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2009 JUNIOR AND INFANTILE TENNIS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (JITIC)

2009 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 administrated 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, 16 and 18 years and under.

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 COTECC Junior Circuit Regulations and Code of Conduct, the Rules of the Confederation and the Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF.

To the extent not covered herein, the updated "Regulations for the Competition of the Junior World Ranking" and "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 undertake 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) Technical Director, who is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and who will also perform the duty of President of the Competition.
- (ii) To appoint an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the event.

For the Competition a Tournament Committee shall be formed, to include the following:-

1. Chairman, or other representative of the COTECC Junior Competitions Committee - Cecilia Ancalmo
 2. Executive Director of the JITIC Competition - Miguel Irigoyen
 3. Referee for the Competition - Colleen de Gannes (U18), Tano Cruz (U16), Julio Cavero (U14)
 4. Tournament Director from the Host Nation - Sergio Tobal
- (iii) To register in the name of the ITF any trademarks in connection with the Competition, and protect such rights. This year the sponsor is HSBC PRIVATE BANK.
 - (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 Technical Director of COTECC, 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 these 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 so as to reach COTECC no later than at the COTECC AGM of the year prior to the competition.

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. VENUE AND DATES

The Committee of Management shall select and announce the dates and the venue during the COTECC AGM at least one year in advance.

9. FACILITIES (HOST NATION)

The Host Nation shall make available accommodation and court facilities for all the teams and players that had entered. Accommodation and meals shall be provided for four (4) boys and four (4) girls per country in each age division, in U14 and U16, and for the players accepted in the main draw in the U18 division. In addition free accommodation and meals shall be provided for three (3) official coaches per country represented in the three categories or age divisions, and for two (2) official coaches if this is not the case. Each participating National Association is responsible for its own traveling expenses to the Competition. COTECC must approve the umpires hired the assist technically during the competition

The host Federation will receive through COTECC financial assistance given by the ITF. The amount will be confirmed to the host Federation no later than the last week of December of the year preceding the competition.

10. 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.

11. BALLS

The Host Nation shall select the make of ball. In this edition of the JITIC the official ball will be the DUNLOP CHAMPIONSHIP (all court)

The balls to be used must conform to the specifications in Rule 3 of the Rules of Tennis and must have been approved by the ITF.

There shall be a minimum of three (3) new balls for each match; another three (3) new balls shall be provided for any third set in the 18&U division.

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

12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Host Nation must ensure that a doctor, nurse or suitably qualified trainer is present on site throughout the Competition.

13. 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, and all teams and its members must notify at least 48 hours in advance the arrival times and the name and number of the airline.

14. 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 make 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.

15. AWARDS

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

- 1st. Place: Trophy or Golden medals to each player or member of the team.
- 2nd. Place: Trophy or Silver medals to each player or member of the team.
- Semifinalists: Trophy or Bronze medals to each player or member of the team.

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.

16. PRACTICE FACILITIES

There shall be practice facilities 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 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.

17. OFFICIALS

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

The Host Nation, in consultation with COTECC, shall invite international umpires if COTECC considers it is necessary.

18. RE-STRINGING

Re-stringing service shall be available on tournament site, from one day before the start of the qualifying, until the competition is finished. Each delegation will have to pay for this service, and the price shall not be higher than US\$8.00.

SECTION IV. ENTRIES AND TEAMS

19. 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 so as to reach COTECC by MONDAY JUNE 22nd 2009. And nominal entries must reach COTECC no later than MONDAY JULY 6, 2009. The final list of entries will be published by Thursday, July 9.

In the singles events each country will be entitled to enter a maximum of four (4) boys and four (4) girls per each age division. Except in 18 & under age division where all eligible players All eligible players have the right to enter this event

In doubles each country shall participate with a maximum of two (2) pairs per age category and gender. Pairs shall form with players from the same country. In the 18 & under age division all eligible players have the right to enter and are allowed to form pairs with players from other countries.

No country will be allowed to enter a player in more than one age category.

20. AGE LIMITS

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

21. 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 national of that country, has a current valid passport of that country, has lived in that country for twenty-four (24) consecutive months at some time and has not represented any other country during the period of thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the event.

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.

22. 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.

23. MEDICAL CONTROL

National Associations entering the Competition and those players nominated to compete on their behalf agree, as a condition of entry, to the following medical controls:

(a) Anti-doping policy

Random doping control tests may be conducted during the Competition in accordance with Article 4 included in the 2009 ITF Constitution (pg.38). The Procedure will comply with the general practices of the International Olympic Committee's Medical Code.

