



Grand Slam® Player Grant Programme 2022

Summary

Under the Grand Slam Player Grant Programme (the **Grand Slam Programme**), US\$950,000 has been provided to the ITF (the programme administrator) to award a grant to players who meet certain eligibility criteria indicative of exceptional potential to compete at Grand Slam tournaments.

The Grand Slam Programme will be awarding Grand Slam grants of up to US\$25,000 to successful applicants.

The Grand Slam Programme operates annually and the terms and conditions upon which Grand Slam grants are awarded each year are subject to change at the sole discretion of Grand Slam Development Fund Committee.

Applications are now open

The primary objective of the Grand Slam Programme is to provide support to competition-related costs. Grants are provided to selected players globally to assist in two ways; the first to help develop as self-sustaining Professional tennis players and gain valuable international competitive experience. And finally, to help ensure that more nations and players will be represented in the mainstream of international competitions, particularly the Grand Slam tournaments, but also at Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, and the Olympic Games.

Each Grand Slam grant awarded will be paid in four instalments during 2022.



1- WHO MAY APPLY?

1.1 General Criteria

You are eligible to apply if you have read and meet the mandatory eligibility criteria listed below:

- a. You are from a Tier 1-3 nation as per the 2022 ITF Development Eligibility Criteria.
- b. You are either:
 - o a Junior boy player aged 15-18 years / Junior girl player aged 14-17 years, as of December 31st, 2021 (see chart below).

Juniors

Girls	Birth Year	Boys	Birth Year
Year 1	2007	Year 1	2006
Year 2	2006	Year 2	2005
Year 3	2005	Year 3	2004
Year 4	2004	Year 4	2003

or

- o a Pro man player aged 19-22 years / Pro woman player aged 18-21 years, as of December 31st,2021 (see chart below).

Pros

Women	Birth Year	Men	Birth Year
Year 1	2003	Year 1	2002
Year 2	2002	Year 2	2001
Year 3	2001	Year 3	2000
Year 4	2000	Year 4	1999

- c. You are ranked #126 and lower ATP/WTA based on the official published ATP/WTA rankings 2021.
- d. You have not accepted a full-time scholarship to attend a university or College.

Applicants should also note as follows:

- o A player could be eligible to receive a maximum 8 years of support broken down as follows: – 4 years Juniors and 4 years Pros.
- o Player eligibility will be evaluated annually (see ranking criteria below).



- A maximum of three (3) grants per Nation (either 2 Professional grants and 1 Junior grant OR 2 Junior grants and 1 Professional grant) will be distributed based on merit annually, understanding that the Grand Slam Development Fund Committee may increase this cap at their discretion.
- Junior aged players as defined above will be eligible to receive Junior grants only.

1.2 Ranking Criteria Overview

Rankings will be assessed as follows:

- For Pro men, the official ATP year end rankings published on 22 November will be used.
- For Pro women, the official WTA year end rankings published on 15 November will be used.
- For Junior boys and girls (see age eligibility above), the season high ranking as of 22 November will be used.
- You have reached one of the YELLOW, GREEN or BLACK ranking criteria for your age and gender based on the ranking deadlines above.
- You may also apply to be considered for a grant if there are no players from your region meeting the YELLOW, GREEN or BLACK ranking criteria and you have met the WHITE ranking criteria listed below.
- In the absence of a player not achieving the WHITE ranking criteria from your region, one grant will be awarded to one Junior player and one grant will be awarded to one Pro player per gender closest to the published criteria. This will be calculated by determining the required year-end or year high ranking for age & gender divided by the actual ranking achieved (see ranking deadlines above).

1.3 Specific Men / Boys Ranking Criteria

- You may apply if you meet one of the following minimum ranking criteria (YELLOW, GREEN or BLACK). See charts below.
- Men and Boys will be prioritised for a grant based on these three ranking criteria. The highest ranking criteria achieved for their age will be used. YELLOW; ahead of GREEN; ahead of BLACK). If tied (the same ranking criteria reached), then the player with the highest ranking will be prioritized for a grant. In the case players are still tied, the highest ITF ranking on 22 November will be prioritized for a grant. The men and boys' specific rankings are listed below:

YELLOW

	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs.	20 yrs.	21 yrs.	22 yrs.
ATP	1305	975	575	235	150	80	50	25
ITF	250	105	15	10	-	-	-	-

GREEN

	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs.	20 yrs.	21 yrs.	22 yrs.
ATP	1255	1165	885	595	290	210	130	100
ITF	420	190	45	20	-	-	-	-

BLACK

	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs.	20 yrs.	21 yrs.	22 yrs.
ATP	1465	1230	1090	720	470	310	255	205
ITF	520	200	55	25	-	-	-	-



If there are no players meeting the above ranking criteria from your region, you may apply if you are born between 1998 and 2006 as of December 31st, 2021 and achieve one of the below WHITE ranking criteria for your age. The maximum amount of grant awarded in the White ranking criteria will be up to \$12,500.

