

Dear Parents and players

We trust that you are all healthy and well-rested after the holiday break. All the best for the new year.

It is very unfortunate that two international events, the U/16 African Junior Championships as well as the u/12 African Junior Team Championships in Tunisia, for which Namibian teams were selected, got cancelled end of last year. The Southern Africa Individual and Team Championships for which u/14 and u/16 teams were selected got postponed at the beginning of this year—all due to Covid. We look forward to seeing these events through this year and for our players to gain more international exposure.

Please take note of the following important matters that were approved at the last NTA meeting:

1. The yearly affiliation fee for 2022 for all junior players will stay the same at N\$550 per player. Please note that it is compulsory for all regular tournament players to affiliate directly with NTA. This will make a player eligible to be selected for the Junior Masters (at the end of the year) as well as national teams.
2. Tournament entry fees for affiliated players will increase from N\$250 to N\$300 as from February.
3. Tournament entry fees for non-affiliated players will increase to N\$370 per player.
4. All players are encouraged to play their first two tournaments of the year in their correct age groups to better determine strengths in age groups. Should a player be ranked in the top 10% to 20% of the age group after this period, he/she may choose to play in a higher age group if so desired by his/her coach or parents. The junior committee has the discretion to revisit these guidelines as and when necessary.
5. Rankings of players will be updated after each junior tournament and posted on SportyHQ. To access the ranking lists, a player needs to log in on his/her SportyHQ account and scroll down on the Dashboard where the different rankings categories can be visited. Double-click on a name to see exactly how points are earned. For juniors, the 5 best results in a rolling 12-month period count towards ranking points. We will distribute a detailed explanation of rankings together with the ranking tables shortly.
6. Junior Tennis Committee: Any parent passionate about tennis wanting to make a difference is welcome to join our committee or join our volunteer group. Current committee members are:
  1. Hester Bergh                      Bookkeeping and tournament fees
  2. Daniël du Toit                      Rankings
  3. Karlien Kuhn                      Media
  4. Wilna Esterhuizen                      Website (watch this space)
  5. Ndumiso Moyo                      Tournaments
  6. Santie van der Walt                      Chairperson
7. Important dates:
  1. 28 January                      T0122 Junior tournament in Windhoek
  2. 25 February                      T0222 u/14 National Tournament Windhoek
  3. 4 March                      T0322 Junior Tournament Swakopmund

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| 4. 18 March         | S0122 Senior Tournament Windhoek (13 and older) |
| 5. 8 April          | T0422 Sanlam Junior Tournament Windhoek         |
| 6. 23 April - 7 May | ITF u/18 World Tennis Tournament Windhoek       |

We look forward to a full tennis calendar this year.

Kind regards

Junior Tennis Committee