



ITF ASIA 14 & U DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 - DIVISION 1
Bangkok, Thailand (6th – 19th May 2018)

The Asian Tennis Federation, in conjunction with the International Tennis Federation, is pleased to announce that the ITF Asia 14 & U Development Championships 2018 - Division 1 will be hosted by the Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand in Bangkok, from 6th May to 19th May 2018. In 2017 the format of the ITF Division 1 was changed to two “Category 1 Asian 14&Under Tournaments”, which is the highest category of events in the Asian 14&Under Circuit.

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

The Championships will incorporate a one-day training camp followed by two 6-day Asian 14&Under Category 1 tournaments, all at the same venue. The schedule will be as follows:

Players Arrive:	Day One (Saturday)	5 – May
Training Camp:	Day Two (Sunday; 1 Day)	6 – May
First Tournament:	Day Three – Day Eight (6 Days)	7 – 12 May
Rest Day:	Day Nine (Sunday)	13 – May
Second Tournament:	Day Ten – Day Fifteenth (6 Days)	14 – 19 May
Players Depart:	Day Sixteen	20 – May

Invited Nations:

China	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong, China	India
Indonesia	Japan	Kazakhstan	Korea Rep.
Malaysia	Philippines	Thailand	Uzbekistan
Nepal (Q)	Sri Lanka (Q)	Division 2 Team to Div. 1	

NB. Only teams whose federations have an approved ITF National Association plan in place can participate in the Championships.

Tournament Venue: National Tennis Centre, **The Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand**
100 Moo 9, Tambon Bangpood, Muang Thong Thani, Nonthaburi - 11120
Tel: +66-2-5034080

Tournament Courts: 8 (hard courts)
Practice Courts: 2 Courts
No of Lighted Courts: ALL
Tennis Balls: TBC

Hospitality:

Lodging and meals will be provided for each visiting team commencing with dinner on Saturday 5th May and ending with breakfast on Sunday 20th May 2018.

All the players (of the same gender) will be accommodated in triple rooms.



Coaches (of the same gender) will be accommodated in twin bedded rooms. If any of the coaches' wishes to stay in a Single room they will have to pay half price of the room per night of stay in the hotel.

Please note that when you send the team nomination form, kindly specify if the coach would stay in a Single or in a Twin bedded room.

Additional Federation members and / or parents can book a room in the official hotel mentioned below:

Official Hotel:

Bed by Cruise
Samakkhi – Tivanon Road, Nonthaburi, Thailand
Tel - +66-2-5034 080, +66-62-345 3993

Contact Person Ms. Mint at Email : ltat_thai@yahoo.com

Rates (for parents & non-official team members): Single – 1,100 THB /- and Double – 1,100/-

Tournament Director: Mr. Thaitanu Wannasuk ltat_thai@yahoo.com

Tournament Referee: Mr. Rajat Kapoor rajatkapoor72@gmail.com

Tournament Contact: Ms. Mint ltat_thai@yahoo.com (+66-62-345 3993)

ITF Contact: Mairi Davies Mairi.Davies@itftennis.com

Travel Arrangements

Participating nations will be responsible for their teams travel arrangements. Teams should be arranged to arrive in Bangkok, Thailand on Sunday, 5th May 2018 and depart on Sunday 20th May 2018.

We urge National Associations to make their reservations as early as possible in order to ensure flight availability on the dates specified.

Please complete the attached travel information form and return it with your Entry Form so that we can arrange for your team to be met on arrival at the Suvarnabhumi International Airport of Thailand.

Visa Requirements

If you require an invitation letter to obtain a visa, please contact: Ms. Mint on ltat_thai@yahoo.com with a copy to sunil.gill@asiantennis.com;

Events - Boys and Girls 14 & Under - Singles and Doubles

Invited countries can send a maximum of 6 players (no more than 3 Boys and / or 3 Girls per team) and one team coach (a maximum delegation of 7 people). No additional visiting player can be accepted, and any other officials attending, will have to pay for their own travel, accommodation and meals.



The host nation for the event (Thailand) may appoint up to 5 Boys and / or 5 Girls per team and one team coach (a maximum delegation of 11 people)

Singles and Doubles events will be played during the events and players **MUST** compete in both events.

Players Eligibility

As per Appendix A – Age Eligibility Rules of the ITF (Available @ <https://goo.gl/Xn6dcN>) Page 26

Players are eligible to compete in tournaments for players aged 14 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the *USTA and Tennis Canada in the year they turn 11 years of age, (if they have reached their 11th birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw) and, until the year the player turns 14 years of age, but participation in such tournaments will count towards the maximum of ten events permitted.

