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**ISF Tennis 2013**  
**World Schools Championship**  
**Albury / Wodonga**  
**Australia**  
**13/04 – 20/04/2013**

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**BULLETIN 3**

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**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT FEDERATION  
&  
SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**

**“WORLD SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS“  
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We have pleasure in sending you Bulletin 3 for the ‘**World Schools Championship - ISF Tennis 2013**’ which will take place from 13 till 20 April 2013 in Albury / Wodonga – Australia.

The championship is organised by School Sport Australia according to International School Sport Federation competition rules.

**This bulletin contains further information to that published in Bulletin 1 and 2.**

The following countries have indicated an interest in taking part in this event: update 1<sup>st</sup> February

**Boys school teams :** Australia (A & B), Belgium (French Community), Belgium (German speaking Community), Chile, PR China, Chinese Taipei, England, France, Germany, India, Italy, New Zealand, Qatar and Turkey

**Girls school teams :** Australia (A & B), Belgium (German speaking Community), Chile, PR China, Chinese Taipei, England, France, Germany, India, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore and Turkey



## 1. International get-together (Nations' Night)

Delegations are required to take part in an evening “**International Get-together**” organised with the aim of encouraging exchanges between the different cultures of participating countries. The young people are invited to introduce and to promote their countries and their culture in an original way. Each delegation is to organise a stand at the “Tourist Fair” on the theme ‘Suppose you came to spend your holidays in my country’. This presentation may be made in the form of leaflets, video, CD, photos or other original ideas, for example by offering a taste of typical culinary specialities (dishes, drinks, ...).

On addition each delegation may, if it wishes, introduce a facet of its country’s culture on stage (the stage is yours – dance, songs, sketches ...) maximum 4 minutes.

## 2. Board, Lodging and Services.

2.1. All the students with their coaches, the heads of delegation, the referees, the additional adults and the ISF representatives will be accommodated in motel rooms (about 500m from Albury Grass courts). Players will be accommodated in maximum four beds rooms. Coaches and umpires in maximum two beds rooms.

2.2. Breakfast will be served at the motels.

Lunch will be served at the Albury & Wodonga Tennis Clubs.

Dinner will be served at the Wodonga Tennis Centre and at various locations for special welcomes.

2.3. The competition will take place in Albury and Wodonga on 55 grass courts. (There are all weather courts available in case of bad weather.) Players may play in normal tennis shoes; they do not need to purchase specific grass court shoes.

2.4. A meeting place will set up at both Tennis Clubs.

2.5. A medical service will be available throughout the duration of the Championship.

## 3. Finances and Insurance.

3.1. **All payments to the Organising Committee must be made in Australian Dollars (\$Aus) based on the \$Aus / Euro (€) exchange rate on the day the payment is made.** Any changes in the exchange rate cannot be adjusted by either party after the payment is made.

3.2. The fees payable per person and per night amount to 44 EUR in accordance with current ISF regulations. The amount due per person is 308 EUR, less the amount of the deposit previously paid.

3.3. The balance of the sum due is to be paid in \$Aus to the organizers’ bank account by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the latest.

Bank name: National Australia Bank Limited

Bank address: 129-135 Elgin Street, Carlton Victoria 3053, Australia

Swift code: NATAAU3303M

Account: 179397406

B.S.B.: 083170

Payee: Australian Schools Sports Council, 150 Palmerston Street, Carlton, Victoria 3053, Australia

Reference: ISF Tennis 2013 – balance + *name of participating country*



All bank charges are the responsibility of the delegations.

**OR**

The balance of the sum shall be paid in cash \$Aus (based on the \$Aus / € exchange rate on the day) by the Head of Delegation on arrival. Payment by bank cards and /or credit cards will not be accepted.

3.4. Additionally each member of the delegation must pay an **ISF levy of 30 EUR** in accordance with current ISF regulations.

**This sum is to be paid to the ISF Delegate in cash in EUR (€) on arrival.**

3.5. Delegations, which are unable to provide the required number of National or International referees, will be required to pay in \$Aus a fine equivalent to 907 EUR per missing referees. Referees must present their national/international referee's licences for inspection.

3.6. Each country is to pay in cash in \$Aus the amount equivalent to 150 EUR as deposit for eventual damages caused by a delegation member. If there is no damage, the amount will be refunded at the moment of the departure.

#### **4. Programme**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Welcome Payment of fees – Accreditation, Housing of teams Training will be possible in the afternoon Meeting of heads of delegation/team managers/umpires Official welcome to the City of Albury -“Pizza in the Park”
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Opening Ceremony Competition: Group Stage Official welcome to the City of Wodonga - “the Cube”
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Competition: Group Stages
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Cultural programme Excursion by bus. Evening « Meeting of the Nations »
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Competition: Main Draw Quarter Finals. Placement Matches
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Competition: Main Draw Semi Finals. Placement Matches
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Competition: Main Draw Finals. Placement Matches Friendships Mixed-Doubles Closing Ceremony and Presentations. Officials Dinner & Players Farewell Party
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Departure of Delegations Possible excursion to Melbourne Park Tennis Complex to view the facilities of the Australian Open

## 5. Communication.

All further information and each day's results along with important information from the OC will be published in the ISF website [www.isfsports.org](http://www.isfsports.org) and the organiser's website [www.schoolsport.edu.au](http://www.schoolsport.edu.au).

## 6. Technical information.

6.1. All matches will be played according to International Tennis Federation (ITF) rules in accordance with the rules of ISF.

