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By email

Dear Davis Cup Administrators

Further to the information sent to you the week before last regarding the trials for 2018, please see below the formal notice of the detail of the changes, including additional operational information you will need for planning both Home and Away Group II ties in 2018.

For your ease of reading the specific changes have been highlighted in red.

Two Days of Play / Best of Three Sets

2018的賽事只會進行兩天(六、日), 並採三盤兩勝制

第一天(週六): 兩點單打 (第一單對對手第二單, 抽籤會議時決定出場序)

第二天(週日): 一點雙打+兩點單打

Days of play and Schedule (Regulation 36)

(雙打在單打前進行, 第一單對第一單, 第二單對第二單)

1. The tie must be played **Saturday and Sunday**
2. The schedule shall be as follows;

Saturday: Two singles rubbers

Sunday: Doubles rubber followed by two singles rubbers

On Day One the Number One ranked player of each team shall play against the Number Two ranked player of the opposing team **over the best of three tie-break sets**. The order of play shall be decided by lot at the Draw ceremony.

In the doubles, each team shall consist of two players who shall play against the opposing team **over the best of three tie-break sets. The doubles match must take place before the third singles match** (unless otherwise decided by the Referee e.g. due to weather issues).

The Number One ranked player of each team shall play the third singles match.

The Number Two ranked player of each team shall play the fourth singles match.

Interval between matches (Regulation 37)

每日每點單打間需間隔 2 0 分鐘

第二天雙打和第三點單打間需間隔 3 0 分鐘

There shall be an interval of **20 minutes between the singles rubbers** on both days and **30 minutes between the Doubles and third Singles**.

Please note that the Referee has the general discretion to vary the time between matches and order of play in the case of weather issues or any other unavoidable hindrance.

Deadlines for changing player nominations (Regulation 35)

對於更換名單的規則沒有太大改變, 除了第三點單打名單更換必需在雙打賽事結束後 1 0 分鐘內提出。

There are no changes to the current rule except for the third Singles, **whereby a change can be made no later than 10 minutes after completion of the Doubles**.

Playing Conditions (Regulations 40 (b) & (c)) 兩日開賽時間必需間隔至少 2 0 小時以上。

1. The commencement and cessation of play must be arranged so that it is possible for play to be completed each day under reasonable conditions.
2. There must be a minimum of **twenty (20) hours** between the scheduled start time of play on day 1 and the scheduled start time of play on day 2.

如果舉行在室外，第一天白天的時間至少要 6 個小時，第二天則需要 8 小時。

如果使用照明燈或在室內舉辦，兩天第一場賽事務必在晚上 6 點前開賽。

3. For outdoor ties there must be **six (6) hours** of daylight for play on **day 1** (irrespective of the court surface used) and **eight (8) hours** of daylight for play on **day 2**. If artificial light is used, or if the tie is held indoors, **the first match on either day must not start later than 6.00pm.**
4. The times for cessation of play **as well as the protocol for use of floodlights** shall be decided by the Referee.
5. **Any request for a variation to the above requires ITF approval.**

Match Court Availability and Practice on court (Regulation 39)

As you are aware, this rule is already changing for 2018 as approved by the 2017 AGM. There will be no further changes. As a recap the rule for 2018 is as follows;

Indoor ties:

Match court + one practice court ready from **Wednesday 9 am**

If on hard court: if two practice courts are ready by **Wednesday** the match court can be ready on

Thursday 9 am 賽事舉辦在室內時，比賽球場和一面練習球場需在週三上午 9 點前準備完成。如果在硬地比，假設有兩面練習球場在週三備妥，比賽球場可以週四上午 9 點前完成。

Outdoor ties:

Match court ready by **Wednesday 9 am** + one practice court ready by the previous **Sunday** (6 days before start of the tie).

賽事舉辦在室外時，比賽球場需在週三上午 9 點前完成，一面練習球場則需在前一週的週日完成。

Press Conference (Code of Conduct Art II.G.)

Note that any **player playing doubles and the third singles match does not have to attend the press conference until after his singles match, unless the tie is decided after the doubles.**

雙打選手和第三點單打選手在沒有完賽前不需要參加記者會。

Team Presentation Ceremony (Code of Conduct Art II.H.)

