

TENNIS SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

Tennis

A sport of skill, power, and mental toughness, tennis captivates with baseline battles and deft net play. Singles and doubles matches will feature thrilling rallies and tactical brilliance.

Competition dates

Tennis competition for Open Masters Games 2026 offers each athlete the opportunity to compete in three events: Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

The provisional Tennis competition schedule is as follows:

	February 10 Tuesday	February 11 Wednesday	February 12 Thursday	February 13 Friday	February 14 Saturday
Tennis	●	●	●	●	●

All dates and times are subject to change, pending final entries received. A detailed schedule for each age category will be developed throughout 2025.

Venue: Zayed Sports City Tennis Stadium

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Competition Format

The events, divisions and age categories for Tennis are as follows:

Event	Division	Age Category
Singles	A Grade Competitive	Men's / Women's: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	B Grade Recreational	

Doubles	A Grade Competitive	Men's / Women's: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	B Grade Recreational	
Mixed Doubles	A Grade Competitive	Mixed: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	B Grade Recreational	Mixed: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+

For the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2026. In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete can compete in a younger age group, however can only enter one age category and division per event. For doubles events the age of the youngest player in the doubles pair will determine the age category.

If there are insufficient entries in an age category or division, these may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, individuals will still be awarded medals in the age category or division in which they originally entered.

Para Sport

The Tennis programme will include a wheelchair event comprising of singles, doubles and mixed doubles for 30+ and 40+ age groups, with open and quad divisions offered for wheelchair players.

Event	Division	Age Category
Singles	Open Wheelchair	Men's / Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+
	Quad	
Doubles	Open Wheelchair	Men's / Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+
	Quad	
Mixed Doubles	Open Wheelchair	Men's / Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+
	Quad	

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To enter in a Para-Sport event at the Games, you must be able to meet minimum disability criteria. Please review the Para-Sport Classification requirements in the Para-Sports Information Guide and where an athlete has an existing recognised national or international classification, please indicate this as part of the registration process. If an athlete is not able to meet these requirements, registration will be transferred to the open section of the competition.

Competition Details

The Tennis event will be conducted in line with the competition rules of the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

Grade Definitions

The following grade definitions have been determined for the Tennis competition:

- A Grade – Competitive: This category is for tournament and competition players.
- B Grade - Recreational: This category is for club and social players.

The Tennis Organising Committee reserves the right to move players between grades.

Players can play in different grades (competitive or recreational) in different events, but only one grade per event (e.g. singles, doubles and mixed doubles).

Format for play

- a) Subject to final entries received, preliminary round robin competition will be in pools of four players (four pairs in doubles) followed by championship and consolation events in all grades. Top two players (or pairs) from each round robin pool qualify for the championship event, while third and fourth players (or pairs) qualify for the consolation event. Both championship and consolation events will be single elimination (knock out). Where the number of entries is not a multiple of four, round robin pools may be three players (pairs).
- b) Please note that the competition format may change dependent on final entry numbers.
- c) Preliminary round robin matches will be best of two sets with a 'match tie-break' to be played if required
Consolation event matches will be of one tie-break set. Championship event matches will be the best of three tie-break sets.

Match length may be altered by the Technical Delegate depending on circumstances.

d) Umpires will be used throughout the tournament.

Doubles Partner Matching Days

Doubles Partner Matching Days will be offered and announced in Version 2 of the Guide. This is an opportunity for players looking for doubles/mixed partners to meet and decide whether they would like to pair with and notify the tournament office. If you did not nominate your doubles partner at Games Registration and have decided on your partner prior to Doubles Partner Matching Day please email us at sports@omgad2026.ae As a last resort the tournament committee will pair players.

Doubles Pair Sign-in Deadlines

If you entered online with your partner your entry will show on the tournament website and you do not need to do anything further. The deadlines apply to players who have not previously confirmed their partners. Any players who have not notified their pairing by the deadline will be paired by the tournament committee.

Umpires

Umpires will be used in throughout the tournament to the championship finals.

Disciplinary Committee/Protest Procedures

The ITF Code of Conduct will apply. The Technical Delegate will convene a disputes committee to hear any protests or disciplinary matters in accordance with the ITF Code of Conduct 9 (<https://www.itftennis.com/media/8955/world-tennis-tour-code-of-conduct.pdf>).

Technical delegate

The Technical Delegate endorsed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) will be announced in Version 2 of the Guide. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

Equipment

Each athlete is required to bring their own tennis racquet. It is the responsibility of each player to bring or hire training balls. Match balls will be provided. Players are advised to bring their own water bottles and strapping tape.

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Uniforms

Players must wear approved tennis attire. Players of the same team are encouraged to wear team uniforms of the same colour.

Updates

This guide will be updated Version 2 by 1 September 2025. Important additional information will be available at that time. In the meantime, please address all inquiries to: sports@omgad2026.ae



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