

27. ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER TO REPRESENT A NATION

A player must have an active ITF Juniors IPIN membership (registration at ipin.itftennis.com) at the time at which they compete in ITF Junior Team Competition events.

27.1 A player is entitled to represent one nation only at ITF World Junior Tennis, Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors by Gainbridge and the Youth Olympic Games.

27.2 Any player who is in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with Appendix F shall be qualified to represent that nation as a player if he/she:

- (a) has not previously represented any other nation at ITF World Junior Tennis, Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors by Gainbridge or the Youth Olympic Games; and
- (b)
 - (i) is a citizen of that nation and holds a current valid passport of that nation; or
 - (ii) is a citizen of that nation, but in circumstances where that nation does not issue its own passport holds a qualifying passport issued by or on behalf of that nation which confirms the player's place of birth as that nation; or
 - (iii) after a consecutive period of two (2) years (24 months) residence in that nation, can provide a genuine reason for being unable to hold or make application to hold a current passport where:
 - (a) he/she was born, or has a parent or grandparent born, in that nation; or
 - (b) he/she has obtained or procured the right to remain permanently or has been granted humanitarian protection in that nation.

27.3 A National Association may apply to the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel for permission to nominate a player who is not eligible under this Regulation, on the basis that the full circumstances of the player's case demonstrate he/she has a sufficient, genuine connection or commitment to life and tennis in the nation that he/she wishes to represent such that an exemption to Regulation 27.2 is warranted. The initial application must be received by the ITF Executive at least two months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated.

27.4 If a player is qualified under sections 27.2 or 27.3 above to represent more than one nation and the National Association of one of those nations wishes to nominate him/her to represent it, that Association must submit an application to the ITF Executive who will forward a copy to any other National Association concerned, which shall be entitled to comment within 15 days of receipt. The initial application must be received by the ITF Executive at least two months prior to the event for which the player wishes to be nominated. The ITF Executive will give a ruling having taken into account all relevant matters. The decision of the ITF Executive may be appealed to the ITF Internal Adjudication

Panel ([save that there shall be no right of appeal against the ITF Internal Adjudication Panel's decision](#)). The appeal shall be made in writing, must detail the basis for the appeal, and must be filed with the ITF Executive within fourteen (14) days of notification of the decision.

- 27.5 The ITF Executive and ITF Internal Adjudication Panel have the right to ask a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player is qualified to represent that Nation.
- 27.6 A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a nation and such a nation is divided into two or more nations, shall immediately be eligible to represent any one of those nations.
- 27.7 A player who has represented, or has been eligible to represent, a nation and such nation is absorbed in whole or in part by another nation shall immediately be eligible to represent such other nation.
- 27.8 A player shall be deemed to have represented a nation if he/she shall have been nominated at the time of the draw.