

Tennis Sports Technical Manual Version 2.0





WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Talofa lava and welcome to Beautiful Samoa – home of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

We are excited to host the Pacific Region's largest quadrennial games here in our country, with more than 4000 Athletes and Team Officials from 24 countries competing in 27 sports.

Samoa is honoured to host you for the Games. We are proud of the work that has been accomplished to produce a world-class event for everyone in such a short period of time. Our motto from the beginning has been to "put our best foot forward" and we hope you will agree that we have done just that.

We put athletes and sport at the heart of our work and want to create a stage where you can excel. We are excited to provide an opportunity and platform for athletes to show their potential and create sporting memories at the Games here in Samoa. We admire your dedication to your sport and acknowledge and appreciate all your efforts in preparing your team to compete at the XVI Pacific Games from 7–20 July 2019. We are also eager to give you the best facilities, organisation and support that the people of Samoa can provide so your athletes can compete at their best.

As a nation, we know that to deliver a successful Games for our Pacific athletes, we will all need to be One in Spirit. Faafetai tele lava to each of the teams for the invaluable assistance provided to the Games Organising Committee. We could not have done this without your support.

We are delighted to present the Sport Technical Handbook for the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

This publication contains details of the technical arrangements for your Sports and the various aspects of the Games that affect you. Please treat this as your source of reference during the Games.

Our dedicated Games staff and volunteers are here to assist you if you have any questions or issues. You can also seek further guidance from our Sport Information Centre located at the Games Village and Sport Information Desks at every venue.

We believe that the Pacific Games is not only about sports but also about building bonds between our Pacific nations. Therefore, we wish you a fantastic time at the Games. We hope you enjoy our warm Samoan hospitality as well as the camaraderie of the 24 nations from the Pacific that are participating in this year's Games.

One in Spirit!

Hon. Loau Solamalemalo Keneti Sio Chairperson Samoa 2019 Pacific Games Falefata Hele-Ei Matatia Chief Executive Officer Samoa 2019 Pacific Games

ORGANISATION

2.1 International Federation (IF) – ITF – International Tennis Federation

President: David Haggerty

Chief Operating Officer: Kelly Fairweather

2.2 Regional Tennis Association - OTF - Oceania Tennis Federation

President: Cyrille Mainguy

2.3 National Tennis Association - TSI - Tennis Samoa Incorporated

President: Leota Ray Schuster

Secretary:Paulo Stowers.

Treasurer: Monalisa Kamu

2.4 Tennis Technical Committee - Pre Games

Sports Competition Manager: Tagaloa Yvonne Carruthers

ITF Technical Delegate: Francis Bryard

Tournament Referee: Stephen Gibson

2.5 Tennis Technical Committee - Games Time

International Federation (ITF)

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- Technical Delegate (TD): Francis Bryard (Vanuatu)
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Organising Committee (OC)

Sports Competition Manager (SCM): Tagaloa Yvonne Carruthers.

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Technical Delegate: Francis Bryard (Vanuatu)

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Chair Umpires:

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Iakopo Moloti (Tuvalu)

Rufino Pineda (Vanuatu)

Tony Brosnahan (New Zealand)

Prasad Maduranga Jayalatharachchi (Sri Lanka)

Melissa Rigby (New Zealand)

Quincy Davis (Australia)

Samuel Beckett (Australia)

Sophie Rayne (Australia)

Maria Theresa Mailing-Cope (New Zealand)

Pierre-Louis Messonnier (New Caledonia)

2.8 National Technical Officials (NTO)

Chair Umpire

Stephan Szegedi Samoa

2.9 Technical Meeting Date

The Technical Committee meeting will be held no more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition. This meeting will provide the most current sport specific information.

The Technical Committee shall ensure that the Pacific Games Tennis competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of International Tennis Federation and Oceania Tennis Federation. Updated information will be distributed at this time.

The Tennis Technical Committee meeting has been scheduled as follows;

Date: Saturday 6 July, 2019

Time: 1600hrs

Venue: Apia Park Tennis Courts

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

3.1 List of Events

The Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Tennis Competition shall consist of the following events:

Team Event:

Men: 2 singles/1 doubles.

