

**RULES GOVERNING OFFICIAL CTF CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENTS
AS ENFORCED FROM 1/1/2014**

1. INTRODUCTION

These rules shall be referred to as “The Rules Governing the Official Cyprus Tennis Federation (CTF) Official Championship Tournaments”. The rules governing the Championship Tournaments shall be in force throughout the calendar year and no amendments shall be permitted.

2. OBJECT

Applying these rules by all the Federation’s Members is imperative, aiming at ensuring the official championship tournaments being smoothly organized and conducted. The Grade 2 and Grade 3 championships shall take place simultaneously unless otherwise decided by the Council. The two National Championships (Teenage & Men and Masters) and Grade 1 Championships shall take place individually.

3. PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

The CTF Council has specified the following minimum prize money each organiser has to offer to the winners:

	Men’s <u>Singles</u>	Women’s <u>Singles</u>	Men’s <u>Doubles</u>	Women’s <u>Doubles</u>
Winner	€400	€200	€125X2	€75X2
Second winner	€200	€100	€75 X2	€50 X2

Trophies shall be given at the other events.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS’ GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

4.1 The CTF Championship Committee shall carry out inspection visits at the Clubs planning championship tournaments wherever it is deemed necessary during the December–January period, in order to review the facilities and provide timely consultancy services.

4.2 Each member should arrange, in consultation with the CTF secretariat, a control visit of its sport facilities by the competent committee, two months prior to the championship being conducted. A report shall then be drafted on the suitability of the member’s facilities (lighting, number of courts, dimensions and court surface state, place security, locker-rooms and toilets, premises etc). If the member fails to comply with the Committee’s

remarks, measures shall be taken accordingly as decided by the CTF Council, the cancellation of the championship event inclusive.

- 4.3 Each member should comply with all the provisions governing the scoring system applied to the CTF championships and respect the International Federation's Rules, all the statutory provisions and the rules of the CTF related to championships organized.
- 4.4 Each championship event should be inclusive of the official CTF's championships, in accordance with the Competition Calendar issued annually by the Cyprus Tennis Federation.

5. ANNOUNCING A CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

- 5.1 Each member should announce in writing the championship organized by it by issuing a Championship Announcement, which should be inserted in the Cyprus Tennis Federation's web site with the participation forms, at least **15** days prior to its commencement.
- 5.2 The Championship Announcement for the National Championship Events and the Full Members' Championship Events shall necessarily be published in Greek and if possible in English too.

6. CONTENT OF A CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The announcement of each championship should include inter alia the following provisions and information:

- 6.1 **Headline:** Name of the Championship, Name of the Organizer and the Sponsors.
- 6.2 **Place and time** a championship is conducted
- 6.3 **Participation criteria**
- 6.4 **Events categories**
- 6.5 **Surface and number of courts**
- 6.6 **Balls**
- 6.7 **The applications submission period shall be fixed at **10 working days**, at least for the Full Members prior to the commencement of the championship. In case 2 championship events are conducted simultaneously, the applications submission period for the one out of the two should be fixed at **5 working days** prior to the commencement of the championship. Furthermore, the day and the time of a public draw taking place should be stated.**
- 6.8. **Prize money and awards for each event**
- 6.9. **The participation fee per event shall be fixed at €13. It is noted that each 3rd or 4th child of the same family shall be entitled to a free participation in the selected events.**
- 6.10 **Participation forms**
- 6.11 **Championship Organizing Committee, Umpire and Secretariat.**

