



Asian 14/U Series 2006 Regulations

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Asian 14/U Series



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 THE COMPETITION

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1. TITLE

The Competition, an international junior singles and doubles competition shall be called the 'Asian 14/U Series'.

2. OWNERSHIP

The Competition shall be owned and managed by the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF).

3. PLAYERS ELIGIBLE

Players who will be 11 years old and players who have not reached the age of 15 years on or before the 31st December of the year in which the competition is played may compete in the tournaments.

4. REGULATIONS

- a) All Asian 14/U Series tournaments (excluding the Asian 14/U Championships & Asian 14/U Masters Series Final) shall have a feed-in system in all singles draws.
- b) All Asian 14/U Series tournaments will have a maximum 32 player main draw and 32-player qualifying draw field. The Asian 14/U Championship will be a minimum 64 player main draw and 32 player qualifying draw.
- c) The Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the ITF Junior World Ranking Code of Conduct, the Rules of the ITF and the Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF.
- d) In submitting an application, a tournament automatically undertakes to abide by and fulfil all its obligations under the above Regulations.
- e) In submitting an entry to a tournament sanctioned by ATF as a constituent tournament of the Series, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/her to abide by and be bound by the above Regulations.

5. RANKINGS

a) Player Ranking

A player's combined ranking shall be compiled on the basis of points earned in their best six (6) individual singles and doubles events within the Asian 14/U Series tournaments, the ITF Group 1 events and the Asian 14/U Championships.

To have or obtain a ranking, a player should:

- 1) Play a minimum of 2 tournaments.
- 2) Of the two (2) one should be outside of their home country – note that if a player enters an ITF Group 1 event and/or the Asian 14/U Championships, this is deemed as an overseas event.

The players' ranking will be used for seeding purposes. The ATF office will publish the rankings regularly on the Internet and the organisers are responsible for obtaining the required rankings.

Non Asian players participating in the Asian 14/U Series tournaments are eligible to earn points and will be ranked accordingly.





RULES OF THE COMPETITION

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1. TOURNAMENT APPLICATION AND APPROVAL

- a) Applications for inclusion in the Series, giving full details of the event are to be sent by the corresponding National Association to the ATF.
- b) Only tournaments organised by a National Association, or sanctioned by the National Association concerned, will be considered for inclusion when accepted. The ATF will ask for a sanction fee of USD \$250.00.
- c) Assistance from the ATF will be given to only one (1) event per host nation per year.

2. TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) All tournaments must be played in accordance with the Rules of Tennis (no rest shall be allowed after the second set in a three-set match) and the Regulations of the Asian 14/U Series.
- b) The ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct and the Medical Condition shall be enforced.
- c) Any tournament not complying with these regulations may not be accepted in the Series the following year.
- d) In order that records can be maintained, the Tournament Directors of all tournaments shall:
 - 1) Prior to the commencement of the tournament, send to the ATF copies of the following:
 - At least 60 days in advance, a complete Fact Sheet of the event;
 - Tournament entry form;
 - Letter of invitation and
 - Details of any travel assistance offered.
 - 2) On the Monday following the conclusion of the tournament, send to the ATF by e-mail and fax:
 - Complete Draw sheets of main draw Singles and Doubles events and
 - Complete typed list of competitors, showing full forenames, family names, nationalities and full dates of birth.
 - 3) Within five (5) days of the conclusion of the tournament airmail to the ATF the following:
 - Typed copies of complete Draw sheets of events, including qualifying, denoting seeds, wild cards, qualifiers and lucky losers;
 - Complete typed list of all competitors, giving full forenames and family names, nationalities and full dates of birth for every player and
 - Programme and reports of the event including photographs and other relevant tournament information.
- e) The Referee shall also submit a report, including details of any penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct. A list of any penalties imposed shall be posted during the tournament on the competitor's notice board, and shall be updated on a daily basis.
- f) The tournaments shall display four (4) Asian Series banners (to be provided by the ATF) on the main court and adjoining courts in a good visible position and include the ATF logo on the cover page of their programme (leaflet and/or book) and on the poster. This is valid for all categories.



3. ASIAN TENNIS FEDERATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) All inquiries and entries should be addressed to the ATF office care of:

Administrator
ATF Junior Competition
Ynares Socio-Cultural & Sports Center
Rizal Provincial Capitol
Shaw Boulevard, Pasig City 1600, Philippines

Tel. No.: (632) 634-7658/ 631-0237

Telefax No.: (632) 634-5410

E-mail: atfphils@pltdsl.net

- b) The ATF Junior Committee is responsible for the overall administration of the ATF 14/U Series and shall do its utmost to ensure that the calendar is widely published.
- c) The ATF Office will provide the tournament organisers in due time with the Asian Series Banner and the artwork for printed materials.

4. NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) The National Associations are responsible for entering and withdrawing their players in a timely manner.
- b) The National Associations are responsible for the supervision of the tournaments they selected to be part of the Asian 14/U Series.

5. MEDICAL CONTROL - ANTI DOPING POLICY

ITF Junior Rules on medical control shall be followed.



 RANKING POINTS SYSTEM

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1. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

POINTS TABLE: Asian 14/U Series Tournaments					
Points will be awarded in each Singles Event as follows:					
1 st – 300	2 nd – 200	3 rd – 150	4 th – 120	5 th – 90	6 th – 80
7 th – 70	8 th – 60	9 th – 50	10 th – 45	11 th – 40	12 th – 35
13 th – 30	14 th – 25	15 th – 20	16 th – 17	17 th – 15	18 th – 14
19 th – 13	20 th – 12	21 st – 11	22 nd – 10	23 rd – 9	24 th – 8
25 th – 7	26 th – 6	27 th – 5	28 th – 4	29 th – 3	30 th – 2
31 st – 1	32 nd – 0				
Points will be awarded to each player in each Doubles Event as follows:					
Winners	200 (25% = 50)		Runners-Up	120 (25% = 30)	
Semi Finalists	80 (25% = 20)		Quarter Finalists	40 (25% = 10)	

POINTS TABLE: ITF Group 1 Events					
Points will be awarded in each Singles Event as follows:					
1 st – 450	2 nd – 300	3 rd – 225	4 th – 180	5 th – 135	6 th – 120
7 th – 105	8 th – 90	9 th – 50	10 th – 45	11 th – 40	12 th – 35
13 th – 30	14 th – 25	15 th – 20	16 th – 17	17 th – 15	18 th – 14
19 th – 13	20 th – 12	21 st – 11	22 nd – 10	23 rd – 9	24 th – 8
25 th – 7	26 th – 6	27 th – 5	28 th – 4	29 th – 3	30 th – 2
31 st – 1	32 nd – 0				
Points will be awarded to each player in each Doubles Event as follows:					
Winners	200 (25% = 50)		Runners-Up	120 (25% = 30)	
Semi Finalists	80 (25% = 20)		Quarter Finalists	40 (25% = 10)	



POINTS TABLE: ASIAN 14/U CHAMPIONSHIPS (CLOSED ASIAN EVENT)			
SINGLES		DOUBLES	
Winner	600	Winner	400 (25% = 100)
Runner-Up	400	Runner-Up	240 (25% = 60)
Semi Finalist	270	Semi Finalist	160 (25% = 40)
Quarter Finalist	150	Quarter Finalist	80 (25% = 20)
Losers in last 16	100	Losers in last 16	40 (25% = 10)
Losers in last 32	50	Losers in last 32	0
Losers in the last 64	0	Losers in the last 64	0

A player's combined ranking shall be compiled on the basis of points earned in their best six (6) individual singles and doubles events within the Asian 14/U Series tournaments, the ITF Group 1 events and the Asian 14/U Championships.

Doubles results count towards the best six (6) results of the year and represent maximum 25% of the points achieved.

Note: The winner/s of the Asian 14/U Championship will be automatically selected to participate in the Asian 14/U Series Team and participate in the 3-4 week Australian Tour program as part of the eight (8) player Boys & Girls Team.

The points accumulated from the Asian 14/U Series, ITF 14/U Zone 1 and the Asian 14/U Championships will determine the final year ranking top 8 players who will be eligible to qualify for the Asian 14/U Series Team, including the Masters Final to be played in Melbourne, Australia late December/early January and form part of a 3-4 week Australian Tour program.

Note – If the winner of the Asian 14/U Championship does not finish in the final top 8 ranked players, the Asian 14/U Series team will consist of the top 7 ranked players plus the Asian 14/U Champion.



