

# **The ITF/CAT African Junior Circuit**

## **Rules and Regulations**

### **(Updated on December 2010)**

## **1. Ownership and Rights**

### **General**

The ITF/CAT African Junior Circuit is a series of junior tournaments and is owned and managed by the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) under the authority of the International Tennis Federation (ITF). The ownership includes all international sponsorship rights for the Circuit.

The management of the Circuit is primarily conducted by the CAT Development Committee.

## **2. Tournaments, Applications and Sanctioning**

### **Definition of a Tournament**

The African Junior Circuit consists of individual junior tournaments for the following Age Groups: 14 & Under (14&U) and 12 & Under (12&U), organised in any of the CAT Member Nations.

Tournaments shall include Events in both Age Groups (14&U and 12&U).

In each Age Group the following Events must be organised:

- Boys Singles
- Girls Singles
- Boys Doubles
- Girls Doubles

The Singles events consist of a Main Draw (BS, GS) and if necessary a Qualifying Draw (BSQ, GSQ). The Doubles events consist of a Main Draw only (BD, GD).

All African 14 & U and 12 & U tournaments of the Circuits shall have a feed-in system in all singles draws. The doubles events will be run on a knock-out basis

### **Tournament organisers**

The tournaments may be organised by National Associations, affiliated clubs or other organisers and must be approved by the applicable National Association. Only CAT Member Nations may apply for a tournament to be included in the ITF/CAT African Junior Circuit.

### **Tournament applications**

In supplying an application the National Association confirms that the conditions for the organisation of the tournament will be satisfactorily and undertakes to ensure that the conditions continue to meet the requirements until the tournament is satisfactorily completed. This includes not only that the tournament follows all applicable rules and has the staff and infrastructure to reasonably complete the event, but also to confirm that the Referee of the tournament has the required qualification to officiate at the event, including the ability to converse in English.

### **Applications must include the following:**

- National Association, Contact person at National Association, Contact details
- Organising entity (club, etc), Contact person, Contact details
- Title of tournament, City,
- Venue, Address details
- Number of courts, surface
- Draw sizes
- Hospitality / Hotel

### **Fact Sheets**

Sanctioned tournaments must complete a Fact Sheet providing all necessary information for the players (in addition to the data above, also transport and hotel information, visa requirements, etc).

All Fact Sheet details are to be supplied online no later than 10 weeks before the Tournament week.

The Fact Sheets details will be published on the CAT website once checked and approved by the CAT which should be no later than 8 weeks before the Tournament week.

### 3. Circuit Structure

#### Grades

Tournaments are rated in Grades according to past and present strength of the player field and organisational standards. The African Circuit is divided into the Grades: A, B, 1 and 2.

There are four Grades of events:

- Grade A: The Top level events: The African Junior Championships (AJC).
- . Grade B: The Warm up of the AJC and the African Masters Event
- . Grade 1: Established events of proven quality and level of entries
- . Grade 2: The African Zones Championships, established events with medium level of quality and entries and new Events

Grade A and B are not used for 12 & Under events.

The CAT will rate all events on an annual basis and this rating forms part of the criteria when assigning the Grade of an event based on the Tournament application.

*An event may be downgraded to a lower Grade if not satisfactorily organised or if the level of players are below the criteria for a Grade.*

### 4. Player requirements and age eligibility

In entering, signing-in and/or playing in an ITF/CAT African Junior Circuit event, the players agrees to be aware of and to abide by the Rules of Tennis as approved by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), the ITF Code of Conduct and the Regulations of the African circuit

#### Age restrictions and eligibility

##### 14 & Under:

Players are allowed to play in a 14 & Under event from the year they turn 11 years of age, and have reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw until the year the players turns 14 years of age.

For 2011 this means players born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2000 (and have reached age of 11).

Year	Date of Birth
2011	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1997 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2000 and have reached their 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of a tournament
2012	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1998 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001 and have reached their 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of a tournament
2013	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1999 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2002 and have reached their 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of a tournament
2014	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2000 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2003 and have reached their 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of a tournament

##### 12 & Under:

Players are allowed to play in a 12 & Under event from the year they turn 10 years of age, and have reached their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw, until the year the players turns 12 years of age.

