



American Soft Tennis Association

**GUIDE TO
The 4th ANNUAL WATAKYU CUP INTERNATIONAL SOFT TENNIS
TOURNAMENT
San Francisco 14th – 19th September 2014**

- 1. Name of Event: THE 4th WATAKYU CUP INTERNATIONAL SOFT TENNIS TOURNAMENT**
- 2. Organized by: American Soft Tennis Association (ASTA)**
In cooperation with: Watakyu Seimoa Corporation –THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR
- 3. Acknowledged by: ISTF, JSTA, KSTA, ESTF**
- 4. Technical sponsors: DUNLOP, GOSEN, NAGASE KENKO, MIZUNO, YONEX**
- 5. Period: Sunday 14th – Friday 19th September 2014**
- 6. Venue: San Francisco, California – USA**
 - **Rolling Hills Tennis Club (hard courts) – 351 San Andreas Dr., Novato, CA 94945, www.rollinghillsclub.com; wikipro@comcast.net**
 - **Embassy Suites Hotel – 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael, CA 94903 www.sanrafael.embassysuites.com; raejean.smith@hilton.com**

Distance between hotel and tennis courts by bus: 20min
- 7. Events:**
 - ◆ **Individual Singles for Men**
 - ◆ **Individual Singles for Women**
 - ◆ **Individual Singles Junior**
 - ◆ **Individual Doubles for Men**
 - ◆ **Individual Doubles for Women**
 - ◆ **Individual Doubles Junior**

IMPORTANT! ASTA is pleased to announce that it has been decided to re-introduce the "JUNIOR SOFT TENNIS PLAYERS EVENT" section.

- 8. Event Schedule:**
 - **Sunday 14th September – Individual arrivals of participating countries at San Francisco airport. - Transfers to Hotel – Check**

in – buffet dinner at the hotel (7-9pm)

- **Monday 15th September – breakfast @ hotel - practice day on courts (buffet lunch and BBQ dinner at the tennis club)**
- **Tuesday 16th September – breakfast @ hotel - Doubles Men, Doubles Women, Junior Doubles and awards (buffet lunch and taco dinner at the tennis club)**
- **Wednesday 17th September – breakfast @ hotel - Singles Men, Singles Women, Singles Junior and awards (buffet lunch & Chinese dinner at the tennis club)**
- **Thursday 18th September – breakfast @ hotel - 6 hour tour of San Francisco, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, and Union Square-for shopping – Farewell Dinner at 6pm @ the hotel**
- **Friday 19th September – breakfast then check out from the hotel in the morning. Individual transfers to airport – Check in & individual departures... 'Bon Voyage'**

9. Eligibility:

- a) **Participating players shall be those who have been approved by those National Soft Tennis Associations/Federations which are the member countries of the ISTF**
- b) **Players shall have the nationality of the countries they shall represent -**
- c) **Participating head of team &/or coaches shall be those who have been approved by the respective organizations of the countries they will represent**
- d) **The Sponsor of the event shall be allowed to invite recommended players.**

10. Entries:

- 1) **The countries taking part in the event may participate with a maximum of 10 (ten) members of which 6 (six) to 8 (eight) are players – men, women and juniors (15 years and under), 1 (one) coach & 1 (one) team leader and their mates, or any combination of leaders not to exceed 10 members total from each country.**
- 2) **The host country shall be allowed to enter more than one team.**
- 3) **The final Entry Forms must reach ASTA no later than July 31, 2014, rmd1234@AOL.com**
- 4) **A maximum of 12 teams (including USA) are to be considered based on “First come First Served”.**

11. Competition Rules:

1) **The Event shall be conducted according to the playing rules of soft tennis approved by ISTF.**

2) **The official language for this event shall be English.**

12. Playing level:

1) **At Adult level, soft tennis Beginners are not to be considered. Medium high players level is to be suggested.**

2) **At Junior level the rule is not to be considered.**

13. Competitions:

1) **Individual Men Singles – Individual Women Singles – 9 games**

2) **Individual Junior Singles – 7 games**

3) **Individual Men Doubles – Individual Women Doubles – 9 games**

4) **Individual Junior Doubles – 7 games**

5) **Finals for both men & women singles – the best of 3 (three) sets**

IMPORTANT – due to special circumstances formats of events may be changed!

14. Balls: All games will be played using Kenko Balls.

15. Commendations: after the final of each event the prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.

16. Expenses covered:

a) **Hotel lodging - multi bed rooms - five nights – players, manager, coaches and mates**

b) **Hotel lodging – single bed rooms – five nights – For the dignitaries only**

c) **Local transportation – airport/hotel – hotel/courts – sight seeing - hotel/airport**

d) **Meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner**

e) **Final event dinner**

f) **Playing facilities – courts, changing rooms, logistics, etc.**

g) **Sightseeing-tourism**

f) **Trophies for winners**

17. Expenses not included:

1. **Air fares to/from San Francisco (USA)**

2. **Laundry – in case of need ask at the reception desk**

3. **Extra charges at hotel – phone calls, fax, PC, internet, drinks, snack food, etc.**

4. **Early arrivals or late departures**

5. **Lodging at a different hotel or room changes within the hotel (different than ASTA has described)**

18. Playing rules will be forwarded by e-mail when all countries have submitted full name entry forms.

19. In case any VISA assistance needed, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Steve Shokawa, ASTA President: ptcasta@yahoo.com

Note: SPECTATOR ATTENDANCE is FREE and WELCOME!