

Rules

RULES OF THE AITJ TENNIS WORLDCHAMPIONSHIPS FOR JOURNALISTS

(The rules are revised by the Board of the AITJ)

ARTICLE 1 The organization of the Tennis World Championships for journalists, promoted every year by the AITJ, is assigned to the nation whose candidature is accepted by the captains' board.

ART. 2 All professional journalists who have a legal working contract with print or electronic media on full time, or, if on part time basis, earn their living mostly by their journalistic activities (50%) can take part in the Aitj World Championships. The notion "professional journalist" includes also creative persons working in the media spokesmen or employed in press office and public relations office. In cases of doubt a special AITJ board will make a decision. The title is proved by a professional document (papers of Professional Order, papers of Union, papers of Association, papers of the media). A Photocopy of this document have to be enclosed with the entry form. Present or former members of the first tennis national team or the players included, in the past or in the present, in the ATP ranking under 1000, cannot take part in the WC, even if they are full time journalists.

ART. 3 These are the tournaments of the Aitj World Championships:

Men's Singles: Open; over 35, over 45; over 55, over 65, over 75

Men's Doubles: Open; over 45; over 65

Women's Singles: Open, over 40, over 50

Women's Doubles: Open

Mixed Doubles: Open

The tournament will take place only if the entries are 8 or more. The Over 75 tournament will take place even if the entries are less than 8. The tournament with less than 8 entries will be cancelled or can be played by Round Robin. The players enrolled in these tournaments will play in the immediately younger category.

ART. 4 Every male player can take part only in one singles and in one doubles or in two doubles tournaments. Players who lose the first match in the single tournament can take part in the Consolation Cup. There are three Consolation Cup tournaments: Men's Open, Men's. Over 45, Women's Open.

ART. 5 Every match will be played as best of three sets (tie break at 6 to 6 in every set) except the Over 65 tournament. In this tournament if the players are in a draw after two sets they will play a conclusive tie break. In case of necessity (bad weather and so on) it will be possible to play a long set only in the first match of the tournaments with over 16 entries.

ART. 6 The organizing board fixes for every nation the maximum number of players of the official team; this number cannot be smaller than 8 men and 2 women for the Countries which have organized two or more World Championship; 6 men and 2 women for the Countries which have organized one WC; 4 men and 2 women for the other Countries. The members of the Aitj board aren't included in the national contingents. The hotel accommodation for the

players of the national contingents and the Aitj board's members is normally free of charge, but every player has to pay the entry fee and the expenses for the tournament's organization. These expenses are fixed every time by the organizing body in accordance with the Aitj's board. The organizing board has suggested allowing two additional entries for every nation. These players will pay the hotel accommodation as escorts. (That could increase the number of entries in the oldest categories without further charges for the organization).

ART. 7 Every year the goose will be assigned to the best nation. These are the points assigned for every tournament:

- Tournament with 16 or more players: winner 8 points; finalist 4 points; losers in the semifinal 2 points; losers in the quarter-finals 1 point.
- Tournament with 8\15 players: winner 4 points; finalist 2 points, losers in the semifinal 1 point.
- Tournament with less than 8 players: winner 3 points; finalist 1 point.
- Consolation Cup: winner 2 points; finalist 1 point.

The same points are assigned for the doubles.