Given this, players born between 1st January 2004 & 31 December 2007 are eligible to participate in these Championships provided they have turned 11 years of age at the start of the Championships (ie. 7th May 2018)

ATF Ranking points / IPIN / Tournament Registration

From 2017 onwards, players participating in Division 1 of the ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships, which has been classed as a Category 1 Asian 14&Under tournament, will be accorded Asian 14&U ranking points, based on their performance during the Division 1 event. It is necessary that all players procure an IPIN in order to enter the Championships and all other Asian 14&U circuit events. Please follow this link: <https://ipin.itftennis.com/>.

Players also need to create an ATF account in order to enter Asian 14&under tournaments on-line. Please follow this link: <http://atf.tournamentsoftware.com/>. However In the case of the Division 1 event, players will be entered into the Championships by the ATF but players would still need to create an ATF account for future tournament registration.

Kindly refer to the guide attached with this communication which explains how to register for an IPIN and how to create an ATF Account.

Nomination of Coaches

The Captain must be a minimum of 24 years of age prior to the end of the calendar year in which the competition is played (unless approved by the ITF in writing). All coaches **MUST** procure an ITF Players Support ID, to be eligible for participating in the ITF Asia 14&Under Championships. The Player Support Id can be made by following this link on the IYTF Website: <https://playersupport.itftennis.com/home.aspx>

As per the ITF Rules & Regulations governing the team events, Captains will not be allowed to share the rooms with their players.

Training Camp

A one-day training camp will take place prior to the tournament. The purpose of the camp is to allow the players to adjust to the new conditions and help in deciding the seeding's. The training camp will not involve



technical instructions but will involve players practising 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. Asian 14&Under Rankings will be taken into consideration for the seeding's as well.

Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee will comprise of the Referee, the ITF Representative, the Tournament Director and at least two visiting coaches, and will meet regularly to decide seeding's, conduct the draw and settle any disputes.

Event Draw

Will be conducted by the Referee on the evening preceding the first day of play and every reasonable effort should be made to ensure that all official coaches are present.

Tournament Conditions

All matches will be the Best of Three Tie-Break Sets.

Scoring System

"Short" sets and / or 'No-Ad' system of scoring; can be used if necessary due to shortage of time (i.e. due to rain etc) for feed-in consolation matches only.

Deciding Match Tie Break may be used for the 3rd set of feed-in consolation matches. The ITF Junior World Ranking code of conduct will be used.

Singles Events

The draw sizes of the Championships will be decided based on the number of entries received from the invited National Federations. In the event of any draw size exceeding 32, the players finishing on positions 32 and ahead, will be accorded points for the 32nd position as per the points table of the Asian 14&Under Circuit. (Given below)

Position	Ranking Points
1	1000
2	900
3	800
4	700
5	600
6	500
7	400
8	300
9	225
10	180
11	135

Position	Ranking Points
12	120
13	105
14	90
15	75
16	67.5
17	60
18	52.5
19	45
20	37.5
21	30
22	25.5

Position	Ranking Points
23	22.5
24	21
25	19.5
26	18
27	16.5
28	15
29	13.5
30	12
31	10.5
32	9



Points will be awarded to each player in each Doubles event as follows:

- **Winners** **1000** **(25% = 250)**
- **Runners-Up** **900** **(25% = 225)**
- **Semi Finalists** **800** **(25% = 200)**
- **Quarter Finalists** **700** **(25% = 175)**
- **Pre Quarter Finalists** **600** **(25% = 150)**

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.

Coaching

As this is not a team event, no coaching is permitted during matches in accordance with the rules of tennis.

Waiver of Claims

All players entering ITF junior circuits agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against the ITF, the tournament organisers, and the regional association or national associations 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. **It is therefore recommended that all players have adequate medical insurance cover, which cannot be provided by either the ITF, the host national association or the local organiser.** Neither the ITF, the host national association, local organiser or the regional association can accept any responsibility for providing players with such insurance cover.

ITF Team

Based on players' performances in the ITF Asian 14&Under Development Championships - Division 1 and of the Asian ITF World Junior Tennis Competition Boys & Girls, selected players will be invited to participate on an Asian 14 & Under ITF / GSDF touring team to Europe (tour dates to be confirmed).

Country Ranking

The country ranking will be calculated at the end of the event and will be based on the best 3 results in singles and the best 3 individual results in the doubles of both tournaments combined (only three results in total), to include at least one result from a male and 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.

The total points are counted by player in each of the singles and doubles events (not the combined points of a player). 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 winning nation of Division 1 of the ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships will be awarded a trophy (which the Federation may keep).



Promotion and Relegation System

The country with the lowest ranking in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 in the following year's Championships in 2019.

For the year 2018, teams from Sri Lanka & Nepal have been promoted to the ITF Division – 1 based on the performances of their players in 2017 ITF Division 2 event.

Entries

Please send all entries **by email** to:

Sunil Gill: sunil.gill@asiantennis.com with a copy to

Mairi Davies: Mairi.Davies@itftennis.com (Development Department)

Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form – entries close on Wednesday, 18th April 2018