

## MTF RULES AND REGULATIONS 2026

1. The tournament shall be conducted under the rules of tennis of the International Tennis Federation and the rules the Mauritius Tennis Federation. The tournament shall be played as indicated on the entry form or as may be directed by the Organising Committee. Players must be able to produce their licence card upon the request of the tournament supervisor or tournament director before or after their match. Failing to produce the licence card may lead to the disqualification of the player.
2. The format of the tournament shall be decided, according to number of entries, by the organising committee. The latter reserves the right to alter or modify the tournament and schedule of play as and when necessary. Any of the events on the entry form shall take place subject to a minimum of 4 entries per event. In case an event is cancelled, players that have entered this event shall be moved to another more appropriate one. For courtesy to the sponsor, all participants must be present for the finals and prize-giving ceremony.
3. If a player defaults in a match in Round Robin, he will forfeit all remaining games in the match, e.g. if a player is unable to carry on while leading 5-1 in the first set for some reason or other, the score against him will be 5-7 0-6. Player who defaults two matches in a Round - Robin shall be scratched from the tournament.
4. In case of Round Robin, the winner of each Round Robin shall be the player having won the greater number of matches. Same shall apply for other places. In case of equality of matches won between two or more players the places shall be decided as follows in order of priority:
  - (a) Most sets won
  - (b) Least sets lost
  - (c) Most games won
  - (d) Least games lost
  - (e) % of games won to total games played
  - (f) Toss
5. Players are subject to default if they are not ready to play at the scheduled time. Players who default matches for reasons other than injury or illness, shall be subject to a penalty fee of Rs. 500.00. Any player withdrawing because of illness or injury must produce a Medical Certificate and should reach the tournament supervisor or the Federation before the scheduled match or at least 24 hours after the match was scheduled. Any player failing to produce the medical certificate shall not be able to continue the tournament and shall pay a penalty fee of Rs. 500.00 and penalty points of 50 which will be deducted from the players actual ranking
6. Players are allowed no to play in own category, players participating in two or more categories (maximum three categories) must be prepared to play three matches a day. There shall be a minimum of 1hour between the two single matches and a minimum of 30 minutes between one single match and I double match.
7. Players are requested to be present at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time as the time indicated on the draw is only indicative. The organizing committee expect to start first matches at 9: a.m. on weekends and all matches on the program thereafter shall be followed by. Should a player be absent at the time the match is called by the supervisor, he will be declared default 15 minutes after the match was called. There will be a penalty fee of Rs. 500.00 and penalty points of 50 will be deducted from the players actual ranking
8. Matches shall not be re-scheduled (postpone), except in case of bad weather. In case of bad weather, the tournament referee will postpone the match (es) at the next available dates. All players should wait until the decision of the referee, which shall be final. The organizing committee shall not be held responsible if players have left the venue without the authorization of the tournament referee. Any match that has already started and had to be stopped for bad weather shall resume on the same score.  
The warm-up period is restricted to only 5 minutes and players are requested to observe this rule.
9. No umpires will be provided for all events until the last day of the finals. Players must be conversant with the rules of scoring and call the lines correctly. The player who serves shall at all times announce the score audibly. In case of dispute and/or displeasure, the tournament referee should be informed immediately. No complaints will be entertained when the match is completed. Players throwing their rackets in an abuse manner may be disqualified by the tournament supervisor and/or shall pay a fine of Rs 500.00. Any unsportsmanlike behaviour, audible or visible obscenity may also lead to the disqualification of a player and/or shall pay a fine of Rs 500.00. Any Player who leaves the court during a match without a valid reason will be defaulted and shall pay a fine of Rs 500.00
10. All penalty fees should be settled directly to the Federation. Any player that has not settled any penalty fee imposed on him shall not be able to participate/continue in any activity, tournaments and gathering of the Federation.
11. Players are responsible for the date and time of playing. It is not the responsibility of the MTF or the Organising Committee to inform players of the schedules. Players participating in this tournament play at their own risk at any of the tennis courts. The Mauritius Tennis Federation and the Organising Committee will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or other mishaps. No coaching is permitted during matches, if such violation occurs, the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Rules of the International Tennis Federation & Mauritius Tennis Federation.
12. Coaching not permitted for Individual events For Team event Coaching is permitted by captain advise only on change of ends, no interference during match the team must be complete on day of the match, otherwise team will be declaring forfeit Team with more points win the tie or as may be decided by the organising committee
13. All players entering ITF /CAT/MTF Tournaments or Circuits agree, as a condition of their entry, that no claims are brought against the ITF/CAT/MTF, the tournament organizers, the Regional Association & Ministry of Youth & Sports sanctioning such events, with respect to any injuries, however caused, or any losses incurred, while travelling to and from, or participating in any ITF/CAT/MTF Tournaments or Circuits.