

SUMMARY OF ITF GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND 12 AND 10 AND UNDER COMPETITIONS/ ACCELERATED PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

- At 12 and under and at the 3 stages of 10 and under, multi match formats are strongly recommended.
- The scoring used is recommended to get progressively longer with the duration of matches increasing as the player gets older and/or progresses through the stages (from one tie break to best of 2 full sets with a tie break in place of the 3rd set). Timed matches are now included in the ITF rules of tennis and are recommended to be used at the 3 stages as appropriate.
- The maximum recommended duration and format used for matches at 10 and under are:
 - Red: 20 minutes; Orange: 50 minutes; Green: 75 minutes
 - Red: one short set; Orange: 2 short sets and a tie break; Green: 2 full sets and a tie break.
- The maximum recommended number of tournament days in any one year are:
 - Red: 36 days; Orange: 70 days; Green: 90 days; 12 and under 100 days.
- It was recommended that where possible, competition days took place during weekend and holidays so that players did not have to miss school.
- It was recommended that results should not be recorded at the red stage.
- It was recommended that there should be no national rankings at any of the 3 stages at 10 and under.
- It was recommended that there should be no individual national championships for any of the stages at 10 and under. It was agreed that a national Team championship at the Green level could be held.
- No international team or individual competition should be organised at the 10 and under age groups.
- At orange and green levels of 10 and under and at the 12 and under level it was recommended that at least 25% of the matches should be doubles matches.
- At the 12 and under a maximum of 100 matches annually was recommended if full scoring (best of 3 full sets) is used. Limited international competition was recommended to be allowed provided the format used was compass/placement draws where each player played the same number of matches.

- The use of the terminology “consolation” matches and draws was felt to be overly negative and it is recommended instead to use the terminology “placement” matches and “compass/placement” draws to ensure a more positive approach to these matches and to ensure that all players play the same number of matches regardless of their results.