IFBT BEACH TENNIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

Any athlete registering for an official tournament or an event approved by the International Federation of Beach Tennis (IFBT) declares that they fully understand the Competition Regulations, the Disciplinary Regulations, the Beach Tennis rules, and the IFBT privacy policy, and that they accept and comply with these regulations and the official rules. Any athlete registering for any official tournament approved by the International Federation of Beach Tennis (IFBT) certifies that they are fit to participate and guarantees that they possess the necessary physical and psychological conditions, and that they are responsible for the actions or consequences of their participation in the tournaments.

Any athlete registering for any official tournament approved by the International Federation of Beach Tennis grants their image rights to the tournament, the organizer, and the IFBT.

To participate in the official IFBT World and Continental Championships, players must have a code identifying them as IFBT players. Players must register on the IFBT platform and pay the fee, valid for a twelve-month period.

PLAYERS RESIDING IN ITALY

In championships held in Italy, players residing in Italy must provide the corresponding medical certificate in order to participate in the Championship, in accordance with Italian legislation.

1. CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES.

The World and Continental Championships offer up to 30 categories throughout the championship days, adapting to the level of the players, from beginners to advanced. It is a World Championship for everyone.

Men's and Women's Doubles 50+, 40+, 30
Mixed Doubles 50+, 40+, 30
Men's and Women's Doubles Pro, Adv., Int.
Mixed Doubles Pro, Adv., Int.
Men's and Women's Singles Pro, Adv., Int.
Doubles Under-14, 16
Doubles Adult & Junior

2. TEAM COMPETITION.

The team tournament is open to players representing confederations, federations, and associations affiliated with IFBT and/or CSIT (International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation). Other entities wishing to participate may do so upon request. Each team shall consist of a captain*, a minimum of two male players and two female players.

The competition may be played, at the discretion of the Chief Judge, in a round-robin format or by direct elimination and will consist of one men's doubles match, one women's doubles match, and one mixed doubles match, which will only be played in case of a tie (if the result is 2–0, the mixed doubles match will not be played). Matches will be played in a single set of 9 games.

Each organization may enter up to two teams per category included in the championship registration.

In team competitions, each player may participate in only one category. This means that a player competing in Pro, Advanced or Intermediate may only play in one of these categories. The same rule applies to age divisions: Over30, Over40 or Over50.

*The captain may also be a player.

Team's Categories:
Pro-Team, Adv-Team, Int-Team
+30-Team, +40-Team, +50-Team
Sub-14 Team, Sub-16 Team

3. COMPETITION SYSTEM

The competition system for the open events of the World and Continental Championships will be carried out in two phases: the first in a group stage (Round Robin) and the second in a knockout stage.
The competition system will vary between the group stage and the knockout stage:

a) **Group Stage**: A single set up to 6 games; in case of a 6–6 tie, a 7-point tie-break will be played.
b) **Knockout Stage up to Semifinals:** A single set up to 6 games; in case of a 6–6 tie, a 7-point tie-break will be played.
c) **Knockout Stage, Final:** A single set up to 9 games with a two-game advantage; in case of an 8–8 tie, a 7-point tie-break will be played.

In all categories, matches will be played using the NO-AD system (no advantage).

3.1. GROUP STAGE

Groups will be formed according to the number of registered pairs:

a) From 4 to 5 pairs: Single group (Round Robin).
b) From 6 to 50 pairs: Divided into groups of 3 pairs, and the remaining one or two pairs will form one or two groups of 4 pairs.

3.2. DISTRIBUTION OF PAIRS INTO GROUPS

Through the IFBT application, positions will be generated automatically based on the total ranking points each pair has in the category. The first position of each group will be assigned one per group, while the remaining positions will be assigned randomly through the application.

3.3. TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA IN THE GROUP STAGE

Groups of 3 pairs:

In case of a tie in the number of matches won, the following criteria will apply:
a) Game difference: Total games won minus total games lost.
b) Tie-break by draw among the tied teams.

Groups of 4 pairs:

a) Head-to-head result among the tied teams.
b) Game difference: Total games won minus total games lost.
c) Tie-break by draw among the tied teams.

4. COMPETITION DRAW

The referee will publish the schedules and matches of the group stage at least one day before the categories begin.

