



## TOURNAMENT RULES

### 52<sup>ND</sup> BANK OF MALDIVES NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

#### Dates, venue and times

1. The Championships will be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
2. The Championships will be held at the National Tennis Centre.
3. The Championships will be played from 0700 hrs to 2200 hrs daily.
4. A scheduled match, under the categories 12 and under, will not commence, after, 2100hrs on any given day.
5. Matches of players going to school in the morning hours will be scheduled for the afternoon hours.
6. Matches of players going to school in the afternoon will be scheduled for the morning hours or during the afternoon, after school hours.

#### Eligibility

Age Category	Eligibility
7 and under	Players eligible and choosing to play in this category can play both singles and doubles in this group and are not allowed to enter for any other age category
8 and under	Players eligible and choosing to play in this category can play both singles and doubles in this group and are not allowed to enter for any other age category
10 and under	Players eligible and choosing to play in this category can play both singles and doubles in this group and are not allowed to enter for any other age category
12 and under	Players eligible to play in this group can choose to enter 2 singles and 1 double in either 12 and Under, 14 and Under, Junior Open or Open Category
14 and under	Players eligible to play in this group can choose to enter 2 singles and 1 double in either 14 and under, Junior Open or Open Category

1. For players who are eligible to compete in 7 and under, 8 and under and 10 and under age categories are eligible to compete in their respective age category (i.e. a player eligible and choosing to compete in 7 and under Category can only compete in the 7 and under singles and doubles.)
2. For players who are eligible to compete in the 12 and under age category are eligible enter a maximum of three (3) categories, which must include 2 singles. Players eligible to play in this group can choose to enter 2 singles and 1 double in either 12 and under, 14 and under and Junior Open or Open Category.

For example, a player eligible to enter the 12 and under boys' category may choose to enter the 12 and under boys' singles, the Junior Open singles and 12 and under boys' doubles.

For example, a player eligible to enter the 12 and under girls' category may choose to enter the 14 and under girls' singles, the Women's Open singles and 12 and under girls' doubles.

3. For players who are eligible to compete in the 14 and under and Junior Open categories are eligible to enter a maximum of three (3) categories, which must include 2 singles. Players eligible to play in this group can choose to enter 2 singles and 1 double in either 14 and under, Junior Open and Open Category.

For example, a player eligible to enter the 14 and under girls' category may choose to enter the 14 and under girls' singles, the Junior Open singles and Junior Open girls' doubles.

For example, a player eligible to compete in the 14 and under boys' category may choose to enter the 14 and under singles, Junior Open singles, Men's Open singles

4. For players who have reached 15 years by the starting date of the tournament are eligible to play Mixed Doubles. However, players wishing to enter the Mixed Doubles Category should choose between Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

5. For players who are NOT eligible to compete in the Junior Open and below age' categories shall enter the Men's Open, Women's Open and the seniors' category based on their eligibility. These categories of players are entitled to enter a maximum of two (2) categories, excluding mixed doubles.

For example, a Men's Open player may choose to enter the Men's Open Singles and Men's Open Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

### **Scheduling of matches**

1. The organizing committee reserves all rights to schedule the matches of the Championship.
2. The match schedule for the following day of play will be posted on the Tournament notice board at the National Tennis Centre, latest, by 2100hrs of the previous day.
3. All players are expected to check their match time and report to their match on time.
4. If a player/ pair fails to report to their match on the scheduled time, the organizing committee has the right to award the match to the player/ pair who reported on time, after giving a 15-minute period. If both players/ pairs fail to report to a match on time, the match will be cancelled.

### **Re-scheduling matches**

1. Once a match is scheduled by the Tournament Organizing Committee and published in the Tournament Notice Board, the following rules will be STRICTLY applied, in re-scheduling matches.
  - a. For players, who are school going, a request to re-schedule a scheduled match, can be made if the player has to represent his/ her school in any other INTER-SCHOOL EVENT, on the day of the scheduled match. If such a situation arises, the player/ parent should submit to the Tournament Director, a written confirmation

from the school, stating that the player will be representing the school in an INTER-SCHOOL event on the day of the scheduled match.

