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The International Club Junior Challenge Finals

The world finals of the IC 16 and under Junior Challenge will now take place in Delhi from 13th-19th December this year (having been deferred from April), at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association centre. This event will be staged by The International Lawn Tennis Club of India, with assistance from the AITA .

This is the culmination of Junior Challenges held on each continent, with the winning six countries competing to be the best IC team in the world.

The teams are :

New Zealand (holders), **Germany**, **Great Britain**, **USA**, **Brazil** and **India**, whose teams respectively won the **Australasian**, **European (GB Runners-up)**, **N American**, **S American** and **Asian IC Junior Challenges**.

In all, 23 countries took part and this is the third time the two year event has been staged.

The day before the event, competitors will be helping to run a clinic for children from an orphanage in the region, as part of the IC's strategy of giving opportunities to experience tennis to underprivileged children all over the world.

The Compass Group, the principal sponsors, provide funds for the European event and assist with air travel for teams getting to the final. We are pleased to announce that Compass sponsorship is in place for the next six years of IC Junior Challenges.

All spectators will be warmly welcomed, so please put a note in your diary if you are likely to be in the area at that time.

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