

**International Youth
Tennis Tournament
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Tennis Venues

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Tennis Regulations

Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY

It should be needless to say but we expect fair play from all teams. Please respect your opponents as well as your teammates, the umpires and fans and try to play as fair as possible.

1. Age Groups

Boys Singles:

Category	Cutoff Date
US Showcase	Born 01.01.2006 or younger
U 14	Born 01.01.2012 or younger
U 12	Born 01.01.2014 or younger

Girls Singles:

Category	Cutoff Date
US Showcase	Born 01.01.2006 or younger
U 14	Born 01.01.2012 or younger
U 12	Born 01.01.2014 or younger

2. Squad List & ID Checks

Each player must be able to **prove his/her identity with a valid, official photo ID** at any time upon request of the tournament management. In case of a suspected violation of a cutoff date or the use of an ineligible player, the photo IDs are to be checked in coordination with the referee or court supervisor. **A violation results in an automatic defeat.**

There is **no maximum number of players per club**. If a club participates with several players, a squad list must be entered in the UWG account at <https://my.unitedworldgames.com/> by May 31, 2026.

Only after successful verification of the squad list can the team be checked in and receive all relevant documents.

If the squad list is not completed, an additional processing fee will be charged.

3. Arrival at the Venue

All players must **arrive at the respective venue at least 15 minutes before the start of the match** and **register with the tournament management** or the court supervisor. If a player does not arrive on time or does not register properly, the match will be penalized. However, a decision can then be made with both players as to whether the game is really to be penalty-verified or played as normal. If the player who arrived on time insists on penalty verification, this will be implemented.

4. Tournament Mode

The tournament mode is designed to **give the players as many matches as possible**. In the **preliminary round, a round robin system** in different groups is played.

Depending on the number of participants and the size of the groups, in the **final stage** there will be either semi-finals and finals with cross matches or the 1st player of group A will play against the 1st player of group B, the 2nd player of group A against the 2nd player of group B and so on.

Points are awarded as follows to determine the rankings after the group matches:

Points per Set won	1 Point
Points per Set lost	0 Points

Coaching is allowed.

5. Counting Procedure

US Showcase:

The match is played to **2 sets won**. In the event of a 1:1 after 2 sets played, a **match tiebreak** is played (until 10 points, 2 point difference).

Serves that touch the net and then land in the correct service court are not replayed and the point continues (**no-let rule**)

At deuce (40:40), only one point ("deciding point") is played to decide the winner of the game (**no advantage/no AD**). The return player can choose on which side the server will serve.

U12 & U14:

In the preliminary rounds, two "short sets" will be played in every match. Every set starts at **3:3**. If the score is 40:40, then only one deciding point will be played (no AD on deuce points). The return player can choose on which side the server will serve.

In case the score is 6:6, a regular tiebreak will decide about win or loss of the set.

In case of a 1:1 after 2 sets, a match-tiebreak will be played (until 10 points, 2 points difference).

Final stage rounds:

Playing mode as in group phase. Exception: Set starts at **2:2**.

Disclaimer: The Tournament Mode is still subject to change and may be adapted to fit the number of participants.

6. Advancement regulations

At the end of the group matches, the table/ranking is based on:

1. The number of points (=number of sets won).
2. Each penalty/no-show (W.O.) leads to a DSQ. Players with a lower number of DSQ will be ranked first in the event of a tie.
3. If there is still a tie up to this point, the direct duel decides.
4. If no decision can be made after applying all the above criteria, the ranking will be decided by lot (automatic computerized draw)

In the event that the best second, third, fourth or fifth place finishers (etc.) have to be determined across groups, the ranking of the respective finishers is determined by the following criteria:

1. Number of points/number of games
2. Number of DSQ/number of games
3. Draw (computerized random generator)

7. Walk Over

In case of a no-show or late arrival of a player without valid reason, the match will be awarded 0:6 / 0:6 to the opponent.

8. ITN & UTR Rating

For every player an **ITN or UTR Rating Number** has to be provided, so that the Organizing Committee can assess the level of all players and divide Groups into an elite tournament and a regular tournament if necessary.

More information and detailed descriptions of the ITN rating system can be viewed here:
<http://www.tennisplayandstay.com/itn/itn-categories/itn-categories.aspx>

If no ITN number is available, the level of play is to be assessed on the basis of the UTR levels. You can find a details definition of the different levels on:
https://unitedworldgames.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/UTR_Levels.pdf

9. Insurance & Disclaimer

The participants are not insured through the organizers. It is up to the coach of each team to make sure that their players and all the participants of the team are insured during the event. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or loss/theft of personal belongings.

With their participation the athletes accept the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the city of Klagenfurt and the province of Carinthia regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure that they are fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

For all players: Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

10. Bad Weather

In case of bad weather, the tournament management decides on the playability of the court, whereby the safety and health of the players always have priority.

If an ongoing game cannot continue due to the weather, the result at the time of the cancellation counts, provided that at least one set has been played. If due to the weather games cannot be played at all, the tournament management will decide on all future actions (coin toss, ex aequo placement, 0:0 as a result in the group phase, ...).

Throughout the tournament, the tournament management reserves the right to cancel games in very bad weather conditions.

Because bad weather is always a risk for all participants, the tournament committee or the organizer cannot be held responsible for any financial compensation.

11. Final Remark

The organizers of the United World Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader knows all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

IMPORTANT: In emergencies the emergency number 144 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach, manager or parent/guardian of the affected team must always accompany them.