

SINGAPORE NATIONAL GAMES 2018
TENNIS
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 According to the Laws/Rules established by the latest rules and regulations of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and as directed by the Singapore Tennis Association (STA) (www.itftennis.com & www.singtennis.org.sg) and
- 1.2 Governed by the SNG 2018 General Rules and Regulations.

2. Eligibility & Registration

- 2.1 There are four (4) events (i.e. Intermediate, Masters, Open and Youth) with a total of 19 categories. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the information.
- 2.2 The registration fees for the respective categories are as follows:

S/No	Event	Event Name	Categories	Registration Fees
1	Inter- mediate (Individual Event)	SNG 2018 – STA Intermediate Singles & Doubles III 2018	i. Men’s Singles ii. Men’s Doubles iii. Ladies’ Singles iv. Ladies’ Doubles	<i>Singles: \$58.00 per player</i> <i>Doubles: \$53.50 per pair</i>
2	Masters (Individual Event)	SNG 2018 – STA Pesta Sukan Masters Tennis Championships 2018	i. Men’s 35+ Singles ii. Men’s 35+ Doubles iii. Men’s 45+ Singles iv. Men’s 45+ Doubles v. Men’s 55+ Singles vi. Men’s 55+ Doubles vii. Ladies’ 35+ Singles viii. Ladies’ 35+ Doubles ix. Mixed Doubles 88+	<i>Singles: S\$42.80</i> <i>Doubles: S\$53.50</i>
3	Open (Individual Event)	SNG 2018 – STA Pesta Sukan Open Tennis Championships 2018	i. Men’s Singles ii. Men’s Doubles iii. Ladies’ Singles iv. Ladies’ Doubles v. Mixed Doubles	<i>Singles: \$58.00 per player</i> <i>Doubles: \$53.50 per pair</i>
4	Youth (Mixed Team Event)	SNG 2018 – Youth Mixed Team Event	i. 17 & Under Youth Mixed Team	<i>\$40.00 per team</i>

- 2.3 Each entry is to be made online duly completed and accompanied by entry fees to STA for the Intermediate, Masters and Open categories, and ActiveSG for Youth category. Emailed, faxed/phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

- 2.4 All entries must be registered by **11 JULY 2018 (WEDNESDAY), 2359HR**. Late entries will not be accepted, and the organising committee shall not be responsible for incomplete registrations. It is the responsibility of the participants to ensure that the entry is submitted.
- 2.5 For the individual events, no on-site alternate sign-in will be accepted for all events; and no substitute partner is allowed after the entry deadline for doubles entry.
- 2.6 For the team events, no replacement or changes will be entertained after the team managers' meeting.
- 2.7 Refund of entry fees before the entry deadline will be entertained on a case-by-case basis, with a formal request made in writing. There will be no refund after the entry deadline.
- 2.8 Please note point 4.1 under entries.

3. Event Venue & Schedule

- 3.1 The event venues and schedules are as follows:

Event	Date	Finals	Timings
Intermediate	21- 29 Jul	28 Jul/29 Jul	<u>Weekdays (Mon – Fri)</u> 1800 – 2300
Masters	21 – 28 Jul	28 Jul	
Open*	28 Jul – 5 Aug	4 Aug/5 Aug	<u>Weekends</u> Sat: 1400 – 2300 Sun: 0900 onwards
Youth	28 Jul – 5 Aug	4 Aug/5 Aug	<u>Weekdays (Mon – Fri)</u> 1800 – 2200 <u>Weekends (Sat – Sun)</u> 0900 - 1800

* Including Open Mixed Doubles category

- 3.2 The venues for the tennis events are Yio Chu Kang Tennis Centre, Farrer Park Tennis Centre, Kallang Tennis Centre and Heartbeat@Bedok Tennis Centre. The finalised venues for each event will be confirmed once the entries are finalised.
- 3.3 All above may change once the entries are finalised. Please refer to the STA and SNG's websites for updates.

