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VIA EMAIL

Dear All,

Re: ITF Junior Circuit – 2015 Rule Changes

I would like to take this opportunity at the close of the 2014 season to let you know about some important rule changes coming into effect on the ITF Junior Circuit in 2015:

- **No sign-in at Grade 1 tournaments**

Grade A tournaments on the ITF Junior Circuit have not had a main draw singles sign-in for several years. In 2015, this will be extended to Grade 1 tournaments. Players will still be expected to be on site ready to play their first round match on the first day of the tournament.

- **ATP/WTA rankings threshold for acceptance**

Players ranked in the professional game ATP 750 or better (change from 550 or better) or WTA 400 or better (change from 350 or better) will always be accepted at the bottom of the Main Draw Acceptance List. Players ranked in the professional game ATP 751-850 (change from 750 or better) or WTA 401-500 will always be accepted and remain at the bottom of the Qualifying Acceptance List.

- **Seed Ranking Comparison Chart**

The Seed Ranking Comparison Chart will change slightly to incorporate ATP rankings 551-750 and WTA rankings 351- 400. Please see the 2015 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations for details.

- **Officiating requirements**

Grade 1 tournaments will be required to have a chair umpire for every main draw match (change from all matches from quarterfinals onwards).



Grade 4 and 5 tournaments will be required to have a chair umpire for all finals (change from a recommendation to a requirement).

- **Balls**

Grade A and Grade 1 tournaments will be required to provide a minimum of four new balls (three in 2014) for each match. Grade A tournaments will be required to have a ball change after at least 11 and 13 games in the main draw, and for at least the third set in qualifying. All other grades of tournament will continue to have a ball change before the third set in singles only.

- **Team competitions – non-playing captain**

The non-playing captain in Grade C tournaments (international team competitions) is no longer required to be a current passport holder of that country. The captain is only permitted to captain one country's team in a calendar year.

Finally, I would like to advise you that we will publish the 2015 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations as a PDF document on itftennis.com/juniors by the end of the year.

If you have any questions about these rule changes, please do not hesitate to contact Helen.mcfetridge@itftennis.com.

Yours sincerely



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