

**FINAL EVENT**  
**African Junior Teams' Competition (AJTC)**  
**For Boys & Girls 12 & U**  
**Casablanca – Morocco, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**1- Date & venue of the Competition:**

Casablanca – Morocco, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Day	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> September or morning 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	Players & coaches arriving to Casablanca
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	Practice day
3 ,4 & 5 September 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Phase of Round Robin Competition in 2 pools
6 & 7 September 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase of Round Robin for ranking
8 September 2019	Players & coaches departure

**2- Eligibility of teams participating at this Competition**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Final Event of the African Junior Teams' Competition for the 12 and under boys and girls gathers in 2019 on the same site **seven (7)** African teams qualified from the Regional events in addition of **one (1)** team from the host nation, that is a total of 8 teams in each of the 12 and under Boys and 12 and under Girl

**3- Age's group & eligibility:**

\* Boys' Team 12 & Under: Players Born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 and have effectively reached their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the competition.

\* Girls' Team 12 & Under: Born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 and have effectively reached their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the competition.

**4- Participation & Format of the Team Event:**

The National Association wishing to take part at the Team's Event has to complete the Confirmation's Form and is **under the obligation to enter 3 players** in each team.

The host nation is allowed to participate with only one (1) Team for girls as well as for boys.

**Format of the Competition:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Phase:**

Formation of 2 Pools composed of 4 teams each. A Round Robin Competition format will be played during the first 3 days.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Phase:**

At the end of the first phase, the teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each Pool will compete together to determine the final ranking from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place. This 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will be played over 2 days and the **results recorded between 2 teams during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Pools will count as played ties.**

For the ranking of 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place, the same system will be adopted.

All teams (Boys & Girls) qualified to compete at the final Event of the African 12 years & under Teams' Competition **shall be** composed of **3 players + 1 captain.**

**Composition of the Tie:**

Each tie consists of **2 singles + 1 doubles** to be played consecutively on the same court **with the condition that the 3 players have to compete in Singles OR in Doubles.**

i.e.: Player (1) Team (A) Vs Player (1) Team (B)

Player (2) Team (A) Vs Player (2) Team (B)

The Doubles pairs of the Teams (A) & (B) shall be composed of one of the players who played in Singles + the other player of the team (the 3<sup>rd</sup> in this case). All matches have to be played.

**Match Format:**

Each singles match shall be the best of three tie-break sets. **In Doubles, No-Ad scoring shall be used and a 10 point Match Tie-Break will be played if the score reaches one set all.**

**Order of Play:**

The order of play must be as follows: Number 2 vs Number 2; Number 1 vs Number 1; Followed by: the doubles match

**Method of determining places in the Round Robin:**

Each tie will consist of three matches, two singles and one doubles. The Nation which wins the majority of the matches in the Tie shall be declared the winner, and shall be awarded one point. If two Nations score an equal number of points, the head-to-head result between these Nations shall decide the winner.

If three or more Nations score an equal number of points the following procedure shall be used:

- The number of matches won shall decide the winner.
- If matches won are equal, the percentage of sets won of sets played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner (**on this case the 10 point Match Tie-Break will be considered as a set**)
- If percentage of sets won is equal, the percentage of games won of games played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner (**on this case the 10 point Match Tie-Break will be considered as a game**).

If any match is stopped and not completed for reasons of injury, etc, the full score shall be recorded. Example: Player A leads over Player B by 6-1, 2-0 when Player B is injured and unable to continue. Player A's victory shall be recorded as 6-1, 6-0. If a match is a walk-over the score shall be recorded as 6-0, 6-0.

For Additional Rules, it is important to refer to the **ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS** Book.

#### **4- Spots for the Final Event of the AJTC 12 & U in 2019:**

The qualifications for the Final Event that were adopted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year consists to gather 8 teams as follow:

Region	# of Boys' Teams		Region	# of Girls' Teams
North Africa	2		North Africa	2
Southern Africa	2		Southern Africa	2
West & Central Africa	1		West & Central Africa	2
East Africa	2		East Africa	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

In 2020, the Final event will gather **8 Teams**, including the host Nation. For that and based on the final ranking of each Gender at the edition of 2019, the Region of the team which is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the girls and boys will get only 1 "**Spot**" for the regional qualifying event of 2020.

#### **5- Team Identification Style Guide**

See attached Document.

#### **6- Hospitality:**

Full hospitality will be offered for each team (3 players + 1 captain) from the dinner of the day of arrival (1<sup>st</sup> September or morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> September) to the breakfast of the day of departure (8<sup>th</sup> September) or until the night of the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Players of each team will be accommodated 3 per room and captains two per room.

Rooms must have separate beds; under no circumstances can players or captains share a bed.

Depending on the rooms availability, Captains of each team will be accommodated in singles rooms. However, in case of non availability of this latter, captains will be accommodated in a double room.

#### **7- Competition's Referee:**

The CAT will assign with the host nation a referee to run the event. The official chosen is to be a White Badge Referee minimum, who has experience of running junior events.

#### **8- The Competition's Committee:**

The Competition's Committee will be comprised of:

- The Referee of the Junior Competition
- One Captain representing the host nation
- One accompanying team Captain from participating nations.
- The CAT representative

The responsibilities of the Competition's Committee are:

- To make the seeding and conduct the draws,
- To settle any disputes,
- To serve as a liaison between the host nation and the visiting teams.

#### **9- Tennis balls:**

- Three new balls must be issued at the beginning of every match and at the beginning of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Set in singles.
- One can of three practice balls must be provided for each team on arrival. These can be exchanged for (used) competition's balls once the event is underway.

#### **10- Chair Umpires:**

For the Teams' Competition: Chair umpires will be needed for all matches.

#### **11- Water**

Mineral water will be available for players during matches.

#### **12- Racket Stringing**

A stringing machine will be available for players at a nominal charge (\$7 per racket if a player provides their own string) throughout the Competition.

#### **13- Medals / Trophies**

The following medals and trophies will be provided for the Competition in each age group:

1 Big Trophy + 4 Gold medals for the team ranked 1<sup>st</sup>

1 Medium Trophy + 4 Silver Medals for the team ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>

1 Small Trophy + 4 Bronze Medals for the team ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>