



# **ITF JUNIORS... COMPETITION & EDUCATION**



European Coaches' Symposium  
LTA NTC, Roehampton 2008

## CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION

- The ITF Junior Circuit Competitive Structure
- The ITF Junior Team Competitions
- The I Summer Youth Olympic Games
- The ITF Junior Tennis School

# ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT CONTINUED GROWTH

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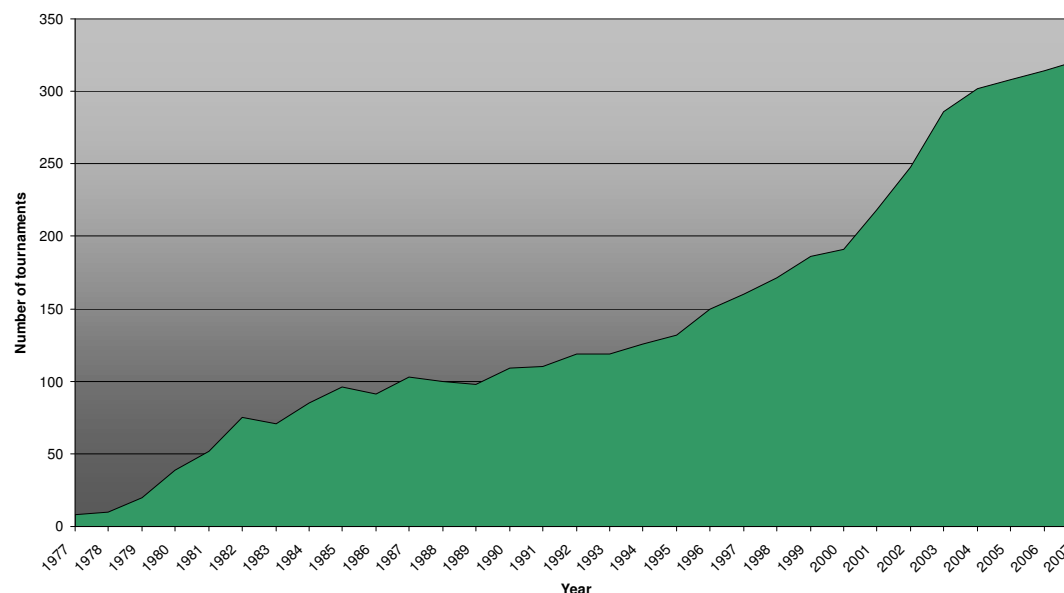
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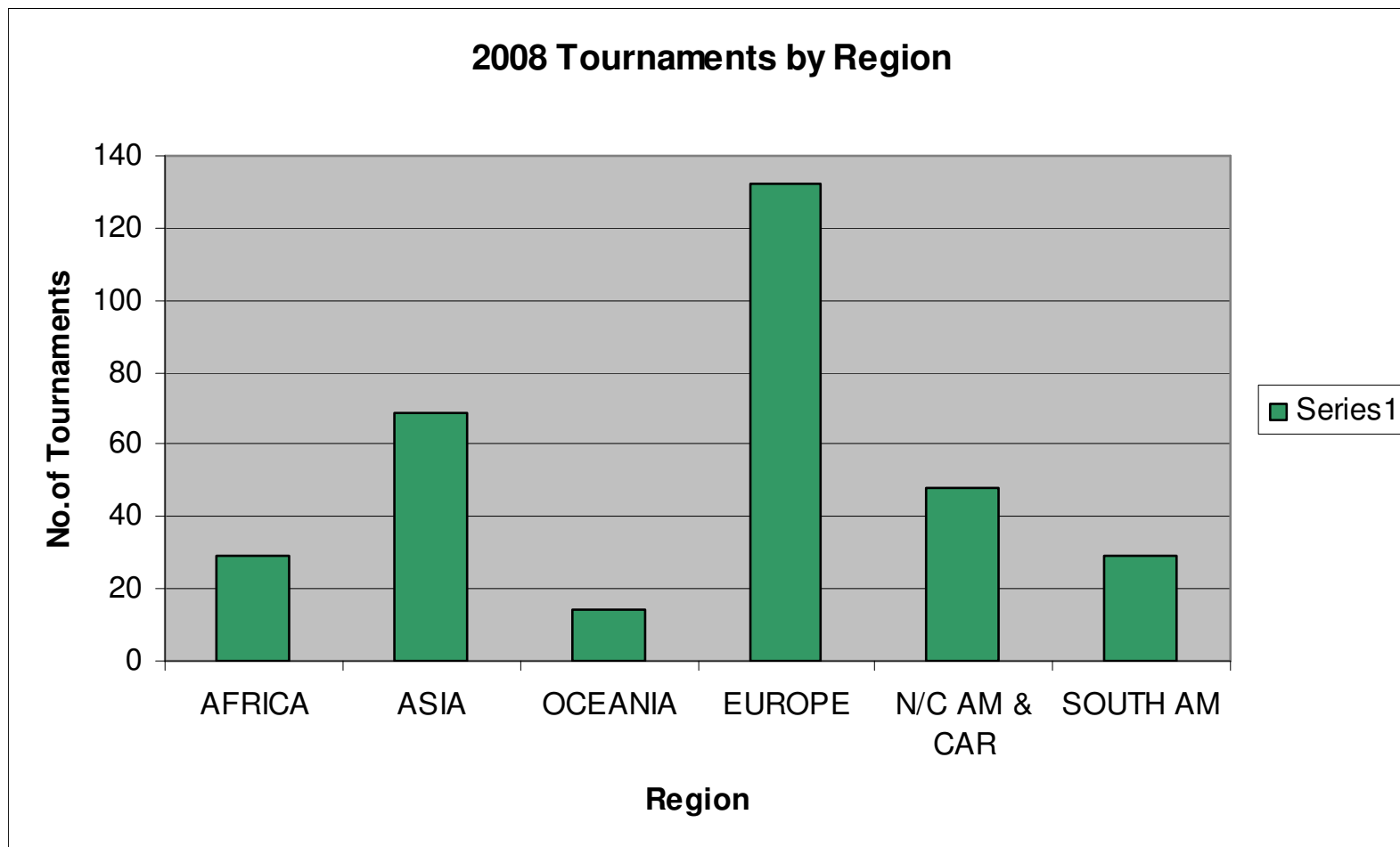
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2008:339 events

