



# **2023 COTECC U14 CIRCUIT REGULATIONS**

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### **1. AGE OF PARTICIPANTS**

The minimum age required to participate in the U14 COTECC Circuit tournaments is to be 11 years old on the day that the Main Draw begins. In addition, the maximum age is to turn 14 during the year of competition. As Reference, players who can compete must be born between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2012, but must be 11 years old on the day the U14 Tournament begins.

### **2. ENTRIES AND COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**

- a) The entries and withdrawals will only be accepted if they are sent on the official form published on the COTECC web page along with the fact sheet via e-mail to: [coteccjunioru14@hotmail.com](mailto:coteccjunioru14@hotmail.com). Entries will close on the **Monday**, 21 days before the Monday of the week the tournament begins. Withdrawals without penalty must be done no later than on the **Monday**, 1 week before the Monday of the week the tournament begins.
- b) Late withdrawals and NO SHOWS will be penalized according to Appendix D CODE OF CONDUCT of the 2023 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations.
- c) The player's COTECC ranking will be elaborated according to the passport's nationality which he/she presents at the sign – in at the tournament.

### **3. ACCEPTANCE**

#### **SINGLES**

Acceptance of players entered ON TIME shall be according to the following criteria:

- a) ITF Ranking
- b) COTECC Ranking of the players at the time entries close. If there are spaces available;
- c) Half of the places available should go to players from the host country
- d) The other half of places available should go to players from the COTECC Region taking into consideration their national ranking, in the U14 division, if available.

#### **DOUBLES**

Acceptance of players in the doubles events shall be done according to the following criteria:

- a) Players who have played in the U14 singles event
- b) Players who sign in to play doubles and who did not play in the singles event

The size of the doubles draw cannot be larger than half of the singles draw.

**IF DUE TO THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED IN MORE THAN 4 DAYS, THE ENTERED PLAYERS CAN ONLY PARTICIPATE IN ONE TOURNAMENT AND IN ONE CATEGORY THE WEEK OF THE TOURNAMENT. IF**



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THE PLAYER VIOLATES THIS REGULATION, HE/SHE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE CATEGORY HE/SHE IS STILL PARTICIPATING IN, AND HIS/HER POINTS WON WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM HIS/HER RANKING. IF THE TOURNAMENT, DUE TO THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS ENTERED IS LESS THAN 4 DAYS LONG IS PROGRAMMED TO BEGIN AFTER THE U18 QUALIFYING EVENT, THE PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO PLAY THE QUALIFYING OF ITF JR TOURNAMENT OF THAT WEEK. IF HE/SHE QUALIFIES TO MAIN DRAW, HE/SHE WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE COTECC U14 TOURNAMENT. PLAYERS IN THE U12 CATEGORY CAN ONLY PLAY ONE CATEGORY PER TOURNAMENT WEEK.

#### **4. COMPOSITION OF ACCEPTANCE LISTS:**

<b>Amount of Players accepted</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>
DIRECT ACCEPTANCES	14	28	42
WILD CARDS	2	4	6

#### **5. SIGN-IN:**

##### **SINGLES:**

The mandatory sign in for players who participate in the U14 COTECC Circuit tournaments will have 2 options:

- 1) Sign in on the official date
- 2) The player's parent/legal guardian can send an EMAIL TO THE REFEREE, no more than 24 hrs before the sign in deadline confirming the player's participation along with a copy of the player's plane ticket and confirmation that the player will be on court at the time his/her match is scheduled.

This SIGN IN option has been implemented with the purpose of facilitating travel plans for players and parents. For this reason, and in order not to affect the organization of the tournament, please take into account that:

- 1) No concessions will be made in schedules for the round robin matches.
- 2) If the Referee has not received an email from the parent/legal guardian confirming the player's participation, or the player does not sign-in, he/she will not be included in the round robin groups.
- 3) The player who is considered a NO SHOW will be given 10 penalty points and 4 weeks of suspension from the COTECC U14 Circuit.