If any player following completion of the procedures, including appeal, set forth in ITF Article 4 of its 2009 constitution is found to have tested positive no match results shall be re-assessed except in the case of the Final where such player's wins (if any) will be reversed. This may result in the team that originally lost the Final being declared the Champion Nation. Such player will be subject to penalties laid down in ITF Constitution.

(b) Waiver of Claims

It is acknowledged that COTECC has a duty to act on any reported positive test and it will act in the manner set out in this Regulation. Further, all parties, be they a National Association or player, accept that COTECC must act on the information known to it at the relevant time accordingly:

(i) A National Association having been declared a loser of a Tie as a result of a positive test of any of its players agrees to waive any rights to legal action or compensation from COTECC in circumstances resulting from this Regulation.

(ii) Nominated members of the teams agree to waive any rights to legal action or compensation from COTECC in circumstances resulting from this Regulation.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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**.

SECTION V. SINGLES AND DOUBLES EVENTS.

Boys And Girls 18 & Under Events.

27. FORMAT

The events in the 18 & under category shall take place in accordance with these Regulations and the "ITF Tournament Regulations of the 2009 Junior Circuit" for Grade B3 Tournaments.

All eligible players have the right to enter this event.

The format of play shall be straight knock-out.

Each singles match will be played to the best two of three tie-break sets with ad score. A tie-break to 7 points will be played in all sets at 6 games all. Each doubles match will be played to two sets of 6 games without advantage and in the case of tie a match tie-break will be played to 10 points.

28. DRAW AND SEEDING

It will be done following the ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT REGULATIONS FOR 2009

29. CONSOLATION EVENT

A girls and boys singles consolation event shall be played on a knock-out basis. Only players that lose in the main draw first round shall be allowed to compete in the consolation event. A sign-in will be open and the event will be played if at least 8 players enter and commit to play.

Boys and Girls 14 and 16 & Under

30. FORMAT

Singles events shall be played on a combined format of round robin (qualifying) and feed-in consolation (main draw and consolation draws).

Doubles shall be played with the single elimination format.

The right to enter and the nomination of the seeds into the singles and doubles draws will be determined by the results in the Round Robin.

The best two players of each round robin group will be eligible to enter the singles main draw. The rest of the players from each group will go to a consolation feed in Draw. Consolation events will be played for boys and girls in both age divisions.

All matches in the round robin and in all feed in consolation and consolation singles events will be the best of three short sets, with tie-break in the 3, and with advantage, **unless problems with the weather make it necessary to implement a different and shorter format.**

Main draw singles be played to the best of 3 sets with tie-break at 6 – 6, in all sets, and with advantage, **unless that 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, 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.**

31. 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.

Each round robin pool will have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 players. Whenever possible round robin pools shall be of 4 players. If there is one player in excess or in defect, then one round robin pool shall be composed by 5 or 3 players.

If there are six players remaining in a category, then two round robin pools of three players shall be formed.

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

The following procedure shall be used for the draw:

The name of the No. 1 player of each country and with the highest COTECC ranking will be written in a piece of paper and put in an envelope. The designations for the different round robin pools places needed will be put, as well, in another envelope.

Following, one piece of paper from each envelope shall be drawn, and the name and country of the corresponding player shall be inserted in a previously prepared pool list, in the drawn round robin pool. This procedure shall continue until all No. 1 players are drawn in a round robin pool. In cases when there is a must number of players No.1 than round robin pools, as soon as there are not more pool designations left in the pool designations envelope, a new set of designations shall be put back in the envelope.

Afterwards, pieces of paper with the names of the No.2 players of each country will be put in the same envelope, and the drawing procedure shall continue until all the pieces of papers containing the pool designations are drawn. Then a new set of pieces o papers with the pool designations shall be put in the pool designations envelope and the drawing procedure shall continue until all No. 2 players of each country have been drawn.

This procedure shall be continued for players ranked No.3 and No.4 until all players entered have been drawn. Players from the same country shall not be drawn into the same pool. In case that in the round robin drawn for a player there is already a player from same country, a new round robin designation shall be drawn for that player, until that player is drawn into a round robin where there is no other player from the same country.

32. METHOD OF DETERMINING PLACES IN THE ROUND ROBIN

The winners of each Round Robin group will be determined as follows:

- a) More matches won.
- b) In case of a tie, the following will apply:
 1. Head to head result of players tied
 2. The most number of sets won
 3. The less number of sets lost
 4. The most number of games won
 5. The less number of games lost

33. ORDER OF MERIT FOR SEEDING IN SINGLES MAINDRAW

Seeding for the singles main draw will be based on the results obtained by the players in their corresponding round robin pools.

