



**2023 PALARONG PAMBANSA**  
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## TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR **TENNIS**

The 2023 *Palarong Pambansa* Tennis Tournament shall abide by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Rules of Tennis. The following Ground Rules are hereby formulated and therefore be strictly implemented.

### I. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

1. Singles Competition, Doubles Competition and Mixed Doubles Competition shall constitute the Tennis Tournament.
2. Single Elimination format shall be implemented in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Competition.
3. Drawing of lots shall do the pairing of players.
4. All matches shall be played in straight 8 Games. This means a player or team who scores eight (8) games wins the set and match, provided that the player or team wins by a majority of two (2) games. If a set score is tied at seven (7) games all, it shall be decided by a 7-Point Tiebreak Game (ITF Rule 5B). The **Advantage Set** shall be implemented and the **No Let Rule in Serve** shall be in effect.

### II. **ATHLETES' ELIGIBILITY**

1. The provisions on the Eligibility of Athletes stipulated in the Enclosure 2 of DepEd Memorandum No. 5, s. 2023 shall apply.
2. Only athletes and coaches in the approved gallery of delegates shall be allowed to participate and compete.

### III. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES**

1. Each Region must have a maximum of four (4) players.
2. Each Region is entitled to two (2) entries in Singles Competition and one (1) entry in Doubles Competition and one (1) entry in Mixed Doubles Competition.
3. In Singles & Doubles "fixed" entries shall prevail, which means entries in Singles are not allowed to play in Doubles—vice versa.
4. With the exception of Mixed Doubles wherein the coaches must choose their ideal pairing.
5. The competition shall take place in accordance with these Regulations, the ITF Rules of Tennis

#### **IV. SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION**

All morning and afternoon matches shall be based on availability of court, but not before the designated time.

##### **4 ½ Days of Competition**

#### **V. COURT DISCIPLINE**

1. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct (UnC)**, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalized in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behavior" and shall be subject to the additional penalties. For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Competition, the ITF or the sport of tennis.

**Immediate Default** the Referee may declare a default for any misconduct violation of the Code without going through the Point Penalty Schedule.

2. Conduct of Coaches before, during and after the match shall be exemplary. Improper behavior by the Coach/Team Captain and Players directed to meet officials are liable to disciplinary actions. It may be in form of game suspension, suspension from the rest of the tournament or as the case may be, it can be a lifetime suspension from any tournament administered by DepEd. In case of physical abuse or grave misconduct the Tournament Director, Referee or the Chair Umpire has the right for immediate removal of coaches.

#### **VI. UNFINISHED MATCHES**

1. In case of inclement weather or fortuitous event matches shall be postponed and must re-scheduled. In any case of postponement, standing score shall be carried in the resumption of games and occupancy of the court shall be followed. If so happen succeeding schedule of matches shall be adjusted accordingly.
2. If there is no alternative venue and not enough time to accomplish the tournament, in consultation with the Chairman of the Technical Management and Games Administration Committee (TMGA) the following options shall be agreed upon by the Tournament Director and Coaches involved:
  - 2.1. One (1) Set, Straight Six (6), No Tiebreak Game, No-Advantage Set
  - 2.2. One (1) Set, Straight Four (4), No Tiebreak Game, No-Advantage Set
  - 2.3. Super Tiebreak, Ten (10) Points

#### **VII. PROTESTS**

1. Protest on technicalities shall be in writing and be submitted to the Tournament Director, signed by the Coach and the duly authorized representative of the Head

of the Delegation within **one (1) hour** after the conclusion of the match in protest. TD shall decide within **2 hours upon receipt** of the protest; *Only questions of laws are appealable to the Jury of Appeal;*

2. The decision of the TD shall be appealable to the Jury of Appeal, signed by the coach and head of delegation within **3 hours** upon receipt of the decision of the decision;
3. The Jury of Appeal shall decide within **6 hours** upon receipt of the appeal; The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final and executory;
4. All protests must be supported with evidences and attachments; video recording taken privately will not be considered as evidence.
5. Judgement calls made by the Chair Umpire and the Line Umpire, shall not be subject to protest and appealable.

### **VIII. CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. It shall be the responsibility of the coach and players to know his/her schedule of matches.
2. Players who present themselves in acceptable tennis attire aside from the official color of teams shall be accepted.
3. Prior to the commencement of the match, coaches and players must show their ID cards for proper identification.
4. The match's official timekeeper is the Chair Umpire.
5. Players and Coaches shall always conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect favorably upon the game of tennis and themselves as a true gentleman.

### **IX. WALK-OVER/NON-APPEARANCE OF THE PLAYERS**

A fifteen (15) minutes grace period time on the scheduled match shall be given, otherwise, the player shall be declared loser via walk-over.

### **X. COACHING**

1. In Individual Competition (Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles) coaching is not allowed. Coaching is considered to be any communication, advice of any kind audible or visible to a player.
2. No Cheering/Heckling - Coaches shall not cheerlead. A simple "Good shot" or a polite clap is not considered as cheer leading.
3. Coaches shall not in any way distract or annoy officiating officials and the opposing player.
4. A Coach shall not initiate conversation and argue with the opposing players and officiating officials during the match.

## **XI. CHANGES / MODIFICATIONS**

In consultation with the Chairman of Technical Management and Games Administration (TMGA), all Coaches and Officiating Officials shall be notified immediately and be required to affix their signature in conformity of any necessary amendments of the aforementioned Ground Rules.