

WTF - International Playing Modes and Competition Regulations

Part I: World Championships for Women-Singles and Men-Singles

Art. 1 National contingent

1.1 Each affiliated Tenniquoits Federation (TF) is entitled to register up to four women and up to four men to participate in the singles competition of the World Championships (WCH).

1.2 In case that a TF participates at the World Championships for teams, it is obliged to register the exact amount of four women and four men to take part at the singles competition of the WCH.

Art. 2 Announcements and Ranking

2.1 Each TF has to announce its players to the secretariat of the WTF and the representatives of the organising TF of the WCH not later than two month before the starting day of the event.

2.2 If a TF announces more than one player to take part in the singles competition of the WCH, the announcement has to be attended with a ranking order of the players.

Art. 3 Knock-Out-System

The matches of the women-singles and men-singles competition have to be conducted in a knock-out-system. The winner of the particular match is qualified for the next round.

Art. 4 Schedule of play

The schedule of play has to be worked out by the organising TF in consideration of article 2.2 and 6. The worked out schedule of play has to be submitted to the secretariat of the WTF not later than one month before the starting day of the event.

Art. 5 Approval of the schedule of play

The secretariat of the WTF has to check and approve the schedule of play in consideration of the articles 2.2 and 6. The approved schedule of play has to be submitted to the participating TF not later than two weeks before the starting day of the event.

Art. 6 Principles of the schedule of play

6.1 The schedule of play has to contain the table and notation of the happening rounds in an adequate graphical design, integrated the full names of the participating players in combination with an abbreviation for their nationality and the announced rank according as article 2.2. The last four rounds have to be titled as round of sixteen, quarter-final, semi-final and final.

6.2 In the first round the highest ranked player of each participating TF is treated as a seeded player and has to play against the lowest ranked player of a different TF. The next highest ranked player of each participating TF has to play against the remaining lowest ranked player of a different TF and so on. In cases of no uniqueness, the decision has to be taken by lot.

6.3 Only in cases of no other opportunities equal ranked player have to play against each other or player of the same TF have to play against each other in the first round.

6.4 It is a matter of principle that the highest ranked players of different TF have to play against each other as late as possible concerning the progression of the schedule of play, assuming that they are winning their matches.

6.5 It is a matter of principle that players of the same TF have to play against each other as late as possible concerning the progression of the schedule of play, assuming that they are winning their matches.

6.6 If the first knock-out-round is not completely filled with players, the empty places (free tickets) have to be shared as equal as possible onto the quarters of the schedule of play with the demand that the following round is fully occupied. The free tickets have to be assigned according to the rank of the participating players in descending order. In case of no uniqueness, the number of free tickets has to be assigned by lot.

Art. 7 Objection against the schedule of play

7.1 An objection against the schedule of play is only possible concerning a breach of article 6 and on location of the competition. The objecting party has to deposit a fee of 100 USD before the starting of the first round.

7.2 A commission consisting of one representative of each participating TF decides if a breach against article 6 exists or not by an open vote and simple majority. In case that the commission overrules the objection, the fee has to be transferred into the property of the WTF.

7.3 In case of a breach against article 6 the commission has to balance accurately if the effort for an overworking of the schedule of play is warrantable concerning the dimension of the breach. Otherwise the objection has to be rejected too.

Art. 8 Publication of the schedule of play

The organising TF of the WCH is obliged to present the schedule of play in direct closeness to the courts, visible for the players, the coaches, the referees, the visitors and other relevant persons of the competition. Results must be actualised at the schedule of play immediately after the finishing of the particular matches.

Art. 9 Succession of rounds

9.1 Matches of a particular round must not begin, before all matches of the preceding round are finished.

9.2 The finals of the women-singles and the men-singles have to be played separately. The men-singles closes the singles competition of the WCH.

Art. 10 Substitution of players

In case that a player is prevented from playing his first match because of an injury or illness, it is only possible to substitute this player by another player of the same TF. The reason for the prevention has to be submitted to the organising TF at latest one hour before the first round begins.

Part II: World Championships for Women-Doubles, Men-Doubles and Mixed-Doubles

Art. 11 National contingent

11.1 Each TF is entitled to send up to three men-doubles, three women-doubles and up to five mixed-doubles to participate at these individual doubles competitions of the WCH.

11.2 In case that a TF participates at the World Championships for teams, it is obliged to register the amount of two men-doubles, two women-doubles and three mixed-doubles minimum to take part at these individual doubles competitions of the WCH.

