

**Tennis By-laws****1 Tournament regulations.**

- 1.1 The Tournament will be played in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), as well as the rules of the governing body of tennis used by the host country.

**2 Tournament Events**

- 2.1 The events to be held are:
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| Men's Singles    | Ladies Singles    |
| Men's Doubles    | Ladies Doubles    |
| Men's Team Event | Ladies Team Event |

In addition Mixed Doubles will be played at the discretion of the Host Island.

**3 Island Representation:**

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| Men's Singles    | 4 competitors |
| Ladies Singles   | 4 competitors |
| Men's Doubles    | 2 pairs       |
| Ladies Doubles   | 2 pairs       |
| Mixed Doubles    | 4 pairs       |
| Team Competition | 1 team        |
- 3.2 Islands may only bring a maximum of 5 men and 5 women players to the Games.
- 3.3 All players must have reached their fourteenth birthday by the day of the Opening Ceremony.

**4 Tournament Officials**

- 4.1 1 Tournament Referee
- Scorers for the Team Event finals and for Individual Event Semi-finals and finals.

**5 Medals**

- 5.1 Medals will be awarded as follows:
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| Men's Singles   | 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (loosing semi-finalists) |
| Ladies' Singles | 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (loosing semi-finalists) |
| Mixed Doubles   | 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (loosing semi-finalists) |
| Men's Doubles   | 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (loosing semi-finalists) |
| Ladies' Doubles | 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (loosing 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        |
- 5.2 Medal table points will be awarded in accordance with the IGA Constitution, or the instructions of the Executive Committee.

## **6 Match Regulations**

- 6.1 All matches shall be the best of three sets, with a tie break at 6 - 6 in each set. A Championship tie-break game may be played in place of a third set in the event if 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 third set in the Group part of the event.
- 6.2 New balls will be used for each match. A minimum of three will be provided.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 The Host Island will decide on the make and type of recognised championship tennis balls to be used at all Games matches.
- 6.5 Islands should be notified of the match balls decision four months before the commencement of the Games.
- 6.6 Suitable tennis clothing and shoes must be worn by all competitors in Games matches.
- The name of the Island may be displayed on a player's kit. In addition, the sponsors' logo should only be within the limitation specified in current ITF rules.

## **7 The Draw**

- 7.1 The Technical Committee in conjunction with the Tournament Referee will draw up the seedings for the Islands for the Team Event and the players for the Individual and Doubles Events. Due notice will be taken of all seedings produced by the different National Bodies, inclusive of the Host Island.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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 first day so those standards may be assessed for the Individual Events, the draw of which will take place that evening.
- 7.4 The Draw for the Individual events should be done prior to the start of the events. Each Team should send their Team Manager, or representative, to the draw.

## **8 Team events**

- 8.1 Each Island may enter one team in the Men's Event.
- 8.2 Each Island may enter one team in the Ladies Event.
- 8.3 Each Island may nominate up to four players for each team (minimum of two). No extra players may be added throughout the Team event, even in the case of injury (except by application to the jury). Should the team earn medals, all nominated players will receive a medal, regardless of whether they played or not.

- 8.4 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.
- 8.5 Doubles pairings shall be nominated after the conclusion of the second singles match to be played.
- 8.6 Team event sequence, match and order of play
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|-----------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|           | Team A                             | v | Team B                             |
| 1st match | No. 1 Singles<br>nominated player  | v | No. 1 Singles<br>nominated player  |
| 2nd match | No. 2 Singles<br>nominated player  | v | No. 2 Singles<br>nominated player  |
| 1st match | No. 1 Doubles<br>nominated players | v | No. 1 Doubles<br>nominated players |
- 8.7 The Doubles match will not commence until both Singles matches are over.
- 8.8 There will be a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of one hour between the end of the last singles match and the start of the doubles match.
- 8.9 Matches will be continuous, unless weather affected.
- 8.10 Teams may be required to play two Team Matches in one day.
- 8.11 Davies Cup rules of coaching apply, i.e. for each match in the team competition; a player may receive coaching from one team official, who is sitting on court-side, but only when changing ends at the conclusion of a game.

## 9 Individual events

- 9.1 The maximum number of players to be entered from each 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 two individual events.  
 (Note: In no event may players from different Islands team up together.)
- 9.2 One month before the Games, each Island should confirm its players, in order of merit, for the singles events. In addition, the number of pairs for the doubles events should be confirmed.
- 9.3 The draw for these events will be done after the first day's play of the Team Events. Each Team should send their Team Manager, or representative, to the draw.
- 9.4 No coaching may take place during individual events.
- 9.5 There will be two Bronze medals awarded in each event i.e. each losing semi-finalists shall receive a medals providing that they have not been defaulted under the Code of Conduct.
- 9.6 The minimum time between a player's matches will be 30 minutes. The maximum time between consecutive matches will be one hour.

**10 Recommendations**

- 10.1 Teams should bring their own balls for practice.
- 10.2 Teams should bring their own Island flag or emblem to decorate the tennis area.
- 10.3 Details of the court surface to be used should be passed on to Islands as soon as possible.
- 10.4 The priority order of events will be: -
  - (a) Team Event
  - (b) Men's and Ladies Singles
  - (c) Men's and Ladies Doubles
  - (d) Mixed Doubles.
- 10.5 Should any event not be completed, no medals for that event will be awarded, except where the event has reached the medal stage. In such circumstances only Bronze and Silver medals can be awarded.