it is a mutual agreement between both the players not to take a ten (10) minute break, then play will continue. However, if requested by one player, the ten (10) minute break will come into effect.

In the absence of a chair umpire, the Referee shall agree the time that the match shall be resumed with both players.

During the ten (10) minute break, no coaching or medical treatment will be allowed. However, a player will be allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or advice from the Physiotherapist/Athletic Trainer or Tournament Doctor.

Following the ten (10) minute break, no re-warm-up will be allowed.

This rule applies in addition to the allowed bathroom/change of attire breaks during the match.

APPENDIX E HOSPITALITY PROVISIONS

Please find following a definition of the minimum standards required to meet the Full Hospitality requirement.

a) Full Hospitality"

"Full Hospitality" means the provision of meals and accommodation which meet the minimum standards set out below:

- Hospitality shall commence the evening before the first day of the Main Draw and end the day after the elimination of the player or the morning following the completion of the tournament, at the discretion of the tournament committee. With the exception of those players who qualify for the Main Draw the tournament has no obligation to provide for players competing in the Qualifying competition.

Official coaches must be nominated by their National Association by the Freeze Deadline in order to receive hospitality, in accordance with each tournament's hospitality arrangements. Hospitality may not be provided by the host organizers if official coach is appointed after freeze deadline.

"Reduced Hospitality"

"Reduced Hospitality" means the provision of accommodation which meets the minimum standards set out below, and breakfast only. Reduced Hospitality does not apply to coaches; tournaments offering Reduced Hospitality are not required to provide any hospitality for coaches. - Hospitality shall commence the evening before the first day of the Main Draw and end the day after the elimination of the player or the morning following the completion of the tournament, at the discretion of the tournament has no obligation to provide for players competing in the Qualifying competition.

ACCOMMODATION

- PLAYERS Shared room 2 / 4 players per room all players should have an individual bed. Space
 in the room should be relevant to the number of occupants.
- COACHES Single room or twin sharing room.

It is the responsibility of the player/coach/player support team member to ensure that they have a confirmed hotel reservation before arrival at a tournament.

Official coaches must be nominated by their National Association by the Freeze Deadline in order to receive hospitality, in accordance with each tournament's hospitality arrangements. Hospitality may not be provided by the host organizers if official coach is appointed after freeze deadline.

Official tournament hospitality for coaches and players shall be provided separately and hotel bedrooms may not be shared. Requests to share hotel accommodation by players and coaches from the same or

opposite sex must at all times be refused. The only exception allowed to this rule is when a National Association nominates a parent as the official coach/representative.

Official hotels should be of an appropriate standard and should have enough available rooms for all players and player support team members. Players and player support team members from the same country should always be placed in the same hotel. The ATF reserves the right to refuse official hotels if they do not meet these standards.

HOTEL SAFETY GUIDELINES

The ATF recommends that hotels be selected for tournaments based on the following factors:

- Located in safe part of the town/city
- Safety and Security
- Compliance with Hotel Room Policy (Welfare Policy Part iv. d.)
- Reception or management staff available 24 hours/day
- Separate security staff available 24 hours/day
- Criminal background checks or security screening for all staff
- Motels or other accommodations requiring entrance to rooms from the street or public outdoor walkways are not acceptable
- Safe facilities available for guest valuables Emergency Procedures
- Emergency and evacuation procedures in place
- Compliant with fire codes and others as applicable (e.g. earthquake, tornado)
- Hotel fitted with working smoke detectors/alarms/sprinkler systems
- Staff trained in emergency management procedures Rooms
- Guestrooms require key card entry and equipped with deadbolts
- Guestrooms equipped with one-way peep holes
- Guestrooms equipped with telephones
- Bathroom and toilet facilities in each guestroom, separated from sleeping area by closing/locking door
- Disabled access and facilities available Cleanliness
- Housekeeping/ laundry meet national hygiene standards
- Restaurants/ kitchens meet national food service and storage standards

APPENDIX F WELFARE POLICY

Asian Tennis Federation fully endorses the ITF Player Welfare Policy, and will for the Asian Tennis Junior Tour U16 in the capacity of an ITF Regional Organization fully cooperate with the ITF in such matters.

Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate of any player (together "Player Support Team Member"), any player and any tournament personnel, such as an official, tournament director, staff, volunteer, sponsor, health care provider, ATF staff member and members of the media (together "Credentialed Person") shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner at all times and in accordance with this ATF Welfare Policy. In this ATF Welfare Policy Player Support Team Members, players and Credentialed Persons shall be defined as "Covered Persons".

