Technical Commission/Commission Technique 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 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](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 International Tennis Federation (ITF) rules.

1. TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1-1 PERIODICITY/AGE GROUPS
CSIT Tennis Championships: Men and Women, take place:

During CSIT World Sports Games:
- Mixed team Tournament all ages (18 years and older)
- Mixed team Tournament for veterans: age Women 40+, Men 45+

Years in between CSIT World Sports Games:
- Mixed team Tournament: all ages (18 years and older)
- Mixed team Tournament for veterans: age: women 40+, men 45+

Remark: You can only participate in either the All ages team competition, or in the veteran team competition.

Age categories are defined on the year of birth (see TC & Championships General Regulation – Chapter 4)

1-2 ORGANISATION/REGULATIONS

- A CSIT Championship is an official Championships when the minimum requirements of participation are respected. (see TC & Championships General Regulation – Chapter 4 under B)
- Championships cannot last more than five (5) days (days of arrival and departure not included).

2. PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

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

A team is composed of 3 male players and 1 female player. 2 substitutes are allowed.

A team match consists of:
- 3 men’s singles,
- 1 women’s singles,
- 1 men’s doubles
- 1 mixed doubles.

Each player plays a maximum 1 single and 1 double. 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 (classic tie-break to 7 points with 2 points difference). A possible third set will be played as a match tie-break to 10 points (with 2 points difference).

If the score in cup matches for example final/semi-finals ends 3-3, an additional men's doubles is played. The teams have to place at least one new player in this men's doubles.

If a player does not finish her/his single, she/he cannot play the double.

2-2 TEAM MATCHES
All teams will play the same number of matches:

**Preliminary rounds:**
- 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.

**Finals:**
- The winner teams in the preliminary round will play in a new group, all versus all
- The number two teams in the preliminary round will play in a new group, all versus all
- The number three teams in the preliminary round will play in a new group, all versus all
- The number four teams in the preliminary round will play in a new group, all versus all

The final has to be played as the last match.
(Teams will be seeded with regard to their results the previous years).

2-3 MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS
A maximum of 16 teams can participate in the Mixed team Tournament all ages
A maximum of 16 teams can participate in the Mixed team Tournament for veterans.

In case of too many teams, a lack of tennis courts or competition days the Technical Commission Tennis has the right to modify the playing program in order to manage the championships.
2-4 GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW:

Ranking list:
The teams shall be set up by strength. Latest two hours before the start of the
Championships, each team must register the team’s ranking list, which must not be
changed during the competition.

Team card:
15 minutes prior to the start of each match both team captains shall hand in a team
card, which contains a written line-up for the singles for that particular match to
the Tournament Manager. Latest 10 minutes after the singles have ended the team
captains have to hand in the line-up for the doubles.

A player can play 1 or 2 matches in every team match, but only one in each
category.

A won team-match gives 2 points, a draw gives 1 point, a lost one gives 0 point.
If two or more teams have the same number of points the ranking order will be
established by total matches won, with the team having won more matches ranked
higher.

Should these teams have the same number of won matches, ranking order will be
established by the difference between total sets won and total sets lost, with
greater difference ranked higher. If the set-difference is the same, ranking order
will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost,
with greater difference ranked higher.

Coaching is allowed. There can be only one (1) coach assigned to a specific court.

The Tournament Manager decides the order of the matches.

Remark: You can only participate in either the team competition or in the veteran
team competition.

2-5 FACILITY CONDITIONS
There has to be at least 8 to10 tennis courts available with the same surface and at
the same location or close to each other.

- Scoreboards on every court.
- Tennis balls.
- Board for draw and time table and results.
- Locker rooms with bathing facilities and toilets.
- Drinking water and food/fruit have to be available.

It would be preferable if lunches could be served at the Tennis facility or extended
opening hours in the hotel restaurant.
Language
At the courts there has to be at least one person who speaks English.

Flexible transport between the tennis courts and the hotel is requested.

2-6 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Players with ATP or WTA points are not allowed to participate.

3. FAIR PLAY

CSIT championships are organised according to the principles 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 organizing 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 organizing Union for each member of the delegation.

- By the time of issuing of the provisional application forms, the organizing 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 Tennis Technical Commission by the CSIT.

5-4 REPORT
Within seven (7) days after the Championships the Organizing Team will send the results to the Secretary of the Technical Commission who will send the results to the Sports Director and office of CSIT.
No later than one (1) month after the end of the championships, 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 Unions, to the Sports Director and to the office of CSIT.

6. REFEREEING

All referees and officials will be arranged by the host

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.

- Appeals for technical reasons must be brought to the attention of the appeal committee as soon as possible after the incident, providing all the necessary information.

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

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 Commission 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 ... to make the event 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.