

PESTA SUKAN 2023
COMPETITION RULES & REGULATION - TENNIS

1. Rules

- 1.1 According to the Laws/Rules established by the latest rules and regulations of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and as directed by the Singapore Tennis Association (STA) (www.itftennis.com & www.singtennis.org.sg) and
- 1.2 Governed by the PESTA SUKAN 2023 General Rules and Regulations.

2. Eligibility & Registration

- 2.1 There are five (5) events (i.e. Masters, Open, Intermediate and Youth) with a total of 32 categories. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the information.
- 2.2 The registration fees for the respective categories are as follows:

S/No	Event	Event Name	Categories	Registration Fees
1	Masters (Individual Event)	PESTA SUKAN 2023 – STA Masters Tennis Championships	i. Men's 45+ Singles ii. Men's 45+ Doubles iii. Men's 55+ Singles iv. Men's 55+ Doubles v. Ladies' 35+ Singles vi. Ladies' 35+ Doubles	<i>Singles: \$5.00</i> <i>Doubles: \$10.00</i>
2	Open (Individual Event)	PESTA SUKAN 2023 – STA Open Tennis Championships	i. Men's Singles ii. Men's Doubles iii. Ladies' Singles iv. Ladies' Doubles v. Mixed Doubles	<i>Singles: \$15.00</i> <i>Doubles: \$30.00</i>
3	Intermediate (Individual Event)	PESTA SUKAN 2023 – STA Intermediate Tennis Championships	i. Men's Singles ii. Men's Doubles iii. Ladies' Singles iv. Ladies' Doubles	<i>Singles: \$15.00</i> <i>Doubles: \$30.00</i>
4	Youth (Individual Event)	PESTA SUKAN 2023 – Youth Age Group competition	i. U10 Boys/Girls Singles & Doubles ii. U12 Boys/Girls Singles & Doubles	<i>Singles: \$10.00</i> <i>Doubles: \$20.00</i>

- 2.3 Each entry is to be made online duly completed on the STA's registration website for the Masters, Youth and Open categories. Emailed, faxed/phoned-in entries will not be accepted.
- 2.4 All entries must be registered by **27 June 2023, 2359HR**. Late entries will not be accepted, and the organising committee shall not be responsible for incomplete

registrations. It is the responsibility of the participants to ensure that the entry is submitted.

- 2.5 For the individual events, no on-site alternate sign-in will be accepted for all events; and no substitute partner is allowed after the entry deadline for doubles entry.
- 2.6 For the team events, no replacements or changes will be entertained after the deadline.
- 2.7 Please note point 4.1 under entries.

3. Event Venue & Schedule

- 3.1 The event venues and schedules are as follows:

Event	Date	Finals (Tentative)	Timings
Open Mixed Doubles	22 - 30 Jul 2023	29/30 Jul 2023	<u>Weekdays (Mon – Fri)</u> From 1700 onwards
Masters	22 – 30 Jul 2023	29/30 Jul 2023	<u>Weekends</u> Sat/Sun: From 0800 onwards
Open	29 Jul - 6 Aug 2023	5/6 Aug 2023	
Intermediate	22 – 30 Jul 2023	29/30 Jul 2023	
Youth	15 Jul to 6 Aug 2023	5/6 Aug 2023	

- 3.2 The venues for the tennis events are Yio Chu Kang Tennis Centre, Kallang Tennis Centre and Heartbeat@Bedok. The finalised venues for each event will be confirmed once the entries are finalised.
- 3.3 All above may change once the entries are finalised. Please refer to the STA and Pesta Sukan websites for updates.

4. Format of play

- 4.1 The list of events shall be as follows:

S/No	Event	Categories	Entries
1	Masters	i. Men's 45+ Singles ii. Men's 45+ Doubles iii. Men's 55+ Singles iv. Men's 55+ Doubles v. Ladies' 35+ Singles vi. Ladies' 35+ Doubles	Each player may participate in a maximum of 1 Singles, 1 Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles, subject to age eligibility. <i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Masters events may not participate in the Intermediate & Open Mixed Doubles events.</i>
2	Open	i. Men's Singles ii. Men's Doubles iii. Ladies' Singles	Each player may participate in a maximum of 1 Singles, 1 Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles

		iv. Ladies' Doubles v. Mixed Doubles	<p><i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Open event may not participate in the Youth event.</i></p> <p><i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Open Mixed Doubles event may not participate in the Intermediate & Masters event.</i></p>
3	Intermediate	i. Men's Singles ii. Men's Doubles iii. Ladies' Singles iv. Ladies' Doubles	<p>Each player may participate in a maximum of 1 singles and 1 doubles.</p> <p><i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Intermediate event may not participate in the Youth, Masters & Open Mixed Doubles events</i></p>
4	Youth	i. U10 Boys/Girls Singles & Doubles ii. U12 Boys/Girls Singles & Doubles	<p>Each player may participate in a maximum of 1 Singles and 1 Doubles.</p> <p><i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Youth event may not participate in the Open, Intermediate & Open Mixed Doubles events.</i></p>

4.2 For Masters, Open and intermediate events (Point 4.3 does not apply to these events):

- 4.2.1 All events shall be played on a knock-out/single elimination system, unless otherwise stated.
- 4.2.2 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.
- 4.2.3 All Doubles matches will play a super tie-break (10 points) to decide the match when the score is one set all. Super tie-break is based on first to reach 10 points by a margin of 2 points.
- 4.2.4 The Let Rule will apply to serves. If the serve clips the net and lands in the correct service box, the server is to repeat the service attempt. If the serve clips the net and lands outside the correct service box, it is a fault.

