

Regulations

Crocs Beach Tennis Tour



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Art. 1 Objective

Swiss Beach Tennis wishes to further the sport of beach tennis and is offering all interested persons, both beginners and advanced players, possibilities of playing in the Crocs Beach Tennis Tour 2011. We wish to make beach tennis better known throughout Switzerland.

Alongside the promotional events, open tournaments are to be carried out, at the same time or independently, so as to offer additional tournament and/or entry-level opportunities for beginners and advanced players.

Art. 2 Patronage

Under the title "Crocs Beach Tennis Tour," Swiss Beach Tennis has transferred the title patronage of the Crocs Beach Tennis Tour to the company DLD with the trademark Crocs at least until the end of 2013.

Art. 3 Tournament Regulations

The tournament stipulations are established in these regulations. For all cases not stipulated in these regulations, the tournament regulations of Swiss Tennis as well as the "rules and regulations" of the ITF are correspondingly applicable.

Art. 4 Responsibility and Implementation

The beach tennis events are to be carried out by tournament organisers designated by Swiss Beach Tennis. The tournament management can implement the beach tennis tournaments independently. They are obliged to adhere to the stipulations of these regulations.

Art. 5 Tournament Dates, Announcement, Registration, Registration Deadline

The beach tennis tournaments take place primarily during the summer months (with the exception of Beach Center Bern: indoor possibilities). Tournaments relevant to ranking must be announced publicly in the official Beach Tennis Tournament Calendar on www.swissbeachtennis.ch. The announcement of the tournament must be made at least 3 weeks prior to the tournament by post or e-mail. The registration deadline will be set by the tournament organiser after consultation with Swiss Beach Tennis. Participants must register in writing for the tournament in advance or on location. Participants can register for several competitions. If there are too many registrations, the participants will be considered in the order of their rankings.

Art. 6 Application, Designation of Organiser

Any club with at least three beach grounds at its disposal can apply to Swiss Beach Tennis for the conferment of a Crocs Beach Tennis Tournament (including promotion tournament) until 31 December of the year preceding the tournament. The tournament management will be designated by Swiss Beach Tennis by the end of February.

Art. 7 Cost Coverage

Swiss Tennis bears the costs of the entire organisation of the Crocs Beach Tennis Tour. Tournaments organised by clubs will be financed by the clubs. Entry fees may be charged (see Art. 11).

Posters, tournament announcements, tournament tables, balls, prizes and reminder gifts will be made available to the organisers wherever possible free of charge.

Art. 8 Rules of Play

The rules of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour (www.itftennis.com/beachtennis) shall be in force.

Art. 9 Wild Cards

Swiss Beach Tennis has the possible of giving away one wild card per competition.

Art. 10 Results/Classifications

The results attained during the course of the Crocs Beach Tennis Tour are valid as the official results in accordance with Art. 11 and will be evaluated for the ranking.

Art. 11 Overview of Tournament Categories

Tournament Categories	Competitions	Participants Allowed	Relevant to Ranking	Entry Fee	Organisation	Game Mode	Tournament Management	Prizes
ITF Tournaments	Men's Doubles Women's Doubles Mixed	In accordance with ITF	Yes Yes No	Max. 30 USD / Team	Club, Swiss Beach Tennis	In accordance with ITF	ITF, Swiss Beach Tennis	Through ITF
Crocs Beach Tennis Tournaments	Men's Doubles Women's Doubles Mixed	All	Yes Yes No	Max. CHF 40.00 / Team	Swiss Beach Tennis	Group phase, then cup system	Swiss Beach Tennis	Through Swiss Beach Tennis
Open Tournaments	Men's Doubles Women's Doubles Mixed	In accordance with announcement of organiser	Yes Yes No	Max. CHF 40.00 / Team	Club	In accordance with announcement organiser	Club	Through the club (through Swiss Beach Tennis if possible)
Crocs Beach Tennis Promotions Tournaments	None	All	No	No	Swiss Beach Tennis	Group phase, then cup system; Consolation round possible	Swiss Beach Tennis	Through Swiss Beach Tennis
Internal Club Tournaments	Men's Doubles Women's Doubles Mixed	In accordance with club announcement	No	In accordance with club announcement	Club	In accordance with the Club	Club	Through the club

Art. 12 Point System

With the introduction of the national (rolling) ranking, the current points of the already existing ITF ranking as of 01.01.2011 are taken over. The current ranking is available on www.swissbeachtennis.ch.

