



Lawn Tennis Competition Manual


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1 LAWN TENNIS

1.1 General Information

Dates	20-23 June 2024 (Pending submission of numerical entry forms)
Venue	NCD Tennis Court, USP Tennis Court
Technical Meeting	TBD
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OTF Technical Delegate	David Smith david@oceaniatennis.com

2 COMPETITION DETAILS

2.1 Technical Committee

Technical Delegate	David Smith
Competition Manager	Neilani Ackley

One representative from each participating member association.

2.1 Officials

- 2.1.1 Officials for the tournaments will be drawn from accredited referees nominated by the participating MGAs. All MGAs entering teams are expected to send one suitable referee per team. Referees will be assigned to games and evaluated under the supervision of Oceania Tennis Federation (OTF). Table officials will be supplied and assigned by the host country, in consultation with OTF. All officials must attend the official clinics to be presented by the Representative of OTF.

3 CONDUCT OF THE TOURNAMENT

3.1 Dates & Venues

- 3.1.1 The MAJOL2024 Lawn Tennis Tournaments for men and women will be held at the NCD Tennis Facility and the USP Tennis Courts, Majuro RMI from 20-23 June 2024 (Pending submission of numerical entry forms).

DATES	20 –23 June, 2024 (Pending submission of numerical entry forms)
VENUES	NCD Tennis Facility–Delap, USP Tennis Courts–Rairok

3.2 Practice Schedule

3.2.1 This will be determined at a later date and distributed to all teams when they arrive.

3.3 Events

3.3.1 Individual Events

- Men’s Singles
- Women’s Singles
- Men’s Doubles
- Women’s Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

3.3.2 Team Events

- Men’s team — consisting of 2 Singles and 1 Doubles
- Women’s team — consisting of 2 Singles and 1 Doubles

3.3.3 Team events shall be played first followed by individual events.

3.3.4 All matches will be played off to the best of three tie break sets (two winning sets).

3.4 Technical Committee Meeting

3.4.1 The Technical Committee shall be chaired by the Technical Delegate or the chair will be appointed by the Technical Delegate.

3.4.2 The Technical Meeting will be held no more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition. Schedule will be communicated prior to your arrival. Visit Sport Information Center (SIC), located in the Athletes’ Village, for technical meeting schedules.

3.4.3 Two (2) Representatives from each team may attend the Technical Meeting. The Technical Delegate will welcome and preside over the meeting. All matters pertaining to the competition will be covered at this Meeting.

Agenda

1	Welcome remarks by the Competition Manager
2	Introduction of Relevant Key Competition Technical Officials
3	Final Timetable
4	Confirmation of the Jury of Appeal
5	Protests and Appeals to the Jury
6	Confirmation of Entries
7	Failure to Participate
8	Medal Ceremonies and Procedures
9	Venues visit
10	Draws
11	Other Concerns

4 RULES OF THE COMPETITION

4.1 General Rules

- 4.1.1 The MAJOL2024 Tennis competition will be conducted according to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Rules and Regulations.
- 4.1.2 The Micronesia Games Council shall have complete control of the direction and control of the Games as stated in the Micronesian Games Charter. However, the International Federations of all sports on the Games Program, in association with the Technical Committees, shall have technical control of the organization of their respective sports in accordance with the IF Rules.
- 4.1.3 Elimination matches will be self-umpired and technical officials will officiate at least the semi-final and final matches.
- 4.1.4 In cases of disputes, the Micronesian Games Council decision shall be final.

4.2 Competition Schedule

- 4.2.1 To be finalized during technical meeting, following final registration through Accreditation and Sport Entry System May 15 deadline and consultation with the technical delegate.

4.3 Medal Awards

4.3.1 Medal Award Ceremony will be held upon conclusion of the Events in accordance to a structured medal presentation schedule provided by the Technical Committee.

4.3.2 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in the MAJOL2024 Tennis competition in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter.

MEDALS	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Men's Singles	1	1	1
Women's Singles	1	1	1
Men's Doubles	2	2	2
Women's Doubles	2	2	2
Mixed Doubles	2	2	2
Men's Team	4	4	4
Women's Team	4	4	4
TOTAL	16	16	16

4.4 Maximum Entries

4.4.1 The maximum number of athletes per Member Federation that may enter in the Majol2024 Tennis competition is ten (10)—maximum 5 men and maximum 5 women.