4.3 For Youth event (Point 4.2 does not apply to this event):

- 4.3.1 All events shall be played on a knock- out/Single elimination system, unless otherwise stated.
- 4.3.2 10/12-Under – All matches will be played on the FAST4 scoring format
 - Best of 3 Tie-break Sets of first to 4 games with NO AD scoring
 - At 3 Games All, will play a Tie-Break of 7 points
 - At 6 All in the Tie-Break, the next point will be the WINNING POINT

- 4.4 The No-Ad Scoring System will be implemented for all events. If both players have won 3 points in a game, 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 left half of the court. The player who wins the deciding point wins the game.
- 4.5 The International Tennis Federation (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.
- 4.6 The format of play may be changed at the tournament referee's discretion.
- 4.7 The tournament referee shall act as final on-site authority for the interpretation of the applicable Tournament Rules & Regulations, ITF Code of Conduct and Rules of Tennis as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament venue.
- 4.8 All matches will be played without Chair Umpire, unless provided. Players must keep their own score. If a player feels that the opponent's line calls are inaccurate, the player shall 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.
- 4.9 Warm up is strictly 5 minutes only.
- 4.10 Players must play in any court assigned by the referee. Requests by players for additional lighting or specific court will not be accommodated. Match courts are strictly for players only and no warm up courts are provided.

5. Medals

- 5.1 Medals will be awarded to:
 - 5.1.1 The Champion, Runner-up, and Semi-finalists for ALL CATEGORIES.
- 5.2 For event categories with five (5) or less participants / Doubles pairs/ teams:
 - Option 1: Participants can withdraw.
 - Option 2: Participants can continue with the competition in a double elimination format, but only the Champion and Runner-up will be awarded with medals.
 - Option 3: Participants may opt to join another category which they are eligible.
- 5.3 Details of the prizes will be published on the STA website (www.singtennis.org.sg) and/or Pesta Sukan official website.

6. Ranking Points

Ranking points are awarded for the Open, Intermediate and Youth events only. Accumulated points will determine the year's Open and Age Groups rankings. Seeding is based on ranking points.

7. Seeding Criteria

7.1 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.

7.2 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 played 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 players, the seeding will be awarded based on luck of draw.

3rd Tier – Unranked player and unranked player

If 1st and 2nd Tiers 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.

8. Draw

8.1 For the Youth, Masters and Open events, the organising committee request that players can witness the draw that will take place on **30 June 2023 at 12.00PM** at the STA office. For those who are interested, please email to info@singtennis.org.sg by **19 June 2023**.

8.2 Administrative Error

8.2.1 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.

8.2.2 If a player is defaulted for not showing up for a match because of an administrative error, the tournament referee can reinstate the match and players must play the reinstated match as scheduled by the referee.

9. Reporting

9.1 All players must sign in at the tournament desk and be ready to play at their scheduled time. Players will be defaulted and a walkover is given to the opponent 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.

- 9.2 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.

10. Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, players must be prepared to play 3 matches a day/night with a minimum rest period of 30 minutes in between matches.

11. Retirement

Any player/pair who decides to retire due to injury will retain their set score at point of retirement and concede all remaining points of the match to their opponents. For example, should a match be retired at 6-0, 0-6, 3-5 (40-30), that would mean final score will be 6-0, 0-6, 3-6.

12. Disqualification

- 12.1 Players will be disqualified in the event of unruly conduct or cheating and will not be entitled to any prize/prize money.
- 12.2 The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify players at its discretion and take further disciplinary action.
- 12.3 Disqualification just prior to the start of a tie will result in conceding walkover.

13. Medical Time-Out

No qualified medical personnel will be available. The tournament referee shall allow the player to be treated by any person selected by him/her. Injury time-out is 3 minutes only.

14. Equipment & Attire

- 14.1 The organising committee shall decide the official balls to be used for the competitions.
- 14.2 All players are 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 shoes and shoes with marking soles are not allowed. Players who do not comply will not be allowed on court to play.
- 14.3 All doubles pair is encouraged to be in uniformed attire.

15. Competition Jurisdiction

- 15.1 The Organising Committee reserves the right to interpret or amend the rules and regulations of the competition at any time. Notifications of such changes will be posted on the STA and/or Pesta Sukan official website. All participants are advised to visit the competition websites frequently for any notices or changes to draws or

schedules. Results and updates for all events will be posted on both STA's and Pesta Sukan website

- 15.2 Any player who violates the Rules and Regulations shall be defaulted immediately, immaterial of which rounds he/she has reached.
- 15.3 While reasonable precautions will be taken, the organisers, its servants and agents will not be responsible or in any way liable for any death, disability, personal injury, loss of property or any other loss howsoever arising from any cause whatsoever at any time during the course of this competition.

Appendix 1: Player Eligibility Criteria

S/No	Event	Categories	Eligibility
1	Masters (Individual Event)	i. Men's 45+ Singles	Men born in the year of 1978 and before are eligible to participate
		ii. Men's 45+ Doubles	
		iii. Men's 55+ Singles	Men born in the year of 1968 and before are eligible to participate
		iv. Men's 55+ Doubles	
		v. Ladies' 35+ Singles	Ladies born in the year of 1988 and before are eligible to participate
		vi. Ladies' 35+ Doubles	
2	Open (Individual Event)	i. Men's Singles	All players are eligible to participate.
		ii. Men's Doubles	
		iii. Ladies' Singles	
		iv. Ladies' Doubles	
		v. Mixed Doubles	
3	Intermediate (Individual Event)	i. Men's Singles	All players are eligible to participate.
		ii. Men's Doubles	
		iii. Ladies' Singles	
		iv. Ladies' Doubles	
4	Youth (Individual Event)	i. 10-Under Boys, Girls, Singles and Doubles	Born in 2013 or later
		ii. 12-Under Boys, Girls, Singles and Doubles	Born in 2011 or later