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2026 JUNIOR AND INFANTILE TENNIS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN U14 DIVISION (JITIC)

2026 REGULATIONS
SECTION I. THE COMPETITION

1. TITLE

The Junior and Infantile Tennis International Championships for Central America and the Caribbean (JITIC) it is the competition for the future champions of the region. The competition is managed by the Central American and Caribbean Tennis Confederation (COTECC) and sanctioned by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).
The competition comprises singles and doubles events for boys and girls aged 14 and under.
Two separate U14 events will take place. Each event will last a week. Each tournament will have a round robin phase followed by a Main Draw and Second Draw. Both will count towards the COTECC U14 ranking. The Main Draw will be a Grade A and the Second Draw a Grade 3.

2. NATIONS ELIGIBLE

The Competition shall be open to Full Members of COTECC and only players who are eligible to represent a country in accordance with Regulation 21 (qualification of a player to represent a country) may be nominated members of the delegation of that country.

Entries by Associate Members may be accepted by COTECC.

3. RULES TO BE OBSERVED

The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the 2026 ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct, the COTECC U14 Circuit Rules of the Confederation and the Rules of Tennis by the ITF and the 2026 ITF Welfare Policy.

To the extent not covered herein, the updated “2026 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations, with its Code of Conduct” and “2026 Duties and Procedures for Officials” of the International Tennis Federation, shall be applicable to all the events of the Competition.

In submitting an entry, a Nation, and its delegation members, automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfill all its obligations under the above Rules and Regulations.

Any Nation, and its delegation members, failing to honor this undertaking shall be subject to penalties.

In submitting an entry, a Nation, its officers, directors, employees and its team members 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 traveling to or from, or participating in the Competition, against COTECC and the Host Nations and Sponsors of the Competition.

SECTION II. MANAGEMENT

4. MANAGEMENT

The Competition shall be managed by the Committee of Management of COTECC in cooperation with the National Association of the country where the Competition is played (Host Nation).

5. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT - DUTIES

The duties of the Committee of Management shall be:

(i) To appoint an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the event.

In each event a Tournament Committee shall be formed, to include the following:-

1. An ITF Representative-Cecilia Ancalmo
2. Executive Director of the JITIC Competition - Miguel Irigoyen
3. Referee for the Competition – Diego Navidad (ESA)
4. Tournament Director from the Host Nation – Cesar Nolasco

(iii) To register in the name of the ITF any trademarks in connection with the Competition, and protect such rights.

(iv) To select the venues and decide the dates for each Competition.

(v) To decide the entry fee and allocation of any prizes.

(vi) To administer the funds of the competition within the financial framework of the Confederation.

(vii) To decide any appeals or dispute arising among Nations participating in the Competition.

(viii) To suspend from the Competition for such period of time as it may determine, any tennis player, captain, umpire or official who in its opinion does not maintain at all times the ideals of the Competition.

ix) To impose penalties laid down in these Regulations.

(x) To refuse the entry of any Nation, or refuse the further participation of such Nation in the Competition, if in its opinion the participation of the said Nation may result in the Competition being endangered. No decision in this respect shall be valid unless at least nine members are present and unless carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting.

(xi) To decide disputes arising in connection with all financial matters.

Except for paragraph (x) above, no decision may be taken by the Committee of Management unless at least six members are present, and all decisions shall be based on a majority vote. However if a postal vote is called for by the Chairman, the required majority shall be two-thirds of the members.

6. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

This duty will be performed by the Executive Director and the Tournament Supervisor, and includes the following:-

(i) To oversee the management and presentation of the Competition.
(ii) To approve the appointment by the Host Nation of a Tournament Director for the Competition.

(iii) To appoint the Referee and approve the appointment of any assistant referees for the Competition by the Host Nation.

(iv) To recommend to the Executive Committee the venue and dates for the Competition, the entry fee and type and allocation of any prizes.

(v) To report to the Executive Committee on all financial matters relating to the event.

(vi) To recommend to the Executive Committee any penalties to be imposed in accordance with these Regulations.

(vii) To undertake other duties as laid down in there Regulations.

SECTION III. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMPETITION

7. APPLICATION TO STAGE AN EVENT

Any National Association wishing to stage the Competition shall submit their preliminary application in writing to reach COTECC. Upon receipt of a preliminary application, COTECC shall submit the requirements and specifications of the Competition to the National Association concerned. After receiving formal application and a proposed budget, negotiations between COTECC and the National Association, including an evaluation of the proposed site shall take place within three (3) months.

