SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS
Foreword

Tennis Europe 21 & Under Men / Women Invitational is owned and regulated by Tennis Europe.

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Tennis Europe cannot be held responsible for any changes made after the Regulations have been published.
General Matters

1. Official event title
The competition shall be called the Tennis Europe 21 & Under Men / Women Invitational.

2. Category
The Competition, an invitational event, shall be played in the following age category for Men and Women:


Wildcard to players 21 & Under (born 1998 or younger)

This event is a men's and women’s tennis tournament for the best 21-and-under players of Tennis Europe Member Nations.

3. Number of participants
Tennis Europe will send a direct invitation to the Top 8 European Men and Top 8 European Women 21 & Under player according to the Acceptance list.*

One Wild Card for Men’s and one Wild Card for Women’s by distributed to AI.

*Composition of Acceptance list:

The acceptance list is based on

1.) the results of the below tournaments in 2017 and 2018 &
2.) the top four players of the ITF World Tennis Tour Rankings from Monday 27th May 2019.

- Australian Junior Open 2017 & 2018
- French Junior Open 2017 & 2018
- Wimbledon Juniors 2017 & 2018
- US Junior Open 2017 & 2018
- ITF Juniors Grade A Milano 2017 & 2018
- Orange Bowl 2017 & 2018
- Youth Olympic Games 2018

The best two European players** of the above tournaments in 2017 & 2018 are listed on the acceptance list. Only results were counted by reaching the quarterfinal or higher.

The players on the Acceptance list are ranked by

1.) their WTA / ATP ranking,
2.) their ITF World Tour Ranking.


First alternates will be the next best ranked player of the Acceptance list followed by the next player from the ITF World Tennis Tour ranking.
4. Format of the competition
21 & Under – Main Draw Singles

Played over four days, the format for the competition consists of two round robin groups, followed by the semi-finals and final.

Scoring system with matches being played over best-of-five-sets.

The first player who wins four games wins the set and if the score reaches 3-3 a tie-break shall be played. If the score reaches “Deuce” in a game a deciding point shall be played.

The “No Let” Rule applies (a service touching the net is in play).

Players will be required to play two singles matches per day on some days.

If he/she has played less than 60 minutes - 30 minutes rest
If he/she has played between 60 – 90 minutes - 60 minutes rest
If he has played more than 90 minutes - 90 minutes rest

5. Shorter Warm-Up

Matches begin precisely four minutes from the second player walk-on (30 seconds / 3 minutes/ 30 seconds).

6. Player Coaching

Players and coaches can communicate between them at the end of each set.

On-court coaches should dress and present themselves in a professional manner. They must wear appropriate and clean tennis attire. Whether a coach is dressed professionally shall be at the sole discretion of the Referee and shall not be appealable. If a coach is asked to change and fails to do so, it shall result in his/her on-court coaching privileges being removed for that match.

On-court coaches should sit in the designated coaching seats to allow easy and quick access to the court. The coach must use the official court entrance to get onto the court and can under no circumstances climb the stands or jump over fences, which may result in his/her on-court coaching privileges being removed.

On-court coaches must leave the court immediately upon the Chair Umpire announcing “Time

On-court coaches may not provide coaching or communicate with a player outside of the court

7. Medical Time-Outs

A limit of one medical time out per player per match.

8. Toilet break & change of attire break

A limit of one toilet break and change of attire break per player per match.
9. Draw

The event has a round-robin format, with eight players divided into two groups of four. The eight seeds are determined by the ATP/WTA ranking followed by the ITF World Tennis Tour Ranking on the Monday before starting the event. All singles matches are the best-of-five sets, with each set the first to four games (not six games).

No 1 seeded player in Group A
No 2 seeded player in Group B
No 3 and No 4 seeded players by lot to Group A and Group B, each player in one group
No 5 and No 6 seeded players by lot to Group A and Group B, each player in one group
No 7 and No 8 seeded players by lot to Group A and Group B, each player in one group

Semi-Final
Winner Group A against Second Group B
Second Group A against Winner Group B

The top-seeded player is placed in Group A and the second-seeded player is placed in Group B. Players seeded 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, are then drawn in pairs with the first drawn placed in Group A. Each player plays the three other players in his group. The winner of each group (best overall record) is placed in separate semi-final brackets, with the top player in Group A playing the runner-up in Group B, and vice versa. If two or more players are tied after the round-robin matches, the ties are broken by a tie-break procedure.