5. APPLICATION OF W.O. (WALKOVER)

A player or team must appear to compete in the Championship at the time specified by the event organizer. If a player does not appear within 15 minutes, a disqualification (W.O.) will be applied. In doubles categories, if one or both members of the pair are absent, the team will receive a W.O. Disqualification means they may not participate in any other group-stage match of the category in which the disqualification occurred.

The disqualification applies only to the category in which the scheduled start time was not met, not to any other category in which they may be registered.

A W.O. may also be applied due to injury or illness before the start of the match.

6. WARM-UP

Warm-ups are the period or act of preparation before a match and may not exceed 5 minutes. Failure to comply with these rules may result in sanctions for teams that do not follow them.

7. REST TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

The minimum rest period before playing the next match will be:

- 5 minutes in the group stage.
- 10 minutes in knockout stages.
- 30 minutes in semifinals and finals.

8. WITHDRAWAL DUE TO INJURY

In case of withdrawal due to injury during a group-stage match, the following criteria will apply to ensure competitive fairness among all pairs in the group:

8.1. Withdrawal in the last match of the group

If the withdrawal occurs in the last match the pair must play in the group:

- The partial score at the moment of withdrawal will be maintained.
- The remaining games needed to complete the set will be awarded to the opponent.
- The final match result will reflect the partial score plus the awarded games.

8.2. Withdrawal before the last match of the group

If the withdrawal occurs before the pair's last match in the group:

- All matches played by that pair will be recorded as a 0–6 loss, regardless of the actual result.
- All pending matches will also be recorded as 0–6.

This measure ensures that all pairs in the group compete under equal conditions and avoids advantages or disadvantages derived from partial results.

9. LOSS BY WALKOVER (W.O.)

In the group stage, the pair losing due to a walkover will be automatically disqualified from the category, and all matches corresponding to that pair will be cancelled.
For example, if there were four pairs in the group, there will now be only three.

10. DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

The IFBT Disciplinary Regulations apply to infractions committed by players, coaches, physiotherapists, health professionals, referees, judges, and all those involved in the sporting development of championships and tournaments.

In addition, they apply to any events or incidents that may occur in areas adjacent to the sports facilities, such as accommodations, transport, tournament facilities, bars, restaurants, etc. All infractions occurring during the World Championship are subject to the IFBT Disciplinary Regulations. The Chief Judge must report the infractions committed to the IFBT Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to sanction infractions committed by members, players, referees, judges, or others for violations of the Competition Regulations, fair play, inappropriate conduct in competitions, match manipulation, anti-doping rules, or other actions that may discredit the sport of Beach Tennis or the IFBT. Against the decision of the Sports Disciplinary Committee, the affected person may appeal to the Single Appeals Judge after receiving the sanctioning decision.

11. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Director is responsible for organizing the championships. Their role is to oversee all mandatory and necessary elements for the proper functioning of the tournament, such as transport, food, accommodation, etc.

12. HEAD JUDGE

The sporting organization of the Championship is the responsibility of the Chief Judge, assisted by the table referees. The Chief Judge is responsible for creating and publishing the schedules and match times, supervising the development of the matches, ensuring

compliance with the Championship rules and regulations, and making final decisions in situations not covered by the established rules.

13. OMISSIONS

Any omission not covered in the Competition Regulations, the Disciplinary Regulations, or other IFBT Rules will be resolved by the Chief Judge together with the IFBT supervisor, if present at the event.

14. REGISTRATION BY CATEGORY

Players must register through the IFBT application. They will log into their player profile, where they can select the Championship and choose the category in which they wish to participate. To do so, they need to know their partner's IP code. They may add or remove registrations until the Championship deadline. Payments are personal, and each member of the pair must make their own payment. Payment may be made per registration or as a single payment for all registrations.

15. DEADLINE (REGISTRATION CLOSING)

The last day to register for the Open category is May 17 at 11:59 pm. For the Team Tournament, it is May 10 at 11:59 pm.

16. EVENT CANCELLATION

Events included in the IFBT championships — including open categories and team events are subject to the effective participation of a **minimum number of registered players**. IFBT reserves the right to cancel any event that does not meet this requirement, as well as to suspend or modify events due to adverse weather conditions, force majeure, or unforeseen circumstances.

These cancellations will not generate any obligation of financial compensation for travel, accommodation, registration, or other costs incurred by participating federations, clubs, or athletes

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