

Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago

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**29th ANNUAL CATCH NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017**

**April 8th – April 13th**

**PROSPECTUS**

**Tournament Committee**

Tournament Director Mr. Dave A. Patrick (751-6129)

Tournament Secretary Mrs. Ann Timothy-Tozer

Tournament Referee Mr. Edwin Chu For

Assistant Referee Mr. Anthony Jameson

Treasurer Mr. Joseph Ward

Committee member Mr. Bert Martin

**Intent**: The National Junior Championship serves as the showcase for Junior Tennis in Trinidad & Tobago highlighting our best players while introducing new players to tennis.

**Events**

**Red Star**

**Boys & Girls:** 10 & under (born between 1 Jan 2007 -31 Dec 2011)

**Regular Events**

10 & under (born between 1 Jan 2007 - 31 Dec 2011)

**Boys’ & Girls’** ` 12 & under (born between 1 Jan 2005 - 31 Dec 2009)

**Singles:** 14 & under (born between 1 Jan 2003 -31 Dec 2007)

 16 & under (born between 1 Jan 2001- 31 Dec 2005)

 18 & under (born between 1 Jan 1999 - 31 Dec 2004)

 21 & under (born between 1 Jan 1996 - 31 Dec 2001)

**Boys’ Doubles**  10 & under; 14 & under; 18 & under, 21 & under

**Girls’ Doubles**  10 & under; 14 & under; 18 & under, 21 & under

**Mixed Doubles** 10 & under; 14 & under; 18 & under, 21 & under

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**1. ENTRY.**

1. Entry Fee. **Regular, $100** per player (covers both doubles’ events); and **$30 for** **Red Star** Players.

TATT’s **registration of $65** for 2017 is required for all players. However, Red Star Players are exempted from paying Tennistt registration fees.

1. Availability of Forms: The Tennis Association (TATT) office, The Racquet Center, Tacarigua.

Forms can also be downloaded from the website, ***http://tennistt.info***

(c) Submission of Entries: Entries for tournament will only be valid when submitted with payment at the TennisTT office at The Racquet Center, Tacarigua, Harry’s Sports World in South, Dave Patrick in East, David Denoon in Tobago.

(d) Eligibility:

 Age Eligibility. For purpose of this Rule, see page 1. Entry is restricted to citizens of Trinidad & Tobago. **Players are asked to produce a copy of their passport or birth certificate at sign-in.**

 **Red Star:** These are players who are part of TennisTT’s Tennis 10’s Development Programme.

**Regular Players are required to play in their base age group in the singles events. Players entered in the 12&U, 14&U, 16&U and 18&U categories, who are ranked in the top 4 of their age groups as at January 1st 2017, are eligible to play in two singles event i.e. their base age group and a higher age group, plus one doubles event. All other Regular Players are allowed to enter two (2) Doubles’ events (Mixed and another) AND ONE (1) Singles’ event;** a maximum of three (3) events. Consequently, other than appropriate rest periods, no special privileges will be given to players who choose to enter (3) events. Such players may be asked to play up to four matches a day (2 singles and 2 doubles).

**Doubles entries will close at 12:00 noon on Sunday, 9th April 2017, on site. Both players must sign in, together.**

To be eligible for prizes, a player must have won a match in the Main draw, and, players retiring from a match must provide a valid medical that will allow him/her to play in other events.

**2. Closing date/ Draw**. Entries close *on* ***Friday 31st March 2017*** at 2 pm, at Tennistt’s office, The Racquet Center, Tacarigua. **Draws** will be done on **Tuesday 4th April** 2017, at the Racquet Center.

The tournament **starts on Saturday 8th April 2017** at 9.00 am and ends on Thursday 13th April 2017.

**The Red Star tournament will be played on Saturday 8th April at 9:00 am.**

**All players are required to register on Saturday 1st April, between 9-11 am, at the Racquet Center. Players who have not settled their fees will not be put in the draw.**

***OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE AT THE RACQUET CENTER AT 9.00 AM (SHARP) ON FIRST DAY OF TOURNAMENT***

**3. Match Format.**

(i) Events with an entry of five (5) or less may be played in a Round-robin format.

(ii) Novices. ONE (1) short set, i.e., first to 4 games, by a margin of 2; Tie-break at 4-4.

(iii) U10 and U12 categories will play round-robin (RR) with the best of three (3) short sets; i.e. first to four (4) with a Tie-break at 4-4. Two players from each group will progress to a Main Draw (knock-out).

(iv) All U14, U16, U18 & U21 Main Draw matches will be the Best of three **regular** sets with a Tie-break at 6-6. U14 may play RR; subject to entry response.

(v) **ALL Doubles** will be two (2) Tie-Break sets with **no ad-Scoring, and a Match Tie-break (10 point),** in place of a third set. In Mixed Doubles, at deuce (40-40), the server shall serve to the same gender as him/herself.

(vi) Play shall continue under lights where necessary.

(vii) Balls. For the U10’s, Green Dot balls will be used; ALL other events shall use PENN balls.

(viii) Players may be required to play as much as 3 matches per day.

In case of severe weather conditions, the tournament committee may use alternate scoring methods, as approved in the 2017 Rules of Tennis.

**4. Site Details**. All events will be played at the Racquet Center, Tacarigua.

**5.** This Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, ***the Rules of Tennis, and the ITF Junior Regulations*** *(which includes the ITF’s Junior Code of Conduct).*For the benefit of new entrants, (and a reminder to older ones!) a copy of the Dress Code is attached below.

**6.** In submitting an entry to this tournament, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by, and be bound by the above Rules and Regulations. Furthermore, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived.

**7.** The Committee reserves the right to amend, repeal, or otherwise modify, in whole, or in part, the

above Rules and Regulations.

# DRESS CODE

**Players shall present themselves for play in a professional manner. Clean and acceptable tennis attire shall be worn**.

**Unacceptable Attire:** Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, basketball attire, beachwear, **T-shirts (particularly with writing!)** or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match.

**CATCH T-SHIRTS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE WEAR FOR PLAY, in this tournament.**

**PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT IS MANDATORY FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO NATIONAL TEAMS.**

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