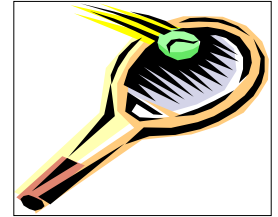




# **Regulations for the European Tennis Championships**

**State: 20. 05. 2008**



## **1.00 Definition**

- 1.01 The European Championship was held for the first time in Brussels in 1967.
- 1.02 Its purpose is to promote tennis competition for the Deaf in Europe.
- 1.03 The individual tennis competition takes place every four years representing the European Deaf Sports Associations affiliated to the EDSO.

## **2.00 Organisation**

- 2.01 Any Association willing to host the European Championships must submit its application to the EDSO-Congress.
- 2.02 The proposal of application must include the place, the date, the current price list for hotels, meals and other suggestions for the celebration.
- 2.03 The appointment of the host shall be made at the first EDSO-Congress where applications are sent to.
- 2.04 The host country is responsible for the local organisation of the European Tennis Championships.
- 2.05 The host Association shall appoint an Organising Committee and delegate to it the responsibility of organising the Championships. It must correspond directly with the Technical Official of the EDSO for Tennis.

## **3.00 Technical Committee and Jury**

- The Technical Committee will be composed of two Technical Official of the EDSO, the EDSO-Official and of four or five Delegates of the Organising Committee.
- 3.01 The Jury will be composed of a Technical Official for tennis and of four members designed by the Organising Committee.

## **4.00 Technical Meeting**

- 4.01 The Technical Meeting must be held one day before the opening of the European Tennis Championship.
  - 4.02 Place and date of the meeting must be announced to the participating countries before their arrival at the place of the event.
  - 4.03 Each participating team may be represented by two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf.
  - 4.04 If necessary, the TD shall convoke a Technical Meeting with the captains.
  - 4.05 During the competition another Technical Meeting presided by the TD and with the participation of all captains shall be held
- All results are to be published officially. No more protests will be allowed. The sheets of results shall be sent to the EDSO within 15 days, countersigned by the TD, the referee and the captains.

## **5.00 Rules of equipment and sportswear**

- 5.01 General rules
- 5.02 The tennis competitions will be organised in accordance with the rules of ITF and EDSO.
- 5.03 Any unforeseen occurrences not covered by the rules will be dealt with as follows:
  - 1. Cases of general nature shall be dealt with in accordance with the EDSO-Statutes and Regulations.
  - 2. Technical questions shall be settled according to ITF.
  - 3. Only athletes who comply with the EDSO-Rules and Regulations are entitled to take part in European Tennis Championships for the Deaf

## **6.00 Equipment**

- 6.01 The Equipment used during the competitions must be in accordance with the ITF-Rules



- 6.02 Additionally the following regulations have to be observed:
1. The name of the company which produces the balls has to be announced to the participating countries six month before the beginning of the competition. The colour and the nature of the floor has to be announced at least one year before the beginning of the championships. The Organising Committee has to provide itself the sufficient number of new balls per match.
  2. The minimum number of courts to foresee for the tournament shall be six to eight and three indoor courts in order to ensure normal competition in case of bad weather.
  3. The Organising Committee has to draw up a training schedule for the participating nations and has to ensure the realisation of this training schedule in the competition.
  4. The Organising Committee has also to provide each court of a scoring board

### **7.00 Sportswear**

- 7.01 All contestants have to wear sportswear of their home-country which is accepted and registered by the ITF.
- 7.02 Participants must observe the regulations of the ITF and the EDSO regarding advertising on sportswear etc. on the court.
- 7.03 The referee shall make sure all players wear proper clothes according to tennis regulations.
- 7.04 Each contestant takes part in the competitions and training at his own risk.

### **8.00 Protest**

- 8.01 Protest respectively must be made in writing (English language) within one hour after ending of the event. There is also a fee of EURO 50.00 to be paid to the jury. This amount will be returned if the appeal is accepted.

