

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# FEDEX ATP BALL KIDS PROGRAMME TO CONTINUE AT 2019 NITTO ATP FINALS

LONDON – The ATP and FedEx Corp (NYSE:FDX) are once again offering 30 children the chance to be Ball Kids at the Nitto ATP Finals in London, UK, this November as part of the FedEx ATP Ball Kids programme which aims to give aspiring youngsters the opportunity to develop new skills through teamwork, sportsmanship and the adoption of a healthy lifestyle.



This year's collaboration follows the programme's successful launch at the prestigious season-ending event last year and offers the opportunity for 24 talented UK-based youngsters and 6 international kids to be a part of the season finale at The O2 from 10-17 November 2019.

UK-based children aged from 12 to 16 can register to join the FedEx ATP Ball Kids Trial on 30 June at the Royal Berkshire Club (Bracknell, UK). This will be the occasion to select the 24 kids based on their attitude, dedication, abilities and skills which will then be improved during a

five-day Training Camp later in October, where all ball kids will be invited to start bonding together as a team.

## Kids must register here by Monday, 24 June 2019

Meanwhile four successful international FedEx Ball Kids have already been selected during two of the FedEx-sponsored tournaments earlier in the season:

Two talented 14-year-old girls residing in Dubai have been chosen at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships - Steffi Bojica from Romania and Coumba Ben from the Maldives.

A girl and a boy, both 14, have been selected for their outstanding abilities by the Rio Open presented by Claro - Raissa Martins Pereira and Joao Gabriel Felix Torres.

The final two international FedEx Ball Kids will be selected later this year during the Rolex Shanghai Masters in October. All six international ball kids will be flown to the Nitto ATP Finals in London in November.

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Chris Kermode, ATP Executive Chairman and President, said: "After the outstanding success of the collaboration between the FedEx Ball Kids programme and the Nitto ATP Finals last year, it is exciting to see its return this year, bringing with it the opportunity for more talented youngsters to experience world-class tennis at the very heart of the action."

Wouter Roels, Senior Vice President, International Marketing, FedEx Express, said: "We are delighted to continue our sponsorship of the FedEx ATP Ball Kids programme and once again create possibilities for a global team of Ball Kids to join together in London. Sport creates the opportunities to develop new skills, such as teamwork and sportsmanship. Alongside our continued sponsorship of professional ATP tournaments around the world, we are excited about delivering more opportunities for young people through tennis."

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#### **About the Nitto ATP Finals**

The Nitto ATP Finals is the year-end climax to the men's professional tennis season, featuring only the world's best eight qualified singles players and doubles teams as they battle it out for the last title of the season. Players compete for ATP Rankings points throughout the season in a bid to earn one of the eight coveted berths and a chance to win the biggest indoor tennis tournament in the world. Played using a round-robin format, each player plays three matches as they compete for a berth in the knockout semi-finals and beyond. The prestigious tournament has been contested in major cities around the world with a rich history dating back to the birth of The Masters in 1970 in Tokyo. Since 2000 the event has taken place in cities such as Lisbon, Sydney, and Shanghai. In 2009 the tournament was moved to London, where it will be played through 2020, before moving to Turin in 2021. For more information, please visit www.NittoATPFinals.com

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