



## 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).
- 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, please refer to the "Rachmanus Rule."

### 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)
- All match surfaces should be consistent throughout the tournament

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 his/her 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 Round Robin.

3.1.1 This information is required to be entered and confirmed by the delegation head by the registration deadline. Any registration confirmed after the registration deadline will be considered “late” and subject to late fees.

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

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. Do you participate in local, regional, sectional or national tournaments throughout the year?
2. Are you USTA Ranked? If yes; what is your ranking?

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)

(Note-The participant's age must be between the ages of 13 and 16 as of July 31 of the year of the Games for which the athlete is registering)

4.2 Players are to report to the Tournament Desk fifteen (15) minutes prior to their match.

4.3 In the Round Robin, 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 Round Robin 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 the Round Robin must have a player winning 8 games.

- 4.4.1 If a match in the Round Robin is tied at eight (8) games apiece, a 7 point tiebreak (First to 7, win by 2 points) (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 - - Point Loss
  - Second Offense - - Game 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).
- 4.6 Coaching is not permitted during match play.

## **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 Round Robin 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 number of matches won during Round Robin matches and will use the tie-breaker rules outlined below (See 5.3).
- 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 ad-scoring and no time limit and a seven (7) point tiebreaker, Semi-finals, Gold, and Bronze medal round matches will be best of 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 match tiebreak will be played instead of a final set. A ten (10) point match 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 the Round Robin, 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. Number of games won against all opponents.
4. Least number of games lost against common opponents, if applicable.
5. Least number of games lost against all opponents.
6. 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. Number of games won against all opponents
4. Least number of games lost against common opponents, if applicable.
5. Least number of games lost against all opponents
6. 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. DRESS**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 A player taking part in the medal ceremony must wear shoes and his/her competition uniform.

**7. MEDALS**

- 7.1 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