PADEL REGULATIONS

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1. Organization

a. The Sports Department of the 22nd Maccabiah will be responsible for the Padel competitions of the 22nd Maccabiah.

b. The competition will be conducted according to the rules of the International Padel Federation (IPF). The English text will be binding.

c. Participation in the competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card issued by the Organizing Committee of the 22nd Maccabiah and registered in the Padel competitions.

d. Each participating country may enter a maximum of 4 couples per gender (8 men and 8 women) in each of the following categories:

1) Open
2) Masters 35+
3) Masters 50+

e. Each player must bring two sets of game shirts/tops in different colors to each match.

f. In the case of a low number of pairs in one of the categories, either men's or women's, the sports department will have the discretion to merge categories.

2. Venues, Times and Conditions of Play

a. The Sport Department will determine venues and times of the Padel competitions.

b. The Referees are authorized to change times and their decision is final.

c. The following days' ORDER OF PLAY will be posted at the Padel venues and accommodation centers after the end of each day's play. Only the order of play released and signed by the referees are binding.

d. Players who entered the 22nd Maccabiah must be available to play at any time, according to the order of play, during the full duration of the tournament. There will be no exception to this rule. The IPF "walk over" regulation will be strictly enforced.

3. Game Ball

a. The games will be played with BULLPADEL PREMIUM PRO balls.

b. The Sports Department is authorized to change the brand name of balls, if necessary. These decisions will be final.

4. Duration of Game

a. Each match will be played according to IPF Regulations.

b. Matches will be played from 08.00 in the morning until 22.00. Referees will make every effort not to schedule matches between 13:00 and 15:00.

c. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches during the tournament and no more than 2 matches per day.

d. All matches will be "best out of 3 sets". The first 2 sets will be regular tie break sets and the 3rd set played as super tie break up to 10 points.

e. In a 40-40 tie, there will be a deciding point (golden point).

5. System of Competition

SYSTEM A: with the participation of up to 4 teams:

a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a single or double round-robin, based on section 4c. Teams will be ranked in the league according to their number of matches won.

b. In the event of two teams with the same number of matches won, the results in head-to-head competition will be compared and the team with the better record between those two teams only will take the higher position.

c. In the event of more than two teams having the same number of matches won, classification will be made according to the number of league points gained in the matches played between them, i.e., a team which gains the higher number of points in the above-mentioned games will take the higher place, and so on.

d. If after the above mentioned, equality still exists between teams, classification will be made according to the score average of the tied teams (number of games gained divided by matches played).

e. If equality persists, classification will be made according to the score difference of the tied teams (number of games gained minus number of games lost in all matches played).

f. If equality persists, classification will be decided by a draw.

g. The first two teams in the league will compete for the title: "22nd Maccabiah Champion".

h. The teams in places 3 and 4 in the league will compete for the bronze medal.

SYSTEM B: with the participation of 5-7 teams:

a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a single round robin.

b. Teams will be ranked in the league according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A.

c. The first two teams in the league will compete for the title: "22nd Maccabiah Champion".

d. The teams in places 3 and 4 in the league will compete for the bronze medal.

e. The teams in places 5 and 6 in the league will compete for ranking 5-6.

SYSTEM C: with the participation of 8-14 teams:

a. The teams will be divided into 2 groups.

b. The seeding will be made according to a draw.

c. If after the draw, one or more teams will not appear, and a situation arises whereby a group is short of teams, system A/B will apply according to the number of teams.

d. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A.

e. The groups will play a single round robin.

f. The semi-final games will be played on the “Cross” system, i.e., the team placed first in Group A will play against the team placed second in Group B and the team placed second in Group A will play against the team placed first in Group B.

g. The two winning teams in the semi-finals will play in the final game for 1st and 2nd places, and the two losing teams in the semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th places.

h. Teams ranked 3rd in the group stage will play for ranking 5-6.

i. Teams ranked 4th in the group stage will play for ranking 7-8.

SYSTEM D: with the participation of 15 teams.

a. The teams will be divided into 3 groups.
b. Seeding will be made according to a draw.
c. If after the draw, one or more teams will not appear, and a situation arises whereby a group is short of teams, system A/B/C will apply according to the number of teams.
d. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to their achievements, as described in System A.
e. The groups will play Single round robin.
f. After the groups, the teams will be divided into new groups:
   1) All teams finished 1st advance to winners' groups – playing a single round robin. The teams that finished 1st and 2nd will compete for the title "22nd Maccabiah Champion. The team that finished 3rd wins the bronze medal.
   2) All teams finished 2nd advance to mid-group – playing a single round robin for ranking 4-6
   3) All teams finished 3rd advance to lower-group – playing a single round robin for ranking 7-9.

SYSTEM E: with the participation of 16 to 23 teams:

a. The teams will be divided into 4 groups.
b. Seeding will be made according to a draw.
c. In the event that after the draw, one or more teams will not appear, and a situation arises whereby a group is short of teams, system A/B/C/D will apply according to the number of teams.
d. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to their achievements, as described in System A.
e. The groups will play a single round robin.
f. All teams finished 1st advance to semifinals. The team placed first in Group A will play against the team placed first in Group B and the team placed first in Group C will play against the team placed first in Group D.
g. The two winning teams in the semi-finals will play in the final game for 1st and 2nd places, and the two losing teams in the semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th places.
h. Teams ranked second in the group stage will play for ranking 5-8 as indicated in sections f and g above.

SYSTEM F: with the participation of 24 to 48 teams:

a. The teams will be divided into 4-8 groups.
b. The seeding will be made according to a draw.
c. If after the draw, one or more teams will not appear, and a situation arises whereby a group is short of teams, system A/B/C/D will apply according to the number of teams.
d. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to their achievements, as described in System A.
e. The groups will play a single round robin.
f. All teams finished the 1st advance to quarterfinals. The team placed first in Group A will play against the team placed first in Group B (QF1), team placed first in Group C will play against the team placed first in Group D (QF2) and so on.
g. The winning teams will advance to the semi-finals. The winner of QF1 will play against winner of QF2 and winner of QF3 will play against winner of QF4.
h. The two winning teams in the semi-finals will play in the final game for 1st and 2nd places, and the two losing teams in the semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th places.

6. Nations' Competition

a. The competition will take place in a knock-out method.
b. Sections 2, 3 and 4 above will apply.
c. Competition at each stage will be played in a "best out of 3 matches" and Golden Point format.
d. The seeding will be made according to a draw.
e. Each country will be allowed to enter a maximum of four Teams in the Nations' Competition, but only 3 of them will be allowed to play in each stage of the competition.
f. Each country will choose one of its players as a captain, which will decide on behalf of all the nations' players regarding schedules, seeding and other issues as requested by the Sports Department, the Referees or Umpires.

7. Draw

A public draw will be made for both doubles and nations competition.

8. Referees

a. The Sports Department will select a Referee supervisor, which in turn will appoint referees for some of the games.
b. A Chair of Umpire will be present for all semi-finals and matches.

9. General

a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 22nd Maccabiah regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations.
b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations, the regulations written here will prevail, apply and be binding.