



## FACT SHEET

### **ITF ASIAN 14 & UNDER CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 Doha, Qatar (3 – 9 November)**

The Asian Tennis Federation is pleased to announce that the ITF Asian 14 & under Closed Championships 2019 is being hosted and supported by the QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION in Doha, from 3 – 9 November 2019. This is second consecutive year of the Closed Championships, which is the highest category of event in the Asian 14&Under Circuit offering the highest level of ATF ranking points.

The schedule will be as follows:

Arrival Day	Sunday	3 November 2019
Tournament Dates	Monday – Saturday	4 – 9, November 2019
Departure Day	Sunday	10 November 2019

#### **Invited Nations:**

Player's participation is based on All Asian member nations being invited to participate with at least one boy and one girl. **All Players should have Asian passport to compete in the event.**

#### **Based on results of the ITF World Junior Tennis Qualifying Event and ITF Asian 14&U Development Championships 2019:-**

The following nations can enter 2 boys and 2 girls accompanied by one official coach

China	Indonesia	Lebanon	Thailand
Chinese Taipei	Japan	Malaysia	Uzbekistan
Hong Kong	Kazakhstan	Philippines	-
India	Korea Rep.	Sri Lanka	-

The following nations can enter one boy and one girl accompanied by one official coach

Afghanistan	Iraq	Mongolia	Singapore
Bahrain	Jordan	Myanmar	Syria
Bangladesh	Kuwait	Nepal	Tajikistan
Bhutan	Kyrgyzstan	Oman	Turkmenistan
Brunei Darussalam	Lao	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates
Cambodia	Macau	Qatar	Vietnam
Iran	Maldives	Saudi Arabia	Yemen

Qatar being the host nation can enter up to 4 boys and 4 girls in the championships.

**Tournament Venue:** Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex  
Al – Majles Taawon Street, Al Dafna P O Box 4959  
Doha, Qatar  
+974 4440 9666

**Tournament Courts:** 8 (hard courts)

**Practice Courts:** 4 (hard courts)

**Tennis Balls:** TBC

**Hospitality:**

Boarding and Lodging will be provided for each visiting team commencing with dinner on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and ending with the breakfast on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

All the players (of the same gender) will be accommodated in double or triple rooms.

Coaches (of the same gender) will be accommodated in twin-bedded rooms. If any of the coaches' wishes to stay in a Single room they will have to pay half price of the room per night of stay in the hotel.

Please note that when you send the team nomination form, kindly specify if the coach would stay in a Single or in a twin-bedded room.

Additional Federation members and / or parents can book room in the official hotel mentioned below:

**Official Hotel:** Wyndham West Bay Hotel  
Maysaloun Street, Onaiza 63 5649  
Doha, Qatar  
Tel:- +974-4008 7000

**Contact Person** Mr. Mohammed Salman  
**Email** [salman@qatartennis.org](mailto:salman@qatartennis.org)

**Rates**

For Non official members) Single Room – QR 350, Double Room – QR450 and Triple Room – QR550

**Tournament Director:** Mr. Sultan Khalfan [sultan@qatartennis.org](mailto:sultan@qatartennis.org)

**Tournament Referee:** TBC

**ITF Representative:** Mr. Amir Borghei [amirborghei.itf@gmail.com](mailto:amirborghei.itf@gmail.com)

**Tournament Contact:** Mr. Ehab Idris [ehab@qatartennis.org](mailto:ehab@qatartennis.org)

**ATF Contact:** Sunil Gill [sunil.gill@asiantennis.com](mailto:sunil.gill@asiantennis.com)

**Travel Arrangements**

Participating nations will be responsible for their teams travel arrangements. Teams should be arranged to arrive at Hamad International Airport, Doha on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and depart on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**We urge National Associations to make their reservations as early as possible in order to ensure flight availability on the dates specified.**

Please complete the attached travel information form and return it with your Entry Form so that we can arrange for your team to be met on arrival at the Hamad International Airport of Qatar.