- b. This option can only be exercised ONCE for re-scheduling 1 (ONE) scheduled match during the Championships.
- c. To exercise this option, the request must be received by the Tournament Director before 12 noon on the day of the scheduled match and for matches scheduled for the morning session, the request must be received on the night before the match, but not later than 2200 hours.

### **Recovery time in between matches**

If a player has to play two or more scheduled matches a day, the Tournament Director, shall provide recovery times in between matches, according to the following schedule:

<b>Duration of previous scheduled match</b>	<b>Eligible Break time</b>
More than 3 hours	2 <sup>nd</sup> match will be re-scheduled to another day
Between 2- 3 hours	2.5 hours
Less than 2 hours	1.5 Hours

### **Umpiring and disciplinary action**

- 1. The Tournament Organizing Committee will arrange umpires for the matches as per published Schedule 1.
- 2. All players are expected to respect the umpire assigned for the match by the Tournament Organizing Committee and the decision of the umpire is final.
- 3. The ITF point penalty will be applied during the match to player's showing dis-respect to the umpire and lines persons. Depending on the nature of offence, the Tournament Disciplinary Committee may choose to take additional disciplinary action.

## **Tournament Director**

Kumar Adhikari, Coach

## **Tournament Organizing Committee**

1. Mohamed Ameen, Vice President
2. Yusuf Riza, General Secretary
3. Hassan Shaam, Technical Director
4. Ahmed Ifshad, Administrator
5. Mohamed Zain Nasih, Administrative Development Officer
6. Ivo Fonseca, Head Coach
7. Kumar Adhikari, Coach

## **Tournament Disciplinary Committee**

1. Hassan Shaam
2. Yusuf Riza
3. Ibrahim Hussain

## **Tournament Format**

Age category	Format
7 and under	If less than 8 entries, round robin, amongst all players with players with the highest points advancing to final.
8 and under	
10 and under	If more than 8 but 16 or less entries, players will be divided into 2 groups A and B, round –robin will be played within each group and top player in each group will advance to semi-finals. Player with the highest point in Group A will compete with the player with the second highest point in Group B in the first semi-final and the Player with the

	<p>highest point in Group B will compete with the player with the second highest points in Group A.</p> <p>If 17 or more entries, players will be divided into 4 groups A, B, C and D, round robin will be played within each group, and top player in each group will advance to semi-finals. Player with the highest point in Group A will compete with the player with the highest point in Group D in the first semifinal and the Player with the highest point in Group B will compete with the player with the highest points in Group C</p>
12 and under 14 and under Junior Open Men's Open Women's Open Mixed Doubles Men's Over 45 Men's Over 55	Knock-out draw

**Round Robin Draw Format Rules**

1. Players will be arranged into a number of groups to produce qualifiers for the final stage. Alternatively, an event may comprise solely of a single round robin main draw.
2. Each Player will play all the other players in the group.
3. The final standings in each group will be determined as follows in order:
  - a. Players with the highest points advancing to finals.
  - b. If two players are tied, the result in the match played between the two players.

- c. If more than two players are tied, the highest number of sets won out of sets played (if, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result in the match played between the two players will be used to break the tie).
- d. If more than two players have the same number of sets won out of sets played, they will be placed according to the highest number of games won out of games played (if, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result in the match played between the two players will be used to break the tie); for categories using tie-break scoring, such players may instead be placed according to the highest number of points won over points played (if, after this calculation, only two Players remain tied, the result in the match played between the two Players will be used to break the tie).
- e. If more than two players also have the same number of games won out of games played, the positions will be drawn by toss; for categories using tie-break scoring, such players may instead be placed according to the highest number of points won over points played (if, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result in the match played between the two players will be used to break the tie).
- f. For the purposes of the calculations in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e), above, when a match is played with a deciding match tiebreak instead of a final set, the tie-break will count as a set won or lost by one game to nil.
- g. Each set of a match won by default will be recorded as a 6-0 result (or 4-0 where short sets are being used). A player winning due to retirement of an opponent will be awarded as many games as are required to achieve a result.

