

RULES & REGULATIONS

AFRICAN 14 & U INDIVIDUAL CIRCUIT 2022

1. CIRCUIT STRUCTURE

Grades:

The African Circuit is composed of a series of tournaments reserved for the 14 years and under age's group. In 2022, this Circuit starts on early January and ends on 11th December 2022.

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 organizational standards.

The African Circuit is divided into the following Grades: A, B, C, 1, 2 and 3, as well as D1 & D2.

Grades are awarded to the various tournaments by the CAT, which is essentially based on the data recorded in a Tournament during the previous year and which meets the following criteria at the entry deadline of the current year:

- 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 including at least 4 players ranked among the Top 20 and including at least 10 Players per Singles Main Draw coming from countries other than the host country.
- Grade C: Teams' competition (AJTC for the 14 years & under – African Qualifications for the World Junior Finals), and the Final event of the Team's World Cup (WJTF)
- Grade 2: African tournaments gathering entered players with a good/average level including at least 4 players ranked among the Top 40 and including at least 8 Players per Single main Draw coming from countries other than the host country.
- Grade 3: New tournaments and those gathering entered players with average level and / or including less than 6 players coming from countries other than the host country.

A Tournament can move from one Grade to another from one year to another.

New Tournaments will automatically be rated Grade (3).

The CAT may exceptionally upgrade a tournament from Grade (3) to the higher Grade and inform the organizers and players if at the close of registrations and withdrawals, it notices that the Tournament meets at least the criteria imposed for a tournament Grade (2) 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 following year.

National Individual Championship:

As in previous years, 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) according to a classification of the countries based on the final results and ranking made by their players in the year 2021.

- Class (A): Countries ranked from 1st to 12th position will be awarded the Grade (D1) for their National Championship
- Class (B): Countries ranked from the 13th to 24th position will be awarded the Grade (D2) for their National Championship

NB: National Championships for Countries ranked from the 25th position will not be considered.

Criteria of countries' ranking:

The Final Ranking of countries will appear at the end of the last tournament organized in 2021 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 129& +	Bonus : 1 point / player	TOTAL
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- **This ranking will change at the end of every year. The ranking of 2021 will appear after the last tournament of the Circuit of 2021, that is at the end of December 2021 (See Annex – 2021 Nations' ranking)**

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 30 days before the event, by completing a corresponding form.

It is important to note that during these Championships the Feed-in system in Singles **is not required** (see below the system of points' allocation). Points allocated only on the Single Draw starting on the quarter-finals.

NB: The points that will be allocated to a local player who has participated in the National Championship approved by the CAT remain valid **for a maximum duration of 52 weeks**. The points obtained by a player at the National Championships of 2021 will replace those obtained by that player at the Championships of the preceding year (2021).

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 11th birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw and those who have not reached the age of 15 on 31st December the year in which the competitions are played.

That means that for 2022, players who are born between 1st January 2008 and 31st December 2011 (and have reached the age of 11). i.e.:

Year	Date of Birth
2022	Born between 1 st January 2008 & 31 st December 2011 – having effectively reached 11 years old.
2023	Born between 1 st January 2009 & 31 st December 2012 – having effectively reached 11 years old
2024	Born between 1 st January 2010 & 31 st December 2013 – 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 main draw will have a maximum of 32 players (apart from some International Tournaments, which the main draw might have up to 48 players).
- The general rules of this competition must be in accordance with the ITF Junior competition rules as well as its Code of Conduct.
- In submitting an application to organize a tournament of this circuit, the National Association automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfill all its obligations under the above Regulations.
- In submitting an entry in one of the tournaments of the Circuits, a player also undertakes to abide by and be bound by the above Regulations.

