



Dear President,
Dear Secretary General,

I hope all is well at your end.

Asian Tennis Federation is pleased to announce the launch of ATF 16 & under circuit from 2nd May 2022.

The new ATF initiative will take forward the Junior Development and will help bridge the gap between the 14& under circuit and the highly competitive ITF Junior circuit, leading to the ITF World Tennis Tour. The young Asian players would be better prepared for participation in ITF Junior and ITF World Tennis Tour.

ATF 16 & under circuit will run in conjunction with the ATF 14 & under circuit, already running successfully for past many years.

BRIEF INSIGHT INTO THE 16 & UNDER CIRCUIT

The circuit would be open for the players with valid ATF account and IPIN. The players will receive ATF 16 & under ranking points as specified in the rules. The ranking would be a 52 week roll over ranking and the points earned will remain for 52 weeks. It will work on the same basis as of the current ATF 14 & under ranking.

CIRCUIT STRUCTURE.

1. Category “1” Tournaments (with hospitality)
2. Category “2” Tournaments (without hospitality)

Category “2” tournaments

These tournaments would be allocated to the nations who want to run these tournaments. There would be no requirement of providing hospitality to the players. A nation can do maximum of 5 of these Category “2” tournaments in a calendar year.

Category “1”+H tournaments

These tournaments would be allocated to the nations who want to run these tournaments. The players have to be provided hospitality at this level of tournaments. There are 4 different options available to the nations to choose from to fulfil the obligation of providing hospitality. For 2022 a nation would be allowed to host only 3 Category 1 tournaments.

Since there would be a cap of maximum of 5 Category “2” tournaments per nation for the year 2022. Any further tournaments to be done by the nations would be only category “1” +H tournaments at the discretion of ATF office.

The cap would be increased in the coming years after the circuit expands over the years.

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SANCTION FEES

The fees payable to ATF for sanctioning the tournament would be as follows:

- Grade “2”- USD 150
- Grade “1”- USD 300

ENTRY FEES

Players would be required to pay an entry fees for participating in the tournaments. The entry would be payable by both main draw and qualifying players. This entry fees will cover participation in singles, doubles and consolation events.

- Grade “2”- USD 45
- Grade “1”- USD 55

The ATF office will receive USD 10 from the above entry fees towards administration charges. Rest would be available to organisers.

MATCH FORMAT

At all level of tournaments the singles qualifying and consolation singles matches will be played with 2 tie break sets and a ten point match tie break at one set all, with normal ad scoring at deuce.

Singles main draw matches will be played best of 3 tie break sets. Normal ad scoring will be followed for singles.

All doubles matches will be played with 2 tie break sets and a ten point match tie break at one set all with no ad scoring, at all levels of tournaments.

No Let rule in service would be followed in singles and doubles.

DRAW SIZES

The singles main draw size would be limited to 32 for both boys and girls in all tournaments. The qualifying draw size can be chosen from 32, 48, 64.

Doubles draw would be 16, with no qualifying.

ACCEPTANCES

Singles Main Draw

Position	32 Draw
DA[Direct Entry]	16 (18*)
SE [Special exempt]	0-2*
Wild Card[Organizers]	4
Wild Card [ATF]	2
Q [Qualifier] and seeds	8

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Singles Qualifying Draw & Doubles

Position	16 draw	24 draw	32 draw	48 draw	64 draw
DA[Direct Entry]	12	19	26-24	41-38	56-52
Wild Card [Organizers]	4	5	5	6	7
Wild Card[ATF]			1	1	1

Doubles will be a draw of 16, with 12 direct acceptances and 4 wild cards to be allocated by the organisers.

CONSOLATION EVENT

All players losing in the singles first round will be automatically placed in the consolation draw. There will be no sign in for this. Players not winning any match will be awarded 0 points. Match won by Walk over or bye shall be counted as a match won for earning points.

RANKING POINTS

The Main Draw Singles points will be awarded as follows:

Position	Grade 1	Grade 2
1	600	300
2	500	250
3	400	200
4	300	150
5	240	120
6	200	100
7	160	80
8	130	65
9	100	50
10	90	45
11	80	40
12	70	35
13	60	30
14	50	25
15	40	20
16	34	17
17	30	15
18	28	14
19	26	13
20	24	12
21	22	11
22	20	10

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23	18	9
24	16	8
25	14	7
26	12	6
27	10	5
28	8	4
29	6	3
30	4	2
31	2	1
32	0	0

Point allocation for doubles/ player

Round	Grade 1	Grade 2
Winner	400	200
Runners Up	240	120
Semi Finalist	160	80
Quarter Finalist	100	50
Round of 16	0	0

#Combined Ranking = Singles Points + 25% Doubles Points

ORDER OF ACCEPTANCE OF PLAYERS

The order of merit

For Singles

1. Asian 16 & under ranking
2. ITF 18 world tour ranking
3. National 16 & under ranking
4. Unranked

There would be no Asian 16 & under ranking for the first tournament or for some of the initial tournaments. However, we would like to give these rankings more importance from the beginning it self and will use the 2nd and 3rd priority in that case.

ONLINE SYSTEM TO BE FOLLOWED

All the entries, withdrawals, and rankings will be maintained on line as in the case of under 14 circuit. The players will have to have a valid IPIN and an ATF account to be able to enter the tournament. This would be required for the Wild cards and the Organisers acceptance of players as well. Any player without a valid IPIN or valid ATF account will NOT be accepted in any draws. The ATF accounts created by players for participating the ATF 14 & under circuit will be valid for ATF 16 & under circuit.

OFFICIATING REQUIREMENTS

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A white badge referee must be appointed to supervise the tournament. Chair umpires are to be provided from Quarter finals in Category 1 events and from Semi final onwards for category 2 events. No requirements to have ball kids or line umpires. Court supervisors must be provided in qualifying rounds and initial rounds of main draws to help the supervisor.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Entry deadline will be 21 days on Monday , prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

Withdrawal deadline would be 13 days, prior to the Monday of the tournament week

Freeze deadline would be Thursday 10:00 .

Qualifying Sign in will be held on Saturday, 16:00-18:00 on site

Main Draw sign in will be held on Monday 16:00-18:00 on site

Double Sign in deadline will be 14:00 on Monday (1 day prior to the singles Main Draw starting).

I am also including the 2022 ATF 16 & under rule book for your ready reference.

ATF would request your kind cooperation in spreading the launch of the circuit amongst your players, and to host the events as and when possible to make the circuit grow .

I would be happy to provide any further information on the ATF 16 & under circuit.

Take care and stay safe.

Warm regards

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