

Vanguard Stars★
international
circuit
sub10 — 11

REGULATION

Vanguard Stars★ 2025

Vanguard Stars is a tournament circuit for the **Under 10** and **Under 11** categories, both boys and girls, sponsored and organized by **Vanguard Properties**.

For more information, please visit our website: www.vanguard-stars.com.



A. THE VANGUARD STARS CIRCUIT

1. The Vanguard Stars Circuit consists of tournaments held across two different countries: Portugal and Spain.

Madrid (29–30 March)

Lisbon (26–27 April)

Valencia (7–8 June)

Porto (5–6 July)

Algarve (13–14 September)

Seville (11–12 October)

2. At the end of the year, on 22–23 November, the International Masters will take place in Portugal, where the top 10 players in each category will compete.

3. The Circuit is open to all tennis players holding a valid federation license in Spain and/or Portugal who are 11 years old or younger as of 31 December of the competition year.

4. A) Under 11 / Yellow Group: players who are 11 years old or younger before 31 December of the current year.

B) Under 10 / Green Group: players who are 10 years old or younger before 31 December of the current year. The minimum age is 8 years old.

5. All Vanguard Stars Circuit tournaments in Spain will be governed by the rules of the Royal Spanish Tennis Federation, and in Portugal, by the Portuguese Tennis Federation. The Competition Technical Committee — composed of the Head Referee, the Circuit Director, and the Director of Vanguard Stars — may rule on any exceptional situation.

B. REGISTRATION

1. Registrations for the tournaments held in Portugal must be made through the website www.vanguard-stars.com. In Spain, registrations will be made through the website www.vanguard-stars.com and, exclusively for the Madrid tournament, also through the Madrid Tennis Federation platform (campeonatos.ftm.es). Foreign players may request an invitation by emailing info@vanguard-stars.com.

2. Registration opening dates will be published two months before each tournament and announced on the website www.vanguard-stars.com and Vanguard Stars' social media channels.

3. Registration deadlines are as follows:
Madrid: Thursday, 20 March at 18:00
Lisbon: Thursday, 17 April
Valencia: Thursday, 29 May at 18:00
Porto: Thursday, 26 June at 18:00
Algarve: Thursday, 4 September at 18:00
Seville: Thursday, 2 October at 18:00

4. Once all registrations have been received, the organization will publish a list of accepted players and a list of “alternates.” A player will only be considered accepted after receiving confirmation by email.

5. The draw will take place on the Wednesday afternoon before the tournament and will be published on Tietennis, the platform where results can also be followed.

6. The registration fee is €20, to be paid on-site before the opening ceremony and/or before the player's first match.

7. Failure to attend the tournament does not exempt the player from paying the registration fee.

8. Players will only be allowed to participate if they have settled all fees from previous tournaments, including those held in other countries.

9. The number of accepted players will be limited and announced by the organization for each tournament. The total number will range between 176 and 256 players across all categories, with the following category-specific limits:

Under 10 boys: maximum 64 players

Under 10 girls: minimum 32, maximum 64 players

Under 11 boys: minimum 48, maximum 64 players

Under 11 girls: minimum 32, maximum

64 players

Players will be selected based on the following criteria:

- a. Country representation ratio, based on the number of admitted players. In all other cases, preference will be given to players from the host country;
- b. Participation in other Vanguard Stars Circuit tournaments;
- c. Vanguard Stars Circuit ranking;
- d. Birth year 2015 for the Under 10 category;
- e. Order of registration;
- f. Behavior in previous Vanguard Stars Circuit tournaments.

10. Each player may only participate in one category per tournament.

11. Winners of a tournament will not have to pay the registration fee for the next Vanguard Stars Circuit tournament of the same year.

