



2025 ATF 14 & Under Junior Regulation

Summary of Rule Changes

This document outlines the significant changes to the rules and regulations of the existing ATF 14 & Under Junior Circuit rulebook. All modifications specified herein will take effect during tournaments commencing the first week of January 2025. In addition to this summary of changes, it is highly recommended that all participants review the updated ATF 14 & Under Junior Circuit regulations to ensure compliance and understanding of the new rules.

The Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) is in the process of upgrading its tournament management system. Beginning January 2025, the official ATF tournament website will be www.atf.hitcourt.com. All National Federations and players will be required to create new accounts on the upgraded website. Further details regarding this transition will be communicated via email to the relevant parties.

Summary of Rule Change

- **TOURNAMENT REGULATION**

1. **Age Eligibility –**

Only boys and girls born between 1st January 2011 and 31st December 2015 may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2025 Asian Tennis Junior Tour 14 and under. However, players may not participate in any ATF Junior Tour 14 and under unless they have reached their tenth (10) birthdays before the start of the Main Draw until the year the players turn 14 years of age.

2. **Tour Structure –**

- a. There are six categories of events in 2025 (New addition is Category 3 and Category 1+)

1. **Category A+:** Asian Junior Championships.
2. **Category A:** Grade A event, ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships. (Final)
3. **Category 1+:** ATF 14&Under Junior Series with full Hospitality.
4. **Category 1:** ATF 14&Under Junior Series with reduced Hospitality, ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships/Regional Qualifying.
5. **Category 2:** ATF 14&Under Junior Series without Hospitality.
6. **Category 3:** ATF 14 & Under Junior Series with reduced organizational requirements without Hospitality, allowed to be hosted by selected member nation mentioned in Appendix A

(Please refer to the Rule book for more information regarding Category 3 and 1+)

Following number of events will be allowed in any tournament week of the year:

1. Category A+ : (1) One Event per Year Only
2. Category A : (5) Maximum of five Events per Year Only
3. Category 1+, 1 : (5) Maximum of Five Events per week, but in different zones of Asia
4. Category 2 : (5) Maximum of Five Events per week, anywhere in Asia
5. Category 3 : No restrictions

For one (1) week, Category 2, 1+ and 1 tournament can be held maximum of 7 events in total.

Region (Central, Southern, Eastern, South eastern and Western Asian) will be considered for the schedule.

3. ATF Ranking points for 14 & Under (New Ranking points table for the year 2025)

Position	Category A+ Asian Junior Championships	Category A	<u>Category 1 +</u>	Category 1	Category 2	<u>Category 3</u>
	With Full Hospitality	With Full Hospitality	With full Hospitality	Reduced Hospitality	Without Hospitality	Without Hospitality
1	1500	1200	<u>1000</u>	600	200	<u>50</u>
2	1250	1000	<u>800</u>	400	133	<u>40</u>
3	1000	800	<u>625</u>	300	100	<u>30</u>
4	900	650	<u>500</u>	240	80	<u>24</u>
5	800	500	<u>325</u>	180	60	<u>18</u>
6	750	450	<u>270</u>	160	53	<u>16</u>
7	700	400	<u>235</u>	140	47	<u>14</u>
8	650	350	<u>200</u>	120	40	<u>12</u>
9	500	300	<u>165</u>	100	33	<u>10</u>
10	400	250	<u>145</u>	90	30	<u>8</u>
11	300	200	<u>125</u>	80	27	<u>7</u>
12	250	150	<u>110</u>	70	23	<u>5</u>
13	200	120	<u>90</u>	60	20	<u>4</u>
14	180	105	<u>75</u>	50	17	<u>3</u>
15	160	90	<u>60</u>	40	13	<u>2</u>
16	140	75	<u>50</u>	34	11	<u>1</u>
17	120	67.5	<u>40</u>	30	10	<u>0</u>

18	110	60	<u>34</u>	28	9	<u>0</u>
19	80	52.5	<u>30</u>	26	9	<u>0</u>
20	60	45	<u>28</u>	24	8	<u>0</u>
21	50	37.5	<u>26</u>	22	7	<u>0</u>
22	45	30	<u>24</u>	20	7	<u>0</u>
23	40	25.5	<u>22</u>	18	6	<u>0</u>
24	30	22.5	<u>20</u>	16	5	<u>0</u>
25		21	<u>18</u>	14	5	<u>0</u>
26		19.5	<u>16</u>	12	4	<u>0</u>
27		18	<u>14</u>	10	3	<u>0</u>
28		16.5	<u>12</u>	8	3	<u>0</u>
29		15	<u>10</u>	6	2	<u>0</u>
30		13.5	<u>8</u>	4	1	<u>0</u>
31		12	<u>5</u>	2	1	<u>0</u>
32		10.5	<u>0</u>	0	0	<u>0</u>

Doubles Points: Below mentioned is the ranking points to be earned by participating players.

