



TSA HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAYER PATHWAY

**2021 AND BEYOND: FINANCIAL
SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

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INTRODUCTION

The Tennis South Africa (TSA), High Performance Department is introducing new structure, inclusive of grants to reward high-performance players from junior to professional levels. Players will receive grants for reaching specific benchmarks relative to their age and gender. The intention and purpose of these grants is to inspire and financially support South African players in their pursuit of excellence on the world stage.

Included in this document are the benchmarks, and ranking goals to showcase a South African High Performance Player Pathway for players to reach the top 100 in the world. The document also shows the standards set by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), and other leading tennis nations, giving players and coaches a global view of the performance expectations of promising players.

In addition to the grant structure and benchmarks, we have provided guidance on the recommended tournaments for players by age and gender, including the number of matches they should be playing and their win-loss ratios. The recommendations are based on research obtained through the ITF and other nations, but are tailored to fit our unique South African tennis landscape.

The goal of the revised High Performance Player Pathway is to significantly shift the thinking of top players and coaches, and incentivise them to align their strategies with the top tennis nations around the world.

Lastly, the document highlights the ITF Touring Team criteria, and the criteria for the ITF Grand Slam Development Fund grants to further support their pathways to success.

“ No one realized how hard I had to work. No one realized how much I had to put into it.”

- Pete Sampras

2 RANKING GOALS & BENCHMARKS

The ranking goals and benchmarks have been set using research obtained through the ITF and other leading tennis nations and then adapted for South African players, while still maintaining a high international standard. While these benchmarks provide a realistic pathway to the Top 100 ATP and WTA, they are merely guidelines to assist in goal setting and planning for player development.

It is important to state that players should in no way be discouraged if they do not meet these benchmarks. Varying developmental factors in individuals mean that players develop at different rates. A player that does not meet a specific benchmark for their age may still reach the top 100 in the world.

It is also crucial to note that girls, in terms of developmental age, mature physically one to two years faster than boys. Therefore, benchmarks and incentives reflect that girls are expected to reach higher rankings and benchmarks at a younger age.

Benchmarks have been broken up as follows:

1. Junior Girls benchmarks (< U18)
2. Junior Boys benchmarks (< U18)
3. Women's benchmarks (> U18)
4. Men's benchmarks (> U18)



2.1 RANKING GOALS FOR JUNIOR GIRLS



AGE	ITF	GLOBAL STANDARDS	SOUTH AFRICA PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY	SOUTH AFRICA NCAA TOP 20 PATHWAY
9			Developing all-round game	Developing all-round game
10			Top 20 U12 TSA	Develop all-round game
			Develop all-round game	
11			Top 8 U12 TSA	Top 15 U12 TSA
			Develop all-round game	Develop all-round game
12			Top 3 U12 TSA	Top 10 U12 TSA
			Top 12 U14 TSA	
			Develop all-round game	Develop all-round game
13	Ranked ITF		Top 4 U14 TSA	Top 10 U14 TSA
			Introduction to ITF	
14	500 ITF	1000 ITF	Top 2 U14 TSA	Top 5 U14 TSA
			Top 10 U16 TSA	
			Ranked ITF	Ranked ITF
15	100 ITF	200 ITF	Top 4 U16 TSA	Top 10 U16 TSA
		WTA Ranked	500 ITF	700 ITF
16	50 ITF	70 ITF	National Champion U16	Top 5 Nationals
			Top 4 u18 TSA	Top 5 U16 TSA
	Ranked WTA	WTA 600	150 ITF WTA Ranked	350 ITF
17	20 ITF	30 ITF	Top 2 Nationals	Top 5 Nationals
				Top 10 U18 TSA
	WTA 600	WTA 450	50 ITF	150 ITF
			WTA 700	WTA Ranked UTR 9+
18	20 ITF	10 ITF	National Champion U18	Top 5 U18 TSA
			25 ITF	100 ITF
	WTA 400	WTA 300	WTA 500	WTA 800 UTR 10+