4. RANKING

14 & Under Age category:

a) Tournaments ranking's System

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 Organizers 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:

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

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

Doubles:

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

African Masters 14 & Under Masters:

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

Grade 1:

Singles:

1st – 1000 ; 2nd – 600 ; 3rd – 360 ; 4th – 290 ; 5th – 220 ; 6th – 200 ; 7th – 180 ; 8th – 160 ; 9th – 120 ; 10th – 110; 11th – 100; 12th – 90; 13th – 80; 14th – 70; 15^{ème} – 60; 16th – 50; 17th – 30; 18th – 25; 19th – 20; 20th – 17; 21st – 15; 22nd – 12; 23rd – 11 24th – 10; 25th – 7; 26th – 6; 27th – 5; 28th – 4; 29th – 3; 30th – 2; 31st – 1; 32nd – 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:

1st – 500 ; 2nd – 300 ; 3rd – 180 ; 4th – 150 ; 5th – 110 ; 6th – 100 ; 7th – 90 ; 8th – 80 ; 9th – 60 ; 10th – 50 ; 11th – 45 ; 12th – 40 ; 13th – 35 ; 14th – 30 ; 15th – 25 ; 16th – 20 ; 17th – 13 ; 18th – 12 ; 19th – 11 ; 20th – 10 ; 21^{ème} – 9 ; 22^{ème} – 8 ; 23rd – 7 ; 24th – 6; 25th – 5 ; 26th – 4 ; 27th – 3 ; 28th – 2 ; 29th to 31st – 1 ; 32nd – 0.

Doubles

Winner – 280; Runner up – 160; ½ finalists – 80 per player; ¼ Finalists – 40 per player

Grade 3:

Single:

1st – 300 ; 2nd – 200 ; 3rd – 120 ; 4th – 100 ; 5th – 75 ; 6th – 65 ; 7th – 55 ; 8th – 45 ; 9th – 30 ; 10th – 25 ; 11th – 20 ; 12th – 18 ; 13th – 15 ; 14th – 12 ; 15th – 10 ; 16th – 8 ; from 17th to 19th – 5 ; from 20th to 22nd – 4 ; from 23rd to 25th – 3 ; 26th to 28th – 2 ; from 29th to 31st – 1 ; 32nd – 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 will benefit of points counting in the 14 and under African ranking. The AJTC would be then considered as an 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 : 250 points per match
 - players n° 2 : 150 points per match
- b) Victories in doubles during pool matches:
 - 100 points per match and per player

Players selected by their national federations to take part at the World Junior Team Final for 14 years & under (WJTF) of the current year will benefit from points counting towards the 14 & U African rankings. The WJTF would therefore be considered as an event of the ITF/CAT junior circuit.

Points allocated to players in case of victory only:

- a) Victories in singles during pool matches:
 - player n° 1: 300 points per match
 - player n° 2 : 200 points per match
- b) Victories in doubles during pool matches:
 - 100 points per match and per player

Closed National Tournaments:

The Feed-in system in singles is not required.

Grade D1:

National Championship of the countries of Class (A):

Winner: 200 points; Finalist: 120 points; ½ Finalists: 60 points each; ¼ Finalists: 30 points each.

Grade D2:

National Championship of countries of Class (B):

Winner: 150 points; Finalist: 90 points; ½ Finalists: 45 points each; ¼ Finalists: 20 points each.

Other Tournaments:

Tennis Europe 14&U Circuit:

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 during the current year

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 sets, all Main Draw singles matches will be played 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. For all ranking matches, short sets shall be used.

Short Sets: In the event of weather problems, the tournament committee will decide when to use the short sets, even in the MD singles matches

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:

Since September 2019, the CAT introduced 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 starting on early 2020, 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 from the CAT allowing it to control 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 System.

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 & U Circuit if he/she 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, No Show/Defaults & suspension of points:

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

All withdrawals must be submitted online through the Player Identifier (even after the withdrawal deadline)

A player wishing to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline must send an email to the Referee of the tournament and copying CAT

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 will be subject to penalties for the No Show.

