



# **ITF Asian Junior Championships 2023**

# supported by the GSPDP

# ITF/ATF are pleased to announce the launch of the Asian Junior Championships from 2023.

After the cementing of the ATF 14 & Under circuit, the Development Championships and the exceedingly good performances by Asian 14 and under kids, we believe it is the right time to provide a launch pad to the top players in the form of an Asian Junior Championships, which would be like a year-end Masters event.

Top Asian players would get the chance to compete in a week-long tournament, which would give them the highest number of ATF 14 & under points, and another opportunity to excel at the highest levels.

# **Insight into the tournament**

# DATES: 4th - 8th September, 2023

## **DRAW SIZE**

We should select 24 boys and 24 girls. Singles draw will be monrad draw of 24 (32 with 8 byes) and doubles will be knockout draw of 12 (16 with 4 byes).

## **NUMBER OF DAYS**

The tournament should have 5 match days with 1 practice day before the start of the event. Hospitality starts with dinner on the practice day and ends with breakfast on the day after the event.

#### **HOSPITALITY**

The host nation would be required to provide a minimum of 7 days of hospitality on a twin-room basis for player and coaches of the same gender (players and coaches not to share the room). Full board would be included in the hospitality. All transport arrangements, including airport transfers and hotel to the site will be part of the host nation's responsibility.

#### **ATF 14&U RANKINGS POINTS**

The ranking points offered are the highest points at ATF 14 & under circuit, substantially higher than the Grade A singles winner. The new Category of points know as Grade ZX is the highest category at ATF 14 & under circuit.

Position	Singles Points	Position	Singles Points	Position	Doubles points (25% of singles ranking points)
1	1500	13	200	Winner	375
2	1250	14	180	Runner-up	313
3	1000	15	160	Semi finalist	250
4	900	16	140	Quarters	225
5	800	17	120	Round 16	200
6	750	18	110		
7	700	19	80		
8	650	20	60		
9	500	21	50		
10	400	22	45		
11	300	23	40		
12	250	24	30		

## **MATCH FORMAT**

Singles main draw matches will be the best of 3 tie break sets with the no let rule on serve. All placement and doubles matches will consist of 2 tie break sets and a 10 points match tie break at one set all with no ad system of scoring and the no let rule.

#### SELECTION OF PLAYERS

A total of 24 players will be selected on the following basis

# **Performance at ATF Grade A events**

10 boys and 10 girls to be selected based on their performance in all the Grade A events of the year. Combined points (singles and doubles) earned by the players in these Grade A events will be the basis for selection.

## ATF 14&U Rankings

12 boys and 12 girls will be selected on the basis of the ATF 14&U rankings, 5 weeks prior to the first day of the tournament.

In the event that a player is eligible for selection based on both the ATF 14&U rankings and his/her performance at Grade A events, then first priority selection will be based on performance at Grade A events, and the next eligible player in line would be based on ATF 14 & under rankings.

## Wild Card Entry

Host nation would be entitled to nominate wild cards for 1 boy and 1 girl (subject to approval from the ATF). In addition, ATF shall assign another two wild cards (1 boy and 1 girl).

Wild card may be offered to players performing exceeding well at tournaments like Road to Wimbledon, Road to Roland Garros etc.

## **COACHES**

Each nation can appoint one coach for the tournament who will be provided with hospitality as mentioned above.

## **Travel Grant**

Each player will be entitled to a travel grant of USD 500 for participating at the tournament. Travel grant will not be given to players from host nations if they reside within 200 km of the venue of the tournament. The grant will be distributed to the player in cash on site.

# Additional benefits to the participating players: -

#### a. ITF 14U Team to Florida 2023

- a. 1 boy and 1 girl based on the standings
- b. The number 1 placed boy and girl will be offered a position in the Team
- c. If they are unable to join, the offer will be made to the number 2 boy or girl

# b. ITF/ATF team – Start of 2024

- a. 1 boy and 1 girl would be invited to the regional team in January 2024 based on the standings
- b. The offer will be made to players in order of placement at the tournament
- c. Any player selected for the Team to Florida as above will not be eligible for selection under this criterion. We want to bring more players on the development platform, so will distribute opportunity to more players.

# c. Elite 14&U Asia-Pacific Trophy in Australia

- a. 1 boy and 1 girl would be invited to the Elite trophy in January 2024
- b. If a player selected becomes ineligible due to age restrictions, the next player in line would be selected
- c. The offer will be made to players in order of placement at the tournament
- d. Any player selected for the Team to Florida or Team to India as above will not be eligible for selection under this criterion. We want to bring more players on the development platform, so will distribute the opportunity to more players.

## d. Wild cards (TBC)

The arrangement for Wild cards is still underway, but we are hopeful that we would be able to offer some WC to top players at ITF Juniors in Asia.

## **ENTRY FEE**

USD 70 per player can be charged by the organisers. This would be combined for both singles and doubles.