

AITA TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE **FOR JUNIORS – Effective from 01 Jan 2018**

The AITA Juniors Tournament Structure would have the following tournaments during 2018:

- ◆ **Talent Series (7 Day's)**
- ◆ **Talent Series (3 Day's)**
- ◆ **Championship Series (7 Day's)**
- ◆ **Championship Series (3 Day's)**
- ◆ **Super Series**
- ◆ **National Series**
- ◆ **Two Nationals - Hard Court and Clay**

Under 18 players may take part in the ITF Junior tournaments and must play Men's/Women's tournaments. There will be no TS tournaments for Under 18.

TS tournaments will be open to players from the zone where they are registered. No player can play a tournament from another zone. If a player wishes to play a TS tournament from another zone, because he/she is based in a zone other than where the player was registered from, the player will have to take permission from AITA before playing in tournaments from the new zone. Thereafter he will have to continue playing from that zone till he takes permission again for another change of zone. This permission is for a minimum of six months.

The Zones will be divided as follows: -

- North Zone** – J&K, Punjab, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, UP, & Uttarakhand.
- West Zone** – Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Rajasthan
- South Zone** – Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu & Kerala
- East Zone** – Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand & all NE States.

TS & CS tournaments being held for 3 days are permitted only for one age group. However, if the TS or CS is being played over 7 days the tournament (after clearance from AITA) may be held for two age groups, provided the condition of number of courts at the same venue is adhered to.

It is mandatory for all players participating in any level of AITA tournament to have a valid AITA Registration (Renewed upto date). A player not having a valid AITA registration card or a receipt*/e-mail from AITA office (incase registration/renewal process is pending) may not be permitted to participate in AITA tournaments. All Players should complete the registration /renewal formalities well in advance before they apply for or plan to participate in a tournament.

*** Receipt is valid for two months from the date of issue.**

**** Requirements for Organizing a Tournament:**

No tournament can take place at two venues, irrespective of the distance apart.

Courts: A tournament for one age group must have a minimum of **4 courts, having the same surface, at the venue.** However, a Talent series or Championship Series tournament being held over 3 days, may be done on three courts or two lighted courts with a minimum of 380 Lux (12 units) with enough tournament staff to extend the matches into the night.

As far as possible, Talent Series & Championship Series tournaments for only **one age group** (Either Under 12 / 14 / 16) will be held during the week, at the same venue. Depending on the number of courts & clearance by AITA the same restriction will be applicable to SS, NS & Nationals.

Only one National / National Series / Super Series tournament, for any one age group, will be organized during a week. However, there are no restrictions on the number of Championship / Talent Series tournaments being held during a week across the country.

Super Series / National Series / Nationals/ Championship Series (7 days) & Talent Series (7 Days) for **two age groups** may be held during a week at the same venue if the venue has the following minimum requirements.

- Minimum number of 6 courts / 4 floodlit courts, with same surface
- Enough number of Tournament Staff

This number of courts available must be mentioned at the time of applying for a tournament.

Doubles Event for all TS7 / CS7 / SS / NS / Nationals Tournaments are a must Points for which will be counted towards the Rankings. There will be no Doubles event for a three day tournament. For Championship Series doubles event is not a must, it is left up to the organizer to have a doubles event or not. However, if a doubles event is held ranking points will be given.

For SS / NS / Nationals where one event is being held by the Organizers, the players should not be made to play more than two matches, (i.e. One Singles and One Doubles) in a day. Only when a player is playing in two events (Tournament with 2 Events) would a player be required to play 3 matches a day (2 Singles of different events and 1 Doubles).

Fact Sheet of all tournaments should be sent to AITA at least 5 weeks prior to the start of the tournament & it will be displayed on AITA website www.aitatennis.com

Chair Umpires must be provided by the organizers for Semi finals and Finals in TS and CS tournaments and Quarter Finals onwards for SS, NS and Nationals.

**** Tournament Referee:**

An ITF White Badge Official would be mandatory to supervise the Super Series / National Series / Nationals. The name will be decided by AITA and added to the Fact Sheet.

