



TECHNICAL RULES FOR
ISF WSC TENNIS
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"We are school sport"



The competition will be run according to current ISF and ITF rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission for tennis.

1. Specific ISF regulations are:

- a. The competition is open both to school teams..
- b. There will be a competition organised in the following categories:
 - school teams, boys,
 - school teams, girls,
- c. Each country may enter only one team in each category.
- d. Each competitor may only compete in one team.

2. All competitors of the school team must have been enrolled the same school since the beginning of the school year.

3. All competitors of the selected team must have been enrolled at a school in the country concerned since the beginning of the school year.

4. Students aged 18, 17, 16 and 15 years on 31 December of the year of the World Schools Championship concerned can participate

5. Each team shall be composed of 6 athletes and 1 teacher. Each delegation participating with one or two teams shall nominate an umpire with a national or international ranking. This umpire must be able to umpire in English. He/she should preferably be under 25 years old.

6. The athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at the school which they represent. They must be attending schools which provide a general education.

The following are not eligible to participate:

- a. pupils of vocational schools who only attend that school as a complement to their vocational training,
- b. school teams and pupils enrolled at schools which provide sports training without any general education,
- c. part-time (e.g. afternoon) sports schools which take pupils from a variety of schools for training in one or more sports,
- d. teams formed as part of clubs, companies, universities or other institutions.

7. Each participating team must be nominated officially by the organisation responsible for school sport and which is member of ISF.

8. Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

9. Mixed teams are not allowed.

10. System of the competition:

- a. Team coaches must list their players from 1-6 in order of their ranking at accreditation. International Rankings must be considered first, then National Rankings. This order will remain in place throughout the competition.

- b. For each TIE the coach must complete 2 nomination sheets with the team details
- c. Completed Nomination Sheets must be handed in at least 30 minutes before each TIE
- d. All timings shall be taken from the Official Clock
- e. Any 3 players may play in the singles, but they must only play in the order of ranking designated at accreditation
- f. Any 4 players may play doubles, but the highest ranked pair must play as first pair. Those playing doubles must be ranked 1 to 4 according to their ranking order at accreditation. The ranking order of the players in each pair shall be added together (e.g. player 1 + player 2 = 3 points. Player 3 + Player 4 = 7 points). The pair with the lower number must play first pair. If the points are equal the coach may select which pair will play first couple. (e.g. player 1 + player 4 = 5 points, player 2 + player 3 = 5 points. Coach may select the playing order)
- g. The coach may change the doubles pairings after the completion of the singles matches
- h. The Coach must confirm or change the doubles pairings within 15 minutes of the end of the singles

11. Match Procedures

- a. Regulations
 - All matches will be played according to the current official ITF regulations. However matches may be shortened if the number of teams entered does not allow sufficient time
 - Where a match is not umpired or supervised the ITF Regulations for unsupervised matches will apply
- b. Match Procedure
 - For each **TIE** between two countries a team shall consist of a minimum of 4 players
 - The **TIE** will consist of 3 singles matches and 2 doubles matches.
 - Each singles and doubles match will be played as the best of three sets. If the match reaches one set all, then the third set will be a 7 point tie break.
 - Each set will be first to 4 games. If the match reaches 3 games all, then a 7 point tie break will be played.
 - One Coach or Nominated Person may sit on court with the player(s). They must sign and follow the Captains on Court regulations.
 - Teams will be expected to play more than one **TIE** in a day
 - In the event of adverse weather conditions the event may be played at additional sites and the format may be adjusted.

12. The Order of Play

The order of play shall be:

Single n°3

Single n°2

Single n°1

Doubles n°2

Doubles n°1

More than one match may be played at the same time, but the singles will always be completed before the start of the doubles.

13. Withdrawals

- a. If a player is forced to withdraw due to injury, then the score stands and the remaining games will be awarded to the opponent. E.g. If the match stands at 2-4, 3-2 the final score will be 2-4, 4-2, 1-0
- b. In case of an injury during the tournament or in exceptional circumstances, a team may compete with fewer players, but no player may play more than 1 singles and 1 doubles match. The remaining players must be nominated from the Number 1 position and the lower places left vacant. The remaining matches will be awarded to the opposing team 4-0, 4-0
- c. If a team is reduced to two players during the Group Stage then all their matches will be disregarded in calculating box winners. The team may continue to play in the Placement Event, but will lose the matches they are unable to play 4-0, 4-0
- d. The Technical Commission & the ISF Delegate will decide how to proceed in exceptional circumstances.

14. Finishing Positions in Groups

- a. Group Stage
 - In the Group Section each team will play all the other teams in their group. The group winners will go into the Quarter Finals
 - Depending on the number of teams entered the Runners Up or other group members may be placed in the Quarter Finals.
- b. Calculating Team Positions within Groups
 - A calculation will be made on the following basis :
 - Firstly the number of TIES won will be considered
 - If two teams are equal then the result of the TIE between them will be considered
 - If three teams are equal then a calculation will be made. Firstly the number of matches won will be considered
 - If the teams are still equal the number of sets won compared to the number of sets played will be considered.

- If the teams are still equal the number of games won compared to the number of games played will be considered.
- The team with the highest percentage will proceed to the Quarter Finals
- If the calculation shows teams are still equal, then a doubles 10 point tie break will be played. The Coaches will have 15 minutes to nominate their pair and may select any doubles pairing

c. Calculating Team Positions between Groups

- If a comparison has to be made between two different Groups then firstly the number of TIES won compared to the number of TIES played will be considered.
- If two or more teams are equal then a calculation will be made:
- Firstly the number of matches won compared to the number of matches played will be considered
- If two teams or more teams are still equal then the total number of sets won compared to the number of sets played will be considered
- If two or more teams are still equal then the number of games won compared to the number of games played will be considered.
- The team with the highest percentage will progress to the Quarter-Finals
- If the calculation shows teams are still equal, then a doubles 10 point tie break will be played. The Coaches will have 15 minutes to nominate their pair and may select any doubles pairing.
- The remaining teams will play placement matches.

NB. Additional information will be included in bulletin 1, 2 and/or 3 of the relevant event