 **TOURNAMENT DRAW**

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1. INVITATION TO AND SELECTION OF COMPETITORS

- a) Invitations to take part may only be sent to National Associations. Invitations to Associations shall be open, and not for named players. Under no circumstances may invitations be sent directly to players.
 - 1) If a player resides in a country, but is not a valid passport holder of that country the National Association of the country where he/she resides may endorse the player's entry, only with the prior agreement of the National Association of the country for which he/she holds a valid passport.
 - 2) If a player is a dual passport holder his/her entry may be endorsed by either National Association provided that neither National Association objects.
 - 3) Any National Association wishing to endorse the entry of a foreign player or a dual passport holder is responsible for contacting all relevant National Associations to ensure that the player is of good standing.
- b) Only entries submitted through National Associations shall be accepted. When submitting entries, Associations may give their preferred order of priority for acceptance of their players.

2. DRAW COMPOSITION

Singles – 32 Draw	
Direct Acceptance	18
Qualifiers	4
Wild Cards (Host Nation)	4
Wild Cards (ATF)	6
Doubles	
Doubles draw shall be half of Singles Main Draw.	
Doubles qualifying competition is not permitted.	
All main Draw Singles player shall play Doubles.	

Sign-In Deadlines	
Singles Qualifying	All players accepted into the qualifying draw must personally sign-in with the Referee by 6.00pm the day prior to the Singles Qualifying commencing. [Exception: Travelling to site/Ref to Ref and/or Telephone sign-in are permitted.]
Singles Main Draw	All players accepted into the main draw must personally sign-in with the Referee by 4.00pm the day prior to the Singles Main Draw commencing. [Exception: Traveling to site/Ref to Ref and/or Telephone sign-in are permitted.]
Doubles Main Draw	2.00pm first day of Singles Main Draw, one (1) player may sign-in for the team. Telephone sign-in is permitted.
Consolation	
1 st Round Losers	Max 1 hour after the end of last first round match TBA by the Referee.



3. MAKING A DRAW

All draws shall be conducted in public with at least two players present, one of whom shall be of a different nationality to that of the host country.

a) Guidelines for conducting the Asian 14/U Series Draw

If there are two players from the same National Association competing they shall be drawn in opposite halves of the draw.

If there are three or four players from the same National Association competing, the first and second ranked shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth ranked players shall be drawn into the remaining quarters, which do not already contain one of that National Association's players.

The selection of the top four players from any one country shall be determined by the Asian 14/U Junior Rankings or, in absence of the Asian 14/U Rankings, the ITF Junior Ranking if it exists, or in its absence, the order of merit supplied by the appropriate National Association.

b) Method for Conducting a Draw

- 1) Prepare a master player sheet listing all nations represented. The order of nations is based on the number of players of that nation (i.e. the nation with the highest number of players should be listed first).

Then detail the players representing each nation as follows:

- First listed should be those players nominated by their National Association as their top players (maximum four) in order of ranking.
- If no ranking is available or if no order of merit is supplied by the National Association, the top players (maximum four) should be ranked by their coach/captain. If he is not able to rank them, the tournament organisers should then rank players.
- Once players have been listed, all remaining players from each nation who have been accepted for the main draw should be listed in ranking order, if appropriate, or in order of acceptance.

- 2) Proceed with the draw of seeded players, bearing in mind that if two or more seeded players are from the same nation, their position in the draw must be placed rather than drawn by lot, in order to ensure that they are in a different half or quarter to the other top player(s) from their nation.

Note: Seeded players names should be checked off the master sheet, as they are drawn/placed for position in the draw.

- 3) Proceed with the draw of the remaining top players (maximum four) from each nation, where appropriate, into the vacant half or quarters of the draw.
- 4) Once the top players (maximum four) from each nation have been drawn into an appropriate half/quarter and placed on a line, all remaining players should be numbered and drawn for position in the usual manner, i.e. drawn to the first vacant position at the top of the draw and so on.

The same procedure described from points 1 to 4 applies to the qualifying draw, bearing in mind that the qualifying draw refers to sections rather than to quarters.

This means that if a Nation has five players in the qualifying draw, the first four must go in different sections and the fifth can be drawn anywhere.

On the other hand, if a Nation has a total of four players (two in the main draw and two in the qualifying draw), the two in the main draw must go in different halves of the main draw and the two in the qualifying draw must go in two different sections.

Note: This procedure does not apply to Doubles Main Draw.



4. SEEDINGS OFFICIAL - WITHDRAWAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SEEDS

Seedings will not be official until the final draw is made. The latest available rankings shall be used. If the players do not have Asian 14/U ranking, the tournament Committee may take into account all relevant information to determine seeding.