Women: 2 singles/1 doubles.

Individual Event:

Men's Singles

Men's Doubles

Women's Singles

Women's Doubles

Mixed Doubles

3.2 Competition Schedule

The following schedule is based on numerical entries provided in February 2019. Changes may occur at the time of the Games depending on final entries. This schedule is provided as an indication only.

Event		Location	Round		Draw size	S	М	Т	W	Th	F	S	Su	М	Т	W	Th	F	S
						7/7	8/7	9/7	10/7	11/7	12/7	13/7	14/7	15/7	16/7	17/7	18/7	19/7	20/7
Womens Teams			Rı	РМ	13		15												
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			R3	PM		Р			15										L
			SF	AM		Ε				6									0
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	Finals					1													- 1
Mens	Teams		R 1	AM	15	N	18												N
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			R 2	PM				18											
			R 2	AM		С		3											С
			R 3	AM		Е			18										Е
			R 3	PM		R			3										R
			SF	AM		Е				6	-								Е
			Medal Rnd	AM		М					6								М
Mens	Singles	-	ıst		53	0						21							0
			2nd			N								16					N
			3rd			Υ									8				Υ
			QF													4			
			SF												-		2		
			Medal Rnd															2	
Womens	Singles		1st		47							15							

		2nd								16					
		3rd									8				
		QF										4			
		SF											2		
		Medal Rnd												2	
Mens	Doubles	ıst	24						8						
		2nd								8					
		QF									4				
		SF										2			
		Medal Rnd											2		
Women	Doubles	ıst	24						8						
		2nd								8					
		QF							-		4				
		SF			-		-					2			
		Medal Rnd					-						2		
Mixed	Doubles	ıst	42					10							
		2nd							16						
		3rd								8	7				
		Q/F			-		-		-		4				
		S/F					-					2			
		Medal Rnd											2		
Total Matches			322	36	36	36	12	22	68	56	28	14	10	4	
Courts in use				6	6	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	4	2	
Total Chair Umpires needed				12	12	12	6	12	12	12	12	6	6	3	
Line Umpires		Number													
		Crew size													
		No. of Crews/C	ourt												

3.3 Entries, Seeds and Draws

All athletes must comply with entry requirements as specified in the PGC Charter: Protocol 7.

3.4 Entry by Name (Protocol 7.10 - 7.15)

Entries by name containing the names of competitors and the events in which they wish to compete, shall be forwarded electronically, to reach the Organising Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the opening of the Games. Thirty percent of the Pacific Games Authority's estimated per diem obligation shall be payable at this time.

A further confirmation of entries by name shall be required from PGAs no later than 30 days before the opening of the Games, from which the official and final per diem obligation will be calculated. A further 30% of this official per diem obligation shall be payable at this time. PGAs shall pay the remaining per diem obligation no later than the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) upon arrival and no Games Accreditations shall be issued to PGAs until the full per diem obligation is discharged. (Protocol 7.10)

A pre-DRM in person, or through the use of technology, shall occur within five days after the further confirmation of entries 30 days before the Games. (Protocol 7.11)

Each PGA shall pay at the DRM such sum as the Executive Board may prescribe for each competitor and official entered, which shall be paid into a separate account in the name of the Council. (Protocol 7.12)

Entries shall be completed electronically, and shall be forwarded to the OC via the Sporting Pulse provided Games Management System website. A PGA may also, simultaneously, submit a signed spreadsheet of athlete entries as an additional step to confirm its entries. The OC shall forward the entries to the Council and the relevant International Federations. (Protocol 7.13)

The OC shall send to PGAs copies of "Entry and Eligibility Conditions form" in English and French to be signed by each competitor and to be countersigned by the appropriate PGA and duly affiliated National Federation (NF). Completed forms for each athlete must be returned to the OC no later than the DRM. The Council shall approve the text to this form based upon the guidelines contained in Regulation 20. (Protocol 7.14)

As per Article 26 (5), late entries by name will not be accepted. (Protocol 7.15)

3.5 Final Entries (Protocol 7.16 - 7.21)

The names of competitors finally entered for each event shall be confirmed to the

Organising Committee at the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) at least 48 hours prior to the official opening of the Games (Protocol 7.16).

