

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## AFRICAN 14 & U INDIVIDUAL CIRCUIT 2019

### 1. CIRCUIT STRUCTURE

#### Grades:

The African Circuit is composed of a series of tournaments reserved for the 14 years and under age's group. This Circuit starts on 1<sup>st</sup> January and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year.

Tournaments are rated in Grades according to the level of the previous entered players or having already played in the past as well as the organisational standards.

The African Circuit is divided into six (6) Grades: A, B, C, 1, 2 and 3, as well as D1, D2 and D3

There are five Grades of events:

- Grade A: The Highest event: The African Junior Championships (AJC) on hard courts and on clay courts.
- Grade B: The African 14 years & under Masters + any International event which gather the best African players & invited players from other Continents
- Grade 1: African tournaments gathering entered players with a good level and including more than 16 Players coming from outside the host country.
- Grade C: Teams' competition (AJTC for the 14 years & under – African Qualifications for the World Junior Finals).
- Grade 2: African tournaments gathering entered players with a good/medium level and including 10 – 15 Players coming from outside the host country.
- Grade 3 African tournaments gathering entered players with average level and including less than 10 players coming from outside the host country.

**The allocation of Grades to the Tournaments is done by the CAT by respecting the criteria mentioned above.**

**NB:** All Tournaments, with the exception of the Masters, which will be planned during the last quarter of the year (October, November & December) will be either of Grade (2) or Grade (3).

For that, the CAT **would recommend**, the national Federations to enter players who are eligible to play on this Circuit during the upcoming year.

#### National Individual Championship:

As in 2019, the CAT will continue to consider the National Individual Championship of 14 years and under of all the National Federations affiliated to the CAT as being a "Closed" **Tournament in Single only**, which will be included in the ITF / CAT ranking of 14 years & under. The Grades of these Tournaments will be either (D1) or (D2) or (D3) according to a classification of the countries based on the final results and ranking made by their players in the year 2018.

- Class (A): 6 Countries whose National Championship will be awarded the Grade (D1)
- Class (B): 12 countries whose National Championship will be awarded the Grade (D2)
- Class (C): 18 countries whose National Championship will be awarded the Grade (D3)

#### Criteria of countries' ranking:

The Final Ranking of countries will appear at the end of the last tournament organized in 2018 and will be published on the CAT website.

The classification criteria are based on the cumulative bonus points granted to each country according to the final ranking and the number of boys and girls in each country as follows:

Nation	# of B & G ranked Top 8	Bonus : 32 points / player	# of B & G ranked 9 to 16	Bonus : 16 points /player	# of B & G ranked 17 to 32	Bonus : 8 points / player	# of B & G ranked 33 to 64	Bonus : 4points / player	# of B & G ranked 65 to 128	Bonus : 2points / player	# of B & G ranked 128 & +	Bonus : 1 point / player	TOTAL
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- This ranking will change at the end of each year.

#### **Homologation of the Individual National Championship by the CAT:**

In order for the Confederation African Tennis (CAT) to homologate and consider the National Championship of a National Federation in the African 14 & U ranking, this National Federation is required to officially inform the CAT of the date scheduled for its National Championship at least 60 days before the event, by completing a corresponding form.

It is important to note that during these Championships the **Feed-in system in Simple is not obligatory** (see below the system of granting points)

#### **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

### 2. 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.

That means that for 2019, players who are born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 (and have reached age of 11).

i.e.:

Year	Date of Birth
2019	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2008 – having effectively reached 11 years old.
2020	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2006 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2009 – having effectively reached 11 years old.
2021	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010 – having effectively reached 11 years old

### 3. REGULATION

- All African 14 & U tournaments of the ITF/CAT Junior Circuit shall have a feed-in system in all singles draws.
- All African 14 & U tournaments will have a maximum of 32 players' main draw (apart from some International Tournaments, which the main draw might have up to 48 players).
- The Competition shall take place in accordance with the ITF Junior competition rules as well as its Code of Conduct.
- 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.

### 4. 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 by 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 tournaments of the African 14 & U Circuit shall earn points and will be ranked accordingly.

