

1. Designation

The "Rules" for regulating the tournaments are named " International Tennis Tournament of the European Research Institutes " (ITEF)

2. Performance

The tennis tournament is contested as a team competition.

A team competition consists of the following matches:

- 1 Men Single
- 1 Women Single
- 1 Men Double
- 1 Mixed Double

Within one team competition, each male and each female player can only take part in one match. At the following competition, the male and female participants may be exchanged, so each team consists of at least 4 men and 2 women.

In one of the double events (man or mixed double), one male player, may be replaced by a female player. In this case, a team consists of at least 3 men and 3 women.

The rules of the "International Tennis Federation" (ITF) are applied.

Amendment:

The organizer tries to substitute missing players for teams that are not complete. In the event that this is not possible, the organizer may sign a player from the teams who can play twice (in two events), if this is compatible with the plan of the tournament.

3. Participation

Only those members listed on the ASCERI Website, or members of the staff of these research institutes, are permitted to participate in sports meetings. Family members of the staff members may also participate.

Members of sports organizations of research institutes or their employees, who are not members of the ASCERI, may participate as guests in sports events at the discretion of the organizer. Their participation however takes place "out of competition" and they will not be considered in the evaluation. The number of the participating teams is dependent on the facilities available to the organizer.

4. Grouping and Seeding

The participating teams will be divided into groups. For the seeding, the sum of all points of the last 6 years determines the order, beginning with the highest number of points:

- The winner of these tournaments receives a score of 10, the second team a score of 9, the third a score of 8 etc. The tenth of a tournament receives 1 point. The places 11 and higher receive no points.
- If a centre has more than one team in a tournament, each of them will be taken into account to get the ranking of the tournament, but only the best result from this centre will be taken into account for the ranking list.
- If an invited centre (which is not member of the ASCERI) gets points on a tournament, it will have the points and place on the ranking list as if it was a member of the ASCERI.

5. Rules and plan of the tournament

The tournament should start with group system ("Round-Robin" System). This means, that within each group, every team will play against each other.

After the group competition, the tournament continues by another group system or by a "K.O." - system.

The winners - and if possible the runner-ups (2nd place) - of each group play for the championship. The third, fourth etc. of each group play for the further ranking.

Each match may be played with either two sets, or as a long set, ending at game 9. If the match ends in a tie (1:1 sets or 8:8 games), an additional tie-break will decide final placing. In the event of a delay (e.g. rain) a normal set might be played up to game 6 (with tie-break at 6:6).

The organizer may modify the plan of the tournament in accordance with the number of teams participating, and with the agreement of the Tennis Committee

6. Placement

A. Group matches ("Round-Robin" system)

For each team-match won (4:0 or 3:1) the winning team gets two points. In the case of a tie (2:2) each team gains one point.

1. Group placement

Winner of the group, is the team with the highest number of points. The other places in the group are resulting from the points gained.
2. Two teams have the same number of points
 - a) the former match between the two teams will decide
 - b) in case of a draw (2:2) the positive difference in games will decide
 - c) if the difference in games is the same, the difference of all matches, and then all games played in the group, will decide
 - d) if however, these differences are still equal, the result of mixed-double will decide
3. More than two teams have the same number of points

Only the results against those teams will be taken into account, which have the same

number of points

- a) the new calculated points will decide
- b) if they are the same, the match difference, and then the game difference between them, will decide
- c) if there is still no decision, the match, and then all game differences played in the group, will decide
- d) if there is still no clear decision, a coin (by lot) will decide

B. K.O.-System

The winner of the team-match (4:0 or 3:1) will go into the next round, playing for higher places; the looser will play for lower places. In case of a draw (2:2) the difference in games will decide. If this difference is 0, the result of the mixed-double will decide.

7. Withdrawal

If a team does not appear for a team match, the match will be lost after a waiting time of 15 minutes, with the worst possible result.

If a player is late or does not appear within 15 minutes, he or she loses the match with the worst possible result.

8. Amendments

If an urgent application has been presented, in writing, before a tournament, this application can only be granted by a 2/3 majority of the participating teams. The participating teams, the court of arbitration and the Tennis Committee of the ASCERI are to be informed in writing by the organiser, prior, to the first game.

In there is a dispute, the English version of these rules will apply.