

Tennis

I. RULES

A. Rule Book:

ITF Rules of Tennis (latest edition)

B. Match Schedules

Please see the schedule that is generated using the Tennis tab in the IASAS Schedule Maker Pro 2.7. This schedule is a sample schedule for an 8-court facility. The schedule for a different size facility will have to be modified by the AD of the host school. The Schedule Maker document is located in the Forms section of the IASAS Handbook under Organizational Forms.

C. Meet Rules:

1. Each school fields one boys' team and one girls' team.
2. On each team 3 members will play singles and 4 will play doubles.
3. Players must be ranked according to ability for singles and doubles #1, #2 & #3. Number #1 ranking being the top player. Line-ups will be given to the Site Director at the start of each match, and cannot be changed during the match.
4. The #1 ranked players from each school will play each other, the #2 ranked players will play each other, and the #3 ranked players will play each other, in the round robin. Once a player or doubles team has been assigned a ranking, he/she cannot change ranking during the tournament.
5. Each team match will consist of 3 singles and 2 doubles, with the winning team decided by the best of 5 matches. All matches must be played.
6. a. The 8th player substitute will play in Alternate (exhibition) matches. The 8th player may substitute into the tournament at any position if a player is unable to participate. No player can substitute during a match. No players can switch ranking once the tournament has started.
b. The tournament director should have the flexibility to schedule the 8th player matches to best suit the schedule and the needs of the tournament and should attempt to give the 8th player at least 3 matches.
- c. The 8th player will be eligible to play at any position as a "free switch" during the tournament. At such a switch the original player may only return to their original position. This free switch may occur as many as 3 times during the tournament. The alternate may switch/substitute with any position player before the start of any match. Example: 1st doubles Player A has a stomach ache, the coach sits him/her and sends the alternate to play in his/her place. Player A recovers the next morning and is ready to play, so the coach reinserts Player A into first doubles. This is considered a second free switch, thus the alternate player can switch one more time. This switch would be the third one and the alternate player would then have to complete the tournament in that position.
7. The tournament will be run on a round-robin format with subsequent consolation and championship matches. The team rankings will be determined by win-loss records at the conclusion of round robin play. In case of tie following round-robin play, rules under **VII. SCORING** will apply. As stated in the Organization section of this Handbook, if a championship or consolation match cannot be played, then final placing will be determined by the round robin standings.
8. There will be a 5-minute warm-up before each match. There will be no rest period after the 1st game of a set (but still change sides). The first rest period is after the 3rd game and then after each further two games until the conclusion of the set.
9. Players will call their own lines and keep score. A player can request an official to assist with calling the lines if he/she believes that there is a need. Players make that request to their coach who will then confer with the Site Director. The official charged with overseeing the match will overturn or confirm a call if

disputed/challenged by the opponent and if the official clearly saw the disputed ball.

A coach should advise other coaches and Site-Directors if a student on his or her team needs assistance with the rules. This notification should be made at the pre-tournament meeting or whenever the need arises. This player would then automatically be assisted by a tournament official throughout the tournament.

10. Players must report to the main desk before and immediately after the match to report the score.

11. A player reporting more than fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled match time will be declared a forfeit.

12. Side changes will be a maximum of 60 seconds in duration. Coaches will be allowed to consult with their players during the side-change. Coaches will not be allowed on the courts for consultation unless there is no outside access.

13. Order of play will be as follows:

- #2 Doubles
- #3 Singles
- #2 Singles
- #1 Doubles
- #1 Singles

As mentioned in item 6b above, the tournament director has the flexibility to schedule that alternate matches as best suits the tournament schedule.

14. In the event of an injury during a match, a 5-minute injury time for treatment be allowed to determine if the player can continue. The Site Director should monitor the situation.

II. ROSTERS

Rosters (eight boys and eight girls) must be submitted two weeks prior to the tournament and include the following information:

- Name
- Grade
- Passport nationality
- Birth date

- Housing preferences
- Playing position

Coaches will declare final seeds on Monday of tournament week by 3pm so that the seeds (positions) can be put into the tournament program/webpage. Coaches cannot change seeds after this time and substitutions can only be made due to injure/visa/emergency issues. Any changes must be advised to the host AD or tournament director upon arrival. Changes at the pre-tournament meeting are not allowed.

III. FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT

A minimum of 6 tennis courts are required although more courts are encouraged. A minimum of three new balls per match are required.

IV. UNIFORMS

Each member of the team will wear the same uniform. Shorts or skirts must be of the same color. Appropriate tennis attire must be worn. No spaghetti straps or bare midriffs for girls and no sleeveless shirts for boys. Players must start the match in the school uniform (same uniform if doubles), but they may change shirts later in the match into other clothing designated as the team uniform.

V. OFFICIALS

The number and source of officials is to be determined by the host school. Whenever possible, the host school should utilize host country international sporting organizations to officiate the tournament.

VI. PROTESTS

All protests are to go through the Tournament Director or the Convention Director.

VII. SCORING

All boys' and girls' events will be scored separately. Matches will consist of one 8-game "Pro-Set". The first player to win 8 games will win the match. Should the game score in the "Pro-Set" be tied at 7-7, then a regular tie-breaker will be played to determine the match winner.

If there are significant delays due to weather or other conditions at any time during the tournament, the Tournament Director may make the decision to change individual match scoring to a first to 6-game set.

VIII. POST SECTION PLAY

After the round-robin league play, the top two seeded teams will play a championship match to decide 1st and 2nd place.

The 3rd and 4th ranked teams will play for 3rd place.

There will be no post section play for the 5th and 6th ranked teams.

IX. TIE-BREAKER FOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Should the competition end in a tie, the following criteria will be used to determine the winner:

A. Head to Head (Definition & Procedure)

Whenever two or more teams are tied in the standings, then the final ranking, round-robin/league ranking, promotion, relegation and post section play pairing decisions will be based on the procedures set out in this section.

1. Two teams are tied:
 - a. Compare the round-robin/league head-to-head results of the two teams, i.e. the winner of that game shall receive the higher ranking.
 - b. If the teams are still tied, use the procedure set out under the sport concerned.
 - c. In determining final ranking, if b. does not produce a clear ranking without further play, then the two teams shall remain tied.

2. Three or more teams are tied:

Compare the head to head results of the team concerned. That is, compare the win-loss records of the tied teams when compared only with the other teams involved in the tie.

NOTE: results against non-tied teams are not taken into consideration. At this point two cases can occur:

- a. all the teams are still tied, or
- b. the teams are no longer tied (although some still may be).

If (a) occurs, see 3 below

If (b) occurs, then by definition a new ranking list has been automatically produced and if there is still a need to break further ties, then the procedure under 1 and/or 2 should be repeated for those teams still tied. That is, start the procedure from the beginning again for those teams that are still tied.

3. If, after the initial head to head comparison, all the teams still remain tied, then the next step in the procedure is that set out under **Part B** below. However, if at any point in the process a new ranking list is produced because a team(s) is relegated or demoted, then the process is concluded. If any tie still exists, then the procedure begins again and reverts to 1 and/or 2, etc. for further resolution.

B. Match difference (for three or more tied teams):

1. Add the total matches won and the total matches lost for each team involved against each of the other tied teams and subtract. Then rank the teams according to their positive points scored. If still tied, go to 2.
2. Get the match difference of all the matches played of the teams involved in the tie. If still tied go to C

C. Game Difference:

Add the total games won and the total games lost of each team involved against each of the other tied teams and subtract. Then rank the teams according to their positive points scored.

X AWARDS

A. Championship Team:

- 1 IASAS Traveling Plaque
- 2 Team Members-Champion Chevrons (10)
- 3 Team Members – Gold Medals (10)

B. Runner-up:

- 1 Team Members-Runner-up Chevrons (10)
- 2 Team Members – Silver Medals (10)

C. Third Place:

Team Members – Bronze Medals (10)

D. All-Tournament:

- 1 The sixteen All-Tournament players will receive an All-Tournament chevron. This will be determined based on the round-robin play.

2 A player may be excluded from all-tournament selection if the majority of coaches (either Girls coaches or Boys coaches) feel that a particular player exhibited un-sportsmanlike behavior during the tournament. The runner-up would then receive the all-tournament selection.

3. The All Tournament award will be awarded to the players with the best record at their respective position. To qualify for the all-tournament award, players must have played in all five matches in the round robin section.

In the case of a tie the winner will be determined by the result of the matches between tied teams. If the tie is not broken see 7.3 IX B, C.