#### **Method of Ranking**

#### **Allocation of Points:**

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

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

##### **Singles:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 2000 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1200 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 720 ; 4<sup>th</sup> – 580 ; 5<sup>th</sup> – 440 ; 6<sup>th</sup> – 390 ; 7<sup>ème</sup> – 350 ; 8<sup>th</sup> – 320 ; 9<sup>th</sup> – 220 ; 10<sup>th</sup> – 200 ; 11<sup>th</sup> – 180 ; 12<sup>th</sup> – 160 ; 13<sup>th</sup> – 140 ; 14<sup>th</sup> – 120 ; 15<sup>th</sup> – 100 ; 16<sup>th</sup> – 90 ; 17<sup>th</sup> – 60 ; 18<sup>th</sup> – 55 ; 19<sup>th</sup> – 50 ; 20<sup>th</sup> – 45 ; 21<sup>st</sup> – 40 ; 22<sup>ème</sup> – 35 ; 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30 ; 24<sup>th</sup> – 25 ; 25<sup>th</sup> – 20 ; 26<sup>th</sup> – 18 ; 27<sup>th</sup> – 15 ; 28<sup>th</sup> – 12 ; 29<sup>th</sup> – 10 ; 30<sup>th</sup> – 7 ; 31<sup>st</sup> – 5 ; 32<sup>nd</sup> – 0

##### **Doubles:**

Winner: 1000 – Runner up: 600 - ½ Finalists: 320 - ¼ Finalists: 200 – (For each player)

##### **Grade B: 14 & U Masters & any other International Tournament gathering invited players from other regions**

##### **Singles:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 1500; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 800; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 540 ; 4<sup>th</sup> – 440; 5<sup>th</sup> – 350 ; 6<sup>th</sup> – 300; 7<sup>th</sup> – 270; 8<sup>th</sup> – 240; 9<sup>th</sup> – 160; 10<sup>th</sup> – 140; 11<sup>th</sup> – 120; 12<sup>th</sup> – 100; 13<sup>th</sup> – 90; 14<sup>th</sup> – 80; 15<sup>th</sup> – 70; 16<sup>th</sup> – 60; 17<sup>th</sup> – 40; 18<sup>th</sup> – 35; 19<sup>th</sup> – 30; 20<sup>th</sup> – 25; 21<sup>st</sup> – 22; 22<sup>nd</sup> – 20; 23<sup>rd</sup> – 18 ; 24<sup>th</sup> – 15; 25<sup>th</sup> – 12; 26<sup>th</sup> – 10; 27<sup>th</sup> – 7; 28<sup>th</sup> – 5; 29<sup>th</sup> – 3; 30<sup>th</sup> – 2; 31<sup>st</sup> – 1; 32<sup>nd</sup> – 0

##### **Doubles :**

Winner: 760; Runner up: 460; ½ Finalists: 260; ¼ Finalists: 160 (For each player)

##### **African Masters 14 & Under Masters:**

1<sup>st</sup> : 1500 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> : 800; 3<sup>rd</sup> :540 ; 4<sup>th</sup> : 440; 5<sup>th</sup> : 350 ; 6<sup>th</sup> : 300 ; 7<sup>th</sup> : 270 ; 8<sup>th</sup> : 240.

##### **Grade 1:**

##### **Singles:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 1000 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 600 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 360 ; 4<sup>th</sup> – 290 ; 5<sup>th</sup> – 220 ; 6<sup>th</sup> – 200 ; 7<sup>th</sup> – 180 ; 8<sup>th</sup> – 160 ; 9<sup>th</sup> – 120 ; 10<sup>th</sup> – 110; 11<sup>th</sup> – 100; 12<sup>th</sup> – 90; 13<sup>th</sup> – 80; 14<sup>th</sup> – 70; 15<sup>ème</sup> – 60; 16<sup>th</sup> – 50; 17<sup>th</sup> – 30; 18<sup>th</sup> – 25; 19<sup>th</sup> – 20; 20<sup>th</sup> – 17; 21<sup>st</sup> – 15; 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12; 23<sup>rd</sup> – 11 ; 24<sup>th</sup> – 10; 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**

Winner: 520; Runner up: 300; ½ Finalists: 180; ¼ Finalists: 80 (For each player)

