



## **TENNIS** *Technical Guidelines & Ground Rules*

The 2019 *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.

### **1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

- 1.1 Singles Competition, Doubles Competition and Team Competition shall constitute the Tennis Tournament.
- 1.2 Single Elimination format shall be implemented in Singles, Doubles and Team Competition.
- 1.3 Two Singles matches and a Doubles match shall compose the Team Competition. In case the result was distributed among competing teams a Singles match shall be played to decide the winner of the Tie. (*Singles – Doubles – Deciding Singles*)
- 1.4 Seeding in Singles, Doubles and Team Competition shall be based on the result of the last *Palarong Pambansa* administered by DepEd. **Drawing of lots shall do the pairing of players/teams.**
- 1.5 All matches shall be played in 8 – Game Pro Set. Which means a player or team who scores eight (8) games win the Set and Match, provided he wins by a majority of two (2) games. If a Set score is tied at 8 – 8 all, it shall be decided by a 7-point Tiebreak Game. During Tiebreak Game a player or team who scores seven (7) points wins the Tiebreak Game and Match provided he wins by a majority of two (2) points. The “NO ADVANTAGE” scoring method shall be implemented

### **2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Each Team must have a maximum of four (4) players
- 2.2 Each Region is entitled to two (2) entries in Singles Competition (Singles A & B), one (1) entry in Doubles Competition and one (1) entry in Team Competition (*Singles-Doubles-Deciding Singles*)
- 2.3 In Individual Competition (Singles & Doubles), entries in Singles are not allowed to play in Doubles – vice versa. Entries in Bracket A are not allowed to play in Bracket B – vice versa.
- 2.4 In Team Competition, every time a match or tie was scheduled the Team Captain/Coach shall be provided with an entry form and his players are allowed to play in any one (1) of Singles A & B or in Doubles.  
Mandatory fielding of 4 players is required for the Team to qualify. However, in case one or more member of the team is not immediately present during their scheduled match, the Team will not be defaulted and a fifteen (15) minutes defaulting time shall be applied in every match of the Tie

### **3. SCHEDULE OF GAMES**

- 3.1 All morning and afternoon matches shall start at 7:00 AM and afternoon matches shall start at 2:00 PM. All unfinished matches in the morning shall be played first match in the afternoon and in such case all succeeding matches shall be adjusted accordingly. All matches shall be played based on availability of court, but not before the designated time.

### **4. COURT DISCIPLINE**

- 4.1 In all Tennis matches infraction on the rules of behavior, unsportsmanlike conduct, ball and racket abuse shall be penalized. A three-stage point penalty schedule shall be applied.

- 4.2 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 Manager, Referee or the Chair Umpire has the right for immediate removal of coaches. Violations of the Regulations regarding the Coach/Captains' Behavior (*Team Competitions*) shall be in accordance with the following:

First offense ----- 1<sup>st</sup> Warning  
Second offense ----- 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning  
Third offense ----- Removal

## **5. UNFINISHED GAMES**

- 5.1 In case of inclement weather or fortuitous event matches shall be postponed and must be 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 games shall be adjusted accordingly.
- 5.2 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 Manager and Coaches involved:
1. One (1) Set, Straight Six (6), No Tie-break Game, No-advantage Set
  2. One (1) Set, Straight Four (4), No Tie-break Game, No-advantage Set
  3. Super Tie-break, Ten (10) Points
  4. If still, anyone of the options above are not sufficient the Technical Management and Games Administration Committee (TMGA) shall decide.

## **6. PROTESTS**

- 6.1 Protest on technicalities shall be in writing and be submitted to the Referee, signed by the Head of Delegation and Coach within one (1) hour after the conclusion of the game in protest.

## **7. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 7.1 It shall be the responsibility of the coach and players to know his/her schedule of games
- 7.2 Wearing of official regional uniform/color is mandatory. In doubles, both players shall wear identical uniforms. "NEON" colored uniform is prohibited.
- 7.3 Coaches and players must present their ID cards for proper identification before the game starts. Failure to do so may cause game forfeiture
- 7.4 The Chair Umpire is the official timer of the match. A player/team not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes is liable for default
- 7.5 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.

## **8. COACHING**

- 8.1 In Team Competition (*Singles-Doubles-Deciding Singles*) **coaching is allowed** on designated areas of the court and may coach only during the ninety (90) seconds change ends.
- 8.2 In Individual Competition (*Singles & Doubles*) **coaching is not allowed.** Coaching is considered to be any communication, advice of any kind audible or visible to a player.
- 8.3 No Cheering/Heckling – Coaches shall not cheerlead. A simple "Good shot" or a polite clap is not considered as cheer leading
- 8.4 Coaches shall not in any way distract or annoy officiating officials and the opposing player

- 8.5 A coach shall not initiate conversation and argue with the opposing players and officiating officials during the match.
- 8.6 In view that cell phones can be used by the coach in giving any communication or advice, the use of cell phones by the player(s) during the match is strictly prohibited.

**9. CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS**

- 9.1 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.