7. **EVENTS RULES**

- 7.1 Each official championship shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Cyprus Tennis Federation, the tennis rules of the International Tennis Federation and the Conduct Ethics.
- 7.2 In Singles it shall be the best out of three sets. The tie-break system (until 7 points) shall be enforced for all the three sets when the result is 6-6.
- 7.3 In Doubles the two first shall be tie break sets when the result is 6-6. In case of a 1-1 tie set, then the “match tie break” shall be applied until 10 points with a two point gap. Furthermore, in Doubles the “No Add system” shall be enforced in the two first sets.
- 7.4 The category under 8 years old shall participate **ONLY** in Clubs’ internal tournaments. Yet, since the tournaments for the category under 10 years old and the mixed Doubles are conducted during the period when the other categories’ tournaments are, then they shall fall under the general rules of the Cyprus Tennis Federation as all the other categories. The events for juniors under 10 years old shall be conducted in the 2 victorious short sets with match tie break at the third set. If the organizer aims at further matches, he has to state so when the events are announced but the ITF rules on the specific category regarding the courts’ dimensions, the balls and the rackets to be used, should imperatively be respected.
- 7.5 The championship ranking shall comprise 4 different grades with the respective scoring.
 1. **MASTERS** – The two championships (National cup for the 16 better male juniors and 8 better female juniors in Male & Female Juniors & Men/Women and Masters) conducted in the Federation’s facilities shall bring the highest scoring in favour of all the categories, starting from 160 points for the winner.
 2. **GRADE 1** – The full members’ and selected associate members’ championships provided they meet the following requirements:
 - a. Availability of at least 4 same surface courts for the championships’ purposes and all the facilities as determined in the Rules and the Cyprus Tennis Federation’ statutes,
 - b. All the official categories of the Cyprus Tennis Federation to be stated in the events announcement, men and women with the respective prize money for the winners, inclusive.

- c. The seven Grade 1 championships organizers shall have the discretion to dissociate the time duration for specific categories (i.e. upon the announcement for the category's championship being made the Grade 1 organizer shall have the discretion to make an announcement about the U12, U16 & Mens/Ladies categories tournaments taking place the 2nd week of the championship), therefore, enabling the athletes who might have not attended the first week's events to compete in these ones. The above proposal shall be implemented on trial and as a pilot project for 2014 but for the Grade 1 championships organizers wishing so.

The Grade 1 scoring starts with 120 points for the winners.

3. **GRADE 2** – Championships for full members not meeting the requirements as described in 2a and 2b above. The winners shall be awarded 96 points.
4. **GRADE 3** – Championships for associate members not meeting the upgrading requirements as described in 20a paragraph. The winners shall be awarded 72 points.

The championships shall take place simultaneously except from the Masters, the National cup and the Grade 1.

- 7.6 There shall be place on the boards for all athletes being holders of a CTF identity card and a valid Health Certificate (no heat events shall take place) with no restrictions in athletes' numbers competing for all the National Championship categories, the Masters and the Grade 1 tournaments.

The organizing committee of these championship events shall have the discretion to assign the Wild Cards, which the number of shall be determined according to the board's size pursuant to the ITF rules (i.e. boards for 32 – 4 Wild Cards etc)

The main boards for the **Grade 2 and Grade 3 championships** in Men's and Boys (Singles) under 12,14,16 and 18 shall be suitable for a maximum of 64 but only 48 male athletes shall compete. The following information shall be comprised on the draw:

- (a) The 41 male athletes shall be inserted according to their scoring classification
- (b) The organizer shall have the discretion to assign 7 Wild Cards
- (c) In case of assigning fewer or zero Wild Card, then priority shall be given to the athletes coming next according to their scoring classification.
- (d) The first 16 seeded athletes shall go through a bye to have access to the second round.

In the Doubles no heat events shall take place and the draw shall be completed with 24 pairs, the first 20 out of which shall be selected pursuant to the scoring at times and the other 4 pairs shall be assigned Wild Cards as selected by the organizer. The first 8 seeded pairs shall go through a bye to have access to the second round.

Priority shall be given to players having participated in the Singles of the same category.

For Girls (Singles) under 12, 14, 16 and 18, as well as Women, the main draw shall be suitable for a maximum 28 athletes, 24 out of whom shall be selected according to the scoring at times and the remaining 4 shall have access with the Wild Cards assigned by the organizers. The first 4 seeded female athletes shall go through a bye to have access to the second round. In case of a higher participation toll, the organizer shall be responsible for providing the involved parties with timely information to proceed with their registration in the next championship to take place simultaneously.

