

2020 TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR

SUPPLEMENTARY - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Note: this document is subject to change, without notice. Last update 3rd September 2020.

1. All tournaments hosts/organisers and participants must follow the Tennis Europe COVID-19 return to competition protocols documents here:
<https://www.tenniseurope.org/page/37892/Return-to-Competition-Protocols>
2. Unaccompanied minors (16 years old & Under) at Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournaments are not permitted.
3. Maximum 1 (one) accompanying person per player at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events will be permitted.
4. Fact Sheets:
Each Tournament Organiser/National Association must include the name and contact details (address, email and telephone number) of the COVID-19 Officer to the event Fact Sheet.
- 5. Tour Structure:**
 - 5.1 From the week of 31st August, only Category 2 and 3 international tournaments for players aged 14 and 16 & Under will resume. There will be no Super Category or Category 1 events until the end of the year 2020.
 - 5.2 12 & Under tournaments will restart on 1st January 2021, subject to the global situation.
 - 5.3 Reduced draw sizes (maximum 32 players per draw).
 - 5.4 Indoor and Outdoor tournaments are permitted.
 - 5.5 Only one age group per tournament is permitted (e.g 14 and 16 & Under events at the same time at the same venue is not permitted).
 - 5.6 Only one tennis event per tournament week at the same venue will be permitted (e.g. no simultaneous competitions belonging to any other Tour/circuit).
 - 5.7 Main Draw and Qualifying events are permitted. A Main Draw event can only start on the day after the Qualifying event is scheduled to finish (no overlapping play between the events unless due to weather delays).
 - 5.8 Doubles (half the size of the Singles Main Draw), permitted subject to local laws
 - 5.9 No Bonus Draw events (Consolation).
 - 5.10 No spectators.
 - 5.11 Officiating team: according to the current regulations, no ball kids will be permitted.

6. Accreditation must be provided online/by email or at the venue for all participants (which includes players, support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons, officials, tournament staff and any other credentialed individual) involved in the Tournament. Accreditation must be provided to all participants on-site before entering the club.

7. Hospitality

7.1 Private Housing/Host family accommodation is not permitted.

7.2 14/16 & Under tournaments are permitted as follows:

Category 2 events

Mandatory, either (option 1 is the minimum hospitality required):

- 1) For National Squads: Free Lunch and Dinner until last member of the squad is eliminated.
- 2) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated.
- 3) For National Squads: Free hospitality for the duration of the tournament.
- 4) For National Squads: Free Lunch and Dinner until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Free Lunch and Dinner until eliminated.
- 5) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Free hospitality until eliminated.

If free hospitality (hotel night) is provided, this must be in single room accommodation

Category 3 events for 16 & Under and 14 & Under age groups:

Optional, either

- 0) None
- 1) For National Squads: Free Lunch and Dinner until last member of the squad is eliminated.
- 2) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated.
- 3) For National Squads: Free hospitality for the duration of the tournament.
- 4) For National Squads: Free Lunch and Dinner until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Free Lunch and Dinner until eliminated.
- 5) For National Squads: Free hospitality until last member of the squad is eliminated, and for other Main Draw Players: Free hospitality until eliminated.

If free hospitality (hotel night) is provided, this must be in single room accommodation

8. Accommodation:

8.1 PLAYERS – Shared rooms are not permitted. If free hospitality (hotel night) is provided, this must be in single room accommodation. The only exception for sharing a room would be between persons from the same household.

8.2 COACHES/ACCOMPANYING PERSON – Shared rooms are not permitted. Single room – Official National Association coach/accompanying person must be provided with a single room. The only exception for sharing a room would be between persons from the same household.

8.3 TOURNAMENT STAFF/OFFICIALS - Shared rooms are not permitted. Single room – Tournament staff/Officials must be provided with a single room.

9. Medical staff

9.1 There must be a Tournament Doctor on-call available for consultations. Assign an on-call Tournament Doctor, who must have knowledge of dealing with COVID-19 patients and have the means to conduct a COVID-19 test within 24 hours.

Mandatory daily visitation at the club by the on-call doctor. The doctor must be in constant contact with the COVID-19 Officer, tournament staff and local authorities.

9.2 A COVID-19 Officer must be appointed and identified to Tennis Europe and is responsible for all matters related to COVID-19 before, during and after the event. The officer must be in constant contact with the on-call doctor before, during and after the event.

10. Sign in

Sign-in general

Sign-in is required for tournaments in all categories for Qualifying, Main Draw, Doubles and Bonus draws (*Super Category, Category 1 tournaments and Bonus draws are not allowed for the autumn 2020*).

