

## ITF/CAT North African Individual & Team's Championship for 14 years and under 2019

**Individual : from 05 au 08 January 2019**

**Team: from 09 to 13 January 2019 (if 5 teams are entered) - TBA**

**Team: from 09 to 11 January 2019 (if 4 teams are entered) - TBA**

**Organised by the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) in conjunction with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and Fédération Algérienne de Tennis (FAT)**

### **I. INVITED NATIONS**

All countries of North Africa are invited to participate at these events.

Any nation wishing to enter players must have an approved valid 5 year plan and fully updated with its affiliations towards the ITF and CAT

### **II. CATEGORIES AND ENTRIES**

Each nation is entitled to send a team comprising **a maximum** of 3 boys and 3 girls and 2 coaches. The teams composed of **6 players** are allowed to nominate **2 coaches**, however the teams composed of **5 players or less** are entitled to have **only one (1) coach**.

The host nation is entitled to enter one additional player.

### **III- FORMAT OF THE 14 AND UNDER INDIVIDUAL & TEAMS' COMPETITION**

#### **Individual Competition in Singles and Doubles:**

##### **Singles Events**

The singles will be run over 4 full days using the feed-in system, thus allowing the competition to progress as normal but ensuring that every player win or lose, plays a match every day.

*It is important to notify that the 14 & U individual Tournament will count as a Grade (2) Tournament for the ITF/CAT Circuit of 2019.*

##### **Doubles Events**

There will be open doubles events in both age groups. The doubles events will be run on a knock-out basis, **No Ad** and a Tie break match as final set.

All players playing in the singles event are eligible to participate. Doubles pairings must be from the same nation but with the agreement of the Tournament Committee, nations with odd numbers of players may form doubles pairings. Individual doubles points will be awarded to players.

The host nation is entitled to enter a maximum of 4 players.

#### **The 14 and Under Teams' Championships:**

##### **1- Ages' Groups at the Teams' Championships**

At the end of the individual 14U competition, a team competition will be played over a maximum of 5 full days for:

- Boys' Team 14 & Under
- Girls' Team 14 & Under

and will be served as a qualifying event to the final Event of the African Junior Teams' Championships scheduled to take place in June 2019

##### **2- Participating Teams & Format of the Competition:**

All the teams entered by their National Association, under the condition that the team has to be composed of **3 players** (as mentioned above). The Format will be set up on site based on the number of entered teams. The host nation is allowed to enter **only one team** per age group and gender.

**It is important to note that only one (1) team per age group and per gender will be automatically qualified to the Final Event of the African Junior Teams' Championships which will take place in June 2019.**

NB: The duration of the team's event will depend on the number of entered teams:

- From 9 to 13 January 2019 if 5 teams are entered
- From 9 to 11 January 2019 if 4 teams are entered

The information will be passed on the participating federations on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

#### **IV- QUALIFICATION TO THE 42<sup>nd</sup> ITF/CAT AFRICAN 14&U INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (AJC) 2019**

This Individual Zones' Championship for 14 and years & under will serve as an evaluation for an eventual selection for potential players to take part at the 1<sup>st</sup> AJC for 14 & U to take place in Benoni – South Africa by the end of April 2019. (See [Annexe for qualification criteria](#))

#### **V- THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE will include:**

- The Referee
- One (1) coach representing “Fédération Algérienne de Tennis”
- Two (2) accompanying team coaches

This committee will make the seeding (based firstly on the African Ranking), conduct the draw for the tournament and will thereafter meet to establish the tournament programme and settle any disputes. It will also decide on all matters concerning the rules. The Committee reserves the right to amend the format according to the number of entries and weather conditions.

#### **VI- RULES**

1. The ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct will be in force at the events and the tournaments played in accordance with the Rules of the ITF and CAT African 14&U Circuit
2. All draws must be conducted in accordance with the ITF and CAT Rules and Regulations.
3. A default will be given if a player fails to appear 15 minutes after his/her match is called.
4. Customary dress code will be enforced.
5. In entering the tournament, a player automatically grants to the ITF/CAT and/or host nation and/or (sponsors) the right in perpetuity to make, use and show pictures of him/her in motion or still, taken during the competition without compensation.
6. Prior to the draw being made an identity card or passport showing the date of birth for each player must be presented to the referee. Any player not complying with the age eligibility outlined above will not be accepted. Any country found to be in breach of this age eligibility rule will be eliminated from these Championships and will face disciplinary action from the CAT and the ITF
7. Entry forms with the name and date of birth of each player must be received by the CAT by no later than **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**
8. Any withdrawals must be submitted in writing directly to the CAT Office at least 7 days prior to the scheduled start of the Championships. Replacement players will only be accepted if the withdrawal is made for reasons of health or bereavement. In the event of withdrawal due to illness or injury, a medical certificate must be received by the CAT within 7 days of the player's withdrawal.

