

**TENNIS REGULATIONS**

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**1. Organization**

- a. The Tennis Committee of the 18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah will be responsible for the Tennis competitions of the 18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah.
- b. The Tennis tournaments will be conducted according to the ITF rules of Tennis and the rules as specified herewith.
- c. Participation in the tournaments is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card, issued by the Organizing Committee of the 18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah and registered the Tennis competitions.

**2. Entry**

- a. The ages for the 18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah will be as followed:

*I. Juniors - Boys born between January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1994*

*II. Juniors - Girls born between January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1994*

*III. Men's Open*

*IV. Women's Open*

*V. Masters - cut-off date: year 2009*

*VI. Men 35 and up*

*VII. Women 35 and up*

*VIII. Men 40 and up*

*IX. Women 40 and up*

*X. Men 45 and up*

*XI. Women 45 and up*

*XII. Men 50 and up*

*XIII. Women 50 and up*

*XIV. Men 55 and up*

*XV. Women 55 and up*

*XVI. Men 60 and up*

*XVII. Women 60 and up*

*XVIII. Men 65 and up (Grand Masters)*

*XIX. Women 65 and up (Grand Master)*

*XX. Men 70 and up (Grand Master)*

*XXI. Women 70 and up (Grand Master)*

*XXII. Men 75 and up (Super Grand Master)*

*XXIII. Women 75 and up (Super Grand Master)*

An older athlete can compete in a younger age group. In doubles, players will be entered into the age group of the younger player.

- b. Each participating country may enter a maximum of 12 players (6 men and 6 women) in each age group. Any 6 of these players may be included in either singles or double draws. Any 6 men (boys) and 6 women (girls) may be included in the mixed doubles.  
**Masters Players may enter a maximum of two events.**

- c. In Grand Masters (65+ and 70+) and in Super Grand Masters (75+) a country is allowed to enter up to 8 players in Men and up to 8 players in Women events.

- d. **Each Masters player must sign a declaration of commitment to fulfill all their matches**

- e. A player may represent his/her country only if in compliance with the relevant 2005 DAVIS Cup and FED Cup rules and regulations.

### **3. Venues, Times and conditions of play**

- a. The TC and the Tournament Referee will determine venues and times of the tennis competitions. Play will commence on the Sunday prior to the opening ceremony and conclude by Wednesday of the week following the opening ceremony.
- b. The Referees are authorized to change venues and times and their decision is final.
- c. The tournament will be held outdoors on Hard Court Surface.
- d. The following days ORDER OF PLAY will be posted at the Tennis venues and accommodation centers after the end of each days play. Only the order of play released and signed by the referees are binding.
- e. Players entered into the 18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah must be available to play at any time, according to the order of play, during the full duration of the tournament. There will be no exception to this rule. The ITF punctuality/no show regulation will be strictly enforced.
- f. Referees will make every effort not to schedule matches between 13:00 and 15:30.
- g. Main draw matches will be best of 3 tiebreak sets except in the Masters events. Matches in the feed-in tournaments in all categories except for the final round, will be played as one pro-set to 8 games (7:7 tiebreak). In the Masters events, should the score reach one set all; one deciding tiebreak (up to 10 points) will be played to determine the winner.
- h. Three new balls will be provided for matches. New balls will be provided for third sets. There will not be a ball change in any of the Masters events. Practice balls will NOT be provided.

### **4. Events**

Singles doubles and mixed doubles in each age group specified in 2a (provided there are at least 8 competitors from at least 3 countries in the draw. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the players will be included in the next younger age group).

### **5. Draws and seeds**

- a. The draws will take place on a date and at a place to be specified later. The draw ceremony is open to Heads of Delegations only. Information about player's results to be used for seeding purposes must be submitted as soon as possible.
- b. Each head of delegation must present lists of up to 6 players (8 in grand masters) to be included in the draws.
- c. Seeding in the Open and Junior events will be based on the most recent ATP, WTA and ITF Junior rankings respectively, then on all other available information provided.
- d. Once the seeds have been determined, seeded players from the same country will be placed as follows: The first two in separate quarters, the next four in separate eighths. Unseeded players will be drawn into the remaining spots. There will not be more than 50% of a team in the same half of the draw where there are an even number of players and not more than 67% of a team in the same half of the draw where there are an uneven number of players. Wherever possible, a player will not be drawn to play against a fellow countryman in the first round.

### **6. System of competition**

#### **a. Men's Open (Singles)**

The main draw will comprise 16 players as follows:

8 direct acceptances using ATP ranking or other information available.

8 qualifiers, comprising the 4 semi-finalists of the qualifying tournaments and the 4 semi-finalists of the double knockout feed-in tournament (see appendix).

Note: The finalists of the Feed-in tournament will be the bronze medallists.

The qualifying tournament will be played from the Sunday prior to the Opening Ceremony until the following Friday.

Should there be 32 or fewer players entered, the main draw will comprise all players entered. A double knockout system (feed-in tournament) will be in effect up to and including the main draw semi final losers. The finalists of the feed-in tournament will be the bronze medallists.

#### **b. Women's Open, Juniors and Masters (Singles)**

The main draw will comprise all players entered. A double knockout system (feed-in tournament) will be in effect up to and inclusive of the main draw semi-final losers. The finalists of the feed-in tournament will be the bronze medallists.

##### **Note: Singles withdrawals/ substitutions**

If a player withdraws or is withdrawn by the head of the delegation after the draw has been finalized, no substitution will be allowed except if the player is injured or ill. In this case the head of delegation will be permitted to enter a substitute provided that the tournament has not yet commenced.

#### **c. Doubles and Mixed Doubles Sign-in**

A maximum of 6 players per country may be entered into the doubles events.

A maximum of 6 pairs per country may be entered into the mixed doubles events.

In masters, each country may enter a maximum of three pairs per event. They do not have to be players entered into the singles.

Doubles sign-in Tuesday before 18:00 with the referee.

Mixed doubles sign-in Wednesday before 18:00 with the referee.

Clarification Doubles and mixed doubles teams can comprise players from different countries when a player is unable to find a partner from his own country. If there are an uneven number of players from one country, the better players must pair while the last player will be permitted to pair with a player from another country.

##### **Note: Doubles withdrawals/substitutions**

If, after the doubles draws have been finalized, but before the doubles tournaments has commenced, one player from a team withdraws, then the remaining player is allowed to pair with someone else. If a team withdraws, no substitution will be allowed.

If a player withdraws after the doubles tournament has commenced, then that team will be defaulted.

#### **7. Administrative error**

Players/teams who have been left out of the draw due to administrative error will be drawn to replace a bye. If no bye exists in the draw, a pre first round match will be drawn against a non-seeded player/team from a different country.

#### **8. Officiating**

The Tennis Committee will appoint the referee one year prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah. The referee, in consultation with the Tennis Committee, will appoint two assistant referees. These three referees will appoint chair and roving umpires as will be required.

Countries with 15 or more players are required to provide ITF certified officials (with a minimum certification of white badge) in the ratio of 1 umpire for each 15 players.

**9. General**

- a. These regulations form part of the complete 18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in "Basic Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures".
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the "Basic Regulations", the regulations written here will apply and be binding.
- c. Rulings not covered in any of the regulations will be resolved by a Court of Appeal comprising the referee and four heads of delegation to be appointed at the draw ceremony. A head of delegation whose country is involved in any appeal may not vote thereon. A referee and two heads of delegation will constitute a quorum. In the event of a tied vote, the referee will cast a deciding vote.