



Tennis South Africa – Wild Card Guidelines

This document specifically applies to the 5-x forthcoming ITF World Tennis Tour events (Junior Grade 4, 2 and A and the \$15 000 Spring Open and \$15 000 TSA Tuks International) taking place in South Africa in September and October 2019.

Some wild cards may be allocated to the tournament director or organiser, some may be allocated to the Confederation of African Tennis and the balance will be allocated to TSA. This document specifically deals with the TSA wild card allocation.

TSA has created two committees to consider all TSA applications.

- **TSA wild card committee for Junior Grade 4, 2 and A events:** TSA high performance manager, TSA junior selectors, TSA tournament manager, 2 x TSA board members.
- **TSA wild card committee for \$15 000 events:** TSA high performance manager, TSA international committee and TSA tournament manager.

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 whom 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 and ephraim@tennissa.co.za before the qualifying sign-in of the relevant tournament. Please note that all wild cards will be allocated at qualifying sign-in for the relevant tournament.

Document Key:

MD = Main Draw

Q = Qualifying

TD = Tournament Director or Organiser

WC = Wild Card

ITF = International Tennis Federation

TSA = Tennis South Africa

CAT = Confederation of African Tennis

3. Number of TSA wild cards per event:

Stellenbosch Grade 4			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	TD wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	6	3	3
Qualifying	7	3	4
Stellenbosch Grade 2			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	TD wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	2	2
Qualifying	6	3	3
Cape Town Grade A			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	CAT wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	8	3	5
Qualifying	6	2	4

Spring Open (\$15 000 event)			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	TD wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	0	4
Qualifying	6	0	6

TSA Tuks International (\$15 000 event)			
Singles	Total number of wild cards per gender	CAT or TD wild cards per gender	TSA wild cards per gender
Main Draw	4	1 (CAT)	3
Qualifying	6	1 (TD)	5

4. TSA Wild card criteria and considerations:

U14 Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior National singles winner = WC ITF Grade 4 (MD) National singles runner up = WC ITF Grade 4 (Q) Singles positions 3 & 4 at Junior Nationals to be considered. TSA ranking and tournament results 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). Singles positions 3 & 4 at Junior Nationals to be considered.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • Junior National singles winner = WC ITF \$15 000 (MD) x 1. • Junior National singles runner-up = WC ITF \$15 000 (Q) x 1. • 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. • Singles positions 3 & 4 at Junior Nationals to be considered. • TSA ranking and tournament results to be considered. • Regional ITF results to be considered. • ITF ranking to be considered. • Current form – September ITF events.
Open age group players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players identified as potential or current Davis Cup or Fed Cup players will be considered for WC's for the \$15 000 events. • Players who are actively playing ITF World Tennis Tour events will be considered for WCs for the \$15 000 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 2019. • Behaviour of the player.