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Beach Tennis

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PREAMBULE

• This regulation refers to CSIT Championships and Technical Commissions’ general regulations adopted at the latest CSIT Congress. It cannot derogate from these regulations.

• CSIT organises amateur championships and has Fair Play as one of its most important aims. CSIT Championships are strictly open for amateur sportsmen. To participate in CSIT Championships the defined eligibility criteria per sport must be respected.

• All activities of the CSIT, including its championships are open to the members of the CSIT Unions, observer members Unions and members of the international Confederations which CSIT has signed cooperation agreements according to CSIT general regulations: COPADET (American Continent)/BAWS (Balkan region) and ALSO (Central Africa); also non CSIT members, partners, governmental bodies, trade unions and companies can participate in the CSIT Championships.

• CSIT Championships are organised under the principal of a Zero Tolerance Policy. Not playing for political, religious or discriminatory reason will lead to an immediately exclusion of the team/athlete.

• CSIT Championships are under the regulations of WADA. It is possible athletes can be invited for a doping test. More information can be found in the CSIT anti-doping policy which can be downloaded at the CSIT website: http://www.csit.tv/en/news-service/download-area

• CSIT Sporting activities (championships, training, tournaments, rallies, etc.) are organised under the responsibility of Technical Commissions by sport. If there is a problem not provided in the regulations, the TC will apply the ITF rules.

• CSIT Championships and Technical Commissions’ general regulations and sports regulations can be downloaded from the download area of the CSIT website: http://www.csit.tv/en/news-service/download-area
1. BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1-1 PERIODICITY/AGE GROUPS
CSIT Beach Tennis Championship are organised during **World Sports Games** and **Single CSIT Championships** as follows:

Ages:
The age category in teams are open. Juniors and seniors players can be included in the same team.

1-2 COMPOSITIONS OF TEAMS
Each team shall consist of:
- 1 captain
- Minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) male players
- Two (2) female players.
- One (1) substitute man and one (1) female is allowed.

1-3 COMPETITIONS
A team match consists of:
- 1 men's doubles
- 1 women's doubles
- 2 mixed doubles.

Each player can play maximum two (2) matches
(For example in a match **X 1** versus **Y 1** each player can play maximum two matches.)

All matches shall be decided best of three (3) sets.

The first and second set is played to 6 with tie-break at 6/6 (tie-break to 7 points with no advantage on 6-6).
A possible third set will be played as a match tie-break to 10 points (with no-advantage on 9-9).

All teams will play the same number of matches:

**Preliminary round:**
- With 4 or 5 teams the championships are played in one group
  All versus all.
- With 6 to 8 teams the championships are played in two groups
  All versus all.
- With 9 to 12 teams the championships are played in three groups
  All versus all.
- With 12 to 16 teams the championships are played in four groups
  All versus all.
**Final draws:**
The best two (2) teams in each preliminary round will play a draw (A draw). The remaining teams in the preliminary round will play in a consolation draw (B draw).

**Scores:**
- Match won in 2 sets: assigns 3 points for the winner; 0 points for the loser.
- Match won in 3 sets: assigns 3 points for the winner; 1 points for the loser.

Every match lost without playing or lost for abandoning, assigns 3 points for the winner and 0 points to the loser.

In case of two teams with equal score the rules will be as follows:
- Number of matches won;
- Number of games won. The final tie-break counts as one point.
- Face-off
- Number of games lost
- Coin toss.

1-4 **ORGANISATION / REGULATIONS**
- Championships follow the international beach tennis regulation (Beach Tennis ITF) regulations (see: http://www.itftennis.com)
- At least four (4) member-unions or at least three (3) member-unions and at least one (1) not-CSIT member union must participate in a CSIT Championship. In case of less than four (4) participating parties the Championship can take place but without being published as an official CSIT classification.
- Championships cannot last more than five (5) days (days of arrival and departure not included).

2-1 **PARTICIPATING TEAMS**
- More than one (1) team per Union can participate.

2-2 **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**
Participants (men & women) ranked in the first one hundred (100) beach tennis ITF ranking list ATP and/or WTA (tennis) players cannot participate in CSIT Championships.

3. **FAIR PLAY**
CSIT championships are organised according the principals of Fair Play. During CSIT Championships athletes, persons and teams can be awarded for acts of Fair Play.
Fair Play regulations can be found in the CSIT Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations edition 2016 and later, Chapter 5.

4. REGISTRATION / FUNDING

4-1 REGISTRATION DELAY

• Provisional registration: at least four (4) months before the championship starts.

• Final registration: at least two (2) months before the championship starts.