##### **Grade 2: including the African 14 and under Zone's Championships**

##### **Singles:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 500 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 300 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 180 ; 4<sup>th</sup> – 150 ; 5<sup>th</sup> – 110 ; 6<sup>th</sup> – 100 ; 7<sup>th</sup> – 90 ; 8<sup>th</sup> – 80 ; 9<sup>th</sup> – 60 ; 10<sup>th</sup> – 50 ; 11<sup>th</sup> – 45 ; 12<sup>th</sup> – 40 ; 13<sup>th</sup> – 35 ; 14<sup>th</sup> – 30 ; 15<sup>th</sup> – 25 ; 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>ème</sup> – 9 ; 22<sup>ème</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**

Winner – 280; Runner up – 160; ½ finalists – 80; ¼ Finalists – 40 (For each player).

### **Grade 3:**

#### **Single:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 250 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 150 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 90 ; 4<sup>th</sup> – 80 ; 5<sup>th</sup> – 60 ; 6<sup>th</sup> – 50 ; 7<sup>th</sup> – 45 ; 8<sup>th</sup> – 40 ; 9<sup>th</sup> – 25 ; 10<sup>th</sup> – 20 ; 11<sup>th</sup> – 18 ; 12<sup>th</sup> – 15 ; 13<sup>th</sup> – 12 ; 14<sup>th</sup> – 10 ; 15<sup>th</sup> – 7 ; 16<sup>th</sup> – 5 ; from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>nd</sup> – 4 ; from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – 3 ; from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> – 2 ; 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> – 1 ; 32<sup>nd</sup> – 0.

#### **Doubles**

Winner – 140; Runner up – 92; ½ finalists – 44; ¼ Finalists – 24 (For each player)

### **Grade C:**

Players selected by their national associations to take part in the Final event of the African Junior Team's Championships (AJTC), a qualifying event to the 14 & U world championship of the current year can benefit of points counting in the 14 and under African ranking. The AJTC would be then considered as a event of ITF/CAT junior circuit.

Points allocated to players in case of victory only:

a) Victories in singles during pool matches:

- players n° 1 : 300 points per match

- players n° 2 : 200 points per match

b) Victories in doubles during pool matches:

- 150 points per match and per player

### **Closed National Tournaments:**

**The Feed-in system in singles is not mandatory.**

#### **Grade D1:**

##### **National Championship of the countries of Class (A):**

Winner: 400 points; Finalist: 250 points; ½ Finalists: 150 points each; ¼ Finalists: 80 points each; 1/8 Finalists: 50 points each.

#### **Grade D2:**

##### **National Championship of countries of Class (B):**

Winner: 250 points; Finalist: 150 points; ½ Finalists: 80 points each; ¼ Finalists: 50 points each; 1/8 Finalists: 30 points each.

#### **Grade D3:**

##### **National Championship of the countries of Class (C):**

Winner: 150 points; Finalist: 80 points; ½ Finalists: 50 points each; ¼ of Finalists: 30 points each; 1/8 Finalists: 20 points each.

### **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

In order to facilitate the task of CAT in the procedure of the points' allocation to players who participate in Tennis Europe Tournaments, the concerned players and / or their National Federations have to send to the CAT all the results obtained in the Tennis Europe Tournaments in which they took part at the latest 30 days after their end in order to be considered by the CAT, by completing an official form (see Annex).

\* The points obtained in tournaments organized by Tennis Europe may only be awarded to players who have participated in at least two (2) events on the ITF / CAT 14 & U circuit.

## **5. SCORING**

### **Singles:**

Apart from the singles matches of the Individual African Championships 14 and under as well as those of the Masters which are played in the best of three sets with application of the tie-break in all the sets, all singles matches will be played of best of two sets with application of tie-break in all sets. A match Tie-Break (Super Tie-Break) will be used as a decisive set.

**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.

### **Doubles :**

All doubles match will be played of best of 2 sets with no ad and with the application of a tie break of 6 games all. A match tie-break (super tie-break) will be used as a decisive set.

**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 to ensure that each player plays one single match per day and eventually two single matches if necessary, which will allow ranking the players at the end of tournament.

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

## **6. 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), and African Masters are open for players from all countries affiliated to the CAT & the ITF.

**Player ID:**

Starting in 2019, the CAT prospects to introduce an online registration and withdrawal system for all ITF / CAT Tournaments of the 14 and Under Circuit, with the exception of the competitions mentioned above.

