



CHAMPIONSHIPS **MONACO**

Athlete Friendly Education Centres (AFEC) Championships - Tennis

Monaco, 10 – 13 October 2026

**Event Information for athletes coming from schools in Europe and
Middle East**





Introduction

The World Academy of Sport (WAOs)

WAOs delivers learning programmes for sports and event participants - athletes, managers, administrators, officials and coaches - through a series of tailored educational programmes.

The AFEC Accreditation

Among many other initiatives, WAOs has created the “Athlete Friendly Education Centre” (“AFEC”) accreditation, with the aspiration to support the creation of, and acknowledge the programmes of, schools and learning centres that support athletes to achieve both their education and athletic goals.

AFEC Championships Series

As part of the AFEC initiative, WAOs has launched the AFEC Championships Series, an ever-expanding portfolio of international sport competitions coupled with relevant educational sessions. These opportunities are primarily available to student-athletes from AFEC-accredited schools and their respective host communities.

Benefits for AFEC Schools

The Championships Series offer an added benefit to AFEC accredited schools, allowing them to unite and celebrate their dedication to sports. These accredited schools are given guaranteed access to AFEC Championships Series events, offering a unique international competition opportunity to their student-athletes.

Moreover, AFEC schools can host qualification tournaments or trials at their own locations to select participants for the Series events. This helps them promote their athlete-friendly status and publicize the exclusive international competition opportunities they offer to young athletes.

Finally, a special discount is available for AFEC accredited schools, in comparison to the rest of the participants.

Benefits for the participating athletes

Through experiential activities and exchange of best practice, the AFEC Championships will provide an opportunity for the student-athletes with talent in the related sports to obtain a unique experiential learning experience that can help in their career pathway within or outside sport in the future, by enhancing their soft skills in aspects such as inclusive thinking and acting, cultural awareness and competing in an international environment.

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Championships Information

The Championships will take place in Monaco and its surrounding area in Southern France, in the period 10-13 October 2026.

The arrival day for the participants is the 9th of October, and the departure day is the 14th of October 2026.



Organizers

The International School of Monaco (ISM), already a member of the AFEC school network, has been assigned the honour and responsibility to be the host school of the event, assisted in this task by the WAoS.

Eligible participants

Student-athletes, boys, and girls, representing or nominated by AFEC Schools and from the host community are eligible to apply to compete in the Championships, subject to meeting the following criteria:

- Age: Under 18 (born in 2009 or younger)
- Categories (the categories are indicative and might change):
 - Under 18 Boys (born in 2009 or younger)
 - Under 18 Girls (born in 2009 or younger)
 - Under 15 Boys (born in 2012 or younger)
 - Under 15 Girls (born in 2012 or younger)
 - Under 13 Boys (born in 2014 or younger)
 - Under 13 Girls (born in 2014 or younger)
 - Under 11 Boys & Girls (born in 2016 or younger)

Surfaces and Venues

The Round Robin matches and the semi-finals will be played in hard surface courts and will be held in the premises of **Tennis Padel Soleil**, located at 1690 Avenue des Combattants en Afrique du N, 06240 Beausoleil, France.

The finals will be played in red clay and be held in the premises of **Monte-Carlo Country Club**, the same site that hosts the iconic ATP 1000 Masters tournament each Spring.

Competition Format

The Championships will feature around 80 participants, boys and girls, separated into up to seven distinct categories who will play singles matches.

The players will be divided in groups, and a round robin format will apply for each group. The winners of each group will qualify to the knock-out phase (quarter finals or semi-finals), which will be played in day 3. The winners of the semi-finals will compete in the final in day 4.

There may be a maximum of two matches per day for a player.

All matches are best of 3 sets, with the no-ad rule applying for winning a game. If a 3rd set is required, this will be a super tie-break (winner needs to reach 10 points, with 2 points margin).

