

2025 EUROPEAN MASTERS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGULATIONS

THE COMPETITION

1. Title

The competition will be called EUROPEAN MASTERS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2. Ownership

The competition is owned, directed, and controlled by Tennis Europe. Ownership includes, but is not limited to, the following national and international rights:

- Registered trademarks of Tennis Europe.
- Commercial exploitation of the competition.
- International sponsorship of the competition.
- Television, radio, film, and video recordings.
- New media and internet coverage.

The Tennis Europe Board of Management may assign certain rights to the Host Organiser in accordance with detailed guidelines issued by Tennis Europe, ensuring consistency with these regulations.

3. Clubs Eligible

The competition is open to clubs from Tennis Europe Member Nations.

3.1 Criteria for Entry Acceptance

- a. A maximum of two clubs per country may enter the competition.
 - The champion and runner-up of the national club championships from the previous year are eligible to participate. If either or both clubs decline to enter, their National Association may nominate another club or clubs as replacements.
 - Two nominated clubs from affiliated countries that do not hold national-level club championships.

3.2 Automatic Entries

In addition to the above (Point 3.1), the following automatic entries are allowed:

- a. All **three medalists** from the previous year's EMCC automatically qualify for the next edition of the Championships. Teams still have to complete the respective Entry form.
- b. The **host club** (i.e., the club organizing the event during the year of the competition) is eligible to participate. If the host club cannot field a competitive team, it may invite another club from the same country to participate, subject to Tennis Europe's approval.
- c. A **wild card** entry may be allocated to a club at Tennis Europe's discretion.
- d. Tennis Europe reserves the right to limit the number of participants. In any case, the total number of teams from the same country per age category shall not exceed four (4) whereas, the number of entered teams from the same country shall not exceed 50% of the total number of entered teams in the respective age group. In this case entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Any alterations to the above are subject to Tennis Europe's approval.

4. Format

The competition will be played at one venue unless Tennis Europe decides to approve an application to play in zones.

The competition is divided into 18 categories.

Men 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75

Women 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75

Tennis Europe reserves the right to amalgamate the age categories in cases where the number of entered teams in some age groups is not sufficient.

5. Prize Money

No prize money shall be awarded unless approved by Tennis Europe.

6. Travelling and hospitality expenses

Each team is responsible for its own travelling and hotel expenses and arrangements.

7. Rules to be observed

The competition will be conducted in accordance with these Regulations, the Constitution of Tennis Europe, the Rules of Tennis as adopted by the ITF, and the approved ITF Code of Conduct.

By submitting an entry, a Club and its team members, including the Captain, automatically agree to abide by and fulfill all obligations under the aforementioned Rules and Regulations. Any Club or team member, including the Captain, who fails to honor this commitment will be subject to penalties.

By submitting an entry, a Club, its officers, directors, employees, and team members agree, as a condition of entry, to waive all claims of any kind, nature, or description—including past, present, or future claims and injuries, if any—sustained while traveling to or from, or participating in, the Competition. This waiver applies to Tennis Europe, the Host Nations, the host Club, and the Sponsors of the Competition, and extends to the individuals' executors, administrators, heirs, and personal representatives.

8. Management

The Board of Management has authorized the Tennis Europe Senior Department to organise, issue and amend the Regulations of the European Masters Club Championships.

9. Tennis Europe Representative

A Tennis Europe representative will arrive at the venue hosting the Championships at least two days before the start of the Competition.

The Tennis Europe representative will be consulted on all matters, and their duties shall include:

- a) Supervising the Championships to ensure the smooth running of the event
- b) Supporting and advising the organizers on-site
- c) Chairing the Captain's meeting
- d) Working closely with the Supervisor and Tournament Director
- e) Presenting the trophy and medals to the players on behalf of Tennis Europe at the Prize Giving Ceremony, together with the Tournament Director or a local VIP/authorities representative.
- f) Ensuring compliance with Tennis Europe regulations and ITF Rules of Tennis
- g) Handling any disputes, appeals, or disciplinary matters in coordination with the Supervisor
- h) Acting as the main point of contact between Tennis Europe and the local organizers
- i) Overseeing the proper implementation of health, safety, and fair play standards
- j) Assisting with media and promotional activities as needed, representing Tennis Europe in interviews or official communications
- k) Gathering feedback from players, captains, and organizers to help improve future editions of the Championships