EVENT	MAX PER COUNTRY
Men's Singles	3 per country
Women's Singles	3 per country
Men's Doubles	2 per country
Women's Doubles	2 per country
Mixed Doubles	3 per country
Men's Team	2 per team
Women's Team	2 per team

4.5 Individual Entries

4.5.1 Accreditation and Sport Entries must be completed online by the MGAs by 15 May, 2024.

4.6 Final entries

- 4.6.1 Final entries entered for each event shall be confirmed to the MAJOL2024 OC at the Technical Committee Meeting.
- 4.6.2 Only those competitors whose names appear on the Accreditation and Sport Entry System by the May 15, 2024 deadline shall be eligible for final nominations.
- 4.6.3 When a competitor is injured after being included in the Accreditation and Sport Entry System , a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate established by the doctor designated by the MAJOL2024 OC provided this nomination is made before midnight preceding the opening event of the tournament in which the injured competitor would have taken part. The substitute's name must have been entered in the Accreditation and Sport Entry System by the May 15 deadline.

4.7 Seeds and Draws

- 4.7.1 Seedings and draws will be determined at the first Technical Committee Meeting, in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter. For Team events, the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal winners from the previous Games shall be seeded 1, 2, and 3, respectively, and Marshall Islands, as host country, will be seeded 4. If Marshall Islands was a medal winner at the previous Games, the fourth semi-finalist will be seeded 4.
- 4.7.2 Seeding for individual events shall be based on the performance of individual athlete in the Team Events and any other relevant information.

4.8 Elimination Matches

- 4.8.1 Elimination matches will be self-umpired and technical officials will officiate at least the semi-final and final matches.

4.9 Registration

- 4.9.1 In the team events, the team captain must give to the referee names of the singles players in order of merit prior to the Technical Committee Meeting and the draw being made.

4.10 Equipment

4.10.1 Limited tennis balls will be provided for training. Players are advised to bring additional tennis balls for training purposes.

4.11 Appointing the Jury of Appeals

4.11.1 The Jury of Appeal will deal with any appeals lodged against a decision of the Technical Committee and arising from the conduct of the competition in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter.

4.11.2 Each sport shall appoint a Jury of Appeal at its first Technical Committee Meeting. The Committee will comprise four persons from different countries and four alternate members plus a chairperson. The alternate delegates will take the place of any member whose teams are involved in a dispute.

4.11.3 The Jury decision will be final as to all matters within its jurisdiction.

4.12 Appeals Committee

4.12.1 The Appeals Committee appointed by the Micronesian Games Council shall decide on all questions of a non-technical nature outside the jurisdiction of the Juries of Appeal in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter.

4.13 Competition Clothing and Equipment

4.13.1 There shall be no advertising or publicity on personal equipment and competition clothing used or worn at the Games except that of the official sponsors as prescribed by the MAJOL2024 OC.

4.13.2 Identification of the manufacturer (name and/or logo) of the equipment and/or clothing may appear, if not marked conspicuously for advertising purposes in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter and ITF rules.

4.14 Technical Officials Uniforms

4.14.1 All technical officials will be provided with a MAJOL2024 uniform to be worn on each day of competition.

4.15 Facilities at the Venues

4.15.1 The Jurelang Zedkaia Tennis Court has two (2) competition courts. This will

be the primary competition venue.

4.15.2 The USP Tennis Courts has two (2) competition courts.

4.15.3 Restrooms will be available at the venues.

5 PRACTICE VENUES

5.1 Venue for Practice

5.1.1 Training for tennis will be held at the Jurelang Zedkaia Tennis Court and the Rairok USP Tennis Courts.

5.2 Training Schedule

5.2.1 Teams will be provided with a training schedule upon arrival for both before and during competition.

5.2.2 Scheduled training times may be amended and additional training times booked with the Competition Manager depending on availability.

6 ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible to compete at the Micronesian Games, an athlete must comply with one of the following criteria:

(1) The athlete must have been born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council -- that is, Palau, Guam, CNMI, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Nauru, or Kiribati -- and must have lived in any of those states, countries, or territories for a period of (5) five years up to and including the start of the Games; OR

(2) The athlete must be the child of at least one parent, or two grandparents, who were born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above), without regard to residence; OR

(3) The athlete must have resided in any state, country, or territory which is

a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above) for a period of (5) five years up to and including the start of the Games, AND, resides in the state, country, or territory for which the athlete will compete, as of the start of the Games, without regard to ancestry.