Only those competitors whose names appear on the individual entry forms shall be eligible for final confirmation of participation (Protocol 7.17).

When a competitor is injured after being included in the Final Entries Forms, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate established by the Doctor designated by the Games Organising Committee provided this information is made before midnight preceding the opening event of the tournament in which the injured competitor would have taken part. The substitute's name must have been entered in the Individual Entries Forms of that sport. (Protocol 7.18)

Each Pacific Games Association shall be required to ensure that Article 8 is observed with regard to the selection and management of its team. (Protocol 7.19)

The Executive Board may require the Organiszing Committee to reject an entry, which does not comply with the requirements of the Charter, or for any other good sufficient reason. (Protocol 7.20)

Penalties shall be imposed on the PGA for entries submitted that do not comply with the Council Charter. These penalties shall be payable to the PGC and shall include a minimum monetary fine of US\$1,000 or removal of the PGA's voting rights at the next Council annual meeting, or both. (Protocol 7.21)

3.6 Conditions of Entry

For Pacific Games and in respect of all activities of the Council and events under its control, there shall be no discrimination against any member country or persons on any grounds whatsoever, including race, gender, religion or politics.

The Executive Board may require the Organiszing Committee to reject an entry, which does not comply with the requirements of the Charter, or for any other good sufficient reason. (Protocol 7.20)

3.7 Maximum Entries

The maximum number of players per Country who may compete in the Pacific Games

Tennis competition is as follows:

Maximum of 8 players, with no more than 5 of the same sex.

3.8 Draws

The draw will be conducted in accordance with IF Rules. Further details will be provided at the Technical Committee Meeting.

3.9 Competition Rules and Regulations

- 1) The following Tennis competitions shall be organised:
- a) Singles: two (2) tournaments a. Men's Singles b. Women's Singles

Each Country/Territory may enter a maximum of four (4) players in the Men's Singles and four (4) players in the Women's Singles events.

- b) Doubles: There will be three (3) tournaments:
 - a. Men's Doubles
 - b. Women's Doubles
 - c. Mixed Doubles

Each Country/Territory may enter a maximum of 2 teams in the Men's and Women's Doubles above, and a maximum of 4 teams in the Mixed Doubles Event.

- c) Teams Event: There will be two (2) tournaments:
 - a. Men's Team 1 team per Country/Territory
 - b. Women's Team 1 team per Country/Territory

Each of these two tournaments will be conducted over round robin in groups followed by direct elimination draw based on the round robin results, and each separate round between two Countries/Territories will consist of:

- 2 singles matches
- 1 doubles match

Each Country/Territory may select any 2 players of their team to play singles and any 2 players to play doubles provided the singles players play in the ranking order given to the Referee prior to the start of the Teams Event.

- 2) There will be 7 different tournaments and the following medals will be awarded:
 - 7 gold medals
 - 7 silver medals
 - 7 bronze medals
- 3) The teams shall comprise a maximum of 8 players, with no more than 5 players of the same sex. A Country/Territory may elect to have a reserve as a non-playing member. This player can only play in the case of the original player having to withdraw from an event. This player can take the withdrawn player's position only if the player has not commenced playing in that event. However, this would not restrict such reserve from playing in the next round of a Team's Event. (Please note the intent of this rule is not to provide teams with an additional player, but a replacement player in case of a certified medical injury which rules the player from competing further in the Games with any player replaced not being able to return to the competition under any circumstances).
- 4) All Singles Matches in both the Individual and Teams Event will be the best of 3 Tie-Break Sets. In all Doubles Matches No-Ad scoring shall be used throughout the match and when the score is one set all, one (1) match TieBreak game (10 Points) shall be played to decide the match. The exception to this will be the Teams Event when all Doubles Matches will be the best of 3 Tie-Break Sets with standard scoring.

In all Doubles Matches where No-Ad scoring is operating, the receiver(s) shall choose whether to receive the service from the right or the left of the court. In Doubles, the players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The team who wins the deciding point wins the game.

In Mixed Doubles, the player of the same gender as the server shall receive the deciding point. The players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point.

