

Tennis

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The JCC Maccabi Games Tennis competition will be conducted under the following rules and regulations except as they may be modified by the Sports Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Continental Governing Body (CGB).
- 1.2 The competition in tennis will be conducted in accordance with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules in force at the time of competition. In the event of a conflict between the USTA Rules and regulations below, the JCC Maccabi Games rules shall apply and be binding.
- 1.3 The Organizing Committee of the Host Community shall establish a Tennis Committee, with an overall tennis commissioner, to oversee and run the competition, and to resolve any controversies that arise. The decisions of the Tennis Committee and/or the overall tennis commissioner with respect to protests, disputes, and appeals shall be final. Protests must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) minutes after the completion of a game, and shall relate solely to the interpretation of the rules.
- 1.4 Prior to the start of the Games all rules questions shall be resolved by the Tennis Committee, in consultation with the SAC, in accordance with the USTA rules in force during the previous tennis season (See Rule 1.2).
- 1.5 Rachmanus Rule--Rachmanus plays a key role in athletics and the JCC Maccabi Games. Compassion and good sportsmanship shall be displayed by athletes, coaches and spectators at all times during the JCC Maccabi games both on and off of the playing field. For more information on the Rachmanus rule please refer to Appendix

2. VENUE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 The Organizing Committee of the Host Community, acting through its Tennis Committee, shall ensure the following venue and equipment requirements are met:
 - Courts shall meet the specifications established by the USTA
 - Balls provided for the matches shall meet USTA specifications

- The Committee shall advise the delegations as to the surfaces of the courts and as to whether all matches will be played on outdoor or indoor courts:
(Note - players will not change surfaces during the competition except when weather is inclement)

2.2 The host community will make every effort to have a USTA certified referee(s) at every tennis venue(s) to make rulings, referees must be at least 18 years of age.

3. PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Using the JCC Maccabi online registration system, each athlete shall provide complete information on their ability level. This information will determine whether they participate in the competitive or recreational division according to age/gender. Should there not be enough athletes registered to warrant a split division, the information will be used to place players in the preliminary rounds.

3.1.1 This information is required to be entered by the registration deadline and if not confirmed by the delegation head will be considered "late" and subject to late fees.

Note: Both divisions will play for JCC Maccabi Games, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.

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3.1.1 Competitive and Recreational divisions will be determined through information provided by the athlete on the online registration site in the following manner.

If a player answers yes to any of the questions listed below they will be considered a competitive player. If they answer no to all questions they will be placed in the recreation division

1. Are you USTA Ranked? If yes; what is your ranking?
2. Do you or have you played for your Middle School, High School Varsity or Jr. Varsity tennis team?
3. Do you participate in local, regional, sectional or national tournaments throughout the year?

Note: Age/gender divisions will not be broken up into a competitive and recreational tournament if there are not more than thirty-two (32) total players. Furthermore divisions will only be split if there are at least eight (8) registered players.

4. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 4.1 Subject to final registrations, competition in tennis shall include the following events and may include a competitive and recreational split (See 3.1):
- Boys Singles (13-14 and 15-16)
 - Girls Singles (13-14 and 15-16)
 - Boys & Girls Doubles (Time permitting) (See 6.1)
- 4.2 Players are to report to the Tournament Desk fifteen (15) minutes prior to the match.
- 4.3 In the preliminary rounds, each player will be put into a group and play four, eight (8)-game pro set matches with no add-scoring. The host community in conjunction with the SAC will make every effort to place the players according to their online registration information to form even and fair groups.
- 4.3.1 Preliminary round groups may need to be altered in the final weeks leading up to the Games. Host communities in conjunction with the SAC will only make final adjustments where absolutely necessary up until the Friday before the Games at the delegation head meeting, no changes will be made after that time.
- 4.4 Schedules will provide that each match begin on the hour whenever possible and not start before their allotted time. Players begin a five (5) minute warm up and at five (5) past the hour, all eight (8) game pro sets begin.

Note: if a match is running more than the allotted hour time limit, every effort will be made by the host community tennis committee to allow the match to be completed. All matches in preliminary rounds must have a player winning 8 games.

- 4.4.1 If a match in the preliminary rounds is tied at seven (7) games a piece, a twelve (12) point tie breaker (following USTA rules) will be played.
- 4.4.2 All players must return to the Tournament Desk at the conclusion of a match to report scores, return balls, and receive the time and location of the next match.

- 4.5 The USTA Point Penalty System will apply:
- First Offense - - Warning
 - Second Offense - - Point Loss
 - Third Offense - - Default

This includes, but is not limited to, abuse of an official, opponent, equipment, or site and shall be determined by the host community tennis committee member on site or USTA official (if one is present).

5. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 5.1 Every effort will be taken to create a tournament that allows each player to participate in a minimum of five (5) matches.
- 5.2 Following preliminary play, all players are moved into a single elimination medal round in the appropriate age/gender and competitive/recreational (if applicable) division. Placement is based on cumulative games won during preliminary matches and will use the tie-breaker rules outlined below (See 5.2).

5.2.1 The Tennis Committee, in consultation with the SAC will create the Competitive and Recreational medal rounds using the basic formats listed below. Final medal round formats will be based upon total registration and completed no later than the delegation head meeting on the Friday prior to the opening of the Games.

