

Tennis By-laws

Section 1 – Competition Rules

1.1 The Tennis competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations they shall also operate in accordance with the current Rules and Regulations of the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

1.2 Match Regulations

All matches shall be the best of 3 sets, with a tie break at 6 - 6 in each set. A Championship tie-break game may be played in place of a 3rd set in the event of inclement weather, or due to lack of time. If a Round Robin format is used, the Championship tie-break game will apply in place of the 3rd set in the Group part of the event.

Section 2 – General

2.1 Island Representation

2.1.1 Member Islands may bring a maximum of 5 men and 5 women players to the Games.

2.1.2 Individual Competition

2.1.2.1 Singles

Men a maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island

Women a maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island

2.1.2.2 Doubles

Men a maximum of 2 pairs per Member Island

Women a maximum of 2 pairs per Member Island

2.1.2.3 **Mixed Doubles** a maximum of 4 pairs per Member Island

2.1.3 Team Competition

A maximum of 1 Mens Team and 1 Ladies Team each to consist of a maximum of 4 players and a minimum of 2 players.

2.2 Age of Competitors

2.2.1 All players must have reached their 14th birthday by the day of the Opening Ceremony of that Games.

2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangements for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee.

2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Tournament Referee and an Assistant Referee if Tennis is being played at more than 1 site. Referees must be suitably qualified.

2.3.3 As a minimum Scorers should be provided for the Team Event finals and for Individual Event semi-finals and finals.

- 2.3.4 The Referee shall be required to:
- Keep a hard copy record of ALL matches, including Individual matches within the Team Event
 - Record all tie-break scores
 - Correctly record a score at the point of a retirement (a match ended midway through, usually by injury) e.g. 6-2, 2-0 retired, or if the match never started as a “walkover”
 - Ensure that the nominated player order is STRICTLY adhered to in the Team Events.
 - Authorise/oversee the result input in the computer system before it is released for general viewing.
- 2.3.5 The computer results system should incorporate the seeding numbers in all draws.
- 2.3.6 The computer results system should record the tie-break scores i.e. 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (5-7), 6-4.
- 2.3.7 In the event of the ITF appointing an International Observer that person shall have the rights given to him/her by the ITF Rules.

2.4 Events

2.4.1 Individual

Men's Singles

Ladies Singles

Men's Doubles

Ladies Doubles

In addition Mixed Doubles will be played at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.4.2 Team

Men's Team Event

Ladies Team Event

2.4.3 Competition Programme

The priority order of events will be: -

- Team Event
- Men's and Ladies Singles
- Men's and Ladies Doubles
- Mixed Doubles.

2.5 Training

- 2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 2.5.2 Where possible courts should be available for practice for a minimum of 2 days prior to competition commencing. Courts should be available for all surfaces that are to be used during the Games

2.6 Draw

- 2.6.1 The Technical Committee in conjunction with the Tournament Referee will draw up the seeding for the Member Islands for the Team Event and the players for the Individual and Doubles Events. Due notice will be taken of all seeding produced by the different National Bodies, inclusive of the Host Island.
- 2.6.2 Any Draw may be supervised by the International Observer, if present, and the Tournament Referee (or his/her representative) and will be made by the Technical Committee.
- 2.6.3 The Draw for the Team Events should be done prior to the start of the events. All Teams should play at least once on the 1st day so those standards may be assessed for the Individual Events, the draw for which will take place on the conclusion of the Team Events.
- 2.6.4 Each Team should send their Team Manager, or a representative, to all draws that take place during the Games.

2.7 Venues

Details of the court surfaces to be used must be passed on to Member Islands as soon as possible.

2.8 Equipment

- 2.8.1 New balls will be used for each match. A minimum of 3 will be provided by the Organising Committee.
- 2.8.2 The winner of each match will return the balls and the match score to the Tennis office, and discover where and when their next match will take place.
- 2.8.3 The Organising Committee will decide on the make and type of ITF APPROVED, recognised championship tennis balls to be used at all Games matches.
- 2.8.4 Member Islands should be notified of the match balls decision a minimum of 4 months before the commencement of the Games.
- 2.8.5 Teams should bring their own balls for practice.
- 2.8.6 Teams should bring their own Island flag or emblem to decorate the Tennis area.

2.9 Clothing

- 2.9.1 The ITF regulation for clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.
- 2.9.2 Suitable Tennis clothing and shoes must be worn by all competitors in Games matches.
- 2.9.3 The name of the Member Island may be displayed on a player's kit. In addition, the sponsors' logo must be within the limitation specified in current IIGA and ITF rules.