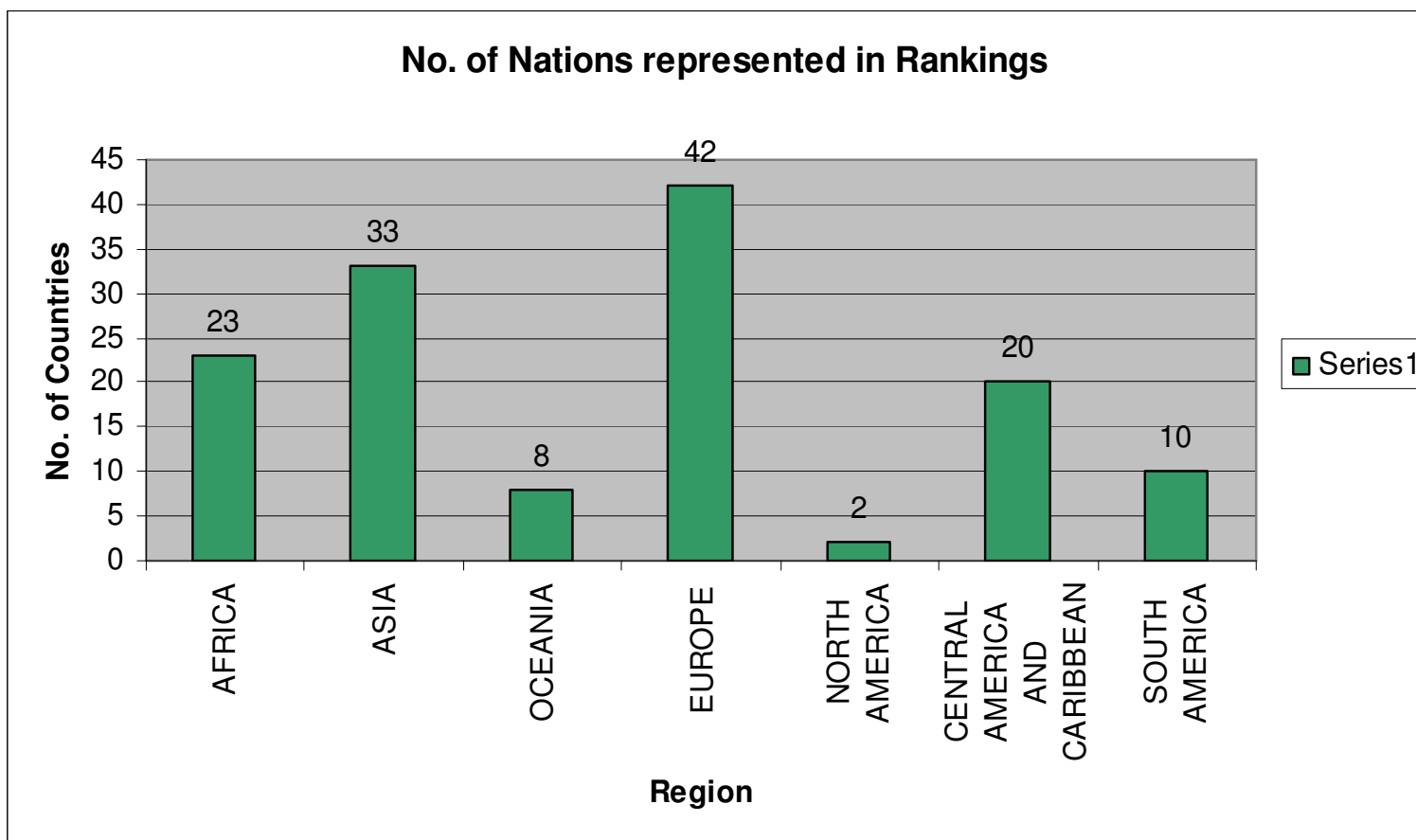
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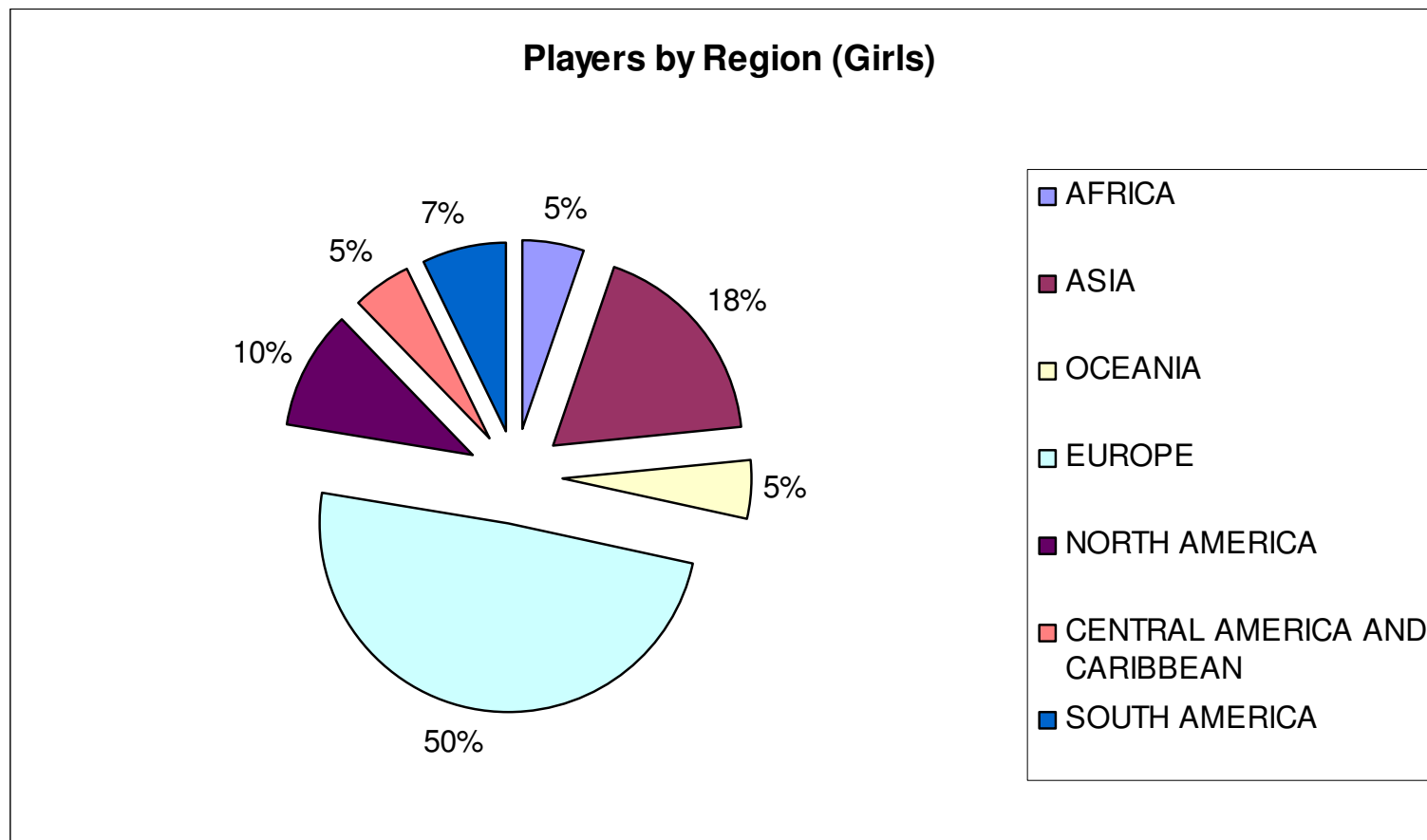
# TOURNAMENTS BY REGION