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

- a) Matches:
$$\frac{\text{matches won} - \text{matches lost}}{\text{total matches played}}$$
- b) Sets:
$$\frac{\text{sets won} - \text{sets lost}}{\text{total matches played}}$$
- c) Games:
$$\frac{\text{games won} - \text{games lost}}{\text{total matches played}}$$

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 matches coefficient is: $\frac{2-1}{3} = .33$

His sets coefficient is: $\frac{5-2}{3} = 1.00$

His games coefficient is: $\frac{39-31}{3} = 2.67$

In case matches, sets and games coefficients of two players are the same, then the seeding order shall be decided by lot.

If two players from the same country qualify into the main draw they shall be drawn in different halves of the draw. If three or four players from the same National Association qualify, the first and second-ranked shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth-ranked players drawn into the quarters which do not already contain one of that National Association's players.

34. ORDER OF MERIT FOR SEEDING IN DOUBLES

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 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 of the same NA qualify, the first and second ranked will be drawn by lot as explained above, and the third and fourth ranked will be drawn by lot in the quarters that still do not have a team from that National Federation.

35. NUMBER AND PLACING OF SEEDS IN THE DRAW

The number of seeds and their places in the draw shall be determined according to the **Tournament Regulations of the 2009 ITF Junior Circuit Rules.**

SECTION VI. OTHER GENERAL REGULATIONS.

36. 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
more than 15 minutes and less than 30 minutes
30 or more minutes of delay

- no warm-up
- three (3) minutes of warm-up
- five (5) minutes of warm-up

37. 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. 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.

38. CODE OF CONDUCT

The 2009 ITF Code of Conduct for the ITF Junior Circuit Competitions shall apply.

39. 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 E of the 2009 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations, pages 49 - 54 .

40. IDENTIFICATION ON CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The Identification on Clothing and Equipment Rule currently adopted for the 2009 ITF Junior Circuit shall apply.

41. PLAYERS ATTIRE

Players will only be allowed to use dress and other equipment that complies with the 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.

42. 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 shall post the Daily Order of Play, every day by 7:00 PM.

In case weather or nature conditions alter the normal flow of the tournament, the Referees with the Tournament Director will be able to take the following steps with the only goal to finish the event on time:

1. Shorten the matches by using the scoring options included in the Rules of Tennis 2009.

2. 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

43. 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.

44. 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 Committee of Management, may decide that a fine be imposed.

SECTION VIII. ARBITRATION

45. 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.

46. FINAL ARBITER

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

APPENDIX I. AGE ELEGIBILITY RULES

The following rules will apply to all competitions endorsed by COTECC.

Competitions for players of 12 & Under are permitted with the following restrictions:

- a) 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.
- b) Players may not participate in any 12 & Under international individual tournament sanctioned by a Regional Association and /or National Association unless they have reached their 10th (tenth) birthday on or before the start of the main draw.
- c) 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;
- d) Competition for players of 12 and Under organized by a Regional Association must be a team competition
- e) Players aged 12 and Under shall not compete in 16 and Under competitions outside their own country.
- f) There shall be no international or regional rankings for players aged 12 and under;
- g) The title "World Champion" shall not be awarded to a player winning an event restricted to players of 12 and under;

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

COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS OF 14 & UNDER

These rules are applicable to all international competitions worldwide for players in 14 and under age group events.

Competitors for these competitions, including the World Junior Tennis Competition must therefore have been born between the following years:

Competition	Eligible Birth Year
2009	1995-98
2010	1996-99
2011	1997-00

COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS OF 16 & UNDER

These Rules are applicable to all international 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, including the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas, must therefore have been born between the following years:

Competition	Eligible Birth Year
2009	1993-96
2010	1994-97
2011	1995-98

2009 ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule

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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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 1st January and 31st December.
2. For the purpose of the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule, the start date of a tournament is the Main Draw start date.
3. A player may not participate in any ITF Junior Tournament until they have reached their 13th birthday.
4. The number of tournaments permitted by the ITF Age Eligibility Rule is in addition to the number of professional tournaments permitted by the Age Eligibility Rule (please refer to ITF Professional Circuit Regulations and WTA Tour Regulations for details on the Age Eligibility Rule.)

APPENDIX II. MEDICAL TIME-OUT

Please refer to Appendix E of the 2009 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations (pp 49-54)