

## FACTSHEET

### ITF/CAT African Closed Junior 18 & Under Championships 2020 - Grade B2

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

**From 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Individual Competition**  
**On 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Teams' Competition**

ENTRY DEADLINE:  
**TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 14:00 GMT**

**THIS CHAMPIONSHIP IS INCLUDED IN THE 2020 ITF JUNIOR CALENDAR**

The ITF/CAT African Junior 18 & under Closed Championships 2020 will take place from **10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Benoni – South Africa**. There will be an Individual Competition from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February, followed by a Teams' Competition on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

The official arrival date is on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for all participants. The departure date is on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for those participating only in the Individual Competition. For those playing the Teams' Competition, the official departure date is on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

- The Team's competition (for each gender) is reserved for the only nations who are participating at the individual AJC with a minimum of 2 players.

**NB:** It is important to note that TSA organizes in Pretoria during the week preceding the AJC 18 & U an ITF Junior Tournament of Grade (3). African players who participate in this Tournament and who are accepted to participate in the AJC will be transferred by Bus from Pretoria to Benoni in the afternoon of Sunday 9 February 2020.

#### **Participation Eligibility:**

The ITF/CAT African Junior 18&U Closed Championship is open 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 2002 and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007** and had reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday before the Championships starting date, that is 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

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

**Venue** : Gauteng East Tennis Headquarters in Benoni  
**Tel** : +2711 4222684  
**Fax** : +2711 4222621  
**Email** : GETA [gautengeasttennis@telkomsa.net](mailto:gautengeasttennis@telkomsa.net)

**Number of Courts for competition:** 10 Courts

**Surface:** Hard

**Organiser** : ITF/CAT & Tennis South Africa (TSA)  
**Tel** : +27 11 44 20 500  
**Fax** : +27 11 44 20 503  
**Email** : [satennis@mweb.co.za](mailto:satennis@mweb.co.za)  
**Address** : Burnett Street, Haltfield, Pretoria

**Arrival date of players and coaches:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Hospitality:** Full hospitality for all participants from dinner on 9<sup>th</sup> February to breakfast on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for those playing only the Individual Competition and on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for those playing the Teams' competition.

**Hotel** : The Lakes Hotel  
 Address : 51 Divot Street, Benoni 1500, Afrique du Sud  
 Tel : +27 11 421 2619 (Office)  
 Fax : +27 11 421 5310  
 Email : [info@thelakes.co.za](mailto:info@thelakes.co.za)  
 Distance from the hotel to the club : 50m  
 Distance from the airport to the hotel : 15 Km  
**Room Rates (Bed & Breakfast):** for additional persons  
 Single Room : R1044 = ±70 US\$  
 Doubles Room : R750 = ±50 US\$ per person

***NB: Bookings to be done through Tennis South Africa***

**Accommodation:** the players & the coaches will be accommodated in double 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 dinner on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February to breakfast on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for those playing only the Individual Competition and on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for those playing the Teams' competition.

**Entry fee:** 65 \$ per player

**Referee for the Championships:** TBA

Telephone: TBA

Email: TBA

**Director for the Championships:** Mninawa Ndaku

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Email: [mni@tennissa.co.za](mailto:mni@tennissa.co.za)

**Acceptance of players and entry methods for the Individual Competition:**

- There is no Qualifications draw for the African Closed Junior Championships.
- Main draw for the girls as well as for the boys : 32 players
- Direct acceptance: 22 (based on the ITF Junior Ranking of Monday 13 January 2020)
- Wild Cards:
  - Host nation (South Africa) : 2 Wild Cards for South African players only
  - ITF/CAT Wild Cards: 8 Wild Cards, distributed by the CAT following the proposals of the ITF Development Officers in Africa.

The ITF/CAT will accept the entries made through the National Federation and entered in the attached form, for a Maximum of 4 boys and 4 girls per country based on the ITF Junior ranking that will appear on Tuesday **14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 14:00 GMT.**

Allowance to points for the ITF Junior Ranking:

<b>Singles :</b>	<b>Doubles :</b>
- Winner : 160 points	- Winner : 120 points
- Runner Up : 95 points	- Runner Up : 75 points
- ½ Finalists : 60 points	- ½ Finalists : 45 points
- ¼ Finalists : 30 points	- ¼ de Finalists : 25 points
- Losing in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round : 15 points	- Losing in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round : 12 points
- Losing in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round : 7 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.

**AGE GROUP TROPHY:**

At the end of the African Junior Championships 18 & U, a final country ranking will be determined on the basis of accumulation of points in the boys' and girls' singles and doubles events. The two best singles' results for boys + the two best singles' results for girls + the two best individual doubles' results for boys + the two best individual doubles' results for girls will be counted to arrive at the Total.

The nation ranked first will win the Age Group Trophy.

## Points' Table

1. A player can win points based on their final position in the event. However, to qualify for points, a player must have won at least one match (byes do not count as matches won).
2. A player with a bye losing their 1<sup>st</sup> match in the Main Draw will play in the feed-in draw of 2<sup>nd</sup> round Main Draw loser.

