

**THE ITF/CAT INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**  
**ON HARD COURTS (IAJCHC) FOR 14 & UNDER**

**Benoni – South Africa, from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Organized by the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) in conjunction with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and Tennis South Africa (TSA), with the support of the Grand Slam Development Fund (GSDF)

**The Championships will take place at the  
Gauteng East Tennis Headquarters in Benoni – South Africa**

**Entry Deadline: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

The ITF/CAT African Junior Championships on Hard Court (AJCHC) will be preceded as per last year by a 14&U ITF/CAT Open Tournament of Grade (1) which can serve as a Warm up event for the players eligible to enter in it and who are accepted to take part at the ITF/CAT Individual African Junior Championship on Hard Courts (IAJCHC) for 14 & U in 2019.

**Players who are accepted to play in the African Junior Championship will be automatically accepted in the Main Draw of the warm up tournament. The draw size of the warm up event could go beyond 32 players.**

#### **I. SINGLES EVENTS**

A.	Boys 14 & Under	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005 and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2008 – having <b>turned 11 years old before or the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Championship.</b>
B.	Girls 14 & Under	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005 and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2008 – having <b>turned 11 years old before or the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Championship.</b>

### **Eligibility, Entries & Selection/Choice Procedures for the AJCHC for 14 & U for 2019**

#### **Eligibility:**

Players eligible to compete must be born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 and 31 December 2008 and having turned 11 years old before or the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Championships.

#### **Entries:**

Each National Association is eligible to enter up to a **MAXIMUM** of Four (4) Players in each Gender.

#### **Selection/Choice Procedures of the Players:**

In 2019, the Selection/Choice of the players to take part at the African Junior Championships on Hard Court will be based on the 4 different procedures:

- 1- **The final Teams' Ranking for 14 & under during the previous AJCs on Hard and on Clay Court (2018) for both gender – boys and girls:**

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

The following National Federations 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) are eligible to enter one (1) player **who will automatically be accepted.**

As follow the concerned countries based on the ranking recorded after the **1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> AJC 14 & U:**

BOYS		GIRLS	
1	Namibia	1	Morocco
2	Tunisia	2	Kenya
3	South Africa	3	Egypt
4	Morocco	4	Tunisia
5	Zimbabwe	5	Algeria
6	Egypt	6	South Africa
7	Mauritius	7	Madagascar
8	Kenya	8	Zimbabwe

- 2- **The African 14 & Under Ranking:**

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

Among the players entered by each national Federation, the best 13\* or 14\* ranked players according to the 14&U African Ranking which will appear at the entry deadline (3 weeks prior to the AJCHC) will be selected to take part at the AJCHC.

- Those national Federations eligible to nominate 1 player, according to the Procedure (2) above, have to enter other players than the one nominated according to the Procedure (1).

- 3- **ITF/CAT Places following the results of the Zones' Championships:**

**Number of « Places »: 8 OR 9**

(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 that took place in January 2019; (2) Spots for each of the following regions:

- North: 2 Spots
- Southern: 2 Spots
- Eastern: 2 Spots
- West-Centre: (2)\* or (3)\*

*\* In the case of the Western & Central African Regions, (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 allocated.*

\* The players to be selected shall be other than the ones who are already accepted following the Procedures (1) & (2) above.

As follow the names of the players in each region and their ranking following the Zones' Championships among whom only 2 (or 3) players per region will be selected to take part at the AJCHC (other than those to be accepted over the Procedures (1) & (2)).

