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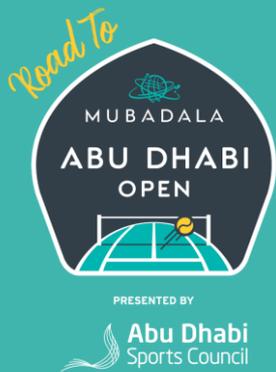


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## Do I need to be registered with the UAE Tennis Federation in order to play in Road to MADO tournaments?

- Yes, players competing in the Road to MADO series must be registered with the UAE Tennis Federation, details of which can be found at <https://uaetennis.ae/Register/Step/Registration> or by contacting [info@uaetennis.ae](mailto:info@uaetennis.ae)

## Are the standard UAE Tennis Federation rules applicable to Road to MADO tournaments?

- Yes, Road to MADO tournaments will be organized and played in accordance with the UAE Tennis Federation rules and regulations, a list of which can be found here <https://uaetennis.ae/Official/Rules>

## What are the available age categories for the Road to MADO series?

- The programme is open to all players across the following age categories for juniors - U12, U14, U16, U18. The adults categories will be available for Mens, Women's and Over 35's.

## Are there prize available for each Road to MADO tournament?

- Yes, prizes are available for all tournaments within the Road to MADO series. Prize/Voucher structure will follow a standard format per category and more information can be found on the tournament registration page.

## What prizes are available to the overall Road to MADO series winners?

- Overall winners of the Road to MADO will be awarded with various prizes including an all expenses paid coaching course at the renowned Juan Carlos Ferrero Academy in Spain for U14 and U16 categories, as well as private coaching lessons for U12, U18 categories, and opportunity to be a hitting partner at the Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open WTA 500 event in February
- Other prizes will include hospitality experiences during Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open, vouchers for tennis equipment, merchandise and much more



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## How do I register to a tournament?

- To view and register the open tournaments please visit <https://te.s-pin.com/> where all Road to MADO tournaments will be listed. To request the full UAE Tennis Circuit calendar please contact [info@uaetennis.ae](mailto:info@uaetennis.ae)
- If you are unable to register through the online portal please contact the host academy for the particular tournament or [info@uaetennis.ae](mailto:info@uaetennis.ae)

## Do points won at Road to MADO tournaments count towards my official UAE Tennis Ranking?

- Yes, points won at Road to MADO tournaments will count towards a players official UAE Tennis Ranking, as well as their Road to MADO series Ranking.

## Where are the Road to MADO tournaments being held?

- Road to MADO tournaments will be hosted by select academies in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Fujairah. Details for each tournament will be released on the tennis calendar and can be found on the official UAE Tennis Portal <https://te.s-pin.com/>, or on the UAE Federation [Ranking Circuit](#) website the when the tournament registration is open.

## When will the Road to MADO tournaments take place?

- The first Road to MADO tournaments are scheduled to start on 29<sup>th</sup> September and all tournaments will be announced and released on the UAE Tennis tournament portal <https://te.s-pin.com/> or on the UAE Federation [Ranking Circuit](#) website the when the tournament registration is open
- The Road to MADO series will conclude in December and will be followed by the Playoff's in January and the Finals taking place during the Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open in February.

## What is my Road to MADO ranking?

- Points won at the Road to MADO events will count towards a players Road to MADO Ranking. The top 8 players from each Road to MADO category will progress to a Playoff series with the overall winners being awarded with some incredible prizes



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## What Grade are the Road to MADO tournaments?

- In 2023, the junior series will consist of 4 x Grade A tournaments and 3 x Grade B categories per age category. The adult series will consist of 3 x Grade A tournaments. The programme will be expanded in 2024 to include more tournaments per category.

## What is a Grade A tournament?

- A Grade A tournament is the highest level tournament available to play on the UAE circuit and is introduced as part of the launch of the Road to MADO series. Each Grade A tournament will have 2000 points available and Officials/Umpires will be provided for the semi-final and final matches of each tournament.

## What is the draw size of each tournament?

- Each tournament will have a draw size of 32 players with 28 direct acceptance, 2 Wild Cards from the host academy and 2 wild cards from the UAE Tennis Federation
- Players registering online will have priority entry over manual registrations, in line with UAE Federation rules

## What will be the match format of each tournament?

- The standard UAE Tennis Federation match format and rules will be followed, which can be found here <https://uaetennis.ae/Official/Rules>

## How many points can be won at Road to MADO tournaments?

- The Road to MADO tournaments will consist of a series of Grade A (2000 points for the winner) and Grade B (1,000 points) tournaments.

## How will the points system be calculated for Road to MADO rankings?

- For Juniors the total points claimed from 4 x Mandatory Grade A and 3 x Mandatory Grade B Road to MADO events will be counted
- For adults the total points claimed from 3 x Mandatory Grade A Road to MADO events will be counted



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## Tournament Entry Fees:

- Entry Fees will be charged in line with the UAE Federation guidelines

## When is the Order of Play released and what is the rules for Withdrawals?

- The Order of Play will be released on the Wednesday prior to each tournament
- Player withdrawals are not accepted and the Federation has the right to ban the player from all Grade A or B events for the current year, unless a justifiable reason for withdrawal is presented.

## Can I join more than one age category?

- In line with the UAE Tennis Federation Age Group System, players will be eligible to join up to two age category. If a player joins 2 categories and finish the series ranked in the Top 8 of both categories, the player must select only one category to play in the playoffs.

## Contact details:

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