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UAE TENNIS FEDERATION

**OFFICIAL RULEBOOK GUIDE
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Until tennis becomes a habit

Federation Overview:

The UAE Tennis Federation (UAE TF), established in 1983 and affiliated with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) in 1984, is dedicated to promoting tennis throughout the UAE, aligning with international standards, and fostering talent development.

Mission and Vision:

To encourage participation in tennis, nurture professional athletes, and host world-class competitions.

Scope of the Handbook:

This handbook applies to players, coaches, referees, and tournament organizers, outlining all relevant rules and regulations.

Organizational Structure

Federation Structure:

- Board of Directors.
 - Specialized Committees (Competitions, Education, Disciplinary, etc.).
- Roles and Responsibilities:
 - Board of Directors: Strategic planning and governance.
- Committees:
 - Execution of policies, competition organization, and dispute resolution.
- Communication Channels:
 - Official email, phone numbers, and website for providing feedback, submitting inquiries, and reporting complaints.

Official Rules of Tennis

- Playing Rules:
 - Court dimensions, net height, ball specifications, and equipment standards as per ITF regulations.
- Scoring system and match formats for singles and doubles.
- Match Duration and Breaks:
 - Warm-up duration (5-10 minutes).
 - Rest periods between sets (2 minutes).

- **Refereeing Standards:**
 - Responsibilities of the chair umpire and line judges.
 - Procedures for challenging decisions and dealing with disputes.

Tournament Regulations

- Registration Process:**
 - Age and skill-level requirements.
 - Required documents (ID, proof of age).

Competition Rules:

- Match formats (e.g., Round Robin, Knockout).
- Scheduling and rescheduling policies.

Tournament Calendar:

- Annual schedule, updated on the UAE TF website.

Appeals and Complaints:

- Submission process for disputes.
- Timeline for resolution.

TEPIN Membership Rules and Payment Policy

The following section outlines the rules, payment policies, and other important regulations related to the TEPIN Membership under the UAE Tennis Federation. These policies ensure transparency and clarity for all members.

Here's the Comprehensive Rulebook for the UAE Tennis Federation, integrating all the information discussed:

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1. Introduction

The UAE Tennis Federation (UAE TF) promotes tennis throughout the UAE by organizing tournaments, supporting player development, and adhering to international standards set by the International Tennis Federation (ITF). This rulebook offers detailed guidelines for participation, registration, and ranking to ensure fairness and transparency.

2. Membership and TEPIN System

2.1. Fees season 2026

CATEGORY	ITEMS	FEE (AED)	REMARKS
1) Membership Fees	Kid's (10 & under)	105	-
	Junior's (11 – 17 years)	160	-
	Adults (18 -35)	265	-
	Senior (Over 35)	160	-
	Coaches	700	TE Certificate, Card & Plaque
	Officials	315	(Referees, Chair Umpire, Tournament Director, etc.)
	Affiliation - Institutions	3150	Sports clubs, Social clubs, Academies, Hotel centers, etc.
	Court Registration	265	Per the court, as part of the Institution Affiliation
	Replacement of the Membership card	105	Lost or stolen
2) Others	Official Letters	525	Certificates, non-objection letters, etc.
	New & Renewal NOC License	525	Sports Service Suppliers (except Sponsors)
	Product Endorsement	5,250	Sports Service Suppliers (except Sponsors)
	Tennis Consultancy	TBD by TE	The fee is based on the project

2.2. TE-PIN Requirement

- I. Mandatory Membership: All players participating in UAE local tournaments must hold an active TEPIN Membership.
- II. Benefits:
 - Enables online registration for tournaments.
 - Tracks player rankings and performance.
 - Provides access to official updates and resources.

2.3. Registration Process

- I. Online Registration: All members must register through uabetennis.ae or te-s-pin.com. Upload personal details, a recent photo, and valid identification, Emirates ID for residents or Passport for visitors (Circular No. 6 – 2025 Update Player's Data).
- II. Pay the annual registration fee online.

2.4. Validity

- I. Clubs, Academies, and Coaches: TE-PIN Membership is valid for the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) and requires an annual renewal.
- II. The player's TE-PIN Membership is valid for one calendar year (365 days) from the date of issue and must be renewed annually.

2.5. Non-Refundable Payments

All TEPIN fees are non-refundable except in cases of administrative error or documented medical emergencies.