### **BOYS**

NORTH REGION		WEST&CENTRE REGION		EASTERN REGION		SOUTHERN REGION	
#	NAMES	#	NAMES	#	NAMES	#	NAMES
1	Haitem Aboufirassi (MAR)	1	Suleiman Ibrahim (NGR)	1	Junior Hakizumwami (RWA)	1	Denzel Seetso (BOT)
2	Hadi El Kordy (EGY)	2	Hermann Ndonfack (CMR)	2	Nyabwari E Ogega (KEN)	2	Benedict Badza (ZIM)
3	Omar Yasser Yakout (EGY)	3	Paterne Kouadio (CIV)	3	N Abdoul Nduwimana (BDI)	3	Marko Milosovlevic (ZIM)
4	Ilyas Lahlou (MAR)	4	Abubakari Yakubu-Lea (GHA)	4	Moussa Kashindi (BDI)	4	Leo Matthysen (RSA)
5	Slimane Kichou (ALG)	5	Isaac Padio (TOG)	5	Rashid Ramadhani (TAN)	5	Kenrick Lam Wai Yam (MRI)
6	Reda Ghetas (ALG)	6	Kossi Dogbefu (TOG)	6	James Moses (TAN)	6	Finoana Rakotomalala (MAD)
7	Ahmed Hassairi (TUN)	7	Gillian Nahum (BEN)	7	Raymond Oduor (KEN)	7	Mahefa Rakotomalala (MAD)
8	Abd El Rahman Argoun (EGY)	8	Mohamed Ouattara (MLI)	8	Nicolas Mella (TAN)	8	Jordan Georgiev (RSA)
9	Taha Aboussaad (MAR)	9	Lameck Bagerbaseh (GHA)	9	Matteo Lavigne (SEY)	9	Mark Nawa (BOT)
10	Lofti Zerbout (MAR)	10	Amos Asante (GHA)	10	Abdul Malik Shakur (BDI)	10	Thompson Thomu (ZIM)
11	Abdelmalek Abdelhamid (ALG)	11	Arthur Ghoms (CMR)	11	Emmanuel Manishimwe (RWA)	11	Guy Voerwoek (RSA)
12	Hashem Fezzazi (LBA)	12	Emmanuel Udensi (BEN)	12	Adili Msale (TAN)	12	Kamohelo Khetisa (LES)

### **GIRLS**

NORTH REGION		WEST&CENTRE REGION		EASTERN REGION		SOUTHERN REGION	
#	NAMES	#	NAMES	#	NAMES	#	NAMES
1	Aya El Aouni (MAR)	1	Gloriana Nahum (BEN)	1	Cynthia C Wanjala (KEN)	1	Randy Rakotoarilala (MAD)
2	Mariam Yasser Atta (EGY)	2	Lili-Bell Minet (CIV)	2	Radha Raja (KEN)	2	Miotsoa Rasendra (MAD)
3	Lina Ngassi (MAR)	3	Valentine Talaki (TOG)	3	Caroline N Singo (TAN)	3	Tanyaradzwa Midzi (ZIM)
4	Jermine Mahmoud (EGY)	4	Lye Onoja (NGR)	4	Carine Nishimwe (RWA)	4	Kamohelo Khabele (LES)
5	Hiba Heni (TUN)	5	Charnelle Fozo (CMR)	5	Maisoun Yahia (SUD)	5	Tadiwanashe Mauchi (ZIM)
6	Meriem K Ibrahim (EGY)	6	Rodia Noudogbessi (BEN)	6	Caroline Mwangata (TAN)	6	Kaithlyn Ramduth (RSA)
7	Manak Ennaciri (MAR)	7	Oiza Yakubu (NGR)	7	Glory Lymo (TAN)	7	Nicole Matukutile (ZIM)
8	Imane Ghetas (ALG)	8	Rosaline Akombo (CMR)	8	Alisha Sharma (SEY)	8	Mikayla Faure (RSA)
9	Rawane Mebarki (ALG)	9	Serena Teluwo (NGR)	9	Rona Tuyishime (RWA)	9	Carle Botha (RSA)
10	Serine Kaidi (ALG)	10	Ishane Derman (TOG)	10	Faith Urasa (KEN)	10	Gabriella Martins (ANG)
11	Chiraz Boukholda (ALG)	11	Eliaza Honfoga (BEN)	11	Shema Mbayu (RWA)	11	Maholy Razakaniaina (MAD)
12		12	Grace Tchamoussa (TOG)	12	Akeza Zaitun (BDI)	12	Raica Coelho (NAM)

**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 AJCHC, **3 weeks** before the AJCHC starts. These names will be added to those who will be selected according to procedures (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).

**4- Wild Cards for the Host Nation:****Number of « Places »: 2**

(2) Wild Cards will be allocated to players of the host Country.

**II. DOUBLES EVENTS**

There will be open doubles events in both boys and girls.

At the 14&U African Junior Championships, trophies will be awarded to pairs winning the boys' and girls' doubles events. These events count towards the Team Trophy (see below for doubles points table). Players of the same country must play together. If a country has an odd number of players in a particular category, it is possible for the player to play with a partner from another country in the same situation. Players who do not compete in or retire from the singles main draw or feed-in placement draw will be automatically defaulted in doubles unless there is a valid medical reason certified by the official doctor. If a player who had previously retired from singles wants to play in doubles, he/she will need to be reassessed by the tournament doctor/physio who will have the final decision on the matter. All players playing in the singles event are eligible to participate. The entry deadlines for the doubles will be announced at the coaches meetings.

