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# TOURNAMENT RULES



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# HEC Virtus Tennis Tournament

## Tournament Format and Teams

- The tournament consists of a group phase on Friday, quarter finals and semi finals on Saturday, and small finals and finals on Sunday
- The losers of the quarter finals will continue the competition in a consolation draw, with the aim of ensuring equal playing time between all teams and of establishing a final ranking from 1st to 8th
- Each team consists of 3 male players, 3 female players and 1 coach
- Each team will share a court with another team for practices outside tournament hours: the teams decide together how they want to share their court

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## Match Format 1/2

- Each team match consists of 2 singles and 1 mixed doubles, which are played in succession on the same court
- The coach must choose 4 different players: 1 male player and 1 female player must be chosen for the singles
- 15 minutes before each team match, the coach will give to the tournament referee the team composition for the first and second singles: female players might face male players
- The coach must give the mixed doubles composition after the 2 singles have ended
- Each match and each team match must be played in their entirety
- A new match format has been adopted for the 2022 edition of the tournament: Virtus has decided to use the Ultimate Tennis Showdown format and to adapt it to its liking, with the agreement of the Mouratoglou Academy
- A chair umpire will be present on court for each match
- Each match will be played in 4 quarters of 10 minutes.

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## Match Format 2/2

- Players/teams serve twice in a row
- The player/team who scores more points in a quarter than the other wins the quarter
- If there is a tie at the end of the quarter, a deciding point is played
- The player/team who wins more quarters than the other wins the match
- If there is a tie at the end of the 4 quarters, the first player/team to score 2 points in a row wins. In this case, players/teams alternate serve after each point
- Players/teams have 25 seconds between two points and 1 minute and 30 seconds between two quarters
- Coaching is allowed between points and quarters

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## Virtus Cards

- The coach of each team may play 2 Virtus Cards per quarter: Virtus Cards are special cards that give an advantage/disadvantage to one of the two players
- Each team will be given the same physical set of 4 Virtus Cards, which will be disclosed during the opening ceremony on Thursday evening
- The coach (or another member of the team) will need to present themselves to the umpire chair to play a Virtus Card
- For instance, to play a Virtus Card for the 3rd point of the quarter, the coach needs to present themselves to the umpire chair between the 1st and the 2nd point and give the Virtus Card to the umpire as soon as the 2nd point has ended (in order not to waste time)

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## Diverse

- It is expected that all participants behave in an exemplary manner: a Charter of Good Conduct will be sent to the teams
- The 7 member of each team will need to sign the Charter and return it to Virtus
- Each player needs to send Virtus a medical certificate attesting the capacity to play tennis in competition before the start of the event
- The tournament direction may change any of the aforementioned rules if judged necessary for the good proceedings of the event



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