Any player competing in the U14 Division will be allowed to compete outside THE CITY WHERE HE/SHE RESIDES only if he/she names an adult as his/her legal guardian for the time the player is at the event, both at the tournament venue and the hotel. The legal



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guardian must sign as responsible for the minor. He / she must present the legal identification (passport or ID). If a player is discovered to have lied when naming the legal guardian, he / she will be suspended from competing in the U14 COTECC circuit for a minimum of 6 months.

Every player competing in a tournament must submit his/her passport/photo identification for scrutiny to the Referee, who shall return it as soon as possible. No player shall be allowed to play if he/she has not shown his/her passport to the Referee for scrutiny.

#### **DOUBLES:**

To enter the doubles event the two players from each team must sign-in together on the official sign-in form with the Referee. The date for doubles sign-in shall be the day the round robin ends, no later than noon.

#### **6. METHOD FOR THE DRAW FOR SINGLES ROUND ROBIN**

As long as the tournament organizer has enough courts to comfortably accommodate the number of matches produced by the number of accepted players, the event can accept a minimum of 12 boys and 8 girls and a maximum of 32 players. The number of players accepted must be published on the fact sheet and both the boys and girls draws must be the same size.

Acceptance list shall be organized by order of merit. The first criterion is the most recent ITF Junior Ranking, followed by COTECC U14 Ranking and then National Ranking. If these rankings are not available, relevant results of the players shall be taken into account.

The number of participants will determine the number of round robin pools. However, the Referee will try to create a number of pools that will give knockout draws with sizes of 8, 16 or 24 players.

Whenever possible, round robin pools shall be of 4 players. If there is one player in excess or in deficit then one round robin pool shall be composed of 3 or 5 players.

#### **The following procedure shall be used for the draw:**

- 1) A maximum of two players shall be seeded in each round robin pool, based firstly on ITF Jr. World Ranking then on COTECC U14 Ranking. Players with no ITF or COTECC ranking may not be seeded.
- 2) The seeds are placed as heads in each pool. Seed 1 heads pool 1, seed 2 heads pool 2, and so on, until all pools have a seed.
- 3) If there are pools with only 3 players, the highest seeds will go to those pools, starting with seed 1, then seed 2 and so on.



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4) If there is more than one seed available for each pool, the draw will be done as follows:

Let's say there are 8 pools and 12 seeds. Pool 1 will have seed 1, pool 2 seed 2 and so on until pool 8 has seed 8. Seeds 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be drawn by lot in pools 8, 7, 6 and 5. The first player drawn in that lot will go to pool 8, the next one to pool 7, next one to pool 6 and the last one to pool 5.

5) Once all the seeds are placed, and it has been determined which groups will have only 3 players, the rest of the players will be drawn by lot, filling up the pools from top to bottom.

6) As much as possible, players from the same country shall be drawn in different pools. The highest ranked players from each country, as per the official National Ranking of each country, shall be given priority in being separated in this way.

#### **7. METHOD OF DETERMINING PLACES IN THE ROUND ROBIN**

1) The winners of each Round Robin group will be determined

a) Matches:  $\frac{\text{matches won}}{\text{total matches played}}$

b) Sets:  $\frac{\text{sets won}}{\text{total sets played}}$

c) Games:  $\frac{\text{games won}}{\text{total games played}}$

Example:

If player A defeated "player B" 6/3 7/5, lost to "player C" 2/6 6/4 6/7, and defeated "player D" 6/4 6/2.

His match's coefficient is:  $\frac{2}{3} = .66$

His sets coefficient is:  $\frac{5}{7} = .7142$

His games coefficient is:  $\frac{39}{70} = .55711$



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If two (2) players from the same country qualify to the Main Draw, they shall be drawn in different halves of the draw. If three or four players from the same National Federation qualify, the first and second-ranked player shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth-ranked shall be drawn into the quarters which do not already contain a player of that National Federation. The same applies for the consolation draw.

2) For the recording of matches, matches won or lost by walk over will be recorded as 6-0 or 4-0 for the winner, and 0-6 or 0-4 for the loser.

