

FACTSHEET

ITF/CAT African Closed Junior 18 & Under Championships 2021 - Grade B2

ORGANIZED BY
THE CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN TENNIS (CAT)
In conjunction with the
INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION (ITF)
And the
TUNISIAN TENNIS FEDERATION (FTT)

From 19th – 23rd July 2021: Individual Competition
On 24th & 25th July 2021: Teams' Competition

ENTRY DEADLINE:
TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2021 AT 14:00 GMT

THIS CHAMPIONSHIP IS INCLUDED IN THE 2021 ITF JUNIOR CALENDAR

The ITF/CAT African Junior 18 & under Closed Championships 2021 will take place from **19th to 23rd July 2021 in Sousse – Tunisia**. There will be an Individual Competition from the 19th to 23rd July, followed by a Teams' Competition on 24th & 25th July 2021.

The official arrival date is on the 18th July 2021 for all participants. The departure date is on 24th July 2021 for those participating only in the Individual Competition. For those playing the Teams' Competition, the official departure date is on 26th July 2021.

- 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 the Tunisian Tennis Federation (FTT) organizes in Sousse at the same venue during the week preceding the AJC 18 & U, from 13 to 17 July (Main Draw) an ITF Junior Tournament of Grade (2). This ITF Tournament could be a very good "Warm Up" for the African 18&U Closed Championships. The entry to this ITF Tournament shall be done online through the IPIN (entry deadline is on 22nd of June 2021) – All details can be found at:

<https://www.itftennis.com/en/tournament/j2-hammamet/tun/2021/j-g2-tun-02a-2021/>

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 **1st January 2003 and the 31st December 2008** and had reached their 13th birthday before the Championships starting date, that is 18th July 2021.

Information about the Championships:

Venue : Hotel El Mouradi Palace (5*), Sousse, Tunisia

Tel : (+216) 71 844 144

Email : ftt@ftt.tn

Number of Courts for competition: 8 Courts

Surface : Hard / Green set

Organiser : ITF/CAT & Tunisian Tennis Federation

Tel : (+216) 71 844 144

Fax : (+216) 71 798 844

Email : ftt@ftt.tn

Address : Cité Nationale Sportive El Menzah, BP 350 – 1004 Tunis

Arrival date of players and coaches: 18th July 2021.

Hospitality: Full hospitality for all participants from dinner on 18th July to breakfast on 24th July 2021 for those playing only the Individual Competition and to breakfast on 26th July 2021 for those playing the Teams' competition.

Hotel : Hotel El Mouradi Palace – 5*
Address : Route Touristique de Sousse – Tunisia
Website : <https://www.elmouradi.com>
Tel : (+216) 71 844 144
Email : ftt@ftt.tn

Distance from the airport to the hotel

- From Carthage International Airport to the Hotel: : 120 Km
- From Monastir Airport to the Hotel: : 25 Km
- From Enfida Airport to the Hotel: : 20 Km

Room Rates (Full Board - Bed, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner): for additional persons

Single Room : 90 €
Doubles Room : 70 € per person

NB: Bookings to be done through Tunisian Tennis Federation

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 18th July up to the breakfast on 24th July 2021 for those playing only the Individual Competition and up to the breakfast on 26th July 2021 for those playing the Teams' competition.

NB: for the coaches wishing to be accommodated in Single Room they have to pay additional daily amount of 20 €.

Entry fee: 65 \$ per player

Referee for the Championships: TBA

Telephone: TBA

Email: TBA

Director for the Championships: Mr Heykel Lakdhar

Telephone: (+216) 71 844 144

Mobile: (+216) 23 23 29 99

Email: ftt@ftt.tn

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 21st June 2021)
- Wild Cards:
 - Host nation (Tunisia) : 2 Wild Cards for Tunisian 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 Monday 21st June 2021.

Allowance to points for the ITF Junior Ranking:

Singles :

- Winner : 200 points
- Runner Up : 140 points
- ½ Finalists : 100 points
- ¼ Finalists : 60 points
- Losing in Round of 16 : 36 points

Doubles :

- Winner : 150 points
- Runner Up : 105 points
- ½ Finalists : 75 points
- ¼ de Finalists : 45 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 1st match in the Main Draw will play in the feed-in draw of 2nd round Main Draw loser.