For example, if a player retires when winning 4-3 in the first set, his/ her opponent will win the match 6-4, 6-0

## Seeding rules

### Singles draw

1. Players in all singles categories will be seeded based on the official rankings computed on the results of the last three Championships.
2. For categories where knock-out format is used, in each singles category, the following criteria will be used:
  - a. Player with the highest-ranking points will be given the first seed and placed on the top of the draw.
  - b. Player with the second highest ranking point will be given the second seed and placed at the bottom of the draw.
  - c. Player with the third highest ranking points will be given the third seed and will be placed on the bottom half of the draw, along with the second seeded player.
  - d. Player with the fourth highest ranking points will be given the fourth seed and will be placed on the top of the draw, along with the first seeded player.
  - e. If more than 8 but 16 or less entries, player with the fifth highest ranking points will be given the fifth seed and will be placed on the bottom of the draw.
  - f. If more than 8 but 16 or less entries, player with the sixth highest ranking points will be given the sixth seed and will be placed on the top of the draw.
  - g. If 17 or more entries, player with the seventh highest ranking points will be given the seventh seed and will be placed on the bottom of the draw.
  - h. If 17 or more entries, player with the eighth highest ranking points will be given the eighth seed and will be placed on the top of the draw.



### **Doubles and mixed doubles draw**

Seeding in all double's categories will be based on the following criteria:

1. If the Champion pair of the last TAM Championships, has entered a doubles category, they will be given the first seed and will be placed on the top of the draw. If the Champion pair of the last TAM Championships has not entered a doubles category, the pair with the highest combined singles ranking points in that category, will be given the first seed and placed at the top of the draw.
2. If the runner- up pair of the last TAM Championships held has entered a doubles category, the pair will be given the 2nd seed and will be placed at the bottom half of the draw. If the runner-up pair of the last TAM Championships has not entered a doubles category, the pair with the second highest combined singles ranking points in the category, will be given the 2nd seed and placed at the bottom of the second half of the draw.
3. The third and the fourth seed for each of the double's categories will be selected based on the aggregate of the singles ranking points of the pair in the relevant age category.
4. The third and the fourth ranked pair will be assigned to the top and bottom of the draw by a toss.

### **General**

1. No players/ parents/ coaches and spectators are allowed to stay on the playing area once the matches commence.
2. Access to the playing area is only allowed for the officials of the tournament, members of the Tournament organizing committee, players with scheduled matches for the day and the umpires assigned by the Tournament Director for the matches.
3. In the event of a medical break taken by a player, a maximum of 2 Assistants may provide the necessary support to the player in need and no additional Assistant must be allowed on the playing area.

4. No players/ parents/ coaches and spectators are allowed to communicate with the player(s), once the match is commenced. These include giving any instructions to players during the course of the match or applaud while a point is being played.
5. Coaches and parents failing to honour this rule may be advised by the Umpire or Tournament Director. Umpires and the Tournament Director have the right to instruct parents and coaches to leave the tournament venue, in the event of repeated non-compliance to this rule.
6. Any complaints against any tournament officials or umpires may be brought to the attention of the Tournament Organizing Committee, through the Tournament Director.
7. The general rules, pertaining to the type of balls, court size, match length, age eligibility cut off dates etc. to be applied for the various categories of play in the tournament draw are included in Schedule 1 of these Tournament Rules.

#### **Extraordinary Circumstances**

Notwithstanding any clause in this Rules Book, Tournament Director in consultation with the Tournament Organizing Committee, reserve the right to amend the rules, where an unforeseen situation/circumstance not covered in the Rules arise during the course of the Championships.