Online registration / withdrawal requires that each player has an Identifier, which will be applied by CAT and obtained by the players before the beginning of the year 2019, for an annual fee of creation and renewal as for the ITF Junior Circuit Tournaments (IPIN).

Further details on how to obtain the Player ID Account can be found on the CAT website.

*On the other hand, each National Federation will be in possession of an account with the CAT allowing it to be able to create the identifiers required for each of its players and to have a right of look at the registrations of its players at the tournaments.*

**Online Registration and withdrawal:**

All registrations and withdrawals at African 14 and Under Circuit Tournaments must be submitted online through the Player ID Online Service.

If a player cannot access the Player ID account, the player must submit the entry or withdrawal through a corresponding official form. Entries and withdrawals by fax or e-mail (Email) must be signed by the player and contain all the required information.

All players applying for an entry are required to apply for entry to the main draw or qualifications.

A player may register in one (1) but not more than two (2) African 14 and Under Circuit tournaments scheduled during the same week, and must indicate a priority at the time of entry. If no priority is indicated, the CAT will assign a priority. A player cannot register in a 14 and under tournament of the African 14 and Under Circuit if he is registered and committed in another tournament during this period.

**Entry Deadline:**

For all tournaments of the 14 and under African Circuit, all entries are submitted to the rules and conditions of entry to the tournament which is 15 days prior to the start of the tournament.

**Withdrawal:**

Any withdrawal must be made at the latest 7 days prior to the start of the tournament.

Withdrawal must be submitted online through the Player Identifier (even after the withdrawal deadline), or by official withdrawal form, that can be sent by email to CAT. If this withdrawal has passed the deadline, the withdrawal form must also be sent to the Tournament's Referee.

A player who appears in one or many alternative list(s) can withdraw until he/she passes to the main draw or to the acceptance list, in which he/she will be automatically withdrawn from all other acceptance lists.

Any player accepted in the Main Draw who does not connect to the tournament and who does not withdraw officially (through the Player Identifier or the official withdrawal form) will be subject to penalties for the No Show.

Players are allowed to two (2) withdrawals after the withdrawal date by calendar year, which cannot be considered as late withdrawal. It is not necessary to submit a medical certificate in case of late withdrawal.

Once a player has exhausted his/her two (2) "free" late withdrawals in a calendar year, any subsequent withdrawals will be penalized by a 30 point drawdown of his points in the African 14 and Under Ranking.

**Other procedure for entries :**

In order to facilitate the gradual introduction of online registration for ITF / CAT 14 and under tournament Circuit, and while insisting that each player be in possession of **an Identifier**, the CAT will continue, during the first half of 2019 to accept entries made through National Federations as it was done previously.

**Invitations and selection's criteria of players:**

A) The Calendar of African 14 & U Circuit's Tournaments will appear at the CAT Website. Invitations are also sent by CAT to the National Federations.

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 player's entry.

B) Only entries made online via the Player ID or submitted by a National Federation will be accepted, which shall include the list of players to be accepted in order of priority.

C) Entry fees for all players entered on the Singles and Doubles are 20\$ per tournament.

D) Criteria of Players' selection:

Criteria of acceptance are made as follows:

**In Singles:**

To determine the acceptance of players to the main and qualification draws, the following method of acceptance will be used:

a) African 14 and Under Ranking from Monday preceding the entry deadline. In a situation where two or more players are equally ranked, the order of acceptance will be chosen by lot.

For non ranked entered players, the following method of acceptance should be followed first for vacant spot in the main draw, if applicable, then for vacant spot in the qualifications draw and in the alternate list:

i) If this is the Final Draw, 1st priority will go to the unranked players from countries other than the host country. The remaining places will be filled by players from the host country or residents of that country.

ii) In the case of the Qualifying Draw which must not exceed 16 players, at least 10 seats will be reserved for players from the host country or resident in that country according to the national ranking (order of priority) submitted to CAT by the host National Federation; and the remaining places may be awarded to players from countries other than the host country in accordance with the following priorities:

- 1- Players from or residing in countries bordering the country where the tournament is held. The country will be drawn as above.
- 2- Players from or residing in other countries in the zone where the tournament is held. The country will be drawn as above
- 3- Players from or residing outside the area where the tournament is held. The country will be drawn as above.