For 2011 this means players born between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 2001 (and have reached age of 10).

Year	Date of Birth
2011	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1999 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001 and have reached their 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of a tournament
2012	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2000 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2002 and have reached their 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of a tournament
2013	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2001 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2003 and have reached their 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of a tournament
2014	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2002 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2004 and have reached their 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw of a tournament

## 5. Regulation

- a) All African 14 & U and 12 & U tournaments of the ITF/CAT Junior Circuit shall have a feed-in system in all singles draws.
- b) All African 14 & U and 12 & U tournaments will have a maximum of 32 players main draw and 16 players qualifying draw field.
- c) The Competition shall take place in accordance with the ITF Junior competition rules as well as its Code of Conduct.
- d) In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the above Regulations.

In submitting an entry in one of the tournaments of the Circuits, a player undertakes to commit to abide by and be bound by the above Regulations.

## 6. Ranking

### 14 & Under Age category:

#### a) Tournaments' Ranking

Players will earn a combined ranking of Singles and Doubles points, like the ITF Juniors tournaments. b)

#### Players' Ranking

A ranking of the players shall be compiled on the basis of points earned in their best five (5) individual singles and doubles results.

The player's Ranking is established on a rollover basis, i.e. taking into consideration the results of the last 52 weeks.

The players' ranking will be used for seeding purposes in a given tournament. The CAT Office will publish regularly the rankings on its website and the Organisers are responsible for obtaining the required rankings.

Non African players participating in the African 14 & U Tournaments shall earn points and will be ranked accordingly.

### 12 & Under Age Category:

According to ITF Age Eligibility rules, players aged 12 and under must not be ranked. For all 12 & Under Draws, the seeding of players will be done by the ITF/CAT seeding commission based on the results of previous competitions and any information that might be available at the time of the seeding.

**NB: Players from the 12 & under Age category can participate to the 14 & under Single's draw of the same event, under the discretion of the host nation and after the approval of the CAT.**

## 7. Method of Ranking

### Allocation of Points:

#### Point Table - Individual Tournaments for 14 & Under:

Points will be awarded in each singles event as follows:

#### Grade A: African 14 & U Junior Championships

##### Singles:

1<sup>st</sup> – 250 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 180 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 130 ; 4<sup>th</sup> – 120 ; 5<sup>th</sup> – 100 ; 6<sup>th</sup> – 95 ; 7<sup>th</sup> – 90 ; 8<sup>th</sup> – 80 ; 9<sup>th</sup> – 60 ; 10<sup>th</sup> – 58 ; 11<sup>th</sup> – 56 ; 12<sup>th</sup> – 54 ; 13<sup>th</sup> – 53 ; 14<sup>th</sup> – 52 ; 15<sup>th</sup> – 51 ; 16<sup>th</sup> – 50 ; 17<sup>th</sup> – 30 ; 18<sup>th</sup> – 28 ; 19<sup>th</sup> – 26 ; 20<sup>th</sup> – 24 ; 21<sup>st</sup> – 22 ; 22<sup>nd</sup> – 20 ; 23<sup>rd</sup> – 18 ; 24<sup>th</sup> – 16 ; 25<sup>th</sup> – 14 ; 26<sup>th</sup> – 12 ; 27<sup>th</sup> – 10 ; 28<sup>th</sup> – 8 ; 29<sup>th</sup> – 6 ; 30<sup>th</sup> – 4 ; 31<sup>st</sup> – 2 ; 32<sup>nd</sup> – 0

##### Doubles :

Winner: 180 – Runner up: 120 - ½ Finalists: 80 - ¼ Finalists: 50 – Last 16: 30

(For each player)

#### Grade B: Warm Up 14 & U of the African Junior Championships

##### Singles:

1<sup>st</sup> – 180; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 120; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 90; 4<sup>th</sup> – 80; 5<sup>th</sup> – 75; 6<sup>th</sup> – 70; 7<sup>th</sup> – 65; 8<sup>th</sup> – 60; 9<sup>th</sup> – 40; 10<sup>th</sup> – 38; 11<sup>th</sup> – 36; 12<sup>th</sup> – 35; 13<sup>th</sup> – 34; 14<sup>th</sup> – 33; 15<sup>th</sup> – 32; 16<sup>th</sup> – 30; 17<sup>th</sup> – 20; 18<sup>th</sup> – 18; 19<sup>th</sup> – 16; 20<sup>th</sup> – 14; 21<sup>st</sup> – 12; 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10; 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9; 24<sup>th</sup> – 8; 25<sup>th</sup> – 7; 26<sup>th</sup> – 6; 27<sup>th</sup> – 5; 28<sup>th</sup> – 4; 29<sup>th</sup> – 3; 30<sup>th</sup> – 2; 31<sup>st</sup> – 1; 32<sup>nd</sup> – 0.