11.3 In case that a TF participates at the World Championships with the maximal contingent of sixteen players (cp. article 14.6), it is obliged to register the exact amount of three men-doubles, three women-doubles and five mixed-doubles to take part at these individual doubles competitions of the WCH.

Art. 12 Announcements and Ranking

12.1 Each TF has to announce its doubles combinations (men, women and mixed) to the office of the WTF and the representatives of the organising TF of the WCH not later than two month before the starting day of the event.

12.2 If a TF announces more than one doubles combination (men, women or mixed) to take part at these individual doubles competitions of the WCH, the announcement has to be attended with a ranking order of the doubles combinations (men, women and mixed).

Art. 13 Round-Robin-System

13.1 The matches of the women-doubles, men-doubles and mixed-doubles competitions have to be conducted in a round-robin-system of groups, which contain at least four parties per each group. A group is not allowed to contain more than six parties.

13.2 Each winning party of a group and if necessary the additional best runner-up parties of the competition fill a field of eight parties to continue the doubles competition in knock-out-system, starting with quarter-final.

Part III: World Championships for Teams

Art. 14 Formation of the teams and the delegation

14.1 Each affiliated TF is entitled to send one team to participate in the team competition of the WCH. A team has to consist of five men player and five women player.

14.2 If one player out of the five men or one player out of the five women should not play at a certain match, this player has to be appointed as reserve-player. A reserve-player only participates in this particular match in case of an injury or illness as described in article 23.1 or 23.2.

14.3 At least three of the four men players and three of the four women players of a TF, who are participating at the singles competition, have to be members of the team.

14.4 A delegation of an affiliated TF, which is participating at the team competition, consists of the team as defined in article 14.1, the delegation coach, the delegation manager, two referees and possibly up to six additional players (three of each gender).

14.5 A delegation of an affiliated TF, which is not participating at the team competition, consists of the players for the singles competitions (men and women) and doubles competitions (men, women and mixed), the delegation coach, the delegation manager and up to two referees.

14.6 In total a delegation may maximally contain twenty persons: Sixteen players (eight of each gender) plus coach, manager and two referees.

14.7 Office bearers of the Executive Committee of the WTF needn't belong to a delegation in the sense of article 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6.

Art. 15 Announcement of teams, players and delegation members

15.1 Each TF, which wants to participate in the team competition of the WCH, has to announce a team to the secretariat of the WTF and the representatives of the organising TF of the WCH not later than six month before the starting day of the event.

15.2 A list with the names of the men players and the women players of the team has to be submitted to the secretariat of the WTF and the representatives of the organising TF of the WCH not later than two month before the starting day of the event.

15.3 A list with the names of the attending delegation members as defined in article 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6 has to be submitted to the secretariat of the WTF and the representatives of the organising TF of the WCH not later than two month before the starting day of the event.

Art. 16 Round-robin-system and succession of rounds

16.1 The team competition has to be conducted in a round-robin-system.

16.2 A match between two TF at the WCH has to be conducted in the following succession of two games per round:

First round: Men-singles one and women-singles one.

Second round: Men-singles two and women-singles two.

Third round: Mixed one and mixed two.

Fourth round: Men-doubles one and women-doubles one.

Fifth round: Men-doubles two and women-doubles two.

16.3 The break time between two rounds must not be more than ten minutes.

Art. 17 Maximum of games per player

17.1 A player is allowed to play maximum three games per match.

17.2 While a match between two TF a player is not allowed to play more than one game per discipline singles, mixed or doubles.

Art. 18 Time schedule

18.1 The time schedule of the team competition is arranged by the organising TF of the WCH and has to be submitted to the secretariat of the WTF and all participating TF not later than two months before the starting day of the event.

18.2 In case the number of the participating teams is six or less than six, a team should not play more than two matches a day.

18.3 In case the number of the participating teams is between seven and twelve, a team should not play more than three matches a day.

18.4 In case that one team is involved in more than one match a day, the break time between two matches has to be minimum two hours.

Art. 19 Match result

19.1 The team which scored the most game points after the final round will be the winner of the match, whereas a won game is valued with two game points, a game ending in a draw is valued with one game point and a lost game is valued with zero game points.

19.2 In case that both teams scored the same amount of game points after the final round, the match was a draw with no winner or loser.

Art. 20 Overall results

20.1 The team which scored the most match points after the final match will be the winner of the WCH for teams, whereas a won match is valued with two match points, a match ending in a draw is valued with one match point and a lost match is valued with zero match points.

20.2 In case that two or more teams scored the same amount of match points after the final match, the amount of won game points is deciding for the final ranking of the WCH.

20.3 In case that two or more teams scored the same amount of match points and the same amount of game points, the direct match result is deciding for the final ranking of the teams.