4. Format of play

- 4.1 The list of events shall be as follows:

S/No	Event	Categories	Entries
1	Inter- mediate	i. Men's Singles ii. Men's Doubles iii. Ladies' Singles iv. Ladies' Doubles	Each player is allowed to participate in Singles and/or Doubles. <i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Intermediate events may not participate in the Masters event.</i>

S/No	Event	Categories	Entries
2	Masters	i. Men's 35+ Singles ii. Men's 35+ Doubles iii. Men's 45+ Singles iv. Men's 45+ Doubles v. Men's 55+ Singles vi. Men's 55+ Doubles vii. Ladies' 35+ Singles viii. Ladies' 35+ Doubles ix. Mixed Doubles 88+	<p>Each player may participate in a maximum of 1 Singles, 1 Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles, subject to age eligibility.</p> <p><i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Masters events may not participate in the Intermediate event.</i></p>
3	Open	i. Men's Singles ii. Men's Doubles iii. Ladies' Singles iv. Ladies' Doubles v. Mixed Doubles	<p>Each player may participate in a maximum of 1 Singles, 1 Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles</p> <p><i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Open events may not participate in the Youth event.</i></p>
4	Youth	i. 17 & Under Youth Mixed Team. There shall be three (3) matches in each tie comprising of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1x Boys' Singles - 1x Girls' Singles - 1x Mixed Doubles Team has to win at least two (2) matches to win a tie	<p>Each team may register a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 players.</p> <p>No player is allowed to play for more than one team and more than once in each tie (no repetition of players is allowed).</p> <p><i>Due to concurrent scheduling, players who participate in the Youth event may not participate in the Open events.</i></p>

4.2 For Intermediate, Masters and Open events (Point 4.3 does not apply to these events):

- 4.2.1 All events shall be played on a knock-out/single elimination system, unless otherwise stated.
- 4.2.2 All Singles matches will be played to the best of 3 tie-break sets. At 6 games all, a tie-break will be played. The tie-break will be based on first to reach 7 points by a margin of 2 points.
- 4.2.3 All Doubles match will play a super tie-break (10 points) to decide the match when the score is one set all. Super tie-break is based on first to reach 10 points by a margin of 2 points.
- 4.2.4 The Let Rule will apply to serves. If the serve clips the net and lands in the correct service box, the server is to repeat the service attempt. If the serve clips the net and lands outside the correct service box, it is a fault.

- 4.3 For Youth event (Point 4.2 does not apply to this event):
- 4.3.1 The event shall be played on a double elimination system, unless otherwise stated.
 - 4.3.2 Each team player can play in either Singles or Mixed Doubles for each tie but not in both. There should be no repetition of players for each tie.
 - 4.3.3 With adaptation from the Fast4 format, all ties shall be played to the best-of-3 short sets, of first to 4 games sets. At 3 games all, a tie-break of first to reach 5 points will be played. If the tie-break reaches 4 -4, it is “next-point-wins” the set.
 - 4.3.4 The No-Let Rule will apply to serves. If the serve clips the net and lands in the correct service box, there’s no let and the ball is in play. If the serves clips the net and lands outside of the correct service box, it’s a fault.
 - 4.3.5 Teams have to win at least two (2) out of three (3) matches to win a tie.
 - 4.3.6 If a match is walkover, the score shall be recorded as 4-0 4-0.
 - 4.3.7 If any match is stopped and not completed for reasons of injury etc, the full score shall be recorded. For example, Player A leads over Player B by 4-1 2-1 when Player B is injured and unable to continue, Player A’s victory shall be recorded as 4-1 4-1.
 - 4.3.8 In the event of a draw as a result of a walkover match, the winner will be decided based on the team with the highest number of games wins.
- 4.4 The No-Ad Scoring System will be implemented for all events. If both players have won 3 points in a game, the score is called deuce; one deciding point shall then be played whereby the receiver shall choose whether he/she wishes to receive the service from the right half of the court or left half of the court. The player who wins the deciding point wins the game.
- 4.5 The International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournament rules will be applied in conjunction with this tournament’s rules. The Committee reserves the right to change the rules in any way it deems fit.
- 4.6 The format of play may be changed at the tournament referee’s discretion.
- 4.7 The tournament referee shall act as final on-site authority for the interpretation of the applicable Tournament Rules & Regulations, ITF Code of Conduct and Rules of Tennis as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament venue.
- 4.8 All matches will be played without Chair Umpire, unless provided. Players must keep their own score. If a player feels that the opponent’s line calls are inaccurate, the player shall inform the referee IMMEDIATELY. Dispute of any nature regarding a match should be brought to the referee’s attention immediately. Protests will not be entertained after a match is completed.
- 4.9 Warm up is strictly 5 minutes only.
- 4.10 Players must play in any court assigned by the referee. Requests by players for additional lightings or specific court will not be accommodated. Match courts are strictly for players only and no warm up courts are provided.

