

#### **Rules and Regulations**

#### 1. Organizer

Macau Tennis Association

#### 2. Groups and Events

- 2.1 U18 Boy's Singles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2004)
- 2.2 U18 Girl's Singles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2004)
- 2.3 U14 Boy's Singles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008)
- 2.4 U14 Girl's Singles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008)
- 2.5 U12 Mixed Gender Singles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010)
- 2.6 U10 Mixed Gender Singles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012)
- 2.7 6-8 Mixed Gender Singles-(Born between 2014-2016)
- 2.8 U18 Boy's Doubles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2004)
- 2.9 U18 Girl's Doubles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of Jaunary 2004)
- 2.10 U14 Boy's Doubles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008)
- 2.11 U12 Mixed Gender Doubles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010)
- 2.12 U10 Mixed Gender Doubles-(Born after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012)

# **3.** Eligibility

- 3.1 Only holders of Macau resident ID card may participate
- **3.2** Each player shall participate in at most two group and event (one single one double)
- **3.3** During the whole tournament all players must either have completed 2 vaccine shots 14 days before the starting day, or present proof of nucleic acid negative result received within 7 days. (Players who fail to comply the epidemic prevention policy will be defaulted)

# 4. Registration Procedure and Date

- 4.1 Registration method: Link to the online registration form
- 4.2 On-site registration: Bowling Center, Macau-Tennis Academy Office Room B1.003 (Monday-Friday: 1500-19:00)
- **4.3** Registration date: from today to 19:00 on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April



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- Entry list will be announced after 12:00 on April 25 (<u>Macau Tennis Association</u>)
   (Please raise any issues to the entry list before 19:00 on the day of announcement)
- 4.5 Payment method:
  - 4.5.1 Online payment: Bank Transaction to Tai Fung bank account: Macau Tennis Association 206 100 7503 (Please indicate player's name and group and event)
  - 4.5.2 On-site payment: (cash only) Bowling Macau Center-Tennis Academy Office Room B1.003

(Monday-Friday: 15:00-19:00)

# 5. Entry Fee

- 5.1 Entry fee to singles group and event is (MOP 100.00)
- 5.2 Entry fee to doubles group and event is (MOP 200.00)

## 6. Entry Rejection

- 6.1 Tournament entry registration will be rejected if the player failed to register according to the procedure, date or location referred to in point 4. Registration Procedure and Date, or
- 6.2 failed to submit the photocopy of the certificate mentioned in Article 3.1 to the designated registration site before the registration deadline, or
- 6.3 failed to pay for the entry fee referred to in Article 5 before the registration deadline referred to at point 4.3 Tournament date and location

# 7. Tournament date and location

- 7.1 Tournament Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (First match on weekdays starts at 19:00, whereas first match weekends starts at 10:00)
- 7.2 Tournament site: Tennis Academy

# 8. Match Rules

Tournament matches follow the latest "ITF Rules of Tennis"



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#### 9. Format of Event

- 9.1 All groups and events are played in a two-stage system:
  Stage 1: Round-robin stage
  Stage 2: Single-elimination Stage
  All matches follow the "No-let" rule whereby a serve that touches the net is in play
- 9.2 In the case of insufficient entries in a group and event (less than or equal to 4), the group and event will be canceled; entries to the canceled group and event will then enter the next higher age group and event
- 9.3 Group and event 2.1 (U18 Boy's Singles), 2.2 (U18 Girl's Singles), 2.3 (U14 Boy's Singles), 2.4 (U14 Girl's Singles), 2.5 (U12 Mixed Gender Singles), 2.6 (U10 Mixed Gender Singles), 2.8 (U18 Boy's Doubles), 2.9 (U18 Girl's Doubles), 2.10 (U14 Boy's Doubles), 2.11 (U12 Mixed Gender Doubles) and 2.12 (U10 Mixed Gender Doubles) matches in the round-robin stage will be played in a best of 1 set of 8 games, with a 7-point tiebreak following 7 games all, and "No-Ad" scoring format. Whereas the same group and event matches in the single-elimination stage will be played in best of three sets of 6 games, tiebreak set (6 games all is followed by a 7-point tiebreak), third set being a tiebreak and "No-Ad" scoring format.
- 9.4 Ground and event 2.7 (6-8 Mixed Gender Singles) matches in the round-robin stage will be played in a best of 3 sets format, with each set being a 7-point tiebreak (after 6 points all player needs to lead by 2 points to win a tiebreak). Ground and event 2.7 (6-8 Mixed Gender Singles) matches in the single-elimination stage will be played in a best of 1 set of 4 games format with a 7-point tiebreak following 3 games all and "No-Ad" scoring. In the round-robin stage, players are ranked according to matches won. Player with the more matches won is ranked higher. If two players won the same number of matches, the two will play a match to decide who ranks higher. If three or more players won the same number of matches, the ranking is determined by:



