

## Competition Information

### 1. Dates and Venues

The 6<sup>th</sup> East Asian Games Soft Tennis competition will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2013 at the Tianjin Tennis Center.

### 2. Venues

#### 2.1 Competition Venue

Tianjin Tennis Center

#### 2.2 Training Venue

Tianjin Tennis Center

### 3. Events

The 6<sup>th</sup> East Asian Games Soft Tennis Competition consists of 7 events.

Men's Events	Men's Singles
	Men's Doubles
	Men's Team
Women's Events	Women's Singles
	Women's Doubles
	Women's Team
Mixed Events	Mixed Doubles

### 4. Competition Schedule

Day 5 Thursday, October 10, 2013

Start 10:00 at Tianjin Tennis Center

Men's/Women's Singles, Stage One

Day 6 Friday, October 11, 2013

Start 10:00 at Tianjin Tennis Center

Men's/Women's Singles, Stage Two

Men's/Women's Singles Victory Ceremony

Day 7 Saturday, October 12, 2013

Start 10:00 at Tianjin Tennis Center

Mixed Doubles, Stage One

Mixed Doubles, Stage Two

Mixed Doubles Victory Ceremony

Day 8 Sunday, October 13, 2013

Start 10:00 at Tianjin Tennis Center

Men's/Women's Doubles, Stage One

Men's/Women's Doubles, Stage Two

Men's/Women's Doubles Victory Ceremony

Day 9 Monday, October 14, 2013

Start 11:00 at Tianjin Tennis Center

Men's/Women's Teams, Stage One

Men's/Women's Teams, Stage Two

Men's/Women's Teams Victory Ceremony

## 5. Eligibility

### 5.1

The NOCs of participating countries and regions are the only representatives for their athletes taking part in the 6<sup>th</sup> East Asian Games Soft Tennis Competition.

### 5.2

Only competitors who comply with the East Asian Games Association (EAGA) Constitution and Olympic Council of Asia(OCA) Constitution & Rules are entitled to participate.

## 6. Entries

Entry procedures will be conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution & Rules of the Olympic Council of Asia(OCA).

### 6.1 Entry by Number

Deadline: 24:00, April 30, 2013 (Beijing local time)

### 6.2 Entry by Name

Deadline: 24:00, August 31, 2013 (Beijing local time)

The completed Entry by Name Forms with all necessary information including the athlete's full name as shown in passport must be submitted for each athlete by the deadline. NOCs may make changes or submit additional information regarding Entry by Name Forms on or before the deadline, (i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013). No any amendments will be permitted

after the deadline.

### 6.3 Number of participants

Each NOC may enter a maximum of thirteen (13) members in the Soft Tennis Competition including three (3) team officials (1 team manager, 1 coach for men's team and 1 coach for women's team), five (5) male players and five (5) female players.

Single events: Each NOC may enter a maximum of 5 men and 5 women players.

Doubles event: Each NOC may enter a maximum of 2 pairs (4 players) for each men's and women's doubles, and a maximum of 5 pairs (10 players) for mixed doubles.

Note: Players could concurrently enter different events.

## 7. General Rules and Regulations

The 6<sup>th</sup> East Asian Games Soft Tennis Competition will be conducted according to the final numbers of entries, in ways as follows:

### 7.1 Term Events

Two stages:

The first stage: group round robin matches

The second stage: elimination matches

Each team event consists of 3 matches, including 2 doubles and 1 singles, and the team that wins 2 of the 3 matches is the winner. The sequence of the competition is: doubles, singles, doubles.

During the group round robin matches, participants must complete in all 3 matches. No third match will be played in case a win in the elimination match.

The top 2 teams of the group enter the second stage, and the top 4 teams enter the final.

All the doubles matches are the best of 9 sets; and all the singles matches are the best of 7 sets.

Each team consists of five players, and each player could only participate in 1 of the 3 matches. Therefore, the team with 3 to 4 participants will be considered as absent for the third match.

The participating team should submit the names of their players before competition starts.

### 7.2 Singles Men/Women, Doubles Men/Women and Mixed Doubles.

Two stages:

The first stage: group round robin matches. (The avoidance principle will apply during the first stage layout by the same team players.)

The second stage: elimination matches

All the singles matches are the best of 7 sets; and all the doubles matches are the best of 9 sets. There is no extra match for all events, and rankings may be shared. The competition format is subject to changes according to the final number of entries of teams and players.

### 7.3

The 6<sup>th</sup> East Asian Games Soft Tennis Competition will be conducted in accordance with the current rules and regulations of International Soft Tennis Federation and the Asian Soft Tennis Federation.

In case of translation related disagreement over the Rules, the English text shall prevail. Any unforeseen incident not addressed by the Rules shall be resolved as follows:

- General issues: Resolved in accordance with the EAGA Constitution
- Technical issues: Resolved in accordance with the spirit of the latest ISTF rules.

### 7.4 Draw

The Draw will be conducted by EAGOC according to the regulations approved by ASTF.

### 7.5

For Soft Tennis competition seeded teams and singles will be decided by the Technical delegate appointed by ASTF.

## 8. Medical Control

### 8.1 Doping Control

Doping control for all events of the 6<sup>th</sup> East Asian Games will be conducted according to EAGA Medical Committee directions and will follow the procedures specified by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

### 8.2 Points for Attention

When an athlete is notified to be tested against the Doping Control after the match, he/she must go to the Doping Control Station(DCS) with a registered ID Card. The athlete may not go out of the sight of the escort or urinate before arriving at the DCS. The athlete may have a

team member present throughout the entire process (a minor must have one). Those who are notified, but fail or refuse to arrive at the designated DCS may constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

## 9. Equipment

### 9.1

ASTF approved soft tennis courts, nets and pillars will be used.

### 9.2

ASTF approved soft tennis balls will be used.