Players are allowed up 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 used his/her two (2) "free" late withdrawals in a calendar year, any subsequent withdrawal will be penalized by a 20 point drawdown of his points in the African 14 and Under Ranking.

Table of Sanctions / Suspension of Points:

Suspension points shall be recorded against a player for the following

1	Late withdrawal (after using the two "free" late withdrawals)	20 points
2	No Show	40 points
3	Default after the following (For warning + point penalty + 1st game penalty + 2 nd game penalty...)	30 points
4	Any Default for a single violation of the Code (Immediate Default)	40 points
5	Any Default for punctuality	25 points
6	Leaving the Tournament	35 points

NB: ITF supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all on-site offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the punishment, other than under the point penalty schedule, and give written notice thereof to the player.

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 by a National Federation via the Player ID will be accepted The National Federation 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 Main 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 places 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 zone 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 organize a qualifying draw for its local players and eventually for foreign players who are not accepted at the main draw. This qualifying draw, which must not exceed 16 players, must be organized during the day preceding the Main Draw. All participating players have to pay for their accommodation during that event.

In this case, the Composition of the Main Draw will be as follows:

Draws' Composition

A) Singles Main Draw: 32

Direct Acceptance: based on the CAT Ranking at the date of the entry deadline	24
Qualifiers	4
Wild Cards (Host Nation)	2
Wild Cards (CAT)	2

B) Doubles: 16 teams The Doubles shall consist of 16 teams. There shall be no Doubles Qualifying competition.

Direct Acceptance	14
Wild Cards (Host Nation)	1
Wild Cards (CAT)	1

* NB: Direct Acceptances for Doubles are selected according to the same acceptance method used for the World Junior Tennis Tour (See rules on page 20 & 21 of the WTT Junior Regulations)

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 of "No Show", Lucky Losers 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 also 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 reports regularly 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. If a country is represented by more than 4 players per gender, the priority for the hospitality of players will go to the highest 4 ranked players. Additional visiting players, even accepted to play in the main Draw have to pay for their accommodation. To be considered for hospitality, Coaches must have been nominated by the national association.

C) Practice:

Practice courts shall be provided. Practice courts shall preferably be of the same surface as the match courts and on the same site. The referee shall ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made.

D) Officials

ITF/CAT African Junior Circuit:

Referee: Recommended minimum White Badge/ International Experience required for Grade (A), (B) & (1). Experimented National certified Referee can be accepted to officiate at Grade (2) & (3) Tournaments.

Chair Umpires: Required for all Main Draw Matches for Tournaments of Grade (A), (B) and (1), for lower Grades, matches shall be umpired by Chair Umpires starting from the ¼ Finals. The 1st and 2nd Rounds will be played under the supervision of "off-court umpires". Umpires may be National Officials.

E) Schedule:

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 minimum of seven (7) days and a maximum of eight (8) days for the organization of two consecutive legs in one country

(The duration of the 2 Legs will be announced by the CAT 14 days before the start of the 1st Tournament)

Practical Recommendations:**One (1) Tournament – 4 Days****Recommended Schedule of the competition:****Day (0):** Qualifications for Boys & Girls & Making the Main Draw**Day (1):**

- Round of 32 in Single (16 matches for Boys & 16 matches for Girls): Total: 32 Matches
- Round of 16 in Doubles (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches

Day (2):

- Round of 16 in Single (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Single (4 matches for Boys & 4 matches for Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 17 to 32): 16 matches

Day (3):

- ½ Finals in Single (2 matches for Boys & 2 matches for Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- ½ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 9 to 32): 24 matches

Day (4):

- Finals in Singles (1 match for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Finals in Doubles (1 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 3 to 32): 28 matches

Two (2) Tournaments – 7 Days**Recommended Schedule of the competition:****FIRST TOURNAMENT:****Day (0):** Qualifications for Boys & Girls – Making the Main Draw**Day (1):**

- Round of 32 in Single (16 matches for Boys & 16 matches for Girls): Total: 32 Matches
- Round of 16 in Doubles (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches

Day (2):

- Round of 16 in Single (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Single (4 matches for Boys & 4 matches for Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 17 to 32): 16 matches

Day (3):

- ½ Finals in Single (2 matches for Boys & 2 matches for Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- ½ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 9 to 32): 24 matches
- Afternoon: 1st Round of the Qualifications of the 2nd Tournament.

