

**17th MACCABIAH BASIC REGULATIONS**

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**1. Regulations of the competitions.**

- a. The applicable International Federations' Rules/Laws/Regulations and the Maccabiah Regulations will govern each Sport. In the event of a conflict, the Maccabiah Regulations will control.
- b. In case of disagreement as to the Interpretation of any of these rules, the text in English will be authoritative, unless the official language of the event is different.

**2. Eligibility**

- a. Participation in the 17th Maccabiah Competitions is open to all Israeli citizens and Jewish athletes, from all over the world, on condition that they receive permission from their respective National Sports Federations or Associations.
- b. Each Head of Delegation for the competitions will sign a statement, as composed by the International Maccabiah Committee, which will be sent to the participating countries.
- c. A person who is not a citizen of the country in which he/she resides may qualify for that country's team provided he/she resides in that country for at least 6 months continuously immediately prior to the date of the opening of the Maccabiah.
- d. In Masters' Sports the calendar year in which the athlete was born will determine his/her eligibility in the various age categories. (Athlete's age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2005)
- e. Junior and Youth competitions are for athletes born in the years 1987, 1988, 1989 or 1990 as specified in Resolution #48 (IMC May 2003)

**3. The Organizing Committee**

The organizing committee of the Maccabiah competitions is the supreme body of the Maccabiah competitions and bound to the official instructions of these regulations and is allowed to issue various instructions relating to the eligibility to participate in the competitions. These instructions will apply to all the participants of the Maccabiah Competitions and will be an inseparable part of the Competitions' regulations.

**4. Entry Forms**

- a. The Organizing Committee will send out a questionnaire to all countries relating to sports participation.
- b. A country wishing to participate in the Maccabiah Games must do the following:
  1. Submit Entry Form #1, which is a general Entry Form, to the Organizing Committee offices not later than April 10<sup>th</sup> 2004.
  2. Submit Entry Form #2, which includes the number of participants in each sport event (individual and team), to the Organizing Committee offices not later than December 31<sup>st</sup> 2004.
  3. Submit Entry Form #3, which includes the names of the participants in each sport event (individual and team) and their photographs, to the Organizing Committee offices not later than May 15<sup>th</sup> 2005.
  4. Everyone competing in the Junior, Youth and Masters Maccabiah must send a photocopy of their Passport/ID Card showing date of birth with Entry Form # 3.
  5. A country that withdraws a team in a sport after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 (Deadline for Entry Form #2) will incur a penalty of U.S.\$1,000 per sport that has been withdrawn. A country that withdraws totally from an individual sport will incur a penalty of U.S.\$250 per sport.

6. In the event that a country withdraws a team or any individual in an individual sport after May 15th, 2005 (Deadline for Entry Form #3), a penalty of U.S.\$100 per athlete will be incurred in addition to the penalty referred to in sub-par. 5 above.
7. A country that fails to pay all penalties incurred as in sub-pars. 5 & 6 above, within 15 days of withdrawal but no later than July 1st 2005 (whichever is the earlier), will be excluded from participating in the 17th Maccabiah.
8. If after the submission of Entry Form #2 (December 31st 2004), a country withdraws a team or all individuals in an individual sport, leaving only 3 countries in that sport, the remaining countries will decide if they will compete in that sport. In no event shall a competition be held in a sport with only two countries.
9. If Entry Form #2 is not received by December 31st, 2004, the country will pay a penalty of U.S.\$5,000, which must be paid and submitted with Entry Form #2 within 15 days. After January 15th 2005 that country's Entry Form #2 will not be accepted and that country's entire delegation will be excluded from the 17th Maccabiah.
10. If Entry Form #3 is not received by May 15th, 2005, the country will pay a penalty of U.S.\$10,000, which must be paid and submitted with Entry Form #3 within 15 days. After May 30th, 2005 that country's Entry Form # 3 will not be accepted and that country's entire delegation will be excluded from participating in the 17th Maccabiah.
11. Late additional entries of athletes (not countries), after May 15th 2005 shall only be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman of the Sports Department in consultation with the Chair/Co-Chairs of the ISC.
- c. Any country in arrears of penalty payments to the Maccabiah, will not be able to participate in the games until all penalties have been fully paid, including interest and linkage as prescribed by law.
- d. A country in arrears of affiliation/registration fees to Maccabi World Union/Maccabiah shall be barred from participation in the games, subject to clearance by the finance department of Maccabi World Union.