5) The Tournament Committee will decide on the type of tennis ball to be used (ITF approved), the number of balls to be used on court and their change (e.g. for the 3rd set, new balls will be used).

- 6) The type of court surface to be used will be decided by the Host Country/Territory. They will advise the various Countries/Territories accordingly eighteen (18) months before the Opening of the Games.
- 7) The type of ball to be used should be made known to the Countries/Territories at least three (3) months before the Opening of the Games. Two cans of these balls (new or good used) should be given to each team for practice prior to the start of the Games
- 8) The Teams' Event shall be played first, followed by the Singles' Event. Once the Singles Event has started, the Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events can begin. If time permits, the Tournament Committee should be encouraged to play Consolation Events for players/teams losing the first match they actually play. There will be no medals for winning such events.
- 9) Determination of Seeds:
- a) For the teams event there will be four seeds. The guidelines that the selections committee should adopt, in no priority order, will be that the four strongest Nations based on the criteria below will be seeded 1(Group A), 2 (Group B), 3 (Group C), and 4 (Group D).
 - Finishing position at the immediately previous Games (Mini or Main Pacific Games).
 - Strength of these three teams as compared to previous Games.
 - Strength of the fourth team (losing Bronze Medal Play-Off) from the previous Games.
 - The Host Country is no longer automatically seeded 4th and this position would be taken by the next strongest nation after the evaluation of the above criteria by the selections committee.
- b) Seedings for the individuals/doubles events should be done on the latest available rankings and actual match results rather than simply on historical results from previous Pacific Games. The following guidelines, in no priority order, should be used to determine the final seedings:
 - 1) WTA/ATP Rankings
 - 2) Head to Head from the just completed Team's event
 - 3) Regional Tournament results
 - 4) Davis and Fed Cup selection tournament results
 - 5) Davis and Fed Cup competition results
 - 6) Results of fixtures between Pacific Nations
 - 7) Historical results from previous Pacific Games, both Maxi and Mini Games.

- c) The number of seeds for the individual and doubles events will be:
 - 4 for a 16 draw
 - 8 for a 32 draw
 - 16 for a 64 draw
- 10) Construction of the Draws:
- (a) Teams Event regulations used at ITF teams competitions shall apply
 - (i) Round Robin teams will be drawn into groups of four with one seed in each group for a 16 nation competition. With 8 or less nations there will be two groups and with 9–12 nations there will be three groups.
 - (ii) On completion of the round robin the four group winners shall contest the main draw semi-final and final. The Winner of Group A will play the Winner of Group D and the Winner of Group B will play the winner of Group C.

If there are three groups, the three winners and the best performed second placed nation will contest the semifinals. The above format will apply with the best performed second placed Nation playing the Winner of Group A.

For two groups the first and second placed nations in each group will contest the semifinals with the Winners playing the 2nd placed team in the opposite group in the semi-finals.

- (iii) If time permits and the tournament committee agree then the remaining teams may contest placement ties.
- (b) Singles and Doubles events the regulations used at Olympic Games shall apply.
 - (i) Seedings determined by the committee as outlined in Rule 9(b) and drawn in accordance with normal regulations and the separation outlined below.
 - (ii) Separation of Players from the same Nation Where there are four (4) or three (3) players from the same Country/Territory, they are to be drawn in separate quarters of the draw with those seeded in separate halves where possible. Where there are two (2) players from the same Country/Territory, they should be drawn in opposite halves of the draw. In making such draw, the priority for drawing such players (after the seeds have been drawn/placed) should be Countries/Territories with 4 players, then 3 players, then 2 players and finally 1 player. Likewise in Doubles, countries with 4 teams, followed by those with 3 teams, 2 teams and finally 1 team.
- 11) The latest ITF Rules of Tennis and Code of Conduct will apply.
- 12) a) In the Teams Event, the team captain must give to the Referee the names of the singles players in order of merit prior to the start of the event and the draw being made
- b) Thereafter, no change may be made to the order of merit with the exception that a non-

playing reserve may take the lowest place on the team in the event of a withdrawal by a player, with all other players moving up one place.

