



## Convening Committee 14/15 Sheares Hall

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### Tennis (Female)

#### 1 Rules and Regulations

- a. All players will abide to the General Rules and Regulation as laid down by the Inter-Hall Games Convening Committee 2014/15.
- b. The game shall take place in the format of Groupings Tournament.
- c. The competition will be conducted in accordance to the latest standard rules of the game as approved by the International Tennis Federation, with exception to the rules stated below:

##### 1.0 Convening Captain Hall

- 1.1 Kent Ridge Hall

##### 2.0 Rules of the Game

- 2.1 The competition shall be conducted in accordance to the current rules of the game as approved by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Limited.

##### 3.0 Representatives

- 3.1 All representatives must be registered residents of the six halls.
- 3.2 Each team shall consist of a team of 7 men or women whichever applicable. Participating halls are allowed to use a new set of 7 players for each match. Once a team lineup of the 7 players is submitted, no more changes will be allowed. In the event where any of the players, be it singles or doubles, is unable to play for any reason, he/she/they will have to concede a walk-over as substitution is not allowed after the submission of lineups.
- 3.3 There can only be a maximum of 2 IVP players in a team.

## 4.0 Competition

### 4.1 Competition structure (Please refer to Appendix C)

4.1.1 Participating halls will be divided into groups of 3 teams. The Preliminaries will be played on a single round robin league system within each group. The top 2 teams from the each group in the Preliminaries will proceed to the Semi-finals

4.1.2 In the case where there is a tie in the number of matches won, the ranking for the Preliminaries will be decided based on the number of games won.

4.1.3 In the semi-finals, the champion from Group A will play against the Runner-up from Group B. The Runner-up from Group A will play against the Champion from Group B.

SF1: Group A Winner vs Group B Runner-up

SF2: Group B Winner vs Group A Runner-up

4.1.4 The 2 winning teams from the Semi-finals will proceed to the finals to vie for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the Finals.

### 4.2 Each match shall be completed in the following order of games:

- 1<sup>st</sup> game - First singles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> game - Second singles
- 3<sup>rd</sup> game - First doubles
- 4<sup>th</sup> game - Second doubles
- 5<sup>th</sup> game - Third singles

The team winning the majority of the 5 games (i.e. 3 out of 5 games) shall be the winning team.

### 4.3 For the preliminary rounds, each team will play each other in the group.

The scoring for each tie is as follows:

Win: 2 points

Lose: 1 point

Walkover: 0 points

If there is a tie on points between the 2 teams, the head-to-head result between these teams shall decide the overall winner of the group. If the rankings still cannot be resolved, the total number of matches won in all ties will be taken in account to determine the winner.

4.4 Each set will be played to the following scoring:

<i>No point</i>	-	<i>"Love"</i>
<i>First point</i>	-	<i>"15"</i>
<i>Second point</i>	-	<i>"30"</i>
<i>Third point</i>	-	<i>"40"</i>
<i>Fourth point</i>	-	<i>"Game"</i>

The \*No-Ad Scoring System will be implemented in this tournament.

\*No-Ad Scoring System: If both players have won 3 points, the score is called deuce; one deciding point shall then be played whereby the receiver shall choose whether he/she wishes to receive the service from the right half of the court or the left half of the court. The player who wins the deciding point wins the game.

4.5 At the preliminaries, in the event that there is a tie at 8-8, both teams will play a tie-break game to decide the winner for the match.

4.5.1 Tie-break game

During a tie-break game, points are scored "Zero", "1", "2", "3", etc. The first team to win seven points wins the "Game" and "Set", provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s). If necessary, the tie-break game shall continue until this margin is achieved.

The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point of the tie-break game. The following two points shall be served by the opponent(s) (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next). After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the end of the tie-break game (in doubles, the rotation of service within each team shall continue in the same order as during that set).

The player/team whose turn it was to serve first in the tie-break game shall be the receiver in the first game of the following set.

4.6 In the Preliminaries, the team that reaches 9 games first will be the winner. A tie-breaker will be played when the score is at 8-all.

4.7 In the Semi-finals and Finals, best of 3 sets will be played.

4.8 The player(s) who reach 6 games first win(s) the set.

4.9 In the event there is a tie at 6-6, a tie-breaker will be played.

4.9.1 For rules of a tie-break game, refer to 4.5.1

- 4.10 After each match, the umpire must immediately report the score to the official-in-charge who will record the scores in the score sheet.
- 4.11 When all the matches of a tie have concluded, the captain of each team must verify and sign the score sheet for that tie.