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- (1) Player with more matches won ranks higher
- (2) If two players have the same number of matches won, player with the more sets won ranks higher
- (3) If two players have same number of matches and sets won, player with the more games won ranks higher
- (4) If players have the same number of matches, sets and games won, the ranking is determined by drawing lots
- **9.5** The game time on the schedule is for reference only and is subject to change (players must conform to the arrangements of the tournament committee, in principle there will be more than two matches per day);
- **9.6** In case the tournament is suspended due to rain or other force majeure factors and is then resumed, the results of previous matches will stay valid. The event committee will make arrangement for the remaining matches.
- 9.7 The following circumstances will be treated as abstention:
  - 9.7.1 Being late for more than 15 minutes
  - **9.7.2** Under no cause of force majeure and the approval of the event committee, player fail to participate in a match
  - 9.7.3 Player refuse to participate in a match rescheduled by the event committee
  - **9.7.4** Player unreasonably interrupt a match for more than a specified time (Five minutes from when the chair umpire starts timing).

## 10. Seeding

- **10.1** The seeds of this tournament are based on the 2022 Macau Tennis Junior ranking and depend on the number of entries
- **10.2** If the number of seeds is insufficient, the tournament committee may reduce the number of seeds, even to no seed.



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## 11. Award

In each group and event there are awards for the players in first place, second place, joint third place and joint fifth place. Depending on the number of entries in each group and event, additional awards may be added according to the following rules:

- When there are 32 or more entries the top 8 players will be awarded,
- When there are 16 or more entries the top 4 players will be awarded,
- When there are 8 or more entries only the top 2 players will be awarded.
- The Event Committee may change the number of players awarded listed in the Rules and Regulations

## **12.** Epidemic Prevention Measures

- 12.1 Everyone in the tournament site must wear masks; technicians and staffs must wear masks the whole time; players may take off masks only during match, and put on masks immediately after a match is finished. Players who finished all his/her matches of the day must leave the tournament site immediately.
- 12.2 All staffs must arrive at the registration site to help with crowd control, masks check and hand sanitizer supply. Reporters and interviewers must present media certificate and register before entering tournament site
- 12.3 There will be no handshake after match among the players and chair umpire.There will be a simple award ceremony at the end of the tournament
- **12.4** Parents and spectators are allowed to enter the tournament site; a parent of player and the player may enter while keeping a distance of 3 seats apart.
- 12.5 Players must arrive and register at the tournament site 30 minutes before match starts. Player should first register indoor, then follow the coordination of outdoor staffs. Players will arrive at courts 10 minutes before match.

## 13. Tournament Draw

- 13.1 Location: Macau Tennis Academy-Office Room B1.003
- **13.2** Drawing time: 18:00, 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2022



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## 14. Tournament Tennis Balls

- Matches in group and event 2.1 (U18 Boy's Singles), 2.2 (U18 Girl's Singles), 2.3 (U14 Boy's Singles), 2.4 (U14 Girl's Singles), 2.5 (U12 Mixed Gender Singles), 2.8 (U18 Boy's Doubles), 2.9 (U18 Girl's Doubles), 2.10 (U14 Boy's Doubles), 2.11 (U12 Mixed Gender Doubles) will use the yellow (standard) ball.
- Matches in group and event 2.6 (U10 Mixed Gender Singles) and 2.12 (U10 Mixed Gender Doubles) will use the green ball.
- Matches in group and event 2.7 (6-8 Mixed Gender Singles) will use the red ball.

#### **15.** Tournament Attire

The tournament dress code will follow the latest ITF "Tennis Competition Clothing Standards". Players who violate the dress code and do not improve immediately upon receiving persuasion from tournament officials will be defaulted.

# **16.** Medical Time Out

Players will not receive "medical time out" for muscle cramps. Players may receive medical treatment only during set breaks. Players with muscle cramps caused by heat stroke may ask for medical time out and may receive a medical time out if the medical condition is then diagnosed by the event supervisor or the referee. If a player has severe muscle cramp, he may give up the scores up until the next change of end or set break and use the break time to receive medical treatment.

