



VANUATU UNDER 16 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
2016 EDITION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ALL THE INFORMATION BELOW

<u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>	
Age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Under 12 Boys and Girls Singles ➤ Under 14 Boys and Girls Singles – ITF OCEANIA JUNIOR CIRCUIT ➤ Under 16 Boys and Girls Singles ➤ Doubles may be organized depending on the numbers of participants.
Dates	5th to 10th December 2016
Countries/Centre/Territories invited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australia – Melbourne Park - New-Zealand -Auckland - Fiji - Kiribati - Tuvalu - Solomon Islands - New-Caledonia - Tahiti - Papua New Guinea - Samoa
Venue	Vanuatu Tennis Centre (Cercle Sportif) Port-Vila
Tennis Courts	5 hard courts
Officials	Director of Tournament: Francis Bryard, VTF Secretary General Assistant Director: Cyril Jacobé Supervisor: Cyrille Mainguy Financial Controller: Jacques Himford Chair-Umpires will be available for semis and finals
Balls	Wilson
Food and accommodation for players	International players will be provided with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - breakfast at the Centre start at 6.15am - light lunch with all the other players - dinner at the Centre start at 7.00pm International players will be accommodated at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Hibiscus Motel, 5mn walk from the Tennis Centre
Transport	Transport will be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at arrival - at departure - for social events
Communication	Tennis Centre Phone Number: (678) 22437



	<p>Motel Phone Number: (678) 28289/ 27268 Francis Bryard Phone Number: (678) 7742885 Cyril Jacobé Phone Number: (678) 5544817 Cyrille Mainguy, VTF President, Phone Number: (678) 7750457 Results will be sent each day to addresses provided by the teams and regularly published on : FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Vanuatu-Tennis/201305376645317 TWITTER: https://twitter.com/vanuatutennis VTF WEBSITE: www.vanuatutennis.sportingpulse.net Director of Tournament e-mail: bryvam@yahoo.com.au Skype contact: bryardpacifique</p>
Meeting	<u>Technical Meeting: 04.12 at 3.00pm</u>
Restriring	<p>At the Centre and at the price below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with string provided by the Centre: 2.000 VT (around 20 AUS\$) - with string provided by the player: 1.000 VT (around 10 AUS\$)
Other facilities	<p>The Centre is equipped with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - toilets - rest space - bar and finger food (toasted-sandwich, sandwich available for less than 3AUS\$; drinks (Powerade, Fanta, Coca-Cola, Orange Juice from 2 to 5 AUS\$) - Wireless is available.
Health and weather advice	<p>December is the “hot season” in Vanuatu: sun protections are recommended. Vanuatu Meteorological Services provide regular weather update: http://www.meteo.gov.vu/ Tap water is safe to drink in Port-Vila Level of malaria in Port-Vila is low. Doctor and physio will be available on request during the tournament</p>
Social events	<p>Opening Ceremony: Sunday 5th December – 6.30pm Closing and Prizes Ceremony: Saturday 20.12 at 5.00pm</p>
Tournament Entry Fee	<u>1.000 VT – 10AUS\$</u>
Special requirements	<u>ALL COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO BRING A FLAG FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY</u>
Waiver of claims	<p><i>All players entering the VTF U16 Regional Tournament agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against the VTF and the tournament organisers, with respect to any injuries, however caused, or any losses incurred, while travelling to and from, or participating in the Junior Tournament.</i></p> <p><u>IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT ALL PLAYERS HAVE ADEQUATE TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER.</u></p>



FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Tournament format</u>	<u>Matches format</u>
<u>12 & under</u>	Compass Draw	<u>FAST 4</u>
<u>14&under</u>	Compass Draw	<u>BEST OF THREE TIE-BREAK SETS. THIRD SET TO BE A SUPER TIE-BREAK</u>
<u>16&under</u>	Compass Draw	<u>FAST 4</u>
		<u>DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCE, SEMIS AND FINALS COULD BE PLAYED USING A LONGER FORMAT</u>

Fast4 Tournament Scoring Format & Rules

1. Main Draw Singles matches will be played as the best of three (3) short sets (first to 4 games) with a short tiebreak (first to five (5) points, sudden death at four (4) points all) played at three (3) games all.
2. For consolation singles events or if a Doubles event is played, matches will be played as the best of two (2) short sets (first to four (4) games) with a short tiebreak (first to five (5) points, sudden death at four (4) points all) played at three (3) games all. If sets are even at the conclusion of the second set, a Match tiebreak (first to ten (10) with an advantage of two (2) points) will be played to determine the outcome of the Rubber.
3. A short tiebreak is a tiebreak played as the first to five (5) points, sudden death at 4-4. The player whose turn it is to serve at the commencement of the tiebreak (Player A) will serve two (2) points. The opposing player (Player B) will then serve two (2) points. Player A (or team mate of Player A in doubles) will then serve two (2) points. Player B (or team mate of Player B in doubles) will then serve the following two (2) points. If the score reaches 4-4, Player B (or the team mate of Player B in doubles) will serve the final point of the tiebreak with Player A choosing which side the ball will be served. Players will change ends only after the first four (4) points have been played.
4. All singles and doubles matches will be played using no-advantage scoring, with the receiver choosing the service side when the game reaches deuce.
5. No service lets will be played, meaning if the ball hits the net cord on a serve and lands (bounces) within the correct service box, play will continue. In doubles, if the ball hits the net cord on the serve and lands (bounces) within the correct service box, either player can return the ball (e.g.; the ball hits the net cord and drops over the net, the non-receiver can move across and return the serve).
6. When the players change ends at the end of a game and during a tiebreak game, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends with players having to be ready to play within 60 seconds of the previous games completion. Players are not permitted to sit down during the change of ends during a set.
7. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of ninety (90) seconds (Set Break). The Set Break maximum time starts from the moment that one point finishes until the first service is struck for the next point. Players are permitted to sit down at the end of a set.

To know more about Fast4: <http://www.tennis.com.au/learn/ways-to-play/fast4> OR <http://www.foxsports.com.au/tennis/fast4-tennis-what-is-it-what-are-the-rules-and-how-is-it-played/news-story/a21b0b33e340bd643aa9bfc14abf7512>



RULES

1. The ITF Junior Circuit Code of Conduct will be in force at the events and the tournaments played in accordance with the Rules of the ITF.
2. All draws will be conducted in accordance with the ITF Junior Circuit Rules and Regulations.
3. A default will be given if a player fails to appear 15 minutes after his/her match is called.
4. Customary dress code will be enforced.
5. In entering the tournament, a player automatically grants to the VTF and/or the sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show pictures of him/her in motion or still, taken during the competition without compensation.
6. **Prior to the draw being made, an identity card or passport showing the date of birth for each player may be asked to be presented to the referee.**

TIMEFRAME

APRIL	ADVANCED NOTICE SENT TO ALL COUNTRIES/CLUBS. <u>INTERESTED COUNTRIES SHOULD ANSWER TO THE ADVANCED NOTICE AND EXPRESS THEIR INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE</u>
01ST JUNE	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CLOSED. ENTRY FORMS AND FINAL INFORMATION <u>SENT ONLY TO COUNTRIES/CLUB WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE</u>
31ST AUGUST	<u>ENTRY FORMS CLOSED</u>
15th SEPTEMBER	CONFIRMATION OF NAME OF PLAYERS SENT TO ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES/CLUBS.
15TH NOVEMBER	CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY SENT BY ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES/CLUBS.

