



# STA INTERMEDIATE SINGLES & DOUBLES I 2012

**DATE:** 04 – 12 FEBRUARY 2012  
In the event of inclement weather, the tournament may be extended to the following week.

**TIME:** Weekdays -- 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm  
Weekends -- Sat: 2.00 pm – 11.00 pm; Sun: 9.00 am onwards

**VENUE:** KALLANG TENNIS CENTRE, or any other venue as decided by STA.

**ELIGIBILITY:** INTERMEDIATE LEVEL -- As a guide, equivalent to ITN 9 – ITN 6, based on the International Tennis Number (ITN) [attached], or 'C' Grade of STA Inter-Club tournaments.

	MEN		LADIES	
	SINGLES	DOUBLES	SINGLES	DOUBLES
<b>NOT ELIGIBLE</b>	Previous Singles' Champions of Intermediate tournaments for years 2010 – 2012	Previous Doubles' Champions of Intermediate tournaments for years 2010 – 2012	Previous Singles' Champions of Intermediate tournaments for years 2010 – 2012	Previous Doubles' Champions of Intermediate tournaments for years 2010 – 2012
	Ranked top 16 in the current STA Open Men's Singles' Ranking	Ranked top 16 in the current STA Open Men's Doubles' Ranking	Semi-Finalists of 2011 – 2012 Open Ladies' Singles	Semi-Finalists of 2011 – 2012 Open Ladies' Doubles
	Ranked top 8 in the current STA Advanced Men's Singles' Ranking	Ranked top 8 in the current STA Advanced Men's Doubles' Ranking	Finalists of 2011 – 2012 Advanced Ladies' Singles	Finalists of 2011 – 2012 Advanced Ladies' Doubles

**ENTRIES:** Each entry is to be made on an official entry form, duly completed and accompanied by entry fees.  
**EMAILED, FAXED / PHONED-IN ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**DEADLINE:** All entries must be received by **FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY 2012 AT 5.30 PM.** (If Friday is a public holiday, the deadline shall be the day before).  
Late entries will not be accepted, and STA shall not be responsible for mails lost in transit. **It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure the entry is received.**

**DRAW:** STA request that players / parents witness the draw. Those who are interested please email to [info@singtennis.org.sg](mailto:info@singtennis.org.sg), **2 days after the deadline.**

## STA CORE VALUES

### PASSION

We are committed to promoting the continuous development of tennis and its community in Singapore. We are passionate about tennis. We aim to deliver more tennis to our whole tennis community and see the standard of tennis raised for all players. Ultimately, we strive for excellence so that Singapore tennis can compete at the highest international levels.

### TRUST

We conduct ourselves and our sport with utmost integrity. We work together as a community built on a foundation of trust and respect for one





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another. We aim to engender confidence in our sport and its development by promoting a fair and open tennis community.

## COMMUNITY

We appreciate the broader community that makes up tennis in Singapore: players of all ages; their supportive families; the tennis clubs; coaches; sports manufacturers and sponsors, the media and other constituents. We are responsive to all our participants and partners. We aim to be proactive in leading the development of tennis in Singapore so that we can inspire and bring about continuous improvement in our community.

## SEEDING CRITERIA

### SINGLES

The rankings from the latest respective STA Singles Rankings after the closing dates of the tournaments will be used. Priority in seeding is given to the highest ranked player in the tournament (seeded 1), followed by the second highest ranked player in the tournament (seeded 2) and so on. If there is a tie on the players' rankings, the seeding will be awarded based on luck of draw.

### DOUBLES

The rankings from the latest respective STA Doubles Rankings after the closing dates of the tournaments will be used. Priorities are given as follows:

1st Tier – Ranked player and ranked player (Combined STA Doubles Ranking)

Priority in seeding is given to the highest combined ranked players in the tournament (seeded 1), followed by the second highest combined ranked players in the tournament (seeded 2) and so on. If there is a tie on the combined rankings, the seeding will be awarded based on luck of draw.

2nd Tier – Ranked player and unranked player (STA Doubles Ranking)

After the 1st Tier, priority in seeding is given to the highest ranked players in the tournament who are paired with unranked players, followed by the second highest ranked players in the tournament who are paired with unranked players and so on. If there is a tie on the rankings of the ranked player, the seeding will be awarded based on luck of draw.

3rd Tier – Unranked player and unranked player

If Tier 1 and Tier 2 do not fill up the slots that require seeding, seeding for doubles pairs from the 3rd Tier will be awarded based on luck of draw.