### **9.00 Competitions disciplines, schedule and participants**

- 9.01 The tennis competitions of the EDSO will regularly consist of the following disciplines:
- Singles: women and men  
Doubles: women and men  
Doubles: mixed

### **9.02 Schedule**

- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| 1st day | Technical Meeting (draw)  |
| 2nd day | Opening Ceremony<br>Men and women single (1st round)<br>Mixed (1st round)                       |
| 3rd day | Men and women double (1st round)  |
| 4th day | Men and women single (2nd round)<br>Mixed (2nd round)   |
| 5th day | Men and women double (quarter-final)<br>Mixed (quarter final)                                   |
| 6th day | Men and women single (quarter-final)  |
| 7th day | Men and women double (semi-final)<br>Mixed (semi-final)   |
| 8th day | Men and women single (semi-final)<br>Mixed (final)  |
| 9th day | Men and women single (final)<br>Men and women double (final)<br>Closing ceremony / price giving |



## **10.00 Participants**

- 10.01 Each participating country may enter at the most four men and four women players. The minimum age shall be 14 years old. We could accept a 13 years old player but with a doctor confirmation and a parents agreement.
- 10.02 They can make at most           4 men singles,  
  4 women singles,  
  2 men doubles,  
  2 women doubles,  
  4 mixed doubles
- 10.03 No reserve is allowed and changes for the double matches shall be allowed only after submitting a medical certificate.
- 10.04 Before the beginning of the competition, each athlete, who is not in the official list of the CISS, must submit an audiogramme. No hearing aids are allowed during the play under penalty of disqualification and fine.
- 10.05 Each tennis athlete has to be member of his respective national association which is affiliated to the EDSO. He also must have a start permission made out by his national association.

## **11.00 Entries**

- 11.01 Preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of athletes must be submitted to the EDSO-Office one year before the championships at the latest.
- 11.02 The number of players entered by their respective countries must be finally submitted on the first of December preceding this event.
- 11.03 The final registrations with the names of each athlete indicating the disciplines in which he takes part must be submitted to the EDSO-Office one month before the championships at the latest.
- 11.04 The participation fees have to be paid before the competition starts.
- 11.05 No changes or additional entries will be accepted after the deadline except in case of an accident of a registered athlete. In this case a medical certificate has to be presented.
- 11.06 A fine five times as high as the normal charge must be paid to the EDSO by the respective national association for each non-starting athlete who was registered by name.

## **12.00 Rules of competition, drawing and referees**

### **12.01 Rules of competitions**

1. The tennis competitions will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the ITF. In case of disagreement in interpretation of the rules the latest version in English language will be decisive.
2. All matches shall be played to the best of three sets. The men final shall be played to the best of five sets. The tie-break system of scoring shall operate in any set if necessary.
3. All occurrences which are not covered by the rules of the ITF and are also not covered by the statutes of the EDSO should be decided by the Technical Committee in a common sense of fairplay. The Technical Official of the EDSO will make the last decision.

## **13.00 Drawing**

- 13.01 The EDSO-Official and the EDSO-Technical Official shall determine the draw of the play which takes place at the latest one day before the beginning of the competition. The TO and the EDSO-Official shall take the chair of the ceremony.
- 13.02 The drawing for the single and double competitions will be done in accordance with the ITF rules. The probable number of players and participating pairs will be determined by the Technical Official.. In case of disagreement at the drawing the Technical Official alone will decide in this matter.
- 13.03 The place of players from each country will be on the drawing:  
- the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked players will be places in the 2 halves of the qualifying draw.  
- the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ranked players will be placed in the 2 quarters of the remaining qualifying draw.



**14.00 Referees and order of rank**

- 14.01 The order of rank of the players will be dealt with in accordance with the ITF rules. The results of the last championships are decisive.
- 14.02 In case of disagreement in drawing up this rank the TO is allowed to decide.
- 14.03 The Organising Committee should choose the referees. These have to be competent and must have a license accepted by the host country.
- 14.04 The head referee will be chosen by the Organising Committee. He must be absolutely qualified and must have an ITF-license. He co-operates with the Technical Official. His word is decisive in questions of the interpretations of the tennis rules.
- 14.05 Each referee is obliged to point out to the players before the start of the match that it is not permitted to use hearing aids or external cochlear implant during the matches. If someone of the players uses hearing aids or external cochlear implant he/she has automatically lost that match.