• Final registration must include the list of all delegation members (first name - last name - birth date - gender - function)

4-2 COVERING CHARGES

• Unions pay for all travelling cost to the city where the championship is organised (round way).

• The organizer Union shall take charge of the following issues:
  o Transportation of delegations from the airport or train station to the hotel on the day of arrival and departure
  o Local transportation during the stay depending on the program (between hotels and sport facilities in particular)
  o Full board accommodation (e.g. double room, breakfast, 2 meals a day)

• Every participant Union shall pay a registration fee as determined at the latest CSIT Congress to the organising Union for each member of the delegation.

• By the time of issuing of the provisional application forms, the organizer Union can collect an advance payment of 50% of the total amount to be paid by the participating Union, the remaining amount being paid at the time of the permanent registration or on the day of arrival, final deadline.

4-3 CANCELLATION POLICY

• CSIT has a cancellation policy. This cancellation policy covers the payments at preliminary and final registration and the refund payments by cancellation of a participating party or by the host of the championship.

• The article in detail can be found in Chapter 4. under I of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.
5. ORGANISATION / PREPARATION

5-1 ORGANISING COMMITTEE
- The organising committee by the host is in charge of the preparation and organisation of the championship. The CSIT Technical Commission and a representative of the organising committee are in charge of the management of the championship during its duration. See Chapter 4 under E of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.

5-2 INVITATIONS
The organising committee sends championships invitations to every CSIT Union (and partners), company sports organisations and guests etc. at least nine (9) months before the start of the championship.

Invitations must include this information:
- Participation;
- Sporting activities, social and cultural program;
- Referees needed;
- Boarding facilities;
- Arrival and departure accommodations;
- If possible, general program.

Detailed information can be found in Chapter 4 under D of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.

5-3 PREPARATION
Depending on the situation and with the CSIT Sports Director’s authorization, a member of the Technical Commission (chairman or secretary) can visit the location where the championship is organised, at least three (3) months before it starts, to settle with the organising Union planning and preparation of the championship. Travelling expense can be covered under certain conditions by the funds awarded to the Beach Tennis Technical Commission by the CSIT.

5-4 REPORT
Within seven (7) days after the Championships the secretary of the Technical Commission will send the results of the Basketball Championship to the Sports Director and office of CSIT. No later than one (1) month after the end of the championship, the Technical Commission secretary must send a report about the championships and all the sport results plus the minutes of the TC meetings to the members of the Basketball Technical Commission, to the Unions, to the Sports Director and to the office of CSIT.
6. REFEREEING
The Organiser has to provide referees and scorers for all the matches during Championships. Each Union can participate with a referee, but it is not an obligation. A referee has the status of a member of the official delegation of the Union.

The Organiser and the Unions have the responsibility to prepare all the referees suitably to the tournament in order to assure that the Game Rules are applied as much as possible in a homogeneous way. During the semi-finals and finals, there must be two referees at each game.

7. APPEAL COMMITTEE
The Appeal Committee is composed of:

- The CSIT Technical Commission's chairman
- The CSIT Technical Commission's secretary
- A person among the participating Unions. Such member shall not participate in the appeals in which his own Union would be involved.

This last member will not take part in decisions in which his own Union would be involved. In this case a member of another Union will be drawn.

This Commission takes place at the beginning of the Championship and has the aim to gather different claims and take decisions when it is necessary.

The claimer must write the claim in one of the two official languages (English or French) at least 3 hours after the end of the match concerned!

8. AWARDS
The first three (3) teams will be awarded a cup and medals: gold for first place, silver for second place, bronze for third place.

Detailed information can be found in Chapter 4 under M of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.
9. TECHNICAL COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Technical Commission chairman or secretary is in charge of convening a meeting of the commission before and at the end of the championship.

A summon containing the date and agenda will be sent to all Unions at least three (3) months ahead of schedule. The chairman, the secretary, Unions representatives, heads of delegation participate. Referees, coaches of participant Unions, members of the organising committee are invited.

- A preparation and information meeting is organised before the championships under the responsibility of the chairman (and/or Technical Committee secretary and head of the organising committee from the organising Union) to inform all delegations of the planning of the championship, to appoint referees to matches, to bring clarifications to regulations if necessary in order to make the event to a success.

- The purpose of the meeting after the championships is to evaluate the championship, to proceed with the modifications of the present regulations if necessary, to prepare future events (planning of next championships) and elections, to take into account the reports on the CSIT congress.

- Once every 4 years (the year of the CSIT electing congress), the chairman and the secretary of the Technical Commission are elected during the last meeting before the congress. The chairman or secretary must send with the convocation to the meeting a call for candidatures for both functions (at least three (3) months before the meeting). The election follows championship and Technical Committee general regulations.