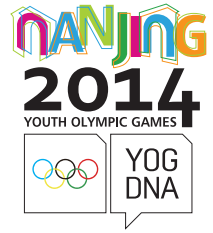


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# Tennis





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## **About the Sport Explanatory Brochures**

The Sport Explanatory Brochures you are reading offer an introduction to each sport at the 2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing 2014, as well as providing information on some other key issues that may be of interest and importance to all participating teams.

Each Brochure is divided into several topics:

Sport-specific information on subjects such as the competition format and schedule, training and qualification system.

Key contacts.

All information contained in this Explanatory Brochure was correct at the time of compilation. However, please note that certain details may change between our compilation and the Games. NOCs are advised to check the official website of the 2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing 2014 for updates.

Wish you a pleasant stay in Nanjing!

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| Date   | Time  | Meeting           | Place                          |
|--------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aug 15 | 15:00 | Captains' Meeting | Press Conference Room of Venue |
| Aug 15 | 16:00 | Official Draw     | Press Conference Room of Venue |

## 3. Events & Quotas

### 3.1 EVENTS (5)

| Men's Events (2) | Women's Events (2) | Mixed Events (1) |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Men's Singles    | Women's Singles    | Mixed Doubles    |
| Men's Doubles    | Women's Doubles    |                  |

### 3.2 QUOTAS

| Category | Qualification Places | Host country Places | Universality Places | Total |
|----------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Men      | 28                   | 1                   | 3                   | 32    |
| Women    | 28                   | 1                   | 3                   | 32    |
| Total    | 56                   | 2                   | 6                   | 64    |



### 3.3 NOC QUOTA

|       | Maximum Quota Per NOC |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Men   | 2                     |
| Women | 2                     |
| Total | 4                     |

## 4. Qualification System

### 4.1 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- Any tennis player is eligible for nominations to the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Event provided he/she is in good standing with his/her National Association and the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and makes himself/herself available to his/her respective National Association for selection to represent his/her country in any of the International Team Championships of the ITF during the Olympic cycle preceding the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Event.
- To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1999.
- Only NOCs of countries whose National Tennis Associations have been members of the ITF prior to 1 January 2014 may nominate players for participation in the 2014 Summer Youth Olympic Tennis Event. For the purpose of such eligibility both Full and Associate members of the ITF may participate.

### 4.2 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

#### 4.2.1 Singles

28 athletes for each of the Boys' Singles and Girls' Singles events will qualify as follows:

- Top 12 direct acceptances allocated to the best ranked athletes based on the ITF Junior World Ranking of 9 June 2014



- Next 16 regional acceptances based on the 2014 ITF Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup regional zones breakdown quota (to be published in January 2014) allocated to the next best ranked athletes of the respective region based on the ITF Junior World Ranking

- Athletes ranked ATP 450 or better for boys or WTA 200 or better for girls in the Professional Singles Rankings of 9 June 2014 will always qualify as part of the top 12 direct acceptances. Should their number exceed the quota of 12, these athletes will be qualified as part of the next 16 regional acceptances

The draw will take place on Friday 15 August 2014.

#### 4.2.2 Doubles

All players participating in the singles events will take part in the doubles events. There may be a maximum of one (1) team per NOC per gender and a maximum of 16 teams in total. Doubles teams will have to sign-in on-site.

The draw will take place on Friday 15 August 2014 along with the singles draw. Teams will be composed as per the ITF regional/zonal breakdown in the following order:

- Same nation
- Same region
- Same zone
- Intercontinental teams

#### 4.2.3 Mixed Doubles

All players participating in the singles events will take part in the Mixed doubles events. There may be a maximum of two (2) teams per NOC per gender and a maximum of 32 teams in total. Mixed Doubles teams will have to sign-in on-site.

The draw will take place on Friday 15 August 2014 along with the singles and doubles draw. Teams will be composed as per the ITF regional/zonal breakdown in the following order:



- Same nation
- Same region
- Same zone
- Intercontinental teams

### 4.3 HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

Two places (one Boy and one Girl) will be available for the host country, provided that the concerned players achieve the minimum ranking in the ITF Junior World Ranking (150 or better for both Boys' and Girls') or Professional Singles Rankings (ATP 450 or better or WTA 200 or better).

### 4.4 UNIVERSALITY PLACES

To be eligible to receive Universality Places, athletes must comply with the Eligibility Criteria as defined under 4.1 of this document.

