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## **2016 Tennis Europe Junior Tour 12/14/16 & under**

### **Major Rule Changes**

#### **1. Entry Fees**

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

For 14 & Under and 16 & Under tournaments:

• Category 1, 2 and 3 with free hospitality (free accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner): EUR 60.

• Category 2 and 3 events Without free hospitality, only free lunch and dinner: EUR 45

• Category 3, No hospitality: EUR 35

For 12 & Under tournaments: EUR 50

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, or for Category 1 Main Draw players immediately upon arrival'.

Entry Fees may be paid in local currency at an official bank exchange rate dated on the Monday 7 days before the Tournament week. If required, Tennis Europe may establish the rate to use.

Hospitality options

Depending on Category, tournaments are required to offer hospitality for Main Draw players as follows:

#### **Category 1 events**

Mandatory, either (option 1 is the minimum hospitality required):

1) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Free hospitality until eliminated.

2) For National Squads: Free hospitality for the duration of the tournament,

and for other Main Draw Players: Free hospitality for the duration of the tournament.

## **Category 2 events**

Mandatory, either (option 1 is the minimum hospitality required):

- 1) For National Squads: Lunch and Dinner until last member of the squad is eliminated.
- 2) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated.
- 3) For National Squads: Free hospitality for the duration of the tournament.
- 4) For National Squads: Lunch and Dinner until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Lunch and Dinner until eliminated.
- 5) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Free hospitality until eliminated.

## **Category 3 events for Age Groups 16&Under and 14&Under**

Optional, either

- 0) None
- 1) For National Squads: Lunch and Dinner until last member of the squad is eliminated.
- 2) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated.
- 3) For National Squads: Free hospitality for the duration of the tournament.
- 4) For National Squads: Lunch and Dinner until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Lunch and Dinner until eliminated.
- 5) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Free hospitality until eliminated.

## **Category 3 events for Age Group 12&Under**

Mandatory, either (option 1 is the minimum hospitality required):

- 1) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated
- 2) For National Squads: Free hospitality for the duration of the tournament
- 3) For all Players: Free hospitality until eliminated
- 4) For all Players: Free hospitality for the duration of the tournament

## **2. Playing another event**

Provided the player withdraws before the Qualifying sign-in deadline (the applicable Late Withdrawal penalties apply), a player may be nominated to receive:

- Main Draw or Qualifying Wild Card into the same event as from which he/she withdrew
- Main Draw Wild Card into a higher event status (ie. to an ITF Junior Circuit tournament, or an ITF approved professional tournament or ATP/WTA tournaments), or
- Main Draw Wild Card into a Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournament of a higher Category of the same or older Age Group, unless already accepted into a Main Draw.

## **3. Participation in two events in the same week**

Players may only play in one Singles event during a tournament week. This applies also to tournaments with more than one age group and different sign-in dates, and where a player has already been eliminated in one age group before the next sign-in takes place. Violation of this Section shall result in a default by the Tennis Europe Referee and forfeiture all Tennis Europe ranking points from the additional tournament.

## **4. Organiser Window**

During an 'Organiser Window', from Friday 04.00 GMT three days after the Entry Deadline until Sunday 24.00 GMT five days after the Entry Deadline the Tournament Organisers have the opportunity to nominate online at [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org) (login details to be provided by the National Association of the Organiser):

### **14&Under and 16&Under tournaments – Category 1 and 2 only**

- Organiser Acceptances (OA) for the Singles Main Draw among the entered players not already accepted by virtue of their ranking. The number of Organiser Acceptances for each draw size is shown in the table below.

Tennis Europe ***strongly recommends*** the Organisers to use the following selection criteria:

- Domestic Organiser Acceptances must not exceed 50% of the positions available if there is a sufficient number of foreign entries to choose from;
- Always select players nominated for National Squads ahead of other players from the same country;
- Select Boys/Girls so that both players of the National Squad are accepted together;
- Select all players nominated for a National Squad (Boys and Girls);
- Unranked players not nominated for National Squads to be selected in the order given by the National Association.

### **14&Under and 16&Under tournaments – Category 3 only**

Organiser Acceptances (OA) for the Singles Main Draw among the entered players not already accepted by virtue of their ranking. The number of Organiser Acceptances for each draw size is shown in the table below.

Tennis Europe Organisers must use the following selection criteria by this order:

- Domestic Organiser Acceptances must not exceed 50% of the positions available if there is a sufficient number of foreign entries to choose from;

However, in order to secure a certain number of domestic Main Draw Players, as defined in the list below, the Organisers may increase the 50% proportion of Domestic players to allow a total of domestic Direct Acceptances plus Organiser Acceptances (RA+OA) at the time the Organiser Window closes, not to exceed:

- 16 draw: RA+OA = 3 players
- 24 draw: RA+OA = 5 players
- 32 draw: RA+OA = 6 players
- 48 draw: RA+OA = 9 players
- 64 draw: RA+OA = 14 players

Any Wild Cards are in addition to this.

- Always select players nominated for National Squads ahead of other players from the same country;
- Select Boys/Girls so that both players of the National Squad are accepted together;
- Select all players nominated for a National Squad (Boys and Girls);
- Unranked players not nominated for National Squads to be selected in the order given by the National Association.

#### 14&Under and 16&Under tournaments – Category 1, 2 and 3

Organisers may nominate up to twice the number of players for Organiser Acceptance positions shown in the table below. Should one of the nominated players move into the Main Draw before the Withdrawal Deadline by virtue of his/her ranking, the next Organiser Acceptance nominated will take the vacant position.

Failure to nominate Organiser Acceptances by the end of the Organisers Window will result in these positions being given to ranking acceptances.

In tournaments with ITF / Tennis Europe Travelling Teams, additional instructions will be given by Tennis Europe.

- Substitutions before the Withdrawal deadline
  - If a foreign player withdraws from the time the Acceptance List become public until the withdrawal deadline, the 'next in' foreign player (if available) will take this place.
  - If a domestic player withdraws from the time the Acceptance List become public until the withdrawal deadline, the 'next in' domestic player (if available) will take this place.

## **5. Main Draw Singles Sign – Only Category 1**

There will be no sign-in requirement for players accepted directly into the Main Draw at Category 1 events. However, players should arrive the day before, and must be ready to play on the first day of the competition.

For all other tournaments each player accepted into the Main Draw (with the exception of Wild Cards who are in contact with the Tennis Europe Referee) must sign-in personally with the Tennis Europe Referee by 6.00 pm (1800 hours) the day before the start of the Main Draw.

Players should voluntarily approach the Tournament Organiser to pay their entry or IPIN fee upon arrival at the Tournament site. Players not having paid their entry or IPIN fees before first match will not be accepted to play.