The ranking points are given according to the following points scale:

	Open Tournament Organisation by Club:	Crocs Beach Tennis Tour Tournament:	ITF Tournament (Org. Club):
Winner	40 points	60 points	ITF Ranking Table x 3 (Attachment 1)
Finalists	30 points	45 points	
1/2 Finalists	20 points	30 points	
1/4 Finalists	15 points	20 points	
1/8 Finalists	10 points	15 points	
1/16 Finalists	5 points	10 points	
Group matches	2 points per victory	4 points per victory	

The points from group matches as well as the points from the final tables will be added up.

The minimum number of teams for tournaments relevant to ranking is eight. If fewer teams participate, only the points from the group matches will be given.

Art. 13 Consideration of Results

- 1 The classification year is assigned to a classification period and lasts from 1 January until 31 December.
- 2 The first period lasts from 01.01.2011 until 31.12.2011.
The corresponding results of the last classification period are taken into account when determining the ranking.
- 3 In the ensuing years, the results of the current year as well as the results of previous year will be taken into account (in 2013 the points of 2011 will be eliminated).
- 4 The current standings of the women's and men's rankings are available on www.swissbeachtennis.ch.

Art. 14 Drawing

The drawing will be made by the tournament management on location.

Art. 15 Settlement

Any settlement will be undertaken by Swiss Tennis based on the current ranking as well as on the current tournament regulations.

Art. 16 Public Notice

For information, participants should consult the tournament management or www.swissbeachtennis.ch. The table will be made public by the tournament management on location.

Art. 17 Balls

Only Stage 2 balls will be used.

Art. 18 Referee

Matches will take place without a referee.

Art. 19 Tournament Administration / Announcement of Results

The entire tournament administration, from registration to the announcement of results of all beach tennis tournaments, will be undertaken by Swiss Beach Tennis. The results will be made known to Swiss Beach Tennis within 3 days after the conclusion of the tournament by the tournament management in charge and shown on www.swissbeachtennis.ch.

Points will be distributed by Swiss Beach Tennis.

Art. 20 Advertising

During the tournaments, sponsors and suppliers of the Crocs Beach Tennis Tour and Swiss Tennis must have the possibility of posting or affixing advertising and promotional material. Organisers can obtain detailed information on this in special instructions, also as regards exclusivity.

Art. 21 Photos

The tournament organiser is obliged to take winners' photos of the finalists of all competitions in front of the sponsor's banner and to send these to Swiss Beach Tennis by e-mail within 3 days after the conclusion of the tournament. The photos will be made available free of charge to the sponsors and suppliers as well as to Swiss (Beach) Tennis.

Art. 22 Interrupted Tournament

If a tournament is not played to the end, the points already scored will be taken into account for the ranking.

Art. 23 Victory as a Result of w.o. / bye

If a participant continues in the match as a result of a w.o. or bye, he/she will obtain the points of the next level.

Art. 24 Reserved and Additional Rights

Swiss Beach Tennis will make the final decision for all cases not stipulated in these regulations and any regulation loopholes or obscurities regarding the interpretation of stipulations in connection with beach tennis tournaments; these also include any disputes resulting from the implementation of these regulations.

Art. 25 Behaviour of Tournament Participants

Participants in the Crocs Beach Tennis Tour who do not subject themselves to these regulations, the tournament stipulations or instructions of the tournament organiser can be eliminated from the classification of the Beach Tennis Tour by Swiss Beach Tennis and/or excluded from participating in subsequent tournaments. Swiss Beach Tennis reserves the right to deduct points from players, or not award points to players, for disciplinary reasons.

Art. 26 Entry into Force

These regulations will enter into force for the holding of the 2011 Beach Tennis Tournaments and shall remain valid during the following years without any modifications.