Position	Category A+	Category A	Category 1 +	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Winner	375	300	<u>250</u>	150	50	<u>12.5</u>
Runners up	312.5	250	<u>200</u>	100	33.25	<u>10</u>
Semi Finalist	225	162.5	<u>125</u>	60	20	<u>4.5</u>
Quarter Finalist	162.5	87.5	<u>50</u>	30	10	<u>3</u>
Round of 16	0	0	<u>0</u>	0	0	<u>0</u>

Combined Ranking = Singles Ranking points + Doubles ranking points

4. **Acceptance Criteria** (New acceptance criteria for the year 2025) – Below mentioned is the Summary of Rule change please refer the Rule book for detailed Information

Acceptance Priority (Singles)

- a. **Priority 1 – Entered Players with ATF 14 & U raking as of Monday before the Entry Deadline**
- b. **Priority 2 – Entered & ATF unranked players with singles WTN as of Monday before the entry deadline**
- c. **Priority 3 – Entered players with no ATF ranking and Singles WTN, the National ranking provided by the national association will be considered for acceptance**
- d. **Priority 4 – Non entered players (On site alternate) with ATF 14 & under ranking as on Monday before the start of the tournament**
- e. **Priority 5 – Non entered players (on site alternate) with Singles WTN as of Monday before the start of the tournament.**

- f. Priority 6 – Non entered players (on site alternate) with out ATF 14 & under ranking of WTN the national ranking provided by the national federation will be considered.

Acceptance Priority (Doubles)

- a. Priority 1 - Two Players both of them Main draw Participants
b. Priority 2 - Two players, one a Singles Main Draw participant, the other player a Singles Qualifying participant or Singles Main Draw wild card
c. Priority 3 - Two players, where one player only is a Singles Main Draw participant and the other player is not in singles main draw or qualifying draw.
d. Priority 4 - Two players, where both players in the team were Singles Qualifying participants and/or a Singles Main Draw wild card(s)
e. Priority 5 - Two players, where one player was a Singles Qualifying participant or a Singles Main Draw wild card and the other player is neither in singles main draw or singles qualifying draw
f. Priority 6 - Two players who are neither in Singles Main Draw nor in Singles Qualifying draw

5. **Sign in Regulation** – (Starting 2025, Entered players in Main draw and Qualifying need **not to appear for** sign -in) – Please refer to the complete regulation on the rule book

a) **Qualifying –**

The Qualifying Sign-In Deadline is at 18:00 hours local time on the day before the scheduled start of the Qualifying

Players accepted into the Singles Qualifying Draw as entered direct acceptance are **not required** to Sign-In with the ATF Supervisor. Players must be on-site and available to play their first-round match as scheduled. Entered Alternate players (who wish to compete), **must Sign-In** prior to the singles qualifying sign-in deadline by contacting the on-site ATF Supervisor, either in person or Telephone method outlined on the Tournament Fact Sheet.

Any on site alternate (Non entered) players who wish to compete in the tournament must sign in personally with the ATF supervisor prior to the singles qualifying sign in deadline. No phone sign in will be accepted for Non entered players

b) **Main draw –**

Singles - Players accepted into the Singles Main Draw are not required to Sign-in. Players must be on-site and available to play their first-round match as scheduled.