WHITE

	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs.	20 yrs.	21 yrs.	22 yrs.
ATP	1405	1290	1130	915	545	425	355	295
ITF	545	250	75	35	-	-	-	-

1.4 Specific Women / Girls Criteria

You may apply if you meet one of the following minimum ranking criteria. See charts below.

Women and Girls will be prioritised for a grant based on the three ranking criteria below. The highest ranking criteria achieved for their age will be used. YELLOW; ahead of GREEN; ahead of BLACK). If tied (the same ranking criteria reached), then the player with the highest ranking will be prioritized for a grant. The women and girls' specific ranking criteria are listed below:

YELLOW

	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs.	20 yrs.	21 yrs.
WTA	-	710	465	200	135	45	30	20
ITF	290	35	10	10	-	-	-	-

GREEN

	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs.	20 yrs.	21 yrs.
WTA	-	720	515	360	225	155	120	100
ITF	380	120	45	30	-	-	-	-

BLACK

	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs.	20 yrs.	21 yrs.
WTA	-	865	690	540	305	210	155	120
ITF	505	145	55	35	-	-	-	-

If there are no players meeting the above ranking criteria from your region, you may apply if you are born between 1998 and 2006 as of December 31st, 2021 and achieve one of the below WHITE criteria rankings for your age. The maximum amount of grant awarded in the White criteria will be up to \$12,500.

WHITE

	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs.	20 yrs.	21 yrs.
WTA	-	870	790	605	465	335	285	270
ITF	580	190	100	65	-	-	-	-



2- HOW DO YOU APPLY?

To apply for a Grand Slam grant, your National Association must submit a completed application form on your behalf.

Your application form must be accompanied by the supporting material identified below. Please note, the supporting material should anticipate the position as if an annual Grand Slam grant were to be awarded (e.g., your budget should be formulated on the basis that you receive the Grand Slam grant, etc.):

1. Your competition schedule for 2022
2. A detailed budget for your anticipated training and competition schedule for 2022
3. A clear set of performance ranking goals for 2022 based on your published ATP/WTA ranking (if Pro) or your year-high ranking (if Junior) at the time of your application submission
4. A clear development plan to identify the key areas where you feel you can make the greatest improvements in 2022; and
5. A letter of Good Standing¹ from your National Association (which must be no more than 3 months old as at the date the application is submitted)

All applications must be submitted either by:

- i) email sent to development@itftennis.com and Ugo.Valensi@grandslamtennis.com; or registered post sent to: International Tennis Federation, Bank Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5XZ, United Kingdom; marked for the attention Ugo Valensi, Executive Director, Grand Slam Board and Luca Santilli, ITF Executive Director, Tennis Development
- ii) Completed applications must be received by **09:00 a.m. GMT on Tuesday 07 December 2021.**

Late applications (whether received by registered post or e-mail) will NOT be considered – you are responsible for ensuring that your application is received by the applicable deadline.

¹ A National Tennis Association shall deem a player to be of good standing where he/she:

- (a) is free from a suspension imposed by his/her National Tennis Association, or by the ITF, or through the imposition of a suspension under a Code of Conduct accepted and approved by the ITF.
- (b) is accepted by his/her National Tennis Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which the National Tennis Association has selected him/her.
- (c) makes himself/herself available for selection for ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournaments, for official team championships, including the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, and accepts the jurisdiction of his/her National Tennis Association while competing in events for which they have selected him/her.
- (d) respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times.
- (e) accepts the conditions of entry of the events he/she enters, including the conditions of any Code of Conduct adopted for those events and the terms and conditions contained in the IPIN registration system.
- (f) agrees to undergo any medical control in operation at any event which he/she enters.
- (g) has not been convicted by a competent court of a country of an offence:
 - (i) in respect of which an unsuspended sentence of at least 12 months was imposed; or
 - (ii) which involved any act or omission which would reasonably be considered by the ITF to compromise the integrity of tennis, the National Tennis Association, the ITF and/or the safety of those taking part in and/or attending an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors tournament, an official team championships, the Olympic Tennis Event and Youth Olympic Tennis Event; or
- (h) has not otherwise engaged in conduct which brings his/her National Tennis Association and/or the ITF into disrepute.