In the case of Girls (Doubles) heat events shall take place and the main draw shall be completed with 14 pairs, twelve out of which shall be selected according to their scoring at times. The other 2 may be assigned a Wild Card by the organizer. The first 2 seeded pairs shall go through a bye to have access to the second round.

Priority shall be given to female athletes participating in the Singles of the same category.

In the case of the small championships the draws shall be operational (without any cut-off) for all categories. When two championships take place simultaneously with the same scoring, the one of them shall be chosen by the CTF by lot with no cut-off and the application for participating in it should be submitted within 5 working days prior to its commencement. In case the two championships have not the same scoring, then there shall not be any cut-off for the one with the lowest scoring the application for participating in it shall be submitted within 5 working days prior to its commencement.

In case a championship takes place without any other event being conducted simultaneously, the draws shall be operational (without any cut-off) for all the categories.

The low participation toll in any category's events shall automatically entail the cancellation of the events concerned.

The Wild Cards shall be determined in time, prior to the championship draw indeed (upon the expiry date for submitting an application to participate).

The Combined Ranking (that is the total scoring in Singles and Doubles) shall be considered for the Juniors' categories draw. In case of athletes' equal ranking in Boys or Girls Singles, then the number of points the athlete has accumulated in Singles shall be considered. Yet, in case of a further equal scoring a draw shall take place.

In case of athletes' equal ranking in Boys or Girls Doubles category, the number of points the athletes have accumulated in Doubles shall be considered. Yet, in case of a further equal ranking, a draw shall take place.

The male or female athlete should have been at least 10 years old on the draw day for the championship (see ITF rules) in order to his or her being entitled to participate in the category for under 12-year old boys or girls.

7.7 The same scoring rule shall be enforced in accordance with the International Tennis Federation's rules for all the categories under 18-year old, where in the Singles the 6 championships with the higher scoring and in the Doubles the 25% of the 6 championships with the higher scoring of the last 52 weeks will be considered. **The athlete should win at least one match in order to be awarded points.**

7.8 The male & female athletes who are classified to an older age category (i.e. from U12 to U14), they shall be allowed to transfer 15% of the scoring reached during the past year in their new category until the end of May of the current year inclusive, when it is deducted.

7.9 The Veterans' championships (Seniors 35+, 45+, 55+) shall take place at the same time with the other championship events of a Club / Academy, provided they have at least 5 tennis courts daily available for events. Otherwise, the Veterans' championships (Seniors) shall take place on different dates and shall last not more than 10 days. In the Singles all sets shall be "tie break" when the result comes up to be 6-6. In the Doubles the first two sets shall be tie break when the result comes up to be 6-6. In case of 1-1 equal scoring set, the "match tie break" shall be applied up to the ten points with a two-point difference. Furthermore, the "No Add system" shall be applied but in the Doubles in the first two sets.

7.10 The Veterans shall be entitled to participate in 2 different categories only, that is: 1 Singles and 1 Doubles. They shall not be entitled to participate in two categories of Singles or Doubles during a championship.

7.11 In the categories: (Men, Boys and Veterans) the least number of participants in the Singles shall be 6. The least number for the main board reporting the Singles of all Women's categories shall be 4 female athletes and the format shall turn to round-robin when there are 4 or 5 participants. If there are 6 or more participants, a knock-out championship shall take place.

In the Doubles, the least number of participants in Men's and Veterans' categories shall be 4 pairs. In the category of Boys, Girls and Women, the least number of participants shall be 4 pairs. **It is clarified that when**

the participation toll is less than 6 male / female athletes or 4 pairs, no pecuniary rewards for this specific category shall be granted.

7.12 A 5-minute athletes' warming up shall be allowed prior to the commencement of each event, while giving advice to the athletes during the events shall be prohibited.

