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The Executive Committee (EC) of the International School Sport Federation (ISF) has decided to entrust the organisation of the **World Schools Championship Tennis 2013** to Albury / Wodonga in Australia.

1. Invitation.

Invitations to participate in this World Schools Championship Tennis are being sent to all school sport organisations which are full or associate members of ISF and for information to the members of the ISF Executive Committee, to the members of the ISF Technical Commission Tennis and to the ITF (International Tennis Federation).

2. Composition of teams and rules for participation.

- 2.1. Only school teams may participate.
Each country may enter only one boys team and one girls team.
- 2.2. All players of the school team must have been enrolled at the same school since the beginning of the school year 2012/2013.
- 2.3. All players must have been born in 1996 / 1997/ 1998 / 1999.
Neither older nor younger players will be accepted!
- 2.4. Each team shall be composed of 6 players, and 1 teacher. Each delegation participating with one or two teams shall nominate an umpire with a national or international ranking. This umpire must be able to umpire in English. He/she should preferably be under 25 years old.
- 2.5. Each delegation shall nominate a Head of Delegation who shall be responsible for the team or teams in his/her delegation. He/she may not combine the function of Head of Delegation and coach or another official function.

He/she shall be the sole intermediary between his/her delegation and the OC, the TC and the ISF Delegate.
- 2.6. Countries represented by only one team, its delegation may comprise up to 9 persons. If two teams (a boys team and a girls team) participate, the delegation may comprise up to 16 persons.



2.7. Each participating country has the right to include a maximum of 2 additional adults whose function must be specified: doctor, physiotherapist, interpreter, security personnel, ministerial representative, journalist, ...

Any other additional persons will not be considered part of the official delegation.

2.8. Players must be enrolled as full-time students at the school which they represent. They must be attending schools which provide a general education.

The following are not eligible to participate:

- a. pupils of vocational schools who only attend that school as a complement to their vocational training,
- b. school teams and pupils enrolled at schools which provide sports training without any general education,
- c. part-time (e.g. afternoon) sports schools which take pupils from a variety of schools for training in one or more sports,
- d. teams formed as part of clubs, companies, universities or other institutions.

2.9. Each participating team must be nominated officially by the organisation responsible for school sport and which is member of ISF.

3. Provisional Programme.

Day 1	Welcome / Accreditation / Housing of teams / Meeting Head of Delegations / Team Managers / Umpires.
Day 2	Opening Ceremony Competition
Day 3	Competition
Day 4	Cultural Programme / 'Meeting of the Nations' evening
Day 5	Competition
Day 6	Competition
Day 7	Finals / Friendship Doubles / Prize-giving / Closing Ceremony / Farewell Party
Day 8	Departure of delegations.

4. Travel.

4.1. Travel as far as Melbourne International Airport is to be arranged and financed by each participating country.

4.2. The organisers will finance and be responsible for transfer of delegations between the International Airport of Melbourne and their accommodation on arrival and departure and similarly all transport in connection with the official programme (arrival, departure, sports and cultural programmes).

5. Finances and Insurance.

5.1. In return for the entry fees which are fixed by the ISF Executive Committee, the organising Committee will be responsible for board and lodging for participants for the duration of the championship, for the competition and the cultural programme activities and for all transport in connection with the official programme (arrival, departure, sports and cultural programmes).



- 5.2. In accordance with the rules laid down by ISF, the payment to be made to the organisers of the World Schools Championship amount to 44 € per person and per night.
- 5.3. An additional ISF levy of 30 € per delegation member will be collected at the time of registration.
- 5.4. The total sum per person is therefore 308€ + 30€ = 338€.
- 5.5. When the distance between Melbourne and the capital of a participating country on another continent exceeds 5000 kilometres the delegation may extend its stay by arriving one day earlier **or** leaving one day later at the normal daily fee (44 €).
- 5.6. For two supplementary adults the following regulation applies:
- for a single room 88 € per night,
 - for a double/twin room (2 additional persons) 44 € per night each,
 - for a double/twin room (1 additional person + teacher/coach) 44 € per night each.
- Requests are to made by the country concerned.
- 5.7. The organisation of an extended stay for the delegation (before of after the event) is a matter for the country concerned. It shall not be the responsibility of the Organising Committee.
- 5.8. Delegations which are unable to provide the required national or international referee will be required to pay a fine of 907 € for the missing referee.
- 5.9. Each country is required to provide insurance for each member of its delegation. At a minimum the insurance is to cover civil liability, material damage and medical costs.