Doubles - Each player must have entered and signed-in with the ATF Supervisor by 12 noon (1200 hours) on the scheduled first day of start of the singles Main Draw

<i>Sign -in Deadline (As per the above regulations mentioned)</i>	
<i>Singles Qualifying and Main draw (Entered Players)</i>	<i>No Sign in required as per the regulations mentioned above</i>
<i>Singles Qualifying Alternate (Entered Players)</i>	<i>In person or by alternate method (Telephone) before 6:00 pm local time 1 day prior to the commencement of qualifying draw</i>
<i>On Site Alternate (Un entered Players)</i>	<i>On site with the ATF supervisor before 6:00 pm local time 1 day prior to the commencement of qualifying draw.</i>
<i>Doubles</i>	<i>Before 12:00 on the 1st day of the singles main draw</i>

6. Special Exempt –

Players entered and appearing in the qualifying list of the current week of tournament can apply for special exempt if they are still competing in a singles event of a “qualified event” from previous week on the day the qualifying event is scheduled to begin.

Qualified events will be as follows: -

- For Category 3- Any level of ATF 14U tournament
- For Category 2- Any ATF 14U tournament of Category 2 or higher
- For Category- 1- Any ATF 14,U tournament of Category 2, 1, 1+ or Grade A
- For Category 1+- Any ATF 14U tournament of Category 1, 1+ or Grade A
For Grade A- Category 1 or Category 1+ or Grade A

(The Draw and Order of play will be posted on the newly developed ATF tournament website www.atf.hitcourt.com)

• Rules and Regulations of the Tour

1. Ranking - (Below mentioned are the changes to the Ranking system)

- a) To promote the players to play higher age group 20% of the points earned (ranking points only) from Asian 16& under tournament will be added to Asian 14& under ranking points, which will be in addition to the points from best 6 tournaments.
- b) The 14& Under ranking at the end of the year will be rolled over to 16& U rankings for the players to step in to the higher age group. 20% of the year end ATF 14 & under points will be carried over to 16U age group for 6 months to give a cushion to the 14& under players for participating at 16&U age group. These points will be taken off from 1st week of July.

2. Tournament Application – (ATF Tournament website will be upgraded and from 2025 all National Federation and Players can access ATF tournament website on www.atf.hitcourt.com) (More information regarding this will be sent to players and National federation by email)

- a) Applications for the tournaments must be made on the ATF U14 website (<https://www.atf.hitcourt.com/federation/login>), no later than 4 months before the week of the tournament. Category 3 tournament organizers may apply for the tournament 2 months in advance.
- b) The ITF/ATF financial assistance for conducting at least 1 Category 1 and 2 tournaments will be transferred to the host national association following the conclusion of the last tournament of the year. The amount of financial assistance will be communicated at the beginning of each calendar year.

3. Cancellation of Tournaments

- a) Any National Association, withdrawing their Tournament from the Asian Junior Tour calendar after it was published for the period shall be penalized according to the below mentioned details.
 - Nations withdrawing the tournament 2 months prior to the start of the main draw may be fined up to USD 200
 - Nations withdrawing the tournament 1 month prior to the start of the main draw may be fined up to USD 400

The decision of the ATF Tournament and officiating committee will be final regarding the above.

4. Sanction Fee – (Following is the prescribed Sanction Fee)

All tournaments on the ATF Junior Tour are required to pay the relevant sanction fees as outlined in the table below. Invoices for these sanction fees will be sent to the National Associations on a half yearly basis at the end of June and December each year and must be settled within 15 days of receipt

1) Category A+:	US\$ 400
2) Category A:	US\$ 400
3) <u>Category 1+:</u>	<u>US\$ 400</u>
4) Category 1:	US\$ 300
5) Category 2:	US\$ 150
6) <u>Category 3:</u>	<u>US\$ 150</u>

5. Officiating Fee – (Category 3 tournament can be officiated by experienced National referee). For other category ITF white badge official will be mandatory to officiate the tournament.

- Categories 1+, 1 and 2 - 550USD
- Categories A+, A - 750USD
- Category 3 - 350 USD (Recommended)

