



2023 Macau Tennis Open

Rules and Regulations

1. Organizer

Macau Tennis Association

2. Groups and Events

- 2.1 Men's Singles
- 2.2 Women's Singles
- 2.3 Men's Doubles
- 2.4 Women's Doubles
- 2.5 Mixed Doubles
- 2.6 Veterans' Singles (Age 45 or above)
- 2.7 Veterans' Doubles (Age 45 or above)

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Holders of Macau resident ID card or anyone holding a valid visa entering the country
- 3.2 Each player can participate in 2 competitions at most
- 3.3 Participants must be aged 13 or above **(Born in or before 2010)**
- 3.4 Players in Veterans' Singles and Veterans' Doubles must be aged 45 or above **(Born in or before 1978)**
- 3.5 Each group or event have at most 32 (pairs, for doubles) participants in the main draw

4. Registration Procedure and Date

- 4.1 Registration method: [Link to the online registration form](#)
- 4.2 On-site registration: Macau Cotai Bowling Centre – Macau Tennis Academy Office Room B1.003 **(Monday-Friday: 15:00-19:00)**
- 4.3 Registration date: from today to 11th Dec 2023 19:00 on
- 4.4 Entry list will be announced after 12th Dec 2023 12:00 on ([Macau Tennis Association](#)) **(Please raise any issues to the entry list before 19:00 on the day of announcement)**
- 4.5 Payment method:



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4.5.1 Online payment: Bank Transaction to Tai Fung bank account:

Macau Tennis Association 206 100 7503 **(Please indicate player's name and group and event)**

4.5.2 On-site payment: **(cash only)** Macau Cotai Bowling Center -

Macau Tennis Academy Office Room B1.003**(Monday-Friday: 15:00-19:00)**

5. Entry Fee

5.1 Entry fee to singles group and event is – **(MOP 200.00)**

5.2 Entry fee to doubles group and event is – **(MOP 300.00)**

6. Entry Rejection

6.1 Tournament entry registration will be rejected if the player failed to register according to the procedure, date or location referred to in point 4. Registration Procedure and Date, or

6.2 failed to submit the photocopy of the certificate mentioned in Article 3.1 to the designated registration site before the registration deadline, or

6.3 failed to pay for the entry fee referred to in Article 5 before the registration deadline referred to at point 4.3 Tournament date and location

7. Tournament date and location

7.1 Tournament Date: 16th Dec 2023 to 24th Dec 2023 **(First match on weekdays starts at 18:30, whereas first match weekends start at 10:00)**

7.2 Tournament site: Macau Cotai Bowling Center – Macau Tennis Academy

8. Match Rules

Tournament matches follow the latest “ITF Rules of Tennis”



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9. Format of Event

- 9.1 If in a group and event the number of entries exceed that number stated in point 3.5, there will be both qualifier draw and main draw in a group or event.
- 9.2 Qualifier draw takes the format of single elimination. Each match will be played in best of 1 set of 8 games with “No-Ad” Scoring. A 7-point tie-break will be played following 7 games all.
- 9.3 Group and event 2.1 (Men’s Singles), 2.2 (Women’s Singles) matches will be played with best of 3 sets with the first two being tie-break sets (that is, a tie-break will be played following 6 games all) and the third set being a 10-point match tie-break (except semi-final and final matches). In semi-final and final matches, the third set will also be a tie-break set.
- 9.4 Matches in all other group and events will be played in best of three sets with the first two sets being tie-break sets (that is, a tie-break will be played following 6 games all) and the third set being a 10-point match tiebreak, and with “No-Ad” scoring.
- 9.5 The game time on the schedule is for reference only and is subject to change (players must conform to the arrangements of the tournament committee, in principle there will be more than two matches per day)
- 9.6 In case the tournament is suspended due to rain or other force majeure factors and is then resumed, the results of previous matches will stay valid. The event committee will make arrangement for the remaining matches.
- 9.7 The following circumstances will be treated as abstention:
 - 9.7.1 Being late for more than 15 minutes
 - 9.7.2 Under no cause of force majeure and the approval of the event committee, player fail to participate in a match
 - 9.7.3 Player refuse to participate in a match rescheduled by the event committee



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9.7.4 Player unreasonably interrupts a match for more than a specified time (Five minutes from when the chair umpire starts timing).

10. Seeding

10.1 The seeds of this tournament are based on the 2023 Macau Tennis Association ranking and depend on the number of entries

10.2 If the number of seeds is insufficient, the tournament committee may reduce the number of seeds, even to no seed.

11. Award

In each group and event there are awards for the players in the first place and the second place. The tournament committee may change the Rules and Regulations in matters concerning awards.

12. Tournament Draw

12.1 Location: Macau Cotai Bowling Center - Macau Tennis Academy - Office Room B1.003

12.2 Drawing time: 13th Dec 2023 18:00

13. Tournament Tennis Balls

Use yellow (standard) balls

14. Tournament Attire

The tournament dress code will follow the latest ITF “Tennis Competition Clothing Standards”. Players who violate the dress code and do not improve immediately upon receiving persuasion from tournament officials will be defaulted.

15. Medical Time Out

Players will not receive “medical time out” for muscle cramps. Players may receive medical treatment only during set breaks. Players with muscle cramps caused by heat stroke may ask for medical time out and may receive a medical time out if the medical condition is then diagnosed by the



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event supervisor or the referee. If a player has severe muscle cramp, he may give up the scores up until the next change of end or set break and use the break time to receive medical treatment.

