

## PAKISTAN TENNIS FEDERATION

### Advisory 2021

#### Review of Age categories for National Ranking Events

As National Ranking tournaments for 2021 will be starting soon, Insha'Allah, kindly ensure that the updated PTF Tournaments Advisory is followed strictly, especially the age eligibility criteria, for LOWER & UPPER AGE limits in ALL Categories. Please find below the age eligibility guidelines for 2021, as well as the PTF Tournaments Advisory which has already been circulated to you. These will remain in force until further notice.

***Should any Association / Affiliate have any queries or concerns in respect of the rules, these must be conveyed to the PTF Secretariat via email, latest by 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, before the start of the upcoming events. No comments would be taken as an acknowledgement of agreement and acceptance. These Rules shall supersede all previous advisories on the subject, & come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 and stay in force until further notification.***

- 18&U: Born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 & 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 (Player must be 13 on or before the first day of the event)
- 16&U: Born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 & 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 (Player must be 13 on or before the first day of the event)
- 14&U: Born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 & 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 (Player must be 11 on or before the first day of the event)
- 12&U: Born before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. Players participating in 10U and 12U are, however, cautioned to note that the two events are played with different balls. It is therefore, the choice of the players/parents to take part in the both the events.
- 10&U: Born till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.
- ITF Age Eligibility restrictions to be applied strictly in all junior age groups; 10&U, 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 18&U (Players **MUST** possess NADRA issued Form-B or Smart Card / CNIC or Passport)
- A player will **only** be allowed to enter an event in his/her age group and in the age group immediately above, **if they meet the minimum age requirements as shown above** (e.g. 10&U and 12&U, but not 10&U and 14&U etc.)
- **In all Juniors N. Ranking Tournaments**, Doubles events shall be **mandatory** in all age groups, i.e. 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 18&U (except 10&U). In Pro/Open NR events, it is strongly recommended that Doubles events be included in 18U & 14U Categories.
- 10&U and 12&U events will have mixed draws (meaning both boys and girls can participate in the same event) to increase participation. However, if there are sufficient entries in both boys and girls, separate events may be held.
- Juniors events to have all age categories; 10&U singles (Red, Orange, Green stages, on a round robin basis, to motivate children and enhance participation – the PTF will supply the coloured balls for the events, subject to availability, on a first-come-first-served basis); 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, and 18&U (singles and doubles).

- **No prize money** shall be awarded in **ANY** Juniors events. Gift vouchers, tennis equipment etc. to be awarded instead of cash prizes. Organizers are encouraged to provide nutritional lunch to junior players to facilitate them.
- All players **Must** have their PPIN Registration (PPIN is mandatory for **All** players, Professionals/Juniors, males/females), and enter tournaments using their PPIN. **No player** shall be allowed to participate in a National Event if he/she does not have a PPIN. If a player, for any reason whatsoever, gets to participate in a National Ranking Event without a PPIN, he/she shall **NOT** be awarded National Ranking Points for such event(s).
- As per ITF rule change, the 'no-let' rule will apply on 'serve'.
- ITF and PTF (any additional in force) Codes of Conduct will be strictly enforced, and players will be penalized for any disciplinary infractions.

- **International Events:**

In respect of age categories, all ITF / ATF / IOC events shall be strictly in line with rules and regulations provided by the ITF/ATF/IOC, from time to time.

***THIS ADVISORY ISSUES WITH APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT – PTF.***