



OCEANIA TENNIS FEDERATION

ITF /OTF 2020 PACIFIC OCEANIA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organised by the Oceania Tennis Federation (OTF) in conjunction with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) with the support of the Grand Slam Development Fund (GSDF)

I. INVITED NATIONS

East Pacific: Host Nation 2020 – Samoa.

Venue: Apia Park – Apia

American Samoa, Cook Islands, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, Norfolk Island.

West Pacific: Host Nation 2020 – Vanuatu.

Venue: National Tennis Centre – Port Vila

Fiji, Kiribati, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

North Pacific: Host Nation 2020 – Guam.

Venue: National Tennis Centre – Hagatna Guam

FSM, Guam, NMI, Palau. Nauru

N.B. Any nation wishing to enter players must have a verified NA plan.

II. CATEGORIES PLAYED

A.	Boys 16 & Under Singles	Born in 2004 or after	Players have to be aged 13+
B.	Boys 14 & Under Singles	Born in 2006 or after	Players have to be aged 11+
C.	Boys 12 & Under Teams Event	Born in 2008 or after	Players have to already turned 10 years old at the start of the competition.
D.	Girls 16 & Under Singles	Born in 2004 or after	Players have to be aged 13+
E.	Girls 14 & Under Singles	Born in 2006 or after	Players have to be aged 11+
F.	Girls 12 and Under Teams Event	Born in 2008 or after	Players have to already turned 10 years old at the start of the competition.



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III. COMPETITION FORMAT (16 & under and 14 & under)

Based on minimum age restrictions, players must select which age category they wish to play in. Players may only play one age category. Nominations for a player to play up an age group must be approved by the Development Officer.

SINGLES EVENTS

The singles will be run on a preliminary round robin basis, followed by a placement draw unless decided otherwise by the Tournament Committee. This will be agreed upon at the draw meeting prior to the event.

PRELIMINARY DRAW (Round Robin)

In the 16 & under age categories, the format for the preliminary draw will be the best of three sets with a tiebreak in all sets.

The 14 & under age category will be played using two tiebreak sets and a super tiebreak in the event of the score being one set-all.

PLACEMENT DRAW

In the 16 & under age categories, the format for the placement draw will be the best of three sets with a tiebreak in all sets.

The 14 & under age category will be played using two tiebreak sets and a super tiebreak in the event of the score being one set-all.

All coaches are invited to attend the draw. Every effort should be made to separate players from the same country in the round robin and the placement draws. Kindly refer to the *ITF Junior Circuit Regulations 2019 or latest version, "Making a Draw"*.

DOUBLES EVENTS

There will be open doubles events in both age groups. The scoring system of two tiebreak sets and a super tiebreak in the event of the score being one set-all will be used.

The event will run on a knock-out basis.

All players playing in the singles event are eligible to participate. Players of the same country must play together. If a country has an odd number of players in a particular category, it is possible for the player to play with a partner from another country who is in the same situation. Please note that two players from the same country who are in different age groups are authorized to play together in the age category of the older player (for example: a 14 & under player and a 16 & under player would compete in the 16 & under doubles event).

Players who do not compete in or retire from the singles main draw or consolation draw will be automatically defaulted in doubles unless there is a valid medical



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reason certified by the official doctor. If the player who had previously retired from singles wants to play the doubles, he/she will need to be reassessed by the tournament doctor/physiotherapist.

The entry deadline for the doubles will be announced at the Team Coaches meeting prior to the start of the Championships.

12 and Under Teams Events

12 and Under Events will be competed as a team event.

- Players must be 10 years old during the event to be eligible to compete.
- This will be a round robin event culminating in positional playoffs.
- Teams will play 2 singles and 1 doubles match against the others.
- Nations entering less than 2 players might have the opportunity to make up a composite team with other nations. Teams can comprise of a maximum of 3, but it is encouraged to enter as teams of 2 in order to receive more match-play. If the team qualifies only the top 2 players from the team will play the POJC.
- The scoring format to be used will be, two tiebreak sets and a super tiebreak in the event of the score being one set all for both doubles and singles.
- The “No Let’ rule as per ITF regulations will be used.
- Nations will nominate their players in order of playing standard prior to the event. This is the order that they will have to stay in during the whole event.
- Format to be played in the regionals will be two singles and one doubles. During the POJC, there will also be reverse singles played.
- If a team is comprised of 3 players, all players must play in the tie.
- Doubles pairs can be made of any two 12 and under players on a nations nomination form. N.B. nations with more than one team cannot mix players between teams after the start of the competition.
- At the end of the round robin competition the winning team and losing finalist will automatically qualify for the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.
- At the discretion of the Development Officer, other players may be considered.



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IV. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE will include:

- The Tournament Director of the tournament who will be the ITF Development Officer for Pacific Oceania
- An OTF representative or the Tournament Referee
- Two Team Coaches from the region based on their experience and seniority within the Pacific as decided by the OTF and the ITF Development Officer.