8. FACILITIES (HOST NATION)

The Host Nation shall make available accommodation, transportation and court facilities for all the teams and players that had entered. Accommodation and meals shall be provided for a maximum of players established for each country on the tournament fact sheet for U14 boys and girls. In addition, free accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner shall be provided for one (1) official coach per country that is represented. When there are 6 players from the same country participating, hospitality will be provided for an additional coach if that nation requests it. Each participating National Association must ensure travel expenses to the Competition. COTECC must approve the umpires hired to assist technically during the competition

The host Federation will receive through COTECC financial assistance given by the **Grand Slam Player Development Program.**

9. SURFACE OF COURT

In consultation with the Host Nation, COTECC shall decide the surface of the court to be used, and any provision for an alternative surface, which is to be used if play has to be transferred due to adverse weather conditions. This edition will be played on plexipave hard courts

10. BALLS

The Host Nation shall select the type of ball. In this edition of the JITIC the official ball will be Wilson Championship Extra Duty.

The balls to be used must conform to the specifications in Rule 3 of the Rules of Tennis.
There shall be a minimum of three (3) new balls for each main draw match. For consolation matches used balls in good condition may be used.

Balls shall be provided for practice, but it is not obligatory to give new balls for this purpose.

11. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Host Nation must ensure that a doctor, physio or suitably qualified trainer is present on site throughout the Competition. This person should have an assistant of the opposite gender working next to him/her in order to assist the amount of players that will be participating at the event. Each participant is responsible of travelling with medical insurance to cover any incident, injury or accident.

12. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The Host Nation shall provide suitable, safe and continuous transportation between the lodging place and the Competition site. The Host Nation shall also provide transportation from and to the airport. Each visiting team must notify at least two weeks in advance their flight arrival information.

13. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Host Nation and COTECC shall inform all participating nations of the venue, the tennis club or stadium, the surface of the courts, the proposed times of play, whether it is proposed to play on covered courts and/or under floodlights, and the brand of ball to be used, no later than two (2) months prior to the scheduled first day of play of the Competition.

Any change in venue, surface and balls, after the announcement is made by the Host Nation, can only be made with the agreement of COTECC.

It is the responsibility of the Host Nation to advise participating nations of any requirements for visa applications when notifying them of arrangements for the Competition.

14. AWARDS

According to the place won in the singles and doubles events, the following awards shall be provided to the corresponding players:

Grade A singles and doubles
1st. Place: Gold medal
2nd. Place: Silver medal

Grade 3 singles, doubles and consolation winner
1st. Place: Gold medal
2nd. Place: Silver medal
Singles consolation winner

The awards ceremony shall take place at an appropriate time after the culmination of each event. Each participant shall wear the nation official uniform during the ceremony.

15. PRACTICE FACILITIES

There shall be practice courts available for contesting players. They should be at the tournament site.

The Host Nation shall provide each team with practice balls. Practice balls shall be the same as the official ball announced for the Competition.

The Tournament Referee shall assign practice times to the delegations.
Teams and players will only be allowed to use the practice courts during the time scheduled by the Referee.

16. OFFICIALS

The Host Nation in consultation with COTECC shall appoint the Assistant Referee, certified umpires, national umpires and necessary assistants, according to the recommendations provided by the Administrators of the Competition.

COTECC, will be responsible for appointing the Official Referee for the event, as well as the ITF-COTECC representative during the competition, after consulting with the host nation.

17. RE-STRINGING

Re-stringing service shall be available on the tournament site, from one day before the beginning of the competition until the competition is finished. Each delegation will have to pay for this service, and the price shall not be higher than US$15.00.

SECTION IV. ENTRIES AND TEAMS

18. ENTRIES

Invitations to take part may only be sent to National Associations. Under no circumstances may invitations be sent directly to players and / or coaches.

Numerical entries from National Associations are to be sent to COTECC by Friday, April 10th, 2026 and nominal entries must reach COTECC no later than Friday, April 17th, 2026.

In the singles events each country will be entitled to enter the number of players specified in the fact sheet per category and per gender.

Doubles will be composed of players who belong to the same draw, either in the Grade A tournament or Grade 3 tournament.

