

## **27. ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER TO REPRESENT A NATION**

A player is entitled to represent one nation only at ITF World Junior Tennis and Junior Davis Cup and Fed Cup competitions.

- (a) Any tennis player who is in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with Appendix F shall be qualified to represent that nation as a player if he/she:
- i. Is a citizen of that nation and has a current valid passport of that nation;
  - ii. Is a citizen of that nation, but in circumstances where that nation does not issue its own passport holds a qualifying passport issued by or on behalf of that nation which confirms the player's place of birth as that nation; or
  - iii. If after a consecutive period of 2 years (24 months) residence in that nation can provide a genuine reason for being unable to hold or make application to hold a current passport where:
    - a) He/she was born, or has a parent or grandparent born, in that nation; or
    - b) He/she has obtained or procured the right to remain permanently or has been granted humanitarian protection in that nation.

If a player is qualified under this sub-section above to represent more than one nation and the National Association of one of those nations wishes to nominate him/her to represent it, that National Association must submit an application to the ITF Manager who will forward a copy to any other National Association concerned, which shall be entitled to comment within 15 days of receipt. The initial application must be received by the ITF Manager at least three months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated.

In addition, if a player has represented a nation at regional international junior team competition level and he/she is qualified under this sub-section to represent another nation, that National Association must submit an application to the ITF Manager who will forward a copy of the application to any other National Association concerned, which shall be entitled to comment within 15 days of receipt. The initial application must be received by the ITF Manager at least three months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated.

The ITF Manager will give a ruling having taken into account all relevant matters.

- (b)
  - i. A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a nation and such a nation is divided into two or more nations, shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those nations.
  - ii. A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent a nation and such nation is absorbed in whole or in part by another nation, shall immediately be eligible to represent such other nation.
- (c) A player shall be deemed to have represented a nation if he shall have been nominated and shall have accepted the nomination to play in the Olympic Games Tennis Event, the Youth Olympic Tennis event or in any International Team Competition recognised by the ITF and listed in Bye-law 2.1 (a).
- (d) A National Association may appeal to the Juniors Committee to nominate a player who is not eligible under the above Regulations and the said Committee may agree to the application if the full circumstances warrant an exception being made. Such application must be received by the ITF at least three months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated. A National Association may appeal the Juniors Committee decision to the Board of Directors. Such applications must be received by the ITF Manager at least three months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated.
- (e) The Juniors Committee and/or the Organising Committee of the event have the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player is qualified to represent that nation.
- (f) The Juniors Committee can only approve exceptions for players to participate in the competitions of that Committee.