

APPENDIX H

AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

COMPETITION FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 12 AND UNDER

The following rules set forth eligibility rules and restrictions for competitions and other events (including Games) for players who are 12 and under:

- a) There shall be no 11 and under, no 10 and under and no 9 and under (or younger) age category international or regional individual or team competitions or Games.
- b) In any calendar year players may only compete in a maximum of ten tournaments for 12 and under events sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the *USTA and Tennis Canada.
- c) Players under the age of ten shall not be eligible for entry into any international individual tournament, team competition, or games sanctioned by a Regional Association, a National Association and/or any other national or international organisation. In accordance with the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used. Players are allowed to play in a 12 and under event from the year they turn 10 years of age, and have reached their 10th birthday on or before the start of the Singles Main Draw, until the year the player turns 12 years of age.
- d) Players eligible to compete in 12 and under Competitions may also compete in tournaments for players age 14 and under sanctioned by the ITF, or by a Regional Association or by the *USTA and Tennis Canada, but participation in such tournaments will count towards the maximum of ten events permitted;
- e) Competition for players 12 and under organised by a Regional Association must be a team competition;
- f) Players aged 12 and under shall not compete in 16 and under international or regional individual or team competitions;
- g) There shall be no international or regional rankings for players aged 12 and under;
- h) The title 'World Champion' (or any similar title) shall not be awarded to player winning an event restricted to players who are 12 and under;

*Note: For the purpose of this Rule only National Championships in the USA and in Canada count as tournaments covered.

TEAM COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 14 AND UNDER

The following Rules are applicable to all international team competitions worldwide for players in 14 and under age group events. Competitors for these competitions in 2016, in 2017, and 2018, including the World Junior Tennis Competition, must have been born between the following eligible birth years:

| <u>Competition</u> | <u>Eligible Birth Years</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>2016</u> | <u>2002-2005</u> |
| <u>2017</u> | <u>2003-2006</u> |
| <u>2018</u> | <u>2004-2007</u> |

TEAM COMPETITIONS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE 16 AND UNDER

The following Rules are applicable to all international team competitions worldwide for players in 16 and under age group events. No competitor may participate who is still eligible for 12 and under age group events.

Competitors for these competitions, including the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas, must have been born between the following eligible birth years:

| <u>Competition</u> | <u>Eligible Birth Years</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>2016</u> | <u>2000 – 2003</u> |
| <u>2017</u> | <u>2001 - 2004</u> |
| <u>2018</u> | <u>2002 - 2005</u> |