10. Sponsorship and ownership rights

All rights and properties related to the Competition are owned by Tennis Europe and include the following:

- a) The official title of the Competition
- b) The use of any mascot, symbol, legend, or device associated with the Competition
- c) Advertising within the court area; however, Tennis Europe does not acquire rights to any permanent advertising/signage at the venues, except during the week of the Competition
- d) The appointment of companies as "Official Suppliers" or "Sponsors"
- e) Television broadcasting rights
- f) Audio and video recordings
- g) Merchandising: The exclusive right to produce and distribute merchandise related to the Competition, including apparel, equipment, and souvenirs, unless otherwise agreed.
- h) Social Media and Digital Content: Exclusive rights to create, distribute, and monetize content related to the Competition on official Tennis Europe platforms, including social media channels and websites.
- i) Event Branding and Signage: The exclusive right to control the overall branding and signage within the event venue, including banners, flags, and other promotional materials
- j) Exclusive Product Rights: The ability to designate specific product categories as "official products" or "official suppliers" of the event, limiting the presence of competitors within those categories.
- k) Data and Analytics: The ownership and use of participant and audience data collected during the Competition for marketing and future sponsorship opportunities.

11. Application to Stage the Competition

Any potential organizer wishing to host the Competition must submit a written application to Tennis Europe.

ENTRIES AND TEAMS

12. Entries and Entry fee

Entries

Each club must complete the respective online form, which must be endorsed by both the club and the national association (with stamp and signature) by the entry deadline.

Entry fee

Men's teams (30 – 65)	500 €
Men's teams (70 – 75)	360 €
Women's teams (all)	360 €

Notice: An entry will only be accepted, and the team nomination will appear on the nomination list, once the aforementioned payment has been made.

IPIN Fee

All players who participate will be required to have an active IPIN and to pay the IPIN fee (7 EUR). that is to be paid by the Captain as one amount for the whole team on-site at the Tournament desk. The IPIN fees MUST be balanced before the start of the first tie. Team that did not do so will not be allowed to start their first tie.

13. Default in Payment

Any default in payment related to a team's participation in a previous Competition will render the club liable to have its entry refused for any future Competitions until the outstanding payment has been made in full.

14. Accreditations

The organisers shall provide accreditations for all players, staff, Supervisor, TE Representative, and other involved persons.

15. Withdrawals/Fines

All teams must adhere to the entry rules outlined in the Regulations. Any club withdrawing from the competition, except as specified in the Regulations, will be subject to the following fines:

Withdrawal:

- Between 1 week after the Entry deadline and 1 month before the first day of competition	No reimbursement of the entry fee
- Less than 1 month before the start of Captain's meeting	€ 250 + entry fee
- Less than 1 week before the start of Captain's meeting	€ 500 + entry fee
- No show (before the start of the first tie of the event)	€ 750 + entry fee
- No show (No-show during the event)	€ 500 + entry fee + the loss of all points accumulated in the competition up to that point.
- Non-completion of the tie in the group stage	€ 250 + entry fee + the loss of all points accumulated in the competition up to that point.
- Non-completion of the tie after group stage	€ 500 + entry fee + the loss of all points accumulated in the competition up to that point.

Withdrawals must be sent by the National Association including the full documentation to:

Tennis Europe	nadjak@tenniseurope.org
Supervisor	manuel.weiss@chello.at
Tournament Director	seniors@tenorg.com

Number of entries

The competition in each age category shall be held only if there is a minimum of four (4) teams per category.

The maximum number of accepted entries per category is ten (10). However, if more entries are received, Tennis Europe reserves the right to increase this number.

16. Facilities

The organiser shall provide sufficient facilities for the Competition to be completed within the following time frame:

- a) A maximum of six (6) days shall be allocated for the conduct of matches, unless otherwise decided by Tennis Europe.
- b) Practice courts shall be available starting one (1) day prior to the commencement of play and continuing through the last day of the tournament. These courts shall be provided free of charge to all competing clubs."

17. Composition of teams

MEN

Format (age groups 30 – 65): 3 singles & 2 doubles

Each team must consist of a minimum of four (4) players and a maximum of seven (7) players, with one player designated as the captain. Alternatively, a non-playing captain may be nominated in addition.

Format (age groups 70 – 75): 2 singles & 1 double

Each team must consist of a minimum of two (2) players and a maximum of five (5) players, with one player designated as the captain. Alternatively, a non-playing Captain can be nominated in addition.