3. Tournament Registration Rules

3.1. Tournament Age Group Season 2026

	Age Group	Year of Birth
1.	School U8	2018 & above
2.	School U9	2017 & above
3.	School U10	2016 & above
4.	DEVELOPMENT U12	2017, 2016, 2015 & 2014
5.	DEVELOPMENT U14	2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012
6.	JUNIOR U16	2013, 2012, 2011 & 2010
7.	JUNIOR U18	2011, 2010, 2009 & 2008
8.	Men's & Women's	2007 & below
9.	Master's 35 & Over	1991 & below
10.	Master's Over 45	1981 & below

- I. The tournament entry system is determined by the player's year of birth and does not account for the month or day.
- II. Players may be allowed to compete in a higher age category (e.g., under 12 playing in under 16) with special approval from the UAE Tennis Federation.

3.2. Tournament Categories

3.2.1. International Tournament

- I. ATP
- II. WTA
- III. ITF Men's and Women's
- IV. ITF Juniors
- V. ITF Master's
- VI. ATF U14 & U16

3.2.2. UAE League

- I. Abu Dhabi League
- II. Dubai League
- III. ILDL Double Women's League
- IV. DSC Community League

3.2.3.Ranking Circuits

- I. Development Boys' & Girls' U12(SGL & DBL).
- II. Development Boys' & Girls' U14(SGL & DBL).
- III. Junior Boys & Girls' U16(SGL & DBL).
- IV. Junior Boys & Girls' U18(SGL & DBL).
- V. Men's & Women's (SGL & DBL).
- VI. Master Men's & Women's O35(SGL & DBL).
- VII. Master Men's & Women's O45(SGL & DBL).

3.2.4.NON-Ranking Circuits

- I. Red Ball U08.
- II. Orange Ball U09.
- III. Green Ball U10.
- IV. Closed tournament

3.3. Tournaments, Sanctions & Entry Fees season 2026

CATEGORY		ITEMS	Sanction FEE(AED)	Entry Fee (AED)	REMARKS
1) Local Tournament Sanction Fees	CAT 1	School Circuit Red (NON-Ranking	420	55	Per Tournament
		Red (5-6), Orange (7-8), Green (9-10)			
		Development Circuit U12 Years	630	105	Per Tournament (B & G , SGL & DBL)
		Development Circuit U14 Years	630	105	Per Tournament (B & G , SGL & DBL)
	CAT 2	Junior Circuit U16 Years	840	165	Per Tournament (B & G , SGL & DBL)
		Junior Circuit U18 Years	840	165	Per Tournament (B & G , SGL & DBL)
		TE Men's/Women's Open 5000AED	1,050	225	Per Tournament (M & W , SGL & DBL)
		TE Men's/Women's Open /or ATT 10000AED	1,575	275	Per Tournament (M & W , SGL & DBL)
		TE Men's/Women's Open /or ATT 20000AED	2,625	315	Per Tournament (M & W , SGL & DBL)
	CAT 3	TE Men's/Women's Open Veterans	840	210	Per Tournament (M & W , SGL & DBL)
		International Non-Ranking prize money	TBD by TE	TBD	Organized by TE rules and regulations
		Local Non-ranking events- Adults (NO prize money)	3150	210	Per Tournament (M & W, SGL & DBL)
		Local Non-ranking events - Juniors	1575	165	Per age division
		Beach Tennis Open Event	TBD by TE	TBD	Per age division
		Wheelchair Open Event	TBD by TE	TBD	Per age division

2) Local NON-Ranking Events	NON-Ranking U12	840		
	NON-Ranking U14	840		
	NON-Ranking U16	1,050		
	NON-Ranking U18	1,050		
	Non-Ranking Adult (No Prize Money)	1575		
	Non-Ranking Adult (With Prize Money)	5%		5% of the total prize money or 2625 AED
3) International Tournaments Sanction Fees	ATP / WTA	TBD by TF	TBD	10% of the total prize money
	ITF Futures / Challengers	5% of PM	TBD	5% of the total prize money + ITF Fee
	ITF Junior	10,000	200	Plus, ITF Fees
	ITF Veteran	10,000	TBD	Plus, ITF Fees
	Other Int'l Competitions	TBD by TF	TBD	Based on the event and event rights extended
	Exhibitions	TBD by TF	TBD	Based on the event and event rights extended
4) Team Competition	UAE Men's League	-	1050	Per Team
	UAE Women's League	-	1050	Per Team
	UAE Junior League	-	735	Per Team
	UAE Criterium U08	-	TBD	Per Team
	UAE Criterium U10	-	TBD	Per Team

3.4. Tournament Registration Request

Affiliated members are requested to register all Ranking and Non-Ranking tournaments online through their portal during the period specified below.

