

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Thank you for your kind participation in the 33<sup>rd</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 under the tent adjacent to the clubhouse. Baggage placed in the clubhouse will be moved to the tent.
- 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: 12-point tie-break (first to 7 points) at 6-6.
- The format for the finals is 8-game pro-set match: 12-point tie-break 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 2019.
- 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.

### **Tournament Postponement and Cancellation**

If games cannot be played on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> due to bad weather, games will be played on the backup day, Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>.

If the weather conditions are questionable on May 18<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 18<sup>th</sup>, whether to suspend the tournament or to postpone it to May 19<sup>th</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 –

<http://www.facebook.com/1878yitc/>, as well as the YITC Home page – <http://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 19<sup>th</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 2019 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 Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

### **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.