C. THE COMPETITION

1. The tournament will take place over a single weekend, in a marathon format, from Saturday to Sunday.

2. Each category will have a limited number of players:

Under 10 boys: 64 players

Under 10 girls: 32 to 64 players

Under 11 boys: 48 to 64 players

Under 11 girls: 32 to 64 players

3. The competition will follow a combined format, with a group stage followed by a knockout phase:

a. Round Robin – Group Stage: groups of 4 players. Groups will be drawn automatically, with players distributed according to the draw.

b. Knockout Stage: the top two players from each group will advance to the elimination phase.

4. The organization reserves the right to adopt a different format in cases of force majeure.

5. Match Format:

a. Each player may play a maximum of 5 matches per day.

b. Group Stage – one set of 4 games (a 2-game difference is required in case of a 3–3 tie). If the score reaches 4–4, a traditional tie-break will be played. A “deciding point” (no-ad scoring) will be used at deuce (40–40) and at 6–6 in the tie-break.

c. Knockout Stage: same format as the group stage.

6. All matches will be played on full-sized tennis courts.

7. The Circuit will use Wilson balls, the official balls of the Circuit:

a. Under 10: green dot balls

b. Under 11: regular balls

8. The tournament will have a head referee and assistant referees/court supervisors for each match, who will assist the Head Referee in their duties. These assistant referees/court supervisors are responsible for ensuring the smooth running of matches, correcting the score in case of errors or overruling any incorrect calls made by the players. In case of doubt or disagreement between players, the point will be replayed the first time. In the event of a rule violation, the progression will be: a verbal warning or “soft warning” (depending on severity), followed by an official “warning,” and finally, loss of a point. The purpose of the assistant referees/supervisors is to help players improve their attitude and behavior.

9. In the event of a points tie between two players in the group stage, the result of the match between those two players will determine the tiebreak. In the case of a tie between three or more players, the following criteria will be applied in order until the tie is resolved:

a. Difference between games won and games lost.

b. Number of games won.

c. Draw.

10. Attendance at the opening ceremony on Saturday morning is mandatory for all players. The final time will be announced by the organization in the days prior to the start of the competition.

11. Attendance is also mandatory for finalists and semi-finalists at the tournament's prize-giving ceremony.

12. In the event of rain, the organization reserves the right to change the court surface, alternating between clay and hard courts, and/or to modify the match format.

D. OS PRÉMIOS

1. All participating players will receive a welcome pack valued at €120, including Joma-branded items: a t-shirt, a pair of shorts or a skirt, and a tracksuit — provided they attend the opening ceremony and collect the pack beforehand.

2. Each tournament will also feature various prizes from the Joma brand.



Male option

Female option

3. In order to determine the ranking for the Vanguard Stars International Masters, all players will earn points based on the round they reach in each tournament. The points distribution is as follows:

- Winner: 15 points
- Finalist: 12 points
- 3rd place: 10 points
- 4th place: 9 points
- Quarter-finals: 6 points
- Round of 16: 4 points
- Round of 32: 2 points
- Group stage: 1 point

4. In addition to the above, the top four players in each tournament will receive the following Joma sports equipment prizes:

Winner:



Male option



Female option



Finalist:



Male option



Female option



3rd place:



2. The top 10 players in each category will qualify for the International Masters.

3. To be eligible for qualification, players must participate in at least two tournaments.

4. In cases of unsportsmanlike conduct, the organization reserves the right to exclude any player from the International Masters.

5. In addition to the points earned in each tournament based on the round reached, players will also receive participation bonus points toward qualification for the Vanguard Stars International Masters:

- a. Participation in 2 tournaments: 2 points
- b. Participation in 3 tournaments: 4 points
- c. Participation in 4 tournaments: 6 points
- d. Participation in 5 tournaments: 9 points
- e. Participation in 6 tournaments: 10 points

4th place:



6. In the event of a tie between players for qualification, the following criteria will be applied in order:

- a. Head-to-head results in the Vanguard Stars Circuit
- b. Highest rounds reached in tournaments
- c. Number of tournaments played
- d. "Good Player" awards
- e. National ranking (for players from the same country)
- f. Draw