- I. To register for January to June tournaments, Members must register via the online portal before October 31 of the year in which the tournaments take place.
- II. To register for tournaments from July to December, Members must register via the online portal before April 30 of the same year in which the tournaments are held.
- III. Priority for tournament registration is given during the period mentioned in I and II. However, members can still request to register outside of this period if the week is available and the request is made at least 14 days before the entry deadline.

3.5. Tournament Countdown Procedure

3.5.1. Ranking Tournaments

	Procedure	Remark
1.	Online Registration	Available after the tournament application is approved.
2.	Online registration deadline	On Sunday, 5 days before the tournament start date
3.	Onsite registration	On Monday, 4 days before the tournament start date
4.	Online Withdrawal deadline	Till Tuesday, 3 days before the tournament start date
5.	Draw Making	On Wednesday or Thursday, 2 to 1 days before the tournament start date
6.	Order of Play (OOP) publishing	Thursday, 24 hours before the tournament start date.
7.	Number of tournament days	Maximum 9 days (can be extended after approval from the Federation)
8.	Tournament start day	Friday or later
9.	Tournament end day	Saturday or Sunday (if the day is different, need to get approval from the Federation)
10.	Ranking points calculation	Ranking will be added only after 9 days from the tournament end date

- I. Online registrants are given priority in the tournament draw, especially for grade A and B+ events.
- II. Players must check the draw and schedule directly on uabetennis.ae. The organizer is not obligated to send Draws & OPP via email or WhatsApp.
- III. Players who fail to register online may register on-site at the tournament venue, with the Referee, or call the Federation regarding the date mentioned above (Monday, 4 days before the tournament start date), but this is subject to availability.

3.5.2. NON-Ranking Tournament

For school events (U8, U9, and U10), games can be played on a maximum of 2 days.

3.6. Order of Play (OOP) Timing

	Month	Morning Session	Evening Sessions
1.	January	All time	All time
2.	February	All time	All time
3.	March	7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	3:00 PM -10:00 PM
4.	April	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	4:00 PM -10:00 PM
5.	May	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	5:00 PM -10:00 PM
6.	June	Not Allowed	5:00 PM -11:00 PM
7.	July	Not Allowed	5:00 PM -11:00 PM
8.	August	Not Allowed	5:00 PM -11:00 PM
9.	September	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	4:00 PM -10:00 PM
10.	October	7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	3:00 PM -10:00 PM
11.	November	All time	All time
12.	December	All time	All time

- I. The above timing will apply to outdoor courts and shade outdoor courts. Indoor A/C courts can play all the time.
- II. Weather Conditions: Matches should be scheduled with consideration of extreme weather conditions prevalent in the UAE, such as high temperatures, to prevent heat-related illnesses.
- III. Air Quality: In situations of poor air quality, appropriate measures such as postponing matches should be considered to safeguard players' respiratory health.

3.7. Tournament Draws Size and Seeding Allocation.

- I. Seeds shall be placed or drawn as follows:

Seed	4 Draw (2 seeds)	8 Draw (2 seeds)	16 Draw (4 seeds)	24/32 Draw (8 seeds)	64 Draw (16 seeds)
SEED 1	1	1	1	1	1
SEED 2	4	8	16	32	64
SEED 3	-	-	5,12	9,24	17,48
SEED 4	-	-	5,12	9,24	17,48
SEED 5	-	-	-	8,16,17,25	16,32,33,49
SEED 6	-	-	-	8,16,17,25	16,32,33,49
SEED 7	-	-	-	8,16,17,25	16,32,33,49
SEED 8	-	-	-	8,16,17,25	16,32,33,49
SEED 9	-	-	-	-	9,25,40,56
SEED 10	-	-	-	-	9,25,40,56
SEED 11	-	-	-	-	9,25,40,56
SEED 12	-	-	-	-	9,25,40,56
SEED 13	-	-	-	-	8,24,41,57
SEED 14	-	-	-	-	8,24,41,57
SEED 15	-	-	-	-	8,24,41,57
SEED 16	-	-	-	-	8,24,41,57

- II. BYE

If there are not enough competitors to fill the draw, then after placing the seeds, the required number of byes shall be given to the highest seeds first. Any remaining byes shall be allocated by lot in a way that distributes them as evenly as possible across the sections of the draw.

