



PUBLIC SERVICE TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2024

EVENT INFORMATION

- Commencing Date : Monday, 6 May 2024
- Time : 1st Tie: 7.00pm to 8.30pm
2nd Tie: 8.30pm to 10.00pm
- Dates and Venues : 6 to 28 May 2024
Kallang Tennis Centre,
8 Stadium Boulevard, Singapore 397804
- 30 May 2024
Heartbeat @ Bedok Tennis Centre,
11 Bedok North Street 1, Singapore 469662.
- Registration Fee : \$36 per team (Excluding GST)
- Closing Date : Monday, 22 April 2024

RULES & REGULATIONS

1 RULES OF THE GAME

- 1.1 The Public Service Tennis Tournament will be conducted under the Laws of Lawn Tennis as adopted by the ITF, STAR Games General Rules and Tournament rules as laid down by the Civil Service Club.
- 1.2 The Tournament is a Championship STAR game subject to minimum of eight (8) participating agencies.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Tournament is open to all civil servants and officers serving in Statutory Boards, Restructured Hospitals, Government-Aided Schools and registered former Statutory Boards.
- 2.2 The following personnel (including non-resident officers) are not eligible to participate in the STAR Games:
- a) Public Officers who have represented Singapore (including those as Reserves) in SEA Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games during the current year and past two years,
 - b) Players who earn their living as professional players for Clubs, etc during the current and past two years, and
 - c) Full-time National Servicemen.
- 2.3 Only staff are allowed to represent their agency.

3 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Sports Liaison Officers of participating agency can register their players online at www.csc.sg/stargames.
- 3.2 Registration must be accompanied by online payment of registration fee otherwise it will be void.
- 3.3 Each team shall comprise a maximum of 9 players (6 players and 3 reserves)
- 3.4 The cut-off age for senior players shall be 40 years as on the 1st day of tournament.
- 3.5 No switching of players between teams will be allowed for agencies entering more than one team.
- 3.6 A registered player who subsequently left the organisation will not be allowed to play for the organisation, but another player may be registered in his place. The Team Captain/Manager must inform the Tournament Director in email at least 24 hours before commencement of the tie before the substituted player is allowed to compete.

4 MATCH PLAY

- 4.1 Team Captain/Manager must submit their team line-up forms to the Tournament Referee by 6.45pm for the first tie and by 8.15 pm for the 2nd tie. The 1st tie shall commence at 7.00pm sharp and the 2nd tie at 8.30pm sharp.
- 4.2 There shall be three (3) matches in a tie comprising:

- a) 1 Men's Doubles
- b) 1 Women's Doubles
- c) 1 Senior Doubles (one senior player of any gender and a men's senior player)

4.3 A player is allowed to play for one team only and once in each tie. If a player is found to register in more than one team, the teams which he/she had played for shall be disqualified from the tournament.

4.4 A woman is allowed to play in place of a man but not vice versa.

5 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

5.1 The Tournament will run on a Single Knock-out format and the Committee shall reserve the right to seed the draw.

5.2 All matches shall be decided by a pro set of 9 games. Tie-break will operate at 8 games all. The No-Ad Scoring System will be implemented in this tournament.

NO-AD SCORING SYSTEM:

- a) If both players have won three 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.
- b) For mixed doubles the server shall serve to the receiver of the same gender.
- c) The player who wins the deciding point wins the game.

5.3 Players are allowed five minutes warm-up before the start of the match.

6 TIE-BREAKER

6.1 In the event of a draw as a result of a walkover match, the winner will be decided based on the following:

- a) The team with the highest number of games wins;
- b) Should the draw exist, the winner shall be decided by the result of the Men's Doubles match;
- c) Should the draw exist, the winner shall be decided by the results of the Women's Doubles followed by results of the Senior's Doubles match.

7 UMPIRES AND LINESMEN

7.1 Players shall umpire their own matches throughout the tournament.

- 7.2 Teams Captains/Managers may appoint any players to umpire the matches if both team captains agree.
- 7.3 Teams must be prepared to provide linesmen if called upon by the Tournament Referee.
- 7.4 Tournament Referee may umpire a match if there is any dispute.

8 INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 8.1 Teams **must show up** at the tournament venue and prepare to play, regardless of the weather.
- 8.2 The Tournament Referee can decide, at his discretion, to postpone a match if he opines that the courts are unfit for play due to inclement weather, or for any other valid reasons which he deems a postponement is necessary. His decision to postpone a match shall be given not later than an hour from the start of the scheduled tie and teams must abide by the decision taken.
- 8.3 Should the Tournament Referee decides courts are playable after rain stops, he shall make an announcement, informing all players to dry their courts.
- 8.4 If a match is postponed, the same line-up will be enforced once a game has commenced.
- 8.5 In the event of postponed matches, the score shall remain.
- 8.6 The tournament referee shall not entertain any request for postponement of matches.
- 8.7 The Organiser shall inform the team captains of the date, time and venue of all postponed matches due to inclement weather.

9 WALKOVER

- 9.1 A team (or player) who fail to show up after the 15-minute grace period from the scheduled time of the tie (or match) shall concede the tie (or match) to the opposing team (or player). In the event of a walkover being declared on any of the matches after the 15-minute grace period or any match that has finished, players for the next match must be ready to play. There will be **no** more grace period for 'followed by' matches.
- 9.2 If a match is scheduled but has been delayed due to inclement weather, players are expected to wait for their matches to be called. If the match is called, a walkover shall be awarded if a player (or team) fails to show up.
- 9.3 Any team that gives a walkover will be fined \$100 and also require to furnish a letter of explanation to the Organiser. If the explanation is not acceptable, the

team will be barred from the rest of the tournament and may also from future tournament.

9.4 Team that played in less than two (2) matches in a tie will be considered as giving a walkover.

9.5 Team that receives a walkover wins a 9 - 0 game.

10 DISPUTES & DISQUALIFICATION

10.1 Decisions on abandoned game shall abide by the Laws of Lawn Tennis.

10.2 The Tournament Referee of the day shall have the power to resolve any dispute that may arise.

10.3 In the event of any dispute, the convenor/team captains shall be the sole spokesperson of the teams involved.

10.4 Any team causing a game to be abandoned by walking out shall be barred from future tournaments.

11 TOURNAMENT BALL

11.1 ITF approved Tennis balls will be used for the tournament. Teams are responsible for return of the used balls after their matches.

12 ATTIRE

12.1 Singlet is not allowed. Collarless T-shirt and gym vest is acceptable.

13 PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

13.1 All participants consent to their personal data being collected and processed for purposes of administration and communication in a particular event. Participants also agree to receive postings on other events organised by the Civil Service Club.

14 COVID-19 SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

14.1 All participating agencies and teams must comply with prevailing COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs) issued by Ministry of Health and Sport Singapore.

14.2 Players must exercise social responsibility and not show up for matches if feeling unwell or exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 infections.

DISCLAIMER

The Civil Service Club reserves the right to cancel, postpone or change the venue, date and/or time of the competition at its discretion due to inclement weather, facility problem or any other situation deemed as appropriate.

The Civil Service Club and its servants and/or agents will not be held responsible for any claims arising out of any death or injury, damage or loss, suffered or caused while attending this event, and this includes all costs and expenses incurred as a result of such claim.