7.13 The event's starting hour on the events schedule shall typically denote the earlier hour when the event is conducted and the athletes should be just on time.

7.14 A contestant who does not show up for more than fifteen minutes from the event's scheduled starting hour, shall be excluded and his/her rival shall come up the winner of the event with 6-0, 6-0 (walk-over).

7.15 If for any reason a tennis player fails to compete in accordance with the events scheduled on the predetermined day and time, he/she shall notify so the championship Umpire or Secretary in time and in writing or by phone at least 4 hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the event, explaining the reasons why it would be impossible for him / her to participate in the event. The Organizing Committee shall consider the reasons given by the tennis player and shall decide accordingly whether enforcing a sanction is justified or not. If the athlete does not show up in his event without giving a timely advice, he / she shall be penalized and excluded at the same time from the other categories of this championship, the sanction being enforced from the next championship. If the athlete is engaged in such misconduct again, he / she shall not be allowed to participate in the year's remaining championships. Any athlete who comes up to be a loser of a event by walking over or retiring from it shall not be entitled to compete the same day in another event of the same category.

7.16 The events shall be conducted exclusively on the Organizer's tennis courts. The championship Umpire shall be the only person to be entitled to determine or authorize events taking place on other tennis courts and this shall be the only measure of the program being smoothly operational.

If permission is granted by the Umpire to have the event conducted on a further tennis court, the athletes shall compete on their own responsibility for whatever might occur in relation to the rules and the winner should notify the Umpire of the result, immediately after the event is over.

All the semifinals and final events should be conducted on the Organizer's tennis courts. If the athletes refuse to compete on the Organizer's home tennis court, they shall be excluded and shall obtain neither any points nor any awards or any pecuniary rewards.

7.17 While the athletes are competing, they should be dressed in a respective sport uniform. The co-players' uniforms in the Doubles should be as similar as possible.

7.18 **The athletes shall participate but in one championship per time period.** The athletes may participate in 4 categories only, 2 Singles and 2 Doubles.

7.19 No application shall be accepted if all data and relevant participation fees are not inclusive. The participation fee per event shall be determined at times by the Council of the Cyprus Tennis Federation. Furthermore, no application shall be accepted after the deadline for declaring participation.

7.20 The Junior male/female tennis players placed first and second in the selected category to compete (Men's and Women's categories inclusive) no matter their age are the only beneficiaries of free participation.

8. USEFUL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EVENTS BE CONDUCTED IN A SMOOTHER WAY WITHOUT REFEREEING

8.1 It is recommended that the tennis players to warm up before entering the tennis court for their event, in order that the match may start within 5 minutes (warm up session).

8.2 The tennis players should update the score board of the side's been changed, dispersing, therefore, any doubts and helping the fans follow up the event progressing, without disturbing the players.

8.3 In events without an umpire, each player is responsible for the calls on the side of the court where he shall be competing.

8.4 All the "out or fault calls" should be announced loudly **immediately** after the ball getting in contact with the ground, so that the rival party may be informed accordingly.

8.5 If there is a doubt, the rival should trustfully be considered correct (generally on hard/synthetic courts).

8.6 If a player calls erroneously a ball "out" and then realizes the ball was in, a repeat of the point should take place, unless it was a winning shot (but on synthetic / hard courts).

8.7 The tennis player hitting the ball in a serve shall announce loudly the score prior to the point starting.

8.8 If the player is not happy with his rival's action or decision, he or she should have the event suspended and call the umpire or the assistant umpire to settle the dispute.

The additional procedures as stated here below shall be followed for events conducted on clay courts:

- 8.9 A ball mark inspection may be performed provided (a) a point ending shot is observed (b) this is the last point shot and (c) a reactive coming back is marked.
- 8.10 If the result is questioned, the player may ask his or her rival to have a look at the trace and then come nearer to see it on the ground.
- 8.11 Any player who might remove a questionable trace shall lose automatically the point.
- 8.12 If a dispute is brought about after a ball mark inspection, the umpire or the assistant umpire who is to make the final decision should be called on.
- 8.13 If a player calls erroneously a ball "out" and then realizes that the ball is in, this player who has called "out" shall lose the point.