## 5. **Games and competitions**

- a. Except in Junior, youth and all female team sports, any sport with less than 4 countries entering on Entry Form #1 will be eliminated. In female and Junior/Youth team sports, a minimum of 3 countries will be permitted.
- b. Individual events or categories within a sport (including relay races) will be held only if at least three countries have entered that event/category.
- c. Each country is limited to entering one team in each sport except for beach volleyball and lawn bowls. A country may enter 2 teams in beach volleyball and lawn bowls.
- d. The competition's program and system will be specified in each sport's regulations separately.
- e. There shall be 4 divisions of competition in the Maccabiah, consisting of Junior, Youth, Open and Masters. The credentials for each division will be distinctly different (i.e. different color, size or shape)
- f. At the beginning of each Junior/Youth team competition the full list of registered players shall be checked against their credentials. Thereafter, at all games, team managers will exchange credentials to check and return them after the game is over. A player without a credential will not be permitted to play.
- g. An athlete may only participate in one sport and only in one division (Juniors, Youth, Open or Masters). An individual registered as an official may not participate as an athlete.

- h. In the Open competition, junior aged competitors will only be permitted if allowed under the relevant sport's federation rules.
- i. Masters competition for the 17th Maccabiah shall consist of Basketball, Tennis, Squash, Football, Futsal, Golf and Table Tennis, subject to the minimum entry requirements contained in these regulations.
- j. The rules governing sports at the 17th Maccabiah shall be enforced by the International Sports Committee (ISC), subject to any special or exceptional circumstances as determined by the ISC in conjunction with the Sports Department.

## **6. Awards**

- a. Medals and diplomas will be awarded to the winners (teams and individuals) as follows:
  - 1. Gold medal for first place.
  - 2. Silver medal for second place.
  - 3. Bronze medal for third place.
- b. Referees shall be given a gift other than a medal.
- c. The ISC shall appoint a person to ensure that medal presentation ceremonies are properly conducted.
- d. Medals shall be given to team managers, coaches and assistant coaches, provided that they are registered. However, no more than 3 additional medals will be awarded per country.
- e. If only three teams take part in the event, or three competitors in the individual events, only the winner of first and second place will be awarded gold and silver medals, and the winner of third place will get a diploma. The teams winning the first three places (or two places if only 3 teams) in each event will be awarded, in addition to the medals, prizes according to their placing. In consolation games, no medals will be awarded.

## **7. Court of Honor**

- a. The I.M.C. for the 17th Maccabiah will appoint a Court of Honor, which will be headed by an Israeli Judge or other high ranking legal person as well as an additional six persons (2 of whom will be members of the International Sports Committee) from different countries participating in the 17th Maccabiah.
- b. The Court of Honor's meetings will be effective with the presence of a minimum of three members.
- c. In accordance with 7d, matters, which are not dealt with within the Court of Discipline and/or the Jury of Appeal, shall come before the Court of Honor.
- d. Should a disagreement arise concerning the correct interpretation of the Maccabiah regulations, the Court of Honor will decide upon the subject if asked to do so by the Organizing Committee.
- e. In special cases, according to the decision of the chairman of the Court of Honor, the Court of Honor may be convened to review disciplinary matters, which are usually under the jurisdiction of the Court of Discipline.
- f. The Court of Honor will determine the procedure for its proceedings and shall not be bound by the Rules and Proceedings and Rules of Evidence customary in Israel.
- g. The Court, when discussing matters placed before it, will make any decision it deems proper.
- h. The decisions of the Court shall be final and not subject to appeal.

## 8. Court of Discipline

- a. The Organizing Committee for the 17th Maccabiah will appoint a Court of Discipline, which will include a majority of justice and other high ranking legal persons.
- b. The Court will include Israelis and members of at least four other countries (2 of whom will be members of the International Sports Committee).
- c. The Chairman of the Court of Discipline shall be a jurist and will be appointed by the Organizing Committee.
- d. The Chairman of each session shall be a jurist and will be appointed by the Chairman of the Court of Discipline.
- e. The Court of Discipline will convene to discuss all matters concerning sport in the framework of the 17th Maccabiah, during the competitions, at the accommodation centers or other location.
- f. In spite of the said in paragraph "d", in special cases the disciplinary matter will be presented before the Court of Honor if the chairman of the Court of Honor finds in necessary (See 7d).
- g. The Court of Discipline will convene according to the procedure found in detail in the General Rules and Regulations, and in accordance with the rules and instructions dealing with transgressions and punishment and any other matter.
- h. The decisions of the Court of Discipline are final and not subject to appeal.
- i. The Court of Discipline will be situated at Maccabiah Headquarters and will meet in special cases, whenever necessary, daily at 09.00 am.