3- HOW ARE THE GRAND SLAM GRANTS ALLOCATED?

The grants will be awarded via a five-stage Process.

Stage 1

For players meeting YELLOW, GREEN or BLACK ranking criteria, up to one Grand Slam grant of \$25,000 will be awarded to eligible Pro players (see definition above) and eligible Junior players (see definition above) per gender from each of the following regions:

- Africa
- Asia
- Central America and Caribbean
- Europe
- Pacific Oceania
- South America

If there are no Pro player or Junior player Grand Slam grants awarded to a region (BLACK ranking criteria or above), for players meeting the WHITE ranking criteria a grant of \$12,500 will be awarded.

In the absence of a player not achieving the WHITE ranking criteria, one grant will be awarded to a Junior player and one grant will be awarded to a Pro player per gender closest to the published criteria. This will be calculated by determining the required year-end or year high ranking for age & gender divided by the actual ranking achieved (see ranking deadlines above).

Stage 2

Up to 3 Grand Slam grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to:

- Pro players (Men and Women) achieving the highest-ranking criteria (YELLOW; ahead of GREEN; ahead of BLACK).
- If tied (the same criteria reached), then the player with the highest ranking will be prioritized for a grant.

Stage 3

Up to 3 Grand Slam grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to:

- Junior players (Boys and Girls) achieving the highest-ranking criteria (YELLOW; ahead of GREEN; ahead of BLACK).
- If tied (the same criteria reached), then the player with the highest ranking will be prioritized for a grant.

Stage 4

After the distribution of funding above (Stages 1-3), any remaining unallocated Grand Slam grant funding of either \$25,000 or \$12,500 will be awarded to:

- Either Pro players or Junior players. Distribution of the remaining unallocated funds will alternate starting with the Pro player achieving the highest-ranking criteria (YELLOW; ahead of GREEN; ahead of BLACK), followed by the Junior player achieving the highest-ranking criteria (YELLOW; ahead of GREEN; ahead of BLACK).
- If tied (the same criteria reached), then the player with the highest ranking will be prioritized for a grant.



- If there are no Pro players achieving the YELLOW, GREEN, or BLACK ranking criteria, then the remaining unallocated funds will be awarded to Juniors that do meet BLACK criteria or better.
- If there are no Junior players achieving the YELLOW, GREEN, or BLACK ranking criteria, then the remaining unallocated funds will be awarded to Pro players that do meet BLACK criteria or better.

Stage 5

After the distribution of funding above (Stages 1-4), any remaining unallocated funds of \$12,500 will be awarded to:

- Either Pro or Junior players achieving the WHITE ranking criteria.
- If tied (the same ranking criteria reached), then the player with the highest ranking will be prioritized for a grant.



CONDITIONS

The award of each Grand Slam grant is subject to certain terms and conditions. If you are selected to receive a Grand Slam grant, you will be required to enter into a legally binding agreement with the ITF (as the administrator of the fund) and Grand Slam Board (representing the Grand Slam tournaments) setting out the terms and conditions upon which this Grand Slam Player grant is awarded to you. These will include (but are not limited to):

- you must be in Good Standing with the ITF, Grand Slam tournaments and your National Association.
- you may only use your Grand Slam grant for the purposes of paying for or contributing towards your costs of fulfilling your 2022 competition plan (e.g., coaches' fee and training fees cannot be included).
- you must make yourself available to appear at Promotional events and/or to participate in tennis clinics, at the Grand Slam Committee's request, on up to 5 occasions during 2022.
- you must actively support the Grand Slam Programme on social media and provide positive statements about the Grand Slam Development Fund and the Grand Slam Player Grant Programme when speaking with any press or media.

If you are selected to receive a Grand Slam grant, it will also be subject to (without limitation) you undertaking and passing a medical assessment funded by the Grand Slam Programme.

All personal data provided to the ITF by applicants will be handled in line with the ITF Privacy Notice – Development Players, available on the ITF website at www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/privacy-notices.

4- What happens after you submit your application

Applicants will be notified whether their application was successful by 10th December 2021.