19. AGE LIMITS

Only boys and girls that do not surpass the age limit of the event concerned by the end of the year of the competition shall be eligible to compete. They shall also be eligible in accordance with the Age Eligibility Rules currently adopted by COTECC (Appendix I).

20. QUALIFICATION OF A PLAYER TO REPRESENT A COUNTRY

Any tennis player who is in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with ITF Rules shall be qualified to represent that country if he/she:

(a) Is a citizen of that country, has a current valid passport of that country or holds a residence card and has not represented any other country during the period of thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the beginning of the competition.

If a player is qualified under this sub section to represent more than one (1) country and the National Association of one (1) of those countries wishes to nominate him/her to represent it, that Association shall submit an application to COTECC, with a copy to any other National Association concerned

The Committee of Management will give a ruling, having taken into account all relevant matters.

(b) (i) A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a country and such a country is divided into two (2) or more countries, shall immediately be eligible to represent any one (1) of those countries.
(ii) A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a country and such country is absorbed in whole or in part by another country, shall immediately be eligible to represent such other country.

(c) A player shall be deemed to have represented a country if he/she shall have been nominated and shall have accepted the nomination to play in any International Team Competition recognized by the ITF.

(d) A National Association may apply to the Committee of Management to nominate a player who would not be eligible under the above Rules and the Committee of Management may agree the application if the full the circumstances warrant an exception being made.

(e) The Committee of Management and/or the organizing committee of the event, have the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player is qualified to represent that country.

21. PASSPORTS/NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS

All participating players shall present their passports or national identity cards to the Referee prior to the start of the Competition. Failure to present passports or national identity cards by the time determined by the Referee may render a team or a player liable to disqualification.

22. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

National Associations entering the Competition agree, as a condition of entry, that no claims may be brought against COTECC or the Host Nation with respect to any cancellation, any injuries, however caused, or any losses incurred, while traveling to and from, or participating in the Competition.

23. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

In accepting nomination, a player automatically grants to COTECC and the Host Nation, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still

pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him or her during the said Competition, without compensation.

24. ENTRY FEE

Every year the Committee of Management of COTECC will decide the participants' entry fee and the possible assistance to be provided to the National Associations participating in the JITIC.
In 2026 the entry fee will be US$185 per player and per coach and it covers hospitality, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

25. COACHES

All Players have to participate under the duty of care of a certified coach named by their National Federation. No chaperones can be used to replace an official coach. Official coaches must have an ITF ID from the Player Support Program.

SECTION V. SINGLES AND DOUBLES EVENTS.

26. FORMAT

U14 event

Singles events shall be played on a combined format of round robin (qualifying), Main Draw (Grade A) and Second draw (Grade 3).

The right to enter will be determined by the results obtained by the players in the Round robin and the nomination of the seeds in the main draw, second draw and doubles.

The best two players of each round robin group will be eligible to enter the Grade A tournament. The rest of the players from each group will go to the Grade 3 tournament.

All the matches in the Round Robin and Grade 3 will be played to 2 sets with tiebreak and advantage. In case of a tie, there will be a match tiebreak to 10 points.

The Grade A singles matches will be played to the best of 3 sets with tie-break at 6 – 6, in all sets, and with advantage, **unless problems with the weather make it necessary to implement a different and shorter format.**

Doubles matches will be played to 2 sets with tie-break at 6 – 6, and without advantage. In case of a tie in sets, a match tie-break to 10 points will be played. **These formats will be used, unless problems with the weather make it necessary to implement a different and shorter format.**

All matches will be played with the NO LET rule.

The Main Draw will count as a Grade A for the COTECC U14 Ranking both in singles and doubles. The Second draw will count as a Grade 3 for the COTECC U14 ranking both in singles and doubles.

The winners and finalists of the Main Draw in JITIC U14 will be invited to the COTECC U14 Master.

27. METHOD FOR THE DRAW FOR SINGLES QUALIFYING ROUND ROBIN

Each country shall nominate its players in order of merit.

The number of participants will determine the number of round robin pools. The Referee will determine the number of groups which allow the Grade A draw to have 16 players.

Each group will have between 5 and 6 players.

Any cases will be decided when the draw is to be made.