The athletes who shall not comply with the above stated procedures may be sanctioned for harassing their rival and on the grounds of anti-sports conduct in accordance with the Code of Conduct of the International Tennis Federation.

9. EVENTS PROGRAMME

- 9.1 The events schedule shall be issued by the Championship Organizing Committee and the day, the time and the in-a-row events shall be within the exclusive competence of the Committee.
- 9.2 The events schedule shall be issued daily and be valid for the following day and if possible for the day after.
- 9.3 The events schedule shall be put up on the Organizer's announcement board and when possible the CTF's web site shall be updated accordingly.
- 9.4 Each contestant should be informed about the events schedule.
- 9.5 The organizer shall provide information about the events schedule daily over the phone. This service shall be considered valid because it shall be provided by the Umpire or a member of the Organizing Committee or the Club's Secretariat. The Clubs lacking Secretariat, which would provide the championship participants with assistance, shall make arrangements to help the stakeholders contacting the person in charge of the championship on his mobile.

- 9.6 The Committee shall consider exceptionally prior to the commencement of the Championship, without being committed **but special tennis players' requests** to determine a day and the time for their event being conducted. **Yet, such requests should be avoided for the championship's being run smoothly.**
- 9.7 The Committee shall be entitled to modify or extend the events schedule if it is deemed necessary.

10. TENNIS PLAYERS' OBLIGATIONS

- 10.1 All the tennis players should fully comply with the provisions of the championship announcement and the tennis rules.
- 10.2 No athlete is entitled to participate in the official championships of the CTF, the Clubs and the Sport Centres unless he or she has seen to his or her registration or to the renewal of his or her CTF membership identity for the current year on time. Any athlete who is not a valid Health Coupon holder may participate in the championship draw provided he submits his or her Health Coupon to the Umpire the day the first event is conducted. If the athlete does not submit a valid Health Coupon the Umpire shall give the event to the concerned athlete's rival with a Walk-over (w/o).
- 10.3 The athletes competing in a Cyprus Championship SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED to register in another international or local official championship conducted the same period. The athletes should see to the dates, which they intend to pencil in for the championship, not coinciding in order to avoid eventually participating in a Cyprus Championship to take part in an international one being conducted the same period or in a local official championship being conducted elsewhere. It shall be noted that the period when the championships commence for each athlete shall be the date of his or her obligations commencing (i.e. registration date for the trial events etc).
- 10.3.a If this Rule is infringed, the athlete shall be eliminated from the Cyprus Championship and shall be excluded from participating in the next championship. If such infringement occurs again, the athlete shall be excluded for the remaining competitive season. If this rule is infringed for a third time, the athlete shall be referred to the CTF Council to take additional measures.
- 10.3b If the athlete competes in an international championship, which ends the later 3 days after the commencement date of a Cyprus Championship, he or she shall be entitled to participate in both Championships but he or she shall have to inform the Organizing Committee about his failed attendance so that the Committee may not schedule a Cyprus Championship event, which he or she will be expected to participate in.

10.4 Each tennis player participating in the Championship shall have to provide refereeing services during the events if he or she is requested so.

11. REFEREEING

11.1 Supervisors who should be conversant with the championship rules shall be present on the tennis courts during all the championships events. At least one supervisor should be present on every two courts per championship. Each championship Organizing Committee shall have the power to impose penalties whenever indecent conducts and rules infringements occur.

