

Regulation - TENNIS

ARTICLE 1

Tennis matches shall be played in accordance with the rules of the International Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 2

Matches shall be conducted under the supervision of a Chief Referee appointed by the Technical Committee at its first meeting.

The Technical Committee determines the order of matches, while the Chief Referee is responsible for match organisation (court suitability, appointment of referees, suspension of matches due to bad weather, etc.).

ARTICLE 3

Each team must consist of 2 female players and 2 male players.

Player List

Each nation shall submit to the Technical Committee the names of the four players (two men and two women) participating in the tournament.

For each match, only one male player and one female player may play the singles matches. These must be recorded on the match sheet prior to the encounter.

Substitution of a player during a match is not permitted.

ARTICLE 4

The selection of players, which is the responsibility of each delegation, must be communicated to the Technical Committee before the start of the tournament.

ARTICLE 5

Each match between two nations consists of:

- two singles matches (one men's singles and one women's singles)
- one mixed doubles match

Any player who has played a singles match, as well as those who have not, may be selected for doubles.

A player who retires from singles due to injury may not take part in the doubles match.

The doubles match shall be played immediately after the last singles match. A rest period of up to 15 minutes may be granted.

No changes to team composition are allowed once submitted to the Technical Committee, except in cases of force majeure (e.g. injury), subject to its approval. No changes may be made during an ongoing match.

ARTICLE 6

Each team appoints a captain, who represents the team before the referee and, if necessary, before the Technical Committee.

ARTICLE 7

All matches are played as best-of-two sets with a tie-break at 6–6 in both sets.

If the sets are split (e.g. 6–1, 5–7), a **Champions Tie-Break** replaces the third set.

The winner is the first player to reach 10 points with at least a 2-point lead (e.g. 10–8, 11–9, 13–11).

For ranking purposes, the Champions Tie-Break is counted as a **set**, not a match.

All doubles matches are played as a single set up to 9 games, with a tie-break at 9–9.

All sets and tie-breaks follow International Tennis Federation rules.

ARTICLE 8

All teams compete in a round-robin format, following the ranking established in the previous year.

Tournament Schedule

Day 1 – Morning:

- GER vs HUN (Match 1)
- LUX vs FRA (Match 2)

Day 2 – Morning:

- GER vs FRA (Match 3)

- AUT vs LUX (Match 4)

Afternoon:

- LUX vs GER (Match 5)
- HUN vs AUT (Match 6)

Day 3 – Morning:

- AUT vs FRA (Match 7)
- HUN vs LUX (Match 8)

Day 4 – Morning:

- AUT vs GER (Match 9)
- FRA vs HUN (Match 10)

Ranking Criteria

The team winning a match (3–0 or 2–1) receives **1 point**.

The losing team receives **0 points**.

Ranking is primarily based on total points.

In case of a tie:

a) If two teams are tied:

- The result of the direct match determines the ranking.

b) If more than two teams are tied:

Ranking is determined in the following order:

1. Fewest matches lost
2. Fewest sets lost
 - (Champions Tie-Break counts as a set)
3. Fewest games lost
 - (Champions Tie-Break does not count as a game)

If only two teams remain tied, the direct match result is used.

ARTICLE 9

The choice of balls and courts is at the discretion of the host nation.

ARTICLE 10

Any issues not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Technical Committee, taking into account the opinion of the Chief Referee and the regulations of the national tennis federation of the host country.

ARTICLE 11

If a player retires during a match, the opponent is declared the winner and awarded all remaining games necessary to win.

Example: Player A leads 5–3 and retires → Player B wins.

The final score recorded is: 7–5, 6–0 in favour of Player B.

ARTICLE 12

General provisions:

- If a team does not have enough players to play two singles matches, the available player plays the first match, and the second match is awarded to the opponent (6–0, 6–0).
- If a team cannot field a doubles pair, the match is awarded to the opponent (6–0).