#### **VII- COACHING ON COURT**

For these individual events, coaching on court will be allowed. A coach is allowed to sit on the court and offer advice to players when changing ends. Under no circumstances can the coach interfere with the flow of the match or enter into a discussion with an on-court official. If a question of tennis law arises the coach would be free to seek the judgement of the referee, but in no case, can he or she speak directly to the Chair Umpire.

In the event that two or more 14 & under players from one country are playing at the same time, the coach may designate one other player from his delegation to sit on the court in his/her place during a match. The coach can change courts provided he/she does it at a change over.

#### **Nomination of Coaches**

We strongly recommend that you nominate a qualified coach (Level 1 / Level 2 or an equivalent certification) to travel with your team to these Championships.

#### **VIII- TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Venue:** Tennis Club de Bachdjarah

**Court surface:** Clay Courts

**No. of courts:** 12

**Tournament Director:** Mr Hamza Khelassi, Mobile : +213 561 70 09 60

**Tournament Referee:** TBA

**Accommodation:**

**Hotel:** Hôtel Hydra

**Address:** Sidi Yahya, Tel : +213 21 54 89 42

**Hotel rates for additional persons:**

Single room: 80 \$; Double room: 90 \$ ; Triple room: 110 \$

Breakfast and dinner are served at the hotel .Lunch is served at the Club

Coaches will be accommodated 2 per room and players 3 per room. Boys and girls will be accommodated separately within the hotel. There will be no exceptions to this. All team coaches must stay with their team in the hotel and they are ultimately responsible for their team's supervision and behaviour.

## **IX- HOSPITALITY**

Full hospitality (lodging and meals) will be provided for all official players and coaches (up to a maximum of 6 players and one or two coaches per nation, depending on the number of players).

Accommodation and meals will be provided for official players and coaches from dinner on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019** until breakfast on **Wednesday 9 January 2019** for those participating at the only Individual Championships. The players and coaches participating at the Teams' Championships will be accommodated until the breakfast of **Monday 14 January 2019.**

Teams arriving before 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and/or staying after the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 will have to pay for their accommodation and meals.

Priority on accommodation at the hotel will be given to official players and coaches. Additional persons will be **responsible for the payment and arrangement of their own accommodation, on a space available basis. Please contact the Tournament Director for assistance. Should a nation wish to send any additional coaches, it will be at the Federation's own expense.**

## **X- TRAVEL**

All participating nations must make their own travel arrangements.

Please confirm your travel arrangements to the CAT and FAT by the latest **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018.** Teams which have not signalled 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 FAT and CAT know at your earliest convenience.

## **XI- VISAS**

Travelling teams are responsible for obtaining their entry visas for Algeria in advance of their travel, if applicable. No assistance can be given by the CAT in obtaining visas. If you require visa invitation letters, please contact the FAT:

Fédération Algérienne de Tennis

Email : [fatennis09@gmail.com](mailto:fatennis09@gmail.com)

It would be recommended that you secure your visa for Algeria in 2018 to prevent complications of obtaining a visa in the New Year. You must obtain visas prior to departure; otherwise the player(s) concerned will be refused entry to Algeria and will be deported immediately. In the event that this happens, your Federation will be responsible for any costs that may be incurred.