**Doubles:**

Winners: 120; Runners up: 80; ½ Finalists: 60; ¼ Finalists: 30  
(For each player)

**African 14 & Under Masters:**

1<sup>st</sup> : 180 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> : 120; 3<sup>rd</sup> :90 ; 4<sup>th</sup> : 80; 5<sup>th</sup> : 75 ; 6<sup>th</sup> : 70 ; 7<sup>th</sup> : 65 ; 8<sup>th</sup> : 60.

**Grade 1:**

**Singles:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 120 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 100 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 80 ; 4<sup>th</sup> – 75 ; 5<sup>th</sup> – 65 ; 6<sup>th</sup> – 60 ; 7<sup>th</sup> – 55 ; 8<sup>th</sup> – 50 ; 9<sup>th</sup> – 40 ; 10<sup>th</sup> – 38; 11<sup>th</sup> – 36; 12<sup>th</sup> – 35; 13<sup>th</sup> – 34; 14<sup>th</sup> – 33; 15<sup>th</sup> – 32; 16<sup>th</sup> – 30; 17<sup>th</sup> – 20; 18<sup>th</sup> – 18; 19<sup>th</sup> – 16; 20<sup>th</sup> – 14; 21<sup>st</sup> – 12; 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10; 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9; 24<sup>th</sup> – 8; 25<sup>th</sup> – 7; 26<sup>th</sup> – 6; 27<sup>th</sup> – 5; 28<sup>th</sup> – 4; 29<sup>th</sup> – 3; 30<sup>th</sup> – 2; 31<sup>st</sup> – 1; 32<sup>nd</sup> – 0.

**Doubles**

Winners: 100; Runners up: 75; ½ Finalists: 50; ¼ Finalists: 30  
(For Each player)

**Grade 2:**

**Including African 14 & Under Zones' Championships:**

**Singles:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 80 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 60 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 45 ; 4<sup>th</sup> – 40 ; 5<sup>th</sup> – 35 ; 6<sup>th</sup> – 33 ; 7<sup>th</sup> – 31 ; 8<sup>th</sup> – 30 ; 9<sup>th</sup> – 27 ; 10<sup>th</sup> – 26 ; 11<sup>th</sup> – 25 ; 12<sup>th</sup> – 24 ; 13<sup>th</sup> – 23 ; 14<sup>th</sup> – 22 ; 15<sup>th</sup> – 21 ; 16<sup>th</sup> – 20 ; 17<sup>th</sup> – 13 ; 18<sup>th</sup> – 12 ; 19<sup>th</sup> – 11 ; 20<sup>th</sup> – 10 ; 21<sup>st</sup> – 9 ; 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8 ; 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7 ; 24<sup>th</sup> – 6 ; 25<sup>th</sup> – 5 ; 26<sup>th</sup> – 4 ; 27<sup>th</sup> – 3 ; 28<sup>th</sup> – 2 ; 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> – 1 ; 32<sup>nd</sup> – 0

**Doubles**

Winners: – 50; Runners Up – 30; ½ finalists – 20; ¼ Finalists - 10  
(For each player)

A player's combined ranking shall be compiled on the basis of points earned in the best five (5) individual singles and doubles events realized during the tournaments of the African 14 and Under Circuit , at the 14 and Under African Championship, at the AJC warm up and at the African Zone's Championship (Grade 2). The Doubles results count towards the best five (5) results of the year and represent only 25% of the points achieved.

