



# INFORMATION & ENTRY FORM

## ITF/CAT African Closed Junior 18 & Under Championships 2013 - Grade B2

ORGANIZED BY  
THE CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN TENNIS (CAT)  
In conjunction with the  
INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION (ITF)  
And  
TENNIS SOUTH AFRICA (TSA)

From 18 to 23 February 2013

ENTRY DEADLINE:  
**TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2013**

**THIS TOURNAMENT IS INCLUDED  
IN THE 2013 ITF JUNIOR  
CALENDAR**

The ITF/CAT African Junior 18 & under Closed Championships 2013 will take place from **18 to 23 February 2013 in South Africa.**

### **Date & Venue:**

From 18 to 23 February 2013 at the University of Potchefstroom – South Africa, located at 100 km from the Johannesburg International Airport.

### **Number of Courts & Surface:**

12 Tennis Court – Hard

### **Participation Eligibility:**

The ITF Junior African Championship is opened to African players of both Genders, playing under the jurisdiction of their National Federations affiliated to the ITF and the CAT, holding a passport from an African country, born between the **1<sup>st</sup> January 1995 and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000** and had reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday before the Championships starting date, that is the 18 February 2013.

### **Information about the Championships:**

Date: 18 to 23 February 2013

Format of the Competition: Feed-In Format

Venue: University of Potchefstroom – South Africa

Organiser: Helene Botha, Private Bag x 6001, Potchefstroom 2520 South Africa.

Email: helene.botha@nwu.ac.za

Tel: +27 18 29 24 061

Email: riaan.venter@nwu.ac.za

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Address: Fanie du Toit Sports Grounds, Meyer Street

Arrival date of players and coaches: 17 February 2013.

Hospitality: Full hospitality for all participants for the duration of the Championships.

Lodging: City Lodge Hotel

Reservation through: Ester-ester@playrsa.co.za

All hotel reservations to be made on or before 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

Telephone: +27769775626

Room Rates per person:

Single Room: 850 R = 100\$

Triple Room: 550 R = 65\$

Accommodation: the coaches will be accommodated in single rooms and the players in triple rooms. The boys and girls will be accommodated in separate areas of the hotel. There will be no exception to this rule. Coaches should stay next to their team members at the hotel. They will be in charge to supervise them and they are entirely responsible for their behavior.

The accommodation and meals will be provided for official players and coaches from lunch on Sunday 17 February until the breakfast of Sunday 24 February 2013.

Entry fee: 65 \$ per player

Referee for the Championships:

Mr Iain Smith – South Africa

Tel: 27 83 944 3973

Email: ismith@satennis.co.za

Director for the Championships:

Mr Riaan Venter – South Africa

Tel: +27 824509079

Email: riaan.venter@nwu.ac.za

#### **Acceptance of players and entry methods:**

- There is no Qualifications draw for the African Closed Junior Championships.
- Main draw for the girls as well as the boys :  
48 players
- Direct acceptance: 34 (based on the ITF Junior Ranking that will appear on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013).
- Wild Cards:
  - Host nation (South Africa) : 4 Wild Cards
  - ITF/CAT Wild Cards: 10 Wild Cards, fairly distributed to each of the 5 African Zones (2 W.C per Zone).

The ITF/CAT will accept the entries made through the National Federation and entered in the attached form, for a Maximum of 5 boys and 5 girls per country based on the ITF Junior ranking that will appear on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

Allowance to points for the ITF Junior Ranking:

<b><u>Singles :</u></b>	<b><u>Doubles :</u></b>
- Winner : 120 points	- Winner : 80 points
- Runner Up : 80 points	- Runner Up : 60 points
- ½ Finalists : 60 points	- ½ Finalists : 40 points
- ¼ Finalists : 40 points	- ¼ de Finalists : 25 points
- Losing in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round : 25 points	- Losing in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round : 10 points
- Losing in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round : 10 points	

No points for the ITF ranking will be awarded to a player in either singles or doubles until he/she played and won at least one match.

