



## **Tennis Rules**

### **1. Championship Program**

Day 1: arrival of the teams, opening ceremony, technical meeting and ID-Check\*

Day 2: competitions

Day 3: competitions

Day 4: excursion

Day 5: competitions

Day 6: competitions, technical meeting and closing ceremony

Day 7: departure of the teams

\*Necessary documents from the Head of Delegation for the ID-Check: Signed form "Declaration of Participation" and personal legitimation from the participants.

### **2. Composition of Delegations**

Each delegation will consist of a maximum number of 6 (7) participants:

Players	4
Head of Delegation	1
Trainer	<u>1</u>
Participants	6
Interpreter *	1

(If a player is injured, the trainer may participate in a match but exclusively as the player on rank 4)

*\* for delegations who speak no English (only if required)*

### **3. Drawing of lots and the tournament schedule**

The principles of the drawing of lots and the tournament schedule are described in the Sport Regulation and its annex.

### **4. Competitions**

Each country will enter one team comprising four players.

During the technical committee meeting, the head of delegation of each country will pass the official ranking list (has to be send with the declaration of names, annex 1) of each team's four players to the chief umpire.

The order of the ranking list must be in harmony with the difference in strength of the players (strongest player number 1 and so on). In case of an evident offence of the ranking list there can be made a protest. The protest must be discussed with the Jury of Appeal (together with the chief umpire according Sport Regulations) They have to take a decision and may upgrade to deep classified players. These players/countries loses these games. For the forthcoming games, the ranking list has to be corrected.

The list must be confirmed by each national sports association and cannot be changed during the championship; whereas a trainer can substitute an injured player in a team match but exclusively as the 4th player and eventually also in a double.

4 singles will be played in every team match. The winning team is the team that wins at least 3 singles. In the case of a draw (2:2) after played th singles a double will be played, whose result determines the winner of the team match.

The head of delegation will report the composition of the double for the eventual decisive match to the chief umpire 15 minutes at the latest after termination of the last single.

## 5. Rules

The championship will be governed by the rules of the International Tennis Federation (I.T.F.).

In every single and also an eventual double will be played for 2 winning sets. The tie-break (by 7 winning balls) will be played in case of a result (6:6) in every set and the super tie break (by 10 winning balls) will be played in case of a (1:1) in sets.

*N.B.:*

If less than 21 teams take part in the championship, 15 tennis courts will be sufficient.

New balls in number of 4 will be given at the beginning of each match. The used balls will be used for the warm-ups of competitors.

## 6. Players and Umpires

Each game can be played without umpire after head of delegation agreement and the players themselves may act as umpires. In the event of any dispute the chief umpire will decide. The chief umpire can also nominate the main umpire for a particular match.

Main umpires nominated by chief umpire will arbitrate each match of the finals (1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> place).

## 7. Team evaluation

The winning team in every team match will gain 1 point. The ranking of the teams in each group will be determined due to number of received points.

The winner of the group will be the team with the highest number of gained points.

If two or more teams have the same number of points, the difference between winning and lost matches in singles will decide about the ranking in the group. If the teams still have the same number of points the ration of winning and lost sets in singles will decide. If this system still results in a draw, the ration of winning and lost games in singles will decide.

### Change History

Approved	Date	Theme
Core technical team	25. Jan. 2016	
Board	Aug 2021	ID-Check and 2. technical meeting
Board	Feb 2023	News balls and substitutes

**Anlage: 1**

<b>USIC Championship Tennis</b>		
<b>Ranking</b>		
<b>Player</b>	<b>Name</b>	
1. Player		
2. Player		
3. Player		
4. Player		
Trainer		