**\*The points accumulated from the African 14 and Under Tournaments and the African 14 and Under Junior Championships will determine the final ranking for those who are eligible to qualify for the African 14 and Under Masters Final.**

**Important:**

The African players selected by the ITF/CAT or by the National Associations to take part in tournaments organized in European countries and managed by Tennis Europe can earn points of the Circuit based on the following scale:

- a) Tennis Europe Category 1 tournaments: points earned in the African tournaments of Grade B
- b) Tennis Europe Category 2 tournaments: points earned in the African tournaments of Grade 1
- c) Tennis Europe Category 3 tournaments: points earned in the African tournaments of Grade 2

## **8. Scoring**

All matches will be the best of three sets with a tie-break in all sets.

**Deciding Tie-break Game:** At one-set all, a tie-break game will be used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of feed-in consolation matches if required.

**Short Sets:** This can be used if necessary in the event of a shortage of time (i.e. due to rain delay etc.) for feed-in consolation matches only.

**The ITF Junior World Ranking code of conduct will be used.**

**Singles events:** A draw of 32 players with 8 seeded players, the single draw will be conducted on a feed-in system whereby each player plays one match per day, which will allow ranking the players at the end of tournament.

**Doubles event:** The doubles events will be run on a knock-out basis.

## 9. Singles Entry and selection procedures

Entry procedures and Entry Deadline – ITF/CAT African Junior Circuit:

The African Junior Circuit, except for the African Junior Championships (AJC), Zones Championships and African Masters are open for players from all countries affiliated to ITF.

### **Invitations and selection of players:**

A) To take part in a tournament, the invitations are only sent by CAT to National Associations.

These invitations cannot mention under any circumstances the names of particular players, or sent directly to the players.

If a player resides in a country but he has not a valid passport holder of that country, the National Association of the country where he/she resides may endorse the players' entry.

B) Only entries submitted by a National Association will be accepted. When submitting entries, Associations may give their preferred order of priority for acceptance of their players.

## 10. Composition of the Draw

### **A) Singles Main Draw: 32**

Direct Acceptance	22
Qualifiers	4
Wild Cards (Host Nation)	4
Wild Cards (CAT)	2

### **B) Doubles: 16 teams**

Doubles qualifying competition are not permitted. All players who are accepted in the main draws shall play in the doubles draw.

### **C) Sign – in Deadlines**

Singles Qualifying 16 players	All players accepted into the qualifying draw must personally sign-in with the Referee by 6 pm day before Singles Qualifying starts (Exception: In certain circumstances due to essentially travel, the sign in by calling the referee by phone is accepted)
Singles Main Draw	All players accepted into the main draw must personally sign in with the Referee by 4 pm, a day before Single Main Draw starts (Exception: In certain circumstances due to essentially travel, signature by calling the referee by phone is accepted)
Doubles Main Draw	Sign-in: 2 pm the first day of the single main draw: Only 1 player may sign-in for the team, the sign in by telephone is only accepted

## 11. Making the Draw

All draws shall be conducted in public with at least 2 players present, one of whom shall be of a different nationality other than the host country.

### **A) Guidelines for conducting a draw at African 14 & U Circuits:**

If there are two players from the same National Association competing they shall be drawn in opposite halves of the draw.

If there are three or four players from the same National Association competing, the first and second ranked shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth ranked players shall be drawn into the remaining quarters.

The ranking of the first four players from a given country shall be based on the African ranking of this category, the ITF Junior Ranking if existing, or in the absence of these both rankings, the order of merit supplied by the appropriate National Association.

#### **B) Method for conducting a draw**

1. Prepare a master player sheet listing all nations represented. The order of nations is based on the number of players of that nation (i.e. the nation with the highest number of players should be listed first).

Detail then the players representing each nation as follows:

\* First listed should be those players nominated by their National Association as their top players (maximum four) in order of ranking.

\* If no ranking is available, or if no order of merit is supplied by the National Association, the top players (maximum four) should be ranked by their coach/captain. If he is not able to rank them, players should be ranked by the tournament organisers.

\* Once players have been listed, all remaining players from each nation who have been accepted for the main draw should be listed in ranking order, if appropriate, or in order of acceptance.

2. Proceed with the draw of seeded players, bearing in mind that if two or more seeded players are from the same nation, their position in the draw must be placed rather than drawn by lot, in order to ensure that they are in a different half or quarter to the other top player(s) from their nation.