6.2. There will be a racquet stringer at each club.

6.3. Balls: Wilson.

6.4. Organisation of play:

Boys' teams will be organised into three groups of four teams and one group of three teams. Girls' teams will be organised into two groups of three teams and two groups of four teams. In the group stage each team will play all the other teams in their group. Teams may be expected to play more than one contest in a day.

- Each team may nominate any four players for the 4 singles matches but players must always play in ranking order designated at accreditation.
- Doubles pairings must be nominated at the start of the match but may be changed after the completion of the singles matches. Doubles pairs must also play in rank order. If both doubles pairs have an equal total number of ranking points, the coach may choose the ranking order for the doubles matches. The stronger pair will play last.
- The teams are divided into four groups. In each group each team will play everyone. The top eight teams will play in the Main Draw and the remaining teams will play Placement Matches.
- In the case of prolonged bad weather the Organising Committee and the Technical Commission ISF may need to alter the systems of play.
- Calculating team position within groups:
  - Firstly the number of contests won will be considered.
  - If two teams are equal then the result of the contest between them will be considered.
  - If three teams are equal then a calculation will be made:
    - Firstly the number of matches won will be considered.
    - If the teams are still equal the number of games won will be considered.
    - If the calculation shows teams are still equal, then a doubles 7 point tie break will be played. The coaches will have 15 minutes to nominate their pair and may select any doubles pairing, whether or not they have played in the match so far.

6.5. Draw.

The draw for the team event will take place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the ISF office in Antwerp on the occasion of the Management Committee Meeting. The draw will take into account results of previous ISF Tennis championships. If after the draw, one or more teams withdraw from the event the ISF Technical Commission may adjust the draw to equalize the number of teams in each group.

The OC will publish the draw immediately and subsequently if changes prove necessary.

## **7. Control Commission.**

- 7.1. In accordance with General Competition Rules the Organising Committee will designate a Control Commission composed of :
- representatives of the ISF Technical Commission
  - 1 representative of the OC
- 7.2. At accreditation, the Head of Delegation must settle with the organisers the balance to be paid including any bank charges and will present the following documents to the Control Commission :
- proof of payment of the balance including any bank charges,
  - the passport (or identity card) of every player bearing family name, first name, photograph, nationality and date of birth,
  - a letter from the school confirming that all players are full time students at the school, since the beginning of the school year.

When checking is complete, each participant will receive an accreditation card which allows him/her access to the competition, activities and meals.

## **8. Disciplinary Commission.**

- 8.1. In accordance with the ISF General Competition Rules, the Disciplinary Commission will be composed of :
- the Delegate representing the ISF Executive Committee
  - the President of the ISF Technical Commission of Tennis.
  - the President of the Organising Committee

The Disciplinary Commission will deal with all matters relating to discipline arising during the championship matches and also during the period of the Championship where the matters are not covered by technical regulations.

- 8.2. The Disciplinary Commission's decisions are final. They are passed on to the Executive Committee.
- 8.3. It should be noted that where there is a sufficiently serious lack of respect for ISF rules the Disciplinary Commission could disqualify participants, teams or delegations from the competition and to require them to return home before the conclusion of the event.

## **9. Appeal Jury.**

- 9.1. In accordance with the ISF General Competition Rules; the Appeal Jury will be composed of:
- a representative of the ISF Technical Commission of Tennis.
  - a representative of the Organising Committee
  - a representative of the Referees
- 9.2. The Appeal Jury will decide on all appeals concerning the results of the competition in the light of the rules of ITF and the rules of the ISF Technical Commission of Tennis.
- 9.3. The Appeal Jury will not pronounce on disciplinary matters.
- 9.4. Appeal Jury decisions are final and may not be appealed.

## **10. Appeals.**

- 10.1. Appeals against results or any other appeal not concerning disciplinary matters will be heard by the Appeal Jury.
- 10.2. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be in writing in English, French or German.
- 10.3. The sum of 50 EUR must accompany the appeal. This sum will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury.

## **11. Obligations undertaken by delegations.**

- 11.1. Each participant is required to be present throughout the duration of the event.
- 11.2. Each participant is obliged to take part in all of the non-sport activities.
- 11.3. Each team undertakes to compete against all other participating teams.
- 11.4. Each participant undertakes to compete against all other participants.
- 11.5. 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 disqualification of that team.

## **12. Climate.**

The region is subjected to a temperate climate. Rainfall is evenly distributed throughout the year. The average day time temperature in April is about 25° C. The nights can be cool with temperatures dropping to about 10° C.

## **13. Information about visas.**

All citizens from the countries registered to the World Schools Tennis Championship 2013 require a visa to enter Australia, except for New Zealand.

If there is no Representation of Australia in your country then you need to contact the closest Australian Representation. In that case it may be permitted, if needed, to apply for a visa also by post, sending all required documents to the closest Australian Representation. In this case you may be required to pick up the visa personally.

For more detailed information please contact the Representation where you plan to apply for the visa. Contacts to Australian Representations and for Visa regulations:

<http://www.australia.gov.au/service/visa-wizard>

## **14. Registration.**

The ELECTRONIC ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM 3 should be duly completed on behalf of the organisation responsible for school sport at the latest by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Registration through ISF's new ERAS (Electronic Registration and Accreditation System) will be open from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013 via the ISF website [www.isfsports.org](http://www.isfsports.org).

To get access to the registration, you will have to fill in username and password which will be sent by separate e-mail together with some more detailed information for registration.



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

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