### **Visa Requirements**

If you require an invitation letter to obtain a visa, kindly fill up the attached visa application sheet and send it along with the passport copies to **Mr. Mohammad Salman** on [salman@qatartennis.org](mailto:salman@qatartennis.org) with a copy to Sunil Gill at [sunil.gill@asiantennis.com](mailto:sunil.gill@asiantennis.com)

### **Events - Boys and Girls 14 & Under - Singles and Doubles**

Nations may enter players based on the information shown above.

Singles and Doubles events will be played during the events and players **MUST** compete in both events. The singles event will operate with placement matches with all players playing one singles match each day with play off for places 1 to 48. Main draw matches will be 3 set matches with tie breaks in all sets. All doubles and placement matches will be 2 full sets with 10 points match tie break played instead of a third set.

Doubles matches will be played with no advantage rule. No Let rule in service will be followed for all matches.

### **Eligible Players**

As per Appendix A – Age Eligibility Rules of the ITF (Available @ <https://goo.gl/Xn6dcN>) Page 26

“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, if they 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;”

Given this, players born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 & 31 December 2008 are eligible to participate in these Championships provided they have turned 11 years of age at the start of the Championships (i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019). Also, Players should hold Asian Passport to compete in the Championships.

### **ATF Ranking points / IPIN / Tournament Registration**

Players participating in the 14&Under Asian Championships, which has been classed as a Category A Asian 14&Under tournament, will be accorded Asian 14&U ranking points, based on their performance during the event. It is necessary that all players procure an IPIN in order to enter the Championships and all other Asian 14&U circuit events. Please follow this link: <https://ipin.itftennis.com/>.

Players also need to create an ATF account in order to enter Asian 14&under tournaments on-line. Please follow this link: <http://atf.tournamentsoftware.com/>. However, In the case of the Asian Championships, players will be entered into the Championships by the ATF but players would still need to create an ATF account for future tournament registration.

Kindly refer to the guide attached with this communication which explains how to register for an IPIN and how to create an ATF Account.

### **Nomination of Coaches**

The accompanying Coach must be a minimum of 24 years of age prior to the end of the calendar year in which the competition is played (unless approved by the ITF in writing). All coaches **MUST** procure an ITF Players Support Id, to be eligible for participating in the ITF Asia 14&Under Championships. The Player Support Id can be made by following this link on the IYTF Website: <https://playersupport.itftennis.com/home.aspx>

As per the ITF Rules & Regulations governing the team events, Captains will not be allowed to share the rooms with their players.

### **Tournament Committee**

The Tournament Committee will comprise of the Referee, the ITF Representative, the Tournament Director and at least two visiting coaches, and will meet regularly to decide seeding's, conduct the draw and settle any disputes.

### **Event Draw**

Will be conducted by the Referee on the evening preceding the first day of play and every reasonable effort should be made to ensure that all official coaches are present.

### **Singles Events**

The draw sizes of the Championships will be 48 and will be decided based on the number of entries received from the invited National Federations and the allocation per nation outlined above.

ATF 14&under points will be awarded to each player in each singles and Doubles as per the point structure of a Category A event.

### **Doubles Pairings**

Players must pair with players from their own nation if the nation has 2 players entered in the event. Nations with only one player competing may form doubles pairings with another nation having only one entered player. The doubles will be run on a knock-out basis.

### **Coaching**

As this is not a team event, no coaching is permitted during matches in accordance with the rules of tennis.

### **Waiver of Claims**

All players entering ATF 14&under junior circuit agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against the ATF, the tournament organisers, and the regional association or national associations sanctioning such events, with respect to any injuries, however caused, or any losses incurred, while travelling to and from, or participating in any ATF 14&under junior circuit. **It is therefore recommended that all players have adequate medical insurance cover, which cannot be provided by the ITF/ATF, the host national association or the local organiser.** Neither the ATF, the host national association, local organiser or the regional association can accept any responsibility for providing players with such insurance cover.

### **Entries**

Please send the entries **by email** to the ATF office at [sunil.gill@asiantennis.com](mailto:sunil.gill@asiantennis.com).

**Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form – entries close on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**