It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director to announce the name and contact number of the Tournament Referee in the Fact Sheet for all Talent and Championship Series Tournaments.

**** Obligations Binding a Player:**

No player can play two tournaments at different venues during the same tournament week. i.e. If you play the qualifying of one tournament you cannot play the Main Draw / Qualifying of another tournament. This is binding for all AITA, ATF and ITF tournaments. However, if a player plays the Main Draw of one tournament he/she can play the Qualifying of the next week's tournament. 2-3 day tournaments, though starting on a Saturday will be considered as a tournament belonging to the next week. This would mean a player playing a 2-3 day tournament cannot play the main draw of another tournament from Monday onwards.

If a tournament has two age groups, **NO** player can play the qualifying of both the age groups. He / She may play the Main Draw of one age group and the Qualifying of the other. If the entry has been

sent for both the age groups & the player is in the qualifying of both the age groups the referee will withdraw the player from the higher age group after the qualifying sign in. In case a player does play both the qualifying events, no points will be given to that player for that tournament.

In a tournament having two age groups a player may be in the Main Draw of one and qualifying of the other. If he does not show up for the qualifying (No Show) he is not permitted to play the Main Draw of that tournament.

A Player would be allowed to partake in 3 events in all, in a Tournament which involves more than one age group. **This would be two Singles Main Draw and One Doubles Main Draw**. A player is not allowed to participate in One Singles and Two Doubles Events.

The **Entry to Doubles event** would be decided on Merit of **Combined Ranking**

A player who is given a walk over / bye in the first round & loses in the second round will be given the points of the first round. This is applicable to the Doubles as well.

For the year 2018 –

No player born on or after 01 Jan 2004 is permitted to play Men's/Women's AITA tournaments.

No player born on or after 01 Jan 2006 is permitted to play Under 18 AITA tournaments.

No player born on or after 01 Jan 2008 is permitted to play Under 16 AITA tournaments.

No player born on or after 01 Jan 2010 is permitted to play Under 14 AITA tournaments.

No player born on or after 01 Jan 2012 is permitted to play Under 12 AITA tournaments.

Withdrawal deadline is Monday, before the start of the tournament. Withdrawal from a tournament, after the withdrawal deadline, means withdrawal from all events of the tournament.

If a player does not want to take part in a tournament after he has sent his / her entry, he/she must send his/her withdrawal at the earliest so that the next player can be moved up. Withdrawals must be sent to AITA till Freeze Deadline (1700 Hrs on Thursday before the start of the tournament). Thereafter it must be sent to the referee, whose e-mail & Tel No will be available on the Fact Sheet.

The player must get a confirmation e-mail from AITA that the withdrawal has been received and the acceptance list on the website shows the withdrawal the next working day.

Withdrawal (after withdrawal deadline), irrespective of the reason, will be allowed only twice in a calendar year. Third withdrawal will be penalized as per the penalty schedule as stated below. If a player is in the main draw or qualifying draw at the time of withdrawal (after withdrawal deadline) will be considered as a late withdrawal.

If a player is taking part in Singles and Doubles of a tournament and **concedes** from any event due to any reason, then he will not be permitted to continue in that tournament. e.g. If he is playing Singles and doubles in under 14 and under 16 and decides to concede the doubles in under 16 then he will not be permitted to continue playing the Under 14 and Under 16 Singles of that tournament and his opponent will be given a walk over. His doubles partner will however be permitted to continue to play.

**** Match Format in Tournaments:**

For a (3 Day) Talent and Championship series,

The tournament will have an open draw with no qualifying or main draw. Matches will start on Saturday & tournament may be completed on Sunday or any day thereafter but not later than the following Friday. In this format, each player may be asked to play three matches in a day.

Singles

Upto QF - Best of 15 Games.
 QF & SF - Best of 17 Games.
 Final - Best of three sets

Doubles for CS -

Size of Draw will be of 16 pairs. First two sets would be short sets with No Advantage scoring i.e. Deuce 1 Point. A 7 Point Match Tie Break will be played in lieu of the Final Set.