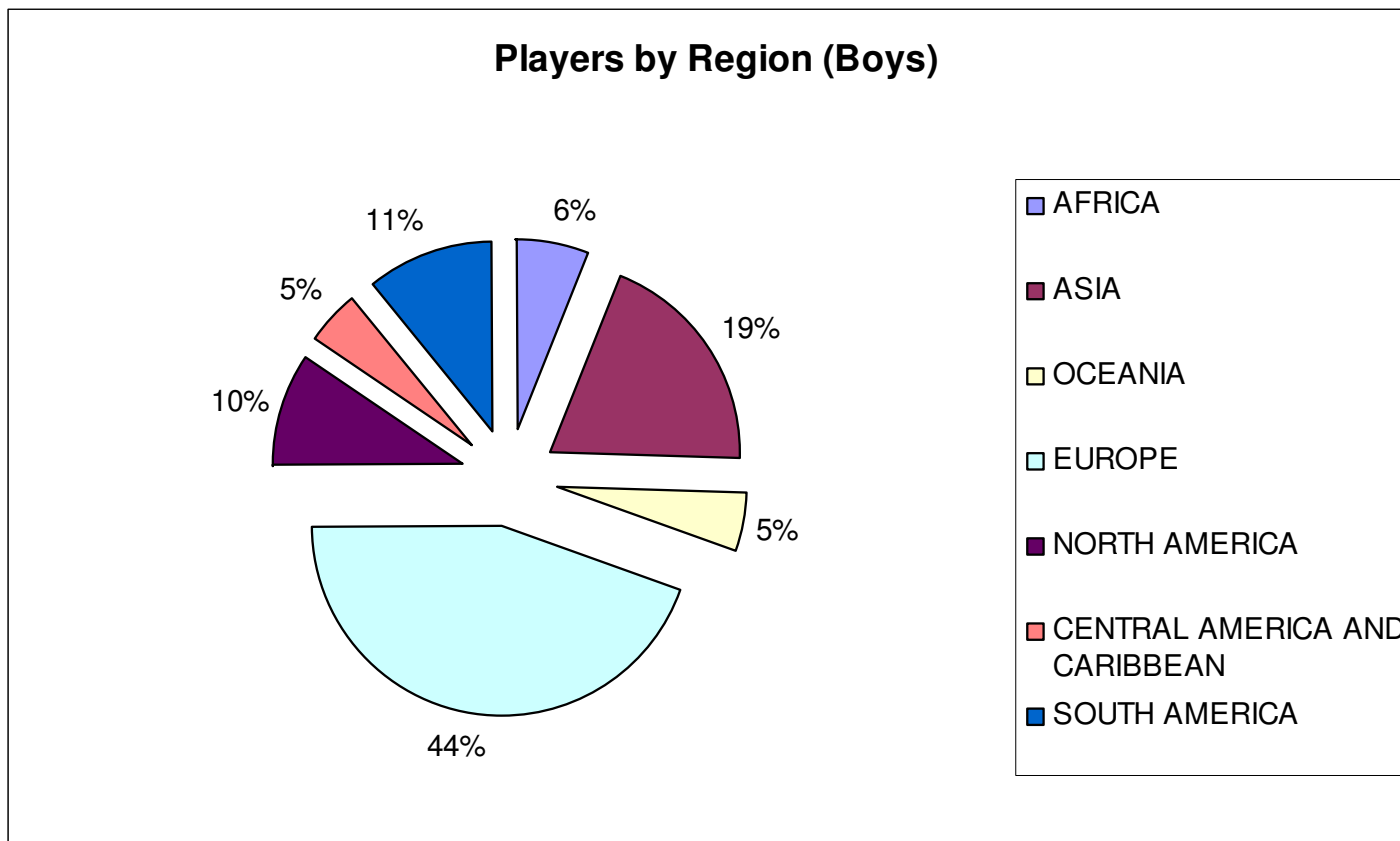
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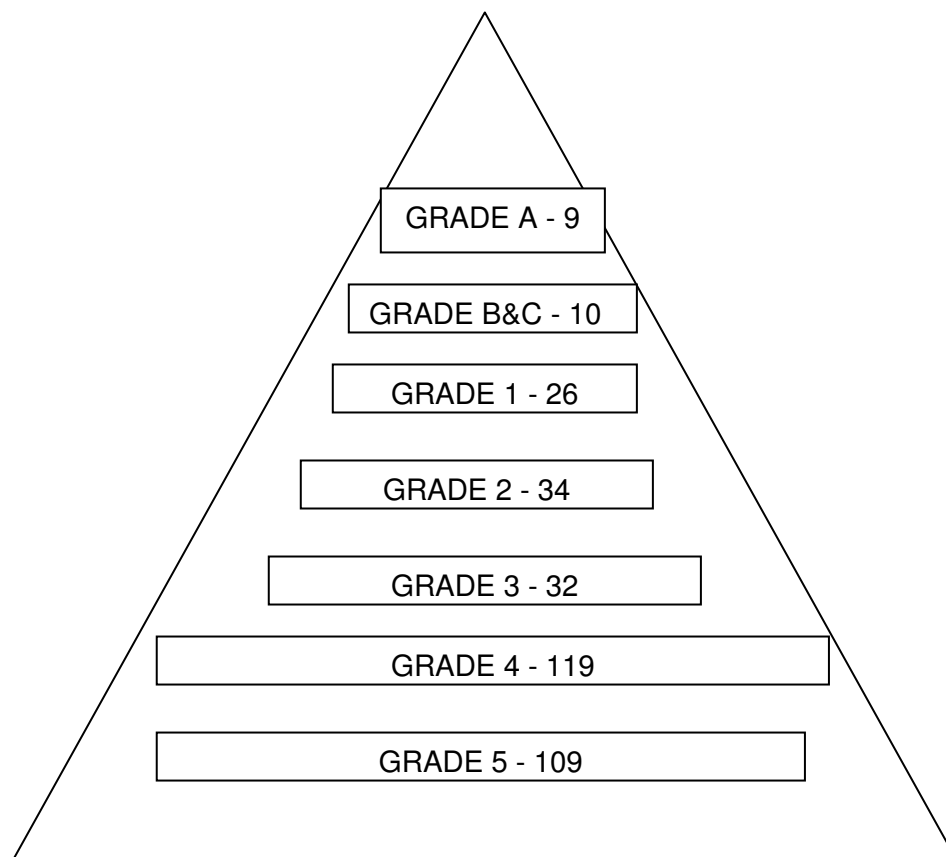
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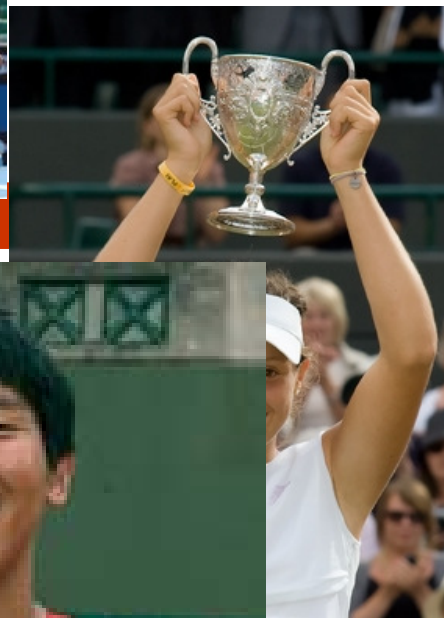
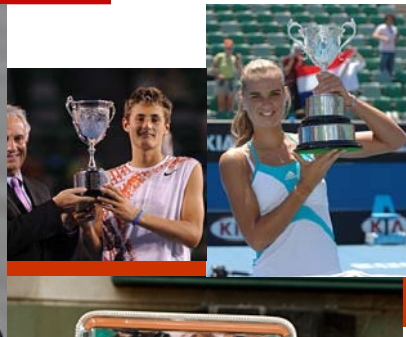
# TOTAL BOYS BY REGION