The following procedure shall be used for the draw:

The U14 seeds will be based on the following criteria:

1) Current ITF ranking at the time the round robin draws are made. The ITF ranking must be 2500 or better in order to be taken into account.
2) Current COTECC ranking at the time the round robin draws are made
3) National Ranking

Once the list of seeded players is made, one seeded player is placed in each of the round robin groups, placing the number 1 seeded player in pool 1, seed # 2 player in pool 2 and so on. Each pool will have 2 seeded players.

The groups with less players will be the groups with the highest seeds.
After placing all the seeded players and having a better idea of the pool sizes, the draw for the rest of the players will take place, from top to bottom in the pools, making sure that there's no more than two players from the same country in each pool.

28. METHOD OF DETERMINING PLACES IN THE ROUND ROBIN

a) The winners of each Round Robin group will be determined by the most matches won.

b) In case of a tie, it will be defined as follows:

In case of a tie between more players the following will apply:

1.More matches won
2. The greatest number of sets won
3. The greatest number of games won

NOTE: Once the process has begun to untie players, the process will have to be followed until the end.

c) 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.

d) 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 is winning 4 – 3 in a short set match, and he retires because of an injury the reported score will be 5 – 3. 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.

e) The two best players from each round robin group will go to the Grade A and the rest to Grade 3.

29. ORDER OF MERIT FOR SEEDING IN MAIN DRAW (Grade A) AND SECOND DRAW (Grade 3).

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

The winners of each Round Robing group will be determined

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

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

c) Games $\frac{\text{games won}}{\text{Total of games played}}$

Example:
If player A wins against "player B" 6/3 7/5, loses with "player C" 2/6 6/4 6/7, and wins against "Player D" 6/4 6/2.

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

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

His games coefficient is: $\frac{39}{70} = .5571$

In case of a tie after applying C) the COTECC U14 ranking will be used to untie the players who are tied. The player with the highest COTECC U14 ranking will be seeded higher. If there's still a tie after using the COTECC U14 ranking or if the players do not have a COTECC ranking, the seed will be drawn by lot.

If two (2) players from the same country qualify to the Grade A, 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 Grade 3.

30.NUMBER AND PLACING OF SEEDS IN THE MAIN DRAW

The number of seeds and their places in the draw shall be determined according to the **Tournament Regulations of the 2026 ITF Junior Circuit Rules.**

31.ORDER OF MERIT FOR SEEDING IN DOUBLES

Players of the singles Grade A will only be able to be doubles partner with another player from Grade A. They don't have to be from the same country.
Players from the singles Grade 3 will only be able to be doubles partner with another player from the Grade 3. They don't have to be from the same country.

The seeds for the doubles events will be based on the sum of the positions that the coefficients obtained by each player in the singles round robin. The doubles team with the highest position total will be the seeded highest.

If two (2) teams of the same NA enter the doubles event, they will 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.

SECTION VI. OTHER GENERAL REGULATIONS.

32. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT

The Chair Umpire may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any such suspension by the Chair Umpire must be reported immediately to the Referee. The Referee must, however, make all decisions on the postponement of a match until a later day. Unless and until a match is postponed by the Referee, the players, Chair Umpire and all on-court officials must remain ready, to resume the match.

Upon suspension of a match, the Chair Umpire shall record the time, point, game and set score, and the name of the server. the sides on which each player was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match. If suspension is due to darkness, it should be after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress or at the end of a set.

There shall be five (5) minutes of warm-up before a match. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

0 - 15 minutes delay	- no warm-up
more than 15 minutes and less than 30 minutes	- three (3) minutes of warm-up
30 or more minutes of delay	- five (5) minutes of warm-up

33. CONTINUOUS PLAY

Play shall be continuous under the terms of Rule 29 of the Rules of Tennis. No rest shall be allowed after the second set in a three-set match. Unless the heat rule is applied, due to the high temperature at the venue. A maximum of twenty (20) seconds will be allowed between points, except when changing ends, in which case 90 seconds may elapse.
After each first game on each set and during the tie-break, game shall be continuous and players will change ends without a rest period. At the end of each set there will be a rest period of a maximum of 120 seconds, from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the last point of the set, and until the ball is hit on the first point of the following set.

34. CODE OF CONDUCT

The 2026 **ITF Code of Conduct for the ITF Junior Circuit Competitions** shall apply.

