



**ITF JUNIOR EVENTS**  
**GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES:**  
**ACCEPTANCE LIST ORDERING AND ALLOCATION OF WILD CARDS**  
**MAIN DRAW & QUALIFYING DRAW**

**Introduction**

The ITF orders its acceptance lists for junior tournaments using players' ITF Junior World Rankings. In the case of players without an ITF Junior Ranking, the following acceptance criteria are used:

- **Tennis Canada, like other national associations, submits a national ranking list of junior players to the ITF four times a year. It consists of 75 boys and 75 girls that do not have an ITF Junior ranking. The ITF uses this information to order unranked players from Canada on tournament acceptance lists.**
- **Players that do not have an ITF Junior Ranking or that do not appear on the list of 75 nationally ranked players are then ordered randomly.**

A frequently encountered issue occurs when a player with a lower Tennis Canada National Ranking (e.g., 125) appears ahead of a player with a higher National Ranking (e.g., 90). From the viewpoint of the coaches and parents of the higher ranked players, this system may seem unjust and require explanation. The points outlined above explain the process.

**Filling the Draw and Allocation of Wild Cards**

In the case of lower level (e.g., Groups 4 and 5) ITF Junior tournaments, Tennis Canada upon review of the players entered, may make a decision not to officially "designate" anyone as a High Performance wildcard recipient into either the qualifying or main draw events. In such cases, the instruction from Tennis Canada to the referee may be:

For players ranked 76 or lower (e.g., 80), to assign Wild Cards using the U18 Rogers Rankings as of the day of Qualifying sign-in

**Example: ITF Junior Boys 32 Qualifying Draw, 26 Qualifying Acceptances and 6 Wild Cards**

In this case, players numbered 1 to 26 on the Qualifying acceptance list will be entered directly into the Qualifying draw and 6 places remain open for Wild Cards.

In the event that Tennis Canada, upon review of the players, does not have any basis to officially designate wild cards on merit, then the tournament referee will check the U18 Rogers Rankings of entered Canadian players and assign Wild Cards to the 6 players with the best rankings. On the other hand, if Tennis Canada wishes to award Wild Cards to some, rather than all, players (e.g., 2 players), it would then instruct the referee to assign Wild Cards to the entered players with the best U18 Rogers Rankings in order to fill the remaining Wild Card positions (e.g., 4 in this case). Entered players should have a priority over On-Site Alternates (i.e., players who did not enter in advance) in terms of eligibility for Wild Cards.

The process outlined above also applies to players being allocated wild cards into the Main Draw.