11.2 The final events should be referred to by umpires being members of the Cyprus Tennis Federation Refereeing Committee, based on the CTF rule on refereeing at times. It shall be noted that the categories participating in 3 or fewer events, shall be deprived from refereeing services unless the organizer wishes differently. In the Men's final ball boys and linesmen should be present on the courts. If the umpire shows up for refereeing and if the event is not conducted, the organizer should pay the refereeing expenses as if though it had taken place. The organizer who shall not comply with the events refereeing provisions shall be penalized by the CTF Council.

11.3 Refereeing shall be provided to other events if the Championship Organizing Committee deems it is imperative.

11.4 The referees' and supervisors' remuneration shall be determined by the CTF Council following the Refereeing Committee's proposal.

12. CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Each Championship Organizing Committee shall be composed of at least five (5) persons, namely:

- a) the Tournament Director
- b) the Umpire
- c) the Championship Committee (at least a 3-member one)

13. FUNCTIONS AND LIABILITIES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Championship Committee shall have inter alia the following duties and responsibilities:

13.1 It shall publish the Championship Announcement and ensure that this announcement complies with all the current rules' provisions.

13.2 It shall upload the Announcement on the web site or send copies of it with participation forms to all the Federation's Members.

- 13.3 It shall consider and approve all the applications in view of participating in the Championship in accordance with the CTF Rules. If the Organizing Committee / Secretariat authorises a tennis player to compete without being holder of a valid Health Coupon or the CTF Identity Card, the organizing Club shall be subject to sanctions.
- 13.4 It shall draw the events in accordance with the rules. It shall draft the relevant participation boards and shall draw each competitive category. It shall be clarified that the person in charge of the draw shall rely upon the last available official scoring. The Committee shall have the right to carry out a second draw if the first one is considered erroneous because of either the athletes' scoring or the championship's software. In this case the day and the time of the second draw should be uploaded on the web site of the CTF's championships (ctf.tournamentsoftware.com) pursuant to the relevant rules.
- 13.5 It shall consider, without any commitment, any tennis players' requests in relation to special cases as regards a specific day and time being determined to be served in reasonable circumstances, though considering such requests should be avoided.
- 13.6 It shall forward draw boards' copies for each competitive category to the CTF's Secretariat and the Full / Associate Members of the Federation in time.
- 13.7 It shall issue daily the events' schedule, at least for the next day. The events' schedule, the days, time and order of the events to be conducted shall be under the exclusive competence of the Committee.
- 13.8 It shall post to the organizer's board of announcements the events' schedule. It shall provide information related to the events over the phone and shall fax the events' schedule the day before.
- 13.9 It shall bring out, if possible, the events' schedule and results.
- 13.10 It shall ensure the courts are suitable and clean the poles for simple events and the ribbons through the net to fix the right height inclusive, as well as the suitability and cleanliness of the competitive space during the championship.
- 13.11 During the championship, the Committee shall provide coaching facilities on the courts to serve the tennis players participating in the event upon request.
- 13.12 It shall ensure the order is respected and the championship is smoothly conducted by the Umpire or the assistant Umpire who should be conversant with the Rules, a Supervisor for every two courts and one member of the Organizing Committee being permanently present on the courts daily.

- 13.13 It shall consolidate the Refereeing Committee's collaboration to ensure the championship being refereed.
- 13.14 It shall deal with any issue and or problem arousing in relation to a championship being organized and smoothly conducted.
- 13.15 It shall deal with any case of breach of discipline or any indecent conduct case it shall inform the CTF about the athletes who have unjustifiably not shown up for the determined event and shall submit a report accordingly before the CTF within 48 hours from the time the incident occurred.
- 13.16 **The Organizing Committee as chaired by the Tournament Director** shall have, within the bounds of ensuring the championship being smoothly conducted, to impose sanctions and penalties, the disqualification from the championship inclusive, if indecent conducts and rules infringement mainly out of the ground are observed.
- 13.17 The participation fees shall have to be reimbursed by the Committee to those who have registered in categories where no events shall be conducted (due to a low participation toll etc). **NO** participation fees **shall be reimbursed** to athletes who have not participated because they have not been a Health Coupon or a CTF Identity Card or who have not shown up for their predetermined event on no grounds and also to athletes, whose co-player in the Doubles was not a Health Coupon holder the day of the event, therefore, they could not compete.
- 13.18 The Committee shall see to the special arrangements to be made in view of the last competitive season's final events being conducted and of the prizes award ceremony taking place.
- 13.19 The Committee shall forward to the CTF Secretariat the events' results on the relevant forms, upon the events ending and not later than 24 hours from the events ending.
- 13.20 The Committee shall address an invitation for the final events to the CSO, the COC and other official and sport institutions and sponsors, at least 7 days prior to the final events taking place.