20.4 In case that two or more teams scored the same amount of match points, the same amount of game points and the direct match result is equal, the relationship of won and lost rings, played at the matches of the tied teams, is deciding for the final ranking of the WCH.

Art. 21 Team lists

21.1 One hour before the beginning of a match the team list has to be submitted in sealed envelopes to the organizing TF.

21.2 The team list has to contain the full names of the players with a clear assignment concerning the disciplines and rounds, mentioned in article 16.2. If available, the official form of the WTF has to be used.

21.3 The team list has to contain the full names of the reserve-players, if reserve-players are appointed as mentioned in article 14.2.

21.4 The sealed envelopes have to be opened immediately after the reception by the organising TF in presence of the team coach or team manager of both participating teams.

Art. 22 Publication of team lists and results

The organising TF of the WCH is obliged to present the team lists and the results of all games and matches in direct closeness to the courts, visible for players, coaches, the referees, the visitors and other relevant persons of the competition. Results must be actualised immediately after the finishing of the particular games or matches.

Art. 23 Substitution of team players

23.1 In case a player has to stop playing a game because of an injury or illness and is unable to finish the started game, this game is lost. A substitution for the next game is possible.

23.2 In case a listed player gets injured or ill before the beginning of a game, a substitution for this player is not possible for this coming game but the next game.

23.3 A player who retired as mentioned in article 23.1 or 23.2 is not allowed to start playing again during the current match.

23.4 A substitution is only possible by another player without disregarding article 17.2.

23.5 In case a reserve-player is appointed as mentioned in article 14.2, a retired player has to be substituted by a reserve-player.

23.6 In case an announced player for the team competition is prevented from participating in a match because of an injury or illness before the handover of the team list to the organising TF, this player might be substituted by a player, who has been announced for the singles competition of the WCH only.

Part IV: International Team Competitions and Tournaments outside the World Championships

Art. 24 International matches

24.1 International matches between national junior or senior teams of affiliated TF outside the WCH have to be conducted in the same way as determined in the relevant articles of part III of these playing modes and competition regulations.

24.2 Only modifications concerning the number of the attending delegation members are permitted in accordance to individual agreements of both TF.

Art. 25 Team competitions between national selections and others

25.1 International matches between national junior or senior teams of affiliated TF on the one hand and provincial teams, regional selections or other not national selections on the other hand, are recommended to be conducted in the same way as determined in the relevant articles of part III of these playing modes and competition regulations.

25.2 Modifications concerning the number of disciplines and the substitution of players are permitted in accordance to individual agreement of both teams.

Art. 26 Other international team competitions

In case that no national selection is involved at an international team competition, the playing modes concerning this match are allowed to be changed in accordance to individual agreements of both teams.

Art. 27 Tournaments

27.1 It is recommended but not obliged, that international tournaments of the WTF for singles (men and women) and doubles (men, women and mixed) have to be conducted in the same way as determined in the relevant articles of part I and II of these playing modes and competition regulations.

27.2 International tournaments for singles (men and women) and doubles (men, women and mixed) which are conducted by the WTF have to be called International Open of the organizing country in addition with the declaration of the year (e.g. International Open of Germany 2008).

Part V: International Referee Regulations

Art. 28 Referee regulations concerning the World Championships for Singles

28.1 Each TF, which is taking part with the full contingent of players, has to assign two referees for the WCH for singles. The announced referees of the delegation may assign a third person out of the delegation, who is not involved as a player of the WCH for singles.

28.2 Each TF, which is taking part with less than the full contingent, has to assign one referee for the WCH for singles.

28.3 In cases of shortages concerning referees, the organising TF of the WCH has to assign additionally referees from their TF.

28.4 The referee, who conducts a match, has to come from a different TF than the involved players of the particular match.

Art. 29 Referee regulations concerning the World Championships for Teams

29.1 Each TF, which is taking part at the WCH for teams, has to assign two referees for the WCH for teams. The announced referees of the delegation may assign a third person out of the delegation, who is not involved as a player of the team. Reserve-players are acceptable as far as they are not playing at the particular match.

29.2 Each match has to be conducted by referees of a different TF than the involved teams of the particular match.

Art. 30 Referee regulations concerning other competitions

30.1 The article 29.1 is also relevant for international matches between affiliated TF outside the WCH as characterised in article 24. Article 29.2 is only relevant, if more than two TF meet for a competition outside the WCH.

30.2 Team competitions and tournaments, as described in the articles 25, 26 and 27 are allowed to be conducted with individual agreements concerning the assignment of referees.