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TO: Provincial Associations

RE: No Service Let Rule

I am writing to introduce Tennis Canada's plans regarding the ITF's implementation of the "no service let" rule at ITF Junior events in 2018. The ITF has stated the following:

No Service Lets – ITF Junior Circuit and ITF Junior Team Competitions

Service lets will not be played at any level in the above competitions, including the ITF Junior Masters and the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Event. If the serve hits the net and goes into the correct service box, the ball will be in play. This rule change aims to reduce disputes in junior matches, which are largely played without a chair umpire. It is consistent with the ATP Next Generation 21 & under event.

Tennis Canada will implement the "no service let" rule at the National Junior events this summer. It will be used in all age divisions at the **2018 Outdoor Junior Nationals (U12-U18)** and the **National Junior Open Series events (U12-U16)**. In addition, it will be in effect at all ITF Junior events in Canada, and around worldwide. This rule adoption in Canada is a positive move for our juniors who are competing in ITF Junior events, and ensures we are aligned with the ITF.

As a result, I strongly encourage all Provincial Associations to implement the "no service let" rule at all Outdoor Junior Selection events and Provincial/Regional Championships leading to the National junior events. This will allow all players the opportunity to compete using the rule prior to participating at the National level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require assistance with the new rule.

Sincerely,

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