The preferred method for sign-in is online (new) or by telephone. For online sign-in the player must log in to his/her Tennis Europe account.

For telephone sign-in only voice calls are permitted. Email, text messages are not allowed.

Players granted a Wild Card don't have to sign-in but must be in contact with the Referee to confirm they accept the Wild Card ahead of the respective sign-in deadline.

Players must be available to play from the morning of the first day of play in the event unless a later time has been confirmed by the Referee.

Players must approach the Tournament Organiser/Cashier immediately on arrival to pay the Entry fee.

Qualifying Sign-in

Online sign-in

Online sign-in for Qualifying is available for entered players on the Qualifying Acceptance list. Alternate list and On-site Alternates must sign-in by phone or on-site.

The online sign-in opens 24 hours before the Qualifying sign-in deadline and closes at the Qualifying sign-in deadline (18.00 local time the day before start of the Qualifying event).

Telephone or On-site sign-in

Players on the Qualifying Acceptance list or the Alternates list can sign-in by calling the Referee by phone or sign-in on-site.

Players on the Qualifying Acceptance List who wish to Preserve Eligibility for the Main Draw must always contact the Referee by phone or on-site. Preserving Eligibility is not available from the online system.

Players Applying for Special Exempt must do so by contacting the Referee of their 'current' tournament who will get in contact with the Referee. Applying for Special Exempt status is not available from the online system.

Coaches signing-in for a group of players are recommended to call the Referee by phone. The online system is only available for individual sign-ins.

The telephone and on-site sign-in opens latest at 15.00 and closes at 18.00 local time the day before the start of the Qualifying.

Main Draw Sign-in

Players who signed-in for Qualifying and was then successfully moved to the Main Draw list don't have to sign-in again.

Online sign-in

Online sign-in for Main Draw is available for entered players on the Main Draw Acceptance list.

The online sign-in opens 24 hours before the Main Draw sign-in deadline and closes at the Main Draw sign-in deadline (18.00 local time the day before start of the Main Draw event).

Telephone or On-site sign-in

Players on the Main Draw Acceptance list can sign-in by calling the Referee by phone or sign-in on-site.

Coaches signing-in for a group of players are recommended to call the Referee by phone. The online system is only available for individual sign-ins.

The telephone and on-site sign-in opens latest at 15.00 and closes at 18.00 local time the day before the start of the Main Draw.

Doubles

Both players of a team must sign-in for Doubles.

Doubles matches may be scheduled from 15.00 in the afternoon after the Doubles sign-in closed.

Online sign-in

Online sign-in is not available for Doubles.

Telephone or On-site sign-in

Players may sign-in by phone or on-site. Both players in a team must sign-in.

The telephone and on-site sign-in usually opens in the afternoon the day before the sign-in deadline and closes at 12.00 local time the first day of the Singles Main Draw.

Bonus Draw sign-in

TBA when Bonus Draws are again allowed (not Autumn 2020).

11. Tennis Europe Junior Ranking

From the resumption of competition on 31 August, and until 14 March 2021, a player's ranking will be comprised of his/her best 6 Singles results, 2 best Doubles results and best 2 team events* achieved between 18 March 2019 – 14 March 2021 (i.e. a 24 month/104 week ranking) during what is effectively an '*Extended Ranking Period*'.

Results earned between 18 March 2019 and 15 March 2020 (i.e. 52 weeks) are protected and will have their ranking drop date extended by 52 weeks.

Effective from 15 March 2021, points earned from 16 March 2020 will drop on an ongoing weekly basis and be replaced with points earned from tournaments in 2021, as per the standard 52-week system.

Results from higher graded tournaments 14 & Under Super Category, 14/16 & Under category 1 (excluding the 12 & Under age category) can be counted a maximum of once within a player's best 6 Singles results, 2 best Doubles results and best 2 team events). Results from tournaments upon resumption in 2020 until/through 14 March 2021 will replace a player's result from that tournament held the previous year if it is a better result and provided it is one of the player's best results.

Results from lower graded tournaments can be counted more than once within a player's best 6 Singles results, 2 best Doubles results and best 2 team events results.

By the end of December 2021, the ranking period will have reverted to 12 months/52 weeks.

Tennis Europe will return to a standard (normal) 52-week rollover ranking at the end of December 2021.

*Note: *The ITF World Junior Tennis Finals 14&U or ITF Junior Davis Cup Fed Cup by BNP World Finals 16&U (European players reaching top 8 only) also count.*

12. COVID-19 protocols - Code of Conduct for tournament hosts/organisers and participants

Failure to meet any of the minimum standards in the 'risk mitigation' section is subject to sanction under the Code of Conduct of the relevant Tennis Europe Junior Tour regulations.

More information will follow.