3) For the recording of matches, matches won or lost by retirement after the match had begun will be recorded completing the set according to the format being used. For instance, if player A is winning 4 – 3 in a short set match, and he retires because of an injury the reported score will be 5 – 4. And, if in a match to be played to the best of 3 tie-break sets player B retires on the first set after suffering an injury when the score was 4 – 5 for her, the reported score would be 6 – 4, 6 – 0 for her opponent.

The two best players in from each round robin group will go to Main Draw and the rest to consolation.

#### **8. FORMAT**

The size of the doubles draw will be half the size of the singles draw. The singles will be played using a combination round robin format and knockout draw. The two best players from each round robin group will be eligible to enter the Main Draw and the other two will go to the consolation draw. Doubles will be played by knockout draw.

Depending on the number of participants, the organizing committee can decide how the matches in the **round robin** will be played:

- a) to the best of 3 short sets, all with tie-break
- b) to the best of 2 short sets and in case there's a tie, a tie break will be played to 10 points.
- c) to the best of 3 sets to 6 games all with tie break
- d) to the best of 2 sets to 6 games with tiebreak and in case of tie a tiebreak will be played to 10 points



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The sets to 8 games may NOT be used since they're not in the Rules of Tennis. No-ad score **will not** be permitted in any of the singles matches and the NO LET rule will be applied in the serve in both the singles and doubles.

All the matches of the singles Main Draw will be played to the best of 3 sets all with tie-break and advantage scoring system.

All doubles matches must be played to two sets to 6 games, no add score. In case of a tie in sets, a 10-point match tie break must be played to define the winner of the match.

Singles consolation events shall be held for players that don't qualify to the Main draw.

#### **9. ORDER OF MERIT FOR SEEDING IN THE SINGLES KNOCKOUT DRAW AND THE SINGLES CONSOLATION DRAW**

Seeds for the singles knockout draw will be done based on the results obtained by players in their corresponding round robin group

In case of a tie between players the Technical Committee will decide according to the following coefficients.

b) Matches:  $\frac{\text{matches won}}{\text{total matches played}}$

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#### **10. ORDER OF MERIT FOR SEEDING IN DOUBLES DRAWS**

The doubles team with the highest coefficient will be the one seeded highest on the draw. An order of merit of all players will be created based on their coefficients obtained in the Round Robin. This order of merit will be used to determine seeds.

If two (2) teams from the same country enter a doubles event, they shall be drawn in different halves of the draw. If three or four teams from the same National Federation qualify, the first and second-ranked teams shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth-ranked teams drawn into the quarters which do not already contain a team of that National Federation.

#### **11. NUMBER AND PLACING OF SEEDS IN THE DRAW**

The number of seeds and their places in the draw shall be determined according to the **2023 Tournament Regulations of the ITF Junior Circuit.**

#### **12. GRADE OF A TOURNAMENT**

The grade of each COTECC U14 tournament is published in the COTECC calendar and the Regulations. The new tournaments will begin as Grade 3.

##### **GRADE A**

**GRADE 1**

**GRADE 2**

**GRADE 3**

For a tournament to be taken into account for the following year, whether it increases or decreases in Grade, the following will be taken into account: quality of tournament, and the number of players who compete in the tournament according to the following criteria:



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**12.1 Requirements for Grade 3 tournaments** –12 boys and 8 girls in the round robin

**12.2 Requirements for Grade 2 tournaments** –24 boys and 16 girls in the round robin

**12.3 Requirements for Grade 1 tournaments** –32 boys and girls in the round robin

If at least 12 boys and 8 girls do not participate in any COTECC U14 Circuit tournament, the tournament can still be organized, however it will not count towards the COTECC U14 Ranking.

