

ITF/CAT Western & Central African Junior Individual & Team's Championships 2017
10 – 17 & 18 – 22 January 2017

Organised by the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) in conjunction with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and Fédération Togolaise de Tennis (FTT), with the support of the Grand Slam Development Fund (GSDF)

I. INVITED NATIONS

The following countries in Western & Central Africa are invited to participate in these Championships: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Democratic Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

NB. Any nation wishing to enter players must have an approved valid 5 year plan.

II. CATEGORIES PLAYED AND ENTRIES

Each nation is entitled to send a team comprising **a maximum** of 12 players (3 boys and 3 girls each for the 14 and 16 & under events) and 1 coach for those nations with up to **6 players** or 2 coaches for those nations with **7 players** or more. The host nation is entitled to enter additional players. The **maximum** number of players that a country can enter in **each event** is detailed below.

A.	Boys 16 & Under Singles	Born in 2001 or after	3 BOYS
B.	Boys 14 & Under Singles	Born in 2003 or after	3 BOYS
C.	Girls 16 & Under Singles	Born in 2001 or after	3 GIRLS
D.	Girls 14 & Under Singles	Born in 2003 or after	3 GIRLS

III- COMPETITION FORMAT

Individual Championship:

Singles Events

14 and 16 & Under

The singles will be run on a round robin basis on days one, two and three, progressing either to the main draw or to the consolation draw to be held over the following four 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.

Doubles Events

There will be open doubles events in both age groups. The doubles events will be run on a knock-out basis, **No Add** and a Super Tie break 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 Teams' Championships:

1- Ages' Groups at the Teams' Championships

The Teams' Championships will be played over 1 event of 4 full days, and will offer competition as follows:

- Boys' Team 16 & Under
- Girls' Team 16 & Under
- Boys' Team 14 & Under
- Girls' Team 14 & Under

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 qualified to the Final Event of the African Junior Teams' Championships which will take place in June 2017.

IV- Junior Championships Team Trophy

At the end of the Junior Championships, a final country ranking will be determined on the basis of accumulation of points in the boys' and girls' singles and doubles events.

Only the four best singles results and the four best individual doubles results of each country will be counted to arrive at the total and to determine the rankings of the countries for the zone and consequently, the winner of the Junior Championships Team Trophy.

The best nation in the country ranking will win the Junior Championships Team Trophy.

V- POINT TABLES – All events

1. The tables below will be used for both boys' and girls' events in all age groups.
2. 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 either in singles or doubles (byes and walkovers do not count as matches won).
3. A player with a bye losing his/her 1st match in the main draw will play the feed-in of the losers of 2nd round of the Main Draw (when option 1 format is used).
4. As host nation of the Western & Central African Junior Championships, Togo may enter three additional players in each of the 14 and 16 & under categories and three additional players. Team members must be nominated in advance. However, only the A Team's points will count towards the Zonal Team Trophy and only a maximum of two players per age group from the host nation can qualify for the main event of the African Junior Championships.

SINGLE POINTS				DOUBLE POINTS PER INDIVIDUAL			
SIZE OF DRAW	24 OR MORE	16 & LESS	8 & LESS	SIZE OF DRAW	16 OR MORE	8 & LESS	4 & LESS
Winner	300	150	75	Winner	75	40	20
Runner-Up	200	100	50	Runner-Up	50	25	10
3 rd Place	150	75	38	Semi Finalists	30	15	0
4 th Place	120	60	28	Quarter Finalists	15	0	0
5 th Place	90	45	20				
6 th Place	80	40	15				
7 th Place	70	35	10				
8 th Place	60	30	0				
9 th Place	50	25					
10 th Place	45	22					
11 th Place	40	20					
12 th Place	35	17					
13 th Place	30	15					
14 th Place	25	12					
15 th Place	20	10					
16 th Place	17	0					
17 th Place	15						
18 th Place	14						
19 th Place	13						
20 th Place	12						
21 st Place	11						
22 nd Place	10						
23 rd Place	9						
24 th Place	8						
25 th Place	7						
26 th Place	6						
27 th Place	5						
28 th Place	4						
29 th Place	3						
30 th Place	2						
31 st Place	1						
32 nd Place	0						

VI- QUALIFICATION TO THE 40TH ITF/CAT AFRICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (AJC) 2017

The top 5 players in singles in the 14 and 16 & under categories at the Western & Central African Junior Championships will qualify to play in the main event of the African Junior Championships, which will take place in March/April 2017. In addition, in each of these age groups, one wildcard selected by the ITF/CAT will be offered to a player from the region.

VII- THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE will include:

- The Referee of the Western & Central African Junior Championships
- One (1) coach representing Fédération Togolaise de Tennis
- Two (2) accompanying team coaches (one each from an English speaking and a French speaking nation).
- The ITF/CAT representative.

This committee will make the seeding, 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.

VIII- 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.
2. All draws must be conducted in accordance with the ITF Junior Circuit 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 ITF.
7. Entry forms with the name and date of birth of each player must be received by the CAT by no later than **Friday 9 December 2016.**
8. Any withdrawals must be submitted in writing directly to the CAT Office at least 10 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.

IX- COACHING

Coaching will only be 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 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.

NB: Coaching will not be allowed at the 16 & under events (singles or doubles).

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.

X- TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Venue: Stade Omnisports Eyadéma & AAT Tennis club

Court surface: Hard Courts

No. of courts: 8

Tournament Director: M. KOUDONOU Simon, Tel : +228) 90 04 86 14

Tournament Referee: Mme Essi DJEHA-AKUETE Essi ; **Tel** : (+228) 90 16 90 32 / 99 48 86 67 ; **E-mail** : esda78@yahoo.fr

Accommodation:

Hôtel: Hôtel Ahodikpè

Address: 19, Boulevard du 13 Janvier, Nyékonakpoè, BP 13380, Tél : (+228) 22 22 13 99 / 22 22 28 44

Hotel rates for non official Members (on half board basis): Single: 40 \$; Doubles: 42 \$ per person

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.

XI- HOSPITALITY

Full hospitality (lodging and meals) will be provided for all official players and coaches (up to a maximum of 12 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 Tuesday 10 January until breakfast on Wednesday 18 January for those participating at the only Individual Championships. The players and coaches participating at the Teams' Championships will be accommodated until the breakfast of 22 January. Teams arriving before 10 January and/or staying after the morning of 18 or 22 January 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.

XII- TRAVEL

The CAT is providing travel grants for the event. All participating nations must make their own travel arrangements. Please see the attached covering letter for information on travel grants. Your travel grant will be sent to you upon receipt of your completed entry form. The travel grant may be used only by official players and coaches. In the event that a player or coach for whom the travel grant has been awarded does not travel, the grant will be repayable to CAT. In addition, failure to take part in the entire event will mean that any travel grants paid will have to be reimbursed to the CAT.

Please confirm your travel arrangements to the CAT and the FTT by **Friday 23rd December**. 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 FTT and CAT know at your earliest convenience.

XIII- 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 CAT in obtaining visas. If you require visa invitation letters, please contact the FTT. It would be recommended that you secure your visa for Togo in 2016 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 Togo and will be deported immediately. In the event that this happens, your Federation will be responsible for any costs that may be incurred.

XIV- 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.**

XV- ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received at the CAT by **Friday 9 December 2016**.

Please return the entry form to: Ms. Nadine Ciza – Email: cizanadine@gmail.com

Only entries received on the official entry form below 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.