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### GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Tennis Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardized rules and regulations for all Tennis competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy and the ISF General Competition Regulations and ITF Rules.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Tennis events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to Tennis event in 2025.

### 1.GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and to the Interdelegational Tennis Federation (ITF) technical rules under the direction of the ITF. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the ISF Tennis Technical Commission and ITF Technical Delegate.

- The ISF Tennis events are open to individuals/groups.
- The competition is categorized as boy categories, and girls categories.
- Mixed teams are not allowed.

### AGE CATEGORY

Year	U15* YEAR OF BIRTH
2025	2010 - 2011 - 2012



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### 2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Field of Play Officials (referees/umpires/judges) - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional
- Young reporter - optional

#### HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

#### DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

#### ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

#### TEAM OFFICIALS

#### COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per team.



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### OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.

### FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- The field of play official (umpire) cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Umpires shall be in possession interdelegational or delegational (minimum) qualification depending on the event type. The Level of qualification shall be described in the events bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the Tennis technical commission.
- Delegations must provide certificates for umpires during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of umpires will lead to a fine of 900€ (per umpire) payable to the organiser prior to the competitions.
- FOPO needs to hold an ITF license.

Minimum number of field of play officials (referees) per delegation:

- 1 athlete = 0 FOPO (referee).
- 2 or more athletes = 1 FOPO (referee).

### ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

### YOUNG REPORTER

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.

## 3. SPORT PROGRAM

### EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
  - **Team**
  - **Single**
  - **Doubles**



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### 4. TECHNICAL RULES

#### RULES

##### Competition Specifics:

- Each athlete can register for a maximum of 2 events. (Team event + Singles or Doubles event)
- There is no limit to the number of athletes per country per event per gender and number of team officials.
- Every single delegation bringing more than one player of the same gender must present a Team.
- Every delegation can enter a maximum of 2 teams per delegation per gender.

##### Team competition:

- Minimum 2 athletes must be registered.
- Maximum 4 athletes can be registered.

#### SYSTEM OF PLAY

##### Singles and doubles competition:

- Best of 3 sets to 4 games (Tie break till 7 if 3 games all).
- No advantage (No add- rule will be played (at 40-40 a single point will be played to define the game).
- No let rule (if the service touch the net, the point continues).

##### Team Competition:

- 2 singles and 1 doubles.
- Best of 3 sets to 4 games (Tie break till 7 if 3 games all).
- No advantage (No add- rule will be played (at 40-40 a single point will be played to define the game).
- No let rule (if the service touch the net, the point continues).

#### REGISTRATION

##### Each athlete can register for a maximum of 2 events. (Team event + Singles or Doubles event)

- Every delegation presenting only one (1) athlete will participate in singles competition.
- Every delegation presenting more than one (1) athlete per gender must register a team.
- Every delegation can register a maximum of two (2) Teams per gender.
- For those delegations registering more than two (2) players, once the delegation registered a team, its not mandatory that every athlete must be registered in Team Competition.
- Every delegation can register as many single athletes as they want. No limit for singles.
- Every delegation can register as many doubles as they want. No limit for doubles.
- Athletes can register in a maximum of two (2) competitions.



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### **Examples of maximum competitions registrations according to the number of athletes each delegation register by gender - Applicable to Boys or Girls.**

*Once a delegation registers a Team, it's not mandatory that every athlete is registered in Team competition.*

*Example of registration per Athlete:*

*Argentina register 3 boys. - Athletes "Martin, Mauro and Diego":*

*Martin plays TEAM Argentina (and no other competition because he prefers to rest in the afternoon).*

*Mauro plays TEAM Argentina + Doubles.*

*Diego plays Singles + Doubles.*

### **Further examples based on the number of athletes a delegation wants to register (1,2,3....6,7,.....15...)**

- Delegation A - If you have only 1 athlete then you should sign up for just singles event
- Delegation B - If you have 2 athletes, then please sign up for TEAM competition + 2 singles event or 1 Doubles event
- Delegation C - If you have 3 athletes then you can sign up for the following possibilities
  - 3 athletes in the TEAM competition + 3 singles events
  - 3 ATHLETES in the TEAM competition + 1 singles + 1 doubles
- Delegation D - If you have 4 athletes then you can sign up for the following possibilities
  - 4 athletes in the TEAM competition + 4 singles.
  - 4 athletes in the TEAM competition + 2 doubles.
  - 4 athletes in the TEAM competition + 2 singles + 1 doubles.
  - 4 athletes in two (2) TEAM competition ("Team 1" and "Team 2") + 4 singles.
  - 4 athletes divided in two (2) TEAM competition ("Team 1" and "Team 2") + 2 singles + 1 doubles.
- Delegation E - If you have 5 athletes then you can sign up for the following possibilities
  - 5 athletes: 3 in "TEAM 1" and 2 in "TEAM 2" + 5 singles.
  - 5 girls: 3 in "TEAM 1" and 2 in "TEAM 2" + 3 singles + 1 doubles
  - 5 girls: 3 in "TEAM 1" and 2 in "TEAM 2" + 1 singles + 2 doubles
- Delegation F - If you have 6 athletes then you can sign up for the following possibilities
  - 6 athletes: 3 in "TEAM 1" and 3 in "TEAM2" + 6 singles.
  - 6 athletes: 3 in "TEAM 1" and 3 in "TEAM2" + 4 singles + 1 doubles.
  - 6 athletes: 3 in "TEAM 1" and 3 in "TEAM2" + 2 singles + 2 doubles.
  - 6 athletes: 3 in "TEAM 1" and 3 in "TEAM2" + 3 doubles.

### **Example of a possible Combination for a delegation that wants to register just one (1) Team even if the delegation registered more than 2 players:**

5 athletes : 3 in Team competition + 3 singles + 1 doubles.

4 athletes: 2 in Team competition + 2 singles + 1 doubles.



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Please consider that playing more than one competition means that at the athlete will play two competitions in the same day.

### SCHEDULING:

Team competitions will be played preferentially in the morning.

Singles and Doubles competitions will be played after the Team competitions.

### To consider for delegations registering just two (2) players:

If the two players are participating in Team competition + singles OR doubles competitions, should be aware that athletes will play singles and doubles matches in the Team Competition (preferentially in the morning) and in the same day they will play singles or doubles competition after suitable rest. Players could play more than two (2) matches in the same day if they are registered in more than one (1) competition.

## 5. DRAW

### Singles and doubles competition:

- Direct elimidelegation draw.
- All the final positions will be defined.

### Team Competition:

- Group in round robin format.
- Final draw, direct elimidelegation system.
- All the final positions will be defined.

## 6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Appeal Jury. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be submitted in English to the TC. The payment of the amount of 50€ must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.



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