#### **G1 Tournaments from Sub Region 1, MEXICO (See Appendix C)**

COTECC will assign wild cards to 6 boys and 6 girls from COTECC, that are not Mexican, according to the COTECC U14 Ranking up to TBC

#### **13. TABLE OF POINT DISTRIBUTION FOR THE COTECC 14&U COMBINED RANKING**

Grade	Winner	Finalist	SF	QF	R16	R32	Winner consolacion
<u>A</u>	280	170	100	60	30	15	7
1	160	95	60	30	15	7	5
2	100	60	36	20	10	5	2.5
3	60	36	18	10	5		1
WJTC							
No. 1 Player Win *		160	95	60			
No. 2 Player Win		100	60	36			

#### Doubles (each player)

Grade	Winner	Finalist	SF	QF	R16
<u>A</u>	52.50	32.50	18.75	11.25	5.00
1	30.00	18.75	11.25	6.25	3.00
2	18.75	11.25	6.75	3.75	1.75
3	11.25	6.75	3.50	1.75	





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WJTC				
Doubles Win *	30.00	18.75	11.25	

**\*Only players from the top 8 teams will be considered for points. Points are earned by each player individually and are allocated according to their best result from the quarterfinals.**

#### **14. COTECC 14 & UNDER COMBINED RANKING**

The six best singles results plus the six best doubles results obtained by playing in the COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments will be taken into consideration for the final ranking. THE OFFICIAL PUBLISHED RANKINGS WILL BE CALCULATED ON A 52 WEEK ROLLOVER SYSTEM.

#### **15. COTECC U14 MASTER**

The top 4 players from the COTECC U14 Ranking (boys and girls) up to TBC will qualify to the COTECC U14 Master. 4 additional players will be chosen according to the following criteria:

1. Winner JITIC U14 GA
2. Finalist JITIC U14 GA
3. Player with ITF ranking of 1700 or better
4. Second player with ITF ranking of 1700 or better
5. Of the COTECC teams that participated in the Final Qualifying WJTC, the player who plays as #1 in the team and has the best results in the event
6. Of the COTECC teams that participated in the Final Qualifying WJTC, the player who plays as #2 in the team and has the best results in the event

Any spaces that remain vacant will be filled based on the COTECC U14 Ranking up to TBC. To fill this position, the player must be in the Top 8 positions in the COTECC ranking.

The players who end up in the top 4 positions (boys and girls) in the COTECC U14 Master, will compose the COTECC Team which will participate in the 2023 AMERICA'S CUP in December.

The winning boy and girl will also be selected to the ITF/GSPDP U14 Team to Florida in December.



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#### **16. MAKING OF THE RANKING**

The Ranking will be made at the COTECC office with the results received from the Referees / Supervisors at each tournament. Any question should be addressed to the COTECC Office to the address [ana.cabrales@cotecc.org.sv](mailto:ana.cabrales@cotecc.org.sv) / [miguel.irigoyen@cotecc.org.sv](mailto:miguel.irigoyen@cotecc.org.sv).

#### **MINIMUM ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **17. MINIMUM AMMOUNT OF COURTS TO PLAY THE 14&UNDER DIVISION AT A TOURNAMENT**

For G1 tournaments, the host nation must provide a minimum of 4 courts for matches and 1 court available for practice. For G2 tournaments the host nation must provide a minimum of 4 courts. For G1 and G2 tournaments, at least 2 courts must have lights with the minimum amount of luxes required for the organization of ITF tournaments (See Organizational Requirements). The use of these courts must be exclusively for the U14 tournament for a maximum of 32 players from each division, boys and girls, and must be available according to the Referee's requirements. If the venue of a G2 tournament does not have lighted courts, then at least 5 courts will be required. The minimum number of courts to organize a G3 tournament is 4.

The matches of the COTECC U14 Circuit tournament cannot interfere with the matches of the ITF Junior Circuit tournament: the COTECC U14 matches must be played during the day, programmed no later than 19 hrs, unless due to the weather the matches are delayed.

All COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments must comply with the 2023 ITF Junior Circuit Organizational Requirements.

The tournaments that do not comply with the minimum requirements will not be chosen for the 2023 COTECC U14 Circuit.

The COTECC U14 Circuit tournament fact sheets will be published on the COTECC web page at least 4 weeks before the tournament begins.