# Tournaments Grading







# Junior Grand Slam Champions 2008

**Boys' Singles**

Bernard Tomic (AUS)

**Girls' Singles**

Arantxa Rus (NED)

**Boys' Doubles**

Cheng-Peng Hsieh/  
Tsung-Hua Yang (TPE)

**Girls' Doubles**

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova/  
Ksenia Lykina (RUS)

**Boys' Singles**

Tsung-Hua Yang (TPE)

**Girls' Singles**

Simona Halep (ROU)

**Boys' Doubles**

Henri Kontinen (FIN)/  
Christopher Rungkat (INA)

**Girls' Doubles**

Jessica Moore (AUS)/  
Polona Hercog (SLO)

**Boys' Singles**

Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)

**Girls' Singles**

Laura Robson (GBR)

**Boys' Doubles**

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Tsung-Hua Yang (TPE)

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Jessica Moore (AUS)/  
Polona Hercog (SLO)

**Boys' Singles**

Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)

**Girls' Singles**

Coco Vandeweghe (USA)

**Boys' Doubles**

Niki Moser (AUT)/  
Cedrik-Marcel Stebe (GER)

**Girls' Doubles**

Sandra Roma (SWE)/  
Noppawan Lertcheewakarn (THA)

# Grade A Champions 2008

## Casablanca Cup (Mexico) Gerdau Cup (Brazil)

### Boys' Singles

Cesar Ramirez (MEX)

### Girls' Singles

Tanya Raykova (BUL)

### Boys' Doubles

Alfredo Moreno /  
Manuel Sanchez (MEX)

### Girls' Doubles

Krista Damico /  
Nadja Gilchrist (USA)

### Boys' Singles

Jose Pereira (BRA)

### Girls' Singles

Elena Bogdan (ROU)

### Boys' Doubles

Guillaume Rufin/  
Axel Michon (FRA)

### Girls' Doubles

Kristina Mladenovic (FRA)/  
Maryna Zanevska (UKR)

## Italian Open (Italy)

### Boys' Singles

Guido Pella (ARG)

### Girls' Singles

Simona Halep (ROU)

### Boys' Doubles

Henrique Cunha (BRA)/  
Cesar Ramirez (MEX)

### Girls' Doubles

Lesley Kerkhove/  
Arantxa Rus (NED)

## Osaka Mayor's Cup (Japan)

### Boys' Singles

Yuki Bhambri (IND)

### Girls' Singles

Ana Bogdan (ROU)

### Boys' Doubles

Vedran Ljubicic/  
Marin Draganja (CRO)

### Girls' Doubles

Kristina Mladenovic (FRA)/  
Timea Babos (HUN)

\*ORANGE BOWL TO BE PLAYED IN DECEMBER

# CURRENT TOP TEN RANKED JUNIORS

	NAME	POINTS			NAME	POINTS
1	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	1385		1	Arantxa Rus (NED)	1175
2	Tsung-Hua Yang (TPE)	1116.25		2	N. Lertcheewakarn (THA)	1122.5
3	Bernard Tomic (AUS)	1030		3	Simona Halep (ROU)	1110
4	Yuki Bhambri (IND)	882.5		4	Melanie Oudin (USA)	1041.25
5	Henri Kontinen (FIN)	875		5	Elena Bogdan (ROU)	981.25
6	Cesar Ramirez (MEX)	795		6	Laura Robson (GBR)	950
7	Cedrik-Marcel Stebe (GER)	747.5		7	Ana Bogdan (ROU)	925
8	Mirza Basic (BIH)	731.25		8	Kurumi Nara (JPN)	790
9	Guillaume Rufin (FRA)	727.5		9	Bojana Jovanovski (SRB)	747.5
10	Jose Pereira (BRA)	725		10	Kristina Mladenovic (FRA)	687.5

# JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONS

BOYS		Highest Pro Rank	GIRLS		Highest Pro Rank
1996	Sebastian Grosjean	4	1996	Amelie Mauresmo	1
1997	Arnaud Di Pasquale	39	1997	Cara Black	31
1998	Roger Federer	1	1998	Jelena Dokic	4
1999	Kristian Pless	65	1999	Lina Kranorouts kaya	25
2000	Andy Roddick	1	2000	Maria Emilia Salerni	89
2001	Gilles Muller	59	2001	Svetlana Kuznetsova	2
2002	Richard Gasquet	7	2002	Barbora Strycova	55
2003	Marcos Baghdatis	8	2003	Kirsten Flipkens	97
2004	Gael Monfils	18	2004	Michaela Krajicek	31
2005	Donald Young	73	2005	Viktoria Azarenka	14
2006	Thiemo de Bakker	228	2006	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	67
2007	Ricardas Berankis	433	2007	Urszula Radwanska	121

# HIGHEST JUNIOR RANKING

BOYS	HIGHEST RANK	GIRLS	HIGHEST RANK
Andy Murray	2	Jelena Jankovic	1
Novak Djokovic	24	Jennifer Capriati	2
Juan Martin Del Potro	3	Lindsay Davenport	3
Marin Cilic	1	Elena Dementieva	4
Fernando Gonzalez	4	Kim Clijsters	11
Tommy Haas	11	Justine Henin	6
Gustavo Kuerten	6	Maria Sharapova	6
Lleyton Hewitt	17	Vera Zvonareva	3
Mario Ancic	1	Nadia Petrova	3
Juan Carlos Ferrero	17	Dinara Safina	9
Guillermo Coria	1	Agnieszka Radwanska	1
David Nalbandian	3	Ana Ivanovic	19



# Junior World Champions 2008

- Girls:

Arantxa Rus (NED)  
Noppawan Lertcheewakarn (THA)  
Simona Halep (ROU)  
Melanie Oudin (USA)  
Elena Bogdan (ROU)  
Laura Robson (GBR)  
Ana Bogdan (ROU)



- Boys:

Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)  
Tsung-Hua Yang (TPE)  
Bernard Tomic (AUS)  
Yuki Bhambri (IND)  
Henri Kontinen (FIN)



# DIGITALISATION : IPIN – TOURNAMENT PLANNER – ONLINE ENTRIES



1. IPIN - launched December 2007
2. Tournament Planner – launch January 2009
3. Online entries – launch January 2010



# ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT FEED UP SYSTEMS

- Girls Junior Exempt Project – 1997
- Grand Slam Wild Cards – 2003
- Boys Junior Exempt Project – 2007
- Individual Tournament Wild Cards
- 16 & Under Team Feed Up – 2005
- 16 & Under Individual Feed Up – 2006