ELEMENTS OF THE WELFARE POLICY

Application

- Covered Persons shall be familiar with, and must abide by, this ATF Welfare Policy.
- Unfair and/or Discriminatory Conduct
- Covered Persons shall not engage in unfair or unethical conduct including any attempt to injure, disable or intentionally interfere with the preparation or competition of any player.
- Covered Persons shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.
- Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct
- Covered Persons shall not abuse his or her position of authority or control, and shall not attempt to or compromise the psychological, physical or emotional wellbeing of any player.
- Covered Persons shall not engage in abusive conduct, either physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed toward any Covered Person, parent, spectator or member of the press/media.
- Covered Persons shall not exploit any player relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interests of the player.

Sexual Conduct

In order to prevent sexual abuse and the negative consequences resulting from the imbalance of a dual relationship, sexual conduct of any kind between any player and his/her Player Support Team Members and/or Credentialed Persons is discouraged.

In addition, the following conduct is specifically prohibited:

- Covered Persons shall not make sexual advances towards, or have any sexual contact with, any players who is under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the conduct takes place or where the player resides.
- Covered Persons shall not sexually abuse a player of any age. Sexual abuse is defined as the forcing of sexual activity by one person on another person
 - (i) Of diminished mental capacity; or
 - (ii) By the use of physical force, threats, coercion, intimidation or undue influence.
- Covered Persons shall not engage in sexual harassment for example, by making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

Player Support Team Members and Credentialed Persons shall not share a hotel room with a player who is under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the hotel is located or where the player resides, unless such Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person is the player's parent or is related to the player and authorized in writing by the player's parent.

Penalties will apply to any underage player who is found to have violated this Hotel Room Policy.

These penalties can include: forfeiture of points from the tournament(s) where the violation occurred and/or monetary fines equal to the amount of the hotel room rates and/or forfeiture of hotel per diem rates as applicable, for the tournament(s) where the violation occurred.

Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed on the Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person pursuant to sub-Section as below.

Criminal Conduct

Covered Persons shall comply with all relevant criminal laws. For greater certainty and without limiting the foregoing, this obligation is violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment involving

- i. An offence involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances,
- ii. An offence involving sexual misconduct, harassment or abuse, or (c) an offence involving child abuse

Further, this obligation may be violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to an offence that is a violation of any law specifically designed to protect minors.

Anti-Doping Activity

Covered Persons shall not commit any offence under the terms of the ITF's Anti-Doping Programme or aid, abet, counsel or procure in any way any person's offence under that Programme.

Conduct in General

Covered Persons shall not conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect unfavorably on the ATF, any tournament, event or tour owned or sanctioned by the ATF (the "ATF Tours"), any player, official or the game of tennis.

Violations/Procedures

• Any individual who believes that any Covered Person has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Welfare Policy may file a written complaint with the ATF tour U16 Director responsible for the ATF TourU16 in which the complainant participates.

That complaint shall identify the complainant and state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct. Upon receipt of such a complaint, the ATF tour U16 Director shall promptly initiate a review of the matter. Such review shall be carried out by the relevant Manager or <u>ATF Tournament</u> <u>Committee</u> with responsibility for the ATF Tours U16 in which the complainant participates.

Upon request by the ATF tour U16 Director, the <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> shall have authority to issue a provisional suspension of the accused individual, pending the completion of the investigation and issuance of a final decision on the matter.

- Upon review of the complaint and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the ATF tour U16 Director may determine that the complaint does not merit further action.
 If the ATF tour U16 Director determines that the complaint does merit further action, after notifying the accused individual of the charge(s) and giving the accused individual the opportunity to present his or her views to the ATF Tournament Committee, either in person or in writing, at the <u>ATF Tournament Committee's</u> discretion, the <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> may impose appropriate sanctions including (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all ATF tours U16 or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the ATF tour U16 Director may deem appropriate.
- The <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> reserves the right to extend to any or all ATF Tours U16 a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against a Covered Person by a National or Regional Association or other tennis organization such as the Women's Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals or a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section above.
- The <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> reserves the right to share information concerning a complaint with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any tennis organization as specified above. The <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate. The ATF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by other tennis organizations as specified above and/or relevant authorities.
- The notice of appeal must include a statement of the reasons and arguments why the decision was
 incorrect and include supporting evidence and make any application for a stay of execution.
 In either circumstance, the appellate body shall decide whether to review the appeal based solely
 on the <u>ATF Tournament Committee's</u> investigation or whether to hold a full hearing in which the
 Covered Person will be given the opportunity to present his/her case directly to the appellate body,
 in which case the appellate body shall issue directions for the efficient conduct of the appeal. The
 decision of the <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> or ATF Board of Directors shall be final and binding. Any
 decision of the <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> decided on the basis of a conviction or plea of guilty or
 no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section above shall be final and binding.

Any decision of the <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> or ATF Board of Directors pursuant to this Welfare Policy may be communicated to those Member National Associations, other tennis organizations and ATF tour U14organizers deemed necessary by the ATF tour U16 Director and/or the <u>ATF Tournament Committee</u> and/or the ATF Board of Directors.

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