6. Tournament Obligation and Organizational Requirements

	Category A+	Category A	<u>Category 1+</u>	Category 1	Category 2	<u>Category 3</u>	
Options/Facilities	Asian Junior championships with full hospitality	Grade A With Full Hospitality	Full Hospitality Category 1+	Reduced Hospitality Category 1	Without Hospitality		
Main Draw size	24	32	24,32 (Draw smaller than 32 needs special permission)			16,24,32	
Entry & Withdrawal	Invitation only	Entry and withdrawal by online through player account.					
Max Events by a Nation	One event in a year, host Nation will be decided by ATF	Up to 5 Grade A events in a year, ATF will decide the nation evenly distributed in all regions of Asia	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nations are divided into 3 groups.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Group 1 Nations – Max 9 per nation</u> 2. <u>Group 2 Nations - Max 7 Per nation</u> 3. <u>Group 3 Nations – Max 5 Per nation</u> <p><i>(Nations must host at least one category 1 event with not more than maximum of 2 category 1+ tournament in the permitted max events by nation. Eligible nations may host Category 3 tournaments in addition to these categories of events.)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Appendix A – Notifies the Groups of Nations.</u></p>			<p><i>Up to a maximum of 6 tournaments can be conducted by eligible nations as mentioned in Appendix A. Additionally, these nations can also conduct the other category of ATF 14U tournaments as per separately mentioned maximum limits.</i></p>	
Qualifying Draw	Nil	32	16, 24, 32, 48, 64				
Draw format	Consolation						
Hospitality (Players)	<p style="text-align: center;">FULL HOSPITALITY</p> <p>To All Main Draw Players until Completion of the Tournament.</p> <p><u>Minimum 7 days hospitality to be provided to all players.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FULL HOSPITALITY</p> <p>To All Main Draw Players from one evening of day before start of Main Draw until Completion of the Tournament</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FULL HOSPITALITY</p> <p>To All Main Draw Players from one evening of day before start of Main Draw until Completion of the Tournament</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REDUCED HOSPITALITY</u></p> <p><u>To All Main Draw Players from 2nd round onwards, which will start one day before the scheduled day of 2nd round till the elimination from main draw (Singles or doubles) No hospitality will be provided to the players in consolation events</u></p>	No Hospitality to Be Provided	No Hospitality to Be Provided	

Hospitality (Coaches) Appointed by the National Federations	No hospitality for coaches	Full hospitality to one Accompanying coach per nation until completion of the tournament	Hospitality to accompanying coach can be provided at the discretion of the organisers	No hospitality for the coaches		
Rest room	Adequate, separate (for boys and girls) and hygienic rest rooms required for all tournament categories					
Medical Staff	Sports medicine trainer should be available on site to assist players with the medical needs on site, at all times.					
	A doctor on call should also be available					
Referee	Silver badge Referee	Minimum ITF White Badge Referee Official – to be approved by ATF office			<u>Experience National Referee with acceptable knowledge of Tournament software usage</u>	
Chair Umpires	All Matches	All main draw matches	From Quarterfinals	From Semi-finals	<u>Recommended from Semi-finals</u>	
Roving Umpires (Off Court)	For the matches not having chair umpires, tournament should provide enough off court supervisors to observe the matches being played without chair umpires.					
The minimum No of Courts	4	6	Draw of 64 : 8 Courts			
			Draw of 48 : 6 Courts			
			Draw of 32: 6 Courts or 5 courts if flood lights are available & <u>3 courts for Draw of 16</u>			
Min Length of Main draw(days)	5	6	6	6	5	Draw 16 – 4 days Draw 24/32 -5 day Draw - 64 - 6 days
Balls (ITF approved balls)	4 balls in play balls change at 1 set all	a) Qualifying -3 new balls per match (no ball change) b) Main draw (Category A+, A, 1+, 1) 3 new balls per match, ball change at final set. c) (Category 2 & 3) – 3 new balls per match and suggested ball change until Quarterfinals, Mandatory ball change for Semifinals and Finals. d) Consolation matches – good condition used balls (3) to be provided for the matches				

