2026 Macau Tennis Junior Series

Rules and Regulations

1. Organizer

Macau Tennis Association

2. Groups and Events

2.1 U18 Boys' Singles – (Born after 1st January 2008)

2.2 U18 Girls' Singles – (Born after 1st January 2008)

2.3 U14 Boy's Singles – (Born after 1st January 2012)

2.4 U14 Girl's Singles – (Born after 1st January 2012)

2.5 U12 Boy's Singles – (Born after 1st January 2014)

2.6 U12 Girl's Singles – (Born after 1st January 2014)

2.7 U10 Boy's Singles – (Born after 1st January 2016)

2.8 U10 Girl's Singles – (Born after 1st January 2016)

2.9 6-8 Mixed Gender Singles – (Born between 2018 and 2020)

3. Eligibility

3.1 Only holders of Macau resident ID card may participate

3.2 Each player is allowed to compete in an age group one level higher, and each player can participate in a maximum of two events.

4. Registration Procedure and Date

4.1 Registration method: Link to the online registration form

4.2 On-site registration: Macau Cotai Bowling Centre – Macau Tennis Academy Office Room B1.003

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

4.3 Registration date: from today to 1st April 2026 19:00 on

4.4 Entry list will be announced after 2nd April 2026 12:00 on (Macau Tennis Association) **(Please raise any issues to the entry list before 12:00 on 6th April 2026)**

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)** Macau Cotai Bowling Center - Macau Tennis Academy Office Room B1.003 **(Monday-Friday: 15:00-19:00)**

5. Entry Fee

Entry fee to singles group and event is – (**MOP 100.00**)

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: 11st-12nd April and 18th-19th April 2026 (**first match weekends start at 9:30**)

7.2 Tournament site: Macau Cotai Bowling Center – Macau Tennis Academy

8. Match Rules

Tournament matches follow the latest "ITF Rules of Tennis"

9. Format of Event

9.1 All group and events will be 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 5), 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 Boys' Singles), 2.2 (U18 Girls' Singles), 2.3 (U14 Boys' Singles), 2.4 (U14 Girls' Singles), 2.5 (U12 Boys' Singles), 2.6 (U12 Girls' Singles), 2.7 (U10 Boys' Singles),2.8 (U10 Girls' Singles), matches n the round-robin stage will be played in a best of 1 set of 6 games,with a 7-point tiebreak following 6 games all,and "No-Ad"scoring format .Whereas the same group and event matches in the single-elimination stage will be played in a best of 1 set of 8 games, (7 games all is followed by a 7-point tiebreak), "No-Ad"scoring format.

9.4 Group and event 2.9 (6-8 Mixed Gender Singles) matches will be played 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 ,1 point decides to win the tiebreak). in the single-elimination stage will be played in a best of 3 sets format,with each set being a 10-point tiebreak(after 9 points all ,1 point decides to win the tiebreak).

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 interrupts a match for more than a specified time **(Fifteen minutes from when the chair umpire starts timing).**

10. Seeding

10.1 The seeds of this tournament are based on the 2026 Macau Tennis Association 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.

11. Award

In each group and event there are awards for the players in the first place, the 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 and less than 32 entries the top 4 players will be awarded
- When there are 8 or more and less than 16 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. Tournament Draw

12.1 Location: Macau Cotai Bowling Center - Macau Tennis Academy - Office Room B1.003

12.2 **Stage 1：Round-robin stage，Drawing time: April 6th 2026 18:00**

According to the latest score of Macau Tennis Association Junior Ranking, each group will set seed players, and the number of seeds will be determined according to the actual number of participants in the group. Seed players will enter the first place in each group, and other unseeded

players will be determined by drawing lots to enter the remaining positions.

Stage 2：Single-elimination Stage，Elimination Stage drawing time will be determined after the completion of the Group Stage.

- If the elimination stage adopts a 16-position draw, the drawing will determine entry into the draw. The first-placed players from each group will face the second-placed players from other groups in the first round of the elimination stage. The first and second-placed players from the same group will be separated in the first round of the elimination stage. The number one seed will enter the upper half, position 1, and the number two seed will enter the lower half, position 16. The remaining third and fourth seeds will be drawn to enter positions 8 and 9, respectively. The other second-placed players will be determined through a drawing to fill the remaining positions.
- If the elimination stage adopts an 8-position draw, the drawing will determine entry into the draw. The first-placed players from each group will face the second-placed players from other groups in the first round of the elimination stage. The first and second-placed players from the same group will be separated in the first round of the elimination stage. The number one seed will enter the upper half, position 1, and the number two seed will enter the lower half, position 8. The remaining third and fourth seeds will be drawn to enter positions 4 and 5, respectively. The other second-placed players will be determined through a drawing to fill the remaining positions.
- If the elimination stage adopts a 4-position draw, the first-placed players will face the second-placed players from other groups in the elimination stage.

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13. Tournament Tennis Balls

- Matches in group and events 2.1 (U18 Boys' Singles), 2.2 (U18 Girls' Singles), 2.3 (U14 Boys' Singles), 2.4 (U14 Girls' Singles), 2.5 (U12 Boys' Singles), 2.6 (U12 Girls' Singles)will use yellow standard balls
- Matches in group and event 2.7 (U10 Boys' Singles) and 2.8 (U10 Girls' Singles) will use green balls
- Matches in group and event 2.9 (6-8 Mixed Gender Singles) will use red balls

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Authority of Event Committee

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

- Deleting a group and event when there are less than 5 (pairs of) players
- To accept or reject any tournament entry
- To make the final decision on eligibility of each player

- 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
- In case a player fails under no cause of force majeure to participate a scheduled match, the tournament committee may cancel the player's eligibility

17. 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.

18. Description and Requirements of the Trust System

18.1 Players may only make calls on shots on his/her side of the net

18.2 All "out" calls must be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent to hear

18.3 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

18.4 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.

18.5 The server should call the score before each 1st serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.

18.6 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 to rules relevant to match play.

19. Penalties to Rule Violation

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

20. Conducts and Discipline

20.1 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.

20.2 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.

20.3 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 2026 Rules and regulations

21. 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.

22. Relevant Responsibilities

22.1 Players are responsible for any health issues, injuries and any consequences suffered in connection to the tournament

22.2 Players should browse information on tournament schedule through the Macau Tennis Association website

23. Appeal Procedure

23.1 Any appeal for match results must be made within 30 minutes of the end of match to the referee

23.2 In case there is any objections to the judgement of the referee, appeals should be made within 24 hours to the appeal committee.

23.3 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

23.4 If the appeal is successful, the appeal fee will be refunded; otherwise, the appeal fee will not be refunded

23.5 The appellant bears the burden of proof for the appeal

23.6 The Macau Tennis Association Appeal Committee will make final judgement to appeals.

24. 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).

25. Match Withdrawal

If a player wishes to withdraw from a match, the player must submit a written notice (Email: macautennis@gmail.com or Fax: (853) 28706024) to Macau Tennis Association. If a withdrawal notice is not received, Macau Tennis Association will deduct ranking points from the player's local ranking this season and give a written warning notice to the player. If this happens twice within a year, the player will be banned from entering tournaments for 6 months. If a player withdraws from a match due to poor physical condition, the player must submit a medical certificate within 48 hours of the match day. In this case ranking points will not be deducted from the player.Players who wish to withdraw from the tournament but have not applied for an withdrawal will be assumed to be participating in the tournament. In this case the entry fee will not be refunded.

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