If there are 1-16 players (White Division):

There will be one (1) single elimination tournament based on rankings described above. This will be the White Division.

If there are 1-32 players (White & Blue Divisions):

There will be two (2) single elimination tournaments based on rankings described above. The White Division will be players 1-16 and Blue division will be players 17-(up to player number 32).

Note: Additional divisions will be created as necessary.

5.2.2 Round of sixteen (16) and Quarter finals will be eight (8) game pro sets with no time limit and a twelve (12) point tie breaker, Semi-finals, Gold, and Bronze medal round matches will be 2 sets, regular scoring with a twelve (12) point tie-breaker at six (6) games all. In the case that a match reaches one (1) set all or split sets, then a ten (10) point super tie-breaker will be played instead of a final set. A ten (10) point tie-breaker means the first player to reach ten (10) points by a two (2) point margin.

- 5.3 If there are ties in the standings after preliminary rounds, the following procedures shall determine player placements for medal round matches.

If 2 players are tied:

1. Head to head if applicable.
2. Number of games won against common opponents, if applicable.
3. Least number of games lost in preliminary rounds.
4. USTA ranking
5. Draw names to determine seeding. First name drawn is the higher ranked (better) seed.

If 3 or more players are tied:

1. Head to head, only if all players have played against each other.
2. Number of games won against common opponents, if applicable.
3. Least number of games lost in preliminary rounds.
4. USTA ranking
5. Draw names to determine seeding. First name drawn is the higher ranked (better) seed.

Notes:

- A. If 3 or more players are tied, using the procedures listed above; the highest seed of the 3 (or more) shall be determined. If there are still 3 or more players tied follow the same instructions above, pulling out one player at a time then restarting the entire process until there are two players than only one left.

6. **DOUBLES TOURNAMENT**

6.1 Doubles competition will be offered the final day (Thursday) to all tennis players who are not competing in medal round play. This will be a separate tournament run by the Tennis Commissioner or a designated Assistant Commissioner.

6.2 Players will be asked to sign up through their delegation heads or coach by Wednesday evening or by no later than the Thursday morning delegation head meeting so that the draws and exact tournament format can be determined. It is recommended that players sign up for doubles before they leave their venues after their last singles match. The number of sign-ups will determine whether

doubles or mixed doubles tournaments will be played and which venues will be needed.

- 6.2.1 The host community will make every effort to hold doubles competition at one venue or two if necessary, with one for 13-14 year olds and a second for 15-16 year olds.
- 6.3 Doubles players are to report to the tournament desk thirty (30) minutes before play is to begin.
- 6.4 Players names will be put randomly into a doubles round robin format that will be determined by the number of players, courts available and matches to be played. Each player will be assigned to a court with 3 other players.
- 6.5 Each player will be rotating with a different partner on the same court keeping track of how many games won and lost by each individual player.
- 6.6 USTA and JCC Maccabi formats will be followed as in singles competitions.
 - 6.6.1 If there are not enough players in an age group, then ages can be combined: Partners can be one (1) 13-14 year old player and one (1) 15-16 year old player OR mixed as called for to make a tournament.
- 6.7 All doubles play will consist of a six (6) game set, no add scoring , and a twelve (12) point tie breaker starting at five (5) - five (5) tie. After each set, scores will be turned into the commissioner.
- 6.8 At the end of three (3) sets, the four (4) players with the most cumulative wins will repeat the round robin play for 1st through 4th place in their division. 1st to 3rd place medals will be awarded.
- 6.9 If there are players tied for the top 4 spots then the following procedures should be used:
 1. Least number of games lost
 2. Draw names. First name drawn is the higher ranked player.
- 6.10 Format and scheduling:
 - Play will be timed with a whistle designating the beginning and end of each round. One (1) long blast.
 - Three (3) minute warning whistle before each round is to begin. Two (2) short blasts and a verbal announcement.
 - Six (6) game pro set / no add scoring.

- When the whistle blows, the team ahead in the game's score wins that game. If the score is tied within the game at the whistle, play one (1) point and the winner of that point wins the game.

SCHEDULE:

- 7:30 am Report to venue, sign in, warm up.
- 8:00 am Commissioner explains format.
- 8:10-8:40 am 1st round.
- 8:40-8:50 am Report scores/break.
- 8:50-9:20 am 2nd round.
- 9:20-9:30 am Report scores/break.
- 9:30-10:00 am 3rd round.
- 10:00-10:15 am Report scores/longer break.
- 10:15-10:45 am 4th round.
- 10:45-10:55 am Report scores/break.
- 10:55-11:25 am 5th round.
- Play 6th round if necessary because of bye.
- Award medals

7. DRESS

- 7.1 Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn by all participants. If there is a doubt as to the acceptability of the attire, the decision of the referee or member of the Tennis Committee shall be final.
- 7.2 A player taking part in the medal ceremony must wear shoes and his/her competition uniform.

8. MEDALS

- 8.1 The following medals shall be awarded in all divisions:

First Place	JCC Maccabi Gold Medal
Second Place	JCC Maccabi Silver Medal
Third Place	JCC Maccabi Bronze Medal