**III- PROGRAMME OF THE COMPETITION:**

<b>Tuesday 23<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	Players & coaches arrival day to The Lakes Hotel
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	Competition for Boys & Girls in Singles and in Doubles
<b>Evening of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> OR the morning of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	Players & coaches departure

**IV- AGE GROUP TROPHY:**

At the end of the African Junior Championships on Hard Court for 14&U (AJCHC) 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.

**\*NB:** The Age Group Trophy will be also awarded for each AJC Age groups (16 & U, 18 & U and the 14 & U on Clay Courts)

**Point Tables**

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		

**V- TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** will include:

- The Referee
  - Two Representatives from the ITF/CAT
  - One representative from Tennis South Africa
  - Three accompanying team coaches (one of each of the English, French and Arabic speaking nations).
- This committee will make the seeding, conduct the draw for the tournaments and will thereafter meet to establish the tournaments' programs and settle any disputes. It will also decide on all matters concerning the rules.

**VI- RULES**

1. All singles main draw events will be the best of three sets and the tie-break system will operate in all sets. In doubles, two sets will be played with a super tie-break in the case of the score being a set all.
2. For all singles and doubles matches the No Let Rule shall be in effect
3. 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.
4. A default will be given if a player fails to appear 15 minutes after his/her match is called.
5. Customary dress code will be enforced.
6. 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.
7. Feed-in placement events will be organized in all events so that all players have one singles' match every day. All feed-in placement matches in boys and girls will be played using the scoring system of 2 normal sets and a super tie break in the case of the score being a set all.
8. 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 the events and face disciplinary action from the ITF/CAT.
9. Any withdrawals must be submitted in writing direct to the CAT office. In the event of withdrawal due to illness or injury, a medical certificate must be received by CAT within 21 days of the player's withdrawal.

**VII- COACHING**

Coaching is allowed in the 14 & under events, where a coach may 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 judgment 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 changeover.

**VIII- TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Venue:** Gauteng East Tennis Headquarters

**N° of Courts for Competition:** 10 hard courts

**Tournament Director Details:**

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**Ref.:** Tennis South Africa

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**Accommodation:**

**Hotel:** The Lakes Hotel,

**Address:** 51 Divot Street, Benoni 1500, Afrique du Sud

**Tel:** +27 11 421 2619 (Office)

**Bookings through the TSA office ONLY!**

The hotel is located 15 km from the O. R. Tambo International Airport and the venue is on the same site as the hotel.

Coaches & players will be accommodated 2 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 teams in the hotel and they are ultimately responsible for their team's supervision and behavior.

**Nearest International Airport:**

O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg: 15 km from the hotel and the venue.

**Hospitality**

Please note that full hospitality will be provided for all official players & coaches.

On the other hand, Hospitality will be provided for official players and coaches as follows:

- For players & Coaches participating only in the AJCHC: from the **evening meal** on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** until **Breakfast** on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

- For players & coaches participating in both the ITF/CAT 14 & U Tournament of Grade (1) & the AJCHC: from **Lunch** on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** until **breakfast** on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.

#### **Official Coaches:**

- Nations with 7 or 8 players will be allowed two (2) official coaches.
- Nations with 2 to 6 participating players will be allowed one (1) official coach.
- Nations with only 1 player qualified will be invited to participate in an ITF/CAT team with an ITF/CAT coach provided.

Teams arriving in or departing from South Africa outside the above dates will be responsible for their own accommodation and meal costs.

The rates at the official hotel, The Lakes Hotel for additional persons during IAJCHC 14 & under are as follows:

- **Double Room on Half Board: 750 Rands / person (more or less 53 US\$)**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the hotel/venue. Tickets for lunch will be distributed daily to team coaches.

**For bookings outside these dates, please contact Tennis South Africa**

**Priority on accommodation at the official 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.**

#### **IX- TRAVELING TO RSA**

The CAT is providing travel financial assistance to help players accepted to the AJCHC 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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. 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.

#### **X- VISAS**

Travelling 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 the 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.**

#### **XI- WAIVER AND 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 organizers 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.**