



ITF ASIA 14 & UNDER DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 - FINALS New Delhi, India – 22nd April to 3rd May

The International Tennis Federation, in conjunction with the Asian Tennis Federation, is pleased to announce that the 2025 edition of the **ITF Asia 14 & Under Development Championships Finals** will be held in New Delhi, India from 22nd April to 3rd May 2025. Each week of the Championships is equivalent to a Category A, Asian 14 & under tournament for awarding ATF 14 & under ranking points to the players.

Important highlights of the Championships for 2025

- The Development Championships this year will also be used as a platform to select the players for the Wimbledon 14U Championships to be played later in the year. Two boys and two girls will be selected.
- The Development Championships will also be one of selection criteria for selecting players to the GSPDP/ITF/ATF 14&U Team to Europe (subject to ITF Development Eligibility Criteria 2025).

The Championships will incorporate a practice day followed by two 6-day tournaments, all at the same venue. The schedule will be as follows:

Teams Arrive:	Day One (Sunday)	20-Apr
Practice Day:	Day Two (Monday)	21-Apr
First Tournament:	Day Three – Day Eight (6 Days)	22 – 27 Apr
Second Tournament:	Day Nine – Day Fourteen (6 Days)	28 Apr - 3 May
Teams Depart:	Day Fifteen	4 May

Invited Nations/ teams:

China PR	Japan	Myanmar	Vietnam
Hong Kong, China	Kazakhstan	Thailand	ITF 14U WA-CA Team
India	Korea	Turkmenistan	ITF 14U SA-SEA-EA Team
Indonesia	Malaysia	Chinese Taipei	
Iran	Maldives	Uzbekistan	

Tournament Venue:	DLTA Tennis Stadium,		
	No 1 Africa Avenue,		
	New Delhi 110029,		
	India		
Tournament Courts:	8 (Hard courts)		

No of Lighted Courts: 6

Hospitality:

Lodging and meals will be provided to the official teams commencing with dinner on Sunday, 20th April and ending with breakfast on Sunday, 4th May. Players (of the same gender) will be accommodated in double rooms.

Coaches (of the same gender) will be accommodated in twin rooms. If any coach wishes to stay in a single room (depending on availability), they will have to pay 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 NAs will receive a separate communication on the same.			
Official Hotel:	TBC Single Room TBC per night Double room TBC per night			
Additional Hotel:	TBC Single Room TBC per night Double room TBC per night			
Tournament Director:	Ms. Richa Bakshi +91 84482 90702 Email: <u>richa@dlta.in</u>			
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ITF Referee	Mr Puneet Gupta +91 9810745017 Email: <u>pungupt@hotmail.com</u>			

Travel Arrangements

Participating teams are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Teams should arrange to arrive in New Delhi on Sunday 20th April and depart on the morning of Sunday 4th May, 2025 (the final dates are subject to the final list after the entry deadline of 24th March 2025).

We urge National Associations to make their reservations <u>as early as possible</u> 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. Please send the travel information at least 7 days prior to the tournament to ensure airport pick up.

Visa Requirements

For an invitation letter, please send a scanned copy of all team members' passports to Mr. Vinit Pundir at <u>vinit@aitatennis.com</u> in the following format: (the deadline for visa invitation letters is 20th March 2025)

S.No.	Name as in Passport	Nationality	DOB	Gender	Place of Birth	Passport Details	Credentials/ Professional details
1.							
2.							

Team members should apply for a visa through the Indian Embassy/Consulate in their nation, or they may apply for an online visa if the online facility is available for their Country. (Link: https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/)

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

Invited countries may send 4 players (2 boys <u>and</u> 2 girls per team) and one team coach (a total of 5). Any other officials attending will have to pay for their own travel, accommodation, and meals.

All players must compete in both singles and doubles event in both weeks.

Eligible Players

Players for the Championships in 2025 must have been born between 1st January 2011 & 22nd April 2014 and <u>must have reached their 11th birthday on or before the start of the Single Main Draw, until the year that the</u> player turns 14 years of age (i.e. 22nd April 2025).

ATF Ranking points

Players participating in the Finals of the ITF Asia 14 & Under Development Championships, which has been classified as a Category A event of the Asian 14 & under tour, will be awarded ATF 14&U ranking points based on their performance during the Championships.

In case the draw size is 16 and less in singles & 8 and less in doubles, the points will be reduced to 50%.

It is necessary that all players create an account on the ATF Junior Tour Website in order to enter the Championships. Please follow this link: <u>https://atf.hitcourt.com/.</u>

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 to participate in the ITF Asia 14&Under Development Championships, and must hold a coaching qualification recognized by their National Association. A Player Support ID can be created by following this link on the ITF Website: https://playersupport.itftennis.com/Member/RegisterEmail

Practice Day

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 for the practice day by the Referee.

Draw

The draw shall be conducted at the Captain's meeting no later than 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 main draw 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 consist of 2 Tie break sets and a 10-point match tie break at one set all. No ad scoring will be followed only in doubles. The NO LET rule will in place during service in all matches.

Alternate Scoring System

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

Singles Events

Singles draw will be based on the final number of entries received. 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 at the end of the tournament.

Note: According to ATF Circuit regulations, players need to win at least one match to earn any points in the tournament, separately for singles and doubles.

Doubles Pairings

Doubles pairs must be from the same nation for the nations with even numbers of players. However, for any nation having an odd number of entries, the player may be permitted to participate in the doubles event with a player from another nation also having an odd number of entries. However, the results of pairs from different nations will not be taken into consideration while determining a nation's position at the end of the event. It is therefore in the best interest of the nations to send a full of 2 boys and 2 girls. The doubles will be played 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 to be brought against the ITF, the tournament organisers, 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 event. It is therefore recommended that all players have adequate medical insurance cover, which cannot be provided by either the ITF/ATF, the host national association or the local organiser. Neither the ITF/ATF, 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 in 2025. Players, based on their individual performances in the regional qualifying events will be part of the ITF team and will play at the Finals in same year i.e. 2025. 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 <u>OR</u> 2 girls <u>OR</u> 2 boys are permitted from the same country and it will be merit based.

Nation's 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 (meaning the combined points of a maximum of three singles players and three doubles players would be added together 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 Finals of ITF Asia 14 & Under Development Championships will be awarded a trophy.

Promotion and relegation rules:

- Two (2) nations from the WA/CA regional event and two (2) nations from SA/SEA/EA regional qualifying event of 2025 will be promoted to the Finals of the following year 2026
- The **four (4) lowest** ranked nations based on the standings at the Finals in 2025 will be relegated to the qualifying event of the following year i.e., 2026.
- The relegated teams will go down to their respective regional qualifying events for the following year in 2026.
- If any team is a no-show at the Finals, it will automatically be placed at the bottom of the standings of the final event. These nations will be liable for relegation to the regional qualifying event for 2026 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, 24th March 2025