

SR4 U16 Transitional Series

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Background

COTECC Sub-Region 4 is embarking on establishing a series of U16 Transitional tournaments similar to that of the COTECC U12 and COTECC U14 which will only be opened to players from SR4. These tournaments will form part of a SR4 U16 ranking system. Points gained from ITF U18 tournaments within SR4 as well as the SR4 U16 Series Championships will also be factored into the SR4 rankings. The U16 series will culminate with an end of year SR4 U16 Masters Finals in which the top performers within SR4 will compete.

The goal of these tournaments is to bridge that transitional performance development gap that players traverse as they go from COTECC U14 tournaments to ITF U18 tournaments. It is proposed that each of the SR4 countries that organize ITF U18 tournaments also organize a SR4 U16 tournament covering the 3 days (Tuesday-Thursday) prior to their ITF U18 qualifying Sign-in on the Friday.

As an incentive to the participants, an ITF U18 main draw wild card is awarded to boy and girl that win the SR4 U16 Tournament or the player next in line who needs it.

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These will be a series of tournaments which will be held over 3 days in the lead-up to an ITF U18 tournament sign-in at the host country. This tournament will provide players with the much needed match play heading into their ITF tournament while serving the development need of the players of COTECC SR4.

As an incentive to players, we are requesting that each organizer allocates one (1) main draw Wild Card to SR4 which will go to the boy and girl who wins the U16 Transition Tournament they host or to the next best performing player who need to gain access to the main draw.

Ranking Points System

Points for the SR4 tournament are allocated based on the Grade of the ITF U18 tournament for which the wild card is to be awarded.

Place	G5	G4	Place	G5	G4	Place	G5	G4	Place	G5	G4
1 st	1.9	4.75	5 th	1.4	3.75	9 th	0.9	2.75	13 th	0.4	1.75
2 nd	1.8	4.5	6 th	1.3	3.5	10 th	0.8	2.5	14 th	0.3	1.5
3 rd	1.7	4.25	7 th	1.2	3.25	11 th	0.7	2.25	15 th	0.2	1.25
4 th	1.6	4.0	8 th	1.1	3.0	12 th	0.6	2.0	16 th	0.1	1

*Players must win at least 1 match in order to receive points

The points from the U16 will be added to the points received by the player for participating in ITF U18 tournaments within SR4 to form a combined score. The player's top 6 combined scores plus points from the SR4 U16 Championships will be counted towards the players SR4 Series Rankings.

Below are the points to be allocated to the participants of the SR4 U16 Championships. The format of this tournament will be communicated by the SR4 Secretariat.

Place	Singles	Doubles	Place	Singles	Doubles	Place	Singles	Place	Singles
1 st	10	7	5 th	3	3.75	9 th	2.75	13 th	1.75
2 nd	9	6	6 th	2	3.5	10 th	2.5	14 th	1.5
3 rd	8.5	5	7 th	1	3.25	11 th	2.25	15 th	1.25
4 th	8	4	8 th	0.5	3.0	12 th	2.0	16 th	1

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SR4 U16 Series Tournament Format

All matches will be best of 3 short sets, with set tie break at 4-4, with ad scoring. The 3rd set will be replaced with a match tie break; the no-let rule will also be in effect during this tournament.

The tournament will compose of a Round Robin (RR) consisting of 4 groups of 4 players and a placement draw. After the RR, players will be positioned 1 to 4 in order of merit. All players placing first in their group (Tier 1) will play a semi-finals, were the winners will play for the 1st and 2nd spots in the tournament and the runners-up will play for the 3rd and 4th place. The same will be done for players placing 2nd in their group (Tier 2), however these players will play for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th spots in the tournament. Tier 3 will play for 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th spots, while Tier 4 will play for 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th spots.

Points will be allocated as illustrated in the Ranking Points system above.

U16 Masters Finals

Minimum of 4 players per gender will be invited to participate in the U16 Series Masters Finals (date to be determined) based on their SR4 series rankings.