# FEED UP SYSTEMS

## JUNIOR EXEMPT PROJECT - GIRLS

GIRLS: Established in 1997

Top 10 Ranked Junior Girls awarded Junior Exempt Positions into the Main Draw of three ITF Women's Circuit:

- No.1 – 1 x \$100,000, 2 x \$75,000
- No.2 – 2 x \$75,000, 1 x \$50,000
- No.3-5 – 2 x \$50,000, 1 x \$25,000
- No.6-10 – 3 x x\$25,000

# FEED UP SYSTEMS

## JUNIOR EXEMPT PROJECT - BOYS

BOYS: Established in 2007

Top 10 Ranked Junior Boys awarded Junior Exempt Positions into the Main Draw of three ITF Men's Circuit:

No.1 & 2 – 3 x \$15,000 + H

No.3-5 – 3 x \$15,000

No.6-10 – 3 x x\$10,000

# FEED UP SYSTEMS

## GRAND SLAM WILD CARDS

Winner of Junior Grand Slam Singles awarded a Wild Card into the Qualifying Event of the corresponding Grand Slam the following year.

## Junior Circuit Tournaments offering Pro Wild Cards - Girls

ITF Junior Tournament	Player	Wild Card	Pro Tournament
<b>GIRLS</b>			
Sibiu Sen Tournament (ROU)	Winner Runner Up	Main Draw Qualifying	\$10,000 Pitesti, (ROU)
Casablanca Cup (MEX)	Winner	Main Draw	\$25,000 Mexico City (MEX)
Guru Cup, Salsomaggiore (ITA)	Winner	Main Draw	\$25,000 Fontanafredda (ITA) \$100,000 Ortisei (ITA)
Citta di Santa Croce (ITA)	Winner	Main Draw	\$25,000 Siena (ITA)

## Junior Circuit Tournaments offering Pro Wild Cards - Boys

ITF Junior Tournament	Player	Wild Card	Pro Tournament
<b>BOYS</b>			
Casablanca Cup (MEX)	Winner	Main Draw	ATP Challenger, Mexico City (MEX)
Smash International, Cairo (EGY)	Winner	Main Draw	F3 Futures, Cairo, (EGY) F4 Futures, Giza (EGY) F5 Futures, Cairo (EGY)
La Vie Sport Junior Cup (AUT)	Winner	Qualifying	ATP Hypo Group, Pörtlach, (AUT)
Guru Cup, Salsomaggiore (ITA)	Winner Runner Up	Qualifying Qualifying	ATP Challenger, Reggio Emilia (ITA)
Sibiu Sen (ROU)	Winner Runner Up	Main Draw Qualifying	F12 Futures, Iasi (ROU)
Perin Memorial, Umag, (CRO)	Winner	Qualifying	ATP Croatia Open

## **16 & UNDER FEED UP SYSTEMS TO THE ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT**

### **Team Competition Feed Up System**

Introduced: 2005

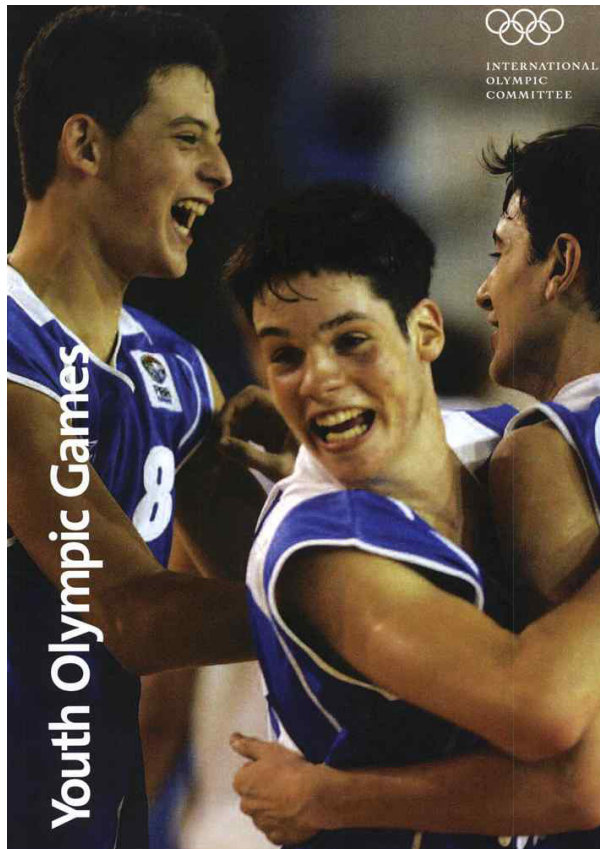
- First three placed teams in U16 Junior Davis Cup & Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals awarded Feed Up Positions into two ITF Junior Circuit tournaments

### **Tournament Feed Up System**

Introduced: 2006

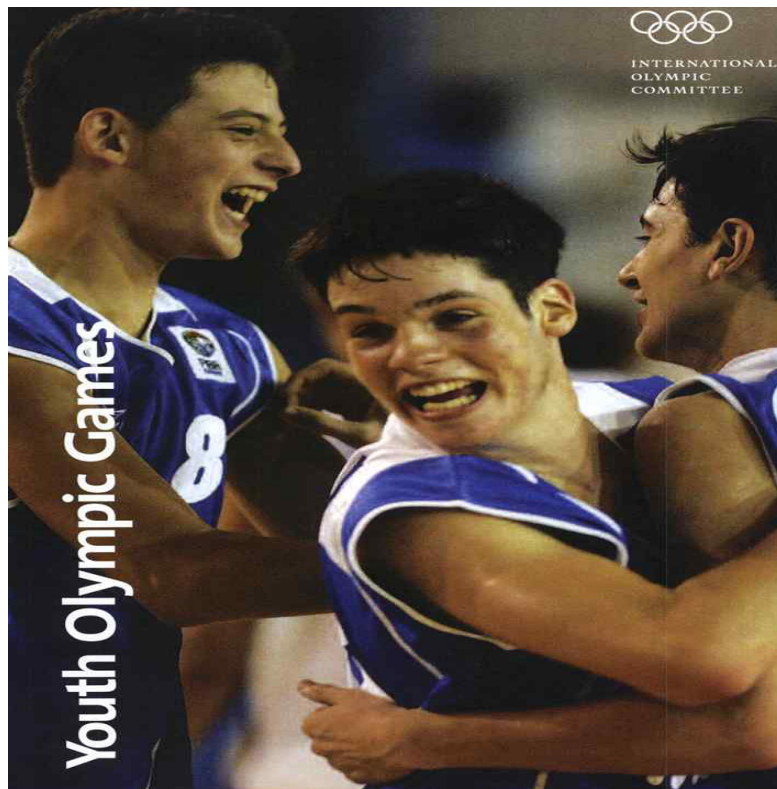
- Top ranked U16 juniors in regions awarded Feed Up Positions into two ITF Junior Circuit tournaments

# I Summer Youth Olympic Games 2010





## I SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2010 14 – 26 AUGUST 2010 - SINGAPORE



- 26 Sports
- Every 4 years
- 3500 Athletes
- High Performance
- Education & Culture

