

IRF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

TEAM COMPETITION

Two singles players and one doubles team per country will be fielded to earn points in each division. These designated national team members will play off in two championship *team* competitions:

Junior World Cup: The most points earned in the boys and girls **14, 16, and 18-and-under** World Cup divisions (by designated national team members) will determine the World Cup (team) winner. Prior to single elimination play, round robin preliminaries will seed the players.

Junior Esprit Cup: The most points earned in the boys and girls **8, 10, and 12-and-under** Esprit divisions (by designated national team members) will determine the Esprit Cup (team) winner. This event is played in single-elimination rounds, with satellite (Olympic format) blue, red and white consolation draws.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Individual world titles will be awarded in all divisions, with medals to first and second place finishers, plus third place medals to both semi-finalists. There will be no playoff for third place.

World Champions

Through competition for the Junior World Cup [see format below], the two designated singles players and one designated doubles team will compete for individual world titles in the **14/16/18-** divisions. No satellite divisions will be played.

Through competition in the single-elimination Junior Esprit Cup (including non-designated team players), the winners of the **6/8/10/12-** age groups will be recognized as Junior World Champions, and may – or may not – be national team members. These age groups will be played in the satellite format, with blue, red and white consolation divisions.

Friendship Champions

Additional competitors in the 14-, 16-, and 18- Esprit divisions (all players not officially representing a country for the purpose of earning points toward Cup play) will compete for Friendship medals in gold, blue, red and white divisions.

FORMATS & SCORING

Junior World Cup Competition Format & Scoring – [14/16/18- National Team Members]

Rosters: Each national federation must submit its official roster of all designated competitors in the 14/16/18- World Cup divisions at least 72 hours prior to the first scheduled match.

Format: The competition will be played in two parts 1) a round robin preliminary for seeding and, 2) a second, single-elimination draw, seeded on the basis of previous round robin results.

Part One – Round Robin Preliminaries [Junior World Cup]

Number: In the round robin, groups must have a minimum of three players.

Seeding: Players will be seeded in the round robin according to their country's finish in the previous year's Junior World Championships. To establish the position of players from countries not ranked, the Tournament Director will take into consideration the player's past international and/or national record. The tournament director's decision is final. Players from the same country should not compete in the same round robin group.

Tiebreaking procedure: Ties in round robin play are decided by: a) Head to head; b) the difference in games won and games lost between players that have tied; c) the difference in total points won and total points lost between players that have tied.

Scoring: In round-robin match play, winners will earn two (2) points, losers will earn one (1) point, losers by forfeit will earn no (0) points toward determining round robin finishers.

Point Earnings: Round robin finishes will earn points toward overall World Cup team scoring in the following values:

First place finisher will earn three (3) points toward team earnings

Second place will earn two (2) points

Third place will earn one (1) point

Part Two – Single Elimination Medal Rounds [Junior World Cup]

Roster Changes: Players who compete in the round robin play may compete in the single elimination medal round. The only changes allowed in lineup are:

a) If a doubles team member is injured (TD must be notified), he/she may be replaced by a singles player who participated in the singles round robin.

b) If a singles player is injured (TD must be notified) he/she may be replaced by a doubles player who participated in the doubles round robin.

The TD will automatically enter round robin participants in the medal round competition unless a request for a change due to injury is submitted. All injury requests must be submitted no later than the conclusion of the last match of the round robin preliminaries.

Point Earnings: Points toward the World Cup team standings will be earned by the 18/16/14-players in medal rounds, according to their final positions, as follows [plus any points earned from preceding round robin finishes]:

Finish	Draw of 4	Draw of 8	Draw of 16
First	20	20	20
Second	15	15	15
Semifinalists	10	10	10
5-8	--	--	5
RR First*	+3		
RR Second	+2		
RR Third	+1		

* Player points earned in "Part One" (round robin) will be added to points earned in "Part Two" (single elimination) competition. For example, a round robin winner who – later - only makes the quarterfinal in a round of 16 will earn 5 points for that finish, plus 3 points for their previous round robin win = 8 team points. A winner of *both* the round robin (3 point) and single elimination (20 point) draws will earn 23 points, total.

Forfeits: If a player forfeits a match for any reason other than a medically certified injury, three (3) points will be deducted from his/her teams' total score.

Tiebreaking Procedure: If there is a tie for total team points, the teams' #1 players who score the most points determines the team championship. If #1's are tied, the #2 players will determine team titles and, if #2's are tied, the doubles teams will determine the team championship winner. If the combined total team (boys and girls) is tied, the winner will be determined by the accumulated points of both #1 boys and girls singles, then #2 boys and girls and finally boys and girls doubles accumulated scores.

Junior Esprit Cup Format – [8/10/12- National Team Members]

Eligibility: Only designated team players in the 8/10/12- divisions may earn points for their countries toward the Esprit Cup. However, *any* junior may participate in the Esprit Cup competition (except those designated team members already competing in the separate 14/16/18- World Cup playoffs).

Titles: Players may earn either World Championship titles in 6/8/10/12- OR non-championship Esprit medals in 14/16/18- divisions.

Draw type: The satellite format will be used to determine winners in the main draw (gold), and consolation blue, red and white divisions.

Point Earnings: Only the designated players from national teams will earn points toward the Esprit Cup. Team points will be earned from gold, blue, red and white division advances, in the following values:

- Gold division win = 12 points per win
- Blue division = 3 points per win
- Red division = 2 points per win
- White division = 1 point per win