2.2 RANKING GOALS FOR JUNIOR BOYS



AGE	ITF	GLOBAL STANDARDS	SOUTH AFRICA PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY	SOUTH AFRICA NCAA TOP 20 PATHWAY
9				
			Develop all-round game	Develop all-round game
10			Provincial champ	Develop all -round game
11			Top 4 U12 TSA	Top 15 U12 TSA
			Develop all-round game	Develop all-round game
12			Top 4 U12 TSA	Top 10 U12 TSA
			Top 12 u14 TSA	
13			Top 4 U14 TSA	Top 10 U14 TSA
14			Top 2 U14TSA	Top 10 U14 TSA
			Top 10 U16 TSA	Ranked ITF
			Ranked ITF	
15	700 ITF	500 ITF	Top 3 U16 TSA	Top 10 TSA U16 TSA
			700 ITF	700 ITF
16	100 ITF	200 ITF	Top 3 Nationals	Top 5 Nationals
			Top 3 U16 TSA	Top 5 U16 TSA
			250 ITF	400 ITF
17	50 ITF	100 ITF	Top 3 Nationals	Top 5 Nationals
			Top 5 U18 TSA	Top 10 U18 TSA
			100 ITF	150 ITF
	Ranked ATP	Ranked ATP	Ranked ATP	Ranked 12+ UTR 12+
18	20 ITF	20 ITF	Top 2 U18 TSA	Top 5 U18 TSA
			25 ITF	100 ITF
	ATP 800	ATP 650	ATP 900	ATP Ranked UTR 12+

2.3 RANKING GOALS FOR WOMEN



AGE	ITF	GLOBAL STANDARDS	SOUTH AFRICA PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY	SOUTH AFRICA NCAA TOP 20 PATHWAY
19	WTA 300	WTA 200	WTA 400	WTA 650
				NCAA 30
				UTR 10.5+
20	WTA 200	WTA 150	WTA 300	WTA 450
				NCAA 20
				UTR 10.5+
21	WTA 150	WTA 120	WTA 200	WTA 250
				NCAA 10
				UTR 10.8+
22	WTA 125	WTA 100	WTA 150	WTA 200
				NCAA 10
				UTR 11+
23	WTA 100	WTA 75	WTA 100	WTA 150



2.4 RANKING GOALS FOR MEN



AGE	ITF	GLOBAL STANDARDS	SOUTH AFRICA PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY	SOUTH AFRICA NCAA TOP 20 PATHWAY
19	ATP 500	ATP 400	ATP 600	ATP 900
				NCAA 30
				UTR 13+
20	ATP 350	ATP 250	ATP 400	ATP 700
				NCAA 20
				UTR 13+
21	ATP 250	ATP 200	ATP 300	ATP 500
				NCAA 10
				UTR 13.5+
22	ATP 200	ATP 150	ATP 200	ATP 300
				NCAA 10
				13.8+
23	ATP 150	ATP 100	ATP 150	ATP 250



3 TOURNAMENT PATHWAY

Listed below are the recommended tournaments that players should participate in if their goal is to progress into professional tennis. The recommendations have been split into age and gender categories as these are significant factors in shaping a high-performance player pathway.

Included in this pathway are the recommended:

- Training-to-competition ratios
- Number and type of matches players should be playing
- Number and type of tournaments players should be competing in
- Number of doubles matches a player needs to play to fully develop all the skills.

As a guideline, tournament entries should be based on the **Rule of the Thirds**:

- 1 third of tournaments should be in line with the player's level – **Target: Win**
- 1 third of tournaments should provide a sufficient challenge – **Target: Quarters and Semis**
- 1 third of tournaments should be a significant challenge – **Target: Round 2 and 3**