There will be **no team presentation ceremony in 2018**, making it logistically easier for team members playing the 4th or 5th rubber.

2018 年不用舉行代表隊介紹儀式。

Arrival of Referee and Neutral Chair Umpire

The Referee will be scheduled to arrive on Tuesday of the week of the tie and the Chair Umpire on Thursday.

裁判長預計會在週二抵達球場，主審則會在週四抵達。

5th player (Regulation 35(a) and Regulation 53)

代表隊可以提名第五位選手參賽(最少三位最多五位)及一位不參賽的教練。但不一定要提名第五位選手，代表隊提名截止日期維持在開賽前十天(週三)。

1. **Nations can nominate a 5th player. A team shall consist of; A minimum of three and a maximum of FIVE which must include the nomination of a playing Captain; or A minimum of four and a maximum of SIX which must include the nomination of a non-playing Captain**
2. **Having a 5th player is not obligatory.** Three remains the minimum number of players.
3. **The ITF will pay the usual travel contribution for the 5th player, taking the travelling expenses entitlement to up to a maximum of five players as well as a captain.** This will be set out in the 2018 Financial Letter, which will be sent to you in November.
4. **The team nomination deadline remains ten days ahead of the tie. As the tie will now start on Saturday, this means Wednesday rather than Tuesday of the preceding week.** An updated form will be sent out to NA's in due course. Please take ample time to consider any eligibility requests you need to submit to the ITF for additional players who have not played Davis Cup before. All requests for 2018 should be sent to us as soon as possible, and by no later than **18 December 2017**. 有需要提報資格者，需於 2017 年 12 月 18 日前提出。
5. **Deadline and procedure for singles and doubles players nominations: No change to current rule**

6. Changes in singles and doubles players nominations: No change to current rule

Dead rubber policy (Regulation 36 (e))

1. The dead rubber policy stated in Regulation 36(e) for Ties in Group II is replaced with the following policy:

a. **If the third rubber (doubles) is decisive:**

- 當第三點雙打賽事已決定勝負時:
1. 只要打第四點單打 i. **Only the fourth rubber must be played;**
 2. 第四點單打採三盤兩勝, 當雙方來到1:1時, 第三盤採搶十. ii. **The fourth rubber shall be the best of three tie-break sets with a tie break in the first two. If the score reaches one set all, a 10 point match tie break will be played;**
 3. 除非雙方及裁判長同意要打第五點單打, 否則不用打. iii. **The fifth rubber will not be played unless both teams and the Referee agree otherwise;**
 4. 如果第五點單打要比, 決勝局採搶十. iv. **If the fifth rubber is played, a 10 point match tie break will be played as a deciding set.**

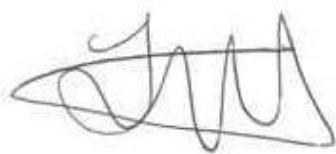
b. **If the fourth rubber (third singles) is decisive:**

- 當第四點單打已決定勝負時:
1. 第五點單打不用打, 除非雙方及裁判長同意要打, 且決勝局採搶十. i. **The fifth rubber will not be played unless both teams and the Referee agree otherwise. In this case, a 10 point match tie break will be played as a deciding set;**
 2. 如果第四點沒有打完(如傷退等), 裁判長可以決定第五點單打是否繼續, 決勝局採搶十. ii. **If the fourth match is not completed (due to injury, etc.) the Referee has the discretion to play the fifth rubber. In this case a 10 point match tie break will be played as a deciding set.**

Please note that because the best of three sets over two days, 5-man team and revised dead rubber policy are trials permitted under the 2018 Davis Cup Regulations, the Davis Cup Regulations that govern the above points will not be formally changed in 2018. Instead, this notice will override the interpretation and application of the Davis Cup Regulations as specified. Anything in the Regulations which is not altered in substance by this notice will apply as normal.

We shall be monitoring the trials and feedback will be formally requested during 2018, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments in the meantime.

With kind regards



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