



ITF ASIA 14 & UNDER DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 DIVISION - I

FACT SHEET

The International Tennis Federation (ITF), in conjunction with the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF), is pleased to announce that the **ITF Asia 14 & under Development Championships** - Division 1 will be held at the **Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand**, Thailand on **14 – 27 March 2015**. The ITF Division 1 is the equivalent of an Asian 14&Under Category 2 event for which points for a Category 2 ATF 14&Under circuit event will be awarded to players for their wins at the Championships.

The Championships will be supported by the ITF Grand Slam Development Fund.

The Championships will incorporate **a one-day training camp followed by two 5-day tournaments** all at the same venue. The schedule will be as follows:

Players arrive	: 14 March, 2015 (Saturday)
Training Camp	: 15 March, 2015 (Sunday)
First tournament	: 16-20 March, 2015 (Five Days)
Rest day	: 21 March, 2015 (Saturday)
Second tournament	: 22-26 March, 2015 (Five Days)
Players depart	: 27 March, 2014 (Friday)

TOURNAMENT VENUE	The Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand 100 Moo 9, Tambon Bangpood, Muangthong Thani, Chang Wattana Road, Pad-Kred District, Nonthaburi 11120 Thailand Tel. No. (+66)2 503 4402-5 Fax No. (+66)2 503 4089 Email < ltat_thai@yahoo.com >
NUMBER OF MATCH COURTS	8 Courts (Surface Hard)
NO. OF PRACTICE COURTS	2 Courts
NATIONS INVITED	India China Chinese Taipei South Korea Thailand Uzbekistan Indonesia Hong Kong China Malaysia Philippines Kazakhstan
HOSPITALITY	Hospitality will be provided for each visiting team by the host nation commencing with dinner on 14th March and ending with breakfast on 27th March . The players & coaches will be accommodated at: The Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand Dormitories 100 Moo 9, Tambon Bangpood, Muangthong Thani, Chang Wattana Road, Pad-Kred District, Nonthaburi 11120 Thailand Tel. No. (+66)2 503 4402-5 Fax No. (+66)2 503 4089 Email < ltat_thai@yahoo.com >
MEALS	All players & coaches will be provided Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner at the official venue.

TRANSPORTATION	Transportation will be arranged 2-way airport transfers (arrival / departure) for all teams.
TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE	<p>Tournament Director: Gen. Teera Kraiphanond Tournament Referee: Mr. Natthapol Chaiyadej Asst. Tournament Referee: TBA ITF Representative: Mr. Suresh Menon Two (2) Visiting Coaches - TBA</p> <p>Contact details: The Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand 100 Moo 9, Tambon Bangpood, Muangthong Thani, Chang Wattana Road, Pad-Kred District, Nonthaburi 11120 Thailand Tel. No. (+66)2 503 4402-5 Fax No. (+66)2 503 4089 Email < ltat_thai@yahoo.com ></p> <p>*** The tournament committee will meet regularly to make seedings, conduct the draw and settle any disputes.</p>
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS	<p>Participating teams are responsible for their own travel arrangements. Teams should arrange to arrive in Bangkok, Thailand on 14 March 2015 and depart on 27 March 2015.</p> <p>We urge National Associations to make their reservations “AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE” in order to ensure flight availability on the dates specified.</p>
VISA REQUIREMENTS	<p>Please contact the nearest Thai Embassy in your country of origin at least 3 to 4 weeks before departure in order to arrange your visa on time. Invitation letters may be obtained for the team from the Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand through:</p> <p>Name and contact detail of person to contact regarding Visa: MS. Pakpen Rarueysong Administrative Officer The Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand Tel. No. (+66)2 503 4402-5 Fax No. (+66)2 503 4089 Email < ltat_thai@yahoo.com ></p>
<p>EVENTS (BOYS & GIRLS 14 & UNDER - SINGLES & DOUBLES)</p> <p>Invited countries can send a maximum of 6 players (no more than 3 boys or 3 girls per team) and one team coach (a maximum of 7 people). The host nation (Thailand) may enter a team of up to 10 players (no more than 5 boys or 5 girls on their team and one team coach). No additional visiting players can be accepted and any other officials attending will have to pay for their own travel, hotel accommodations & meals.</p> <p>Singles and Doubles events will be played and players must compete in both events.</p>	
<p>ELIGIBLE PLAYERS</p> <p>Players must be born between 1st January 2001 and 31st December 2004 to be eligible for participation. They must have reached their eleventh (11) birthdays before the first day of the event, (i.e 16th March 2015)</p> <p>All participating players must have an IPIN before entering the event, which can be procured by following this link: https://ipin.itftennis.com/</p> <p>All participating players must sign up ATF U14 tournament web-site before entering the event, which can be procured by following this link: http://atf.tournamentsoftware.com/</p>	

NOMINATION OF COACHES

We advise that the coach nominated to accompany your team to Thailand should be a qualified coach (Level 1/ Level 2 or with an equivalent certification).

