

# ITF Coaches Education Programme Level 2 Coaching Course



## Travelling with tournament players

# By the end of this session you should be able to:



- understand the different roles played by a coach/team captain
- know the responsibilities of a team coach
- understand the main characteristics of the International Tennis Structure
- have effective and appropriate knowledge of the basics to define the career path for a junior player

# The team captain roles



- Technical
- Tactician
- Psychologist / social worker / surrogate parent
- Hitting partner
- Organiser (court bookings, practice)
- Friend
- Financial manager (budgeting, keeping records of expenditure)
- Medical consultant
- Completing end of tour reports on players
- Travel agent
- Leader / decision maker
- Disciplinarian

# Responsibilities of a team coach: prior to the tour

- Contact the player's coach/parents to determine:
  - Game style,
  - Player's temperament,
  - Pre-match preparation routing,
  - Whether or not the player is under medication
  - Any other pertinent information that will assist the tour coach's relationship with the player

# Responsibilities of a team coach:

## On tour

- Team meeting to inform the players
- Liaise with tournament committees
- Plan training and pre-match preparation
- Set up and supervise practice sessions
- Observe matches
- Doubles partnerships
- Take disciplinary actions when necessary
- Complete expense record
- Confirm airline reservations
- Get information about lucky losers
- Give gifts to those who helped the team
- Inform the ITF/ Federation Officials

# Responsibilities of a team coach: After the tour

- Submit a financial report
- Submit a team and an individual report
- Ask the players what they will do after the tour / help set goals
- If necessary, give them some feedback for future development

# Responsibilities of a team coach: Disciplinary procedures

- Inadequate performance level
  - Failure to complete a match
  - Use of illegal drugs or alcohol
  - Aggravated behaviour:
    - uncooperative behaviour
    - unlawful behaviour
    - disrespectful behaviour
    - breaking curfew
- verbal warning
  - written warning
  - sent home at player's expense

# Developing a professional attitude

## Under 12

- Prepare things themselves
- Pack their bags before practice
- Always be on time for practice
- Learn basic tennis rules



# Developing a professional attitude

## Under 14

- Warm-up correctly
- Develop a correct drinking regime
- Send in entries for tournaments
- Find their own doubles partners
- Deliver the rackets for restringing, etc.

# Developing a professional attitude

## Under 16-18

- Practice with quality and intensity
- Maintain emotional control
- Book practice courts and get practice balls
- Arrange different practice partners
- Arrange wake up calls
- Scout their next opponents

# Developing a professional attitude

## Under 16-18(cont.)

- Maintain good eating habits
- Find their way to prepare for matches
- Put everything into the bag for the next match
- String their own rackets when at home
- Fully understand the tournament levels, ranking system, regulations and tennis rules

# International tennis structure



THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION



REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS  
(ETA, ATF, COSAT, COTECC, OTF)



NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS  
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DISTRICT/PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS, TENNIS CLUBS



PLAYERS, COACHES, TOURNAMENTS,  
SPONSORS, OFFICIALS, AGENTS, ETC

# The International Tennis Federation

- The world governing body of the game of tennis ( junior, veteran and wheelchair)
- Responsible for:
  - Rules of Tennis & technical specifications
  - Committed to grass roots tennis and aims to promote the game
  - Administering a Women's Circuit for up-and-coming players as well as men's Satellite Circuit

# The International Tennis Federation

- Responsible for the following championships:
  - The Davis Cup by BNP Paribas (for men)
  - The Fed Cup by BNP Paribas (for women)
  - The Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup, the World Junior Tennis Championships, The ITF Sunshine Cup and ITF Conolly Cup, The Italia Cup, The Dubler Cup, The Austria Cup, The Von Cramm Cup, The Britannia Cup, The Crawford Cup, The Young Cup, The Bueno Cup, The Alice Marble Cup, The ITF Veteran World Tennis Championships, Hopman Cup
  - Olympic Tennis event



<b>MEN'S TENNIS</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRIZE MONEY US\$</b>
Compaq Grand Slam Cup	6,500,000
Grand Slams	4,750,500 - 5.000,000
ATP Championships	3,750.000 - 4,500,000
ATP Tour: Super 9 events	2,250,000 - 3,300,000
Championships series	625,000 - 1,500,000
World series	125,000 - 1,375,000
Challengers	25,000 - 125,000
ITF Satellite	25,000 - 75,000

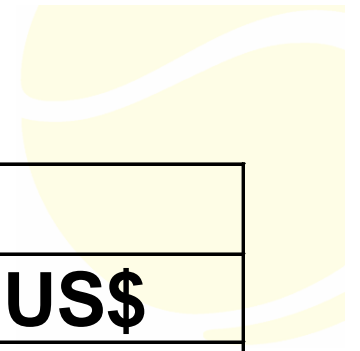


# Guide as to what level of Tournaments a certain ranking would guarantee entry:



- Unranked - 600      Qualifying Satellite Circuit
- 600 - 300      Main Draw Satellite Circuit
- 400 - 250      Qualifying Challenger
- 300 - 130      Qualifying Grand Slams Events
- 250 - 100      MD Challenge /Qualy ATP Tour
- 130 - 1      Main Draw of ATP Tour Events
- 110 - 1      Main Draw of Grand Slams





<b>WOMEN'S TENNIS</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRIZE MONEY US\$</b>
Grand Slams	2.250.500 - 4.000.000
WTA Masters	3.500.000
Lipton	1.000.000
WTA Tour:	
Tier I	926.250
Tier II	450.000
Tier III	164.250
Tier IV	107.500
World Doubles Cup	188.125
ITF Circuit	10.000 - 75.000



# Guide as to what level of Tournaments a certain ranking would guarantee entry:



- Unranked - 600      Qualifying of \$10,000
- 600 - 300      MD \$10,000/Qualy 25,000
- 300 - 225      MD of \$25,000/Qualy 50-75000
- 225 - 175      Main Draw of \$50,000
- 175 - 120      Main Draw of \$75,000
- 150 - 100      Main Draw \$107,000 (Tier IV)
- 250 - 120      Qualifying of Grand Slams
- 120 - 0      Main Draw of Grand Slams
- 100 +      Main Draw of Tier II - III
- 50 +      Main Draw of Tier I

# Junior tournaments



- ITF Junior World Ranking Circuit (18 and under)
- Sunshine Cup (18 and under)
- Junior Davis Cup (16 and under)
- Junior Fed Cup (16 and under)
- ITF World Junior Tennis Championships (14 and under)
- Regional Circuits (14 and under, 16 and under)
- National junior and senior tournaments

# Career path for a junior tennis player

- Attain a top 2 national junior ranking
- Regional 14, 16 & under events aiming to achieve a high regional ranking
- ITF Junior Circuit and try to achieve a top 20 junior ITF world ranking
- Play a few weeks of professional events
- Play mostly satellites/futures events along with Group A Junior events