

Pacific Games and Pacific Mini Games Tennis Event

(as agreed at OTF GM 2009)

TENNIS

1) The following competitions shall be organized:

a) Singles – 2 Tournaments

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles

Each Country/Territory may enter a maximum of four (4) players in the Men's Singles and four (4) players in the Women's Singles events.

b) Doubles – There will be three (3) tournaments

- Men's Doubles - Maximum of 2 teams per Country/Territory
- Women's Doubles- Maximum of 2 teams per Country/Territory
- Mixed Doubles - Maximum of 4 teams per Country/Territory

Each Country/Territory may enter a maximum of 2 teams in the Men's and Women's Doubles above, and a maximum of 4 teams in the Mixed Doubles Event.

c) Team Event – There will be two (2) tournaments:

- Men's team(1 team per Country/Territory)
- Women's Team (1 team per Country/Territory)

Each of these two tournaments will be conducted over round robin in groups followed by direct elimination draw based on the round robin results, and each separate round between two Countries/ Territories will consist of:

- 2 singles matches
- 1 doubles match

Each Country/Territory may select any 2 of their team:

2 to play singles and any 2 to play doubles provided the singles players play in the ranking order given to the Referee prior to the start of the Teams Event.

2) There will be 7 different tournaments and the following medals will be awarded:

- 7 gold medals
- 7 silver medals
- 7 bronze medals

3) The teams shall comprise a maximum of 8 players, with no more than 5 players of the same sex. A Country/Territory may elect to have a reserve as a non-playing member. This player can only play in the case of the original player having to withdraw from an event. This player can take the withdrawn player's position only if the player has not commenced playing in that event. However, this would not restrict such reserve from playing in the next round of a Team's Event. (Please note the intent of this rule is not to provide teams with an additional player, but a replacement player in case of a certified medical injury and any player replaced cannot return to the competition).

4) All matches will be the best of 3 Tie- Break Sets. The Tournament Committee will decide on the type of tennis ball to be used (ITF approved), the number of balls to be used on court and their change (e.g. For the 3rd set, new balls will be used).

- 5) **The type of court surface to be used will be decided by the Host Country/ Territory, which will advise the various Countries/Territories accordingly eighteen (18) months before the Opening of the Games.**
- 6) **The type of ball to be used should be made known to the Countries/Territories at least three (3) months before the Opening of the Games. Two cans of these balls (new or good used) should be given to each team for practice prior to the start of the Games.**
- 7) **The Teams' Event shall be played first, followed by the Singles' Event. Once the Singles Event has started, the Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events can begin. If time permits, the Tournament Committee should be encouraged to play Consolation Events for players/teams losing the first match they actually play. There will be no medals for winning such events.**
- 8) **Determination of Seeds:**
 - a) **For the teams event there will be four seeds. The three strongest nations based on the criteria below will be seeded 1, 2 and 3.**
 - finishing position at immediately previous Games (Mini or Main Pacific Games)
 - strength of these three teams as compared to previous Games
 - strength of the fourth team from the previous Games

If one of the teams which won Gold, Silver or Bronze at the previous Games is substantially weaker (2 or more leading players not participating) then the 4th placed team from the previous Games will take the place of this team as long as it meets the criteria of maintaining its strength. The fourth seeding will go to the host nation (if not already seeded) if that nation finished in the top eight nations at the previous Games or if its team is considered to be of sufficient strength to be in the top 8. If this is not the case or it is substantially weaker, or is among the top three seeds, then the teams finishing in positions 4 to 8 will be considered in order for the fourth seeding based on finishing position and strength of the team.
 - b) **Seedings for the individuals/doubles events should be done on the latest available rankings and actual match results rather than simply on historical results from previous Pacific Games. The priority order is:**
 - 1) **Head to Head from the just completed Team's event.**
 - 2) **WTA/ATP rankings**
 - 3) **Regional Tournament results**
 - 4) **Davis and Fed Cup selection tournament results**
 - 5) **Davis and Fed Cup competition results**
 - 6) **Results of fixtures between Pacific Nations**
 - 7) **Historical results from previous Pacific Games, both Maxi and Mini Games.**
 - c) **The Number of Seeds for the individual and doubles events will be:**
 - **4 for a 16 draw**
 - **8 for a 32 draw**
 - **16 for a 64 draw**

9) Construction of the Draws:

(a) Teams event - regulations used at ITF teams competitions shall apply

(i) Round robin – teams will be drawn into groups of four with one seed in each group for a 16 nation competition. With 8 or less nations there will be two groups and with 9-12 nations there will be three groups.

(ii) On completion of the round robin the four group winners shall contest the main draw semi-final and final. If there are three groups the three winners and the best performed second placed nation will contest the semifinals. For two groups the first and second placed nations in each group will contest the semifinals.

(iii) If time permits and the tournament committee agree then the remaining teams may contest placement ties.

(b) Singles and doubles events - the regulations used at Olympic Games shall apply.

(i) Seedings – determined by the committee as outlined in Rule 8(b) and drawn in accordance with normal regulations and the separation outlined below.

(ii) Separation of Players from the same nation

Where there are four (4) or three (3) players from the same Country/Territory, they are to be drawn in separate quarters of the draw with those seeded in separate halves where possible. Where there are two (2) players from the same Country/Territory, they should be drawn in opposite halves of the draw.

In making such draw, the priority for drawing such players (after the seeds have been drawn/placed) should be Countries/Territories with 4 players, then 3 players, then 2 players and finally 1 player. Likewise in Doubles, countries with 4 teams, followed by those with 3 teams, 2 teams and finally 1 team.

10) The latest ITF Rules of Tennis and Code of Conduct will apply.

11) a) In the Teams Event, the team captain must give to the Referee the names of the singles players in order of merit prior to the start of the event and the draw being made.

b) Thereafter, no change may be made to the order of merit with the exception that a non-playing reserve may take the lowest place on the team in the event of a withdrawal by a player, with all other players moving up one place.

a) Team managers must notify the Referee of the names of the two singles players for each round at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the team's match in that round. Different members may be selected to play in any round. If a Country/Territory fails to submit names of the two players within the time allowed, then the Referee will take the names of the two (2)

Singles players used by that Country/Territory in the last round.

b) If the number 1 player is not selected for any round, the number 2 player shall automatically take its number 1 place for that round and the number 3 player shall move into the second position for that round. If the number 1 player is thereafter selected, he/she shall resume the number 1 position.

c) Any two (2) members of the team may play in any of the Doubles matches. The nominations should be on the original selection sheet given to the referee prior to the start of that round. This selection may be changed within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the number 1 singles match.

d) The order of play in the Teams Event will be: number 2 singles, number 1

Singles, then the Doubles with an appropriate break between the #1 singles and Doubles.

- 12) A Team Manager/Coach may sit on court as team captain during a team's event. This person may be changed from round to round and a player could be designated as the captain for any round. The ITF Rules relative to coaching will apply.**