3.1 RECOMMENDED TOURNAMENTS FOR JUNIORS

AGE **9-13**

BOYS		♂	♀	GIRLS	
AGE	MATCHES PER YEAR	TOURNAMENTS	MATCHES PER YEAR	TOURNAMENTS	
9	20 - 35 Formal	10 - 15 Tournaments	24 - 30 Formal	10 - 12 Tournaments	
	16 - 20 Doubles	Zonal/Provincial	16 - 20 Doubles	Zonal/Provincial	
	16 - 20 Informal	Local Tournaments	20 - 30 Informal	Local Tournaments	
		School Tennis		School Tennis	
	Training-to-competition: 60/40	Top 9 year TSA Mini's U12	Training-to-competition: 60/40	Top 9 year TSA Mini's U12	
10	30 - 45 Formal	15 Tournaments	30 - 45 Formal	10 - 15 Tournaments	
	20 - 30 Doubles	Zonal/Provincial	20 - 30 Doubles	Zonal/Provincial	
	20 - 30 Informal	School Tennis	20 - 30 Informal	School Tennis	
		Mini + Growthpoint U12		Mini + Growthpoint U12	
	Training-to-competition: 60/40	Top 10 year Old U12 Nationals	Training-to-competition: 60/40	Top 10 year Old U12 Nationals	
11	30 - 45 Formal	15 Tournaments	30 - 45 Formal	10 - 15 Tournaments	
	20 - 30 Doubles	Provincial	20 - 30 Doubles	Provincial	
	30 - 40 Informal	Mini U12 Top 11 Year Old Mini U14	30 - 40 Informal	Mini U12 Top 11 Year Old Mini U14	
		Growthpoint U12		Growthpoint U12	
	Training-to-competition: 60/40	Nationals U12	Training-to-competition: 60/40	Nationals U12	
12	45 - 60 Formal	15 Tournaments	45 - 60 Formal	15 - 20 Tournaments	
	20 - 30 Doubles	Provincial	20 - 30 Doubles	Provincial	
	30 - 48 Informal	Mini U12 Top 12 Year Old Mini U14	30 - 48 Informal	Top 12 Year Old Mini + Grand Prix U14	
		Growthpoint U12		Growthpoint U12	
	Training-to-competition: 60/40	Nationals U12	Training-to-competition: 50/50	Nationals U12	
13	45 - 60 Formal	15 Tournaments	45 - 60 Formal	15 - 20 Tournaments	
	20 - 30 Doubles	Provincial	20 - 30 Doubles	Provincial	
	30 - 48 Informal	Mini u14 Top 13 Year Old Mini u16	30 - 48 Informal	Top 13 Year Old Mini u16 Grand Prix u16	
		Growthpoint U14		Growthpoint U14	
		Nationals U14		Nationals U14	
	Training-to-competition: 50/50	AJC	Training-to-competition: 50/50	AJC Introduction ITF J5	

* A win to lose ratio of 3:1 should be maintained from 9 years –18 years.

BOYS		♂	♀	GIRLS	
AGE	MATCHES PER YEAR Win 3/1	TOURNAMENTS	MATCHES PER YEAR Win 3/1	TOURNAMENTS	
14	45 - 60 Formal	15 Tournaments	45 - 60 Formal	15 - 20 Tournaments	
	20 - 30 Doubles	Provincial	20 - 30 Doubles	Provincial	
	30 - 48 Informal	Top 14 Year Old Min+Grand Prix u16	30 - 48 Informal	Top 14 Year Old Min+Grand Prix u16	
		Growthpoint U14		Growthpoint U14	
		Nationals U14		Nationals U14	
		AJC		AJC	
	Training-to-competition: 50/50	Top Players - ITF Juniors	Training-to-competition: 50/50	ITF J5+J4	
15	45 - 60 Formal	15 Tournaments	72 - 84 Formal	20 - 28 Tournaments	
	20 - 30 Doubles	Mini U18	48 - 56 Doubles	Grand Prix U18	
	30 - 48 Informal	Growthpoint U16	48 Informal	Growthpoint U16	
		Nationals U16		Nationals U16	
		AJC		AJC	
		ITF Junior J5+ J4		ITF J5-J3	
	Training-to-competition: 50/50		Training-to-competition: 40/60		
16	71 - 90 Formal	20 - 30 Tournaments	72 - 84 Formal	20 - 28 Tournaments	
	54 - 60 Doubles	Growthpoint U18	48 - 56 Doubles	Nationals U16	
	30 - 48 Informal	Nationals U16	48 Informal	AJC	
		AJC		ITF J3 - JA	
	Training-to-competition: 40/60	ITF J4-J2	Training-to-competition: 40/60	ITF 10k + 25k	
17	71 - 90 Formal	20 - 30 Tournaments	66 - 78 Formal	24 - 28 Tournaments	
	54 - 60 Doubles	Nationals	44 - 56 Doubles	Nationals	
	30 - 48 Informal	ITF J4- JA		ITF J4- JA	
		Junior Grand Slams		Junior Grand Slams	
	Training-to-competition: 40/60	ITF 10k + 15k	Training-to-competition: 30/70	ITF 10k + 25k	
18	71 - 90 Formal	20 - 30 Tournaments	66 - 78 Formal	24 - 26 Tournaments	
	54 - 60 Doubles	Nationals	44 - 56 Doubles	Nationals	
	30 - 48 Informal	ITF J2- JA		ITF J2- JA	
		Junior Grand Slams		Junior Grand Slams	
	Training-to-competition: 40/60	ITF 10k + 15k	Training-to-competition: 30/70	ITF 10k + 25k + 60k	

