



**ITF ASIA 14 & UNDER DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**  
**Regional Qualifying Event – South, South East and East Asia**  
**Bahrain (9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January)**

The International Tennis Federation, in conjunction with the Asian Tennis Federation, is pleased to announce the 2023 edition of **ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships**, Regional Qualifying Event of South Asia, South East Asia and East Asia which will be held in Bangladesh from 9<sup>th</sup> January to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Each week of the championships is equivalent to “Category 1, Asian 14&under tournament” for awarding the Asian 14&under ranking points to the players.

The Championships will incorporate a practice day followed by two 5-day tournaments, all at the same venue. Following is the tentative Schedule of the same.

Players Arrive:	Day One (Saturday)	7- Jan
Training Camp:	Day Two (1 Day)	8- Jan
First Tournament:	Day Three – Day Seven (5 Days)	9 - 13 Jan
Rest Day:	Day Eight	14 Jan
Second Tournament:	Day Nine – Day Thirteen (5 Days)	15 - 19 Jan
Players Depart:	Day Fourteen	20 Jan

Kindly note that if the number of entries is less, the number of days of each tournament might be reduced. However, it will only confirmed after the deadline of receiving the entries, (i.e. 19th December) so we request you to kindly not finalised tickets till the entry deadline is over.

**Invited Nations:**

1. Bangladesh	7. Japan	13. Nepal
2. Bhutan	8. Lao	14. Pakistan
3. Brunei	9. Macau	15. Singapore
4. Cambodia	10. Maldives	16. Timor- Leste
5. China	11. Mongolia	
6. Chinese Taipei	12. Myanmar	

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

**Tournament Venue:** Bangladesh Tennis Federation,  
Sheikh Jamal National Tennis complex,  
Ramna, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh.  
+8801711828434  
Email: [btftennis@yahoo.com](mailto:btftennis@yahoo.com)

**Tournament Courts:** 8 (hard courts)

**No of Lighted Courts:** 4

**Hospitality:**

Lodging and meals will be only provided to the official team commencing with dinner on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and ending with breakfast on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. All the players (of the same gender) will be accommodated in double rooms.

Coaches (of the same gender) will be accommodated in twin rooms. If some of the coaches wish to stay in a single room (depending on availability), they will have to pay any extra relevant costs.

Please note that when you send the Players' nomination form you should also specify if the coach will stay in a single or in a twin room.

**Travel Grant:** A partial travel grant will be provided to all visiting teams and NFs will be received a separate communication on the same.

**Official Hotel:** **Hotel 71**  
176, Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam Sarani  
Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka 1000  
Tel. +8801750076933  
Email: [info@hotel71.com.bd](mailto:info@hotel71.com.bd)  
Single room – USD 65 per night  
Double room – USD 100 per night

**Tournament Director:** MR. Abu Syed Mohammad Haider  
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**ITF Representative:** Mr. Jonathan Stubbs  
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**ITF Referee** **TBC**

**Travel Arrangements**

Participating teams are responsible for their own travel arrangements. Teams should arrange to arrive in Bahrain on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January and depart in the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, if possible.

**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 in the Airport. If you are not arriving by flight, please advise us of your alternative travel plans.

**Visa Requirements**

All visa invitation letter required for processing of visas from respective country must be requested at least ten (10) days before enter the country along with the scanned copy of passport to Mr. Mohammad Mahmud Alam at [btftennis@yahoo.com](mailto:btftennis@yahoo.com) and copy to ATF office at [sunil.gill@asiantennis.com](mailto:sunil.gill@asiantennis.com) .

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

Invited countries can send 4 players (2 boys and 2 girls per team) and one team coach (Total 5 people). Any other officials attending will have to pay for their own travel, accommodation and meals.

Singles and Doubles events will be played and players must compete in both events.

**Eligible Players**

Players for these Championships in 2023, must have been born between **1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012** and **must have reached their 11th birthday on or before the start of the Single Main Draw, until the year player turns 14 years of age (ie. 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023).**

### **ATF Ranking points / IPIN / Tournament Registration**

Players participating in the regional qualifying event of the ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships, which has been classed as a Category 1 of Asian 14&under tournament, will be accorded Asian 14&U ranking points, based on their performance during the championships. In case the draw size less than 16, the points will be reduced to 50%.

It is necessary that all players procure an IPIN in order to enter the Championships. Please follow this link: <https://ipin.itftennis.com/>.

Players are also required 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 case of this event, players will be entered into the Championships by the ATF office but players would still need to create an ATF account for future tournament registration.**

There is also a guide attached 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 ITF Website: <https://playersupport.itftennis.com/home.aspx>

### **Practice Day**

A practice day will take place prior to the first tournament. The purpose of the practice day is to allow the players to adjust to the new conditions. Teams may organise their own practice and courts will be pre-allocated by nation.

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### **Tournament Committee**

Will comprise the Referee, the ITF & ATF representatives, the Tournament Director and at least two visiting captains, and will meet regularly to decide seeding's, conduct the draw and settle any disputes.

### **Event Draw**

Will be conducted by the Tournament Committee 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 singles matches will be the Best of Three Tie-Break Sets. In Doubles a 10 point match tie break will be played at one set all. All placement matches will have 2 short sets and a 10 point match ties break at one set all. No ad scoring will be followed only in doubles. NO LET rule will in place during service at all matches.

### **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 placement matches only.

### **Singles Events**

Will be a maximum draw of 32, if possible, with eight seeded players each receiving a bye into the second round. The singles will be conducted on a feed-in placement basis whereby each player will play one singles match each day resulting in a ranking of all the players from 1 – 32 at the end of the tournament. 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.

### **Doubles Pairings**

Must be from the same nation but only the nations with odd numbers of players can 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 the championships 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**

An ITF team will be selected from each of the regional qualifying events. The players, based on their individual performance, in the regional qualifying events will be part of the ITF team and will play at the Finals in same year i.e. 2023. This means:

- 1 ITF Team from West & Central Asia (2 top boys + 2 top girls + 1 coach)
- 1 ITF Team from South, South East & South East Asia (2 top boys + 2 top girls + 1 coach)

A maximum of 50% of the ITF Team can be from the same country. Accordingly, a maximum of 1 boy & 1 girl OR 2 girls OR 2 boys are permitted from the same country and it will be merit based.

### **Country Ranking**

Each nation's standing will be calculated at the end of the event. The standing of each nation would be based on the best 3 individual results in singles and the best 3 individual results in doubles, combined for both tournaments (it means the combined points of maximum three singles players and three players of doubles would be added to arrive at the final points of a nation). Should a nation not select any female/male players on their team, then only the best 2 results in singles and the best 2 individual results in doubles will count towards the nation's ranking.

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 the regional qualifying event of ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships will be awarded a trophy (which the Federation may keep).

### **Promotion and relegation rules: (Reviewed on a yearly basis)**

- Two (2) nations from the WA/CA and four (4) nations from the SA/SEA/EA qualifying events of 2023 will be promoted to the Finals of the following year - 2024.

- The **four (4) lowest** ranked nations based on the standings at the Finals in 2023 will be relegated to the qualifying event of the following year i.e., 2024.
- The relegated teams will go down to their respective regional qualifying event for the following year
- If any team is a no-show at the Finals, it will automatically be placed at the bottom of the nation standings at the Finals event. These nations will be liable for relegation to the regional qualifying events for 2024 as per the above relegation criteria. **If more than one (1) nation is a no-show, the order of placing them at the bottom of the standings will be decided by lots.**

### Entries

Please send your entry by email at :

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**Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form – entries close on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022**