



Monthly Newsletter-April 2019

Asian Tennis Federation is relaunching the monthly news-letter, which was being circulated in past with updates on latest developments in Asia. This is a good source of first-hand information and keeps the stakeholders interested with all the collective information in one compact letter.

From the desk of the President



Mr. Anil khanna

"I am delighted to see the relaunch of the monthly newsletter from Asian Tennis Federation, which I feel is an effective mode of communication. Asian Tennis Federation has recently emerged as one of the most active regional arm of ITF, with lots of new initiatives, agreements and activities being taken up for the development of tennis. Relaunch of Asian Tennis Tour is the latest addition which will certainly go a long way in helping the Asian Professional Tennis Players. Asian Tennis is on upswing with the likes of Naomi Osaka and Kei Nishikori paving the way for the rest. This proves that Asian Tennis players are soon catching up with rest of the world and are ready to occupy top ranks. I can assure that Asian Tennis is moving in the right direction and Asian Tennis Federation is all committed and ready for this"

Tournament Section

ITF WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION PRE-QUALIFYING, SRI LANKA

ITF World Junior Tennis Competition (Under 14) Boys and Girls, Pre-Qualifying round concluded on 2nd March 2019 in Sri Lanka. The event was hosted at SLTA courts by Sri Lanka Tennis Association. This mega sporting event for the kids saw a massive participation of 57 players during the week from 19 nations collectively in boys and girls event.

Kazakhstan and Lebanon qualified for the final qualifying event for both boys and girls to be held in Thailand in April, 2019.



JUNIOR DAVIS CUP AND FED CUP PRE-QUALIFYING, SRI LANKA



Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribus, Asia-Oceania Pre-Qualifying was conducted by Sri Lanka Tennis Association (SLTA) from 4th March, 2019 to 9th March, 2019. 23 Nations showed extensive participation with close to 70 players.

2 teams qualified for the Final Qualifying scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 6th of April. Syria and Sri Lanka qualified for Junior Davis Cup while the qualifying nations of Junior Fed Cup are Pacific Oceania and Lebanon.

ASIAN UNDER 14 GRADE A TOURNAMENT-BAHRAIN

Asian Tennis Federation's 14&U Grade A tournament, introduced in 2018, is the first Grade A tournament for the year 2019. Grade A tournaments fetch highest rankings points for Asian under 14 ranking, with winner attracting 1200 points.

Rushil Khosla of India dominated the boys singles event while Girl's singles was won by Karina Jamazhonova of Kazakhstan against Cheuk Ying Shek of Hong kong. Rushil prevailed in boys doubles event as well partnering with Kazakhstan's Danir Kaldybekov while Ingkar Dyussebay and Dilnaz Mashabayeva of Kazakhstan won the girls doubles against compatriots Sati Aubakirova and Karina Jamazhonova.



ASIAN UNDER 14 GRADE A TOURNAMENT-UAE

The concluding day of the Asian Tennis Federation's Under14

tournament held in Dubai from 25th March-30th March, 2019 saw South Korea's Gio Jang and Wooyuk Chang dominate in both girls and boys category respectively. Both the players justified them being seeded at top. Chang overcame Iranian Kasra Rahmani in the finals while Jang was at the top of her game against Kazakhstan's Dilnaz Mashabayeva.

In Girl's doubles, Jang came on top again with her Hong kong counterpart, Naomi Hagi. They overcame unseeded South Korean pair Gaeul Jang and Jaeah Lee in an epic 6-4, 7-6, 10-7 victory. For the boys, singles semi-finalist Khosla proved his mettle by finishing first, partnered by Kazakhstan's Danir Kaldybekov. They defeated Ege Topkoc and singles champion Woohyuk Chang in the final 6-3, 6-3.



Officials Section

March was an interesting month for the Asian officials, with two level 2 schools conducted in Asia. First school took place in Tokyo, Japan for officials budding to become white badge chair umpire and white badge referee. Four officials got White badge –Chair umpire and Four officials got whit badge –referee from Asia region.

Second school took place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 25-29 March 2019 for referees and chief of umpires. This school was again a very successful campaign for the Asian officials with as many as six officials securing white badge-chief of umpires and four getting white badge-Referee.

We wish them all the best in their officiating career. The list of qualified officials in Asia is on an up rise too.

Asian Tennis Tour

Asian Tennis Tour is back. "One Asia One Circuit" offers opportunities for Asian players unprecedented in the past. A simple and effective tour for both Men and Women, structuring 4 different categories of tournaments. A cost-effective circuit should be affordable to conduct in most of the Asian Countries. Asian Tennis Tour caters to the custom needs of Asian Tennis players, which offers handsome prize money and all-important ATT points leading to Asian ranking. The rankings will soon be linked to grant of wildcards into bigger tournaments. Overall a lot in store for the Asian players. The tour kick starts with a Men's US\$ 3000 tournament on 22nd April in Mumbai, India. The first women's ATT tournament will be held in the following week of 29th April 2019 in Pune, India. The ATT promises to have over 50 tournaments lined up during the first year itself.



Upcoming Tournaments- April 2019

- Davis Cup - Asia Oceania Group II, 1st round tie Thailand vs Philippines, Bangkok Thailand
- 12& under Team Competition -West Asia, in Bahrain
- ITF World Junior Tennis Competition (Boys/ Girls)- Final Qualifying, in Malaysia
- Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup- Final Qualifying, Thailand
- Asian Tennis Tour- Inaugural Tournament for Men, Mumbai-India
- Asian Tennis Tour- Inaugural Tournament for Women, Pune-India
- Asian 14 & Under tournament- Tajikistan