6. Deposit.

- 6.1. Along with the entry, each country must pay a deposit of 88 € per person as confirmation of the entry. The deposit must be sent as a single payment for the whole delegation by the organisation responsible for school sport (federation, trust, ministry, ...)

Payments by individual schools will not be accepted.

The sum of the deposit will be deducted from the total cost of participation.

The sum of the deposit is non-refundable in the event of non-participation unless the delegation has informed the organisers at least 1 month before the start of the event or in case of force majeure. The latter instance will require the approval of the ISF Management Committee.

- 6.2. The ISF Secretariat is responsible for registering all deposits before 30th November 2012.
- 6.3. The deposit is to be paid to the following account :

Name of the bank: BNP Paribas Fortis
Address: Warandeborg 3, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
BIC (Swift Code): GEBABEBB
Payee: ISF, Boomgaardstraat 22 B39, 2600 – Berchem / Antwerpen, Belgium.
IBAN: BE03 0015 2130 7984

Reference: ISF – Tennis 2013 + name of the participating country

6.4. The balance in cash in EUROS is to be paid on arrival in Albury / Wodonga (bank- and credit cards will not be accepted) or may be paid in EUROS to the organisers' bank account as published in the Third Bulletin.

6.5. All bank charges (for both deposit and balance) are to be met by participating countries.

7. Commitments to be honoured by delegations.

7.1. Each participant is required to be present throughout the duration of the event.

7.2. Each participant is obliged to take part also in all of the non-sport activities.

7.3. Each team undertakes to compete against all other participating teams.

7.4. Each player undertakes to compete against all other players.

7.5. The absence of any member of a participating team from any part of the entire sport programme, opening-, prize-giving and closing ceremonies and socio-cultural programme may result in the team being excluded from the results.

8. Technical Rules.

8.1. The competition will be run according to current ISF and ITF rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission for Tennis.

8.2. Specific ISF regulations are:

System of the competition:

a. First part of the competition: qualification games in groups (all x all).

b. Second part of the competition: classification games by a knock out system.

c. The system of play depends upon the final number of entries in the championship.
Teams will be placed in preliminary groups of at least 3 teams

d. Scoring tables.

I. The team competition consists of 4 singles and 2 double matches played against another country.

II. Grass Court format:

Each of these matches will be 2 sets, the first to 6 games, with a tiebreak at 6 games all. If the score is 1 set all the 3rd set will be a Championship tiebreak, first to 10 points, 2 points clear.

Please note this is a change in our standard format to reflect the fact that matches will be played on grass courts.

e. Draw.

I. The group draw will take place at the General Secretariat in Antwerp.

- II. The draw will take into account results achieved in previous ISF Tennis competitions and any other information relevant to ISF.
- III. If after the draw one or more teams withdraw from the competition, the ISF Technical Commission Tennis may modify the draw in order to balance the number of teams in each group.
- IV. The Organizing Country will publish the draw immediately on the ISF website and thereafter, as required, all alterations.

f. The official competition ball.

In bulletin 2 the OC shall communicate the brand of the official competition ball. The host country shall provide balls for competition and warming up.

g. The competition is led by national and international referees.

8.3. Prize-giving.

Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate. The teams finishing first, second and third will be rewarded with medals and trophies.

The ISF Fair Play Trophy will be awarded to a delegation by the Disciplinary Commission following consultation with the Technical Commission ISF, the Organizing Committee and the delegations.

9. Doping.

Dope testing (for use of banned substances) can take place during the competition according to current law / procedures in the organising country. If selected for testing a competitor may be accompanied by an adult. If a competitor is following a course of medical treatment he or she must obtain certification to that effect and inform the organisers immediately upon arrival.

10. Registration.

The entry registration form should be duly completed on behalf of the organisation responsible for school sport and returned to the Secretariat General at the latest by 30th September 2012.

**Please fill in the electronic registration form ([click here](#)) and
return to the Secretariat General
as soon as possible but no later than 30th September 2012
PLEASE PAY THE DEPOSIT BY 30th NOVEMBER 2012.**



**Looking forward to meeting you in Albury/Wodonga in April 2013
on behalf of the Organising Committee**

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