

Tennis Rules & Regulations of

the

European Maccabi Youth Games London 2024

1. Organisation

- a. The Tennis Committee of the European Maccabi Youth Games will be responsible for the Tennis Competitions of the European Maccabi Youth Games.
- b. The Tennis Tournaments will be conducted according to the ITF rules of Tennis and the rules specified herewith.
- c. Participation in the competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant/Accreditation Card, issued by the Organising Committee of the European Maccabi Youth Games and registered for the Tennis competitions.

2. Venues & Times

- a. The Tennis Committee of the European Maccabi Youth Games and the Tournament Referee will determine the venues and times of the Tennis competitions and the teams will be notified accordingly.
- b. The Referees are authorized to change venues and times and their decision is final.
- c. The tournament Surfaces will be a combination Astro turf and hard courts covered with gravel.
- d. The following days "order of play" will be posted at the Tennis venues and accommodation centers after the end of each days play. Only the order of play released and signed by the referees are binding.
- e. Players entered into the European Maccabi Youth Games 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.

3. Teams

All countries regardless of European or Non European should be allowed to enter a minimum of 6 male and female players (per age group) with the possibility of increasing to 8 which can be determined once the initial numbers are known.

Players can enter singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

4. System of Competition

The Tennis Competitions will be held according to the following age specifications:

Juniors Male and Female born between January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009

Youth Male and Female born between January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2007

i. Singles

1. The main draw will comprise all players entered in a Round Robin format with winners advancing to the knockout stages.
2. The round robin stage will consist of two tie break sets and a championship tie break in the third set.
3. There will be a sudden death one point deuce to reduce the time for each match.
4. The numbers in each round robin group will depend on the entries.
5. The knockout stage will be the best of three tie break sets.
6. Note: Singles withdrawals/ substitutions

- a. 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.
- ii. Doubles and Mixed Doubles Sign-in
 1. A maximum of 3 pairs (consisting of maximum 6 players) per country may be entered into the Doubles and Mixed Doubles events. Sign-in time and date will be announced before the start of the European Maccabi Youth Games.
 2. 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.
 3. The doubles tournament will be a straight knockout of three tie break sets.
 4. Note: Doubles withdrawals/substitutions
 - a. If, after the Doubles draws have been finalized, but before the Doubles tournaments have 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 Doubles tournament has commenced, then that team will be defaulted.

5. Ball Specifications and Equipment

- a. The tournament will be played with Wilson Tour Davis cup ball. Further information will be given as soon as possible.
- b. The Tennis Committee is authorized to change the brand name of the balls, if necessary. These decisions will be final.
- c. Three new balls will be provided for matches.

6. Draw

- a. The draw will be a public draw before the opening of the European Maccabi Youth Games.
- b. Information about player's results to be used for seeding purposes must be submitted as soon as possible.
- c. Each head of delegation must present lists of up to 6 players to be included in the draws.
- d. Once the seeds have been determined, seeded players from the same country will be placed as follows:
 - i. 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.

7. Officiating

- a. The Tennis Committee will select a Referees Committee, which in turn will appoint the referees of the competition.

8. General

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete European Maccabi Youth Games Regulations,

and must be read along with the instructions found in “General Rules&Regulations”.

- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the “General Rules&Regulations”, the regulations written here will apply and be binding.