Acceptance List will be made from the AITA Rankings by adding the **Ranking** of each of the players in the pair.

For a (7 Day) Talent and Championship series,

If a TS or CS tournament is planned to finish on Friday (7 Days) the same must be endorsed by AITA & mentioned on the Tournament Schedule & Fact Sheet.

Sign in for qualifying will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Friday & Main Draw sign in will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Sunday

Match Format for a (7 Day) Talent and Championship series, & Super Series, National Series and Nationals: Tournament can finish on Friday or Saturday.

Singles

Qualifying Rounds: Best of 17 Games
 Final Qualifying Round: Best of three tie break sets (Deuce 2 points)
Main Draw Matches: Best of 3 Tie Break sets with Deuce 2 pts.

Doubles

Size of Draw will be of 16 pairs
 First two sets would be normal Tie-Breaker Sets with No Advantage scoring i.e. Deuce 1 Point. A 10 Point Match Tie Break will be played in lieu of the Final Set.
 Acceptance List will be made from the AITA Rankings by adding the **Ranking** of each of the players in the pair.

In circumstances which are beyond the control of the organizer, like, rain, strike or any other natural calamity, the match format of the tournament, may be changed to best of 15 games or 17 games, and the number of matches to be played on a day may be changed, to complete the tournament. However, AITA’s permission must be obtained for this change.

**** POINTS SYSTEM FOR AITA CIRCUIT:**

Round Of	64	32	PQ	Q	SF	F	W
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TALENT SERIES (7 Days)	-	2	6	8	10	12	15
TALENT SERIES (3 Days)	-	1	3	4	5	6	8
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES(7 Days)	-	4	8	10	15	20	25
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES(3 Days)	-	2	4	5	7	10	15
SUPER SERIES	-	5	10	20	30	40	50
NATIONAL SERIES	5	10	20	30	40	50	75
NATIONALS	20	40	60	80	100	150	200

It is mandatory for all players to participate in the Nationals, for selection to Junior Teams.

If the Singles (Main Draw in the case of TS or CS (7 Day's) /SS / NS / Nationals) has less than 16 players or the Doubles (Main Draw in the case of CS (7 Day's) / SS / NS / Nationals) has less than 8 pairs. The tournament may continue. However, no ranking points will be awarded. In the case of three day tournaments if the draw is of less than eight players the tournament may continue but no ranking points will be awarded..

However, to encourage the North East Sector points will be awarded to all players taking part in any NE Sector Talent Series tournament having a minimum of eight players in Main Draw.

Qualifying points for National Series and Nationals are 6-4-2 and for TS / CS (6/7 Days) / Super Series 1 point awarded to players who qualify.

**** Ranking System takes into consideration, tournaments played during the last 52 weeks:**

Men's / Women's best six AITA tournaments played plus the points earned in ATP/WTA multiplied by 5 (in the case of WTA only of the ranked players), Plus points earned in ATT tournaments multiplied by two, plus points given by AITA(3-2-1) for the qualifying matches in \$ 15 K & \$ 25 K ITF tournaments, played in India.

Under -18 Category - Rankings are prepared on the basis of best six tournament results, played in India, of singles along with 25% of the best six tournament points from doubles plus the points earned in ITF multiplied by 2, plus the points earned from Men's / Women's.

Under -16 Category - Rankings are prepared on the basis of best six tournament results, played in India, of singles along with 25% of the best six tournament points from doubles plus the points earned from U-18.

Under -14 Category - Rankings are prepared on the basis of best six tournament results, played in India, of singles along with the 25% of the best six tournament points from doubles plus 25% of the total points earned in Asian - U14 plus the points earned from U-16.

NOTE: The new system will be {25% of the best three (3) tournament points earned in Asian - U14, played in India}.

Under -12 Category - Rankings are prepared on the basis of best six tournament results, played in India, of singles along with the 25% of the best six tournament points from doubles plus the points earned from U-14.