## **XII- WAIVER OF CLAIMS**

All players entering ITF/CAT Junior Tournaments or Circuits agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against the ITF/CAT, the tournament organisers and the Regional Association or 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 ITF/CAT Junior Tournament or Circuit. **It is therefore recommended that all players have adequate travel and medical insurance cover.**

## **XIII- ENTRY DEADLINE**

Entries must be received at the CAT by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

Please return the entry form to all three the following emails:

Ms. Issem Essais – Email: [issemesssais@hotmail.com](mailto:issemesssais@hotmail.com)

Ms Nadine Ciza – Email: [cizanadine@gmail.com](mailto:cizanadine@gmail.com)

Mr Hichem Riani – Email: [rianihichem@yahoo.fr](mailto:rianihichem@yahoo.fr)

**Only entries received on the official entry form attached and endorsed by the appropriate national association will be accepted. Entries from individual players will not be accepted.**

Please complete the entry form, writing clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS. Make sure that you enter the players' dates of birth IN FULL in the spaces provided, indicating the day, month and year and check that they comply with the regulations. Players whose dates of birth do not comply with the regulations will be unable to play, and any nations found in breach of age regulations will be eliminated from the Championships and will face disciplinary action from the ITF.

# ANNEXE

## Qualification criteria for the 1<sup>st</sup> AJC 14 & U to take place in Pretoria – South Africa from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**For 2019:** Players eligible to compete must be born between 1st January 2005 and 31 December 2008. The selection of the participating players will be based on four (4) main criteria as follows:

- 1- The final teams' ranking for 14 years and under in the previous AJCs (2018) for both gender - boys and girls (Cumulated between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> AJC for 14 and under).
- 2- The individual African ranking of 14 years and under that will appear 3 weeks before the AJC for both gender boys and girls
- 3- **"Places" - ITF/CAT which will be awarded for each region.**
- 4- Wild Cards of the host country

- 1) **The final teams' ranking for 14 & under during the previous AJCs (2018) for both gender – boys and girls:**

The National Federation of each of the teams ranked from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place boys & girls in the 14 & under teams' ranking of the two AJCs (hard court & clay court) is eligible to enter one (1) player who will automatically be accepted.

As follow is the ranking recorded after the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> AJC 14 & U :

### BOYS

		1 <sup>st</sup> AJC – March 2018			2 <sup>nd</sup> AJC – September 2018			
Team		SB1	SB2	Doubles	SB1	SB2	Doubles	Total
1	Namibia	200	0	15	300	0	50	565
2	Tunisia	80	70	50	150	90	50	490
3	South Africa	120	90	50	70	50	85	465
4	Morocco	300	60	70	0	0	0	430
5	Zimbabwe	150	8	15	200	0	0	373
6	Egypt	20	17	100	45	40	30	252
7	Mauritius	45	7	0	120	0	25	197
8	Kenya	35	40	30	0	0	0	105

### GIRLS

		1 <sup>st</sup> AJC – March 2018			2 <sup>nd</sup> AJC – September 2018			
Team		SG1	SG2	Doubles	SG1	SG2	Doubles	Total
1	Morocco	300	200	100	0	0	0	600
2	Kenya	150	9	0	300	13	25	497
3	Egypt	80	20	30	150	120	70	470
4	Tunisia	120	90	30	50	45	30	365
5	Algeria	35	0	0	200	20	65	320
6	South Africa	70	45	70	50	0	25	260
7	Madagascar	50	15	30	80	0	50	225
8	Zimbabwe	8	7	50	35	0	25	125

Number of « Places »: **8** (1 per Country)

- 2) **14 & Under African Ranking.**

The best (13) or (14) players according to the 14&U African Ranking (which will appear 3 weeks prior to the AJC) entered by their National Federations (other than those entered by their National Federations according to point (1)) before the entry deadline.

Number of « Places »: **13\* or 14\***

- 3) **ITF/CAT « Spots »:**

(8) or (9) Places will be allocated by the CAT in consultation with the Development Officers according to the results recorded by the best players of each region following the individual zonal competitions of the 14 years and under which will take place in January 2019; (2) Spots for each of the following region:

- North Africa: 2 Spots
- Southern Africa: 2 Spots
- Eastern Africa: 2 Spots
- Western Africa: 2 or 3 Spots\*

\* *in the case of the Western, (2) Spots will be insured for the players of these regions. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Spot could be allocated to the region (Western or Central) which would not get a player among the (2) Spots*

Number « Places » : **8 or 9**

- 4) **Wild Cards for the Host Nation :**

(2) Wild Cards will be allocated to players of the host Country. Number of « Places »: **2**

**Notice :** Concerning places that will be allocated to each region, the names of the players will be announced by the deadline for entries at the 1<sup>st</sup> AJC, 3 weeks before the AJC starts. These names will be added to those who will be selected according to criteria (1) and (2).

**NB:** The maximum number of players per Country, with the exception of the host Country shall not in any case exceed four (4)