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player in the main draw eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of qualifying or by the eligible lucky loser if after commencement of qualifying. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed, which occurs after the release of the Order of Play on the day preceding commencement of play in the main draw, shall be filled by a Lucky Loser.

5. QUALIFYING

a) Sections and Seeds

The qualifying draw shall be made in sections, and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw. If four (4) qualifiers are required, there shall be four (4) sections; six (6) qualifiers, six (6) sections and so on. The draw shall be seeded and the selection of seeds shall be consistent with the criteria used for the main draw. Each section shall have two seeded players/teams. The first seed shall be placed at the top of each section; the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have (1) seed on the top line of each section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the section and so on until all sections have (1) seed on the bottom line of each section.

b) Acceptance of Qualifiers into Main Draw

Once the qualifying competition has begun, only those players who ultimately qualify and lucky losers may be accepted into the main draw. The qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

c) Drawing of Qualifiers

At the conclusion of the qualifying competition, the name of one qualifier shall be drawn for each qualifying place in the main draw. There shall be no prior designation of qualifying sections to qualifying places in the main draw. Likewise, when more than one lucky loser is to be inserted into the main draw, their position in the main draw shall be determined by drawing. Vacancies occurring before the qualifying is completed to be filled by lucky losers shall be drawn in conjunction with those players that qualified.

6. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

All players entering any Asian 14/U Series tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, that for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future against ATF, the tournament organisers and the National Association sanctioning such events.





OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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1. MANAGEMENT

- a) The Asian 14/U Series shall be managed by the ATF Junior Committee.
- b) The duties and powers of the ATF Junior Committee shall be:
 - 1) To manage the day-to-day administration of the Series.
 - 2) To ensure uniform application of and compliance with, the Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct.
 - 3) To administer the funds of the Series within the financial framework of the Federation.
 - 4) To report to the Board of Directors on all financial matters.
 - 5) To undertake other duties as laid down in these Regulations.
 - 6) To submit regular reports to the Board of Directors.
 - 7) To present the Regulations for approval to the ATF Board of Directors.
- c) The ATF Board of Directors shall carry out the following duties:
 - 1) Approve the Regulations.
 - 2) Decide on any appeals or disputes from National Federations.
 - 3) Appoint the members of the ATF Junior Committee every two (2) years. The Chairman of the Junior Committee shall be a member of the ATF Board of Directors.

2. HOSPITALITY

Full hospitality (meals and accommodation) is required for **FOREIGN** main draw players (singles and doubles) and a maximum of two (2) coaches per country for the duration of the tournament.

Coaches must have been nominated by the National Association when submitting player entries. No other coaches shall be guaranteed hospitality.

3. TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

- a) Any travel assistance shall be arranged only in advance and offered only to National Associations. It shall not be conditional upon a named player taking part. Travel assistance shall not be offered to individual players, neither shall it be linked to a player's success in the tournament, nor shall it be conditional on a player's participation in any other tournament.
- b) Practice facilities shall be provided. Practice courts shall preferably be of the same surface as the match courts, but this is not obligatory. Practice facilities need not be in the same stadium, but transport shall be provided. Players shall have the opportunity to reserve practice courts and the referee shall ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made.

4. OFFICIALS

Asian 14/U Series

Referee: Recommended White Badge/Compulsory International Experience

Umpires: Compulsory for Semi-Finals and Finals

Umpires may be National Officials.

Asian Championships and Asian 14/U Series Masters Final

Referee: Minimum White Badge

Umpires: Compulsory for all Main Draw Matches

Umpires may be National Officials.



5. SCHEDULE

- a) The referee shall, whenever possible, allow a player who has competed on the final day of the preceding tournament, a full day for travelling and rest before that player is obliged to play the first round of the succeeding tournament.
- b) Every evening, the programme for the following day's play shall be published and displayed in the stadium and/or hotels or otherwise made available for competitors and coaches.

6. FACILITIES

- a) There shall be a tournament desk staffed starting one hour before the beginning of the matches until two hours after the end.
- b) Adequate change rooms shall be available.
- c) Physiotherapist/Doctor

All Tournaments – it is compulsory for a physiotherapist to be on site at all times.
A Doctor is available on site.

7. PRIZE MONEY / POCKET MONEY

No prize money or pocket money in any form shall be paid at any junior tournament, either to the players or to their National Associations. Any infringement to this rule will be penalised by a fine and can be subject to the expulsion of the tournament from the Series.

8. GIFTS

The value of a gift to the winner of a tournament may not exceed the value of USD \$250.00.