10. Order of play:

**Day 1**: Round Robin matches

**Day 2**: Round Robin matches

**Day 3**: Round Robin and semifinals matches

**Day 4**: Final matches

**Semi-Final Qualifying Procedure**:
The final standings of each group is determined by the first of the following methods that apply:
a) Greatest number of wins;
b) Greatest number of matches played;
   Comment: 2-1 won-loss record beats a 2-0 won-loss record; a 1-2 record beats a 1-0 record.
c) Head-to-head results if only two (2) players are tied.
d) If three (3) players are tied, then:
i) If three (3) players each have one (1) win, a player having played less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the player advancing to the single elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) players tied with 1-2 records; or
   ii) Highest percentage of sets won; or
   iii) Highest percentage of games won; or
   iv) The player positions on the most recent ATP Rankings followed by ITF World Rankings.
v) If (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) produce one (1) superior player (first place), or one (1) inferior player (third place), and the two (2) remaining players are tied, the tie between those two (2) players shall be broken by head-to-head record.

Comment 1: 1 player has 3 wins and the other 3 players have 1 win. Of the 3 players with 1 win, 1 player has only played in 2 matches while the other 2 players have played 3 matches. The player who has only
played 2 matches is eliminated and then the 2 remaining players revert to head-to-head results with the winner of their match advancing to the semi-finals.

Comment 2: 1 player has 3 wins and the other 3 players have 1 win and they all have played 3 matches. The tie-break for % of sets won has 1 player with a better % than the other two. This player advances to the semi-final round.

Comment 3: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, they are ordered by their % of sets won. This produces a 1, 2 & 3 order and the players finishing 1 and 2 move to the semi-final round and the player finishing 3 in % of sets won is eliminated. The player with the best % of sets won is the winner of the group.

Comment 4: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, 1 player’s sets won-loss is 5-2 for 71.43%; the other 2 players both have a 4-3 record in sets for 57.14%. In this case there is 1 superior player (71.43%) and the remaining 2 players are tied; it now reverts to the head to head result of the 2 remaining players with the winning player advancing as group runner-up.

Comment 5: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, 2 have set won-loss records of 5-3 (62.5%) while the other player is 4-3 (57.14%). In this case, we have 1 inferior player (57.14%) and he is eliminated. The remaining two players both advance to the semi-finals with the winner of their head-to-head match advancing as the group winner.

Comment 6: 3 players have 2 wins and the other player has 0 wins. The player with 0 wins is eliminated. Of the 3 players with 2 wins, all have played 3 matches and all 3 have set won-loss records of 5-4 (55.56%). In this case, we move to % of games won. The % of games won breaks down like this: 44-40 for 52.38%, 45-43 for 51.14% and 44-43 for 50.57%. This produces a 1, 2 and 3 order of the group and the number 1 player in % of games won is the group winner while the player finishing 2nd in % of games won advances to the semi-finals as the group runner-up. The player with the 3rd best % of games won is eliminated.

e) In applying the tie-breaking procedures, a conduct default or retirement shall count as a straight-set win or loss. However, games won or lost in matches with the defaulting or retiring player shall not be counted in the percentage of games won. A player who retires during the round robin because of illness or injury may continue in the competition if it is approved by the tournament Doctor.

Comment: This prevents a scenario where a player knows he only needs to win 1 set to qualify for the semi-finals from retiring once he has won a set.

f) Any player who is defaulted pursuant to the ITF World Tour Code during the round robin competition shall be defaulted from all other matches in the competition and ITF World Tour default provisions shall apply, except for the following circumstances:

i) The loss of physical condition; or

ii) Dress and Equipment.

Single Elimination Competition

1) The winner of each group shall be placed in separate semi-final brackets. The runner-up of each group shall be placed in the semi-final bracket with the winner of the opposite group.

2) The event shall be completed with a single elimination competition for the semi-finals and final.

11. Competition Duration

Minimum four days.

12. Competition Dates

Between Thursday 25th July and Sunday 28th July 2019
13. **Pre-Event Administration**

Entry and withdrawal procedures, seedings and supervision of the rules and regulations are carried out by Tennis Europe.

14. **Prize**

The Tournament Organiser provides a total grant of € 50,000 to the Men’s and the Women’s Event.