16. Authority of Event Committee

Under any circumstances the event committee has the right to make any changes to the tournament rules and schedule, including:

- Deleting a group and event when there are less than 5 (pairs of) players
- To accept or reject any tournament entry
- To make the final decision on eligibility of each player
- To strictly follow the tournament schedule and refuse any requests for change
- In case of rain or other special circumstances, the event committee has the right to rearrange the tournament schedule
- In case a player fails under no cause of force majeure to participate a scheduled match, the tournament committee may cancel the player's eligibility

17. Event supervisor, referee, and umpires

The event supervisor, referee and umpires will be arranged by the organizer. For the tournament finals the organizer will assign chair umpires. For all other matches there will be umpires roaming around the courts and the matches adopt the “**trust system**” described below.

18. Description and Requirements of the Trust System

- 18.1 Players may only make calls on shots on his/her side of the net
- 18.2 All “out” calls must be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent to hear
- 18.3 When a player responsible for a call is in doubt of whether a ball was out, then the ball should be considered to be good
- 18.4 If a player incorrectly calls a ball “out” and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning



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shot or unless that player made an incorrect “out” call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called “out” loses the point.

18.5 The server should call the score before each 1st serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.

18.6 If a player does not agree on his/her opponent’s call, he/she may ask a roaming umpire to settle the dispute. If a player does not follow the above procedure in case of a dispute, he/she is considered committing voluntary hindrance and unsportsmanlike behavior and may receive penalties according to rules relevant to match play.

19. Penalties to Rule Violation

Rule violations are penalized according to the latest ITF “Rules of Tennis”

20. Conducts and Discipline

20.1 During a match, any behaviors that hinders the match are considered violating the match code of conduct. roaming umpires and the referee have the right to penalize those who behaved in such manner.

20.2 This tournament adopts the trust system. All players must strictly adhere to values of integrity, fairness, and sportsmanship. Players should announce score according to the actual state of the match. In case of a dispute, players should promptly report to a roaming umpire; the roaming umpire will make judgement over the dispute. Players should abide by the judgements of roaming umpire.

20.3 If a player violates the code of conduct, the player may receive point penalty of match, ranking points penalty, and the player may be disqualified from the tournament. If a parent of a player violates the code of conduct, based on severity the player may receive ranking point penalty, and may be disqualified from the tournament Rules and regulations



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21. Penalty Guideline When Entourages of a Player Violates The Code of Conduct

No personnel except match players and roaming umpires may enter a tournament court. During any time, especially when players arrive at playing court or during a match, players' coaches, parents, or representatives may not spread words causing negative effects to the organizer, event staff, other players, referee, umpires or the sport of tennis itself. Coaches, parents, and guardians of a player have the right to submit comment and complaint on matters related to other player's tournament eligibility, conducts and discipline and tournament organization, but such submissions must be made to the event committee through official means. Coaching from outside of court is seen as unsportsmanlike hindering behavior. Based on the situation the event committee may give advice, persuasion and restrict a player from playing a match or all matches. In a more severe case, a player will be put in a blacklist which we will notify to other tournament organizers, banning the playing from competing in other national or international tournaments. Since slandering and defamation can cause severe consequences, legal actions might be pursued.

22. Relevant Responsibilities

22.1 Players are responsible for any health issues, injuries and any consequences suffered in connection to the tournament

22.2 Players should browse information on tournament schedule through the [Macau Tennis Association](#) website

23. Appeal Procedure

23.1 Any appeal for match results must be made within 30 minutes of the end of match to the referee

23.2 In case there is any objections to the judgement of the referee, appeals should be made within 24 hours to the appeal committee.



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- 23.3 Appeals to the appeal committee must be submitted in paper signed by the player/player's parent, along with a **(MOP 1,000)** appeal fee
- 23.4 If the appeal is successful, the appeal fee will be refunded; otherwise, the appeal fee will not be refunded
- 23.5 The appellant bears the burden of proof for the appeal
- 23.6 The Macau Tennis Association Appeal Committee will make final judgement to appeals.

24. Personal Data Collection and Discharge of Claims

By applying for a tournament entry, a player has given permanent consent to the organizer to take, use and present photos of the player during the tournament. As a condition of tournament entry, all tournament players agree to waive any claims to the organizer for any damage on the player caused during matches (or any period traveling within, to and from tournament site).

25. Match Withdrawal

If a player wishes to withdraw from a match, the player must submit a written notice (Email: macautennis@gmail.com or Fax: (853) 28706024) to Macau Tennis Association. If a withdrawal notice is not received, Macau Tennis Association will deduct ranking points from the player's local ranking this season and give a written warning notice to the player. If this happens twice within a year, the player will be banned from entering tournaments for 6 months. If a player withdraws from a match due to poor physical condition, the player must submit a medical certificate within 48 hours of the match day. In this case ranking points will not be deducted from the player. Players who wish to withdraw from the tournament but have not applied for an withdrawal will be assumed to be participating in the tournament. In this case the entry fee will not be refunded.



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26. Others

- 26.1 In case the Rules and Regulation is incomplete to settle a dispute, the Event Committee will make the final decision based on ITF rules and regulations.
- 26.2 The organizer preserves the right to interpret and modify the Rules and Regulations