



This document specifically applies to the 8-x forthcoming ITF World Tennis Tour events (Junior Grade 4, 3, 3, 2 and A and the \$25 000 Jozi Open, \$25 000 Spring Open and \$25 000 TSA Tuks International) taking place in South Africa from August to October 2021. Some wild cards may be allocated to the tournament director or organiser, some may be allocated to the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) and the balance will be allocated to TSA. This document specifically deals with the TSA wild card allocations.

TSA has created two committees to consider all TSA applications.

- **TSA wild card committee for Junior Grade 4, 3, 2 and A events:** TSA High Performance team, TSA junior selectors, 1 x TSA Board member.
- **TSA wild card committee for \$15 000 & \$25 000 events:** TSA High Performance team, TSA International committee representative, 1 x TSA Board member

Both committees will submit their proposed wild card selections to the TSA President and Vice-President for final sign-off.

1. Who can apply for TSA Wild Cards?

South African players in good standing with TSA and the ITF. South African players based internationally and who have designated international player status will be eligible to apply.

2. What is the deadline - for applications and allocations?

Wild card applications should be sent to andre@tennissa.co.za or ephrain@tennissa.co.za. Please note that all wild cards will be allocated at least 7 days prior to the event. This will ensure that players have enough time for their travel arrangements.

3. Number of TSA wild cards per event: TBC by ITF

Gauteng ITF Grade 4			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	Tournament Director wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	2	2
Qualifying	4	2	2

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Gauteng ITF Grade 3			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	Tournament Director wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	2	2
Qualifying	4	2	2
Curro ITF Grade 3			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	Tournament Director wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	2	2
Qualifying	4	2	2
Curro ITF Grade 2			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	Tournament Director wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	2	2
Qualifying	4	2	2
Cape Town ITF Grade A			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	ITF/CAT & Tourn. Director wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	2	2
Qualifying	5	1	4
Jozi Open (\$25 000 event)			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	ITF/Tournament Director wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	1 (men)	3
Qualifying	7	1	6
Spring Open (\$25 000 event)			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	ITF/Tournament Director wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	1 (men)	3
Qualifying	7	1	6

Tuks International (\$25 000 event)			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	ITF/Tournament Director wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	1 (women)	3
Qualifying	7	2	5

4. TSA Wild card criteria and considerations:

U14 Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior National singles winner: to be considered • National singles runner up: to be considered • TSA ranking and tournament results to be considered. • ITF ranking to be considered
U16 Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior National singles winner = WC ITF Grade 2 (MD). • Junior National singles runner up = WC ITF Grade 2 (Q). • TSA ranking and tournament results to be considered. • Regional ITF results to be considered. • ITF ranking to be considered. • Current form – September ITF events.
U18 Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior National singles winner = WC ITF Gr A (MD). • Junior National singles runner up = WC ITF Gr A (Q). • However, a key consideration for the Grade 2 and A events will be allocating wild cards to players who would benefit in terms of qualifying for Junior Grand Slams in 2020. As such, second year U18s will <u>not</u> be considered for Grade A wild cards unless that player is eligible for Junior Grand Slams in 2020. • TSA ranking and tournament results to be considered. • Regional ITF results to be considered. • ITF ranking to be considered. • Current form – August/September ITF events.
Open age group players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players identified as potential or current Davis Cup or BJK players will be considered for WC's for the \$25 000 events. • Players who are actively playing ITF World Tennis Tour events will be considered for WCs for the \$25 000 events.
Other key considerations (all age groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSA Transformation Policy. • No. of WC's a player has already received in 2020/2021. • Behaviour of the player.

Information required, together with motivation for WC applications:

- Current ATP/WTA ranking
- Current ITF Senior ranking
- Current Junior ITF ranking
- New ITF world rating and UTR
- TSA Combined senior ranking
- TSA Combined junior ranking as applies for U/14 – U/18
- Important head-to-heads and results the past two years
- Past 6 ATP/WTA/ITF Senior and Junior events and results and dates given
- Growthpoint TSA Junior winner or runner-up results given the past 2 years.

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- Players identified as potential or current Davis Cup or Fed Cup players
- Players who are actively playing ITF World Tennis Tour and Junior events
- ATP and WTA ranking
- New ITF World rating system
- ITF senior ranking and ITF Junior ranking to be considered.
- TSA Combined rankings and tournament results from 2020 – 2021
- UTR's and head-to-head results
- Top 100 NCAA rankings of college players to be considered
- Local and regional ITF results
- 2020 and 2021 Nationals results
- 2020/2021 Growthpoint U/14 tournament winners
- Head-to-head matches between players and UTR rating
- Players past record or ranked high but dropped down due to injury
- A player has submitted a written request for a Wild Card with good motivation
- The number of wild cards a player has received previously
- Priority given to highly ranked 1st years in each age-group
- TSA transformation policy
- Behaviour of the player
- Players, whose rankings were affected by being unable to play in important TSA ranked tournaments, as they were representing SA in other official events
- Players who have supported TSA HP squads, training Camps and selection to teams
- Players who represented SA during important TSA Tournaments.