



Reykjavik Tennis Council

Rules and regulations – Reykjavik City Tennis Championships, individual and club competitions

The Reykjavik City Tennis Championships comprise of both individual and club events amongst the members of Reykjavik tennis clubs within the Reykjavik Tennis Council. Competition rules and regulations follow those outlined by the International Tennis Federation.

The competition is open to all Icelandic citizens as well as individuals who have resided in Iceland during the previous 12 months, and are registered members of a Reykjavik tennis club.

Participants are allowed to represent one club per year (registration as of January 5th) in all events entered. Players may enter more than one event.

Junior players interested in playing the U18 / U16 divisions must be thirteen years of age during the year and those playing the U14 division must be in their eleventh year.

The **individual competition** consists of the following singles and doubles events – mini tennis, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, Men's Open, Women's Open, Senior +30, Senior +40 and Senior +50. The same events are offered in the **team competition** whereby each team consists between two to five players.

A minimum of two players / doubles teams / clubs is required for an event to take place. If there are three or four players / doubles team / clubs participating in an event, a round-robin format will be used whereby all competitors play one another. In the case of a match retirement during a round-robin event, the score will be recorded as a complete set (i.e. retirement at 2-0 is recorded 6-0). Events that consist of five or more events will use a standard elimination draw format which will include a third-place match.

The **individual competition** is open to all eligible players with regard to the age requirement for that particular event. Players will be seeded in accordance to their most recent International Tennis Number from the Icelandic Tennis Association and the number of seeded players/teams per draw are as follows: two seeds per eight players/teams, four seeds for nine to sixteen players/teams, eight seeds for seventeen to thirty-two players/teams and sixteen seeds for thirty-three to sixty-four players/teams. The top two/four players/teams from each club will be drawn into separate halves/quarters of the draw. All others will be drawn randomly. Coaching is not allowed in the individual competition.

Individual competition match formats -

Event	Singles	Doubles
Open / U18 / Senior +30	Best of 3 tie-break sets	First to 9 games (tie-break 8-8)
U16 / U14 / U12 / +40 / +50	First to 9 games (tie-break 8-8)	First to 9 games (tie-break 8-8)
U10	First to 6 games (tie-break 5-5)	First to 6 games (tie-break 5-5)
Mini tennis	First to 4 games	First to 4 games

The **team competition** comprises of teams consisting of one doubles match (played first) followed by two singles matches for a total of three matches. For the U10 and mini tennis divisions, one doubles match followed by two reverse singles matches will be played, total of five matches. Each club may enter two teams per event, with each team having a minimum of two and maximum of five players. Players may only play for one team per event. For events with less than five teams, a round-robin competition format will be used, all teams play each other. In the case of a match retirement, the score will be recorded as a complete set (i.e. retirement at 2-0 is recorded 6-0). For events with five teams or more, a single-elimination draw is used. The seeding of teams will be based on the ITN rating of the two players from each team. The number of seeded teams is based on the same criteria as stated above for the individual competition.

Each club is responsible for submitting the players' names for each match thirty minutes prior to the set match time. The Icelandic Tennis Association's punctuality rules shall be in effect if teams are late to court. After the completion of the doubles match, teams have fifteen minutes to have their singles players ready to play their singles matches. One coach/player is allowed to sit on court next to the player(s) during team competition matches. Coaching is only to be done during the changeover and set breaks.

Team competition match formats -

Event	Doubles	Singles
Meistaraflokk / U18 / +30	First to 9 games (tie-break 8-8)	Two sets (no-ad scoring), 10 point match tiebreaker for third set
U16 / U14 / U12 / +40 / +50	First to 9 games (tie-break 8-8)	First to 9 games (tie-break 8-8)
U10	First to 4 games	First to 4 games
Mini tennis	First to 4 games	First to 4 games

A roving umpire shall be the on-site official enforcing the ITF tennis and punctuality rules of the Icelandic Tennis Association.

To determine the positions from a round robin draw, the winner of a match is awarded one point. In the case of a tie between two players/teams, their head-to-head result shall decide the winner. If there are three or more players/teams with an equal amount of points, the following is used: a) player / teams that did not complete all matches are automatically in last place; b) highest percentage of matches won; c) highest percentage of sets won; and d) highest percentage of games won.

At the conclusion of both individual and team competitions, an awards ceremony will take place where winners, runner-ups and third-place finishers will receive their awards in each event.