



TENNIS

COMPETITION MANUAL

8TH MICRONESIAN GAMES

July 20-29, 2014

POHNPEI MICRONESIAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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TENNIS

Dates: Monday – Monday, July 21 –28, 2014

Venue: Pohnpei Tennis Courts

Technical Meeting: Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 11 AM

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Technical Delegate and Tournament Referee Patrick O'Rourke

COMPETITION DETAILS

1. Technical Committee Meeting

- 1.1 It is proposed that the Tennis Technical Committee Meeting be held Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Pohnpei Tennis Courts.
- 1.2 The Technical Committee shall ensure that the Micronesia Games Tennis Competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of the International Tennis Federation (ITF).
- 1.3 In accordance with the Micronesia Games Charter, membership of the Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the Host Country/Territory, one representative from each of the other competing Countries/Territories, and the International Federation representative (or their nominee), all with voting rights. Other members may be added, but without voting rights. The Technical Committee shall elect its own chairperson.

2. Competition Management

- 2.1 The 2014 Micronesian Games Tennis Competition will be held from Monday, July 21 to Tuesday, July 29, at the Pohnpei Tennis Courts.

3. List of Events

- 3.1 Individual
 - Men's Singles
 - Women's Singles
 - Men's Doubles
 - Women's Doubles
 - Mixed Doubles
- 3.2 Team Event
 - ☐ Men's Team – consisting of 2 Singles and 1 Doubles
 - ☐ Women's Team – consisting of 2 Singles and 1 Doubles
- 3.3 The team events shall be played first followed by individual events.
- 3.4 All matches will be played off to the best of three tie break sets (two winning sets).

4. Competition Schedule

Day Date Session Time Gender Event

- 4.1 Monday 21 July 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Men/Women Team/Team
- 4.2 Tuesday 22 July 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Men/Women Team/Team
- 4.3 Wednesday 23 July 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Team event finals. Singles
- 4.4 Thursday 24 July 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Singles/Doubles
- 4.5 Friday 25 July 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Singles/Doubles /Mixed Doubles
- 4.6 Saturday 26 July 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Singles/Doubles/Mixed Doubles
- 4.7 Sunday 27 July – If necessary makeup and/or rain out
- 4.8 Monday 28 July - 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Singles/Doubles/Mixed Doubles
- 4.9 Tuesday 29 July 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Doubles finals/Mixed Doubles; Mixed Doubles finals Medal Ceremony

A detailed order of play for each day will be provided by the technical delegate daily.

5. Medals

- 5.1 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in the 2014 Micronesia Games Tennis competition in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter.

<u>Medals</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Bronze</u>
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

6. 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, the CNMI, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, or Kiribati -- and must have lived in any of those states, countries, or territories for a period of three 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 seven 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 Pohnpei Organizing Committee will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have ten 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 Pohnpei Organizing Committee, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micronesia 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. Maximum Entries

7.1 The maximum number of athletes per country that may enter in the 2014 Micronesian Games Tennis competition is ten (10), with max 5 men and 5 women.

Singles

Men Maximum 3 per country

Women Maximum 3 per country

Doubles

Men Maximum 2 teams per country

Women Maximum 2 teams per country

Mixed Maximum 3 teams per country

Team

Men Two players for singles and 2 players for doubles per team

Women Two players for singles and 2 players for doubles per team

- 7.2 **Individual Entries** - Fully completed Entry by Name Forms for each potential competitor must be received from the 2014 Micronesia Games Council Member Country By June 30, 2014.
- 7.3 **Final Entries** - The names of competitors finally entered for each event shall be confirmed to the Organizing Committee within 12 hours of arrival for the Games or at the Delegation Registration Meeting but before the first Technical Committee Meeting of each sport in which there are entries.
- 7.4 Only those competitors whose names appear on the Entry by Name Forms shall be eligible for final nominations.
- 7.5 When a competitor is injured after being included in the Final Entry by Name Forms, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate established by the doctor designated by the Games Organizing Committee 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 Entry by Name Forms of that sport.

8. Seeds and Draws

- 8.1 Seedings and draws will be determined at the first Technical Committee Meeting on Sunday, July 20, 2014, in accordance with the Micronesia 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 Pohnpei, as host country, will be seeded 4. If Pohnpei was a medal winner at the previous Games, the fourth semi-finalist will be seeded 4.
- 8.2 Seeding for individual events shall be based on the performance of individual athlete in the Team Events and any other relevant information including.

9. Competition Rules and Regulations

- 9.1 The 2014 Micronesia Games Tennis competition will be conducted according to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Rules and Regulations.
- 9.2 The Micronesia Games Council shall have complete control of the direction and control of the Games as stated in the Micronesia 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.
- 9.3 Elimination matches will be self-umpired and technical officials will officiate at least the semi-final and final matches.

9.4 In cases of disputes, the Micronesian Games Council decision shall be final.

10. Competition Procedures

- 10.1 Registration - 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.
- 10.2 Equipment - Limited tennis balls will be provided for training. PENN - ATP balls will be provided. Players are advised to bring additional tennis balls for training purposes.
- 10.3 Stringing - A stringing service will be provided at the Competition Venue.
- 10.4 Jury of Appeal - 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.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 The Jury decision will be final as to all matters within its jurisdiction.
- 10.7 Appeals Committee - 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.
- 10.8 Competition Clothing and Equipment - 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 Organizing Committee.
- 10.9 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.

11. Competition Venues

- 11.1 Venues - The 2014 Micronesian Games Tennis Competition will be held at the Pohnpei Tennis Courts.
- 11.2 Location - The Pohnpei Tennis Courts are located beside the FSMNOC Office.

12. Facilities at the Venues

- 12.1 The Pohnpei Tennis Courts has four (4) competition courts.

12.2 Restrooms will be available at the venue.

13. Technical Details

13.1 Courts will be marked according to ITF specifications.

13.2 PENN-ATP balls will be used.

14. Training Venues

14.1 Venue - Training for the tennis will be held at the Kolonia Town tennis courts.

14.2 Training Schedule - Teams will be provided with a training schedule upon arrival for both before and during competition.

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

15. Medical Services

15.1 Primary care medical services (first aid) will be provided at each competition venue, and at each Games Village, for athletes, team and technical officials, without charge. Advanced care will be available to the same extent as it is for the general public, including payment.

16. Doping Control

16.1 Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2014 Micronesian Games.

16.2 It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances.

16.3 Any athlete who tests positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the 2014 Micronesian Games.

17. Technical Officials Uniforms

17.1 All technical officials will be provided with a 2014 Micronesian Games uniform to be worn on each day of competition.