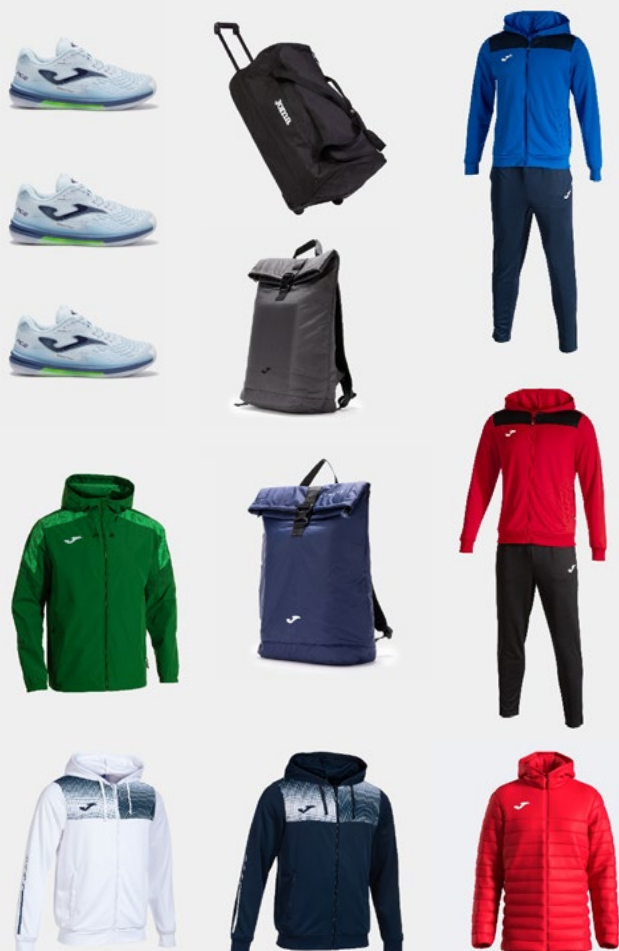
5. The top four players will also receive a commemorative trophy.

E. ACCESS TO THE MASTERS

1. The six Vanguard Stars tournaments held across Portugal and Spain will serve as qualifying events for the International Masters, which will take place in Portugal at the end of the year.

7. As in the previous tournaments, the International Masters will also award Joma sports equipment to the top four players:

Winner:



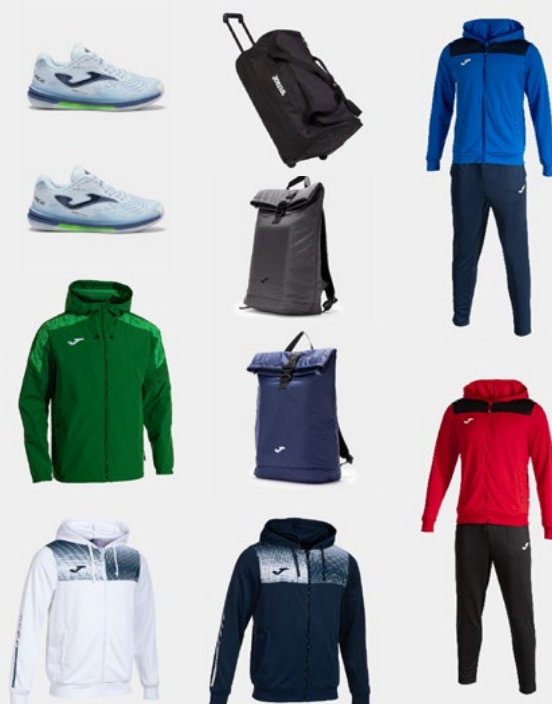
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Female option



Finalist:



Male option



Female option



3rd place:



Male option



Female option



4th place:



8. The winners of the Masters in each category will be recognized as the Vanguard Stars Circuit 2025 champions.

F. DATA PROTECTION AND IMAGE COLLECTION

1. Vanguard Eagle – Asset Management, Lda. (“Vanguard Stars”) – headquartered at Edifício Forum Tivoli, Av. da Liberdade, 180 A, 7th floor, 1250-146 Lisbon, Portugal – is the legal entity responsible for processing the personal data of the players and their guardians (parents or legal representatives) collected in the context of the tournament.

