



ITF ASIA 14 & UNDER DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025
Regional Qualifying Event – South, Southeast and East Asia
Colombo, Sri Lanka (13th – 23rd January)

The International Tennis Federation, in conjunction with the Asian Tennis Federation, is pleased to announce the 2025 edition of the **ITF Asia 14 & Under Development Championships**, Regional Qualifying Event of South, Southeast and East Asia, which will be held in Sri Lanka from 13 to 23 January 2025. Each week of the Championships is equivalent to a Category 1 ATF event for the awarding of Asian 14 & under ranking points to the players.

The Championships will incorporate a practice day followed by two 5-day tournaments, all at the same venue. Following is a tentative schedule:

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| Players Arrive: | Day One (Saturday) | 11 Jan |
| Practice day: | Day Two (1 Day) | 12- Jan |
| First Tournament: | Day Three – Day Seven (5 Days) | 13-17 Jan |
| Rest Day: | Day Eight | 18 Jan |
| Second Tournament: | Day Nine – Day Thirteen (5 Days) | 19-23 Jan |
| Players Depart: | Day Fourteen | 24 Jan |

Invited Nations:

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| 1. Bangladesh | 6. Macau | 11. Singapore |
| 2. Bhutan | 7. Mongolia | 12. Sri Lanka |
| 3. Brunei | 8. Nepal | 13. Timor Leste |
| 4. Cambodia | 9. Pakistan | |
| 5. Laos | 10. Philippines | |

Tournament Venue: Sri Lanka Tennis Association,
No 45, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha,
Colombo 007070, Sri Lanka
(+94) 70533 4062
Email: sltennis@slt.net.lk

Tournament Courts: 8 clay courts

Tennis Ball: Babolat – Gold Championship

Hospitality:

Lodging and meals will be provided only to the official teams commencing with dinner on Saturday, 11th January 2025 and ending with breakfast on Friday, 24th January 2025. All players (of the same gender) shall be accommodated in double rooms.

Coaches (of the same gender) shall be accommodated in double rooms. If any of the coaches wish to stay in a single room (depending on availability), they will have to pay any extra relevant costs.

Please note that when you send the Players' nomination form you should also specify if the coach will stay in a single or in a double room.

Travel Grant: A partial travel grant shall be provided to all visiting teams and NAs shall receive a separate communication on the same.

Official Hotel: **Sofia Colombo City Hotel**
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Single Room – USD 100 (Half Board), Double Room – USD 110 (Half Board)

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Travel Arrangements

Participating teams are responsible for their own travel arrangements. Teams should arrange to arrive in Colombo on Saturday, 11th January and depart on the morning of Friday, 24th January, 2025, if possible.

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 in the Airport. If you are not arriving by flight, please advise us of your alternative travel plans.

Visa Requirements

<https://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/visainfo/shortvisit.jsp>

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

Invited countries can send 4 players (2 boys and 2 girls per team) and one team coach (Total 5 people). Any other officials attending will have to pay for their own travel, accommodation and meals.

Singles and Doubles events will be played, and players must compete in both events.

Eligible Players

Players for these Championships in 2025, must have been born between **1st January 2011 to 13th January 2014** and **must have reached their 11th birthday on or before the start of the Single Main Draw, until the year player turns 14 years of age (i.e. 13th January 2025).**

ATF Ranking points / IPIN / Tournament Registration

Players participating in the regional qualifying event of the ITF Asia 14 & Under Development Championships, which has been classed as a Category 1 Asian 14 & under tournament, will be accorded Asian 14&U ranking points, based on their performance during the Championships. In case the draw size is less than 16, the points will be reduced to 50%.

It is necessary that all players procure an IPIN to enter the Championships. Please follow this link: <https://ipin.itftennis.com/>.

Players are also required to create an ATF account to enter Asian 14 & under tournaments online. Please follow this link: <http://atf.hitcourt.com/>. **However, in the case of this event, players will be entered into the Championships by the ATF office, but players would still need to create an ATF account for future tournament registration.**

Nomination of Coaches

The Captain 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).