9. TOURNAMENT / ENTRY FORMS

Full details of the tournament are to be set out in the entry form - conditions of play, arrangements for players etc.

10. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

- a) Each player grants and assigns to the ATF and Tennis Australia the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself, his/her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such promotional activities by the ATF shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.
- b) All tournaments that have a web site must have a link to the ATF web site on their main page.
- c) Visibility of Asian Tennis Federation:
 - 1) All Tournaments.
 - 2) Four (4) Asian Series Banners on Center Court & Court 1 (One (1) on main camera view).
 - 3) One (1) ATF Banner at entrance of the club.
 - 4) Logo of Asian Series on Posters, Brochures, Official Programme (Front page) and all printed materials.
 - 5) One (1) page in Official Programme at disposal of ATF for message/ sponsor.
 - 6) ATF Banner at Press Conference, Prize Giving Ceremony, Official Pictures and other official functions.
 - 7) ATF reserves exclusive rights for publicity on Net Banners. The organizer is not allowed to place any banners on the net, unless separately agreed with the ATF.



11. FACT SHEET

- a) All relevant information on arrangements for the event should be made available to the players and National Associations in the form of a fact sheet. The form will be sent by ATF together with the Tournament Package and only this common form will be accepted. This form must include the following details:
 - 1) Name, telephone, telex and fax numbers of the Tournament Director;
 - 2) Tournament site (address, telephone and fax numbers);
 - 3) Court surface;
 - 4) Make of ball;
 - 5) Official hotel (including rates, if appropriate, and contact details);
 - 6) Transportation information; and
 - 7) Any other relevant details e.g. name of Referee, social functions planned, whether sign-in will be held, etc.
- b) Fact sheets must be sent to all relevant Associations as soon as the acceptance list is completed. A fact sheet must also be forwarded to ATF by fax or e-mail at least four weeks before the event commences.

12. ENTRY FEES

All tournaments maximum of USD \$30.00.

13. INSURANCE

It is required that all players have adequate medical insurance coverage, which cannot be provided by either the ATF, the host National Association or the local organiser.

Neither the ATF or National Association sanctioning such events or local organisers, can accept any responsibility for providing players with such insurance coverage.

14. BALLS

- a) Main Draw/Qualifying

In Main Draw and Qualifying there shall be a minimum of three new balls for each match; another three new balls shall be provided for any third set in semifinals and finals only. Although organizers are encouraged to provide ball change for the final set in all matches.

- b) Practice

Balls shall be provided for practice, but it is not obligatory to give new balls for this purpose.





TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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Asian 14/U Championships (Closed Asian Event)

1. EVENTS

- a) 14/U Boys Singles and Doubles
- b) 14/U Girls Singles and Doubles

2. INVITATIONS TO COMPETITORS

Invitations to take part are ONLY sent to National Associations. Under NO circumstances are invitations to be sent directly to players.

3. NOMINATION OF COMPETITORS

Only players nominated by their National Association may compete. If a player is qualified to represent more than one country and the National Association of one of those countries wishes to nominate him/her to represent it, that Association must submit an application to the ATF, with a copy to any other National Association concerned.

Asian 14/U Series Masters Final (Closed Asian Event) – played in Melbourne, Australia

1. EVENTS

- a) Boys 14/U Singles
- b) Girls 14/U Singles

2. DATE

The Asian 14/U Series Masters Final will be played at the conclusion of the Asian 14/U Series Calendar and will take place in December/January in Melbourne, Australia.

3. DURATION

The Asian 14/U Series Masters Final is a minimum three (3) day event and forms part of the 3-4 week Australian Tour program.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- a) The eight (8) highest ranked Asian boys and girls on the Asian Junior Ranking after completion of the Asian 14/U Series of the current year (including the Asian 14/U Championship) – note that the winner/s of the Asian 14/U Championship automatically qualify for this event.
- b) In case of equality in the ranking, the category of tournaments in which the results were made will be considered.
- c) In case of unavailability of one of the first eight, the Asian player ranked next on the 14/U Junior ranking will be eligible.



5. DRAW

Group round-robin format with playoffs for places 1-8.

Players will be grouped as per their Asian 14/U Series ranking i.e Group A - 1, 3, 5, 7 & Group B - 2, 4, 6, 8

6. HOSPITALITY

Full accommodation and meals shall be provided for competitors and for a maximum of two (2) Asian coaches for the duration of the tournament.