35. INJURY RULE

If a player retires from a match due to illness, or injury, the Referee has the authority, supported by medical advice, to withdraw the player from other event. Alternatively, such player may continue in the other event only if a doctor certifies the player's condition has improved to the extent that he/she may function at a sufficient level in his/her next match, whether that be the same day or a later day.

For further clarification please refer to **APPENDIX D – MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS** of the 2026 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations.

36. IDENTIFICATION ON CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The Identification on Clothing and Equipment Rule currently adopted for the 2026 ITF Junior Circuit shall apply. Since this is an event by country, the players may wear the name of their country on the back of their shirt, complying with the 2026 ITF Junior Style Guide.

37. PLAYERS ATTIRE

Players will only be allowed to wear dress and other equipment that complies with the 2026 ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct.

Any player who violates this regulation may be ordered by The Technical Committee of COTECC, the referee or the chair umpire to change his attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in immediate default.

38. SCHEDULE

All matches will be scheduled in a followed by basis on specific courts. The starting time for the first series of matches will be established, and the following matches in the assigned courts will start as soon as the preceding matches are over. Delegates, coaches and captains will be responsible to have their players prepared on time for their matches. Players must be ready to play when their matches are called.

The Referee will make every effort to post the Daily Order of Play, every day by 9:00 PM.
In case weather or nature conditions alter the normal flow of the tournament, the Referees along with the COTECC delegate and the Tournament Director will be able to take the following steps with the only goal of finishing the event on time:

1. Shorten the matches by using the scoring options included in the Rules of Tennis 2026.

If with measure number 1 the tournament is still behind Schedule and finishing it on time seems difficult, all the consolation events can be eliminated and only the main draws placed to decide the winners.

SECTION VII. PENALTIES

39.DEFAULT IN PAYMENT

Any default in payment of the COTECC membership fee, shall render that nation liable to have its entry refused for any present or future Competitions until such payment shall have been made in full.

40.FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any competing Nation that fails to conform to these Regulations may be immediately disqualified and/or shall be liable to have its entry refused for future Competitions until assurances of compliance with the Regulations are given, and subject to any further penalties set out in these Regulations.

For offenses which do not justify disqualification, the Management Committee, may decide that a fine be imposed.

SECTION VIII. ARBITRATION

41.SETTLEMENT OF ON-SITE DISPUTES

The Referee shall decide any on-site disputes or interpretation of "the Rules of Tennis. He or she shall also be the final arbiter for penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct unless the Code provides for an appeal to COTECC for that offense.

The Tournament Committee shall be the final on-site arbiter for any appeal against a decision of the Referee other than on the subjects of the Rules of Tennis or the Code of Conduct.

42.FINAL ARBITER

The Committee of Management shall be the final arbiter in any dispute, and shall decide any appeals.

APPENDIX I. PLAYER AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES – Appendix F and G of the 2026 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations

APPENDIX F

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)
11/12	0

NOTES

1. The number of tournaments permitted is counted between the date of a player's birthday and the day before their next birthday, not between 1 January and 31 December.
2. Participation in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament includes singles and/or doubles and/or qualifying.
3. Minors under the age of thirteen (13) shall not be eligible for entry.
4. The number of tournaments permitted by the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule is in addition to the number of professional tournaments permitted by the Age Eligibility Rule (please refer to ITF World Tennis Tour Regulations, and WTA Regulations for details on the Age Eligibility Rule.)

For the purposes of this Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used.

APPENDIX G
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.

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 organised 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.

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

TEAM COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 14 AND UNDER

The following Rules are applicable to all international team competitions worldwide for players in 14 and under age group events.

Competitors for these competitions in 2025, in 2026, and 2027, including the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition, must have been born between the following eligible birth years and must have reached their 11th birthday on or before the first day of Competition:

Competition	Eligible Birth Years
2025	2011-2014
2026	2012-2015
2027	2013-2016

TEAM COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 16 AND UNDER

The following Rules are applicable to all international team competitions worldwide for players in 16 and under age group events. No competitor may participate who is still eligible for 12 and under age group events.

Competitors for these competitions in 2025, in 2026, and in 2027, including the Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors, must have been born between the following eligible birth years and have reached their 13th birthday on or before the first day of Competition:

Competition	Eligible Birth Years
2025	2009-2012
2026	2010-2013
2027	2011-2014