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

Entry Deadline:

The entries must be sent to the CAT no later than [Tuesday 22nd June 2021 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

Mr. Hichem Riani: rianihichem@yahoo.fr & h.riani.catennis@gmail.com

Ms. Issem Essaisl: issemessais@hotmail.com

TEAMS' COMPETITION:

In 2021, the CAT will organize the 2nd edition of the Teams' Cup 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 1st to 4th place will play for the title and the following 4 teams will play for the ranking from 5th to 8th places according to the rules of teams' competitions (2 Singles + 1 Doubles) and to the following schedule:

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

Team Ranked 3 rd (B)		Loser (B)		Team Ranked 7 th (B)		(A) Vs Loser (B)
Girls :		Girls :		Girls :		Girls :
Team Ranked 1 st Vs		Final : Winner (C) Vs		Team Ranked 5 th Vs		For the 5 th place : Winner
Team Ranked 4 th (C)		Winner (D)		Team Ranked 8 th (C)		(C) Vs Winner (D)
Team Ranked 2 nd Vs		3 rd Place : Loser (C) Vs		Team Ranked 6 th Vs		For the 7 th place : Loser
Team Ranked 3 rd (D)		Loser (D)		Team Ranked 7 th (D)		(C) Vs Loser (D)

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

Championships Committee:

- The referee.
- 2 ITF/CAT Representatives
- 1 Representative from the Tunisian Tennis Federation.
- 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 22nd June 2021.**
8. Any withdrawals must be submitted in writing direct to the CAT Office by Email: cizanadine@gmail.com and to the ITF Development Department by fax (+44 (0)20 8392 4742), Email: 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 Finance Assistance to Tunisia:

The CAT will provide travel financial assistance to help players accepted at the AJC to travel to Tunisia. 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 FTT by **Friday 9th July 2021.** Tunisian Tennis Federation will organize transport from airport to the hotel on the official arriving day (18th July 2021). 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 FTT and CAT know at your earliest convenience.

Travel and Visas for Tunisia:

Travel: All participating nations must make their own travel arrangements

Entry visa to Tunisia :

Regarding the Entry Visa to Tunisia, we have been advised by the following:

Nationals of the following countries do not need visas to travel to Tunisia:

Algeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Cap Verde, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Senegal, Seychelles and South Africa.

(This list of countries may be subject of modifications. It would be necessary to check prior with the ministry of Foreign Affairs of your country before travelling to Tunisia)

- **All other African countries DO require an entry Visa for Tunisia:**

All traveling African participants who do require an entry Visa for Tunisia are responsible for either obtaining their **visas in advance** from the Tunisian Embassy in their country of origin or neighbor country (An invitation letter will be sent to them by the FTT on request).

Obtaining an entry visa in advance:

- Valid entry Visas for countries that do require them may be obtained from Tunisian's various Embassies in their country of origin or neighboring country. According to information sourced by us, there are Tunisian Embassies in the following African countries:

Alger - Algeria	Nairobi – Kenya
Pretoria – South Africa	Tripoli - Libya
Ouagadougou – Burkina Faso	Bamako - Mali
Yaoundé - Cameroon	Nouakchott - Mauritania
Abidjan – Côte d'Ivoire	Rabat – Morocco
Kinshasa – Congo Democratic	Abuja - Nigeria
Cairo - Egypt	Dakar - Senegal
Addis Ababa - Ethiopia	Khartoum – Sudan

Applying to the Fédération Tunisienne de Tennis (FTT) for a Visa upon arrival, as follow:

Entry Visas upon arrival:

- For those who do not have a Tunisian Embassy in their country or a neighbor country , Entry Visas can be obtained at border posts; then all participants are required to:
 - 1- Provide copies (scanned) of the first few pages of their passports that contain their biographical information, photo, passport issue and expiry dates, place of issue as well any extensions/endorsements thereto.
 - 2- Once participants have the above documents in place, they shall have to send them as well as the travel details by Email to the Fédération Tunisienne de Tennis (FTT) **at least 20 days** before their planned arrival date in Tunisia and they must have 6 months validity on their passport.

Email – FTT: ftt@ftt.tn

No assistance can be given by the ITF/CAT in obtaining visas. If you require visa invitation letters, please contact the Tunisian Tennis Federation (FTT)

Contact: Fédération Tunisienne de Tennis

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COVID-19 AND RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL TENNIS PROTOCOLS

Due to the volatile health situation in the World due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we encourage you to **regularly** consult the website of the International Tennis Federation in order to see the measures put in place to limit the spread of the pandemic during tennis events.

To do so, please visit the following website, which is **regularly** updated by the ITF:

<https://www.itftennis.com/media/3446/return-to-tennis-guidelines-eng.pdf>