## RULES & REGULATIONS (last updated 02 November 2011)

1. The ITF tournament rules will be applied in conjunction with this tournament's rules. The Committee reserves the right to change the rules in any way it deems fit and reject any entry without assigning a reason.
2. **The STA Tournament Supervisor / Referee shall act as final on-site authority for the interpretation of the applicable STA Tournament Rules & Regulations, ITF Code of Conduct and Rules of Tennis as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament venue.**
3. Ranking points are awarded for this tournament. Accumulated points will determine the year's Intermediate ranking. **Please use a consistent name & NRIC / Passport No.** for all STA tournaments to accumulate maximum points. Seeding is based on ranking points.
- \* 4. The match and draw schedule will **NOT** be mailed. It will be uploaded on our STA website: [www.singtennis.org.sg](http://www.singtennis.org.sg) **It is the players' responsibility to check their schedule of play and turn up**





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accordingly, otherwise they will be defaulted according to Rule No. 17. The referee reserves the right to make changes to the schedule. Change of schedule will not be made at the request of players. The Tournament Referee shall communicate with players only.

5. Players who have played in any unsanctioned tournament will not be allowed to play in this tournament.
6. All events shall be played on a knockout system.
7. All Singles matches will be played to the best of 3 tie-break sets. At 6 games all, a tie-break will be played. The tie-break will be based on first to reach 7 points by a margin of 2 points. In each Doubles match when the score is one set all, one match tie-break (10 Points) shall be played to decide the match. The format of play may be changed at the referee's discretion.
8. The **\*No-Ad Scoring System** will be implemented in this tournament.  
**\*No-Ad Scoring System:** If both players have won 3 points, the score is called deuce; one deciding point shall then be played whereby the receiver shall choose whether he/she wishes to receive the service from the right half of the court or the left half of the court. The player who wins the deciding point wins the game.
9. Participants must be prepared to play 3 matches a day/night with a minimum rest period of 30 minutes in between matches.
10. Umpires **may** be provided for the Finals' matches. All other matches will be played without a Chair Umpire. Players must keep their own score. If a player feels that the opponent's line calls are inaccurate, the player should inform the referee IMMEDIATELY. Dispute of any nature regarding a match should be brought to the referee's attention immediately. Protests will not be entertained after a match is completed.
11. The condition of the courts and lightings are provided by the Singapore Sports Council. As such, players must play in any court assigned by the referee. Requests by players for additional lightings or specific court will not be accommodated.
12. **Warm-up:** Strictly 10 minutes only.
13. Match courts are **STRICTLY for PLAYERS ONLY**. Warm-up courts will not be provided.
14. **For doubles entry, if one player is unable to play for any reason, the pair will have to concede a walkover as substitute partner is not allowed after the entry deadline.**
15. **Administrative Error**
  - i) In the event any player is left out of a tournament, the lowest ranked player with a 'bye' will have his/her 'bye' replaced with the left-out player. If the player who was left out would have been seeded, the error in seeding may be corrected by switching the positions of the affected players. The seeding positions will remain.
  - ii) If a player is defaulted for not showing up for a match because of an administrative error, the Referee can reinstate the match and players must [lay the reinstated match as scheduled by the Referee.
16. As part of an educational programme for players, the referee shall advise players to comply with the ITF Dress Code which disallows casual round neck T-shirts (i.e. T-shirts with logos measuring more than 4 square inches [26 square centimetres]), bermudas, jogging shorts and jogging shoes. Shoes with marking soles are also not allowed. ~~Players~~ Players who do not comply will not be allowed on court to play.





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17. **Players must sign in at the tournament desk and be ready to play at their scheduled time.** Players will be defaulted if they are not ready to play 15 minutes within their scheduled time, only if a court is available and weather permits. No appeal will be accepted.
18. **In the event of rain**, the referee shall make an announcement informing all players to dry their courts when the rain stops. Should any player fail to report 15 minutes after the announcement is made, the player will be defaulted (i.e. concedes a walk-over). No appeal will be accepted.
19. Competitors play at their own risk. The STA and Singapore Sports Council are not responsible for any injury, loss or other mishaps during the tournament.
20. **Official Ball: HEAD**
21. **NO** on-site alternate sign-in will be accepted.
22. Entry fees will only be refunded if withdrawals are made in writing **before the entry deadline.**
23. **Medical Time-Out:** No qualified medical personnel will be available. The referee shall allow the player to be treated by any person selected by him/her. Injury time-out is 3 minutes only.
24. Players may rate themselves as to whether they belong to the category with the help of the International Tennis Number (ITN) [attached]. However, the Committee reserves the right to the final say. A player who under-rates himself/herself deliberately or otherwise, can be defaulted at any stage of the tournament by the referee.
25. All Prize Winners must be present at the Prize Presentation Ceremony, which will be held immediately after the Finals' matches. For those who are not present, their prizes will be forfeited unless collected by a **proxy** who is **NOT** a prize winner. **Proxy must be authorized in writing and collect the prize during prize presentation** when the name is announced.
26. Any player who violates the Rules and Regulations above shall be defaulted immediately, immaterial of which rounds he/she has reached.