SINGLE POINTS				DOUBLE POINTS PER INDIVIDUAL	
Winner	300	17 <sup>th</sup> Place	15	Winner	50
Runner-Up	200	18 <sup>th</sup> Place	14	Runner-Up	35
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	150	19 <sup>th</sup> Place	13	Semi Finalists	25
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	120	20 <sup>th</sup> Place	12	Quarter Finalists	15
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	90	21 <sup>st</sup> Place	11		
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	80	22 <sup>nd</sup> Place	10		
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	70	23 <sup>rd</sup> Place	9		
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	60	24 <sup>th</sup> Place	8		
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	50	25 <sup>th</sup> Place	7		
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	45	26 <sup>th</sup> Place	6		
11 <sup>th</sup> Place	40	27 <sup>th</sup> Place	5		
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	35	28 <sup>th</sup> Place	4		
13 <sup>th</sup> Place	30	29 <sup>th</sup> Place	3		
14 <sup>th</sup> Place	25	30 <sup>th</sup> Place	2		
15 <sup>th</sup> Place	20	31 <sup>st</sup> Place	1		
16 <sup>th</sup> Place	17	32 <sup>nd</sup> Place	0		

### Entry Deadline:

The entries must be sent to the CAT no later than [Tuesday 14 January 2020 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 ACCEPTED.**

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

**Mlle Nadine Ciza:** [cizanadine@gmail.com](mailto:cizanadine@gmail.com)

**Mr. Hichem Riani:** [rianihichem@yahoo.fr](mailto:rianihichem@yahoo.fr) & [h.riani.catennis@gmail.com](mailto:h.riani.catennis@gmail.com)

**Ms. Issem Essaisl:** [issemessais@hotmail.com](mailto:issemessais@hotmail.com)

### TEAMS' COMPETITION:

In 2020, for the first time, CAT will organize a team competition for boys and girls during the 2 days following the individual competition. A starting teams' ranking will be established according to the 2 best results realised in Singles and Doubles for each nation in each gender based on the Points' table above. Teams ranked from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place will play for the title and the following 4 teams will play for the ranking from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> places according to the rules of teams' competitions (2 Singles + 1 Doubles) and to the following schedule:

For the Title (from the 1 <sup>st</sup> to the 4 <sup>th</sup> place)		For the ranking (from the 5 <sup>th</sup> to the 8 <sup>th</sup> place)	
1 <sup>st</sup> day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	1 <sup>st</sup> day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day
<b>Boys :</b> Team Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> Vs Team Ranked 4 <sup>th</sup> (A) Team Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vs Team Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> (B)	<b>Boys :</b> <b>Final :</b> Winner (A) Vs Winner (B) <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place :</b> Loser (A) Vs Loser (B)	<b>Boys :</b> Team Ranked 5 <sup>th</sup> Vs Team Ranked 8 <sup>th</sup> (A) Team Ranked 6 <sup>th</sup> Vs Team Ranked 7 <sup>th</sup> (B)	<b>Boys :</b> <b>For the 5<sup>th</sup> place :</b> Winner (A) Vs Winner (B) <b>For the 7<sup>th</sup> place :</b> Loser (A) Vs Loser (B)
<b>Girls :</b> Team Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> Vs Team Ranked 4 <sup>th</sup> (C) Team Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vs Team Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> (D)	<b>Girls :</b> <b>Final :</b> Winner (C) Vs Winner (D) <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place :</b> Loser (C) Vs Loser (D)	<b>Girls :</b> Team Ranked 5 <sup>th</sup> Vs Team Ranked 8 <sup>th</sup> (C) Team Ranked 6 <sup>th</sup> Vs Team Ranked 7 <sup>th</sup> (D)	<b>Girls :</b> <b>For the 5<sup>th</sup> place :</b> Winner (C) Vs Winner (D) <b>For the 7<sup>th</sup> place :</b> Loser (C) Vs Loser (D)

**NB:** For those teams ranked from the 9<sup>th</sup> place and over, ranking ties will also be organised under the adequate format. **TEAMS MUST BE COMPOSED OF A MINIMUM OF 2 PLAYERS.**

### **Championships Committee:**

- The referee.
- 2 ITF/CAT Representatives
- 1 Representative from the 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 following the Rules & Regulations of the ITF Junior Circuit 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.

### **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. The Feed-in System will be adopted for Singles Girls and Boys Draws.
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/CAT 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, IPIN Code and date of birth of each player, must necessarily reach the CAT offices in Tunis no later than **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**
8. Any withdrawals must be submitted in writing direct to the CAT Office by Email: [cizanadine@gmail.com](mailto:cizanadine@gmail.com) and to the ITF Development Department by fax (+44 (0)20 8392 4742), Email: [juniors@itftennis.com](mailto:juniors@itftennis.com).  
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.

### **Traveling to South Africa:**

The CAT will provide travel financial assistance to help players accepted at the AJC to travel to South Africa. All participating nations must make their own travel arrangements. This money may be used only by official players and/or coaches. In the event that a player or coach for whom the money has been awarded does not travel, it will be repayable to the CAT. In addition, failure to take part in the entire event will mean that any fund paid will have to be reimbursed to the CAT.

Please confirm your travel arrangements to the CAT and the TSA by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.** Tennis South Africa will organize transport from airport to the hotel. Teams which have not sent their arrival details will not be met on arrival and it will result in you having to make your own way to the tournament site. The ITF and the CAT will not reimburse taxi costs. If your travel details change, please make sure that you let the TSA and CAT know at your earliest convenience.

### **Visas**

Traveling 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 directly Tennis South Africa.** 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.

### **NB: Travel to South Africa:**

It is important to note that the Department of Home Affairs in South Africa requires all passengers under 18 to travel with an Unabridged Birth Certificate.

Under the new law, all minors under the age of 18 years will be required to produce, in addition to their passport, an Unabridged Birth Certificate (showing the particulars of both parents) when entering and exiting South African ports of entry. Attached to the Unabridged Birth Certificate must be both parents I.D Copies, and a Parental Consent Affidavit giving consent that the child may travel to South Africa with the appointed coach from the Federation (Example of PCA is attached)

**All Nations that require a South African Entry Visa need to apply for it at the South African Embassy in their own country. NO Entry visas are given on arrival at Port of Entry in South Africa.**

**Finally, please note that for some countries the procedures for obtaining the South African Entry Visa may take 2-3 weeks, and that all necessary arrangements should be made in advance.**