WOMEN

Format (all age groups): 2 singles & 1 double

Each team must consist of a minimum of two (2) players and a maximum of five (5) players, with one player designated as the captain. Alternatively, a non-playing Captain can be nominated in addition.

It is **strongly recommended** that teams enter the championships with a sufficient number of players to ensure they have a substitute in case of injuries.

18. Nomination of teams

When determining the order of merit, clubs must consider the strength of their players based on all available criteria: the ITF ranking, national ranking list, results from the current year's regional and national championships, as well as head-to-head records. All of the above must accurately reflect the player's position on the nomination list.

In the event that an obvious error in the order of merit is identified after play has begun, the Supervisor will consult with the Tennis Europe Representative regarding any necessary action. The decision of the Tennis Europe Representative will be final.

19. Players Eligibility

- a. A player must have reached the minimum age limit by December 31 of the year in which the competition is held
- b. Only players who are genuine members of the club they are representing may participate in the European Masters Club Championships.
- c. If a player has represented another club in the same age group and country during the same year the EMCC is taking place, they are NOT eligible to play. Proof of membership may be requested.
- d. Foreign players

Point 20. b. does not apply in this case.

Men 30 – 65

For men ties age groups 30 to 65 a maximum of two (2) foreign players (of a different nationality to that of the club they represent) are allowed per team.

Men 70 & Women all

For men's teams in the 70 and above age categories, and for all women's teams, a maximum of two (2) foreign players are allowed per team. If a team has two (2) foreign players, it must consist of a minimum of three (3) players. Teams with only two (2) players may have no more than one (1) foreign player in the team.

If a team has two (2) foreign players, only one (1) of them may play in singles on any given day. The other foreign player may participate in doubles on that day. If the foreign player who plays singles also plays in doubles, the second foreign player will not be allowed to play on that day.

e. Clubs located near national borders

Clubs located near national borders, resulting in club members of different nationalities, may apply for an exemption by submitting an official request in writing to Tennis Europe. Such a request must be sent via email before the entry deadline and must be endorsed by the respective person in charge at the club, as well as by the national federation.

f. If a national-level event is played in a different format than the one used for the European Championships, the National Association may apply for an exemption to allow additional players in a team that is nominated for the EMCC. In this case, the rule on Player Eligibility, point b, will not apply.

g. It is the responsibility of each participating club to ensure that all of their nominated players are eligible to play. Clubs will be required to confirm their players' eligibility on the entry form as well as on the final team nomination form at the competition venue. Both forms must be endorsed by the National Association

If a club fields an ineligible player, both the club and the player may be prohibited from participating in the European Masters Club Championships for the following two years.

20. Nomination Deadline

The nominations submitted by the entry deadline may be changed up until **one (1) week before the scheduled first day of the Competition**.

The order of merit submitted by the clubs must accurately reflect the standard of the players, ensuring that the best player is placed at No. 1, taking into account recent tournament results, national rankings, and/or ITF rankings. Therefore, the positions on the final order of merit (nominations) do not necessarily have to align with the current ITF ranking lists.

The **final order of merit** is to be sent by the **National Association** to Tennis Europe by the following deadlines:

Week 1 (age groups: 30, 35, 40, 45, 50)

Monday, 20 October 2025

Week 2 (age groups: 55, 60, 65, 70, 75)

Monday, 27 October 2025

After this date, no changes may be made except for reasons of health, injury, or bereavement. Any such changes must be authorized by Tennis Europe. Players nominated after this date must be placed in the final team position in the order of merit for singles, unless otherwise decided by Tennis Europe.

21. Captain's Meeting

An initial Captains' Meeting will be held on the day preceding the commencement of match play, with the Tennis Europe Representative serving as the Chairman. Only Captains or their appointed delegates may attend the Captains' Meeting, unless prior approval is granted by the Tennis Europe Representative. Additional Captains' Meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Tennis Europe Representative if needed.

If the Captain or appointed delegate of a team fails to attend the Captains' Meeting without notifying Tennis Europe in advance, the team will be charged half of the entry fee. All teams must arrive on-site prior to the meeting.

