



# Rules & Regulations

## Tennis

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## Foreword

Dear participants of the European Maccabi Games Berlin 2015,

The Rules & Regulations at hand, provide the guidelines of the European Maccabi Games 2015 in Berlin. The Rules & Regulations regulate the execution of the sports competitions.

The Organising Committee and the sports federations, in most cases the Berlin sports federations, execute the competitions at the European Maccabi Games in close cooperation with one another. Insofar, the Rules & Regulations at hand are a joint product of the EMG2015 Organising Committee and the implementing sports federations.

We hope that the Rules & Regulations at hand will be the basis for sportsmanlike and fair sports competitions and an unforgettable European Maccabi Games Berlin 2015.



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## **1. Organisation**

- a. The Tennis Committee (TC) of the 14th European Maccabi Games will be responsible for the Tennis competitions of the 14th European Maccabi Games.
- 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 Organising Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games and registered to the Tennis competitions.

## **2. Venues & Times**

- a. The Tennis Committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> European Maccabi Games and the Tournament Referee will determine venues and times of the tennis competitions.
- b. The Referees are authorized to change venues and times and their decision is final.
- c. The tournament will be held outdoors on Clay 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 14th European Maccabi Games 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.

## **3. Teams**

- a. Each participating country may enter a maximum of 12 players, approved by the Tennis Committee, comprising up to 6 men (boys) and up to 6 women (girls) in each age group. Any 6 of these players may be included in either singles, male/female doubles or mixed doubles draws but not more than two of the three competitions. However, should circumstances permit, players may be allowed to enter all three at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## 4. System of Competition

### 4.1. Events

- a. Events take place in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles in each age group specified in 4.1.b (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).
- b. The Tennis Competitions will be held according to the following age specifications:
  - Juniors Male born between January 1, 1997 - December 31, 2000
  - Juniors Female born between January 1, 1997 - December 31, 2000
  - Open Male
  - Open Female
  - Master - cut-off date: year 2015
  - Male 35 and up
  - Female 35 and up
  - Male 45 and up
  - Female 45 and up
  - Male 55 and up
  - Female 55 and up
  - Male 65 and up
  - Female 65 and up
- c. In the Master competition, an older athlete can compete in a younger age group. In the Master Doubles competition, players will be entered into the age group of the younger player. If there are not enough competitors to form a competition in a certain category, those players will be moved into another age category.

### 4.2. System of Competition

#### a. Open, Master and Juniors (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 medalists.

**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.

**b. Doubles and Mixed Doubles Sign-in**

A maximum of 6 players per country may be entered into a maximum of 6 pairs per country may be entered into the Mixed Doubles events. In Master, each country may enter a maximum of three pairs per event. They do not have to be players entered into the singles. Sign-in time and date will be announced before the start of the 14th European Games.

**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.

- c. Main draw matches will be best of 3 tiebreak sets except in the Master events. Matches in the feed-in tournaments in all categories except for the final round, will be played as one pro-set to 9 games (tiebreak at 8:8); the tiebreak up to 10 points. In the Master events, should the score reach one set all; one deciding tiebreak (up to 10 points) will be played to determine the winner.

**5. Ball Specifications & Equipment**

- a. The tournament will be played with Wilson Tour DAVIS Cup. Further information will be given as soon as possible.
- b. The Tennis Committee is authorized to change the brand name of the balls, if necessary, these decisions will be final.
- c. 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 Master events. Practice balls will not be provided.

**6. Draw**

- a. The draw will be a public draw before the opening of the 14<sup>th</sup> European Maccabi Games

- b. Information about player's results to be used for seeding purposes must be submitted as soon as possible.
- c. Each head of delegation must present lists of up to 6 players to be included in the draws.
- 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.

## **7. Officiating**

- a. The Tennis Committee will select a Referees' Committee, which in turn will appoint the referees of the competition.

## **8. General**

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 14th European Maccabi Games 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.