

ITF/CAT 1st AFRICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE WARM UP ON HARD COURTS (AJCHC) FOR 14 & UNDER 2024

Lomé – Togo, from 4th to 9th March 2024

ORGANIZED BY
THE CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN TENNIS (CAT)
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION (ITF)
AND
TOGOLESE TENNIS FEDERATION (FTT)

**The event will be held at
Stade Omnisport & Club AAT of Lomé - Togo**

Entries Deadline: Monday 12th February 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Warm up Tournament

The ITF/CAT African Junior Championships on Clay Court (AJCHC) will be preceded by an **African 14&U Tournament in Singles only of Grade (1) from 28th February to 02nd March 2024** that will serve as a Warm up event for the players eligible to enter and who are accepted to take part at the ITF/CAT Individual African Junior Championship on Hard Courts (AJCHC) for 14 & U in 2024. Hence, the CAT strongly recommends the Federations to enter their players accepted to take part at the AJC in the Grade (1) Warm-up Tournament of the ITF / CAT Circuit.

Players 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.

Players must have a CATid.

I. SINGLES EVENTS

The categories to be played in the Individual African Junior Championship on Clay Courts for 14 years and under are as follow:

A.	Boys 14 & Under	Born between 1 st January 2010 and 31 st December 2013 – having turned 11 years old before or the 1st day of the Championship.
B.	Girls 14 & Under	Born between 1 st January 2010 and 31 st December 2013 – having turned 11 years old before or the 1st day of the Championship.

Eligibility, Entries & Selection/Choice Procedures for the AJCHC for 14 & U for 2024

Eligibility:

Players eligible to compete must be born between 1st January 2010 and 31 December 2013 and having turned 11 years old before or the 1st 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:

The Selection/Choice of the players to take part at the African Junior Championships on Hard Courts will be based on the four (4) following procedures:

- 1) The final Teams' Ranking for 14 & under during the previous AJCs on Hard and Clay courts (2023) for both gender – boys and girls (Cumulated between 1st and 2nd AJC for 14 and under).
- 2) The African 14 & Under Ranking that will appear on Monday 12th February 2024 for both Boys and Girls
- 3) ITF/CAT Places which will be awarded for each region
- 4) Wild Cards for the Host Nation

- 1- The final Teams' Ranking for 14 & under during the previous AJCs (2023) 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 1st to 8th place boys & girls in the 14 & under teams' ranking at both AJCs 2023 (Hard and Clay Courts) are eligible to enter one (1) player who will automatically be accepted.

As follows the concerned countries based on the ranking recorded after the **1st and 2nd AJC 14 & U 2023**:

BOYS		GIRLS	
1	Nigeria	1	Tunisia
2	Tunisia	2	Morocco
3	Morocco	3	Egypt
4	Botswana	4	South Africa
5	Madagascar	5	Nigeria
6	Egypt	6	Zimbabwe
7	Algeria	7	Kenya
8	Mali	8	Benin
9 (1 st Alternate)	South Africa	9 (1 st Alternate)	Botswana
10 (2 nd Alternate)	Zimbabwe	10 (2 nd Alternate)	Uganda
11 (3 rd Alternate)	Ghana	11 (3 rd Alternate)	Togo

- 2- The African 14 & Under Ranking:

Number of « Places »: 13* or 14*

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), on **Monday 12th February 2024** entered by their National Federation (other than those entered by the National Federation under criteria (1)).

- 3- ITF/CAT Places following the results of the Zones' Championships 2024

Number « 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 regions following the individual zonal competitions for the 14 years and under of January 2024;

- North: 2 Spots
- South: 2 Spots
- East: 2 Spots
- West & Centre: (2)* or (3)* Spots

**In the case of the West and Central Africa regions, (2) spots will be assured for players from these regions. A 3rd Place could be allocated to the region (West or Center) which did not have a player selected among the (2) allocated Places.*

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

Notice:

Concerning places that will be allocated to the regions, the names of the players will be announced after the entry deadline of the AJCHC. These names will be added to those who will be selected according to procedures (1) and (2).

