

## CATCH NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

**27<sup>th</sup> March to 02<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021**

### PROSPECTUS

#### Tournament Committee

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| Tournament Director | Mr. Jermille Dandar | Committee Member | Mr. Bert Martin     |
| Tournament Referee  | Mr. Kevin Clarke    | Committee Member | Mr. Keshan Moonasar |
| Committee Member    | Mr. Joseph Ward     | Committee member | Ms. Rhonda Mohammed |
| Committee Member    | Mr. Derrel Olivier  |                  |                     |

**Intent:** The National Junior Championship serves as the showcase for Junior Tennis in Trinidad & Tobago highlighting our best players while introducing new players to tennis.

#### Events

**Red Ball Challenge:** Boys & Girls: 10 & Under

**Main Events:**

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| Boys' & Girls' | 10 & Under |
| Boys' & Girls' | 12 & Under |
| Boys' & Girls' | 14 & Under |
| Boys' & Girls' | 16 & Under |
| Boys' & Girls' | 18 & Under |

Boys' Doubles 10&U; 14&U; 18&U

Girls' Doubles 10&U; 14&U; 18&U

#### Please NOTE:

*Players 10 years old but turning 11 in the year of the tournament can no longer play in the U10 age group but must play in the next higher age group; this also holds for the U12, U14, U16 & U18 age groups*

#### COVID-19 Regulations

1. All Covid-19 safety regulations as per the TennisTT "Return to Tennis Guidelines" visit [www.tennistt.info](http://www.tennistt.info) and that of the Ministry of Health of T&T will be observed
2. No spectators will be permitted on the tennis compound, however all attempts will be made to have matches live-streamed
3. One parent will be allowed to accompany each player
4. Players will be permitted to arrive 15 minutes before their match and must depart immediately upon completion.
5. Players are required to bring along their own supply of water for their matches
6. TennisTT may post additional requirements as necessary.

**THERE WILL BE NO OPENING CEREMONY**

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. ENTRY.**

- (a) Entry Fee. **Main Event, \$100** per player (covers both singles' and doubles' events); and **\$20 for Red Ball Challenge** Players.

TATT's **registration of \$65** for 2021 is required for all players. However, **Red Ball Challenge Players are exempted from paying TATT registration fees.**

Main Event players **MUST** complete registration form and submit to the Tennis Office via email to [tennistt2.tatt@gmail.com](mailto:tennistt2.tatt@gmail.com) along with a copy of their proof of payment of entry fees and TATT registration fees as applicable. Registration and payments must be received by 4:00pm on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Payments are to be made via deposit/Bank Transfers to the TATT's RBC Account #: **100088017846983**

First time Main Event players must include a ***copy of the player's valid TTO birth certificate or passport*** with their registration. Failure to register completely by the entry deadline may result in denial of entry into the tournament.

**Red Ball Challenge:** The coach of Red Ball Challenge players must complete the appropriate entry form for his/her group of players and submit on Registration by 4:00pm on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, no additional documentation is necessary.

- (b) Submission of Entries: Entries will only be valid when submitted **upon payment and sign-in** at the tournament site. Consideration will be given to Tobago players if they are unable to register on site; however a Tobago representative **MUST** be present on Registration day to register each player with appropriate documents.

- (c) Availability of Forms: The Tennis Association (TATT) office, The Racquet Center, Tacarigua.

Forms can also be downloaded from the website, <http://tennistt.info>

- (d) Eligibility:

Age Eligibility. For purposes of this Rule, see page 1. Proof of age must be submitted; adjustments will be made to entries where players have registered for age groups not consistent with tournament age eligibility. Entry is restricted to citizens of Trinidad & Tobago.

**Red Ball Challenge Players:** Open for beginners: these players are not allowed to play in the main events.

**Main Event Players are allowed to enter a singles and a doubles event with the exception of the first four ranked players as described below.**

**The first four ranked players in the categories, 12's, 14's and 16's are allowed to play "up";** in addition to playing in their "based age group" unless otherwise approved by the Tournament Committee. So these players will be allowed to play **TWO** singles and **ONE** doubles. Ranking will be based on the most recent published TATT Ranking. Consequently, other than appropriate rest periods, **no special privileges will be given** to these players. Such players may be asked to play up to four singles matches a day.

**The Committee reserves the right to exempt a player from his/her 'based age group' to a higher age group.**

**Each player must include the name of their doubles partner on their entry form upon Registration. If you do not have a partner at the time of registration then please indicate "PARTNER NEEDED" and tick the appropriate category. The committee will do its best to locate a partner for you.** Players may play "up" in doubles.