**** Entry System in Tournaments:**

Championship / Talent Series (3 Days):

There will be no requirement to send ones entry. In the case of Talent Series the Draw is open to players from the zone where the tournament is taking place. Sign in will be on Friday between 1200 & 1400 Hrs at the venue.

Championship / Talent Series (7 Days):

32 Main draw (Boys & Girls) (23 Direct, 8 Qualifiers, 1 Special Exempt)

The Qualifying Draw will be open

Sign in for qualifying will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Friday & Main Draw sign in will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Sunday.

Super Series:

32 Main draw (Boys & Girls) (23 Direct, 8 Qualifiers, 1 Special Exempt)

Boys – 48 Qualifying (44 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)

Girls – 32 Qualifying (28 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)

Sign in for qualifying will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Friday. There will be no sign in for Main Draw.

National Series:

The Main Draw for Boys & Girls will consist of the following:

Boys- 64 Main draw (55 Direct Acceptance 8 Qualifiers and 1 Special Exempt)

Girls- 48 Main Draw (39 Direct Acceptance 8 Qualifiers and 1 Special Exempt)

Qualifying Draw will be closed.

Boys – 48 Qualifying (44 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)

Girls – 32 Qualifying (28 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)

Sign in for qualifying will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Friday. There will be no sign in for Main Draw.

Nationals:

The Main Draw for Boys & Girls will consist of the following:

Boys- 64 Main draw (55 Direct Acceptance 8 Qualifiers and 1 Special Exempt)

Girls- 48 Main Draw (39 Direct Acceptance 8 Qualifiers and 1 Special Exempt)

Qualifying Draw will be closed.

Boys – 64 Qualifying (60 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)

Girls – 48 Qualifying (44 Direct Entry plus 4 Wild Cards)

Sign in for qualifying will be between 1200 & 1400 Hrs on Friday. There will be no sign in for Main Draw. Payment of entry fees or getting a receipt for the same does not confirm or make you eligible to play the tournament. It is mandatory that a player must personally sign in on the sign sheet provided by the referee/organser.

**** Entry Regulations:**

The Acceptance List for **Championship / Talent Series (7 Day's) / SS / NS / Nationals** will be made, taking into account the latest Rankings available on the website.

Whilst making the Acceptance List no player without a ranking will be put in the Main Draw. In case there are vacancies in the Main Draw, these spots shall be filled in by Lucky Losers.

Players with no rankings will remain in the alternates till the time the number of vacancies in the qualifying is equal to the number of unranked players in the alternates.

If two or more players have the same ranking at the time of making the Acceptance List then the best six Singles points will be the criteria for placing on the Acceptance List. If the singles points are also the same then there will be a draw of lots.

**** Entries**

Entries for all Championship / Talent Series (7 Day's) will be sent to the organizers of the tournament.

Entries for all Super Series, National Series & Nationals will be sent to AITA Office by e-mail to entries@aitatennis.com Players must get a confirmation by e-mail that their entry has been received. No Fax OK slip or confirmation by phone is acceptable. This confirmation e-mail must be kept and forwarded to AITA (as proof) if there is a name missing from the acceptance list. The names of the entries received will be displayed on the AITA website a minimum of 25 days before the start of the Main Draw. Any discrepancy must be brought to the notice of AITA before the entry deadline, which is on Monday, 21 days before the start of the Main Draw.

Due to an administrative mistake, if a player's entry is missed out the name will be added as No 1 in the qualifying (if the player should have been in the Main Draw) or No 1 in the alternates (if the player should have been in the Qualifying). As and when there is a Withdrawal the player will be moved into his correct place on the acceptance list.

**** AITA Supervisor:**

AITA may send a supervisor for all tournaments at its own cost to oversee the smooth conduct of the tournament and facilitate the organizers with any help and guidance required.

For all Asian under 14, ITF Junior and AITA Super Series, National Series and Nationals an ITF White Badge will be detailed as the Referee / Supervisor. The referee's fees, hospitality, train fare and other expenses will be borne by the tournament organizers.

