



AN INVITATION TO PLAYERS TO NOMINATE FOR THE 2011 ITF CUPS TEAMS

An invitation is extended to all players to nominate for selection for the ITF Cups teams. For this year, the closing date is Monday, December 20th and nominations can be made by completing the online nomination form at 92computing.com.au at the link below. If you do not have access to a computer to make your nomination ask a friend or get your Divisional secretary to assist you or contact me for assistance.

If you intend making a nomination, please encourage others in your age group to nominate to ensure there are sufficient entries of quality to enable a team to be selected.

Next year the Seniors will play in Christchurch, New Zealand on a hard surface commencing February 21st to March 6th. During these two weeks the Teams Championships will be conducted in the first week and the Individual Championships will be held in the second week. Because we have such a small period of time for the nomination and organization of teams, we cannot afford the luxury of players withdrawing from teams once they are selected at the end of the Australian Championships on January 23rd. Therefore, players must be certain they can afford the financial expenses associated with this commitment and that they have made suitable arrangements with their employment prior to nominating for teams. All players must have a current passport with at least six months validity from the date of entering New Zealand. Players who have not played in ITF Cups for the past four years must supply me with a photocopy of their passport for the ITF in the days immediately after selection, that is, before the end of January. In past years we have had a longer period between the end of our Championships and the start of the ITF Teams Championships, so for next year our requirements are even more stringent but this is to allow us to meet all the administrative requirements of the ITF.

The Super-Seniors will play in Turkey again at Club Ali Bey. The Teams Championships will be held October 10th -15th and the Individual Championships, 16th -23rd October. As we have plenty of time between the end of the Australian Championships and October, we do not face the same difficulties as we do with Seniors in getting teams outfitted and all administrative requirements completed.

Tennis Australia will provide Team clothing (track suit, tops/shirts, tie/scarf) and travel insurance for each player. In addition, for Seniors, Tennis Australia will provide a travel grant of \$500 for each player. This year Tennis Australia provided travel grants of \$1000 for each player travelling to Turkey for the Super-Seniors events and, we are hopeful, that it will provide this amount again in its next financial year's budget.

For the Seniors, there are teams in five year increments ranging from 35+ to 55+ and for the Super-Seniors the teams are in five year increments ranging from 60+ to 80+ for men and ranging from 60+ to 75+ for women. For Australian teams, usually three players are selected in Seniors teams and four players in Super-Seniors teams.

In the Individual Championships, players can enter a singles and a doubles in an age event for which they qualify. Entries can be made online or by 'snail mail'.

For further information, go to the ITF website at www.itftennis.com/seniors and search under the heading of World Championships and Team Championships for further details.

The criteria for selection in Australian teams can be found at www.92computing.com.au/selectioncriteria.pdf Teams are selected by panels of our National Selectors. The names of these selectors can be found on this website under 'About Us'. To nominate for a team go to www.92computing.com.au/teamsnomination.htm

Please remember to encourage other players in your age range to nominate and do the necessary preparations for selection. TSA would like representative teams in all age ranges for both Seniors and Super-Seniors

**Tom Hancy,
Honorary secretary,
October 4th, 2010**