

## **AGE ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

### **SECTION X - AGE ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

Subject to Merited Increases in sub-Section 4 below, a player under 18 years of age may participate in the specified number of Professional Tennis Tournaments ("AER Tournament Allotment") and accept the specified number of Wild Cards ("AER Wild Card Allotment") per birth year (i.e. birthday to birthday) as described below. If a player receives a Wild Card into a Professional Tennis Tournament, participation in that Tournament will count toward her AER Tournament Allotment.

i. Under 14 Years of Age

A player who has not yet reached the date of her 14th birthday may not participate in any Professional Tennis Tournament.

ii. 14 Years of Age

Between the date of a player's 14th birthday and the day before her 15th birthday, she may earn a WTA Ranking, but she may not participate in WTA Tournaments by direct acceptance or participate in the WTA Finals or WTA Elite Trophy by direct acceptance or Wild Card.

The AER Tournament Allotment and AER Wild Card Allotment for a player 14 years of age are as follows.

(a) AER Tournament Allotment

A player may participate in a maximum of eight (8) Professional Tennis Tournaments, no more than three (3) of which may be at Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events with prize money of \$60,000 and above.

(b) AER Wild Card Allotment

A player may accept a maximum of three (3) Wild Cards as follows:

- (i) One (1) Wild Card for use into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of a WTA 250 Tournament, WTA 125 Tournament, or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event;
- (ii) One (1) Wild Card for use into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of a WTA 125 Tournament or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour event; and