



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 its “National Ranking List” consisting of the Top 75 boys and 75 girls that do not have an ITF Junior Ranking. The ITF uses this list to rank Canadian players without an ITF ranking. More information about this list is outlined here: <https://www.tenniscanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Junior-Ranking-List-Protocol-EN-2023-1.pdf>
- Players who do not have an ITF Junior Ranking or do not appear on the “National Ranking List” are then ranked 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). In most cases this is due to players referring to the current Rogers Rankings (which are updated weekly) whereas the “National Ranking List” is, as per ITF requirements, sent only four times in a year and is therefore not reflective of the current rankings.

Filling the Draw and Allocation of Wild Cards

Tennis Canada has the sole discretion to award Wild Cards to players in the Qualifying and Main Draws of ITF Junior tournaments. For additional details pertaining to the allocation of Wild Cards, you can refer to the “Wild Card Assistance” section on the Tennis Canada website here:

<https://www.tenniscanada.com/compete/juniors/resources/>

In addition, each host organizing club may allocate 1 boys and 1 girls Wild Card in the qualifying and main draw in singles. For example, at an ITF Grade 5 Junior tournament with a Boys 32 Qualifying Draw typically has 26 places for Qualifying Acceptances and 6 places for 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. Tennis Canada can fill five of the Wild Card allocations at their discretion, and the club will allocate the sixth wild card.