



RULES AND REGULATIONS, TENNIS COMPETITIONS

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I. PURPOSES OF THE COMPETITION

- 1.1. The aims of the tennis tournament are as follows:
- promoting and popularizing tennis among the LGBT community and others;
 - organizing leisure for amateur tennis players and the development of a healthy lifestyle;
 - raising the skill levels of the tournament's participants;
 - determining the strongest amateur players in different categories.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 2.1. These regulations define the order of the amateur tennis tournament;
- 2.2. The tournament will run in the context of the first Russian LGBT Open Games, and is an essential part thereof.

III. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITIONS

- 3.1. The Russian LGBT Sports Federation will carry out the general organization and operation of the tennis competitions;
- 3.2. The coordinator will have responsibility for the preparation, organization and operation of the competitions. The following functions come within the coordinator's duties:
- a) drawing up the tournament table;
 - b) ensuring that participants observe the conditions of participation in the competitions;
 - c) accepting and reviewing disputes;
 - d) naming judges and referees;
 - e) maintaining and keeping records related to the competitions;
 - f) bringing information about changes in the tournament table and about disqualifications of players, and other necessary information, to the attention of players and officials.

IV. PARTICIPANTS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITIONS

- 4.1. Amateur athletes of different levels of preparation are admitted to participation;
- 4.2. Participants in the competitions should be registered. Each player is required to send an individual written form with confirmation of his participation in the competitions;
- 4.3. During registration, all athletes should select a category corresponding to their level of training (Men's Singles Open, Men's Doubles Open, Men's Singles A, Men's Doubles A, Men's Singles B, Men's Doubles B, Men's Singles C, Men's Doubles C, Men's Singles D, Men's Doubles D).
- 4.4. There will be no separate women's competition, but women may register in a given category according to their skill level.
- 4.5. The choice of competition category depends on the level of a given player, and can be defined by the player himself on the basis of the standards outlined at <http://www.glt.net/rankings-0>
- 4.6. Participants in the competitions are required to fulfil the requirements of these regulations and the tournament conditions, paying fees in a timely manner in the terms and by the date defined by the tournament conditions;
- 4.7. The players should have the relevant clothing and the necessary personal equipment (tennis rackets); the tournament organizing committee will provide courts and balls;
- 4.8. Athletes 18 years of age and over will be admitted to participation in the competitions; they will indicate their ages on their applications.
- 4.9. Participants should present themselves at the competitions and enter their names on the register no later than 30 minutes before the start of the tournament;
- 4.10. Upon a failure to show or a late arrival at a game of more than 10 minutes, a player will be assessed a technical defeat by a score of 0-2 in sets, or 0-6, 0-6 in games;
- 4.9. Under exceptional circumstances, an official may delay the start of a game, but for no more than 15 minutes.

V. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITIONS AND DETERMINING THE WINNERS

- 5.1. The competition will have two main categories: men's singles and men's doubles;
- 5.2. The level in each category (Open, A, B, C, D) will be determined on the basis of the players preliminary applications and the number of players, but with no fewer than four people allotted to each separate level;
- 5.3. A match will run until two victories by sets, with the winner a minimum of two games clear. Upon a 6-6 score, there will be a tie-break. If two sets are unable to determine a winner, then a deciding shortened third set will be played to 10 points (a champions' tie-break);
- 5.4. Players who lose in the first round of competitions may participate in a consolation tournament. Each match will consist of one set, the winner being the first to reach eight games, two games clear. In the event of an 8-7 score, the winner will have to win a ninth game. In the event of an 8-8 score, a deciding tie-break will be played.
- 5.5. The layout of the tournament grid will be defined by the coordinator in advance, in accordance with the number of athletes who have applied in each group at the close of registration;
- 5.6. The participants will keep score themselves; the winner of each match will tell the scorekeeper the result of the match;
- 5.7. The players themselves will form pairs for the doubles category, and applications should be submitted no later than 30 minutes before the start of the competition. The level of the pair will be determined according to the stronger player.

VI. JUDGING AND OFFICIALS

- 6.1. The players themselves will judge the matches. In the event of a dispute, the coordinator or the appointed judge will decide;
- 6.2. In the event of a dispute and a disagreement with the decision of the judge, the player may appeal to the main competition coordinator of the Games, who has full authority to make the final decision.

VII. ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLAYERS

- 7.1. During the tournament, the athletes will be governed by the principles of respect for each other, the officials and the fans;
- 7.2. Each player has personal responsibility for the condition of his health and the existence of medical risks from physical exertion;
- 7.3. A player will be given a technical defeat for repeated offensive gestures or words directed at partners, opponents, officials, coordinators or spectators;
- 7.4. A player will be given a technical defeat for threatening or deliberately hitting an opponent, or fighting during or after play;
- 7.5. The appearance at the tournament of a participant or spectator under the influence of alcohol or consuming alcohol is not allowed. The individual could be barred from the venue.

VIII. LEGAL ISSUES

- 8.1. By participating in tournament matches, each player recognizes the organizing committee's exclusive right to place advertising materials about the tournament, and also materials from its sponsors or partners, on sporting equipment during tournament matches (by agreement with the owners of the equipment).
- 8.2. The organizing committee is required to maintain confidentiality of the participants, and also not to distribute photos or video footage about the participation of players, in the media or on the Internet without the players' permission.

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