



SUMMER SPORTS RULES 2015

VIII. TENNIS

TENNIS - GENERAL

- Art. 1** No later than three months before the EUROVISION SPORTS games all the teams have to be informed about the type of the tennis courts and the type of the balls.
- Art. 2** Teams are provided with schedules and groupings the day before the competition begins at the latest.
- Art. 3** Before the contest, an umpire must be identified. The umpire is responsible for the recognition and interpretation of rules. She/He makes the final decision.
- Art. 4** The Tournament Director may determine that the teams determine the referees themselves. The referee shall agree with the players on the language used. Without an agreement, English is the selected language.
- Art. 5** If the competition cannot be held as planned due to bad weather, the Tournament Director himself/herself can change the rules.
- Art. 6** The rules of the *International Tennis Federation* (ITF) apply to all cases which are not described herein.

TENNIS – SENIORS (general team category)

- Art. 1** Each team consists of at least two female players and two male players plus an unlimited number of replacement players.
- Art. 2** Each competition is played with two women's singles, two men's singles, one women's doubles, one men's doubles and one mixed doubles.

TENNIS – VETERANS

- Art. 1** Each team consists of at least one female player and two male players plus an unlimited number of replacement players.
- Art. 2** Each competition is played with a women's single, two men's single, a men's single and a double mixed. Each player may only be allowed to play twice per day.
- Art. 3** Participation is open to women's players who have reached the age of 45, and men's players who have reached the age of 50 in the year of EUROVISION SPORTS games.

TENNIS – The tournament rules

- Art. 1** The names of the female and male players and the ranking within the team must be submitted on paper no later than one hour before the first match. The order of players cannot be changed during the games. If a player is injured or ill during the games, the next player on the list takes his/her place. This regulation is void, if the game has already begun.
- Art. 2** Players must be present on the tennis court 15 minutes before the date fixed by the Tournament Director. If a player arrives more than 15 minutes late, the match may be awarded to the opposing team present. The final decision is made by the Tournament Director.
- Art. 3** The double games begin 15 minutes after the last single match, then the double mixed is played.
- Art. 4** For winning the match two sets are required. With a score of 6:6, a *Tie Break* to 7 points decides the set. The Tournament Director may decide the third set as a *Match Tie Break* to 10 points. For the detailed ITF-rules on *Tie Break* and *Match Tie Break* see the Appendix.
- Art. 5** Tennis competitions are played after Round Robin (against each) principle. With more than six teams, the teams will be divided into two groups. Last year's winner and the second of the previous year are set in the two groups as number one.
- Art. 6** Is the tennis tournament only held on four days, then teams are divided into two groups, if more than four teams take part.
- Art. 7** Within each group, Round Robin (against each) is played.
- Art. 8** Teams are divided into two groups and if only one final match day is possible, then the two group winners playing for First Place, the runner-up of the groups playing for the Third Place, the other teams for 5th Place etc.
- Art. 9** If the teams are divided into two groups and two finals match days are possible, then, on the first day of the final, the group winners play against the runner-up of the other group. On the second day of the final, the winner of the previous day's plays for the First Place, the loser for Third Place. The following teams will be played accordingly.
- Art. 10** The ranking of teams within the groups is first determined by the difference in match points, then the difference in matches, then sets, then individual games, and then by points.

Appendix: *Tie-Break* and *Match-Tie-Break* rules of the ITF**Counting the *Tie Break* and *Match-Tie-Break***

Unlike the conventional tennis game one rally counts as being exactly one point. The winner is the player who first reaches at least seven points with a two-point lead. The set win is noted with 7: 6.

In a *Match-Tie-break* not seven, but 10 points are needed to win. Again, a two point lead is required. The result of the *Match-Tie-Break* with 10:8, 11:9 or similar listed.

Right to serve

The service alternates after the first serve and then after every second point, so that for each score points with an odd sum takes place a change of service. The first service is performed from the right, as in the beginning of a normal game. Otherwise the service will be made from the left after each change of service.

Side Change

The side of the field is changed every six points.