Captain's Meeting Day - Schedule

The final seeding of the teams will be determined, and the draws will be made and shared with the Captains of all entered clubs in the competition, along with the final team nominations, no later than 12:00 hours on the day of the Captains' Meeting. Any comments on the draws must be supported by written documentation from the relevant National Association and submitted to the

Supervisor by 14:00 hours on the same day. Changes to the order of merit must be based on recent tournament results.

If the Captain does not notify the Supervisor of any amendments before the start of the Captains' Meeting (16:00 hours), the final nomination (latest received Order of Merit) will apply.

Important Notice: It is strongly recommended that clubs check in advance with their National Association for the latest update on the nominations (order of merit) that was submitted to the Tennis Europe office

Captain's Meetings' days:

Week 1 (age groups: 30, 35, 40, 45, 50)

Sunday, 26 October 2025 16.00 hours

Week 2 (age groups: 55, 60, 65, 70, 75)

Sunday, 2 November 2025 16.00 hours

NOTE: All teams/players must be on-site prior to the Captains' Meeting. If a player arrives after the Captains' Meeting, the team captain must inform the organizers during the meeting. Players must not arrive after the commencement of the championships.

22. Waiver of Claims

By submitting an entry into the European Masters Club Championships, all players agree, as a condition of entry, to waive all claims of any kind, nature, and description-past, present, or future-against Tennis Europe and the National Association sanctioning such events. This waiver includes any claims for injuries sustained during travel to or from, or participation in, a Tennis Europe seniors event, for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs, and personal representatives

23. Insurance

The clubs are responsible for ensuring that all members of their team(s) and any accompanying officials in their delegation are fully and adequately covered by medical and travel insurance for the duration of the event. Tennis Europe, the title sponsor, the host association, and the host venue cannot accept any liability for participants or visitors in this regard.

24. Publicity / Promotion & Player images

Each player grants and assigns to Tennis Europe the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show motion pictures, still photographs, and live, taped, or filmed television broadcasts, as well as other reproductions of them during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event, without compensation to themselves, their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, or assigns. Such promotional activities by Tennis Europe shall not be construed as endorsement by the player of any product or company.

25. Related Regulations

To the extent not covered in these regulations, the current Rules of Tennis shall apply to the competition.

26. Decisions and Appeals

Tennis Europe shall have the sole authority to make all decisions and interpretations regarding the Regulations. Any appeal against a decision or interpretation by Tennis Europe shall be referred to the Tennis Europe Board of Management, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties. Appeals must be submitted in writing and received by Tennis Europe no later than one month after the appellant has received the decision. The Board of Management shall conduct any appeal in the manner they deem appropriate.

27. Failure to Abide by the Rules and Regulations

Any competing club that fails to adhere to the Rules and Regulations may be immediately disqualified and/or have its entry refused for future competitions until assurances of compliance with the Regulations are provided. This may also be subject to any further penalties as outlined in these Regulations.

For offenses that do not warrant disqualification, Tennis Europe may impose a fine.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

28. Conduct of Event – Local Organising Committee

An Organising Committee shall be appointed to oversee the event. The Committee shall keep Tennis Europe informed of all arrangements related to the event.

29. The Captain – Eligibility to sit on court

The Captain is allowed to sit on the court beside the chair of their team but may not move away from that area, particularly crossing the net to the opposite side of the court. The Captain is the only team member permitted to speak with the chair umpire (if present) and, in the event of an appeal concerning a question of tennis law, only the Captain may request to speak with the Supervisor. If the Captain is unable to fulfill their duties on court, they may be replaced only by one of the nominated players, who shall be allowed to sit on the court and, under these circumstances, be permitted to speak with the chair umpire (if present) and/or request to speak with the Supervisor.

30. Arbitration

Settlement of On-Site Disputes

The Supervisor shall decide on any on-site disputes or interpretations of the Rules of Tennis. He or she shall also serve as the final arbiter for penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct, unless the Code provides for an appeal to Tennis Europe for that particular offense.

31. Officials

Tennis Europe appoints the Supervisor (Main Referee), while the Host Nation/Organizer shall appoint the Assistant Referee. The assignment of the Assistant Referee is subject to approval by Tennis Europe.

The Supervisor must hold a minimum certification of an 'ITF Silver Badge Official,' unless otherwise approved by Tennis Europe.

