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## **2017 Tennis Europe Junior Tour 12/14/16 & under**

### **Major Rule Changes**

#### **1. Player requirements and age limitations**

All players are required to have adequate medical, travel and liability insurance, which is not provided by either Tennis Europe, the host National Association or the local organiser.

#### **IPIN**

There are two IPIN fees depending on the membership level:

- For 2017 the Junior IPIN fee is USD 40 and allows the player to play on the ITF Junior Circuit and the Tennis Europe Junior Tour (subject to fulfilling the age criteria).
- Players may choose to pay the Pro IPIN fee of USD 65 (or at any time upgrade their Junior IPIN membership to the Pro membership by paying the difference to ITF). The Pro IPIN membership allows the player to also enter/compete the ITF Pro Circuit events (subject to fulfilling the age criteria) in addition to the ITF and European Junior events.

#### **Age restrictions and eligibility**

##### 14&Under:

Players are eligible to compete in tournaments for players aged 14 and under in the year they turn 11 years of age, and have reached their 11th birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw, until the year the player turns 14 years of age, but participation in such tournaments will count towards the maximum of ten events permitted;

For 2017 this means players born between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2006 and have reached age of 11 by the first day of Singles Main Draw.

Players eligible to compete in 12 and under Competitions may also compete in tournaments for 14 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the USTA and Tennis Canada but participation in such tournaments will count towards the maximum of ten events permitted.

##### 12&Under:

Players are allowed to play in a 12&Under event from the year they turn 10 years of age\*, and have reached their 10th birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw, until the year the players turns 12 years of age.

For 2017 this means players born between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2007 and have reached age of 10 by the first day of Singles Main Draw.

In any calendar year players may only compete in a maximum of ten tournaments for 12 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the USTA and Tennis Canada.

## **2. Wild Cards**

Only applicable to the 14/16 & Under Junior Tour:

A player who played in the Qualifying of ITF Pro Circuit tournament/ITF Junior Circuit is allowed to accept a Wild card into Main Draw of a Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament during the same week provided he/she lost in the tournament prior being offered the Wild Card. In all other circumstances, a player may not compete in an Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournament if he/she has competed in another tennis tournament in the same tournament week.

Once a player has competed in a Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournament he/she may compete in an “Other” tennis tournament during the same week, provided that he/she:

- a) notifies the Tennis Europe Referee of his/her intention to do so before his/her first match;
- b) has played and been eliminated from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournament; and
- c) is released by the Tennis Europe Referee after his/her last match in the Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournament to play in the other tournament.

A player who withdraws or retires from either singles or doubles main draw in any round may not participate in any other tournament during the same week.

## **3. Organiser Window**

### **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:

- o 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
- 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);
- Other entered players not nominated for National Squads.
- Unranked players to be selected in the order given by the National Association

## **12 & Under tournaments**

- Organiser Acceptances (OA) for all Singles Main Draw and Qualifying Draw (if applicable) among the entered players. All entered players must be given OA positions.
- The following criteria must be followed in the following order:
- Always select players nominated for National Squads ahead of other players
- Select both players if two Boys/Girls are nominated for a National Squad;
- Select all players nominated for a National Squad (Boys and Girls);
- Players not nominated for National Squads to be selected in the order given by the National Association (if available).
- The selection of Domestic Organiser Acceptances for the Singles Main Draw at the time the Organiser Window closes must not exceed the numbers below (unless all foreign players have been accepted)

## **4. Tournament Applicationn**

### **Health, Safety and Security**

The health, safety and security of all persons involved in the tournament, including players, officials, tournament staff and spectators, are of principal importance. The National Association is responsible for ensuring a sufficient plan for the protection of all involved persons against any such problems is in place and implemented for the tournament.

The National Association, in association with the Tournament Director, must make Tennis Europe aware immediately of any major issues or threats (e.g. political unrest, health epidemic, natural disaster) that could impact the progress of the tournament or the health, safety or security of persons involved, whether they occur in advance of or during the tournament.

Tennis Europe reserves the right to refuse approval of or to cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments at any time on the grounds of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending or due to attend the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the tournament(s), without any liability on behalf of the Applicant, National Association, Tournament Organiser or Tennis Europe (for the avoidance of doubt, Tennis Europe, the Applicant, National Association and/or the Tournament/Host Organiser will not be liable to any Players or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such cancelled Competitions, including, without limitation, any transport and/or accommodation costs). This decision will be made on behalf of Tennis Europe by the Tennis Europe Juniors Committee or its nominee.