## PRIZES

MEN'S SINGLES	Champion	S\$ 200.00 + Trophy
	Runner-Up	S\$ 100.00 + Trophy
	Semi-Finalists	S\$ 50.00 + Trophy
	Quarter-Finalists	S\$ 25.00
LADIES' SINGLES	Champion	S\$ 150.00 + Trophy
	Runner-Up	S\$ 75.00 + Trophy
	Semi-Finalists	S\$ 40.00 + Trophy
MEN'S DOUBLES	Champions, Runners-Up & Semi-Finalists	Trophy Only
LADIES' DOUBLES	Champions, Runners-Up & Semi-Finalists	Trophy Only



The following is a concise summary of the ten ITN categories: ( to be used as a guide )

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| ITN   1.    | This player has had intensive training for national tournament competition at the junior and senior levels and has extensive professional tournament experience. Holds or is capable of holding an ATP / WTA ranking and major source of income is through tournament prize money. |
| ITN   2.    | This player has developed power and / or consistency as a major weapon. Can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation. Is usually a nationally ranked player.  |
| ITN   3     | This player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or attribute around which a game may be structured. Can regularly hit winners and force errors off short balls. Can put away volleys and smashes and has a variety of serves to rely on.             |
| ITN   4     | This player can use power and spin and has begun to handle pace. Has sound footwork, can control depth of shots, and can vary game plan according to opponents. Can hit first serves with power and can impart spin on second serves.  |
| ITN   5     | This player has dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both ground strokes and on moderate shots. Has the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success.  |
| ITN   6     | This player exhibits more aggressive net play, has improved court coverage, improved shot control and is developing teamwork in doubles.   |
| ITN   7     | This player is fairly consistent when hitting medium paced shots, but is not yet comfortable with all strokes. Lacks control over depth, direction and power.  |
| ITN   8     | This player is able to judge where the ball is going and can sustain a short rally of slow pace.   |
| ITN   9     | This player needs on court experience but strokes can be completed with some success.  |
| ITN   10    | This player is starting to play competitively (can serve and return / rally) on a full court using a normal ITF approved ball.   |
| ITN   10.1* | This player is able to rally with movement and control.  |
| ITN   10.2* | This player has developed some simple tennis-specific skills in hitting an oncoming ball regularly, however rallying with movement and control is not yet achieved.  |
| ITN   10.3* | This player is in the early stages of tennis skills development and is primarily learning simple tennis co-ordination tasks / exercises.   |

\* The ITN 10.1 to ITN 10.3 categories will usually involve playing in a modified environment e.g. using transition / soft balls on a reduced court and / or using adapted rackets as appropriate.



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**IMPORTANT: Fields marked with (\*) asterisks are COMPULSORY.  
Late or incomplete entry forms will be rejected!**

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

**PLEASE READ THE TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS AND ENTRY FORM CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY.**

**Tournament Date: 04 – 12 FEBRUARY 2012**  
**Entries Must Be Received By: FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY 2012 AT 5.30 PM.**  
*(If Friday is a public holiday, the deadline shall be the day before)*

\*Family Name (Surname): \_\_\_\_\_ \*Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please use a consistent name & NRIC / Passport No. for all STA tournaments as this will affect your ranking points.)

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ \*NRIC/Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ (Res) \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** (i) **Player submitting entry for doubles has to pay in FULL.**  
 (ii) Refer to website for Draw & Schedule 5 days before commencement of tournament. (Refer Rule 4)

[Please Tick ✓]

Event \ Gender	MEN	LADIES	Entry Fees (including GST)
Singles			<b>S\$ 51.40</b>
Doubles			<b>S\$ 53.50/pair</b>

### DETAILS OF DOUBLES' PARTNER (ALL fields are compulsory.)

\*Family Name (Surname): \_\_\_\_\_ \*Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ \*NRIC/Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank and Cheque Number / Cash Official Receipt Number : \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: S\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament playing records **must** be completed as follows, if applicable, for seeding purposes (*where necessary*):-

Date	Name of Tournament	Country	Results

I have read and understood the rules and regulations governing this tournament and agree to abide by them. I also agree not to hold the Singapore Tennis Association and its servants or agents responsible in any way for any injuries or loss of life or damage to property howsoever arising out of or in the course of or in connection of the above tournament. I further agree that I shall indemnify and keep the Singapore Tennis Association and its servants or agents indemnified against any claim or action which may be instituted against Singapore Tennis Association or its servants or agents by any third party arising from my action or conduct in the course of or in connection of the above tournament.

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

ONLY ENTRY FORMS ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED. Faxed / phoned-in entries will not be accepted. Cheques (*please do not staple*) must be crossed and made payable to "SINGAPORE TENNIS ASSOCIATION". Cash payment will only be accepted at the STA office, and should be acknowledged by an Official Receipt. Please send your entry to:

Singapore Tennis Association  
 100 Tyrwhitt Road, #04-02 (Jalan Besar Swimming Complex)  
 Singapore 207542