Six places (three boys and three girls) will be available.

## 5. Qualification Timeline

| Date                       | Milestone  |
|----------------------------|--|
| March 2013                 | Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by YOG Tripartite Commission                             |
| 1 April 2013 – 8 June 2014 | YOG 2014 qualification period  |
| 9 June 2014                | Date of ITF Junior World Ranking & Professional Singles rankings to determine players eligible for acceptance  |
| 11 June 2014               | ITF to inform National Associations/NOCs of eligible players and to distribute related player nomination forms |
| 25 June 2014               | National Associations/NOCs to confirm the nomination of eligible players                                       |
| 29 June 2014               | ITF to confirm the final acceptance list   |
| 8 July 2014                | Entries deadline by name for all sports  |
| 16 – 28 August 2014        | 2nd summer Youth Olympic Games – Nanjing 2014  |

## 6. Competition Format

The Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games Tennis Competition will comprise Singles and Doubles competitions for Boys and Girls and Mixed Doubles. All competitions will be conducted in a Single elimination format. There will be 32 players in both the Boys' and Girls' Singles competitions, 16 pairs in the Doubles competitions, and 32 pairs in the Mixed Doubles competitions.

The Tennis Competition will be held from Sunday 17 August to Sunday 24 August. All matches will be held at the China Tennis Institute in Nanjing, China.

The maximum number of players who may compete in the Tennis competition is 64 as agreed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the IOC.

### 6.1 SINGLES

Eight players are seeded and the remaining 24 players are drawn. The winner of each match advances to the next round. Players who lose matches are eliminated. The winners of the two Semi-Final matches will advance to the Gold Medal match (Final). The winner of this match receives the gold medal and the loser receives the silver medal. The losers of the two Semi-Final matches compete for the bronze medal. All matches will be the best of three tie-break sets.

### 6.2 DOUBLES

Four pairs are seeded and the remaining 12 pairs are drawn. The winners of each match advance to the next round. The losers of each match are eliminated. The winners of the two Semi-Final matches will advance to the Gold Medal match (Final). The winners of this match receive the gold medal and the losers receive the silver medal. The losers of the two Semi-Final matches compete for the bronze medal.



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All matches will be two tie-break sets and a match tie-break (10 points) in place of a third set. No-Ad scoring will be used.

### **6.3 MIXED DOUBLES**

Eight pairs are seeded and the remaining 24 pairs are drawn. The winners of each match advance to the next round. The losers of each match are eliminated. The winners of the two Semi-Final matches will advance to the Gold Medal match (Final). The winners of this match receive the gold medal and the losers receive the silver medal. The losers of the two Semi-Final matches compete for the bronze medal. All matches will be two tie-break sets and a match tie-break (10 points) in place of a third set. No-Ad scoring will be used.

### **6.4 DRAW**

The draw shall be conducted in public by the ITF, and will be made not later than 24 hours prior to the start of the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games Tennis Competition. Where practical, two players from the same NOC shall not be placed in the same half of the draw.

## **7. Competition Rules & Procedures**

The Tennis Competitions at the Youth Olympic Games will be held in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the ITF Junior Circuit Regulations and the Olympic Charter, which are in force at the time of the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

Pursuant to the Olympic Charter, the ITF assumes the responsibility for the technical control and direction of its sport at the Youth Olympic Games.

### **7.1 TIE-BREAK RULES**

A tie-break will be used in all sets except in Doubles where the match tie-break (10 points) in place of a third set will be played.

## 7.2 CODE OF CONDUCT

The ITF code of conduct as itemized in the 2014 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations will be enforced during the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Competition.

## 7.3 APPEALS

In Tennis, appeals are possible as itemized in the Code of Conduct of the 2014 ITF Junior Circuit Regulations. The result is final after the match as confirmed by the Referee.

# 8. Equipment & Clothing

Equipment used or clothing worn by athletes and other participants at the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Competition must comply with the ITF Constitution and Technical Rules and with the Bye-Law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter.

# 9. Doping Control

The Nanjing 2014 Anti-doping team will plan and implement the YOG Doping Control Programme in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code, IOC Anti-Doping Rules and other related international standards.

The Doping Control Programme will specify the anti-doping activities to be conducted during the Games-time, including notification procedures, sample collection, storage and transport to the laboratory of China Anti-Doping Agency accredited by WADA.

