



## **TENNIS REGULATIONS**

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### **1. Organization**

- a. The Tennis Committee of the 21st Maccabiah will be responsible for the Tennis competitions of the 21st 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 21st Maccabiah and is registered for the Tennis competitions.

### **2. Entry**

- a. The ages for the 21st Maccabiah will be as followed:

Open Male  
Open Female  
U16 Boys (2006-2007)  
U18 Boys (2004-2005)  
U16 Girls (2006-2007)  
U18 Girls (2004-2005)

#### Masters

- 1) Over 35 and up
- 2) Over 40 and up
- 3) Over 45 and up
- 4) Over 50 and up
- 5) Over 55 and up
- 6) Over 60 and up
- 7) Over 65 and up (Grand Masters)
- 8) Over 70 and up (Grand Masters)
- 9) Over 75 and up (Super Grand Master)
- 10) Over 80 and up (Super Extra 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 and Juniors players may enter a maximum of two events. An athlete may compete only in one venue.**
- 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 fulfil all their matches.
- e. A player may represent his/her country only if in compliance with the relevant 2022 DAVIS Cup and FED Cup rules and regulations.

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

- a. The Sport Department will determine venues and times of the tennis competitions.
- b. The Referees are authorized to change venues and times and their decision is final. The Sport department with the Tennis committee may adjust the draws/system of competition according to EF3 final registration info.
- c. The tournament will be held outdoors on Hard Court Surface, except of Grand and Super Grand Masters which will be held on Clay.
- d. The following days ORDER OF PLAY will be posted at the Tennis venues and accommodation centres after the end of each day's play. Only the order of play released and signed by the referees are binding.
- e. Players 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. this rule applies to all categories including the masters. Please keep in mind that a player 65+ playing clay that wishes to play doubles/mix doubles with a 60 and under partner (playing hard court) might need to travel between the venues. that will be under the players responsibility.
- f. Referees will make every effort not to schedule matches between 13:00 and 15:30.
- g. Four 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's events. Practice balls will NOT be provided.

### **4. Events:**

- a. Singles, doubles and mixed doubles for master's age groups 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).
- b. Junior Doubles (Boys, Girls, Mix) will consist of both U16 and U18 players.
- c. The Tennis Committee and the Sports Department will inform all participants in advance about the check in date for registration to the doubles and mixed doubles competitions.

**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 no later than **30/06/2022** and no information received after this date will be considered.
- 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 in Open and Junior events, 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.
- e. In the Masters Event there will be 2 stages of the tournament. During the first stage, the players will be placed into groups according to the following criteria:
  - 1) If a given category has less or equal to 24 players - we will have a maximum of 6 pools of a maximum of 4 players in each pool. The winners & Best 2 second place in the pool will play quarter finals and Medals Matches.
  - 2) If a given category has between 25 and 32 players - we will have 8 pools of a maximum of 4 players, the winners will play Quarter Finals.
  - 3) If a given category has over 32 players to a maximum of 48 players - we will have a maximum of 12 pools of a maximum of 4 players and the winners of the groups will advance into a knock-out system.
  - 4) The distribution of players will be made in accordance with the following procedure: There will be no two players from the same country in the same pool. The national seeding list will be decided by the Nations Representative. Number one seeds from all the nations will be randomly drawn to the different pools. The mentioned above procedure will be repeated (for ranked 2, and other players) until all the players are drawn into the pools.
  - 5) To determine the winner of the pool the following procedure to be used:
    - a) number of matches won.
    - b) if two players are tied - a head-to-head result will determine the winner
    - c) if more than two players are tied - the % of games won will determine the winner (or in case it determines the loser and other two players are tied - the winner of head-to-head match of the two winning players will determine the group winner).
    - d) randomly drawn.
  - 6) To compare the winners of the groups:
    - a) Percentage of matches won.
    - b) Percentage of games won.
    - c) Randomly drawn.
  - 7) For the knock-out stage the following procedure will be followed: The draw for the know-out stage will be made as following: If there is more than 1 player of the same nation in the knockout stage - the players will be drawn into different halves or if more than 2 players - into different quarters of the draw. The seeding for the knock-out stage will be decided by the best to worst Ratio of the winners of the pools.

**6. System of competition**

- a. **Men's and Women's open (Singles)**  
The main draw will comprise of 24 players as follows:  
8 seeded players using ATP ranking or other information available, followed by national rankings giving advantage to countries with a fewer number of players already in the main draw list will advance to the knock-out stage.  
round robin stage: Should there be 24 or fewer players entered in the round robin stage, we will have a maximum of 12 pools of 3 players (less pools may result in up to maximum of 4 players in a pool). 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 medallist.
- b. **Juniors (Singles)**  
The main draw will consist of up to 128 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 winner of the feed-in tournament will be the bronze medallist.  
**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. **Match formats**  
**Gold draw**  
**Groups Stage:**  
Open and Juniors: - 2 tie break sets + match tiebreak until 10 points.  
Masters: One pro-set up to 8 games (8:8 tie break).



Knock-out Stage:

Open and Juniors: Best of 3 tie break sets

Masters – 2 tie break sets + 10 deciding tiebreak.

**Bronze draw**

Up to semi-finals inclusive:

Open & Juniors - 2 tie break sets + 10 deciding tiebreak.

Bronze Medal Match: same as gold draw

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

A maximum of 6 players per country may be entered into the double's 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.

The Tennis Committee and the Sports Department will inform all participants in advance about the check-in date for registration to the doubles and mixed double competitions.

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: Double's withdrawals/substitutions**

If, after the double's 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 double's tournament has commenced, then that team will be defaulted.

**Match formats**

Open & Juniors - 2 tie break sets (using no-ad scoring system) + 10 deciding tiebreak.

All Masters doubles matches will be played as one pro-set to 8 games (8:8 tiebreak)

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**

- a. The Tennis Committee will appoint the referee one year prior to the 21st Maccabiah. The referee, in consultation with the Tennis Committee, will appoint three (3) assistant referees.
- b. These four (4) referees will appoint chair and roving umpires as will be required.

9. **General**

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 21st Maccabiah regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations.
- a. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations, the regulations written here will prevail, 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.