## 9. Jury of Appeal

- a. The Organizing Committee will appoint a Jury of Appeal **for each sport** to consist of six members. These members shall be selected from participating countries.
- b. The Jury of Appeal's meetings will be effective with the presence of a minimum of three members. In all cases the Jury will comprise an uneven number of members
- c. The International Observer or the authorized representative of the International Federation will be the Chairman of the Jury of Appeal, leaving four other members to be appointed as above plus one member of the ISC who will be familiar with the Sport. In the event that there are three countries or less, then one representative from each country. If there is no International Observer or authorized representative of the International Federation, or if there is more than one, the Chairman of the Jury will be appointed by the Chairman of the Maccabiah Sports Committee.
- d. The composition of the Jury of Appeal will be fixed at a meeting of representatives of participating countries, which will take place prior to the competitions.
- e. In addition to the permanent members of the Jury of Appeal, the above-mentioned meeting will elect deputies in the event that any appeal will involve countries whose representatives are members of the Jury of Appeal.
- f. The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal is authorized to nominate deputies in the event of a case arising for discussion as described in paragraph "d".
- g. The Jury of Appeal will deal with the technical and organizational matters relating to each specific sport.
- h. The Jury of Appeal is authorized to discuss and decide if there is a quorum of at least three of its members (including the Chairman).
- i. The decisions of the Jury of Appeal will be final and not subject to appeals.

**10. Appeals**

- a. If a country wishes to lodge a complaint against the result of a competition or submit any other technical appeal, an authorized representative of the appealing country must sign his name on the result sheet, adding the words "with an appeal".
- b. Within three hours from the end of the competition/event, the appealing country must submit its appeal in writing, through its authorized representative, to competition manager or the Chairman of the Jury of Appeal on duty for that sport, stating the full reason for the appeal.
- c. On submission of an appeal the sum of \$50 (in shekels) must be deposited. This amount will be refunded if the appeal is allowed. Once submitted the appealing country may not withdraw its appeal without permission of the Chairman of the Jury of Appeal.
- d. The Jury of Appeal will meet as required at the Maccabiah Headquarters, the Accommodation Center for that sport, at the sport venue during an event or any other place twice a day at 09.00 and/or 20.00, according to the need and subject and/or according to the regulations of that sport as directed by the Chairman of the Jury of Appeal.

**11. Referees**

The Organizing Committee will invite and place authorized international referees and official observers in the various sports according to the requirements of the sport.

**12. Validity, Incidence and General**

- a. These basic Rules and Regulations are legally valid by the approval of the International Maccabiah Committee.
- b. These basic Rules and Regulations will apply to all Maccabiah participants, both athletes and officials.
- c. Each accredited participant in the Maccabiah must be individually covered by medical insurance that will include indemnity for any injury, illness or related expense incurred as a consequence of participation in and during the Maccabiah whether in an accommodation center, sports venue, special event or traveling between such locations.
- d. Taking of banned drugs in any way or form is forbidden. The Organizing Committee is allowed to ask for drug tests for each participant of the Maccabiah. The list of forbidden drugs and banned substances will be distributed no later than 45 days before the opening of the games. This list will be based on the list of forbidden drugs and banned substances, which will be distributed from time to time by the International Olympic Committee.

The procedures of the drug tests will be published before the opening of the Games, with the orders of special procedures on behalf of the Organizing Committee, and will be part of the Maccabiah Constitution.

Any athlete found using drugs will be brought before the Court of Honor and will face the possibility of being expelled from the Games, or any other punishment that the Court of Honor will decide upon.

Refusal to take the test will be as admitting to the use of drugs and any athlete who will not agree to take the test will be punished.

- e. Any changes in the Basic rules and Regulations must be authorized by the International Maccabiah Committee by a majority of two thirds of those members present with voting rights.