## I SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 14 – 26 AUGUST 2010 - SINGAPORE



- 64 Athletes
- 32 Singles Draw
- 16 Doubles Draw
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round Singles Consolation
- Acceptance based on ranking of 7 June 2010
- Player Eligibility based on availability to compete in ITF Team Competitions in 2009 & 2010

# YOUTH OLYMPIC TENNIS EVENT

- Singapore / 14<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> August 2010
- Grade A level ranking points
- Eligibility (2 years spread/1992-1993)
- Maximum 2 boys & 2 girls from the same country
- Qualification System (Universality & Performance)
- Circular to ITF member nations to be sent out shortly

# ROAD TO THE PROS

- 1<sup>ST</sup> LEG OF THE PROFESSIONAL TOUR
- MAIN COMPETITIVE PATHWAY TO THE PROFESSIONAL TOURS
- IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

# **PROFESSIONAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT...**

## **ITF Junior Circuit Pathway**

- Recent research (M. Reid et al) have demonstrated the value of the ITF JC competitive pathway
- Strong link between ranking success in the ITF JC and later professional success
- ITF Junior Circuit pathway is presented as a meaningful competitive forum for player development

# Current top-ranked juniors in professional tennis

## ● Boys (highest junior ranking in brackets)

Jonathan Eysseric (FRA) – 282 (1)  
Jerzy Janowicz (POL) – 340 (5)  
Uladzimir Ignatik (BLR) – 433 (1)  
Ricardas Berankis (LTU) – 444 (1)  
Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) – 480 (1)  
Tsung-Hua Yang (TPE) – 487 (1)  
Gastao Elias (POR) – 490 (6)  
Daniel Evans (GBR) – 560 (10)  
Guido Pella (ARG) – 610 (43)  
**Marius Copil (ROU) – 626 (340)**  
Cesar Ramirez (MEX) – 665 (3)  
Evgeny Donskoy (RUS) – 684 (20)  
Ryan Harrison (USA) – 723 (7)  
David Goffin (BEL) – 758 (10)  
Vladimir Karusevich (RUS) – 759 (22)

## ● Girls (highest junior ranking in brackets)

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS) – 67 (1)  
Michelle Larcher De Brito (POR) – 120 (19)  
Urszula Radwanska (POL) – 137 (1)  
**Stefanie Voegele (SUI) – 143 (71)**  
Jessica Moore (AUS) – 145 (14)  
Anastasia Pivovarova (RUS) – 150 (2)  
Arantxa Rus (NED) – 169 (1)  
Ksenia Pervak (RUS) – 180 (5)  
Melanie Oudin (USA) – 211 (2)  
Madison Brengle (USA) – 223 (4)  
Polona Hercog (SLO) – 231 (8)  
Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) – 256 (19)  
Stephanie Vogt (LIE) – 262 (5)  
Ksenia Milevskaya (BLR) – 270 (2)  
Kai-Chen Chang (TPE) – 276 (8)

## ITF JUNIOR RANKING COMPARISON CHART

ITF	ATP	ITF	WTA
1		1	
	-250		-150
2		2	
	251-350		151-175
3-4		3-4	
	351-450		176-200
5-6		5-6	
	451-500		201-225
7-8		7-8	
			226-250
9-15		9-11	
	500-550		251-275
16-		12-14	
			276-300
		15-17	
			301-325
		18-20	
			326-350

# **NEW DOUBLES FORMAT**

**ITF Junior Circuit in all grade tournaments...**

**Recommendation for all regional junior circuits**

**Doubles matches shall be two Tie-Break sets and a Match Tie-Break (10 points) in place of a third set. No-Ad scoring shall be used.**



## **12 & UNDER ELIGIBILITY RULE**

- **FROM NEXT YEAR 9 YEARS OLD SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN ANY INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SANCTIONED BY EITHER A REGIONAL OR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**
- **SUBJECT TO ITF BoDs APPROVAL**

# **FUTURE?**

## **ITF Junior Tennis Masters Cup**

- ITF Junior Year-End Individual Championships
- Top 8 ITF Junior ranked boys and top 8 girls, as of 1<sup>st</sup> November in any given year
- An additional opportunity to help the best junior players make the transition to professional tennis
- Announce the annual Junior World Champions in November

# ITF Junior Team Competitions

- WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS (14&U)
- JUNIOR DAVIS CUP  
BY BNP PARIBAS(16&U)
- JUNIOR FED CUP  
BY BNP PARIBAS (16&U)



# ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITIONS

- Important link to Davis Cup and Fed Cup
- Asia/Oceania Pre-Qualifying event introduced in 2006
- Expected further growth in the near future

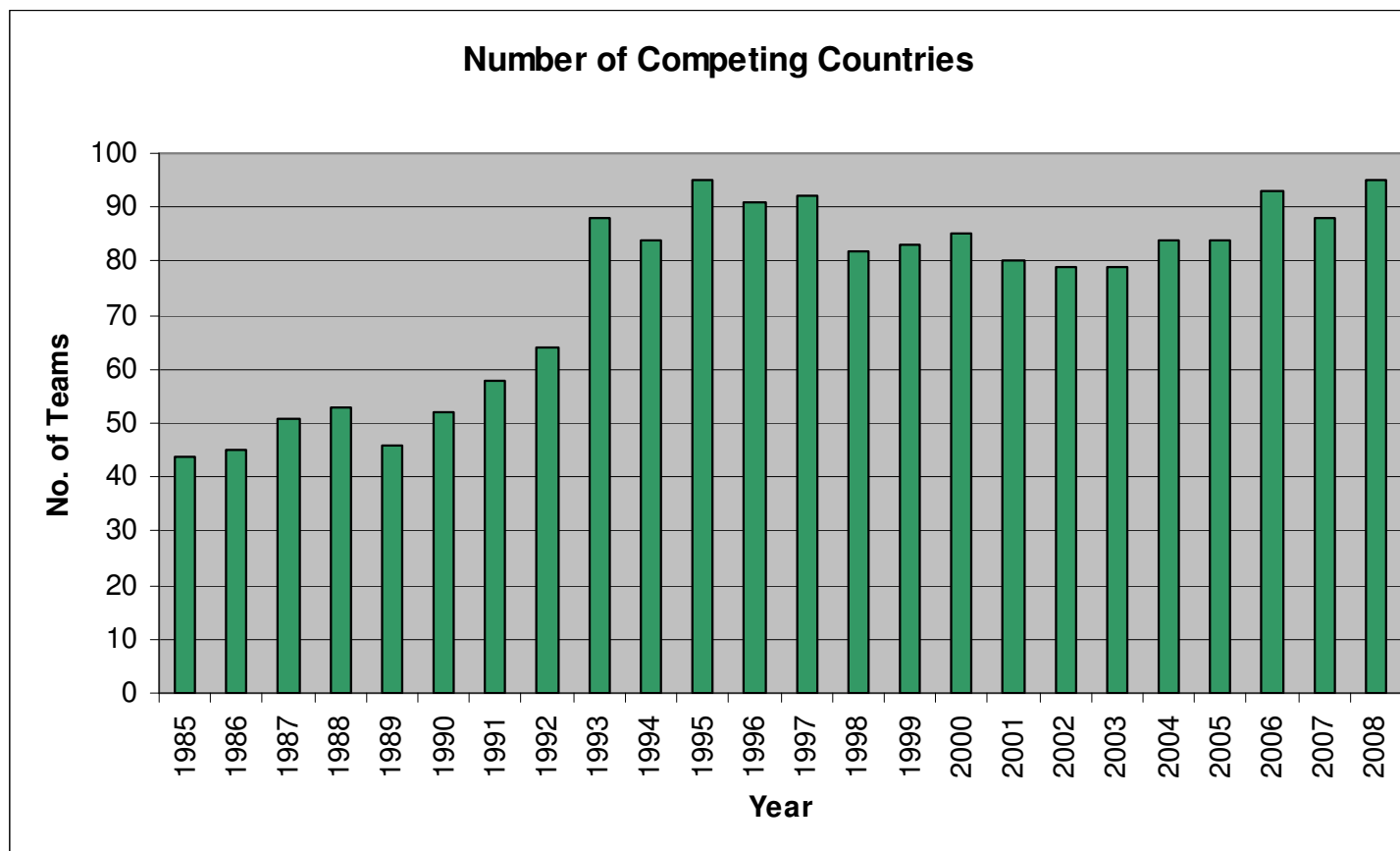
# Recent participants in World Junior Tennis Finals