3. Proceed with the draw of the remaining top players (maximum four) from each nation, where appropriate, into the vacant half or quarters of the draw.

4. Once the top players (maximum four) from each nation have been drawn into an appropriate half/quarter and placed on a line, all remaining players should be numbered and drawn for position in the usual manner, i.e. drawn to the first vacant position at the top of the draw and so on.

The same procedure described from points 1 to 4 applies to the qualifying draw bearing in mind that the qualifying draw refers to sections rather than to quarters.

This means that if a Nation has five players in the Qualifying draw the first four must go in different sections and the fifth will be drawn anywhere.

On the other hand if a nation has a total of four players (two in the main draw and two in the qualifying draw) the two in the main draw must go in different halves of the main draw and the two of the qualifying draw must go in two different sections.

**Note: This procedure does not apply to Doubles Draw.**

#### **C) Seeding Official – Withdrawal and replacement of Seeds:**

Seeding will not be official until the final draw is made. The latest available rankings shall be used. If the players do not have African 14 & U ranking, the tournament Committee may take into account all relevant information to determine seeding.

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player in the main draw eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of qualifying or by the eligible lucky loser if after commencement of qualifying. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play on the day preceding commencement of play in the main draw shall be filled by a Lucky Loser.

#### **D) Qualifying:**

a) Sections and Seeds

The qualifying draw shall be made in sections, and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw. If four (4) qualifiers are required, there shall be four (4) sections; six (6) qualifiers, six (6) sections; and so on. The draw shall be seeded and the selection of seeds shall be consistent with the criteria used for the main draw. Each section shall have two seeded players/teams. The first seed shall be placed at the top of each section; the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section

and so on. The remaining seeds shall be drawn one by one to be placed successively in the last line of each section.

**b) Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw**

Once the qualifying competition has begun, only those players who ultimately qualify and lucky losers may be accepted into the main draw. The qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

**c) Drawing of Qualifiers**

At the end of the qualifying competition, the name of one qualifier shall be drawn in the mentioned qualifying place in the main draw. There shall be no prior designation of qualifying sections to qualifying places in the main draw. Likewise, when more than one lucky loser is to be inserted into the main draw, their position in the main draw shall be determined by drawing. Vacant places in the main draw determined before the end of the qualifying shall be filled by "lucky losers" in addition to the qualified ones.

**E) Waiver of Claims:**

All players entering any African 14 & U Circuits tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against CAT, the tournament organisers, and the national association sanctioning such events, with respect to any injuries, however caused, or any losses incurred, while travelling to and from, or participating in any CAT circuit. **It is therefore recommended that all players have adequate medical insurance cover.**

## **12. Operational Requirements**

**A) Management:**

a) The African Junior Circuits shall be managed by CAT General Manager and his Staff.

b) The duties and powers of CAT shall be:

1. To manage the day to day administration of the Circuits.
2. To ensure uniform application of, and compliance with, the Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct
3. To administer the funds of the Circuits within the financial framework of the Federation.
4. To report to the Executive committee on all financial matters.
5. To undertake other duties as laid down in these Regulations.
6. To submit regular reports to the Board of Directors.
7. To present the Regulations for approval to the CAT Board of Directors.

c) The CAT Executive Committee shall carry out the following duties:

1. Approve the Regulations.
2. Decide on any appeals or disputes from National Federations.

**B) Hospitality:**

Full hospitality (meals and accommodation) is required for main draw players: 04 Players in the 12 & U and 04 players in the 14 & U and 1 official coach per visiting country for the duration of the tournament. Additional visiting players, even accepted to play in the main Draw have to pay for their accommodation.

Coaches must have been nominated by the national association when submitting player entries. No other coaches shall be guaranteed hospitality.

**C) Practice:**

Practice facilities shall be provided. Practice courts shall preferably be of the same surface as the match courts, but this is not obligatory. Practice facilities need not be in the same stadium, but transport shall be provided. Players shall have the opportunity to reserve practice courts, and the referee shall ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made.

**D) Officials required for the African Junior Circuit:**

Referee: Recommended White Badge/ Compulsory International Experience

Umpires: Compulsory for all Main Draw Matches

Umpires may be National Officials.