#### **18. REFEREE**

The Referee of the COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments must be a minimum ITF White badge. The Referee of the COTECC U14 tournament cannot be the same as the Referee for the ITF Junior tournament.

It is the Referee's responsibility to send the tournament report to COTECC and the organizer no more than 15 days after the tournament has ended.

#### **19. ENTRY FEES**

A maximum of US\$50 without full hospitality



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#### **20. CODE OF CONDUCT AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

At all COTECC 14&Under Circuit Tournaments the 2023 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations Code of Conduct will be enforced, and the SUSPENSION POINTS rule will be in place.

#### **APPEALS**

Any player convicted of a violation of a Player On-Site Offence may appeal to COTECC's Junior Committee for review of the determination of guilt and penalty. Such notice of appeal shall be in writing

and filed by 5.00 p.m. G.M.T. with COTECC within fourteen (14) days of notification.

Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player and his/her Legal Guardian as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, COTECC's Junior Committee shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident, and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the Referee. In the event of a whole or partial reversal COTECC shall remove the penalty from the player's record in accordance with the disposition of the appeal.

#### **AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR**

No player or member of the player support team (defined in the Welfare Policy) at any COTECC U14 Circuit event shall engage in

"Aggravated Behavior" which is defined as follows:

1. One or more incidents of behavior designated in the ITF Code of Conduct as constituting "Aggravated Behavior".
2. One incident of behavior that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a COTECC U14 Circuit event, or is singularly egregious.
3. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behavior", but is detrimental or injurious to the COTECC U14 Circuit.

Any player who directly or indirectly receives money in exchange for his / her participation in a COTECC U14 Circuit Tournament shall be in violation of this section.

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 permanent suspension from play in COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments.

#### **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 law of any



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country, the punishment of which includes possible imprisonment for more than one year, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. 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 behavior to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this section.

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 permanent suspension from play in the COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent denial of access to all COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments.

#### **DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

COTECC's Junior Committee shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the player or related person involved; the player or related person involved shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to COTECC's Junior Committee, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the player or related person deems to be relevant to the investigation. COTECC's Junior Committee may provisionally suspend such player or related person from further participating on the COTECC U14 Circuit pending a final determination. Upon the completion of the investigation, COTECC's Junior Committee shall determine the innocence or guilt of the player or related person involved, and, in the latter case, shall state in writing the facts as found by him/her, his/her conclusions and his/her decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision shall be promptly delivered to the player or the related person and to the COTECC Committee of Appeals.

#### **DISCRETIONARY REVIEW**

Any player or related person found to have committed a Player Major Offence may petition the COTECC Committee of Appeals for discretionary review of the determination and penalty. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed to COTECC's Junior Committee within ten (10) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player or Related Person. COTECC's Junior Committee shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to COTECC's Committee of Appeals. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within ten (10) days thereafter the COTECC Committee of Appeals shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the player or related person and COTECC's Junior Committee. At such hearing the player or Related Person and COTECC's Junior Committee shall present to the COTECC Committee of Appeals the relevant evidence on the matter. The COTECC Committee of Appeals may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of COTECC's Junior Committee on appeal. If the appeal is decided against the player or Related Person, then the COTECC Committee of Appeals shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the player or Related Person, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and



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members of the COTECC Committee of Appeals with respect thereto, if the same is not at a regular scheduled meeting of the COTECC Committee of Appeals.

#### **21. WELFARE POLICY**

Any player that enters and/or participates on the COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates on the COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy of the ITF set out in the 2023 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations.

#### **22. MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS**

At all COTECC U14 Circuit tournaments Appendix E of the 2023 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations shall be enforced.

**Note: underlined items have been added or modified for 2023.**

#### **APPENDIX A**

##### **COTECC JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

Members:

Carlos Bravo (CRC)  
Perry Newton (BAH)  
Luis Flores (MEX)

#### **APPENDIX B: ITF COTECC REGIONAL TEAMS GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF TEAMS**

For many years, the ITF, through the Grand Slam Player Development Program, has supported the development of competitive players in COTECC's Region, comprising a select team of U-14 and U16 to play during the year. These players compete in the COSAT Junior Circuit tournaments or any other Circuit chosen.