- 1998 – Juan Monaco, Gisela Dulko, Vera Zvonareva
- 1999 – Tomas Berdych, Richard Gasquet, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Rafael Nadal, Nicolas Almagro, Dinara Safina, Ana-Lena Groenefeld
- 2000 – Andy Murray, Rafael Nadal, Lucie Safarova, Tatiana Golovin
- 2001 – Novak Djokovic, Maria Kirilenko, Anna Chakvetadze

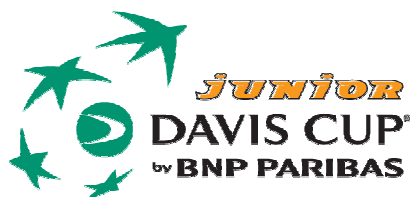
## Recent Participants in Junior Davis Cup/Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas

- 2002 – Rafael Nadal, Gael Monfils, Marin Cilic, Agnes Szavay, Sania Mirza
- 2003 – Novak Djokovic, Jérémy Chardy, Shahar Peer, Michaella Krajicek
- 2004 – Juan Martin Del Potro, Marin Cilic, Kei Nishikori, Caroline Wozniacki
- 2005 – Kei Nishikori, Agnieszka Radwanska, Alizé Cornet

# JUNIOR DAVIS CUP & JUNIOR FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS (16&U)





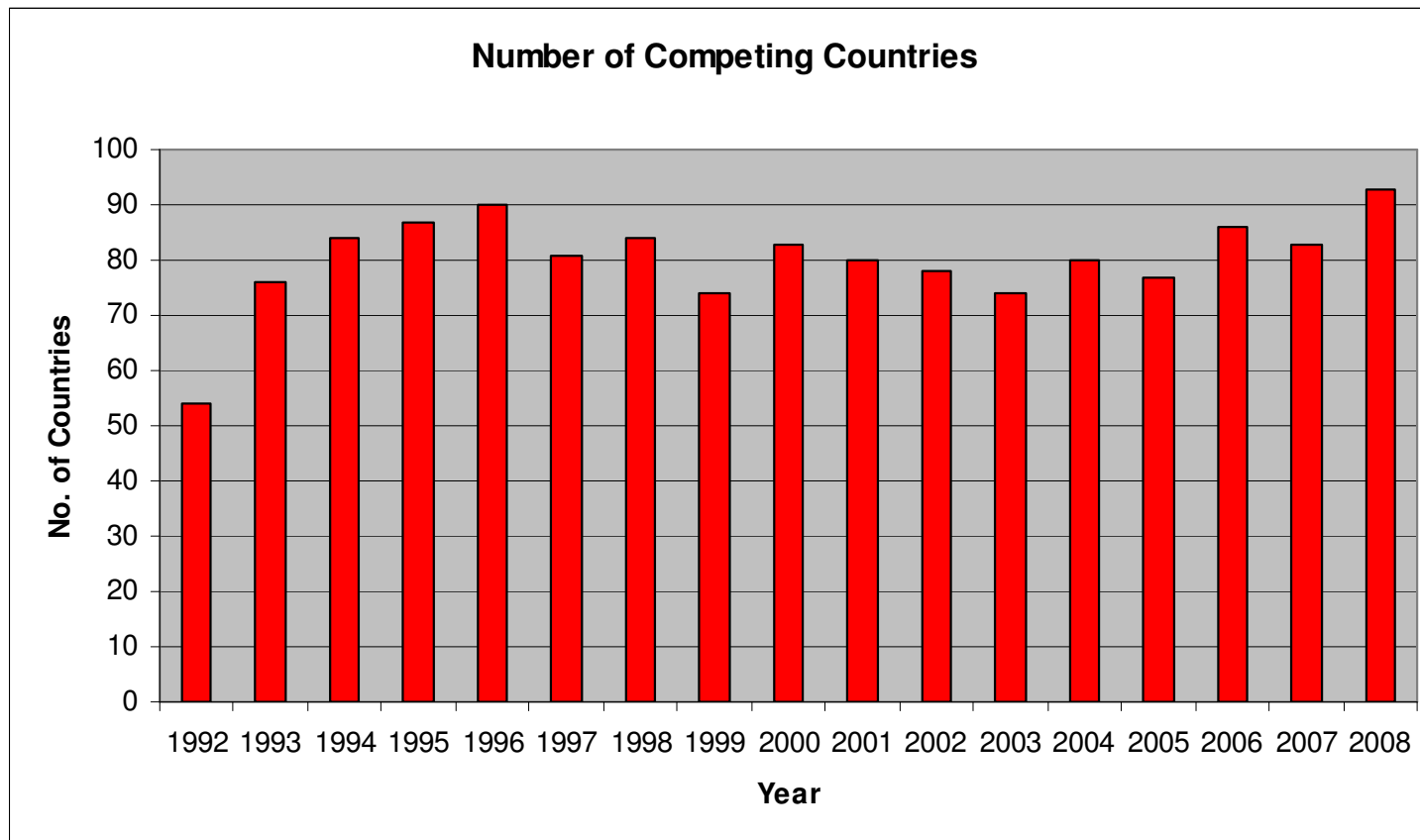




## **JUNIOR DAVIS CUP & JUNIOR FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS FINALS (16&U)**

- 2004-2006 Barcelona, Spain
- 2007 Reggio Emilia, Italy
- 2008-2010 San Luis Potosi, Mexico
- 2011 onward – To Be Confirmed

# WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS





## World Junior Tennis Competition (14&U)

- 2008 event held in Prostějov (Czech Republic) for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in a row
- 2009-2010 also to be held in Prostějov
- 2011 onward – To Be Decided



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# ITF Junior Tennis School

- Interactive forums



## e-learning



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EDUCATIONAL FORUMS:

- ★ WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS FINALS FORUM
- ★ JUNIOR DAVIS CUP & JUNIOR FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS FINALS FORUM
- ★ WIMBLEDON FORUM

E LEARNING:

- ★ DEDICATED WEBSITE: EDUCATION MODULES

ANTIDOPING  
CAREER MANAGEMENT  
MEDIA TRAINING

FITNESS FOR TENNIS  
PARENTS  
INJURY PREVENTION  
SAFETY  
NUTRITION  
HOW TO CHOOSE A COACH  
TRAVELLING TO ITF TOURNAMENTS  
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# Why was the ITF School created?

