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VIA POST AND EMAIL

Dear All,

Ref: ITF Junior Circuit 2010 – Online Entries and Withdrawals

Further to my letter dated 24th November 2008, and following the successful implementation of Junior IPIN and Junior Tournament Planner (TP), in 2010 the ITF will launch the third and final stage of the digitalisation of the ITF Junior Circuit, Online Entries and Withdrawals.

I am writing at this stage to update you on the progress of the project and to request that you pass on the following preliminary information to players and tournament organisers in your country, as required.

Effective from the first tournament of 2010:

- The ITF will be ready to assume responsibility for administering entries and withdrawals for all ITF Junior Circuit tournaments (excluding Grade B Continental Championships).
- Players will be able to enter and withdraw from tournaments online via the IPIN Online Service (IOS), 24 hours a day.
- Entry lists (pre-entry deadline) and acceptance lists (post-entry deadline) will be available to National Associations via a new secure website. These will also be available to players via the IOS.
- Tournament acceptance lists will be displayed on the ITF Juniors website immediately after the entry deadline.
- Referees will download up to date entry lists directly from the ITF database when they run their tournament using the Junior TP software.

All the above will significantly reduce the amount of administration for National Associations and tournament organisers, will provide a 24 hour service for players and will dramatically increase the accuracy of information on tournament acceptance lists.

Player Endorsements

As a result of the digitalisation, entries will no longer have to be accompanied by an endorsement from a player's National Association. However, only players under the jurisdiction of a National Association affiliated to the ITF will be allowed to compete in tournaments on the ITF Junior Circuit. They must be in "good standing" with their

National Association, as defined in Appendix M of the ITF Junior Circuit Regulations 2009.

National Associations will have access to a secure website that will list all IPIN registered players from their own nation. If any players listed are not in good standing it is the responsibility of the National Association to contact the ITF juniors department, who will block the players concerned from entering tournaments online. Players will be informed via a message in the IOS.

Entry and Acceptance Procedures

Players will be permitted to enter a maximum of three (3) tournaments per tournament week. Acceptance will work in a similar way to that currently used for ITF Pro Circuit events and players will be required to list the tournaments in order of priority (ie 1, 2, 3). Players will be able to see their acceptance status in each tournament from the entry deadline. After the entry deadline it is the responsibility of the player to withdraw from all tournaments he/she does not intend to play.

If a player has been accepted into both an ITF Junior and an ITF Pro Circuit tournament, they will not be automatically withdrawn from either list. It is the responsibility of the player to withdraw from the tournament they do not intend to play, other wise they will be penalised according to ITF Junior or ITF Pro Circuit regulations.

More details on the entry and withdrawal regulations will be available later in the year.

National Rankings

Criteria for acceptances in 2010 will continue to ensure that players without an ITF Junior ranking can be accepted according to national rankings. Therefore, each national association will be required to submit national ranking lists to the ITF, which should only include players who do not have an ITF ranking. This will allow us to place unranked players from the same country in the correct order of merit on the entry lists. It will be the responsibility of each national association to submit these ranking lists up to four times each year. If no order of merit is available players from that nation will be drawn by lot. More details will be available later in the year.

Freeze Deadline

As in ITF Pro Circuits, a 'freeze deadline' will be introduced for all ITF Junior Circuit tournaments at 1400 GMT on the Wednesday before the start of the Main Draw. At this time players will no longer move from Qualifying to Main Draw, or from Alternates to Qualifying. Entry lists will be managed by the referee on site at each tournament and any vacancies created by withdrawals after this time will be filled by signed in Alternates (for Qualifying) and Lucky Losers (for Main Draw).

Sanction Fees

As a result of the increased level of service being offered by the ITF and the significant reduction of administration for national associations, there will be an increase in tournament sanction fees for 2010, as shown below:

- Grade A – US\$ 695
- Grade 1 – US\$ 560
- Grade 2 – US\$ 415
- Grade 3 – US\$ 280
- Grade 4 – US\$ 210
- Grade 5 – US\$ 145

The ITF plans to publish the 2010 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations two months earlier than usual, in October, so that everyone has sufficient time to familiarise themselves with new and amended rules.

I ask that you pass all this information on to players and tournament organisers in your country. In addition to your efforts the ITF will launch a publicity campaign so that everyone is well prepared for this new system.

This initial notification will be followed by a more detailed explanation of regulations and procedures later in the year. However, if you have any questions about any of the issues mentioned above please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleagues in the juniors department on juniors@itftennis.com.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luca Santilli', written in a cursive style.

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