14. UMPIRE'S / ASSISTNAT UMPIRE'S DUTIES

- 14.1 The Umpire shall be competent as per his judgement to postpone or change a planned event time. Furthermore he shall be in charge of transferring the event to the next available basis, since the type of court surface remains the same. The court surface type should generally be the same for all the events under the same category.
- 14.2 He shall supervise on the spot the daily conducting of the championship events.

- 14.3 He shall coordinate the events programme issue on a daily basis.
- 14.4 He shall ensure a event being conducted and the final result being valid.
- 14.5 He shall coordinate the events refereeing being conducted.
- 14.6 Each championship umpire shall evaluate the refereeing level per Umpire as long as the championship lasts and he shall report accordingly to the CTF upon the championship ending.
- 14.7 It shall take irrevocable decisions on rules, which in accordance with the events are conducted and on any dispute that is likely to arise during the events.
- 14.8 It shall monitor, wherever it is deemed necessary, the validity of the Health Coupons and the Identify Cards of the athletes participating in the championship.
- 14.9 Is shall have the right to postpone or suspend the events if the dust in the atmosphere reaches high levels or if there are bad weather conditions likely to jeopardize our athletes' health.
- 14.10 It shall report to the CTF any actions by the tennis players during the championship, which are an infringement of the Fair Play rule.
- 14.11 The Umpire shall be entitled to participate in a championship as an athlete provided the assistant umpire or a member of the Championship Organizing Committee acts as an umpire during events, which the Umpire participates in or has a legitimate interest.

15. CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZING RULES ENFORCEMENT

All the championships should comply with the Code of Conduct as adopted by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

The CTF Council may sanction a Club if evidence is given that this Club fails to comply with the Rules. The Technical Committee and the Scoring Committee shall be both in charge of following up compliance with these rules to ensure the championships may be organized and held smoothly.

16. FINAL STAGE – CLOSING CEREMONY

The final stage of the championship shall be conducted the last 3-4 days prior to the championship coming to end. The last day (Saturday or Sunday and in case it is a rainy day or the tennis courts are not suitable, the men's final shall be postponed to Wednesday) ONLY the men's final shall be held, at 15.00 (winter period) and 16.00 (summer period). In exceptional cases the women's and or the boys' or girls' below 18-year old final may be conducted

SIMULTANEOUSLY commencing at the same time as the men's final, provided these events start 30 minutes prior to the men's final starting time.

The remaining all categories Boys', Girls' and Veterans' final shall be held during the 3 previous days before the men's final being conducted.

A championship's organizer (CTF, Clubs, Academies, Sport Centres) should draft a schedule efficiently so that the closing ceremony program may be respected strictly. It shall be noted that the organizer should have a daily available events schedule for at least two days after the events come to end. The closing ceremony shall take place immediately after the Men's final and the aim is to the winners being awarded the pecuniary rewards and prizes. The Organizer shall give later a reception in the honour of the athletes, officials and sponsors.

It shall implicitly be expected that at least the events' winners and second ranked athletes attend the closure ceremony to be awarded their prizes. Their failing to attend such ceremony shall not be accepted unless a serious excuse is given.

17. CHAMPIONSHIPS TIME DURATION

a. National and Cyprus Championships (CTF-Full and Associate Members)

The Championship's official duration shall be 16 days.