2.10 Medical

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

2.11 Medals

2.11.1 Medals will be awarded as follows:

- Men's Singles 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (losing semi-finalists)
- Ladies' Singles 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (losing semi-finalists)
- Men's Doubles 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (losing semi-finalists)
- Ladies' Doubles 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (losing semi-finalists)
- Mixed Doubles 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (losing semi-finalists)
- Men's Team up to 4 Gold, up to 4 Silver, up to 4 Bronze
- Ladies Team up to 4 Gold, up to 4 Silver, up to 4 Bronze

2.11.2 Should any event not be completed, no medals for that event will be awarded, except where the event has reached the medal stage. If the semi-final stage has been reached but not completed each semi-finalist shall be entitled to a Bronze medal. If the semi-finals have been completed but it is not possible to hold the final Bronze medals will be awarded to the defeated semi-finalists and Silver medals to each of the finalists.

2.11.3 There will be two Bronze medals awarded in each event i.e. each losing semi-finalist shall receive a medal providing that they have not been defaulted under the Code of Conduct.

2.11.4 Should a Team earn medals all nominated players will receive a medal, regardless of whether or not they played.

2.12 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Tournament Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

Section 3 - Technical Committee**3.1 Appointment**

The Technical Committee will be appointed at each Games Post-Competition Meeting and shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Members – a Chairman, Secretary plus up to 4 Members. Both of the future Host Islands (if applicable) should be represented and if at all possible at least 1 of the positions should be permanent e.g. Secretary or Chairman to ensure continuity.

3.2 Meetings

The Technical Committee will meet if necessary at any time during the Games. In the period between the Games the Technical Committee will act as an advisory/consultative body on any matters arising.

Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Meetings

- 4.1** The Pre and Post-Competition Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Host Island Sports Co-ordinator and shall be attended by the Technical Committee and up to 2 representatives from each competing Member Island Team.
- 4.2** The Jury of Appeal will be appointed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. A panel of 5 Members (preferably from different competing Member Islands) plus a non-voting Secretary will be appointed. A minimum of 3 Members plus the Secretary would be required to hear an appeal. If the appeal concerns a competitor from the same Member Island as 1 of the Jury Members he/she cannot participate in any decision taken.

Section 5 – Individual Competition

- 5.1** The maximum number of players to be entered from each Member Island shall be:
- 4 persons in each Singles event
 - 2 pairs in each of the Men's and Ladies Doubles events
 - 4 pairs in the Mixed Doubles event.
 - No player may enter more than 2 Individual events.
- (Note: In no event may players from different Member Islands team-up together.)
- 5.2** 1 month before the Games, each Member Island shall confirm its order of merit for the players entered in the Singles events. In addition the number of pairs for the Doubles events should be confirmed.
- 5.3** No coaching may take place during Individual events.
- 5.4** The minimum time between a player's matches will be 30 minutes. The maximum time between consecutive matches will be 1hour.

Section 6 – Team Competition

- 6.1** Players shall be nominated in RANKING ORDER and this order CANNOT be changed throughout the Team Event. Players ranked 1 and 2 do NOT have to play in every match, but the order of the players must remain the same relative to one another i.e. if numbers 3 & 4 play then the 3rd ranked player is no. 1 and the 4th ranked player no. 2. No extra players may be added throughout the Team Event, even in the case of injury (except by application to the Jury).
- 6.2** The actual playing order of the Team must be nominated to the officials 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match, but not before the completion of the previous match of the Team.
- 6.3** Doubles pairings shall be nominated after the conclusion of the second Singles match to be played.

6.4 Team event sequence, match and order of play

	Team A	v	Team B
1 st match	No. 1 Singles	v	No. 1 Singles
	Nominated player		Nominated player
2 nd match	No. 2 Singles	v	No. 2 Singles
	Nominated player		Nominated player
1 st match	No. 1 Doubles	v	No. 1 Doubles
	Nominated players		Nominated players

6.5 The Doubles match will not commence until both Singles matches are over.

6.6 There will be a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of 1 hour between the end of the last Singles match and the start of the Doubles match.

6.7 Matches will be continuous, unless affected by the weather.

6.8 Teams may be required to play 2 Team matches in 1 day.

6.9 Davis Cup Rules of Coaching apply, i.e. for each match in the Team competition a player may receive coaching from 1Team official, who is sitting on court-side, but only when changing ends at the conclusion of a game.