Practice Balls	Minimum of 3 Used balls of playable condition
Changing rooms	Adequate changing rooms and shower facilities shall be available
Stringing	<i>A stringer should be provided on site during the match days with charge not more than USD <u>15</u></i>
Official Hotel	<i>All tournaments must nominate an official hotel for the tournament and mention all necessary details such as hotel address, room rates, and transport directions from the nearest airport or railway station. If the official hotel is more than 1.5 Kms from the venue, the tournament should provide transportation from the official hotel to venue starting from the day of qualifying sign in till the last day of the main draw in all categories of ATF 14U tournaments, except for Category 3 tournaments. It is optional but recommended to provide Transportation in Category 3 tournaments.</i>
IT requirements	The Organiser must provide a high-speed (cable or WiFi) internet connection for the Referee together with a computer and printer (unless the Referee bring his/her own equipment). Internet is mandatory requirement and is essential for the referee to run the hit court tournaments management system. Internet and or Wi-Fi must be offered for players and coaches from Grade 2 tournament onwards.
Cafeteria	Food, Snacks and beverages (energy bar and drink) to be made available on payment basis.
Live Scoring	<i>All Asian Junior Circuit tournaments, with the exception of Category 3 events, will implement live scoring in either Off-Court Umpire or On-Court Umpire mode (Grade A+ and Grade A tournament to have only on court umpiring mode). The referee will be supplied with a user manual to facilitate the operation of the live scoring system. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the National Federation to provide Android mobile devices and ensure internet connectivity on-site for the effective use of this system. It will be the responsibility of the ATF supervisor to initiate the use of live scoring system and train the roving umpires and chain umpires on the usage.</i>
Live Streaming	<i>All Asian Junior Circuit Category A+, A, & 1+ (for all 1+ tournaments live streaming facilities will be confirmed closer to the start of the tournament) tournaments will have live streaming facilitated by the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF). National Federations are required to ensure that the necessary arrangements for internet connectivity and electrical supply are in place to enable the live streaming system to function effectively. This will be done in accordance with the live streaming production guidelines that will be distributed to all eligible tournaments.</i>

7. Entry Fee (Following is the prescribed Entry fee for the year 2025)

Tournament category	Entry Fee Total	Collection for organizers	ATF Junior office (Administration fee)
<i>Asian Junior Championships(A+)</i>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Category A & 1+</i>	<u>75</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>15</u>
<i>Category 1</i>	<u>65</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>15</u>
<i>Category 2</i>	<u>55</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>15</u>
<i>Category 3</i>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>

- **Asian Junior Tennis Tour**

1. **Players Eligibility** – players need to create an account online at <https://www.atf.hitcourt.com/register-player>

Non-Asian players participating in the Asian 14&Under Series tournaments (Category A,1+, 1,2,3) will be eligible to earn points and will be ranked accordingly. However, only players holding valid passport of one of the ATF Member Nations may be allowed to take part in the Category A+, and/or the ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships

2. **Asian online account & International Player Identification Number (IPIN)**
To play in the ATF Junior Tours, players must have registered with the ATF. Players should register online directly on the ATF tournament website (<https://www.atf.hitcourt.com/register-player>) or through the ATF website (www.asiantennis.com)

Player may also register for a Junior ITF IPIN. The Junior IPIN allows the player to play on the ITF Junior Circuit and the Tennis Europe Junior Tour (subject to fulfilling the age criteria).

Players will not be allowed to enter/compete in an ATF event until the ATF registration is complete and payment is made. No player will be allowed to sign-in as an Onsite Alternate or play as a Wild Card without having registered for ATF account. A sum of USD 40 as Annual subscription for creating the ATF account will be payable by the players. This can be paid online once the account has been created.

3. **Final Ranking**

The final rankings, issued at the end of each calendar year, shall be compiled on the basis of points earned in Asian Tennis Junior Tour 14 & under and below mentioned are few benefits for year end top ranked players.

- a) 1 Wild card to be awarded to player with an ATF 14 & Under year end NO 1 Ranking (Boys & Girls) to ITF World Tennis Tour junior J30 or J60 events.
- b) 1 Wild Card to be awarded to player with an ATF 14 & Under year end NO 2 Ranking (Boys & Girls) to ITF World Tennis Tour J30.
- c) Eligible player should get in touch with the ATF during the month of January to express his/her intention to apply for the wild card.
- d) ATF will confirm regarding the wild card as soon as practical so that the player has sufficient time to prepare for the travel.
- e) After confirmation of the Wild Card if a player for any reason do not participate in that tournament, he/she may not be offered substitute Wild card in to another event.
- f) Players who are offered wild card should at all time during the tournament abide by the ITF regulations and code of conduct.

g) ATF development grant will be offered to top ranked players in the following below mentioned order

- ATF No.1 year end ranked player (Boy & Girl) – USD 2500
- ATF No.2-year end ranked player (Boy & Girl) – USD 1500
- ATF No. 3 year end ranked player (Boy & Girl) – USD 1000

Modifications has been made in dress and equipment to make it more specific and clear

(For more detailed Information please refer to the ATF 14 & Under Junior regulation Rule book available on the ATF website www.asiantennis.com)