This committee will make the seeding, conduct the draw for the tournament and will thereafter meet to establish the tournament programme and settle any disputes. It will also decide on all matters concerning the rules. The Committee reserves the right to amend the format according to the number of entries and weather conditions.

V. RULES

1. The ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct will be in force at the events and the tournaments played in accordance with the Rules of the ITF.
2. All draws must be conducted in accordance with the ITF Junior Circuit Rules and Regulations.
3. The "No Let" rule as per ITF regulations will be used.
4. A default will be given if a player fails to appear 15 minutes after his/her match is called.
5. Customary dress code will be enforced.
6. In entering the tournament, a player automatically grants to the ITF/OTF and/or host nation and/or (sponsors) the right in perpetuity to make, use and show pictures of him/her in motion or still, taken during the competition without compensation.
7. Prior to the draw being made an identity card or passport showing the date of birth for each player must be presented to the referee. Any player not complying with the age eligibility outlined above will not be accepted. Any country found to be in breach of this age eligibility rule will be eliminated from these Championships and will face disciplinary action from the ITF.
8. Entry forms with the name and date of birth of each player must be received no later than
East: Monday 24th February 2020
West: Monday 24th February 2020
North: Monday 2nd March 2020
9. Any withdrawals must be submitted in writing directly to the **OTF accompanied by a valid medical certificate.**
Replacement players will only be accepted if the withdrawal is made for reasons of health or bereavement. In the event of withdrawal due to illness or injury, a medical certificate must be received by the **OTF** within 7 days of the player's withdrawal.
10. By entering into the Regional Championships there is an expectation that the player will be able to compete in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships unless prohibited by extenuating circumstances. Any player found to have missed the POJC without prior notification of such circumstances may be precluded from entering the following year.



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Nomination of Coaches

We strongly recommend that you nominate a qualified coach (Level 1 / Level 2 or an equivalent certification) to travel with your team to these Championships. Any coach not qualified will need to be approved by the DO

VI. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Venues: EPRC Apia Park Tennis Centre – Apia, Samoa

Court surface: Hard

No. of courts: 7

Tournament Referee: Francis Bryand

Tournament Director: Host nominated

Venues: WPRC Korman Stadium – Port Vila, Vanuatu

Court surface: Hard

No. of courts: 6

Tournament Referee: Francis Bryand

Tournament Director: Host Nominated

Venues: NPRC Guam National Centre – Hagatna, Guam

Court surface: Hard

No. of courts: 7

Tournament Referee: Scott Ray

Tournament Director: Host Nominated



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Accommodation:

There is no billeting of players in these events. It is each nation's responsibility to book and pay for their own accommodation or make alternative arrangements for players to stay with relatives. There will be a daily accommodation subsidy included in the travel subsidy. NB this subsidy is only applicable for the players nominated for the ITF subsidies by their Federation.

Hospitality

A daily subsidy will be included in every player / coach travel subsidy to assist with the purchase of meals during the event. NB only applicable for the players / coach nominated for the ITF subsidies by their Federation.

Travel

The ITF will provide travel grants for the event. All participating nations must make their own travel arrangements. The travel grant will be paid upon receipt of the completed entry form. The travel grant may be used only by official players and coaches.

In the event that a player or coach for whom the travel grant has been awarded does not travel, the grant will be repayable to the OTF. In addition, failure to take part in the entire event will mean that any travel grants paid will have to be reimbursed to the OTF.

Visas

It is the responsibility of each individual nation to arrange visas for entry into the respective host nations.

No assistance can be offered by the Oceania Tennis Federation in this respect.

It is expected that players will enter on a visitor's visa.

VII. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

All players entering ITF Junior Tournaments or Circuits agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against the ITF, the tournament organisers and the Regional Association or National Association sanctioning such events, with respect to any injuries, however caused, or any losses incurred, while travelling to and from, or participating in any ITF Junior Tournament or Circuit. **It is therefore recommended that all players have adequate travel and medical insurance cover.**



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VIII. ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received by:

East: Monday 24th February 2020

West: Monday 24th February 2020

North: Monday 2nd March 2020

Please return the entry form to:

Gary Purcell – ITF Development Officer Pacific Oceania and cc

Richard Breen – Joint Executive Officer OTF

gary.purcell@itftennis.com and cc unipro@connect.com.fj

NB the quicker you return the entry form the quicker the travel grant for your Federation can be processed.

Only entries received on the official entry form and endorsed by the appropriate national association will be accepted. Entries from individual players will not be accepted.

Please complete the entry form, writing clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS. Make sure that all the players' dates of birth are entered IN FULL in the spaces provided, indicating the day, month and year and check that they comply with the regulations.

Players whose dates of birth do not comply with the regulations will be unable to play, and any nations found in breach of age regulations will be eliminated from the Championships and will face disciplinary action from the ITF