* A win to lose ratio of 3:1 should be maintained from 9 years–18 years.

3.2 RECOMMENDED TOURNAMENTS

AGE **19-23**

MEN ♂		♀ WOMEN		
AGE	MATCHES PER YEAR Win 2/1	TOURNAMENTS	MATCHES PER YEAR Win 2/1	TOURNAMENTS
19	54 - 60 Singles	27 - 30 Tournaments	66 - 78 Formal	24 - 26 Tournaments
	54 - 60 Doubles	ITF 10k + 15k	44 - 56 Doubles	ITF 25k + 60k
	Training-to-competition: 30/70		Training-to-competition: 30/70	
20	54 - 60 Singles	27 - 30 Tournaments	66 - 78 Formal	24 - 26 Tournaments
	54 - 60 Doubles	ITF 10k + 15k	44 - 56 Doubles	ITF 25k + 60k + 100K
		Challenger		Qualifying WTA Tour
	Training-to-competition: 30/70		Training-to-competition: 30/70	
21	54 - 60 Singles	27 - 30 Tournaments	66 - 78 Formal	24 - 26 Tournaments
	54 - 60 Doubles	ITF 10k + 15k	44 - 56 Doubles	ITF 60k + 100K
		Challengers		Qualifying WTA Tour
	Training-to-competition: 30/70		Training-to-competition: 20/80	Grand Slams
22	54 - 60 Singles	27 - 30 Tournaments	66 - 78 Formal	24 - 26 Tournaments
	54 - 60 Doubles	Challenger	44 - 56 Doubles	ITF 100K
		Qualifying Grand Slams		Qualifying WTA Tour
	Training-to-competition: 30/70	ATP tour Qualifying	Training-to-competition: 20/80	Grand Slams
23	54 - 60 Singles	Grands Slams	66 - 78 Formal	24 - 26 Tournaments
	54 - 60 Doubles	ATP tour	44 - 56 Doubles	ITF 100K
				Qualifying WTA Tour
	Training-to-competition: 20/80		Training-to-competition: 20/80	Grand Slams

* A win to lose ratio of 2:1 should be maintained from 18 years onwards.

4 PERFORMANCE GRANTS

The grants below are intended to provide support to our best young players to reach the highest level of international tennis.

IMPORTANT

In terms of developmental age, girls mature physically one to two years faster than boys.

Therefore, the incentives reflect that girls are expected to reach higher rankings and benchmarks at a younger age than boys on ITF Junior rankings and WTA rankings.

In the spirit of equality, an equal amount will be invested in both genders. If there is a shortfall in the total amount of grants received by one gender in a calendar year, a travel grant will be given to top performing players of the other gender, equalling the shortfall.

Incentives have been broken into the following categories:

1. Junior Nationals Results
2. ITF Junior Year-End Rankings
3. ATP/WTA Year-End Rankings
4. NCAA Year-End Rankings
5. ITF Junior World Tennis Tour Events
6. ITF Junior World Tennis Tour Events Doubles
7. ITF Men and Women's World Tennis Tour Events
8. Junior Grand Slam Grant

4.1 JUNIOR NATIONALS TENNIS SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAGSHIP JUNIOR EVENT

FINANCIAL GRANTS				
AGE GROUP	U/12	U/14	U/16	U/18
FINALIST	R3,000	R5,000	R10,000	R15,000
WINNER	R5,000	R10,000	R15,000	R20,000

WILDCARD INCENTIVES						
AGE GROUP	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16	U/17	U/18
FINALIST	Q J5*	Q J4	Q J2/3	Q J2/1/A	Q ITF 15K	Q ITF 25K
WINNER	MD J5 *	MD J4	MD J2/3	MD J2/1/A	MD ITF 15K	MD ITF 25K

