

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Thank you for your kind participation in the 35<sup>th</sup> International Doubles Tournament. Please read the text below for the rules and guidelines for this tournament.

### **General Information**

- Tournament entrants must arrive by the time designated on the official draw, and any late arrival is subject to default.
- Please be careful with your valuables. YITC cannot accept responsibility for lost or stolen articles. Please place your baggage on the blue plastic sheets adjacent to the clubhouse. Baggage placed in the clubhouse will be moved to the blue plastic sheets.
- Olympic abbreviations are used for the country names.
- One lunch coupon is provided for each player. Please exchange your lunch coupon between 11:30am and 14:00pm.
- A limited number of lunch coupons are available for sale.
- Pairs who lose their first-round match will automatically be entered in the Consolation round.

### **Tournament Rules**

#### **Choice of Side and Service**

- The choice of Side and the right to be Server or Receiver in the first game shall be decided by racquet toss. The players winning the toss may choose, or require their opponents to choose.
  - (a) The right to be Server or Receiver, in which case the other players shall choose their preferred Side.
  - (b) The Side, in which case the other players shall choose the right to be Server or Receiver.

#### **Foot Fault**

- The Server shall throughout the delivery of the service:
  - Not touch, with either foot, any area other than that behind the base-line within the imaginary extension of the center mark and side-lines.

#### **Ball Touches Permanent Fixtures**

- If the ball in play touches a permanent fixture other than the net post, cord or metal cable, strap or band after it has hit the ground, the players who struck it win the point.
- If before it hits the ground, their opponents win the point.

### **Other Match Information**

- Dunlop balls are used as official balls.
- Court surface is either clay or artificial grass.
- Warm-up time allowed before the start of your first match is 3 minutes and 4 practice Serves from the second match.
- A maximum of 5 minutes is allowed for rest in case of cramps, sudden pain, injury, etc.
- With the exception of the finals, the tournament format is a 6-game match: tie-break (first to 7 points, margin of 2) at 6-6.
- The format for the finals is 8-game pro-set match: tie-break (first to 7 points, margin of 2) at 8-8.
- All matches are to be conducted by the self-judge method.
- All players are treated equally.
- Players must follow the JTA TENNIS RULE BOOK 2023.
- Format and schedule are subject to change due to weather and other conditions.

### **Consolation Match Format**

As mentioned above, teams that do not win their first-round match will automatically be entered in the Consolation round. Due to time constraints, please understand the following rules for Consolation round matches.

- In the Consolation rounds, the winner is the first team to win 6 games.
- At 5-5, there will be one last game to decide the winner (no tie-break).
- The no-add system will be used. At deuce, the Receiving team can choose the serving side for Men's Doubles, and for Mixed Doubles, the Receiver should be the same gender as the Server.

### **Injury During Match Play**

As mentioned in the "Other Match Information" section, a maximum of 5 minutes is allowed for rest in case of cramps, sudden pain, injury, etc. In case of injury, a licensed physician is available for consultation and first-aid care. YITC has taken out standard accident insurance for such instances. Please note that the accident insurance shall be applicable within the range of the insurance policy only if the player announces his / her injury during the game to a referee or roving umpire of YITC on the day of the 35<sup>th</sup> International Doubles Tournament, and the referee or roving umpire recognizes the injury. Otherwise, the accident insurance is not applicable to the injury. This section "Injury During Match Play" indemnifies and holds YITC harmless from the accident liability exceeding the range of the insurance, as well as from the first-aid care.

### **Tournament Postponement and Cancellation**

If games cannot be played on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> due to bad weather, games will be played on the backup day, Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

If the weather conditions are questionable on May 20<sup>th</sup>, players are kindly requested to come to YITC “In Pairs” by the time designated on the official draw. If the pair is not present by the time of play, the match will be considered as defaulted by the missing pair.

Depending on the weather conditions, the tournament referee will make a preliminary decision at 7am on May 20<sup>th</sup>, whether to suspend the tournament or to postpone it to May 21<sup>st</sup>. A final decision that differs from the preliminary decision may be made no later than 10am. The decision will be announced at the club and will be posted on the YITC Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/1878yitc/>, as well as the YITC Home page – <https://www.yitc.org>. Please refrain from calling the YITC office to confirm the tournament cancellation.

If the referee decides to hold the tournament on the backup day May 21<sup>st</sup>, players are requested to come to YITC by the designated time to play. If the weather conditions are also questionable on the backup day, announcements will be made at the club, on Facebook, and on the YITC home page as specified above.

If the tournament cannot be played on the backup day, the 2023 YITC International Doubles Tournament will be canceled and Entry fees will be refunded. Entry fees will only be refunded as cash at the YITC office until Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### **Best Dresser Prize**

In addition to prizes awarded to the winners and runners-up, YITC will award Best Dresser Prizes to Men’s and Mixed Doubles. Please come play in your best creative tennis outfits.