ABOUT THE ITF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The ITF Wheelchair Tennis Development department’s strategy is to create a world where ITF wheelchair tennis development programmes contribute to the consistent global growth and quality of tennis, with a mission to ‘increase the number and standard of players worldwide’. All activities delivered support the attainment to achieve three objectives within the strategy:

1) More Wheelchair Tennis Players (with an increase in participation in wheelchair tennis worldwide)
2) Increased number and spread of National Associations offering wheelchair tennis (playing and non-playing) participation initiatives and events.
3) Develop talented players, particularly those from nations that are both under-resourced and under-represented.

All development activities sit within one of seven areas: Performance; Participation; Events; Facilities; Coaching; Administration and Resources; and Investment and Partnerships. The ITF works with the member National Association to support their respective national wheelchair tennis development pathway.

UNIQLO WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TOUR GRANTS

A UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Grant is the main subsidy assistance for a National Association to host a UNIQLO Tour Event, supported by the ITF.

The purpose of these grants is to help provide competition opportunities in less developed regions, so National Associations may be able to host events on the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour.

These grants represent a contribution towards the tournament costs. National Associations are expected to raise additional funds to meet the total prize money and the running costs of the event. There are specific grants available for junior events.

CRITERIA

- Must be Tier 1, 2 or 3 nation. Tier 4 nations are only eligible for junior events.
- Where appropriate, priority will be given to:
  - Tier 1 nations
  - New countries wishing to host an event for the first time
  - Existing tournaments on the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour
  - Tournaments held in a series of events
- Applications will be considered for ITF2, ITF3, Futures and Junior events.
  All required post-tournament documentation (referee report, draws, media report, Code of Conduct offenses, IPIN fees report) must be completed and submitted to the ITF from the previous year’s event, if one was held.

Grants available will be up to a maximum of $4000.

Deadline for applications is Friday 6 December 2019

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT GRANTS

The purpose of these grants is to help provide competition opportunities in less developed regions for the nations within that region, assisting Regional Associations to provide more local competitive opportunities. These grants are not for tournaments on the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour but for regional tournaments. These tournaments can be held alongside existing regional events.

These grants represent a contribution towards the tournament costs. National and Regional Associations are expected to raise additional funds to meet the running costs of the event.
CRITERIA

- Must be Tier 1, 2 or 3 nation.
- Where appropriate, priority will be given to:
  - Tier 1 nations
  - New countries wishing to host an event for the first time
- Both the host National and Regional Association must approve the activity

Grants available will be up to a maximum of $3000.

Deadline for applications is Friday 6 December 2019