- To contribute to the overall tennis education of players thus helping National Associations, coaches and parents
- To raise awareness of important topics such as health and welfare
- To educate players on the role of the ITF, Regional & National Associations
- To emphasise importance of team competitions (Davis Cup & Fed Cup)
- To build patriotic spirit (Olympic Tennis Event)

# [www.itfjuniortennisschool.com](http://www.itfjuniortennisschool.com)

- 17 e-learning modules in 3 languages
- PowerPoint presentations with voiceover
- Option to download content as audio file or pdf document
- True/false and multiple choice questions at the end of every module
- After passing all 17 modules players can become Graduates of the ITF Junior Tennis School





## Outline

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- 7. The Importance of Developing Independen...
- 8. At Under 12 Players Should:
- 9. At Under 14 Players Should:
- 10. At Under 16 & 18 Players Should:
- 11. During Tournaments – All Ages Should:
- 12. Successfully Parenting Your Child Throug...
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## Parents Module Questionnaire

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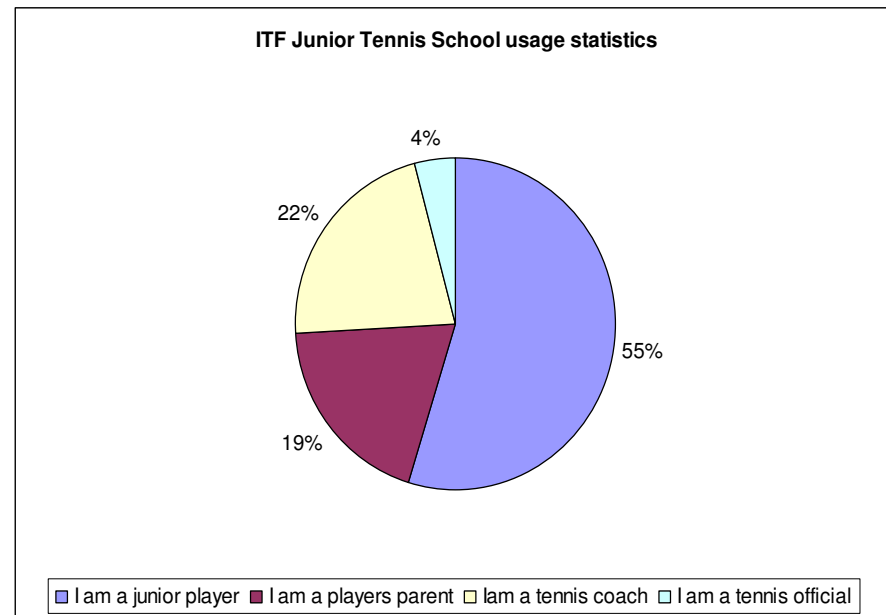
Point Value: 10

All but which of the following could be considered unacceptable behaviour from a coach?

- ☐ Adopting a "win at all costs" attitude
- ☐ Contacting your child frequently without your knowledge
- ☐ Giving your child gifts without informing you
- ☐ Encouraging you to be fully involved in your child's tennis

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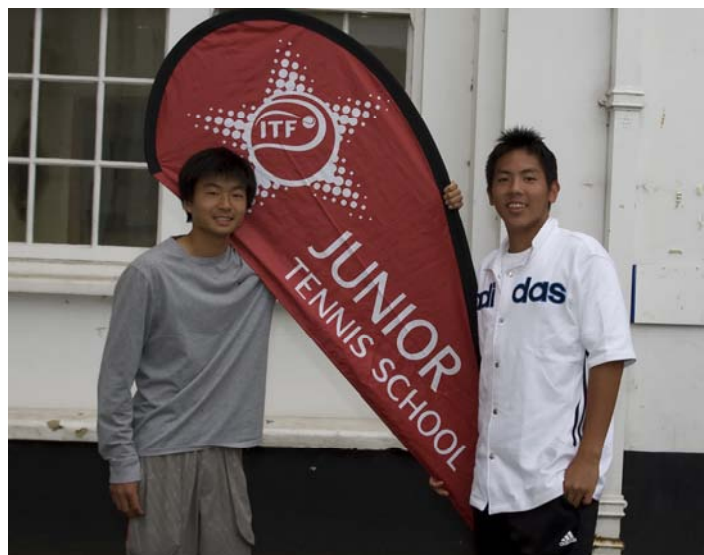
- 2379 members
- 145 nations
- 55% players
- 22% coaches
- 19% parents
- 4% tennis officials



# ITF Junior Tennis School Forum



# ITF Forum Promotional Kit




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**EDUCATIONAL FORUMS:**

- ★ WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS FINALS FORUM
- ★ JUNIOR DAVIS CUP & JUNIOR FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS FINALS FORUM
- ★ WIMBLEDON FORUM

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# ITF Junior Tennis School Forums 2008

## ITF Forums

1. Junior Wimbledon – July
2. World Junior Tennis Finals – August
3. Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals - September

## Regional Forums

1. COSAT Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Qualifying – April
2. COTECC JITICC – August
3. OTF POJC - August
4. Tennis Europe Junior Masters – October
5. Asia Oceania Closed Championships – October
6. Asian 14 & Under event - November

# Forums: ITF Guidelines

- Length: 75 minutes approximately
- Contents: Anti-doping / Injury Prevention / Diet / Media / Role of the Agent / Rest & Recovery / Regulations & Code of Conduct etc.
- “What is the ITF?” Presentation
- Speakers: Experts (doctors, coaches, professional players / ITWA Journalists) / RAs / ITF / DOs

# Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals 2008

## PLAYERS' EDUCATIONAL FORUM

VENUE: La Loma Centro Deportivo

DATE: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

TIME: 19:00

## PROGRAM

Introduction (2 minutes)

What is the ITF? - Mr Luca Santilli, ITF (10 minutes)

Player Protection – Ms Cecilia Ancalmo, COTECC (15 minutes)

Sports Nutrition – Ms Fernanda Aguilar (15 minutes)

Media Training - Ms Eleanor Preston, ITWA (15 minutes)

Followed by an interview with player Leonardo Lavalle and Olympic marathon runner German Silva (20 minutes)

# Future of the School

## E-learning Website

- A large online community of users
- More languages: Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Portuguese
- Membership and graduation to be compulsory for all ITF Junior Circuit players
- Sponsorship support

## Interactive Forums

- Videos to be shot and uploaded onto website
- Forums hosted by Junior Circuit tournaments
- Even more quality speakers





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