**E) Schedule:**

a) The referee shall, whenever possible, allow to a player who has competed on the final day of the preceding tournament, a full day of rest for travelling before that player starts his/her first round of the tournament.

b) At the end of each day, the next day's order of play shall be published and displayed at the tournament's site and/or hotels or otherwise made available for competitors and coaches.

**F) Duration:**

A maximum five (05) days for each tournament.

**G) Facilities:**

a) There shall be a tournament desk opened one hour before the beginning of the matches until an hour after the end of all the matches

b) Adequate change rooms shall be available.

c) Physiotherapist / Doctor:

A permanent presence of a physiotherapist on the competition's site is mandatory in all 12 & U and 14 & U tournaments. A doctor has to be also available on call on the site.

**H) Prize Money:**

It is strictly forbidden to give prize money or pocket money to players or to their National Associations. Any infringement to this rule will be penalized by subject to sanctions and could become subject to an expulsion from the Circuit.

**I) Gifts:**

The value of a gift to the winner of a tournament may not exceed the value of US\$ 100.

**J) Tournament's Entry Form:**

Full details of the tournament are to be set out in the entry forms - conditions of play, arrangements for players etc.

**K) Fact Sheet:**

a) All relevant information on arrangements for the event should be made available to the players and National Associations in the form of a fact sheet. The form will be sent by CAT together with the Tournament Package and only this common form will be accepted. This form must include the following details:

1. Name, telephone and facsimile numbers of the Tournament Director
2. Tournament site (address, telephone and facsimile numbers)
3. Court surface
4. Make of ball
5. Official hotel (including rates, if appropriate, and contact details)
6. Transportation information
7. Any other relevant details e.g. name of Referee, social functions planned, whether sign.-in will be held, etc.

b) Fact sheets must be sent to all relevant Associations as soon as the acceptance list is completed. A fact sheet must also be forwarded to CAT by fax or e-mail at least four weeks before the event concerned.

**L) Entry Fees:**

The entry fees in all the tournaments of the African Circuit are \$5 per player to be paid to Tournament Director / Referee.

**M) Insurance:**

It is recommended that all players have an adequate medical insurance coverage, which cannot be provided by neither CAT nor the host National Association or the local organiser.

**N) Balls:**

a) Main Draw/Qualifying

In the Main and Qualifying Draws there shall be a minimum of three new balls for each match; another three new balls shall be provided for any third set in the semi-finals and finals. It is although recommended that the organizers provide new balls at the beginning of the third set in all the main draw matches.

b) Practice balls:

Practice Balls shall be provided to the players, but it is not mandatory to give new balls for this purpose.

### **13. Masters of the African Junior Circuit**

**Tournament regulations for the African 14 & under and 12 & under Masters:**

**A) EVENTS:**

- a) 14 and Under and 12 and Under Boys Singles
- b) 14 and Under and 12 and Under Girls Singles

**B) DATE**

The 14 &U and the 12 & U Masters of the African Circuit will be played at the end of the scheduled tournament of this circuit and will take place in the Country hosting the African Nations' Cup, which is during the month of November of each year.

**C) DURATION**

The duration of the masters is five (5) days.

**D) Eligibility:**

**14 and under Masters:**

- a) The Sixth highest ranked African boys and girls in the 14 & U African ranking after completion of the ended year, in addition to the winner and the Runner up of the AJC of the current year.
- b) In case of a ranking tie of one or more players, the category of tournaments in which the results were registered will be decisive.

In case of unavailability of one or more players qualified to participate at the Masters tournament, the player(s) ranked immediately after will be accepted.

**12 and under Masters:**

An ITF/CAT Committee will proceed by selecting 2 boys and 2 girls from each of the following sub-African regions to participate at the 12 & under African Masters:

North Africa: 2 boys and 2 girls.

West & Central Africa: 2 boys and 2 girls.

East Africa: 2 boys and 2 girls.

Southern Africa: 2 boys and 2 girls.

The choice of players will be based on the results registered during the 12 and under African tournaments.

**E) Hospitality:**

Full accommodation and meals shall be provided for competitors and for a maximum of one coach per nation.

Travel Grants will also be allocated to the players qualified in the Masters.