

## **AGE MANIPULATION ISSUE IN TENNIS**

AITA has an effective player registration system in place and a strong set of documentation is required to get the registration done as a player. This is extremely important as it ensures that the registration is obtained with valid Government documentation.

The registration of a player is granted only on submission of both of the following documents:-

1. Birth Certificate issued by Competent Authority within one year of the birth .
2. School Bona fide certificate on the letterhead of the school, with the picture of the player , signature and stamp of the school Principal.  
Or  
Copy of Passport

This registration process is followed strictly and the source of information on a players age is strictly the government documents produced by the parents of the players. The aim behind the same is to help control age manipulation, as we at AITA are committed to tackle the age manipulation issue.

In the recently concluded Executive Committee Meeting of AITA , it has been decided to form a 3 member committee comprising of :-

Mr Puneet Gupta  
Mr P F Montes  
Mr Vivek Sharma

The Committee will be receiving and tackling any age manipulation complaints. Any Complaint as regard to possible age manipulation is to be forwarded to this committee with relevant documentary evidence and a draft of Rs 2000/- as security, so that Committee can take further action.

AITA will at the same time be also touching base with the Sports Ministry as regard to the Sports Code for age manipulation.

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