



2018 Rule Change Summary

Tennis

Change From	Change To
Old Formatting	See also date change at footer to reflect June 2018
<p>3. RULES OF COMPETITION</p> <p> 3.1 Divisioning</p> <p> 3.1.1 An athlete shall be divisioned on the basis of their rating in accordance with Tennis rating form.</p> <p> 3.2.1.2 Two Tie Break short sets using no-ad scoring with a 10 point match tie break to decide the match. In a short set, the first player/team who wins four games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches four games all, a 7-point tie-break game shall be played. When the score in a match is one set all, one 10-point tie-break game shall be played to decide the match. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set. Not recommended for athletes with a rating below 3.0.</p> <p> 3.2.1.3 Two tie break 6 game sets using no- ad scoring with a 10 point match tie break to decide the match. In a 6 game set the first player/team who wins 6 games with a margin of two games wins the set. A 7-point tiebreak shall be played at six games all. When the score in a match is one set all, one 10-point tie-break game shall be played to decide the match. This tie-break game</p>	<p>CHANGED TO:</p> <p>3.1.1 An athlete shall be divisioned based off rating and final score from ITN Assessment Form.</p> <p>DELETED (throughout): Tennis Rating Form</p> <p>CHANGED TO (throughout): ITN Assessment Form</p> <p>DELETED: rating below 3.0</p> <p>CHANGED TO: an ITN below 10</p> <p>DELETED: rating below 6.0</p> <p>CHANGED TO: an ITN higher than 6.0</p>



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3.10 Unified Sports Doubles

3.10.1 Each Unified Sports doubles team shall consist of one player with an intellectual disability and one player without an intellectual disability, who have similar skills as defined by their **SO rating (or ITN)**.

3.1.1 Unified Team Tennis Event

3.11.3 Individual Rating - All tennis players will be rated on the **eight-point Special Olympics Tennis Rating system**. When assembling a Unified doubles team, the athlete and Unified partner need to be as closely aligned in ability as possible. Players either should have the same rating (Player A and Player B have a 4 rating) or vary by no more than 1 – 1.5 points (Player A has a 4 rating and Player B has a 5 rating).

3.11.8 Use of Designated Tennis Balls and Court Sizes for Competition: The **ratings** of doubles teams determine what type of tennis ball must be used in competition as well as the size of the court. A doubles team rating score is the combined score of the two players (i.e. Player A is a 4 and Player B is a 5 giving their doubles team a rating score of 9). Following are the requirements:

3.11.8.1 Unified Team Level 5: Doubles teams with a **combined rating of 10** or higher must use a regulation yellow tennis ball on 78' court.

3.11.8.2 Unified Team Level 4: Doubles teams with a **combined rating of 6.0 - 9.9** must use a

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DELETED: combined rating of 10
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<p>25% lower compression ball (yellow ball with green dot) and play on a 78' court.</p> <p>3.11.8.3 Unified Team Level 2: Doubles teams with a combined rating of between 3.0 – 5.9 will play their matches on a 42' court (service boxes only) and use a red ball.</p> <p>3.12.2 Level 1 ball is the red foam ball.</p>	<p>DELETED: foam</p>
<p>4. LEVELS</p> <p>Level 1 Individual Skills Competition Tennis Rating of 1.0 – 1.9 ITN 10.3-10.2 42' Court – Red foam ball</p> <p>Level 2 Matchplay: Tennis Rating of 2.0 – 2.9 ITN 10.1 42' Court – Red ball</p> <p>Level 3 Matchplay: Tennis Rating of 3.0 – 3.9 ITN 10 60' Court – Orange ball</p> <p>Level 4 Matchplay: Tennis Rating of 3.0 – 4.9 ITN 9 78' Court – Green ball</p> <p>Level 5 Matchplay: (Yellow ball with green dot) Tennis Rating of 5.0 –8.0 ITN 8,7,6 78' Court – Yellow ball</p> <p>4.2 Level 3 is intended as a transitional level for training purposes. It can be used for competition if sufficient entrants at this level are expected.</p> <p>4.3 The SO Tennis Rating above are for singles, the range of rating should be doubled when athletes are playing doubles matches, i.e. Level 4 would become 6.0 – 9.9.</p>	<p>DELETED: foam</p> <p>DELETED: Tennis Rating of 1.0 – 1.9</p> <p>DELETED: Tennis Rating of 2.0 – 2.9</p> <p>DELETED: Tennis Rating of 3.0 – 3.9</p> <p>DELETED: Tennis Rating of 3.0 – 4.9</p> <p>ADDED: Level 6 Matchplay: ITN 7,6 78' Court – Yellow ball Tennis Rating of 6.5 – 8.0</p> <p>DELETED: Level 3 is intended as a transitional level for training purposes. It can be used for competition if sufficient entrants at this level are expected.</p> <p>CHANGED TO: In Doubles play, both players should be rated at the same level. If not, the team must play at the level of the highest player. (Example: Level 4 and Level 5 players paired together must complete in Level 5 with the designated yellow ball and 78' ct). The combined singles rating will be used to division the team at the higher level.</p>



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<p>5. SPECIAL OLYMPICS TENNIS RATING SHEET</p> <p>**SHEET**</p> <p>Suggested Competition level for athletes</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 1.0 – 1.9 Athlete should compete in: Level 1 – Individual Skills Competition</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 2.0 – 2.9 Athlete should compete in: Level 2 – 42’ Court – Red ball</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 3.0 – 3.9</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 3.0 – 4.9</p> <p>Athlete should compete in:</p> <p>Athlete should compete in:</p> <p>Level 3 – 60’ Court – Orange ball</p> <p>Level 4 – 78’ Court – Green ball</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 5.0 – 8.0 Athlete should compete in: Level 5 – 78’ Court – Yellow ball</p>	<p>DELETED: SPECIAL OLYMPICS TENNIS RATING SHEET</p> <p>CHANGED TO: ITN ASSESSMENT FORM TENNIS RATING FORMS</p> <p>DELETED: SHEET</p> <p>DELETED:</p> <p>Suggested Competition level for athletes</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 1.0 – 1.9 Athlete should compete in: Level 1 – Individual Skills Competition</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 2.0 – 2.9 Athlete should compete in: Level 2 – 42’ Court – Red ball</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 3.0 – 3.9</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 3.0 – 4.9</p> <p>Athlete should compete in:</p> <p>Athlete should compete in:</p> <p>Level 3 – 60’ Court – Orange ball</p> <p>Level 4 – 78’ Court – Green ball</p> <p>Tennis Rating of 5.0 – 8.0 Athlete should compete in: Level 5 – 78’ Court – Yellow ball</p>