Since 2008, this team has been administered by COTECC and supervised and financed by the ITF/GSPDP.

The objective of this appendix is to give a general guideline of some elements that are taken into consideration for the selection of the tennis players and coaches who will be a part of the 2023 tour.



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#### **CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PLAYERS**

1. Personal Attributes: strong will to work, strong will towards teamwork, strong will to learn, good eating and personal hygiene habits, self-discipline.
2. Participation, Performance and conduct on and off court during the ITF team Events of WJTC, Jr Davis Cup and Junior Billie Jean King Cup.
3. Participation, Performance and conduct on and off court during the in the 12&U Regional Team Championships.
4. Participation, Performance and conduct on and off court during the JITIC U14 and JITIC U18.
5. Performance and conduct on and off court in the Junior ITF World Circuit Ranking tournaments.
6. Performance and conduct on and off court in the COTECC U14 Circuit Ranking tournaments.
7. Medical Certification by a specialist that expresses that the player is free of any type of injury and that the player does not have pre-existing injuries that would be aggravated due to four consecutive weeks of high-level competition.
8. Top 8 in COTECC U14 Ranking
9. Any other important information gathered by the ITF Development Officers and/ or by the COTECC office.
10. Be eligible to represent a country of the COTECC Region in official ITF competitions.
11. Any COTECC member nation will be able to have a maximum of two players, who are nationals of that country on the team, unless previously authorized by the ITF to have more than 2 players from the same nation.

#### **CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF COACHES**

1. Have minimum ITF level 2 certification
2. Have experience travelling with junior teams.
3. Not have any previous accusations related to abuse of minors
4. Having read and understood the ITF Welfare Policy.
5. Having read the guidebook on SEXUAL HARASSMENT TO MINORS BY PEOPLE WORKING WITH KIDS IN TENNIS published on the ITF web page.
6. Any other relevant information gathered by the ITF Development Officers and/ or by the COTECC office.
7. Sign and send to COTECC the Tennis Coaches Code of Ethics.

### **APPENDIX C COTECC U14 TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT CALENDAR**



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#### **ITF AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES – Appendix G and H of the 2023 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations**

##### **APPENDIX G:**

##### **ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIORS AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE**

1. ITF Junior Age Eligibility Chart Age	Number of tournaments permitted
18	Unrestricted
17	Unrestricted
16	25
15	16 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
14	14 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
13	10 (unless player achieves a top 50 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
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##### **APPENDIX H**

##### **AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES**

##### **COMPETITION FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 12 AND UNDER:-**

The following rules set forth eligibility rules and restrictions for competitions and other events (including Games) for players who are 12 and under:

a) There shall be no 11 and under, no 10 and under and no 9 and under (or younger) age category international or regional individual or team competitions. Only regional festival type activities sanctioned by a Regional Association may be held for players who have reached their 9th birthday on or before the event start date.



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- b) In any calendar year players may only compete in a maximum of ten tournaments for 12 and under events sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the \*USTA and Tennis Canada.
- c) Players under the age of 10 shall not be eligible for entry into any international individual tournament, team competition, or games sanctioned by a Regional Association, a National Association and/or any other national or international organisation. In accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used. Players are allowed to play in a 12 and 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 player turns 12 years of age.
- d) Players are eligible to compete in tournaments for players aged 14 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the \*USTA and Tennis Canada 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;
- e) Competition for players 12 and under organized by a Regional Association must be a team competition.
- f) Players aged 12 and under shall not compete in 16 and under international or regional individual or team competitions.
- g) There shall be no international or regional rankings for players aged 12 and under.
- h) There shall be no World Championship, team or individual, for players aged 12 and under. The title 'World Champion'(or any similar title) shall not be awarded to a player winning an event restricted to players who are 12 and under.

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\*Note: For the purpose of this Rule only National Championships in the USA and in Canada count as tournaments covered.