The captain shall hold a valid **ITF Player Support Team ID** and is required to have a coaching qualification recognized by their National Association. The captain must complete the [Introduction to Safeguarding Children course](#) on the ITF Academy before traveling with their team to the Championships.

The Player Support Team ID can be made by following this link on the ITF Website: <https://playersupport.itftennis.com/home.aspx>

Practice Day

A practice day will take place prior to the first tournament. Teams may organise their own practice and courts will be pre-allocated by nation.

Event Draw

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

Tournament Conditions

All singles matches will be the Best of Three Tie-Break Sets. In Doubles a 10 point match tie break will be played at one set all. All placement matches will have 2 short sets and a 10 point match ties break at one set all. No ad scoring will be followed only in doubles. The NO LET rule will in place during service at all matches.

Scoring System

“Short” sets and/or ‘No-Ad’ system of scoring: Can be used if necessary due to shortage of time (i.e. due to rain etc) for feed-in placement matches only.

Singles Events

Will be a maximum draw of 32, if possible, with eight seeded players each receiving a bye into the second round. The singles will be conducted on a feed-in placement basis whereby each player will play one singles match each day resulting in a ranking of all the players from 1 – 32 at the end of the tournament. Note: According to ATF Circuit regulations, players need to win a match to earn a point in the tournament. No points will be accorded in either Singles or Doubles unless a player wins a match.

Doubles Pairings

Must be from the same nation but only the nations with odd numbers of players can form doubles pairings. 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 the Championships agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against the ITF, 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 ITF junior circuit. **It is therefore recommended that all players have adequate medical insurance cover, which cannot be provided by either the ITF, the host national association or the local organiser.** Neither the ITF, the host national association, local organiser or the regional association can accept any responsibility for providing players with such insurance cover.

ITF Team

An ITF team will be selected from each of the regional qualifying events. The players, based on their individual performance, in the regional qualifying events will be part of the ITF team and will play at the Finals in same year i.e. 2025. This means:

- 1 ITF Team from West & Central Asia (2 top boys + 2 top girls + 1 coach)
- 1 ITF Team from South, South East & South East Asia (2 top boys + 2 top girls + 1 coach)

A maximum of 50% of the ITF Team can be from the same country. Accordingly, a maximum of 1 boy & 1 girl OR 2 girls OR 2 boys are permitted from the same country, and it will be merit based.

Country Ranking

Each nation's standing will be calculated at the end of the event. The standing of each nation would be based on the best 3 individual results in singles and the best 3 individual results in doubles, combined for both tournaments (it means the combined points of maximum three singles players and three players of doubles would be added to arrive at the final points of a nation). Should a nation not select any female/male players on their team, then only the best 2 results in singles and the best 2 individual results in doubles will count towards the nation's ranking.

If the tournament is interrupted for whatever reason and the doubles event cannot be finished, then all points acquired up to that time will be counted.

The winning nation of the regional qualifying event of ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships will be awarded a trophy (which the Federation may keep).

Promotion rules: (reviewed on a yearly basis)

- a) Top Two (2) nations from the WCA and top two (2) nations from the SA/SEA/EA qualifying events of 2025 will be promoted to the Finals of 2026

Relegation rules:

- a) The number of nations relegated from the 2025 Finals to the 2026 regional events will be determined by the ITF and ATF after the completion of the 2025 regional events and announced before the start of 2025 Finals
- b) The relegated teams will go down to their respective regional qualifying event in 2026

- c) Any team that is a no-show at the 2025 Finals will automatically be placed at the bottom of the standings and relegated to the 2026 regional qualifying events
- If more than one nation is a no-show, the order of placement at the bottom will be decided by a draw

Entries

Please send your entry by email at sunil.gill@asiantennis.com

Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form – entries close on Monday, 16th December 2024