SCHEDULE 1							
Age Group	Age Eligibility	Balls	Court Size	Serve Options	Match Length	Draw	Umpires
7 & under Boys Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2014	Red Balls	Mini court	Under arm serve allowed	First to win 11 points	Round Robin	All matches
7 & under Girls singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2014	Red Balls	Mini court	Under arm serve allowed	First to win 11 points	Round Robin	All matches
8 & under Boys Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013	Orange Balls	Two-Third court	Under arm serve allowed	-Short set of 4 games -if 3-3, first to win 5 games -if 4-4, standard tie-break -No advantage	Round Robin	All matches
8 & under Boys Doubles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013	Orange Balls	Two-Third court	Under arm serve allowed	-Short set of 4 games -if 3-3, first to win 5 games -if 4-4, standard tie-break -No advantage	Knock Out	All matches
8 & under Girls Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013	Orange Balls	Two-Third court	Under arm serve allowed	-Short set of 4 games -if 3-3, first to win 5 games -if 4-4, standard tie-break -No advantage	Round Robin	All matches
8 & under Girls Doubles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013	Orange Balls	Two-Third court	Under arm serve allowed	-Short set of 4 games -if 3-3, first to win 5 games -if 4-4, standard tie-break -No advantage	Knock Out	All matches
10 & under Boys Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011	Green Dot Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed	-Full set, - if 5-5, first to win 7 games - if 6-6, standard tie-break -No advantage	Round Robin	All matches
10 & under Boys Doubles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011	Green Dot Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed	-Full set, - if 5-5, first to win 7 games - if 6-6, standard tie-break -No advantage	Knock Out	All matches
10 & under Girls Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011	Green Dot Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed	-Full set, - if 5-5, first to win 7 games - if 6-6, standard tie-break -No advantage	Round Robin	All matches
10 & under Girls Doubles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011	Green Dot Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed	-Full set, - if 5-5, first to win 7 games - if 6-6, standard tie-break -No advantage	Knock Out	All matches
12 & Under Boys Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - No advantage rule. - best of three sets, if 1 set all, super tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
12 & Under Boys Doubles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - No advantage rule - best of three sets, if 1 set all, super tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
12 & Under Girls Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - No advantage rule - best of three sets, if 1 set all, super tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
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14 & Under Boys Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - No advantage rule - best of three sets, if 1 set all, super tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
14 & Under Boys Doubles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - No advantage rule - best of three sets, if 1 set all, super tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
14 & Under Girls Singles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - No advantage rule - best of three sets, if 1 set all, super tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
14 & Under Girls Doubles	Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - No advantage rule - best of three sets, if 1 set all, super tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
Junior Open Boys Singles	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2003 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - Advantage rule - best of three sets - if 1 set all and if final set 6-6, standard tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
Junior Open Boys Doubles	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2003 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Standard set - Advantage rule - best of three sets - if 1 set all and if final set 6-6, standard tie-break	Knock Out	All matches
Junior Open Girls Singles	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2003 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Junior Open Girls Doubles	Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2003 & 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak - 3 <sup>rd</sup> set Super tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Men's open Singles	All ages	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Men's open Doubles	All ages	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak - 3 <sup>rd</sup> set Super tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Women's Open Singles	All ages	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Women's Open Doubles	All ages	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak - 3 <sup>rd</sup> set Super tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Mixed Doubles	Age 14 & above	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak - 3 <sup>rd</sup> set Super tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Over 45 Singles	Born before 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1975	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak - 3 <sup>rd</sup> set Super tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches

Over 45 Doubles	Born before 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1975	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak - 3 <sup>rd</sup> set Super tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Over 55 Singles	Born before 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1965	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak - 3 <sup>rd</sup> set Super tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
Over 55 Doubles	Born before 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1965	Normal Tennis Balls	Full court	Under arm serve allowed (no bounce)	-Best of 3 sets -Normal game scoring - If 6-6, tiebreak - 3 <sup>rd</sup> set Super tiebreak	Knock Out	All matches
<p>All singles categories will be held if a minimum of 3 entries are received  All doubles and mixed doubles categories will be held if a minimum of 3 entries are received</p>							