To be eligible for points, a player must have won a match in the Main draw, and, players retiring from a match must provide a valid medical certificate that will allow him/her to play in other events.

2. **Closing date/ Draw.** Entries must be received by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021** at 4:00pm., via email to [tennistt2.tatt@gmail.com](mailto:tennistt2.tatt@gmail.com) at the TATT's office, The Racquet Center. All **Draws** will be done on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**, at 3:00pm at the National Racquet Center.

Matches **start on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021** at 9.00 am and ends on **Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**. Awards will be presented immediately upon completion of each category.

**The Red Ball Challenge will take place virtually from Monday March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.**

3. **Main Event - Match Format.**

(i) Events with an entry of five (5) or less may be played in a Round-robin format.

(ii) **U10, U12 & U14** categories will play round-robin (RR) with the best of three (3) short sets.

**SHORT SETS. The first player/team who wins four games, with No-Ad scoring, wins that set. If the score reaches three (3) games all, a regular tie-break game shall be played.**

Two players from each group will progress to a Main Draw (knock-out), where the Short Set format continues for U10 and U12 players.

The U14's will play RR short sets with a TB at 4-4; with no-ad scoring followed by a Main Draw Knock-out with 3 TB sets and no-ad scoring.

(iii) **ALL U14, U16 & U18 Main Draw matches** will be the Best of **three tie-break sets with no-ad scoring**, and with the Tie-break at 6-6.

(iv) **10's DOUBLES will be best 3 Short Sets, with No-Ad scoring, and a Match Tie-Break (7 point a team who first wins 7 points with a 2 point margin), in place of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set. ALL other Doubles** will be two (2) Tie-Break sets with **no ad-Scoring, and a Match Tie-break (10 point)**, in place of a third set.

(v) **"NO LET" RULE. This is play without the service let in Rule 22.a, whereby a serve that touches the net, strap or band and is otherwise good. This APPLIES in BOTH SINGLES and DOUBLES.**

**When playing doubles, employing Short Sets only, either player on the receiving team is permitted to return a serve that touches the net, strap or band and is otherwise good lands within the correct service box. Consequently, only in the 10's, will the receiver's partner will be allowed this.**

(vi) Play shall continue under lights where necessary.

(vii) Balls. For the U10's, Green Dot balls will be used; ALL other events shall use standard balls.

(viii) Players may be required to play as many as 4 matches per day.

In case of severe weather conditions, the tournament committee may use alternate scoring methods, as approved in the 2019 Rules of Tennis.

**Red Ball Challenge – Competition Format**

(i) This virtual competition will be conducted via TATT's Instagram Page: [www.instagram.com/TT.Tennis](https://www.instagram.com/TT.Tennis)

(ii) Registered participants can visit TATT's Instagram page at 9am daily from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, to view their challenge for the day

(iii) The daily challenge will be explained and demonstrated. Registered participants are required to record themselves performing the tennis challenge and have their parents/legal guardian post it to an Instagram page of their approval by 4:00pm on the day of the particular challenge.

(iv) The participant must tag TATT's Instagram page on their post and use the Hash Tag: #CATCHREDBALLCHALLENGE. The name of the participant should also be clearly stated in the post.

(v) Participants will be able to perform all challenges at home, they will only require a racquet and ball.

(vi) Only participants successfully completing their daily challenge will progress to the next day's of challenge

(vii) Participants progressing to the next day's of challenge will be posted at the end of each day

4. **Site Details.** All main events will be played at the Racquet Center, Tacarigua, while Red Ball Challenge competition will be held virtually via **Instagram**
5. This Competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the Junior Circuit Code of Conduct, and the 2021 ITF Rules of Tennis, each of which may be amended from time to time.
6. In submitting an entry to this tournament, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide by, and be bound by, the above Rules and Regulations. Furthermore, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived.
7. The Committee reserves the right to amend, repeal, or otherwise modify, in whole, or in part, the above Rules and Regulations.

#### **DRESS CODE**

**Players shall present themselves for play in a professional manner. Clean and acceptable tennis attire shall be worn.**

**Unacceptable Attire:** Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, basketball attire, beachwear, **T-shirts (particularly with writing!)** or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match.

**CATCH T-SHIRTS WILL BE ALLOWED, in this tournament.**

**PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT IS MANDATORY FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR NATIONAL SELECTION.**