TRAINING CAMP

A one-day training camp (15 March 2015) will take place prior to the tournament. The purpose of the camp is to allow the players to adjust to the new conditions and assist in deciding seedings if deemed necessary. It will not involve technical instruction but will involve players practicing in the morning and playing practice sets in the afternoon. An ITF representative will conduct the camp but visiting team coaches will be expected to assist.

THE DRAW

The draw will be conducted by the Tournament Committee the evening preceding the 1st day of play and every reasonable effort should be made to ensure that all official coaches are present.

SEEDINGS

Seeding of players in the draw would be done in accordance with the latest Asian 14&Under rankings available online.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Singles Events

Placement matches will be played in singles whereby each participant will play one singles match per day, resulting in a ranking of all of the players.

Doubles Events

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. The doubles will be run on a knock-out basis.

SCORING SYSTEM

All matches will be the best of three tie-break sets.

“Short Sets” and/or “No-Ad” system of scoring can be used if necessary due to shortage of time (e.g. Due to rain, etc) for placement matches only.

A deciding tie-break game will be used for the 3rd set of placement matches. The ITF Junior World Ranking & Code of Conduct will be used.

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 - 75	10 th - 67.5	11 th - 60	12 th - 52.5
13 th – 45	14 th - 37.5	15 th - 30	16 th - 25.5	17 th - 22.5	18 th - 21
19 th - 19.5	20 th - 18	21 st - 16.5	22 nd - 15	23 rd - 13.5	24 th - 12
25 th - 10.5	26 th - 9	27 th - 7.5	28 th - 6	29 th - 4.5	30 th - 3
31 st - 1.5			32 nd - 0		

POINTS will be awarded to each player in each DOUBLES event as follows:

Winners = 100	Runner-Up = 60
Semi-Finalists = 40	Quarter Finalists = 20

Note: According to ATF Circuit regulations, players need to win a match to earn a point in the tournament. No points will be accorded in either Singles or Doubles unless a player wins a match.

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION SYSTEM IN TOP TWO GROUPS

One country will be promoted and one country will be relegated between Division 1 and Division 2, with effect from the 2013/2014 circuit. The countries will be decided according to the country ranking at the end of the circuit e.g. the country with the highest ranking in Division 2 will move up to Division 1 in the following year and the country with the lowest ranking in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2.

Further to the results of 2014 Division 1 (Vietnam) & Division 2 (Thailand) events, “**Indonesia**” were promoted to Division 1 and “**Vietnam**” were relegated to Division 2 for the forth coming event in 2015.

COUNTRY RANKING

Country ranking will be calculated at the end of the event based on the best 3 results in singles and the best 3 individual results in doubles, to include at least one result from a female in singles as well as one individual result from a female in doubles. Should a nation not select any female players on their team, then only the best 2 results in singles and the best 2 individual results in doubles will count towards the country ranking.

ITF team players* will also be eligible to achieve a country ranking and the points will be counted on the same basis.

- ITF Central Asian team competing in Division 1 event
- ITF Division 2 team competing in Division 1 event

If the tournament is interrupted for whatever reason and the doubles event cannot be finished, then all points acquired up to that time will be counted. The total points are counted by player in each of the singles and doubles events (not the combined points of a player).

The winning nation of the ITF Asia 14 & Under Development Championships 2015 – Division 1 - will be awarded a trophy.

COACHING

As this is not a team event, no coaching is permitted during matches in accordance with the Rules of Tennis

ITF TEAMS

Selection for the ITF Asia 14 & Under team to Europe is based on the performances of players at Division 1 of the ITF Asia 14 & Under Development Championships along with the performance in the “ITF World Junior Team competition Asia/Oceania qualifying” events.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS

All players entering the ITF/ATF junior circuits agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against the ITF/ATF, the tournament organizers, 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 junior circuit. All players must have adequate medical insurance coverage which cannot be provided either by the ITF, ATF, the host nation or the local organizer. Neither the ITF/ATF, the host nation, local organizer nor the regional association can accept any responsibility for providing players with such insurance coverage.

ENTRIES

Please send all entries either by fax or email to:

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DEADLINE OF ENTRIES: Monday, February 9, 2015