The temporary absence of an athlete from the territory of a member of the Micronesian Games Council for purposes such as education, sports, training, military service, and health care, or other legitimate absences of a similar kind, are not considered as interrupting a previously-established residency.

In addition, athletes must:

- (a) Complete all necessary entry and participation forms;
- (b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by any relevant authority;
- (c) Comply with all relevant rules and regulations of the Micronesian Games Council, the MGC Constitution, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

It is the responsibility of each participating state, country, or territory to ensure that all competitors comply with these requirements.

These requirements apply only to athletes. There are no eligibility requirements for coaches or technical officials.

Entries by name must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the Games. Late entries will not be accepted. At the close of entries, the MAJOL2024 OC will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have 10 days to challenge the eligibility of a competitor. A \$50 bond is required for each challenge. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful, but is forfeited if the challenge is unsuccessful.

The burden of proof of eligibility is on the sponsoring state, country, or territory, rather than the challenging state, country, or territory. In the event of a challenge, the sponsoring state, country, or territory must submit documents proving eligibility.

Challenges to athlete eligibility are made to the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board, not to the MAJOL2024 OC, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micro-

nesia Games Council Executive Board. All challenges to eligibility shall be decided at least 10 days prior to the start of the Games. The decisions of the Disputes Tribunal are final and may not be appealed.

A state, country, or territory whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a penalty in the amount of \$100. Failure to pay the penalty means that the state, country, or territory will not be allowed to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.

The contents of this section are a summary of the relevant provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution. While every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of this summary, in the event of any inconsistencies between this summary and the provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution, the provisions of the Constitution shall be controlling.

7 PROTESTS TO THE JURY OF APPEAL

7.1 PROTESTS

7.1.1 Any protest must be lodged with the Competition Manager in writing in English and signed by the leader of the delegation. A check or cash in the amount of \$100.00 must be included with each protest.

7.2 JURY OF APPEAL

7.2.1 The Jury of Appeal shall consult, all relevant person, including the Referee and Judges. If the Jury of Appeal is in doubt, other available evidence may be considered. If such evidence, including video evidence, is not conclusive, the decision of the Referee shall be upheld. The Jury Chairman gives the jury's decision to the Competition Manager, who institutes preparation of an Amended Result, if required.

8 ATHLETES' VILLAGE

8.1 Accommodations

8.1.1 Athletes and coaches will be housed at the Marshall Islands High School campus.

8.2 Meals

- 8.2.1 Meals will be provided at each Athlete's Village cafeteria upon presentation of an accreditation card and meal voucher. Only accredited persons will be provided meals.
- 8.2.2 If the sports competition schedule conflicts with the dining hall hours, teams may request takeout meals. It's the responsibility of the Chef de Mission to request takeout meals during the CdM meeting at least 24 hours in advance and to pick up the takeout meals in the dining hall. Takeout meals will not be delivered.

8.3 Medical

- 8.3.1 Primary care medical facilities (first aid) will be available, without charge, at the sports venue. More advanced care will be on call. Care other than primary care is the sole responsibility of the individual, and will be made available on the same basis (including cost) as it is to the general public.

8.4 Sport Information Center (SIC)

- 8.4.1 The SIC located at the Athletes' Village, will be open and manned during regular business hours.
- 8.4.2 The SIC is the formal communication center for the receipt and distribution of all sports information and results.
- 8.4.3 A set of daily results will be prepared, and will be available at the SIC.

8.5 Security

- 8.5.1 Security will be provided at all MAJOL2024 venues.

9 DOPING CONTROL

9.1 Random Testing

- 9.1.1 Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2024 Micronesian Games.

9.2 Prohibited Substances

- 9.2.1 It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances. Athletes who test positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from, including but not limited to, the 2024 Micronesian Games.
- 9.2.2 Complete listing of prohibited substances can be found on WADA website.

10 CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Conduct

- 10.1.1 The conduct of athletes, coaches, managers, and team officials are expected to adhere to the highest standards reflective of national pride and the spirit of the 2024 Micronesian Games. All participants shall appreciate the goodwill and regional unity that are the objectives of these Games.

10.2 Tobacco, Betel-nut, Vape, Alcohol and Drugs

- 10.2.1 The use and consumption of Tobacco, Betel-nut, Vape, Alcohol and Drugs in or around any Games facility is prohibited.

Good Luck to all the Teams!!!!