* After 13th birthday

4.2 ITF JUNIOR YEAR-END RANKINGS

GIRLS YEAR-END RANKING GRANTS					
AGE GROUP	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
TOP 900	R60,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOP 700	R65,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOP 500	R75,000.00	R60,000.00	R20,000.00	N/A	N/A
TOP 250	R85,000.00	R65,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A	N/A
TOP 150	R90,000.00	R75,000.00	R60,000.00	R20,000.00	N/A
TOP 100	R100,000.00	R85,000.00	R65,000.00	R30,000.00	R20,000.00
TOP 50	R100,000.00	R90,000.00	R75,000.00	R60,000.00	R30,000.00
TOP 25	R100,000.00	R100,000.00	R85,000.00	R70,000.00	R60,000.00
TOP 10	R100,000.00	R100,000.00	R90,000.00	R85,000.00	R80,000.00

BOYS YEAR-END RANKING GRANTS					
AGE GROUP	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
TOP 900	R60,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOP 800	R65,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOP700	R75,000.00	R60,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A	N/A
TOP250	R85,000.00	R65,000.00	R60,000.00	R20,000.00	N/A
TOP 150	R90,000.00	R75,000.00	R65,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A
TOP100	R100,000.00	R85,000.00	R75,000.00	R60,000.00	R20,000.00
TOP 50	R100,000.00	R90,000.00	R85,000.00	R65,000.00	R30,000.00
TOP20	R100,000.00	R100,000.00	R90,000.00	R75,000.00	R60,000.00
TOP 10	R100,000.00	R100,000.00	R95,000.00	R85,000.00	R80,000.00

* Highlighted amounts = benchmarks achieved

4.3 ATP/WTA YEAR-END RANKINGS

WOMEN WTA YEAR-END RANKING GRANTS ♀							
AGE	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Top 900	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Top 700	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Top 500	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A	N/A
Top 400	R85,000.00	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A
Top 300	R90,000.00	R85,000.00	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	R30,000.00
Top 250	R95,000.00	R90,000.00	R85,000.00	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00
Top 150	R100,000.00	R95,000.00	R90,000.00	R85,000.00	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00

MEN ATP YEAR-END RANKING GRANTS ♂							
AGE	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Top 900	R70,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Top 600	R75,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	R30,000.00	N/A	
Top 400	R80,000.00	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	R30,000.00	
Top 300	R85,000.00	R85,000.00	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	R40,000.00	
Top 200	R90,000.00	R90,000.00	R85,000.00	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	R70,000.00	
Top 150	R95,000.00	R95,000.00	R90,000.00	R85,000.00	R80,000.00	R75,000.00	

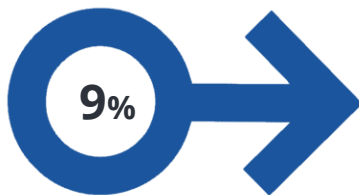
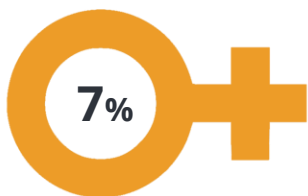
* Highlighted amounts = benchmarks achieved

4.4 NCAA YEAR-END RANKINGS

FINANCIAL GRANTS				
YEAR	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH YEAR
Top 15	R40,000	R30,000	R25,000	R20,000
Top 10	R60,000	R55,000	R50,000	R45,000

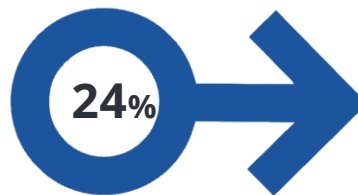
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OF PLAYERS WHO ACHIEVE A TOP 10 NCAA RANKING