The Programme is aimed at maintaining the dignity of the Olympic Movement and protecting athletes' fundamental right to participate in clean sports, so as to promote the health, justice and equality of athletes in sports events.



The test biological specimens, including urine and blood samples, will be collected from selected athletes from the date of YOV official opening to the date of the Closing Ceremony of Nanjing 2014 (12 August to 28 August 2014). All samples will be sent to the laboratory of China Anti-Doping Agency for analysis.

## 10. Competition Venue

| Name                          | Distance to YOV | Driving Time | Seats Capacity |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Tennis Academy of China (CTA) | 31km            | 40min        | 2,000          |

## 11. Event Schedule

| Tennis                            |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Tentative Event Schedule By Event |  |
| Day 1                             | Sunday August 17   |
|                                   | Start: 3:00 pm<br>Mens Singles - 1st Round (16 matches)<br>Womens Doubles - 1st Round (8 matches)  |
| Day 2                             | Monday August 18   |
|                                   | Start: 3:00 pm<br>Womens Singles - 1st Round (16 matches)<br>Mens Doubles - 1st Round (8 matches)  |
| Day 3                             | Tuesday August 19  |
|                                   | Start: 3:00 pm<br>Mens Singles - 2nd Round (8 matches)<br>Womens Doubles - Quarterfinal (4 matches)<br>Mixed Doubles - 1st Round (16 matches)  |
| Day 4                             | Wednesday August 20  |
|                                   | Start: 3:00 pm<br>Mens Singles - Quarterfinal (4 matches)<br>Womens Singles - 2nd Round (8 matches)<br>Mens Doubles - Quarterfinal (4 matches)<br>Womens Doubles - Semifinal (2 matches) |

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| Day 5 | Thursday August 21  |
|       | Start: 3:00 pm<br>Mens Singles – Semifinal (2 matches)<br>Womens Singles – Quarterfinal (4 matches)<br>Mixed Doubles – 2nd Round (8 matches)  |
| Day 6 | Friday August 22  |
|       | Start: 3:00 pm<br>Mens Singles – Bronze Medal Match (1 match)<br>Womens Singles – Semifinal (2 matches)<br>Mens Doubles – Semifinal (2 matches)<br>Womens Doubles – Bronze Medal Match (1 match)<br>Mixed Doubles – Quarterfinal (4 matches)        |
| Day 7 | Saturday August 23  |
|       | Start: 3:00 pm<br>Mens Singles – Gold Medal Match (1 match)<br>Womens Singles – Bronze Medal Match (1 match)<br>Mens Doubles – Bronze Medal Match (1 match)<br>Womens Doubles – Gold Medal Match (1 match)<br>Mixed Doubles – Semifinal (2 matches) |
| Day 8 | Sunday August 24  |
|       | Start: 3:00 pm<br>Womens Singles – Gold Medal Match (1 match)<br>Mixed Doubles – Bronze Medal Match (1 match)<br>Mens Doubles – Gold Medal Match (1 match)<br>Mixed Doubles – Gold Medal Match (1 match)  |

\*The event schedule is subject to change in accordance with the final entries.

## 12. Training Information

### 12.1 TRAINING VENUE

| Name                          | Distance to YOY | Driving Time | Seats Capacity |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Tennis Academy of China (CTA) | 31km            | 40min        | 2,000          |

### 12.2 TRAINING POLICIES

Training facilities will be provided for all athletes from the opening of the Youth Olympic Village (YOY) (12 August 2014) to the Closing



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Ceremony of Nanjing 2014 YOG (28 August 2014).

All training before the games time will be assigned under the supervision of the practice court supervisor. All training during the games–time will be assigned under the supervision of the ITF Referee.

The booking service for practice courts is located at Event Information Centre of YOY and SID of the venue.

## **13. Medals**

The winner of the final, runner–up of the final and winner of the bronze medal match will each receive a Gold medal, Silver medal and Bronze medal respectively.

## **14. Victory Ceremonies**

Victory Ceremonies will be held in accordance with the requirements of the YOG Event Manual of the IOC.

The Victory Ceremonies will be held following the completion of each event final on the Field of Play (FOP). Medallists will be invited onto a podium to receive the medals and the mascots in the sequence of the bronze, silver, and gold medallists. At the Ceremony, the anthem of the NOC of the gold medallist will be played; and meanwhile the flags of the NOC of the medallists will be raised. The Olympic flag and anthem will be used for the mixed NOC team events.





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