## **7. COMPOSITION OF THE DRAW**

The Main Draw shall be composed of 32 players in each Gender. The host nation can organise a qualifying draw for its local players and eventually for foreign players who are not accepted at the main draw during the preceding days of the Main Draw. All participating players have to pay for their accommodation during that event.

On that case, the Composition of the Main Draw will be as follow

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

Direct Acceptance	24
Qualifiers (local players only)	4
Wild Cards (Host Nation)	2
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 For local players and for foreigner players not accepted in the Main Draw	All players accepted into the qualifying draw must personally sign-in with the Referee by 6 pm the day before Singles Qualifying starts.
Singles Main Draw	All players accepted into the main draw are not obliged to sign-in with the Referee. In the event that there are "No Show" LL in the Qualifying Draw would enter the Main Draw
Doubles Main Draw	Sign-in: 12:00 on 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

## **8. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **A) Management:**

- a) The African Junior Circuits shall be managed by the CAT 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 CAT Executive Committee.
  7. To present the Regulations for approval to the CAT Development Committee.
- 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 per Gender + 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

Chair Umpires: Compulsory for all Main Draw Matches starting from the ¼ Finals. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Round will be played under the supervision of "off-court umpires"

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 of four (4) days for the organization of one leg

A maximum of seven (7) days for the organization of two consecutive legs in one country

One (1) Tournament – 4 Days	Two (2) Tournaments – 7 Days
<p><b>1- Schedule of the competition:</b>  <b>FIRST TOURNAMENT:</b>  <b>Day (0):</b> Qualifications for Boys &amp; Girls &amp; Making the Main Draw  <b>Day (1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round of 32 in Single (16 matches for Boys &amp; 16 matches for Girls): Total: 32 Matches</li> <li>• Round of 16 in Doubles (8 matches for Boys &amp; 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (2):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round of 16 in Single (8 matches for Boys &amp; 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches</li> <li>• ¼ Finals in Single (4 matches for Boys &amp; 4 matches for Girls): Total: 8 Matches</li> <li>• Ranking Matches (position 17 to 32): 16 matches</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (3):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ½ Finals in Single (2 matches for Boys &amp; 2 matches for Girls): Total: 4 Matches</li> <li>• ¼ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 8 Matches</li> <li>• ½ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 4 Matches</li> <li>• Ranking Matches (position 9 to 32): 24 matches</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (4):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finals in Singles (1 match for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 2 Matches</li> <li>• Finals in Doubles (1 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 2 Matches</li> <li>• Ranking Matches (position 3 to 32): 28 matches</li> </ul>	<p><b>1- Schedule of the competition:</b>  <b>FIRST TOURNAMENT:</b>  <b>Day (0):</b> Qualifications for Boys &amp; Girls – Making the Main Draw  <b>Day (1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round of 32 in Single (16 matches for Boys &amp; 16 matches for Girls): Total: 32 Matches</li> <li>• Round of 16 in Doubles (8 matches for Boys &amp; 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (2):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round of 16 in Single (8 matches for Boys &amp; 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches</li> <li>• ¼ Finals in Single (4 matches for Boys &amp; 4 matches for Girls): Total: 8 Matches</li> <li>• Ranking Matches (position 17 to 32): 16 matches</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (3):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ½ Finals in Single (2 matches for Boys &amp; 2 matches for Girls): Total: 4 Matches</li> <li>• ¼ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 8 Matches</li> <li>• ½ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 4 Matches</li> <li>• Ranking Matches (position 9 to 32): 24 matches</li> <li>• Afternoon: 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Qualifications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (4):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finals in Singles (1 match for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 2 Matches</li> <li>• Finals in Doubles (1 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 2 Matches</li> <li>• Ranking Matches (position 3 to 32): 28 matches</li> <li>• Morning: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Qualifications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament.</li> </ul> <p><b>SECOND TOURNAMENT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Afternoon: 1<sup>st</sup> Round in Singles of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg / 1<sup>st</sup> Part (8 matches for Boys + 8 matches for girls)</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (5):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Round in Singles of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg / 2<sup>nd</sup> Part (8 matches for Boys + 8 matches for girls)</li> <li>• Round of 16 in Single (8 matches for Boys &amp; 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches</li> <li>• Round of 16 in Doubles (8 matches for Boys &amp; 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (6):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ¼ Finals in Single (4 matches for Boys &amp; 4 matches for Girls): Total: 8 Matches</li> <li>• ¼ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 8 Matches</li> <li>• ½ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 4 Matches</li> <li>• Ranking Matches (position 17 to 32): 16 matches</li> </ul> <p><b>Day (7):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ½ Finals in Single (2 matches for Boys &amp; 2 matches for Girls): Total: 4 Matches</li> <li>• Finals in Singles (1 match for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 2 Matches</li> <li>• Finals in Doubles (1 matches for Boys &amp; Girls): Total: 2 Matches</li> <li>• Ranking Matches (position 3 to 32): 24 matches</li> </ul>