Duties of the Supervisor

He/she shall:

- a. Send the results daily to the Tennis Europe office and the Tennis Europe Communications Manager.
- b. Prior to the event, conduct any necessary training sessions and meetings to thoroughly familiarize all officials with the applicable Rules and Procedures.
- c. Ensure the eligibility of all teams.
- d. Be responsible for all aspects of play.
- e. Assist the Tennis Europe Representative in conducting the Captains' Meeting and in making the draw for all events.
- f. Prepare the daily order of play and ensure that it is posted on the official notice board.
- g. Ensure that all courts are fit for play.
- h. Ensure that all courts are properly equipped.
- i. Decide if a match should be moved to another court.
- j. Ensure that the practice courts are of the same standard and surface as the match courts and that they are available from two days before the event through the entire tournament. A practice court schedule shall be provided.
- k. Decide when play should be postponed or stopped due to weather conditions, inadequate light, or other circumstances.
- l. Be the final authority on on-court disputes concerning the Code of Conduct and the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis. The Referee's decision shall be final.
- m. Be responsible for arranging the round-robin groups.
- n. Ensure that all results are accurately recorded on the official draw sheet.
- o. Designate the official visible timepiece at a fixed location as the official clock of the tournament.
- p. Be present at all times during the playing of matches.
- q. Monitor Fair Play: Oversee the enforcement of fair play and sportsmanship among players, intervening when necessary to maintain the integrity of the competition.
- r. Incident reporting: Record and report any incidents, disputes, or violations that occur during the tournament, ensuring all necessary documentation is provided for review by Tennis Europe.
- s. Coordinate with tournament staff: Coordinate with other tournament staff, such as court supervisors and medical personnel, to ensure the smooth operation of the event and the welfare of the participants.
- t. Time management: Ensure that matches run according to the scheduled times, making adjustments as necessary to accommodate unforeseen delays.

32. Seeding

The seeding shall be carried out by the Supervisor and the official Tennis Europe Representative on the morning of the Captain's Meeting day at the latest. Only players listed on the final

nomination form (final order of merit), which the respective National Association has submitted to the Tennis Europe office one week prior to the start of the event, will be considered for the seeding process.

The seeding shall be determined based on merit, using all available information, including but not limited to head-to-head results, ITF World Tennis Masters Tour tournament results, and the prior year's competition results. In cases where clubs appear to be equal, preference will be given to the club with better performances by its team in the specific Championships. Should any disagreements arise, the Tennis Europe Representative's decision shall be final.

The number of seeds will depend on the number of entries, with only one seeded team per group. At the discretion of the Supervisor and with the agreement of the Tennis Europe Representative, additional seeds may be drawn into each group.

33. Format of play

Teams will be placed in round-robin groups according to the following order, with one seeded team placed in each group:

- 4 teams → 1 group (no seed)
- 5 teams → 1 group (no seed)
- 6 teams → 2 groups of 3 teams (2 seeds)
- 7 teams → 1 group of 3 teams and 1 group of 4 teams (2 seeds)
- 8 teams → 2 groups of 4 teams (2 seeds)
- 9 teams → 3 groups of 3 teams (3 seeds)
- 10 teams → 2 groups of 3 teams and 1 group of 4 teams (3 seeds)
- 11 teams → 2 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 3 teams (3 seeds)
- 12 teams → 4 groups of 3 teams (4 seeds)

After the initial groups are completed, further group matches will be played to ensure that all events are concluded with teams ranked in order of merit, from winners to last place.

In the event that a round-robin system is used in the second stage of the competition, and there is a tie between two teams that have already played against each other in the first stage, the result of their match from the first stage will count for the second stage.

34. Match format

Singles matches will be played as best of three tiebreak sets. A seven (7) point tiebreak will be played at six games all in each set. Doubles matches will be played as two tiebreak sets, with a ten (10) point tiebreak game played instead of a third set.

In the event of unavoidable disruption, such as bad weather, and if the score reaches one set all, the Supervisor may decide that a single ten (10) point tiebreak game will be played to determine the winner. Alternatively, the Supervisor may adopt any of the approved alternative methods of scoring as outlined in the Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF."

35. Draw

The Draw shall be conducted by the Supervisor, under the supervision of the Tennis Europe Representative

The Draw shall be made no later than twelve (12) hours before the commencement of the Competition. Once the draw has been made, no changes can be made unless a team retires or is forced to retire between the time the draw is made and the daily nomination deadline on the first day of play. In such cases, the Supervisor, at their discretion and in agreement with the Tennis Europe Representative, may choose to remake the draw in part or in full for that Category

Teams from the same country will, if possible, not be drawn into the same first-stage group.