- c) Team managers must notify the Referee of the names of the two Singles players for each round at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the team's match in that round. Different members may be selected to play in any round. If a Country/Territory fails to submit names of the two players within the time allowed, then the Referee will take the names of the two (2) Singles players used by that Country/Territory in the last round.
- d) If the number 1 player is not selected for any round, the number 2 player will automatically take its number 1 place for that round and the number 3 player shall move into the second position for that round. If the number 1 player is thereafter selected, he/she shall resume the number 1 position.
- e) Any two (2) members of the team may play in any of the Doubles matches. The nominations should be on the original selection sheet given to the referee prior to the start of that round. This selection may be changed within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the number 1 singles match.
- f) The order of play in the Teams Event will be: number 2 singles, number 1 Singles; then the Doubles. There will be an appropriate break between the #1 Singles and Doubles.
- 13) A Team Manager/Coach may sit on court as team captain during a team's event. This person may be changed from round to round and a player could be designated as the captain for any round. The ITF Rules relative to coaching will apply.

3.10 Protests, Appeals and Arbitration Procedures

The Technical Delegate will head the Arbitration process. He will be assisted by the SCM and Team Leader. Protests & Appeals will be deliberated on according to ITF process & PG Charter. Protests or appeals must only be done and confined to instances of breach of the competition rules and regulations. Any escalation of protest or appeal will be done at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

COMPETITION VENUE

4.1 Apia Park Tennis

The Tennis competition of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games will be held at the Apia Park Tennis Courts.

4.2 Travel time

The Apia Park Tennis Courts is approximately 20 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

4.3 Facilities

The venue will provide the following facilities:

- Warm-up area
- Technical Officials area
- Marshalling tent (linesman and ball kids)
- Competition Management Office
- Sport Information Desk
- Athlete medical tent

4.4 Technical Details

All competition and practice matches will be played on 6 tennis courts.

4.5 Sport Information Desk

Each competition venue will have a Sport Information Desk (SID). This will be your main point of contact during your stay to provide you with additional information you may require, as well as being the main collection point of relevant competition information.

The main Sports Information Centre (SIC) will be located in the international zone at the Games Village, Faleula, Apia.

TRAINING VENUE

Training for tennis will take place at the Apia Park Tennis Courts.

5.1 Travel time

This venue is located approximately 25 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

5.2 Facilities

The venue will provide the following facilities:

Warm-up area

- Technical Officials area
- Marshalling tent (linesman & ball kids)
- Competition Management Office
- Sport Information Desk
- Athlete medical tent

5.3 Availability

The training venue will be available from 4 July, 2019. A detailed training schedule will be drawn up for all teams.

5.4 Amendment and Booking of Training Venues

Upon arrival in Apia, each team will receive a detailed schedule of the slots they have been allocated before and during the event.

Amendments to and the booking for additional training times should be done at the SIC in the Games Village.

5.5 Media Access to Training Venues

Media will not be permitted at any XVI Pacific Games Non-Competition Training Venues.

However, nominated PGA team photographers will be permitted.

Media access at all XVI Pacific Games Competition Training Venues will be at the discretion of the Sports Competition Manager.



6.1 Information before 4 July 2019

PGAs requiring any information or clarification should contact the relevant Sports Competition Manager.

6.2 Information from 4 July 2019

The main Sports Information Centre (SIC) is located in the Games Village in Faleula Methodist Compound. There will also be a Sport Information Desk at each of the Competition Venues.

6.3 Sports Information Centre at the Games Village

The SIC at the Games Village will be open from 4 July, 2019. It will open from 0700hrs until 2200hrs and will provide Chefs de Mission, Team Managers and Team Officials with critical information relating specifically to training and competition for each of the 27 Sports. Athletes will not have access to the Sports Information Centre.

The SIC will be staffed by personnel who can liaise directly with relevant Sports Competition Managers, to provide a one-stop sport, transport information and troubleshooting service to Team Officials and their technical staff.

