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VIA EMAIL

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Re: 2016 ITF Seniors Circuit – Introduction of a New High Grade Tournament.

Dear All,

I am pleased to inform you that a new level of tournament (Grade A) will be introduced to the ITF Seniors Circuit and Calendar from 2016 onwards.

This new exciting concept will allow ITF National Associations to put forward their 'flagship' tournament to the ITF for consideration. Only one Grade A tournament will be permitted per country. When applying for a Grade A circuit tournament national associations should think also about quality of venue, number of courts available, players' facilities and easy access for international players.

Grading:

This tournament will be positioned above the existing Grade 1 tournaments but below the existing B1 (regional championships). ITF World Ranking points will reflect this.

Requirements for hosting:

- Maximum one Grade A per country
- Fully Endorsed by the National Association
- Must offer first class facilities (i.e. Tennis courts, club house, etc.)
- Must offer minimum of 5 age groups in both Mens' and Womens' events
- Have no existing issues between the tournament and the National Association

It is highly recommended:

- To offer singles, doubles & mixed doubles
- Chair umpire for all singles matches from semi-final onwards
- Off-Court Umpire (1 for every 3 courts)
- Provide suitable practice courts facilities and availability
- Live scoring – (This can be provided by Tennis Ticker – The Preferred Live Scoring Partner of the ITF Seniors Circuit)



Time-Frame:

- 30 April 2015 – Deadline for all Grade A tournament applications to be received by the ITF Office
- 30 September 2015 – National Associations informed of successful applications for 2016 January-May calendar

- 30 November 2015 National Associations informed of successful applications for 2016 June-December calendar

Attached to this email is the Grade A tournament application form. Please note that the application form will not be accepted unless it is fully completed and signed by all concerned.

If you have any queries or questions relating to the above or the Circuit in general, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Hayley Iveson (Hayley.iveson@itftennis.com).

Yours sincerely



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