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# **Tennis Venues**

**Tenniscenter Rath (Players Town / Stadium)** Hubertusstraße 80 9020 Klagenfurt

## **Tennis Regulations**

## Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY

It should be needless to say but we expect fair play from all teams. Please respect your opponents as well as your teammates, the umpires and fans and try to play as fair as possible.

The UWG Tennis tournament is hosted in cooperation with the organization **Tennishelden**.

## 1. Age Groups

#### **Boys Singles:**

Category	Cutoff Date
U 20 – US Showcase	Born 01.01.2005 or younger
U 16 – US Showcase	Born 01.01.2009 or younger
U 14	Born 01.01.2011 or younger
U 12	Born 01.01.2013 or younger

#### **Girls Singles:**

Category	Cutoff Date
U 20 – US Showcase	Born 01.01.2005 or younger
U 16 – US Showcase	Born 01.01.2009 or younger
U 14	Born 01.01.2011 or younger
U 12	Born 01.01.2013 or younger

## 2. Squad List & ID Checks

Each player must be able to **prove his/her identity with a valid, official photo ID** at any time upon request of the tournament management. In case of a suspected violation of a cutoff date or the use of an ineligible player, the photo IDs are to be checked in coordination with the referee or court supervisor. A **violation results in an automatic defeat.** 

There is **no maximum number of players per club**. If a club participates with more than one player, a **squad list has to be submitted to the organizing committee** (by mail to <u>office@unitedworldgames.com</u>). This list will be checked, signed and handed out to the respective team representatives upon checking in in Klagenfurt. The coaches are requested to carry the signed squad list, as well as **player's licences or IDs of all athletes with them to all games**.

## 3. Tournament Mode

The tournament mode is designed to **give the players as many matches as possible**. In the **preliminary round**, **a round robin system** in different groups is played.

Depending on the number of participants and the size of the groups, in the **final stage** there will be either semi-finals and finals with cross matches or the 1st player of group A will play against the 1st player of group B, the 2nd player of group A against the 2nd player of group B and so on.

In the case that players are equal in points in the table, the ratio of won matches counts. If the match ratio of two players is also equal, the match between the two players counts.

#### Allocation of point in the preliminary round:

Win 3-0	3 Points
Win 2-1	2 Points
Loss 1-2	1 Point

## 4. Counting Procedure

**In the preliminary rounds, two short sets will be played in every match**. Every match starts at **3:3**. If the score is 40:40, then only one deciding point will be played (no AD on deuce points).

In addition, the returners can choose on which side the server will serve.

**In case the score is 6:6, a regular tiebreak will decide about win or loss of the set.** Furthermore, the normal counting procedure during the games will be applied.

In case of a 1:1 after 2 sets, a match-tiebreak will be played.

#### Final stage rounds:

Playing mode as in group phase. Exception: Set starts at 2:2.

**Disclaimer:** The Tournament Mode is still subject to change and may be adapted to fit the number of participants. Requests and feedback of the respective coaches shall be considered as well.

## 5. ITN Rating & Internal Ranking

For every player an **ITN Rating Number** has to be provided, so that the Organizing Committee can assess the level of all players and divide Groups into an elite tournament and a regular tournament if necessary.

More information and detailed descriptions of the ITN rating system can be viewed here: <u>http://www.tennisplayandstay.com/itn/itn-categories/itn-categories.aspx</u>

If no ITN number is available, the level of play is to be assessed on the basis of the UTR levels. You can find a details definition of the different levels on: https://unitedworldgames.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/UTR\_Levels.pdf

#### 6. Insurance & Disclaimer

The participants are not insured through the organizers. It is up to the coach of each team to make sure that their players and all the participants of the team are insured during the event. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or loss/theft of personal belongings.

With their participation the athletes accept the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the city of Klagenfurt and the province of Carinthia regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure that they are fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

**For all players:** Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

#### 7. Bad Weather

In case of bad weather, the tournament management decides on the playability of the court, whereby the safety and health of the players always have priority.

If an ongoing game cannot continue due to the weather, the result at the time of the cancellation counts, provided that at least one set has been played. If due to the weather games cannot be played at all, the tournament management will decide on all future actions (coin toss, ex aequo placement, 0:0 as a result in the group phase, ...).

Throughout the tournament, the tournament management reserves the right to cancel games in very bad weather conditions.

Because bad weather is always a risk for all participants, the tournament committee or the organizer cannot be held responsible for any financial compensation.

#### 8. Final Remark

The organizers of the United World Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader knows all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

IMPORTANT: In emergencies the emergency number 144 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach, manager or parent/guardian of the affected team must always accompany them.