36. Daily Order of play

The order of play for each day will be published and displayed at a reasonable time at the venue and/or hotel, or otherwise made available to the competitors.

It is the responsibility of each team to check their match times and to be present when their match is called.

37. Composition of tie

a. Men

Age groups 30 – 65

Each tie consists of 3 singles & 2 doubles

Age groups 70 – 75

Each tie consists of 2 singles & 1 double

b. Women

All age groups

Each tie consists of 2 singles & 1 double

38. Order of play

The order of play shall be as follows:

Men

1 st Match	player no. 3 vs. player no. 3
2 nd Match	player no. 2 vs. player no. 2
3 rd Match	player no. 1 vs. player no. 1
4 th Match	Doubles match (lowest ranked)
5 th Match	Doubles match (highest ranked)

Men 70+

1 st Match	player no. 2 vs. player no. 2
2 nd Match	player no. 1 vs. player no. 1
3 rd Match	Doubles match

Women

1 st Match	player no. 2 vs. player no. 2
2 nd Match	player no. 1 vs. player no. 1
3 rd Match	Doubles match

Doubles pairs must play in order of merit, with players ranked 1 to 4 for doubles (i.e., the lowest-ranked singles player nominated for doubles will be ranked number 4 for doubles, even if they are ranked number 7 for singles). The pair with the lowest combined ranking must play first, e.g., pairs 1 & 3 must play before 2 & 4. If pairs 1 & 4 and 2 & 3 are selected, the team captain may choose the order in which to play the pairs.

Even if the final result of a tie is determined after the singles matches, the doubles match must still be played to complete the full tie results. However, taking into account factors like weather, spectators, and television schedules, the Supervisor has the authority to decide that the doubles match will not be played.

39. How to determine the winner of a tie

Men 30 – 65

Points awarded for every match won will count as follows:

- A singles match win counts as **1 point**.
- A doubles match win counts as **1.5 points**.

In the event of a tie in the final score:

1. The difference between sets won and lost will determine the winner.
 - A match tiebreak counts as one set.
2. If the number of sets won and lost is also tied, the total number of games won and lost will be used.
 - A match tiebreak counts as a set played with a score of 7-6.
3. In the rare case that the number of games also does not determine the winner, the team that won more matches overall will be declared the winner of the tie.

Men 70+ & Women All categories

Points awarded for every match won will count as follows:

- A singles match win counts as **1 point**.
- A doubles match win counts as **2 points**.

Tie-Breaking Procedure:

1. If the final tie score is even:
 - The difference between sets won and lost will determine the winner.

- A match tiebreak counts as one set.
- 2. If the number of sets won and lost is also tied, the total number of games won and lost will be used.
 - A match tiebreak counts as a set played with a score of 7-6.
- 3. In the rare case that the number of games also does not determine the winner, the team that won more matches overall will be declared the winner of the tie.

40. Insufficient number of players in a team or Non-Arrival

1. Inability to Play All Singles Matches:
 - If a team does not have enough players to play all singles matches, the remaining available players must be nominated starting from the **first match** onward.
 - The **walkover match** will be listed last on the nomination form for that day.
2. Failure to Show Up:
 - If a team nominates a player for a match on the daily nominations and that player does not show up, **all subsequent matches** on the nomination list (whether already played or not) will be counted as **losses for the team**, with a score of **0:6 0:6**.

Example:

- If a player is nominated to play the second match and does not show up, the **second match** will be recorded as a **walkover (0:6 0:6)**.
- Furthermore, the **third match**, even if it has already been played, will be counted as a **loss (0:6 0:6)** for the team, as the player listed to play did not show up.

41. Court Surface

The surface of the courts to be used shall be subject to the approval of Tennis Europe. The surface of the practise courts must be the same as for the match courts.

42. Balls

The balls used in the competition must conform to the specifications outlined in Rule 3 of the Rules of Tennis and must be approved by the ITF.

A minimum of three new balls will be provided for each match.

Balls for practice will be provided free of charge, although it is not mandatory for new balls to be supplied for this purpose.

43. Daily Nominations (Notification of Singles and Doubles Players)

Thirty (30) minutes before the start of each tie, the captain of each team must submit in writing to the Supervisor the list of singles players (Daily Nomination Form), in accordance with the established Order of Merit. The players nominated must be selected from those listed on the Final Nomination List.