#### **Entry Deadline:**

The entries must be sent to the CAT no later than **Tuesday 22 January 2013 at 14:00 GMT**. Please note that entries must be completed through the official entry form. **NO ENTRY RECEIVED AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE WILL BE ACCPETED.**

Entries must be sent to the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) by Email or by Fax to the following addresses:

**Mr. Hichem Riani**, CAT General Manager:

Email : rianihichem@yahoo.fr & cat@cattennis.com

**Ms. Issem Essais**, CAT Administrator:

Email : issemessais@hotmail.com

**Fax** : +216 71 84 10 45

### **South Africa ITF Junior tournaments – Grade 2:**

It is important to mention that the Tennis South Africa organizes also **Two (02) ITF Junior Open tournaments in Poteschefstroom, Grade 2** during the weeks following the African Closed Championships. The information sheets related to these tournaments are found on the ITF website: <http://www.itftennis.com/juniors/tournaments/tournament/info.aspx?tournamentid=1100028099>  
We advise you to carefully study this form and if you wish to enter Junior players to these tournaments, please enter them on line no later than **29 January 2013** for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tournament and **5 February 2013** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament.

### **Championships Committee:**

- The referee.
- 2 ITF/CAT Representatives
- 1 Representative from Tennis South Africa
- 3 accompanying team coaches (one representing the English speaking nations, 1 for the French speaking nations and 1 for the Arabic speaking nations).

The committee will assist the referee in making the draw for the events and will thereafter meet to establish the Championships program and settle any disputes. It will also decide on all matters concerning the rules and regulations.

### **Team trophy:**

The regulations regarding the teams' trophy and the ranking per nation will be sent to you at a later date.

### **General Rules:**

1. All main draw events will be at the best of three sets and the tie-break system will operate in all sets.
2. The ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct will be in force at the events and the competition will be played in accordance with the rules of the ITF.
3. If a player fails to appear on the court within 15 minutes after his/her match is called, he/she will be disqualified
4. Customary dress code will be enforced
5. In entering the tournament, the players automatically grant, and without compensation, to the ITF and/or the Host nation and/or sponsors the right in perpetuity to use and to show pictures of him/her taken during the competition without compensation.
6. An Identity card or passport showing the date of birth for each player must be presented to the referee prior to the draw being made. Any player not complying with the age of eligibility outlined above will not be able to participate in the competition. In addition, any nation found to be in breach of this age eligibility rule will be eliminated from the competition and will face disciplinary action from the ITF.
7. The entry forms with the name and date of birth of each player, must necessarily reach the CAT offices in Tunis no later than **Tuesday 22 January 2013 at 14:00.**
8. Any withdrawals must be submitted in writing direct to the ITF Development Department by fax (+44 (0)20 8392 4742) and to the CAT – Fax: +216 71 84 10 45.  
Please note the following regulation that applies for the 18 and under events only: Players, withdrawing less than **fourteen** days prior to the scheduled start of the tournament (singles main draw) will be penalized in accordance with the ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct, unless the withdrawal is made for reason of health or bereavement.  
In the event of withdrawal due to illness or injury, a medical certificate must be received to the ITF within 21 days of the player's withdrawal.

### **Travel and Visas for South Africa:**

**Travel:** All participating nations must make their own travel arrangements

**Visas:** Travelling teams are responsible for obtaining their entry visas for South Africa in advance of their travel, if applicable. No assistance can be given by the ITF/CAT in obtaining visas. If you require visa invitation letters, please contact Anette Terry at Tennis South Africa at the following email: [juniors@tennissa.co.za](mailto:juniors@tennissa.co.za)

You must obtain visas prior to departure; otherwise the player(s) concerned will be refused entry to South Africa and will be deported immediately. In the event that this happens, your Federation will be responsible for any costs that may be incurred.