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TO: PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

RE: NO SERVICE LET RULE

I am writing to follow-up on Tennis Canada's plans to implement the "No Service Let" rule this summer.

The ITF has initiated the rule in 2018 as follows:

No Service Lets – ITF Junior Circuit and ITF Junior Team Competitions

Service lets will not be played at any level in the above competitions, including the ITF Junior Masters and the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Event. If the serve hits the net and goes into the correct service box, the ball will be in play. This rule change aims to reduce disputes in junior matches, which are largely played without a chair umpire. It is consistent with the ATP Next Generation 21 & under event.

Tennis Canada will implement the "No Service Let" rule at the following events this summer:

- ✓ **National Junior Open Series events (U12-U16)**
- ✓ **2018 Outdoor Junior Nationals (U12-U18)**

In addition, as per ITF rules it will be in effect at all ITF Junior events in Canada, and worldwide.

Many Provincial Associations have already adopted the rule with positive results. If you have not already done so, then I encourage you to implement the rule at all Outdoor Junior Selection events and Provincial/Regional Championships leading to the National junior events. This will allow all players the opportunity to compete using the rule prior to participating at the National level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require assistance with the new rule.

Sincerely,

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