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<tr>
<td>Participation</td>
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Undefeated Champion will receive travel expenses of €7,250.00!
(€1,500 participation fee. €750 (3x Round Robin). €5,000 winner fee)

The prize money will be paid at the end of the tournament by the Tournament Organiser.

15. **Insurance**

The tournament organiser is required to have adequate insurance cover for the event. The Tournament Organiser is responsible for taking out a suitable insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which insures against claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the event for which the applicant is legally liable.

All players are required to have adequate medical, travel and liability insurance, which is not provided by either Tennis Europe, the host National Association or the local organiser.

16. **'Free Movement' Policy**

A ‘free movement’ policy is applied to the crowd (except behind the baselines) throughout the tournament. The policy enables fans to move freely in and out of the stadium during matches, providing a relaxed fan-friendly atmosphere and ensuring fans are not restricted entry into the stadium at any time.

17. **Health, Safety and Security**

The health, safety and security of all persons involved in the Tournament, including players, officials, Tournament staff and spectators, are of principal importance. The Tournament Organiser is responsible for ensuring an adequate security plan, for the protection of all involved persons, against any such problems is in place and implemented for the Tournament.

The Tournament Organiser must make Tennis Europe aware immediately of any major issues or threats (e.g. political unrest, health epidemic, natural disaster) that could impact the progress of the Tournament or the health, safety or security of persons involved, whether they occur in advance of or during the Tournament.
If special areas are allocated for players only, each player should be issued with a "competitor's badge" to be carried at all times, and shown to gain access to these areas.

18. **Hospitality**
The definition of hospitality refers to accommodation (Hotel nights) and three meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) per day.

19. **Hospitality for Players and Coaches**
**21 & Under**
Hospitality must be granted free of charge by the Tournament Organiser to all players and their individual coach for the Men and Women Main Draw and will start with the Dinner on the day preceding the start of the competition until the morning after their elimination with breakfast.

Hospitality includes: breakfast, lunch and dinner plus accommodation each day.

20. **Official Hotel/Accommodation**
The official hotel shall be located within a reasonable distance from the site of the Tennis Europe 21 & Under Men / Women Invitational event.

Costs related to different kinds of accommodation, and any extras (telephone, mini-bar, laundry, etc.) shall be incurred by the players and coaches.

Players for the age groups 19/20/21 and coaches of the same gender can be accommodated in twin rooms with a shower or bath.

Coaches shall not share a hotel room with a player who is (1) under the age of 18, or (2) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the hotel is located or where the player resides, unless such coach is the player’s parent or is related to the player and authorised in writing by the player’s parent.

Private housing (accommodation at host families) is not permitted.

21. **Meals**
**Breakfast** to be served at the official hotel. **Lunch** to be provided on-site.

Subject to the schedule of play, **dinner** can either be served at the club or at the official hotel. In any case, the procedures by which players and coaches can obtain food should be clearly established, i.e. vouchers.

Read more about Restaurants/Food/Drinks below.

22. **Venue**
The tournament must be staged at a venue with a sufficient quantity of match courts. It is a requirement that practice courts of the same surface are available at the same venue. The official hotel must be of a reasonable distance from the venue.
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23. **Balls**
The balls used are the choice of the Tournament Organiser who must cover the costs. Balls must conform to the specifications outlined in the ITF Rules of Tennis.

All matches are played with four (4) new balls and balls must be changed at eleven (11) and thereafter every thirteen (13) games.

24. **Practice Balls**
Practice balls (minimum of three per player) for the week must be provided for all players from the day before the start of the event.

Players Services

25. **Transportation**
The tournament must provide transportation between the nearest airport and railway station, the tournament site and the hotel. All costs must be covered by the Tournament Organiser.

26. **Accreditation**
The provision of identity badges for players, captains/coaches, officials and organisation staff must be provided.

27. **Racket Stringing**
Racket stringing facilities must be available on-site. Players will usually provide their own strings, and may be charged a nominal stringing fee. To avoid problems with payment, please insist that the players pay for all stringing on delivery of their racquets. Receipts should be available.

28. **Tournament Doctor and Sports Physiotherapist**
The Tournament Organiser must provide a tournament doctor on call during playing hours. In addition, the Tournament Organiser must provide a Sports Physiotherapist during play, who must be available on-site during play (from at least 30 minutes before first match of the day until the end of last match).

The ITF Rules of Tennis and ITF Rules and Regulations would also apply.
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