2. The data will be processed for the purposes of registration and management of participation in the Circuit and/or tournament (including prize delivery), as well as for the promotion of this and future tournaments.

3. Vanguard Stars collects the following personal data for the purpose of player registration: the player’s full name, gender, and date of birth; and the full name, email address, and phone number of the player’s guardian (mother, father, or legal representative).

4. During the tournament, and with the consent of the players’ guardians, Vanguard Stars may collect images (photo or video) and audio of the players for documentation

of the tournament and promotion of Vanguard Stars Circuits (current and future), without limitation of time, format, or medium — for example, through Vanguard Stars’ websites and social media platforms (such as Facebook, Messenger, Instagram, WhatsApp, Twitter, TikTok). This use does not entitle players or their guardians to any monetary compensation. Personal data will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection regulations, ensuring its security and confidentiality.

5. Vanguard Stars may share personal data with other entities (“data processors”) for the purposes mentioned above, in accordance with contracts established with those entities. The players’ personal data (full name and license number) may be shared with clubs organizing the Circuit’s tournaments for draw and match management, as well as with the relevant Tennis Federations for the preparation and publication of player rankings based on match results. Data may also be shared with third parties to comply with legal obligations or lawful orders from competent authorities (such as the Spanish Data Protection Agency or the Portuguese Data Protection Authority) or courts.

6. The personal data of players and their guardians will be retained for 24 months after collection. Tournament photos and videos will be retained for three years after the end of the Circuit.

7. In accordance with applicable laws, guardians may at any time request access, rectification, deletion, objection to processing, restriction of processing, or data portability of their own personal data and of the players’, within the legal limits, by contacting Vanguard Stars at Edifício Tivoli Forum, Av. da Liberdade, 180 A – 7th floor, 1250-146 Lisbon, or by email at info@vanguard-stars.com.

8. As permitted by law, guardians may withdraw their consent for the processing of non-mandatory data at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on prior consent.

9. Without prejudice to any other administrative or legal remedy, guardians have the right to lodge a complaint with the Spanish Data Protection Agency, the Portuguese Data Protection Authority, or any other legally competent supervisory authority if they believe that the processing of personal data relating to them or the player under their responsibility infringes the data protection regulations in force.

10. Guardians acknowledge that completing the registration form is necessary and mandatory to ensure the player's participation in the tournament and the delivery of prizes. Registration and participation in the tournament imply full acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in this Regulation. If Vanguard Stars is unable to identify the player using the provided information, the tournament registration will be considered invalid.

G. CONTACT

1. If you have any questions or need further information, you can contact us through the following channels:
Email: info@vanguard-stars.com
Address: Edifício Tivoli Forum, Av. da Liberdade, 180 A – 7th floor, 1250-146 Lisbon, Portugal
Website: www.vanguard-stars.com

2. The Circuit Director is Javier Viguera, and the Head Referee is Alexandre Sanches.

3. There are several hotels near the venue for all interested participants. Accommodation offers will be announced prior to each tournament.

MADRID

Ciudad de la Raqueta
29 — 30 março

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LISBOA

Centro Desportivo
do Jamor
26 — 27 abril

VALENCIA

Club Español de Tenis
7 — 8 junho

PORTO

Complexo Desportivo
do Monte Aventura
5 — 6 julho

ALGARVE

Vale do Lobo
Tennis Academy
13 — 14 setembro

SEVILHA

Federación
Andaluza de Tenis
11 — 12 outubro

MASTERS

Centro Alto
Rendimento FPT
22 — 23 novembro



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