



Technical Regulations Tennis

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In general terms, the EUC Tennis will employ the technical rules of the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

The following items may differ from these rules as detailed below:

1.) Entry / Competition format / Composition of teams

(1.1) Competition format

The Championship will include 2 events:

- One team competition for men
- One team competition for women.

Each match will include 2 single and 1 double

(1.2) Maximum / Minimum number of athletes per team:

- there can be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 players by team.

(1.3) Maximum / Minimum number of officials

- a maximum of 1 official and 1 trainer per 4 athletes from any one NUSA.

(1.4) How many athletes per university / per NUSA

- Each NUSA may participate with a maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women.
- Each NUSA may enter a maximum of two (2) universities in men and two (2) universities in women.

(1.5) Special requirements for entry procedure

- All players and partnerships must be listed in order of merit
- The organising NUSA has the possibility to enter one more men team and one more women team with the Organising Committee and Technical Delegate approval.

2.) Playing scheme

(2.1) Maximum / Minimum number of teams / athletes:

- The minimum number is 6 men teams and 4 women teams.
- The maximum number is 48 athletes (men + women)
- The maximum number could be subject to change.

(2.2) Playing mode

- According to the number of teams, each event should be played in single elimination format or first round in pools.
- the winners of the two semi-final matches, in both singles events, advance to the final, while both the losers receive bronze medals
- the matches in will be played the best of 3 sets



- the tie-break will be used in all sets
- if it is necessary to save time, the first two rounds will be played in a pro-set (the 'pro-set' is exactly the same as a normal tie break set except that it is played to 8 games instead of 6) The set has to be won by two clear games or play a tie break at 8 games all).

(2.3) Conciliation rounds / third place:

- wherever possible a plate tournament for the losers of the first and second rounds will be organised
- no matches for third place will be held in *any* events.

(2.4) Games per day / per championship / rest day:

- The Championship will last a minimum of 5 *playing* days
- a rest day may be used
- an athlete can play up to 2 singles matches and up to a total of 3 matches per day
- if it is necessary to schedule more than one match *for an athlete* in the same day, *the athlete* will (unless it is a singles *match followed by a doubles match*), be given the following minimum rest period:
 - played less than 1 hour - ½ hour rest
 - played between 1 hour and a 1 ½ hours - 1 hour rest
 - played more than 1 ½ hours - 1 ½ hours rest
- if play has been interrupted for less than thirty (30) minutes, match time would be considered continuous from the start of the match.

3.) Qualification / selection of teams or athletes:

- the selection of athletes should be done by the NUSA *using* the results of its National Championship as well as the NSF rankings and the ATP/WTA points.

4.) Seeding

- the seeding system for pools or single elimination format shall be determined by:
 - the cumulative total of the singles current ATP/WTA ranking positions of the players in each team. Where the total is the same, the team with the player who is nominated highest order shall be nominated as the higher team
 - the first four (4) winners of the previous Cup/Championship
 - current national ranking and past performances
- to assist seeding, the nominative entry forms should include details of past performances and the national rankings.
- wherever practical players from the same country or university shall be placed in different quarters or halves of the draw
- the draws shall be announced by the referee, the day prior to the start of the competition.

5.) Technical issues

(5.1) Playing time:



- matches will not start before 9 o'clock in the morning or after 9 o'clock in the evening.

(5.2) Requirements for venues (competition and practice):

- all venues should fulfil the ITF standards
- if it is possible one venue should be used for competition and practice sessions
- the venue should have at least 4 match courts
- all match courts shall be of exactly the same surface
- in the event of bad weather play may be moved to another surface, either under cover or not
- practice courts will be preferably of the same surface as the match courts. If they are not in the same venue transport will be provided
- a venue should have changing rooms, shower facilities, club house, bar with refreshments and snacks and provide stringing services.

(5.3) Requirements regarding equipment (floor, balls, suits etc.):

- all equipment must be approved by the ITF
- in the main draw there will be a minimum of three new balls for each match
- balls will be provided for practice, but it is not obligatory to use new balls
- all athletes shall dress and present themselves for play in a sportsmanlike manner
- clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire will be worn
- members of a doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours.

(5.4) Any other special rules different from the concerned ITF:

- the Heads of Delegation Meeting will be held the day prior the start of the competition
- training times will be allocated at least from the day prior to the start of the competition and according to the competitive time-table
- busses will be available for transport from hotel to venue(s) and return.

6.) Referees / Committees

(6.1) Referee/Umpires:

- a referee with a minimum ITF White Badge (if it is not possible, at least International experience) should be appointed by NSF
- there will be an umpire for each match in the semi finals and finals
- wherever possible, umpires shall be provided for all other matches
- at least four (4) court technical officials (umpires) should be used during the tournament
- any authorised technical official from the participating delegations should act as umpires
- players will be expected to act as umpires if requested.

(6.2) Jury of Appeal:

- a five member Jury of Appeal, of which no more than two members shall be from the Same country, will form in the Heads of Delegations meeting to handle any protest
- the Jury will consist of EUSA EC Delegate, EUSA Technical Delegate, a representative of the OC and two representatives of participating delegations
- the Jury will settle any disputes during the EUC Tennis in respect of any ruling given



by the ITF

- the Referee (where such ruling is appeal-able) in respect of non-ITF rulings.

7.) Any other specifications relevant for that sport

(7.1) Order of play:

- the order of play may have to be altered by the Referee due to any adverse weather and time conditions. This may result in starting times being altered, resting times reduced and the format of matches being altered.

(7.2) Coaching:

- athletes should be coached by only 1 captain or coach during matches (including the warm-up) except if referee determine that coach attitude is in violation with ITF rules.