Day (4):

- Finals in Singles (1 match for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Finals in Doubles (1 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 3 to 32): 28 matches
- Morning: 2nd Round of the Qualifications of the 2nd Tournament.

SECOND TOURNAMENT:

- Afternoon: 1st Round in Singles of the 2nd Leg / 1st Part (8 matches for Boys + 8 matches for girls)

Day (5):

- 1st Round in Singles of the 2nd Leg / 2nd Part (8 matches for Boys + 8 matches for girls)
- Round of 16 in Single (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches
- Round of 16 in Doubles (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches

Day (6):

- ¼ Finals in Single (4 matches for Boys & 4 matches for Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- ½ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 17 to 32): 16 matches

Day (7):

- ½ Finals in Single (2 matches for Boys & 2 matches for Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- Finals in Singles (1 match for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Finals in Doubles (1 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 3 to 32): 24 matches

Two (2) Tournaments – 8 Days

Recommended Schedule of the competition:

FIRST TOURNAMENT:

Day (0): Qualifications for Boys & Girls – Making the Main Draw

Day (1):

- Round of 32 in Single (16 matches for Boys & 16 matches for Girls): Total: 32 Matches
- Round of 16 in Doubles (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches

Day (2):

- Round of 16 in Single (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Single (4 matches for Boys & 4 matches for Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 17 to 32): 16 matches

Day (3):

- ½ Finals in Single (2 matches for Boys & 2 matches for Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- ½ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 9 to 32): 24 matches

Day (4):

- Finals in Singles (1 match for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Finals in Doubles (1 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 3 to 32): 28 matches

SECOND TOURNAMENT:

- Morning: 1st Round of the Qualifications of the 2nd Tournament
- Afternoon: 2nd Round of the Qualifications of the 2nd Tournament.
- 6:00 PM: Making the Draw of the 2nd Tournament

Day (5):

- Round of 32 in Single (16 matches for Boys & 16 matches for Girls): Total: 32 Matches
- Round of 16 in Doubles (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches

Day (6):

- Round of 16 in Single (8 matches for Boys & 8 matches for Girls): Total: 16 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Single (4 matches for Boys & 4 matches for Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 17 to 32): 16 matches

Day (7):

- ½ Finals in Single (2 matches for Boys & 2 matches for Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- ¼ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 8 Matches
- ½ Finals in Doubles (4 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 4 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 9 to 32): 24 matches

Day (8):

- Finals in Singles (1 match for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Finals in Doubles (1 matches for Boys & Girls): Total: 2 Matches
- Ranking Matches (position 3 to 32): 28 matches

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 37th and the end of the 40th 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 2nd 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 Program:

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
2	Player N°3 or N°4 by lot, the 1 st tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 nd tossed to be placed on Pool B.		Player N°4 or N°3 by lot, the 1 st tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 nd tossed to be placed on Pool B.
3	Player N°5 or N°6 by lot, the 1 st tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 nd tossed to be placed on Pool B.		Player N°6 or N°5 by lot, the 1 st tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 nd tossed to be placed on Pool B.
4	Player N°7 or N°8 by lot, the 1 st tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 nd tossed to be placed on Pool B.		Player N°8 or N°7 by lot, the 1 st tossed to be placed on Pool A and 2 nd 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 1st and 2nd 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 1st round robin pool considering the result between those 2 players already registered.
 - The same format will be played between the players ranked 3rd & 4th to play for the 5th to the 8th position.

Scoring:

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