All other ITF rules for juniors' competitions apply. You may find these rules in the following link:
<https://www.itftennis.com/media/7221/2026-rules-of-tennis-english.pdf>

Depending on the actual registrations, the above format is subject to changes. However, even if a different format is selected in the end, based on the final registrations, it will be ensured that each player will play at least two matches.



Seeding

The players with the highest seeding in ITF Juniors Rankings will be seeded and will be allocated into different groups

Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of all categories of boys' and girls' tournaments. Indicatively, the value of the gifts to be awarded is structured as follows:

- Winner: Gift, of a value equivalent to €900-1,000
- Runner up: Gift, of a value equivalent to €400-450

Referring and other duties

The umpires of Round Robin stage will be appointed from among the participating players. All participating players are required to make themselves available for at least one referring duty per day, for the first three days.

Supervisor referees will be roving among courts in the Round Robin stage and will officiate the finals.

Associated events

Educational workshops

During the week of the Championships, all athletes are invited to attend two educational workshops organized by the WAoS and hosted in ISM premises.

topics of the sessions are part of the Olympian Empowerment Coaching Programme and are tailored to the specific needs and development of young athletes. Provisional topics are:

- Performance
- Injury Management
- Nutrition
- Overcoming Challenges
- Dual Career Pathways
- Identity & Values
- Health, Wellbeing and Mindfulness
- Transitions in Sport

The sessions will be delivered by two of the Olympians – WAoS AFEC Assessors' team. The exact selection of the workshops' themes, the timing and presenters will be announced closer to the event.

Social events

A Welcome reception will be offered by the ISM, in the evening of the arrivals' day, in the premises of the school.

During the days of the events, social activities will be offered to international athletes, enriching the cultural aspect of the tournament. Details will be announced in due course.

After the conclusion of the finals, in the evening of the last day, a Farewell Dinner will be offered by the ISM, and it may be combined with the award ceremonies.



Registration Processes

Application form

To register your interest please fill in the following linked form:

<https://waos.wufoo.com/forms/ql5k1ta00tiglg/>

Application period

Applications from schools will be received **until June 30th 2026**. Schools are strongly advised to submit their applications early.

During the application period, schools may select to apply for slots in the Championships via the “entry by number” choice. This way, they may secure the slots for their athletes into the event, while the exact individual players may be decided and nominated later. This is particularly useful for schools who wish to organize qualification tournaments or other nomination procedures.

Fees & payment schedule

The participation fees for the international student-athletes are €950 per player for AFEC Accredited Schools and €1050 per player for non-AFEC Schools.

The participation fee for escorts / players entourage is €850 per escort for AFEC Accredited Schools and €950 per escort for non-AFEC Schools. It is expected that the athletes of a participating school will be accompanied by at least one escort appointed by the school.

Besides participation in the tournament (for the players), the above fee covers the accommodation for 5 days in a twin room in the event hotel (see below for details), breakfast at the event hotel, the airport transfers to/from Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, the ground transportation to/from the competition sites, participation in the educational workshops, and the attendance in the Welcome Reception and the Farewell Dinner. International players and escorts will need to cover their own flights' cost.

For international competitors and escorts, 20% of the registration fee of all requested delegation members (players and escorts) needs to be paid to the ISM Bank Account specified in the Registration Form, for the application to be valid (within 10 days following acceptance of their application).

The remaining fee is to be paid upon finalization of registration, that is to be made by the organizers by the end of June 2026. In case that the advance payment exceeds the fees of that correspond to the final delegation size, a refund will be made. The payment of the full entry fee secures a slot in the Championships. and is not refundable.

Accommodation site

All international participants will stay in the official event hotel:

You can find more information about the hotel in the following link: <https://www.hotel-victoria.fr/fr/index.html>



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Transfers

Transfers for international participants will be organized via coaches in pre-specified times among the airport, the hotel, the ISM premises and the competition sites, as relevant for each day and time of the day.

Meals

International participants residing in the hotel will have breakfast included in the room rate; during the competition dates, participants will have lunch at the competition venues.

More information

For queries or additional information please contact WAoS in the following email address:
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