**** Daily Allowance:**

THERE WILL BE DAILY ALLOWANCE FOR MAIN DRAW PLAYERS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, SUPER SERIES, NATIONAL SERIES and NATIONALS. In the case of Championship Series (3 Day's) the player will be given the daily allowance from the day he reaches the round of 32 till the day he is eliminated (both singles & doubles) from the tournament.

Daily Allowance for Main Draw players (Singles & Doubles)

- **Nationals** Rs 1000/day
- **National Series:** Rs.800/ day
- **Super Series:** Rs.600 / day
- **Championship Series:** Rs.400 / day

No DA is assigned for players in Talent Series.

DA to be paid for days the player is in the Singles / Doubles Main Draw. If a match has to be completed the next day then DA will be given for the day the match is completed.

In CS (7 day's) / SS / NS / Nationals a Player receives DA from the Monday of the tournament until the day of elimination from the tournament.

**** Entry Deadlines for Tournaments:**

Entry deadline for TS & CS (7 day's), Super Series, National Series and Nationals would be 3 Mondays prior to commencement of Tournament.

Acceptance list for TS & CS (7 day's), Super Series, National Series and Nationals would be announced at least, 10 Days prior to commencement of Main Draw. The Acceptance list will be available on the website.

**** Seeding's:**

Seeding's for the qualifying & Main Draw of TS & CS (7 day's), Super Series, National Series and Nationals will be made taking into account the **Rankings available** on the AITA website on the Tuesday of the previous week of the tournament.

In the case of TS & CS (3 Day's) tournaments the seeding's will be dependent on the number of players who have signed in (eight for a draw of 32 and 16 for a draw of more than 32). Seeding's will be made taking into account the **Rankings available** on the AITA website on the Tuesday of the previous week of the tournament.

**** Special Exempt:**

Special Exempt position is given to a player on the Qualifying Acceptance List who has applied for and received exemption from the Qualifying event because he/she is still competing at a "Qualified Tournament" on the day the Qualifying event is scheduled to begin. A "Qualified Tournament" is the singles event of another AITA tournament of the same or higher grade, in the preceding week. Any unused Special Exempt place will be filled by an entered player who has signed in for Qualifying and is to be selected in accordance with his/her position on the Acceptance List. (No 1 position on the qualifying acceptance list after sign in)

**** Lucky Losers:**

Any vacancies arising in the first round, of the Main Draw, after the completion of the final qualifying round, shall be filled in by Lucky losers as follows: -

1st Preference – To all ranked players losing in the final qualifying round **picked up by lots**

2nd Preference – To all unranked players losing in the final qualifying round **picked up by lots**

If additional lucky losers are needed the losers of the previous round of qualifying shall be selected in the same manner.

The tournament referee shall conduct a Lucky Loser sign-in at an appropriate time to decide the Lucky Loser spots in the Main Draw. The Lucky Loser sign in time must be put on the tournament notice board well in time but not less than six hours before the sign in time. Lucky Loser sign in will be done every day in case the first round is delayed and not completed on the first or second day of the main draw.

**** Tournament Days:**

Championship/Talent Series (3 days) will be conducted from Saturday till the

Finals are over. This can be Sunday or Monday or any day till Friday.

Sign In will be: Friday 12:00 -2:00 pm

Championship/Talent Series (7 days) / Super Series / National Series / Nationals:

Main Draw will be from Monday – Friday / Saturday

Qualifying: Saturday, Sunday & Monday if required

Qualifying Sign In will be: Friday 12:00 -2:00 pm. Main Draw Sign in for TS7 & CS7 will be 1200 Hrs to 1400 Hrs on Sunday. There will be no Main Draw Sign in for SS/NS/Nationals.

Onsite alternates will sign in along with the qualifying sign in on Friday. The referee may conduct another onsite alternate sign in on Saturday, before the start of the qualifying, of the alternates who signed in on Friday & did not get into the qualifying draw.