Any member of the nominated team may play in the doubles match, **subject to Rule 19.d**. The nominations for the doubles pairs must be submitted to the Supervisor by the Team Captain no later than ten (10) minutes before the scheduled start of the first doubles match of a tie.

In the case of a walkover or when the winner is determined after the singles matches, the doubles nominations **MUST** still be submitted to the referee.

44. Medical certificate

In the case of a walkover or retirement, the player must consult the official tournament physiotherapist and submit a medical certificate to the Supervisor. Should the player wish to continue competing for the remainder of the week, including the day of retirement, they must receive approval from the official tournament physiotherapist confirming their good physical condition and ability to play.

Example: If a player retires during their singles match, the player is not allowed to play in a doubles match on the same day unless the physiotherapist confirms that the player is fit to play.

45. Composition of the Doubles pairing

Any two (2) members of the team may be nominated by the Captain to play any of the doubles matches, **subject to rule 19.d**.

46. Entitlement to rest

If a player is called upon to play more than one (1) tie in one day, the Supervisor shall decide their entitlement to rest.

47. Substitutions

If a player is unable to play his/her match due to ill-health, injury, or bereavement, resulting in an insufficient number of players in the team, a substitution may be made by the non-playing captain (who must have been listed on the Final Order of Merit as a non-playing captain). The substitution must be reported to the Supervisor. The substitute will be listed on the nomination list according to his/her ITF ranking, national ranking, or latest results. The Supervisor's decision to allow or disallow this substitution shall be final.

48. Interval between matches

There shall be a break of a maximum of ten (10) minutes between the singles matches. There shall be an interval of thirty (30) minutes between the singles and doubles rubbers, unless decided otherwise by the Supervisor.

49. Relocation of Doubles Match

The Supervisor shall have the discretion to transfer a doubles match to another court.

50. Absence of Players (no show)

If a player does not show up on court 15 minutes after the match is called, the player is defaulted, and the score will be recorded as 6-0 6-0.

51. Method of Determining Positions in Round Robin Events

Each men's tie will consist of five matches, three singles and two doubles.

Each women's and 70+ men's ties will consist of three matches, two singles and one doubles.

The club that wins the majority of matches in the tie shall be declared the winner and awarded one point. The club that reaches the highest number of points in a group shall be declared the winner of the group. In any other case, the following shall apply:

- If **two clubs score an equal** number of points, the head-to-head result between these clubs shall decide the winner.
- If **three or more clubs score an equal** number of points, the following procedure shall be used, taking into consideration only the results of the clubs concerned:
 - o The number of matches won against the tied teams shall decide the winner.
 - o If matches won are equal, the percentage of sets won in sets played against the tied teams shall decide the winner. In such a case, a match tie-break counts as a SET.
 - o If the percentage of sets won is equal, the percentage of games won in games played against the tied teams shall decide the winner. In such a case, a match tie-break counts as a GAME.

When three or more clubs are tied, head-to-head results are never used to determine the positions in the group.

Uncompleted match

If any match is stopped and not completed due to injury, etc., the full score shall be recorded. Example: If Player A leads Player B 6-1, 2-0, and Player B is injured and unable to continue, Player A's victory shall be recorded as 6-1, 6-0.

Early departure of a team

If a team retires, it will lose the rest of the scheduled ties in that particular group by 3-0 (women's categories) and 5-0 (men's categories).

52. ITF Ranking Points

Ranking points will be awarded following the same method used at the ITF World Masters Tour Team Championships. Players can earn points per win in singles and doubles, up to a maximum of 4 results during the week.

Each player can compete in a maximum of 6 team matches during the event.

The match format is the best of 3 tie-break sets in singles, and two tie-break sets and a 10-point match tie-break in doubles.

The ITF shall award the following points per win at the European Masters Club Championships:

Maximum points total possible = 425 points (150 + 100 + 100 + 75).

Round Robin Stage & Any Additional Team Matches for 5th position onwards
75 points per player for a win
Main Draw Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and 3rd/4th Playoff
100 points per player for a win
Main Draw Final only
150 points per player for a win

CODE OF CONDUCT

53. Code of Conduct

The ITF Code of Conduct shall apply.

NOTE: RULE CHANGES / AMENDMENTS – MARKED IN YELLOW

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