## **5.0 Administration**

- 5.1 All matches will be held at the NUS Sports and Recreation Centre (SRC) Tennis Courts.
- 5.2 All matches will begin promptly at the times as stated in Appendix C.
- 5.3 All teams must submit the following to the conveners 15 minutes before the commencement of the first game. Thereafter, 3 calls will be made to request the team captain to submit the line-up. No alterations will be permitted after the submission.
  - 5.3.1 The team list of **7 registered players** and their NUS matriculation cards
  - 5.3.2 The line-up (i.e. first singles, first doubles etc.) for the team
- 5.4 Should any player fail to turn up for his/her match within **15 minutes** after its supposed commencement, his/her opponent(s) shall be awarded a walk-over.
  - 5.4.1 The maximum score possible for a walk-over is **9-0** for preliminaries and **6-0** for semis/finals.
- 5.5 In case of disputes, only the captain of an involved team can appeal to the honorary referee on the point of law.
- 5.6 Spectators are allowed into the court. In the event that spectators of a certain hall (Hall A) blocks the line of play of the player from another hall (Hall B), player is allowed to point out to the referee for him to decide if the point should be replayed. Warm-up courts will be provided one hour prior to start of the match (subject to availability of courts).
- 5.7 At this tournament, matches will be played with a Chair Umpire. Players must adhere to the umpire's decision on line calls and score. If a player feels that the line calls are inaccurate, the player can ask for a re-serve. In case of dispute, the

umpire will have the final say. Protests will not be entertained after a match is completed.

- 5.8 In the event of rain, the captains of the opposing Halls are to meet at the SRC Grandstand to decide whether to postpone the match and to agree on another date. All players stated to play have to be present as well. The postponed match must be completed by the following weekend. No changes in the line-up of pairings are allowed once a match has started. The teams' line-up and existing scores must be kept by both team captains or appointed representatives from both sides. However, if no match has started, the teams can submit a new line-up.
  - 5.8.1 In the event where rain stops shortly, the referee shall make an announcement informing all players to dry their courts when the rain stops. Should any player fail to report 15 minutes after the announcement is made, the player will have to concede a walk-over. No appeal will be entertained.
  - 5.8.2 In the event of inclement weather setting in during an outdoor match (i.e. after the match has started), the match will be suspended and all existing scores kept. Match will be postponed to another day if it is still raining after 1 hour, and will start from where it was suspended.
    - 5.8.2.1 Postponed match must be played by the following weekend, ideally by the next 3 week days, barring any valid reasons (i.e. IHG/IVP matches and exams.
    - 5.8.2.2 Ties can be split up on different days. Teams' line-up and existing scores to be kept exactly by both team captains or appointed representatives from both sides.
- 5.9 The team captains should as far as possible control their supporters from verbally abusing players or cheering in between points. On this point, the convener is allowed to issue 2 warnings followed by forfeitures of 1 point and 1 game regarding that.
- 5.10 Non-registered players are not allowed to be on the court at all times, including bags and belongings.
- 5.11 Underhand service is allowed, but there is to be no bouncing of the ball.
- 5.12 Any unprofessional behaviour like unreasonable delays, audible obscenity, visible obscenity, abuse of balls, abuse of racquets or equipments, verbal abuse, physical abuse and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

- 5.13 In the case that a player is injured during a game, a one-time 10 minutes grace period is allowed for the player to receive any treatment or rest. No qualified medical personnel will be available. The referee shall allow the player to be treated by any person selected by him/her. After the rest period, the player has to decide either to continue with the match or retire.

## **6.0 Special Conditions**

- 6.1 The convening hall reserves the right to make any necessary decisions concerning any rule or regulation without first consulting the other halls.
- 6.2 Decisions made by the convening Hall are final.
- 6.3 In the event of a disqualification in the preliminaries, the winner and runner-up is determined solely by the other two halls' head to head performance.

## 2 Manpower

Each hall will provide the adequate manpower for the following purposes:

Manpower	Duties	Quantity
Umpire (Neutral Hall)	Informing players of their courts, timing the warm-ups, keeping score and being on stand-by in the event of disputes. Help in line calls for serves. (to report to the convenor).	1 per match
Lines Man (Neutral Hall)	Make line calls.	2 per game (only in finals)

Please note that if lines man and umpire are not provided from the respective halls on time, a penalty of one point will be given to the offending hall.

Group stages + semis + Finals = 10 fixtures in total per gender

Total fixtures =  $10 \times 2 = 20$  fixtures in total

1 fixture = 5 matches

Total number of matches =  $20 \text{ fixtures} \times 5 \text{ matches} = 100 \text{ matches}$

**1 match requires 1 ref and 2 linesmen**

### 3 Logistics

The following logistics will be required for the smooth running of the games:

Item	Quantity
Tennis Balls (Slazenger “Wimbledon”)	45 cans of match balls



## 4 Declaration

The above Rules and Regulations have been agreed upon by the various Captains of Tennis (Female), Inter-Hall Games 2014/15.

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## Appendix C: Competition Structure