Sign In for Doubles

Talent Series / Championship Series / Super Series / National Series / Nationals: Monday by 1200 Hrs

All players must show their valid ITN Registration card and pay the entry fees before playing their first match.

The referee must make the Draw Sheet & Order of play and have it displayed on the notice board by 1600 Hrs on Friday for the qualifying and 1800 Hrs on Sunday for the Main Draw.

**** Penalty Points:**

Super Series / National Series / Nationals – Irrespective of the reason.

Late Withdrawal – Third late withdrawal, in a calendar year, will lead to **minus 15 points**

In case of No Show (Main Draw or Qualifying). Points will be deducted as follows:-

Super Series - **5**

National Series – **10**

Nationals - **15**

If a tournament has two age groups & a player is a no show for the qualifying of one age group he will not be permitted to take part in the Qualifying/Main Draw of the other age group.

**** Tournament Entry Fees:**

Juniors:-

	Singles	/	Doubles (for each pair)
Talent Series	– Rs. 400	/	Rs 400
Championship Series	– Rs. 500	/	Rs 600
Super Series	– Rs. 600	/	Rs 800
National Series	– Rs. 800	/	Rs 1000
Nationals	– Rs. 1000	/	Rs 1200

Men & Women:-

Entry fees for Men's & Women's AITA tournaments is Rs 500/- for tournaments having Prize Money upto Rs One Lac and Rs 750/- for tournaments having Prize Money more than Rs one Lac. This is the **Maximum** that can be charged for a tournament irrespective of whether the player plays singles or doubles or both.

The State Association will be charged the following on application for each age group (in case the tournament is for two age groups it will be double) :-

TS/CS (3 Days)	– Rs. 2500 + GST (currently 18%)
TS/CS (7 Days)	– Rs. 5000 + GST (currently 18%)
Super Series	– Rs. 7500 + GST (currently 18%)
National Series	– Rs. 10000 + GST (currently 18%)
Nationals	– Rs. 12500 + GST (currently 18%)

Notes:-

Players, their coaches, and relatives, accompanying them on site;

- Shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site.
- Shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site.
- Shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.
- Shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball or Racquet, within the precincts of the tournament site.
- Shall not receive coaching during a match. Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach/parent/relatives, may be construed as coaching.

If such violation occurs during a match, the player shall be penalized in accordance with the point penalty schedule of ITF rules and regulations.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall constitute as a major offence, and a player may be defaulted from the tournament.

Players, their coaches, and relatives, accompanying the players, shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent or other person within the precincts of the site, shall not issue, authorize or endorse any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the tournament and or of the officiating thereof. If such violation occurs during a match or during tournament week, the violation shall be considered as a major offence and the player may be defaulted from the tournament.

The decision of the immediate default of the player shall be decided by the supervisor, in consultation with tournament director and / or with the state Secretary.

The points, rules and regulations which are not covered in the above stated guidelines, the ITF rules and regulations will prevail.



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ENTRY FORM for TS 7/CS 7/SS/NS/Nationals (All fields are mandatory)

Tournament Name: _____

Week of Tournament _____

Name: Mr. / Ms. _____ Date of Birth: _____

I want to enter in the following events:

(Please write "Yes" on the category you want to play)

Under 12 _____ / Under14 _____ / Under16 _____ / Under18 _____

CATEGORY-

TS 7 () CS 7 () (SS) { } (NS) { } Nationals { }

ITN Registration Number _____

(NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT ITN NUMBER)

Date of sending the entry: _____

E-mail: _____

Address _____

Phone No: _____ Mobile No: _____

AITA Ranking: _____ AITA Points: _____

Rules and Regulations

(Note) Players born:

- On or after 1ST Jan 2006 are eligible for participation in U/12 event.
- On or after 1ST Jan 2004 are eligible for participation in U/14 event.
- On or after 1ST Jan 2002 are eligible for participation in U/16 event.
- On or after 1ST Jan 2000 are eligible for participation in U/18 event.

Please get you entry confirmed by sending an e-mail to entries@aitatennis.com