The SIC will provide all sports information and results. Other general services offered by the information centre are:

- Distribution of technical information, such as results, start lists, competition schedules etc.
- Distribution of information regarding Technical meetings, seedings and draws, Technical Officials appointments, training sessions, transport arrangements, etc.
- Procedures for PGAs to book/amend training sessions.
- Procedure for PGAs to declare training sessions open to the media and for advising media on a daily basis of any "open" training sessions.
- Providing communication links between competition venue, Competition Management and Teams.
- Receipt and authorization of requests for Athlete Venue Meals.
- Co-ordination of sports and other information for PGAs.

6.4 Results

Results will be available for publication and online between 30 and 60 minutes after the conclusion of competition.

MEDICAL

7.1 Games Polyclinic

The Village Medical Centre at the Games Village will provide primary medical care services from 4 - 22 July 2019 to all Athletes, Team Members and Officials.

The clinic will operate 24 hours and be staffed mainly by a qualified doctor and registered nurses on 8-hour shifts.

Dental officer, physiotherapy and pharmaceutical services are available onsite daily from o700hrs to 2200hrs.

Services provided: General medical and emergency services with pharmacy and dental mobile facility. Ambulance service will also be onsite.

7.2 Technical Officials

Technical Officials will be able to use the facilities at the Games Polyclinic, during the stated times of operation. Technical officials can access all of the services provided, including the stated 24-hour emergency services.

7.3 Competition Venues

Medical services will be provided for athletes at each of the Competition Venues. The service will be available from one (1) hour prior to start of competition until all athletes have been treated. Where required by the sport, paramedic ambulances will also be on standby at the venue.

7.4 Training Venues

Medical services provided to the Training Venues shall be on an on-call basis. Referrals from team doctors requiring further attention can be attended to at the Polyclinic.

Where required by the sport, paramedic ambulances will also be on standby on an on-call basis.

7.5 Prosthesis Repair

Prosthesis repairs will be provided at the TTM General Hospital Medical Device Services. All requests for repairs should be through the Polyclinic.

7.6 Doping Control

The Athletes are informed that drug testing will be organised for the duration of the Pacific Games, in close collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Agency, WADA.

It is the responsibility of supervisors and Athletes to refer to the list of prohibited substances and to abstain from consuming them.

The list can be downloaded from the World Anti-Doping Agency website www.wada-ama.org

Any Athlete that tests positive to a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.



8.1 Athletes and Team Officials

Athletes and Team Officials from each country will use dedicated private vehicles for their movement through Games locations, including the Games Village, the competition venue, the training venue and the dining halls. These vehicles will come with a dedicated driver. Each team is responsible for the driver. The vehicles will be available from the date of arrival of the team to the end of competition.

8.2 Technical Officials

Technical Officials will use a Technical Official Shuttle Service for their movement to and from their accommodation to the Competition Venues. This service will run from date of arrival through the day after competition. As different sports are accommodated at different hotels, the service will be dedicated to each group of Technical Officials. Technical Officials will use a pool vehicle service to access the dining halls on an individual technical official basis.

8.3 Competition Venues

Shuttle Bus Services to Competition Venues will cease upon completion of that venue's competition. Note the shuttle bus service does not stop at every competition venue.

Bus services to all Sporting Venues cease by 1900hrs, on 20 July, 2019



GENERAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

9.1 Technical Committee

The tennis Technical Committee will meet on 6 July 2019 1600hrs at the Apia Park Tennis Complex

Please note that the date, time and place of the meeting will be confirmed on 25 June, 2019 at the latest.

Role of the Technical Committee

The Technical Committee will abide by the following rules enacted by the Pacific Games Council Charter amended on 17 June, 2019.

Protocol 15 of the Pacific Games Charter:

Organisation of the Different Sports Competition Committees.