# 17. Authority of Event Committee

Under any circumstances the event committee has the right to make any changes to the tournament rules and schedule, including:

- To accept or reject any tournament entry
- To strictly follow the tournament schedule and refuse any requests for change
- In case of rain or other special circumstances, the event committee has the right to rearrange the tournament schedule



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## **18.** Event supervisor, referee, and umpires

The event supervisor, referee and umpires will be arranged by the organizer. For the tournament finals the organizer will assign chair umpires. For all other matches there will be umpires roaming around the courts and the matches adopt the "trust system" described below.

# 19. Description and Requirements of the Trust System

- 19.1 Players may only make calls on shots on his/her side of the net
- **19.2** All "out" calls must be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent to hear
- **19.3** When a player responsible for a call is in doubt of whether a ball was out, then the ball should be considered to be good
- 19.4 If a player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that player made an incorrect "out" call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called "out" loses the point.
- **19.5** The server should call the score before each 1st serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.
- **19.6** If a player does not agree on his/her opponent's call, he/she may ask a roaming umpire to settle the dispute. If a player does not follow the above procedure in case of a dispute, he/she is considered committing voluntary hindrance and unsportsmanlike behavior and may receive penalties according rules relevant to match play.

## 20. Penalties to Rule Violation

Rule violations are penalized according to the latest ITF "Rules of Tennis"

## **21.** Conducts and Discipline

21.1 During a match, any behaviors that hinders the match are considered violating the match code of conduct. roaming umpires and the referee have the right to penalize those who behaved in such manner.



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- 21.2 This tournament adopts the trust system. All players must strictly adhere to values of integrity, fairness and sportsmanship. Players should announce score according to the actual state of the match. In case of a dispute, players should promptly report to a roaming umpire; the roaming umpire will make judgement over the dispute. Players should abide by the judgements of roaming umpire.
- 21.3 If a player violates the code of conduct, the player may receive point penalty of match, ranking points penalty, and the player may be disqualified from the tournament. If a parent of a player violates the code of conduct, based on severity the player may receive ranking point penalty, and may be disqualified from the tournament Macau Junior Series 2022 Rules and regulations

# 22. Penalty Guideline When Entourages of a Player Violates The Code of Conduct

No personnel except match players and roaming umpires may enter a tournament court. During any time, especially when players arrive at playing court or during a match, players' coaches, parents or representatives may not spread words causing negative effects to the organizer, event staff, other players, referee, umpires or the sport of tennis itself. Coaches, parents and guardians of a player have the right to submit comment and complaint on matters related to other player's tournament eligibility, conducts and discipline and tournament organization, but such submissions must be made to the event committee through official means. Coaching from outside of court is seen as unsportsmanlike hindering behavior. Based on the situation the event committee may give advice, persuasion and restrict a player from playing a match or all matches. In a more severe case, a player will be put in a blacklist which we will notify to other tournament organizers, banning the playing from competing in other national or international tournaments. Since slandering and defamation can cause severe consequences, legal actions might be pursued.



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#### 23. Relevant Responsibilities

- **23.1** Players are responsible for any health issues, injuries and any consequences suffered in connection to the tournament
- 23.2 Players should browse information on tournament schedule through the <u>Macau</u> <u>Tennis Association</u> website

## 24. Appeal Procedure

- 24.1 Any appeal for match results must be made within 30 minutes of the end of match to the referee
- **24.2** In case there is any objections to the judgement of the referee, appeals should be made within 24 hours to the appeal committee.
- 24.3 Appeals to the appeal committee must be submitted in paper signed by the player/player's parent, along with a (MOP 1,000) appeal fee
- 24.4 If the appeal is successful, the appeal fee will be refunded; otherwise, the appeal fee will not be refunded
- 24.5 The appellant bears the burden of proof for the appeal
- **24.6** The Macau Tennis Association Appeal Committee will make final judgement to appeals.

# 25. Personal Data Collection and Discharge of Claims

By applying for a tournament entry, a player has given permanent consent to the organizer to take, use and present photos of the player during the tournament. As a condition of tournament entry, all tournament players agree to waive any claims to the organizer for any damage on the player caused during matches (or any period traveling within, to and from tournament site).

#### 26. Others

- **26.1** In case the Rules and Regulation is incomplete to settle a dispute, the Event Committee will make the final decision based on ITF rules and regulations.
- 26.2 The organizer preserves the right to interpret and modify the Rules and Regulations