GO ON TO REACH

**WTA/ATP
TOP 100**



GO ON TO REACH

**WTA/ATP
TOP 100 - 200**

4.5 ITF JUNIOR WORLD TENNIS TOUR EVENTS

4.5.1 FINANCIAL GRANTS SINGLES					
AGE GROUP	2 ND YEAR U14	1 ST YEAR U16	2 ND YEAR U16	1 ST YEAR U18	2 ND YEAR U18
Grade 5 (J5)					
Finalist	R10,000	R7,500	R3,500	N/A	N/A
Winner	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500	N/A	N/A
Grade 4 (J4)					
Finalist	R15,000	R10,000	R5,000	R2,500	N/A
Winner	R20,000	R15,000	R10,000	R5,000	N/A
Grade 3 (J3)					
Finalist	R20,000	R10,000	R7,500	R5,000	R3,000
Winner	R25,000	R20,000	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500
Grade 2 (J2)					
Finalist	R25,000	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500	R5,000
Winner	R30,000	R25,000	R20,000	R15,000	R10,000
Grade 1 (J1)					
Finalist	R30,000	R20,000	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500
Winner	R35,000	R30,000	R25,000	R20,000	R15,000
Grade A (JA) & Junior Grand Slam					
Finalist	R35,000	R30,000	R25,000	R20,000	R15,000
Winner	R50,000	R45,000	R40,000	R35,000	R30,000

4.6 ITF JUNIOR WORLD TENNIS TOUR EVENTS

4.5.2 FINANCIAL GRANTS DOUBLES (Per Player)					
AGE GROUP	2 ND YEAR U14	1 ST YEAR 16	2 ND YEAR U16	1 ST YEAR U18	2 ND YEAR U18
Grade 5 (J5)					
Finalist	R7,500	R5,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Winner	R10,000	R7,500	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 4 (J4)					
Finalist	R10,000	R7,500	R5,000	N/A	N/A
Winner	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500	N/A	N/A
Grade 3 (J3)					
Finalist	R10,000	R7,500	R5,000	R3,500	N/A
Winner	R15,000	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500	R5,000
Grade 2 (J2)					
Finalist	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500	R5,000	R3,500
Winner	R25,000	R20,000	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500
Grade 1 (J1)					
Finalist	R20,000	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500	R5,000
Winner	R30,000	R25,000	R20,000	R15,000	R10,000
Grade A (JA) & Junior Grand Slam					
Finalist	R25,000	R20,000	R15,000	R10,000	R7,500
Winner	R35,000	R30,000	R25,000	R20,000	R15,000

* We want to encourage all players to play doubles. Doubles reinforces fundamentals, helps players understand strategy, and teaches leadership and emotional control.

4.7 ITF MEN'S & WOMEN'S WORLD TENNIS TOUR EVENTS

GRANTS FOR JUNIOR (U18)

FINANCIAL GRANTS				
EVENT	15K	25K	60K	100K
QUARTER-FINALIST	N/A	R7,500	R15,000	R20,000
SEMI-FINALIST	R7,500	R15,000	R20,000	R35,000
FINALIST	R15,000	R25,000	R35,000	R55,000
WINNER	R20,000	R30,000	R45,000	R70,000

GRANTS FOR MEN & WOMEN

FINANCIAL GRANTS				
EVENT	15K	25K	60K	100K
SEMI-FINALIST	N/A	R7,500	R15,000	R20,000
FINALIST	R7,500	R15,000	R20,000	R35,000
WINNER	R15,000	R25,000	R35,000	R55,000

4.8 ADDITIONAL JUNIOR GRANTS

GRAND SLAM JUNIOR QUALIFIERS

All Juniors that qualify for Grand Slams (main draw or qualifying) can apply for a travel grant.

4.9 ITF JUNIOR RANKINGS EXPLAINED

ITF Junior rankings are calculated using the **best 6 singles and one quarter (25%) of the best 6 doubles results.**

For more information, visit: <https://www.itftennis.com/media/4528/rankings-explained.pdf>

SUMMARY OF POINTS TABLE

	WINNER	FINALS	SEMIS	QUARTERS	ROUND OF 16	ROUND OF 32
SINGLES						
Grand Slam*, Youth Olympics	1000	700	490	300	180	90
ITF Junior Finals	750	450	320/250	200/185/165/150		
Grade A	500	350	250	150	90	45
Grade 1/B1	300	210	140	100	60	30
Grade 2/B2	200	140	100	60	36	18
Grade 3/B3	100	60	36	20	10	5
Grade 4	60	36	18	10	5	
Grade 5	30	18	9	5	2	
DOUBLES						
Grand Slam, Youth Olympics	750	525	367	225	135	
Grade A	375	262	187	112	67	
Grade 1/B1	225	157	105	75	45	
Grade 2/B2	150	105	75	45	27	
Grade 3/B3	75	45	27	15	7	
Grade 4	45	27	14	7		
Grade 5	25	13	6	3		
CONSOLE						
C#1 Player Win**		95	75	50		
C#2 Player Win**		75	50	20		
C#2 Player Win**		75	50	20		

4.10 ITF JUNIOR Age Eligibility

The number of tournaments permitted is counted between the date of a player's birthday and the day before their next birthday, not between 1 January and 31 December.