5. Prizes

5.1 Prizes will be awarded to:

5.1.1 The Champion, Runner-up, Semi-finalists and Quarter-finalists for the OPEN AND INTERMEDIATE MEN'S SINGLES CATEGORIES only.

5.1.2 The Champion, Runner-up and Semi-finalists for ALL OTHER CATEGORIES (i.e. Open Ladies' Singles, Men/Ladies' Doubles and Mixed Doubles; Intermediate Ladies' Singles and Men/Ladies' Doubles; Masters' Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles; Youth event).

5.2 For event categories with five (5) or less participants / Doubles pairs/ teams:

Option 1: Participants can withdraw and receive a full refund.

Option 2: Participants can continue with the competition in a double elimination format, but only the Champion and Runner-up will be awarded with medals (and no prize money).

Option 3: Participants may opt to join another category which they are eligible.

5.3 Details of the prizes will be published on the STA website (www.singtennis.org.sg) and/or SNG website.

6. Ranking Points

Ranking points are awarded for the Open and Intermediate events only. Accumulated points will determine the year's Open and Intermediate rankings. Seeding is based on ranking points.

7. Seeding Criteria

7.1 Singles

The rankings from the latest respective STA Singles Rankings after the closing dates of the tournaments will be used. Priority in seeding is given to the highest ranked player in the tournament (seeded 1), followed by the second highest ranked player in the tournament (seeded 2) and so on. If there is a tie on the players' rankings, the seeding will be awarded based on luck of draw.

7.2 Doubles

The rankings from the latest respective STA Doubles Rankings after the closing dates of the tournaments will be used. Priorities are given as follows:

1st Tier – Ranked played and ranked player (Combined STA Doubles Ranking)
Priority in seeding is given to the highest combined ranked players in the tournament (seeded 1), followed by the second highest combined ranked players in the tournament (seeded 2) and so on. If there is a tie on the combined rankings, the seeding will be awarded based on luck of draw.

2nd Tier – Ranked player and unranked player (STA Doubles Ranking)
After the 1st Tier, priority in seeding is given to the highest ranked players in the tournament who are paired with unranked players, followed by the second highest ranked players in the tournament who are paired with unranked players and so on. If

there is a tie on the rankings of the ranked players, the seeding will be awarded based on luck of draw.

3rd Tier – Unranked player and unranked player
If 1st and 2nd Tiers do not fill up the slots that require seeding, seeding for doubles pairs from the 3rd Tier will be awarded based on luck of draw.

7.3 There will be no seeding for the Youth event.

8. Draw

8.1 For the Intermediate, Masters and Open events, the organising committee request that players witness the draw that will take place on 13 July 2018 at the STA Office. For those who are interested, please email to info@singtennis.org.sg by 12 July 2018 for the details.

8.2 For the Youth event, a Team Managers/Players' meeting will be held on 18 July 2018 (Wednesday), 6.00pm at the Yio Chu Kang Guest Office.

8.2 Administrative Error

8.2.1 In the event any player is left out of a tournament, the lowest ranked player with a 'bye' will have his/her 'bye' replaced with the left-out player. If the player who was left out would have been seeded, the error in seeding may be corrected by switching the positions of the affected players. The seeding positions will remain.

8.2.2 If a player is defaulted for not showing up for a match because of an administrative error, the tournament referee can reinstate the match and players must play the reinstated match as scheduled by the referee.

9. Reporting

9.1 All players must sign in at the tournament desk and be ready to play at their scheduled time. Players will be defaulted and a walkover is given to the opponent if they are not ready to play 15 minutes within their scheduled time, only if a court is available and weather permits. No appeal will be accepted

9.2 In the event of rain, the referee shall make an announcement informing all players to dry their courts when the rain stops. Should any player fail to report 15 minutes after the announcement is made, the player will be defaulted (i.e. concedes a walk-over). No appeal will be accepted.

10. Inclement Weather

10.1 In the event of inclement weather, players must be prepared to play 3 matches a day/night with a minimum rest period of 30 minutes in between matches.

11. Retirement

11.1 Any player/pair who decides to retire due to injury will retain their set score at point of retirement and concede all remaining points of the match to their opponents. For

example, should a match be retired at 6-0, 0-6, 3-5 (40-30), that would mean final score will be 6-0, 0-6, 3-6.