- 4- Wild Cards for the Host Nation:

Number of « Places »: 2

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

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

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- 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 best nation in the country will win the Age Group Trophy.

***NB:** The Age Group Trophy will be also awarded during each AJC (16 & U, 18 & U and the 14 & U).

Point Tables

1. A player can win points based on their final position in the event. However, to earn points, a player must have won at least one match (byes and walkovers 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.

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

IV- PROGRAMME OF THE COMPETITION:

Sunday 3 rd March 2024	Players & Coaches Arrival day
Monday 4 th to Saturday 9 th March 2024	Competition for Boys & Girls in Singles and Doubles
Sunday 10 th March 2024	Players & Coaches Departure

V- TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE will include:

- The Referee
- Representatives from the ITF/CAT
- One representative from Togolese Tennis Federation
- 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: Omnisports Stadium

N° of Courts for Competition: 8 Hard courts

Host Federation:

Togolese Tennis Federation (FTT)

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Accommodation:

Hotel: King Salamon Garden Ahodikpe

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Address: Bvd 13 Janvier in front of Air France

The hotel is located 5 km from International Airport of Lomé and 500 meters from the competition venue.

Coaches will be accommodated 2 per room with separate beds and players 2 in double rooms with separate beds or in triple rooms with 3 separate beds if the rooms are sufficiently spacious. All team coaches must stay with their teams at the hotel and are ultimately responsible for their team's supervision and behavior.

Hospitality

Please note that full hospitality will be provided for all official players & coaches from the **Dinner** on Sunday 3rd March until **Breakfast of** Sunday 10th March 2024.

Official Coaches:

- Nations with 6 to 8 players will be allowed two (2) official coaches.
- Nations with 5 players or less participating will be allowed one (1) official coach.

Please note that hospitality will be provided for official players and coaches as detailed above:

- Participation at both **Warm up event** and **AJCHC**, from dinner on **Tuesday 27th February 2024** until breakfast on **Sunday 10th March 2024**.

- Participation at only **AJCHC**, from dinner on **Sunday 3rd March 2024** until Breakfast on **Sunday 10th March 2024**.
- Participation at only **Warm up event**, from dinner on **Tuesday 27th February 2024** until breakfast on **Sunday 3rd March 2024**.

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

The rates at the Official Hotel for additional coaches during AJCHC 14 & under are as follows:

- Single Room (Half Board): **65\$**
- Double Room (Half Board): **42,5\$ per person**
- Triple Room (Half Board): **35\$ per person**

Room Booking

All room bookings to the official hotel must be addressed ftt.be.2022@gmail.com

Priority on accommodation at the official hotel will be given to official players and coaches. Additional persons should inquire about possible availability with the Togolese Tennis Federation and will be responsible for the payment 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- TRAVEL

Please confirm your travel arrangements to the CAT and the Togolese Tennis Federation by **Monday 19th February 2024**. The Togolese Tennis Federation 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 Togolese Tennis Federation and CAT know at your earliest convenience.

X- VISAS

Travelling teams are responsible for obtaining their entry visas for Togo in advance of their travel, if applicable. No assistance can be given by the ITF/CAT in obtaining visas.

Entry Visa to Togo:

The entry visa to Togo must be obtained from the Togolese Embassy of the participating country. The invitation letter will be sent by the Togolese Tennis Federation upon request by contacting ftt.be.2022@gmail.com.

It is also possible to apply for e-Visa on: <https://voyage.gouv.tg/>

ITF / CAT are unable to assist in obtaining visas. If you need an invitation letter to obtain visas, please contact the Togolese Tennis Federation (FTT) directly.

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XI- COVID TEST & RESTRICTIONS

Please contact the Togolese Tennis Federation in order to obtain the necessary information

XII- 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.**