Daily Schedule

Day 1

- Round Robin
- 4 groups of 4 players
- Each player plays 2 matches

Day 2

- Round Robin continues
- Each player plays their last RR match
- Educational forum to follow
- Standings and Semi-final draws released

Day 3

- Semi-finals played for each tier
- Finals & runners up played for each tier
- Final positions released

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Educational Forum

Player development is the main goal of the SR4 U16 Transitional Series and as such each tournament will include an Educational Forum which will touch on various aspects of development of players at this age and level and will include segments emphasising proper warm-ups and hydration. This forum will be organized by the tournament in conjunction with a local senior coach (level 2 (CAP) preferred) and the SR4 Series Director. The local coach will lead daily warm-ups and be required to present or facilitate discussions around particular developmental topics which will be approved by the SR4 Series Director.

Tournament Amenities

1. 4 courts available for the tournament
2. 1 experienced local referee to officiate along with 1 roving umpire
3. Provide 1 main draw wild card per gender per series which will be administered by the SR4 Series Director.
4. Preferred rates at 2 official hotels for players
5. Airport pick-up to official hotel
6. Daily shuttles from official hotel to venue for players
7. Lunch provided free of charge daily for players
8. Water provided to players free of charge on and off court during the tournament
9. A physio/medic on site from ½ hour before start of play until matches end
10. One education forum for players

SR4 Secretariat U16 Series Support

1. Administer SR4 Series tournaments
2. Update SR4 U16 Series Rankings
3. Provide an SR4 Series Director to supervise U16 Series tournaments
4. Identify travel grants for top performing SR4 U16 players
5. Identify training & development opportunities for top SR4 U16 players
6. Provide US College Tennis Scholarship Search assistance to top performing SR4 U16 players

Entries

- Players must enter through their National Association
 - Application form provided
 - Deadline date: 2 days after ITF U18 deadline (16:00 TTO Time)
 - The minimum age required to participate in the SR4 U16 Tournaments is to be 13 years old on the day that the proceeding ITF U18 main draw begins and the maximum age is to turn 16 during the year of competition.
- Acceptance list will be completed within 48hrs after application deadline
- Players will be accepted based on order of merit of the SR4 U16 rankings. Top 8 nationally ranked U16 players without SR4 U16 Rankings will receive priority next, followed by the top 4 U14 players in SR4 based on their COTECC U14 rankings. All other U16 players without SR4

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rankings will be accepted on order of merit of their National Rankings next, followed by all other U14 players based on order of merit of their COTECC U14 rankings.

- Withdrawal deadline for all players will be 2 days after ITF withdrawal deadline 16:00 TTO Time.
 - Withdrawal form provided
- Players entered in the main draw of an ITF tournament which begins on the Monday of the SR4 U16 sign-in will be automatically withdrawn from the SR4 U16 Tournament without penalties.
- Players who do not show up for an SR4 U16 tournament without withdrawing by the deadline date will be required to pay a late withdrawal fee to SR4 which equals that of the tournament entry fee before he/she can enter any other SR4 U16 tournaments in the region.
- Sign-in will take place on the Monday from 16:00 to 18:00 TTO time
- Draw of 16 will be made on the Monday following SR4 U16 Sign-in.
- The organizer is allowed 1 wild card entrant into the SR4 U16 tournament.
- Play will commence on the Tuesday and will end on Thursday prior to the qualifying sign-in of the ITF U18 on Friday.
- Final Results must be submitted to the SR4 Series Director at the close of match play on Thursday prior to the qualifying sign-in of the ITF U18 Tournament to follow.

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A summary Process Flow for players wishing to enter a SR4 U16 Tournament as a lead up to an ITF U18 Tournament is given below.

1	Player submit entry to SR4 via their NA Deadline: 2 days after ITF U18 entry deadline	
2	Acceptance List produced by SR4 Published: 48hrs after entry deadline	
3	Withdrawal Deadline Deadline: 2 days after ITF U18 withdrawal deadline	
4	SR4 U16 Tournament Sign-in Date: The Monday of ITF U18 Qualifying Sign-in	SR4 Series Week
5	Draws and OOP completed Date: Monday following SR4 Sign-in	
6	Tournament Play From: Tuesday – Thursday (Friday rain day)	
7	ITF U18 Qualifying Sign-in & SR4 Wild Card Issued Deadline: Friday of ITF U18 Qualifying Sign-in	