Participation in an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament includes singles and/or doubles and/or qualifying.

Minors under the age of thirteen (13) shall not be eligible for entry.

The number of tournaments permitted by the ITF Junior Age Eligibility Rule is in addition to the number of professional tournaments permitted by the Age Eligibility Rule

For the purposes of this Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used.

AGE	NUMBER OF ITF TOURNAMENTS PERMITTED PER PLAYER
18	Unrestricted
17	Unrestricted
16	25
15	16 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
14	14 (unless player achieves a top 20 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
13	10 (unless player achieves a top 50 ITF Junior Ranking in which case an additional 4 tournaments permitted)
11/12	0

5 ITF TOURING TEAMS AND GRANTS

The ITF, through the Grand Slam Development Fund (GSDF), offers players the opportunity to apply to be part of teams that travel to regional ITF Junior tournaments and some of the best junior tournaments in the world. Included below is information about these teams and the criteria for selection.

Please note the below tours and criteria are pre-COVID-19. They are both subject to change.

5.1 ITF GSDF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGIONAL TEAMS

SOUTHERN AFRICA 17 & UNDER

TO SOUTH CENTRAL CIRCUIT (J4 , J4, J3) END JULY-AUGUST

4 boys, 4 girls

1. Top two highest ranked players in ITF Junior rankings (17 & under)
2. Highest placed player at AJC (16 & under)
3. Highest placed player at Zonals (16 & under)

SOUTHERN AFRICA 16 & UNDER

TO EAST AFRICA CIRCUIT (J5 , J5, J4) END NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

3 boys, 3 girls

1. Top two highest ranked players in ITF Junior rankings (16 & under)
2. Highest ranked player (CAT 14 & under ranking) - ranking date of after CAT Masters

5.2 ITF GSDF A TEAM AND B TEAM

In order for players to be fully eligible for selection onto the ITF GSDF Teams, the following criteria will be applied:

- Players must be in good standing with their National Association.
- Players must be injury free

Please note the criteria listed below is pre-COVID-19 for 2020 and should be adapted to the current age requirements. For example, the latest year of birth for eligibility in 2021 is 2003. The selection criteria is subject to change.

TOUR	BOYS				♂	♀	GIRLS		
	BORN 2002	BORN 2003	BORN 2004	BORN 2005 (OR LATER)		BORN 2002	BORN 2003	BORN 2004	BORN 2005 (OR LATER)
A Team to Europe	Top 40 ITF or Top 750 ATP	Top 50 ITF or Top 750 ATP				Top 40 ITF or Top 400 WTA	Top 50 ITF or Top 400 WTA		
B Team to Europe		Top 150 ITF or Top 850 ATP	Top 200 ITF or Top 850 ATP				Top 150 ITF or Top 500 WTA	Top 200 ITF or Top 500 WTA	
Team to North America	Top 40 ITF or Top 750 ATP	Top 50 ITF or Top 750 ATP				Top 40 ITF or Top 400 WTA	Top 50 ITF or Top 400 WTA		
Team to Mexico and Florida (USA)		Top 150 ITF or Top 850 ATP	Top 200 ITF or Top 850 ATP	Top 400 ITF			Top 150 ITF or Top 500 WTA	Top 200 ITF or Top 500 WTA	Top 350 ITF

INTERNATIONAL 18 & UNDER GSDF A TEAM

TO EUROPE (J4 , J4, J3) MAY-JULY

- Training Camp
Roland Garros Junior Championships (GA)
- Offenbach (GER) J1
Bamberg (GER) J1
- Nottingham (GBR) J1
- Roehampton (GBR) J1
- Wimbledon (GBR) JA