12. Disqualification

- 12.1 Players will be disqualified in the event of unruly conduct or cheating and will not be entitled to any prize/prize money.
- 12.2 The Organiser reserve the right to disqualify players at its discretion and take further disciplinary action.
- 12.3 Disqualification just prior to start of a tie will result in conceding walkover.

13 Medical Time-Out

- 13.1 No qualified medical personnel will be available. The tournament referee shall allow the player to be treated by any person selected by him/her. Injury time-out is 3 minutes only.

14. Equipment & Attire

- 14.1 The organising committee shall decide the officials balls to be used for the competitions.
- 14.2 All players are to comply with the ITF Dress Code which disallows casual round neck T-shirts (i.e. T-shirts with logos measuring more than 4 square inches (26 square centimetres), bermudas, jogging shoes and shoes with marking soles are not allowed. Players who do not comply will not be allowed on court to play.
- 14.3 All doubles pair is encouraged to be in uniformed attire.

15. Competition Jurisdiction

- 15.1 The Organising Committee reserves the right to interpret or amend the rules and regulations of the competition at any time. Notifications of such changes will be posted on the STA and/or SNG's official website. All participants are advised to visit the competition websites frequently for any notices or changes to draws or schedules. For the Intermediate, Masters and Open events, updates will be posted on STA's website; for the Youth event, updates will be posted on the SNG's website.
- 15.2 Any player who violates the Rules and Regulations shall be defaulted immediately, immaterial of which rounds he/she has reached.
- 15.3 While reasonable precautions will be taken, the organisers, its servants and agents will not be responsible or in any way liable for any death, disability, personal injury, loss of property or any other loss howsoever arising from any cause whatsoever at any time during the course of this competition.

Appendix 1: Player Eligibility Criteria

S/No	Event	Categories	Eligibility
1	Intermediate (Individual Event) <i>Players who are equivalent to ITN 9 – ITN 6 based on the International Tennis Number (ITN) or ‘C’ Grade of STA Inter-Club tournaments</i>	i. Men’s Singles	For Men’s Singles [Doubles] event, players who are not: - Previous Singles’ [Doubles’] Champions of Intermediate or Open tournaments for years 2016 – 2018 - Ranked top 16 in the current STA Open Men’s Singles’ [Doubles’] Ranking
		ii. Men’s Doubles	
		iii. Ladies’ Singles	For Ladies’ Singles [Doubles] event, players who are not: - Previous Singles’ [Doubles’] Champions of Intermediate tournaments for years 2016 - 2018 - Semi-Finalists of 2016 - 2018 Open Ladies’ Singles [Doubles]
		iv. Ladies’ Doubles	
2	Masters (Individual Event)	i. Men’s 35+ Singles	Men born in the year of 1983 and before are eligible to participate
		ii. Men’s 35+ Doubles	
		iii. Men’s 45+ Singles	Men born in the year of 1973 and before are eligible to participate
		iv. Men’s 45+ Doubles	
		v. Men’s 55+ Singles	Men born in the year of 1963 and before are eligible to participate
		vi. Men’s 55+ Doubles	
		vii. Ladies’ 35+ Singles	Ladies born in the year of 1983 and before are eligible to participate
		viii. Ladies’ 35+ Doubles	
		ix. Mixed Doubles 88+	For mixed doubles: - Men born in the year of 1983 and above; - Ladies born in the year of 1988 and above; and - Combined age must be 88 or more years old
3	Open (Individual Event)	i. Men’s Singles	All players are eligible to participate
		ii. Men’s Doubles	
		iii. Ladies’ Singles	
		iv. Ladies’ Doubles	
		v. Mixed Doubles	
	Youth (Mixed Team Event)	i. 17 & Under Youth Mixed Team. There	Each team shall comprise of a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 6 players.

		<p>shall be three (3) matches in each tie comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1x Boys' Singles - 1x Girls' Singles - 1x Mixed Doubles 	<p>For each Doubles match, at least one (1) player of the pair must be a Singapore Citizen and/or Singapore Permanent Resident</p> <p>For the registration of a youth team, at least 70% of the team players must be Singapore citizens or Singapore permanent residents.</p> <p>Please refer to the general SNG2018 rules and regulations for more information.</p>
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