

## ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OLYMPIC TENNIS EVENT, TOKYO 2020

- 1) Save as provided in these rules, to be eligible to be nominated for and participate in the Olympic Tennis Event at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games a player must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:
  - i) The player must satisfy and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter in force from time to time, including but not limited to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors) or any replacement or successor provision.
  - ii) The player must be in good standing with his/her National Association and the ITF in accordance with the ITF Davis Cup Regulations or the ITF Fed Cup Regulations in force at the time of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
  - iii) The player must be eligible to represent the country of the National Association and National Olympic Committee that nominates the player by satisfying the Eligibility to Represent a Nation rule contained in the ITF Davis Cup Regulations and the ITF Fed Cup Regulations in force at the time of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
  - iv) The player must have reached the age of fourteen (14) years for the men's events and fifteen (15) years for the women's events by the opening day of the Olympic Tennis Event.
  - v) The player must have fulfilled the minimum participation requirement in the ITF Davis Cup or ITF Fed Cup Competitions during the Olympic Cycle, by being either:
    - a) part of the final nominated Davis Cup or Fed Cup team at the time of the draw and present at the tie on a minimum of three (3) occasions during the Olympic Cycle, provided that one of those occasions is in either 2019 or 2020; or
    - b) part of the final nominated Davis Cup or Fed Cup team at the time of the draw and present at the tie on a minimum of two (2) occasions during the Olympic Cycle, provided that one of those occasions is in either 2019 or 2020, if the player falls within either of the following categories:
      - (I) Length of Service: The player has reached the milestone of 20 weeks in their Davis Cup or Fed Cup career, with each home and away tie and each round-robin event counting as a single week; or
      - (II) Zone Group Round Robin Event: A player whose National Association competes for four (4) or three (3) years in the Zone Group Round Robin format with the remaining year/s in the home and away format.
- 2) Where the player has not met the minimum participation requirement set out at paragraph v) above, the relevant decision-maker (the "Panel") as specified in the Regulations for the Olympic Tennis Event (to be published by 2019) may exercise its discretion to rule that a player who satisfies all other eligibility criteria is considered eligible for nomination for and participation in the Olympic Tennis Event when taking into consideration special circumstances including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a) **Injury/Illness:** The injury or illness must be evidenced through authorised medical records, clearly identifying the period of absence from all competitive tennis.

- b) **Newcomer to Davis Cup or Fed Cup Competition:** A player only reaches a ranking level sufficient for Davis Cup or Fed Cup selection by his/her National Association during the latter part of the Olympic Cycle.
- c) **Strength of Nation:** A National Association has a large number of highly-ranked players resulting in competition for selection, which limits a player's opportunities to participate in Davis Cup or Fed Cup Competition.
- d) **Commitment to the Olympic Tennis Event and/or Davis Cup or Fed Cup:** A player's historical participation in one or both competitions.

For the purpose of these rules, Olympic Cycle means the period commencing on Monday 15 August 2016, being the day following the day of the conclusion of the Rio 2016 Olympic Tennis Event, and ending on 8 June 2020, being the ranking date for entries to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event.

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The ITF will publish the Regulations for the Olympic Tennis Event (the "Regulations") that will set out, among other things:

- these eligibility rules, subject to any amendment as issued by the IOC and/or the ITF;
- conditions of entry to the event, binding upon the National Olympic Committees, National Associations and players; and
- the requirements for the filing of any application to the Panel.

The ITF will publish the Qualification System for the Olympic Tennis Event (the "Qualification System") that will set out, among other things, the rules, procedures and criteria for qualification to participate in the Olympic Tennis Event.

**These eligibility rules are subject to such further supplementary, additional or amending rules as are issued by the International Olympic Committee and/or the ITF in the Regulations, the Qualification System or otherwise prior to the commencement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event.**