**9. MASTERS OF THE AFRICAN JUNIOR CIRCUIT**

**A) Events:**

a) 14 and Under Boys Singles

b) 14 and Under Girls Singles

**B) Date**

The 14 & U Masters of the African Circuit will be held between the 38<sup>th</sup> and the end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> week of the year or any other date that will be announced at least 2 months before it is held.

**C) Duration**

The duration of the masters is six (6) days: 1 day of Training Camp and 5 days of competition.

**D) Eligibility:**

The Eight highest ranked African boys and girls in the 14 & U African ranking that will appear at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> African 14 & U Championship to be held early in September of the current year. Substitutes will also be selected if there are any withdrawals.

**Scheduling of the Masters:**

**General Programme:**

Day	Event
Day(0)	Day of Arrivals of players & coaches + practice
Day(1)	Practice day + Draw & Pools composition
Day(2)	Pools Matches – Phase I
Day(3)	Pools Matches – Phase I
Day(4)	Pools Matches – Phase I
Day(5)	Pools Matches – Phase II – Ranking from 1 to 4 and from 5 to 8
Day(6)	Pools Matches – Phase II – Ranking from 1 to 4 and from 5 to 8
Day(7)	Departure of players & coaches

**Pools' Composition:** 2 Pools

	POOL A	POOL B
1	Player Ranked N°1	Player Ranked N°2
	Player N°3 or N°4 by lot, the 1 <sup>st</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool B.	Player N°4 or N°3 by lot, the 1 <sup>st</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool B.
	Player N°5 or N°6 by lot, the 1 <sup>st</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool B.	Player N°6 or N°5 by lot, the 1 <sup>st</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool B.
	Player N°7 or N°8 by lot, the 1 <sup>st</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool B.	Player N°8 or N°7 by lot, the 1 <sup>st</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tossed to be placed on Pool B.

*\* If there are 2 players from the same country, arrange to place them in different pools.*

**RULES OF THE COMPETITION:**

- Day (2), (3) and (4): Pool matches on Round Robin.
  - 2 Pools of 4 players each.
  - Each player will compete with the other players of his (her) Pool during 3 days that makes one match per day.
- Day (5) and (6):
  - The players ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of each pool will qualify to compete at the Play Off Pool (4 players).
  - Each qualified player will compete with the 2 players at the play Off Pool other than the one he (she) played previously in the 1<sup>st</sup> round robin pool considering the result between those 2 players already registered.
  - The same format will be played between the players ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> to play for the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> position.

**Scoring:**

All matches of the Masters will be played in best 2 of 3 sets with a tie break in all sets, with the exception of the matches for the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> position when matches will be played in two sets with a Match tie break as 3<sup>rd</sup> Set.

**RULES OF THE ROUND ROBIN:**

The following rules apply:

- Players are awarded one (1) point for winning a match

The standings in the group are determined by:

- Highest number of points

If the number of points is equal for

- Two (2) players: the head to head result of the match played between the two players will be used to break the tie.

If the number of points is equal for three (3) or more players, for these players only:

- The percentage of sets won of sets played against all players in the group

\* If, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result is head-to-head match played between the two players will be used to break the tie

- The percentage of games won of games played against all players in the group

\* If, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result in the head-to-head match played between the two players will be used to break the tie.

- If, after this, there are still players that remain tied, then the CAT ranking will be used to break the tie.

- If, after this, there are still players that remain tied, then drawn by lot.