The championships held simultaneously may end the one on Saturday and the other on Sunday after coming to understanding. The championships shall commence on Saturday provided no championships are held the week before. If a championship is held the week before, it shall commence on Sunday. Therefore, a championship shall end on Saturday and another shall commence on Sunday. The events for the below 10-year old category should not affect the duration of a championship.

18. CYPRUS MASTERS

The National Championship known under the name "Cyprus Masters" shall be the last of the year and it shall be held at the Tennis National Centre. The higher participation toll shall be determined in accordance with the official scoring as follows:

- Men and Boys, Singles: 16 athletes (the first 14 plus 2 Wild Cards)
- Men and Boys, Doubles: the first 8 pairs
- Women and Girls, Singles: 8 athletes (the first 7 plus 1 Wild Card)
- Women and Girls, Doubles: the first 4 pairs
- Veterans, Singles: the first 8
- Veterans, Doubles: the first 4 pairs

The Masters Organizing Committee and two members of the CTF Technical Committee shall decide whether and when the Wild Cards are delivered.

19. RANKINGS

Athletes who fall under the following international classification rankings shall be considered with a priority in relation to the Cyprus classification:

- ATP/WTA: position 1-1000
- ITF under 18-year: position 1-700
- ETA under 16-year: position 1-300
- ETA under 14-year: position 1-300

If a male / female athlete has obtained 2 European classifications in -14 & -16 falling under the above stated rankings, the best out of them shall be considered. A male / female athlete enjoying an international classification in -18 and a European one in -14 or -16), falling under the above stated rankings both of them shall be considered.

Furthermore, if an athlete enjoys a better international or European classification in a category for older athletes than he /she is, this may be an advantage for him / her to be classified in the Cyprus category standing but for the respective age.

20. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS TABLE

Points	National &			
	Masters	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Winner	160	120	96	72
Runner - up	120	90	72	54
Semi-finals	80	60	48	36
Quarter-finals	40	30	24	18
Round of 16	20	15	12	9
Round of 32	10	7.5	6	4.5

Grade 1 Championship

Nicosia T.C. Field Club Cyprus Championship
Larnaca T.C. Cyprus Championship
Famagusta T.C. Cyprus Championship
Limassol Sporting Club Cyprus Championship
Eleon T.C. Cyprus Championship
Herodotou Tennis Academy Cyprus Championship

Grade 2 Championship

Paphos T.C. Cyprus Juniors Championship
Paralimni T.C. Cyprus Juniors Championship

Grade 3 Championship

Valley Tennis Club Juniors Championship
Yeroskipou T.C. Juniors Championship
Ioannides Tennis School Juniors Championship

Bank Cyprus Juniors Championship
Smash Tennis Academy Juniors Championship
Masters Tennis Academy Championship (juniors, men, women)
Protaras Club Juniors Championship

20a. Associate Members who have announced and organized all the categories events (men, women, teenage and 14, 16 and 18-year old youth) last year and a championship of the International and / or the European Federation enjoy a Grade 1 automatic upgrade of their next championship scoring.

21. SCORING

On Wednesdays the Cyprus Tennis Federation's secretariat shall issue a new official ranking per category. If an extension is granted for a championship without, however being brought to completion on the determined date, while the draw for the next championship has to take place with no further draw likely to be carried on, then the last available ranking shall be applied. The 31st December of each year shall be considered the final ranking valid date.

22. THE CTF INFORMING ABOUT THE FEDERATION'S LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

All the athletes intending to travel abroad in order to participate in International Championships **must** - from the year 2014 onwards – inform accordingly in writing (by email or fax) the CTF of all the details on the championship, which they are participating in (dates, host country, championship & championship category, supervisor's name), at least one week prior to their departure. The CTF shall then be able to forward the supervisor's name to the organizer officially. Furthermore, it is stressed that in case the athlete fails to inform the CTF accordingly, he / she shall face sanctions.

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