- 15.1 The Council has complete control of the policy of the Games.
- 15.2 The Organising Committee shall set up its own sports division and also one such sports competition committee for each sport. Each National Federation of the Host PGA affiliated to the relevant International Federation whose sport is included in the programme of the Games shall appoint one of its representatives to serve on the sports competition committee. Each representative shall keep his/her governing body informed on progress made. The governing body shall maintain close liaison with the sports competition committee of its sport and be initially responsible, within the overall policy of the OC, for the arrangements of its sport.
- 15.3 Under the direction of the Council, the Organising Committee shall convene meetings of a PGC Technical Committee for each sport. The PGC Technical Committee will supervise and assume complete control of the technical arrangements for the sport, and ensure that the sport is conducted in accordance with the relevant International Federation's regulations unless as varied by the PGC Executive Board.
- 15.4 Membership of each PGC Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the Host country/territory, one representative from each of the other competing countries/territories and the International Federation representative (or their nominee), all with voting rights. Other members maybe co-opted, but without voting rights.
- 15.5 The date, time and place of the meeting of a PGC Technical Committee for each sport will be communicated to all PGAs at least one month prior to the opening of the Games. The meeting itself will be held not more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the sport.
- **15.6** Each PGC Technical Committee shall elect its own Chairman and have an officer of the Council as an ex-officio member.
- 15.7 No PGC Technical Committee can validly meet without at least 50% of participating PGAs (excluding the Host) in that sport being present.

15.8 The PGC Technical Committee may alter the order and timing of events during and between each day of competition on the programme, but it may not alter the detailed programme and/or dates of sport competition without the approval of the PGC Executive Board.

9.2 International Rules

The events will be organised in conformity with the regulations of the international rules of Tennis.

9.3 Medals

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in the Pacific Games

Tennis in accordance with the PGC Charter; Protocol 26.

- Four (4) or more contestants: Gold . Silver and Bronze
- Three (3) contestants: Gold and Silver only
- Two (2) contestants: Gold only
- One (1) contestant: No Event, No Medal

9.4 Medal Ceremonies

In conformity with Protocol 23 of the Charter, the Medal Ceremonies will be held after the finals.

Each Athlete is requested to wear the official sports uniform of her/his delegation to attend the Medal Ceremony.

Athletes should attend all medal ceremonies in their official PGA team tracksuit and

appropriate footwear, even where the medal ceremony is scheduled for a different day to the day of competition.

9.5 Personal Clothing and Personal Equipment

As per the Pacific Game Charter:

Regulation 17 Part II Rules Relating to Identification of Personal Clothing and Personal Equipment.

There shall be no advertising or publicity on personal equipment and competition clothing used or worn at the Games. Subject to the International Federations rules identification of the manufacturer (Name and/ or Logo) of the equipment and clothing may appear, if not marked conspicuously for advertising purpose as follows;

- 1. Manufacturer's Identification: The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than once per item of Clothing and equipment.
- 2. Equipment: Manufacturer's identification shall not exceed 10 percent of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition and shall not be more than 60 square centimetres.
- 3. Head gear (hats, helmets, sunglasses, goggles etc.) and gloves: Any identification of the manufacturer shall not exceed 6 square centimetres.
- 4. Clothing: One identification of the manufacturer (Logo, Name or combination) may appear on each article of clothing worn by athletes, officials or judges (vest, shorts, track-suits, etc.) the maximum height of 4 centimetres. No other form advertising or sponsorship on clothing shall be permitted.
- 5. Shoes: The normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer is permitted. The manufacturer's name and/ or logo may also appear, up to a maximum of 6 square centimetres, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
- 6. Variation of the above rules shall be subject to approval of the Executive Board.

9.6 Eligibility

All athletes wishing to compete in the Pacific Games must comply with current requirements for representing a Country and participating in the Games according to the PGC charter; Article 26

In the event of a challenge to a competitor's eligibility, the Executive Board shall

immediately refer the challenge to the Disputes Tribunal in accordance with PGC Charter; Article 26.8

The Tribunal's decision shall be final. No further challenges shall be considered thereafter.

Pacific Games Association delegation entries are required to be finalised, confirmed and posted on the Pacific Games Council and Organising Committee websites 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games. PGC Charter; Article 26.10

9.7 Mixed Zone

On each competition site a zone dedicated to exchanges between the Athletes and accredited journalists will be reserved near the exit from the competition area (mixed zone). It will be a brief exchange and athletes and team supervisors are requested to cooperate with the media.

9.8 Charter of the Games

The events will be organised in conformity with the Pacific Games Council Charter which should be referred to whenever technical information which does not appear in the international regulations.

The Pacific Games Council Charter can be downloaded from the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games website (www.samoa2019.ws) in the "About Us" section.

MAPS AND PLANS