INTERNATIONAL 18 & UNDER GSDF B TEAM

TO EUROPE JUNE-JULY

- Training Camp
- Offenbach (GER)
- J1 Bamberg (GER) J
- 1 Eindhoven (NED) J3
- Castricum (NED) J2

TEAM TO NORTH AMERICA

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

- Training camp, Washington DC
- Prince George's County International Hard-Court Junior Tennis Championships (J1)
- Les Internationaux de Tennis Junior Banque Nationale du Canada (J1)
- US Open Junior Tennis Championship (JA)

TEAM TO MEXICO AND FLORIDA

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

- Training camp, Mexico.
Copa Mundial Campeche FMT (J1)
- Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT, Merida, Mexico (JA)
- Eddie Herr International Junior Championship, Bradenton, FL, USA (J1)
- Orange Bowl, Plantation, FL USA (JA)

5.3 ITF GSDF PLAYER GRANTS

The following criteria is applicable to players wanting to apply for grants through the ITF.

All ITF Player Grant applications must be sent through the player's national federation. If players meet the criteria and wish to apply, they should contact the TSA High Performance Department for assistance.

AGE	TOP LEVEL			SECONDARY LEVEL		
	GRAND SLAM GRANTS MEN	GRAND SLAM GRANTS WOMEN	ITF JUNIOR GRANTS	GRAND SLAM GRANTS MEN	GRAND SLAM GRANTS WOMEN	ITF JUNIOR GRANTS
16			Top 100 ITF			Top 400 ITF
17			Top 50 ITF			Top 250 ITF
18	Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA	Top 20 ITF	Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA	Top 100 ITF
19	Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA		Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA	
20	Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA		Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA	
21	Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA		Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA	
22	Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA		Top 750 ATP	Top 400 WTA	

* Players aged 18 may qualify for men's/women's Grand Slam Grants, or Junior ITF grants – not both.

“ You have to find it. No one else can find it for you.”
- Bjorn Borg

6 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



Travel Grant

1. The TSA High Performance Pathway Performance grants will commence on 1 September 2021 until December 2022.
2. All payments to players are considered travel grants to be used for their tournament pathway.
3. Only South African citizens are eligible for player grants.
4. A player who receives a grant is required to make all reasonable efforts to represent TSA in team competitions such as the Billie Jean King Cup, Davis Cup and other events.

Players responsibility

1. It is the responsibility of each player to submit their results to the TSA High Performance Manager by the specified dates.
2. We will provide a template on the TSA website for players to download in order to submit their results.
3. For players under 18 years of age, consent from the parent/guardian will be required for payments to be made into the players bank account. This consent should be completed on the template provided.
4. Results will be taken on a quarterly basis unless otherwise stated below.
5. The deadlines for the submission of results are at 23:59 SAST on the following dates:

Period	Deadline
September – December 2021	5 January 2022
Q1: January – March 2022	5 April 2022
Q2: April – June 2022	5 July 2022
Q3: July – September 2022	5 October 2022
Q4: October – December 2022	5 January 2023

6. If a player is unable to make the above deadlines, the player should submit a request for consideration to the High Performance Manager up to seven (7) days after the deadline has passed.
7. Payments will be made on the last day of the month of submission.

Rankings and Tournaments

1. ITF Junior Year-End Rankings will be published on 13 December 2021. Only rankings published on this date will be considered a player's year-end ranking. The ITF Junior Year-End ranking date for 2022 will similarly be used.
2. WTA Year-End Rankings published on 27 December 2021 and 2022 will be used for professional female players.
3. ATP Year-End Rankings published on 27 December 2021 and 2022 will be used for professional male players.
4. If a tournament occurs on dates that overlap two quarters, the player's results will be counted in the month that the tournament ends (i.e. A tournament starting on 30 March and finishing on 4 April should be counted in April/Q2).

Equity and Equality

1. All grants will be capped at R150,000 per player, per calendar year (January – December). In 2021, all grants from September – December will be capped at R150,000 per player.
2. In the spirit of equality, an equal amount will be invested in both genders. If there is a shortfall in the total amount of grants received by one gender in a calendar year, a travel grant will be given to high-performance players of the other gender, equaling the shortfall. The distribution of the shortfall amount will be done at the discretion of the TSA High Performance Team.



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