4. Ranking Point & Prize Money Table

4.1. Development & Junior's Circuits.

Age Group	Prize Money	No. of Entries	UAE TF Support	Draw Size		Category (Grade)	Qualys Draw Point					Main Draw Point						
				MD	QD		R1	R2	R3	R4	Q	R64	R32	R16	R8	SF	F	W
B&G U12	0 Prize	< 20	No	16	8	C	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	10	25	45	75	125
		21-44	No	32	16,8	C+	-	-	1	3	10	-	10	20	45	90	150	250
		> 45	No	64	8,16	C++	-	-	1	3	10	5	20	45	90	180	300	500
		>= 8	Yes	8,16,32,64	8,16,32	B	-	1	3	7	10	10	45	90	180	360	600	1000
		> 28	Yes	24	8,16	B+	-	-	3	7	10	25	75	120	210	500	1000	1500
	1000	>= 8	Yes	8,16,32,64	8,16,32	A	1	5	10	25	50	45	90	180	360	720	1200	2000
B&G U14	0 Prize	< 20	No	16	8	C	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	10	25	45	75	125
		21-44	No	32	16,8	C+	-	-	1	3	10	-	10	20	45	90	150	250
		> 45	No	64	8,16	C++	-	-	1	3	10	5	20	45	90	180	300	500
		>= 8	Yes	8,16,32,64	8,16,32	B	-	1	3	7	10	10	45	90	180	360	600	1000
		> 28	Yes	24	8,16	B+	-	-	3	7	10	25	75	120	210	500	1000	1500
	1500	>= 8	Yes	8,16,32,64	8,16,32	A	1	5	10	25	50	45	90	180	360	720	1200	2000
B&G U16	0 Prize	< 20	No	16	8	C	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	10	25	45	75	125
		21-44	No	32	16,8	C+	-	-	1	3	10	-	10	20	45	90	150	250
		> 45	No	64	8,16	C++	-	-	1	3	10	5	20	45	90	180	300	500
		>= 8	Yes	8,16,32,64	8,16,32	B	-	1	3	7	10	10	45	90	180	360	600	1000
		> 28	Yes	24	8,16	B+	-	-	3	7	10	25	75	120	210	500	1000	1500
	2000	>= 8	Yes	8,16,32,64	8,16,32	A	1	5	10	25	50	45	90	180	360	720	1200	2000
B&G U18	0 Prize	< 20	No	16	8	C	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	10	25	45	75	125
		21-44	No	32	16,8	C+	-	-	1	3	10	-	10	20	45	90	150	250
		> 45	No	64	8,16	C++	-	-	1	3	10	5	20	45	90	180	300	500
		>= 8	Yes	8,16,32,64	8,16,32	B	-	1	3	7	10	10	45	90	180	360	600	1000
		> 28	Yes	24	8,16	B+	-	-	3	7	10	25	75	120	210	500	1000	1500
	2500	>= 8	Yes	8,16,32,64	8,16,32	A	1	5	10	25	50	45	90	180	360	720	1200	2000

I. No cash will be given to the Players, only Gift Vouchers or Gifts that equal the mentioned amount

II. The combined ranking system will be applied, with each player in Double receiving 50% of the points awarded in Single.

4.2. Adult Circuits (Men, Women & Masters O35)

	PRIZE 5000 AED (C)			PRIZE 10000 AED (B)			PRIZE 15000 AED (A) ELITE		
	SGL		DBL	SGL		DBL	SGL		DBL
	PRZ	PTS	PRZ	PRZ	PTS	PRZ	PRZ	PTS	PRZ
W	1500	2000	750	3000	3000	1000	7000	5000	2000
F	750	1500	250	1500	2000	500	4000	3000	1000
SF	375	1000	0	750	1250	250	2000	2000	500
QF	250	500	0	500	750	0	500	1000	0
16	0	250	0	0	250	0	0	500	0
32	0	150		0	150		0	250	
64	0	75		0	100		0	150	

4.3. Points earned in the Ranking system

- I. Points earned in tournaments are valid for one year (52 weeks). After 52 weeks, those points are removed from a player's ranking calculation, whether they are still participating in tournaments.
- II. For Juniors, the total points claimed from 15 tournaments across all Grade events will be counted.

5. Organizer & Player Responsibility

5.1. Organizer's Responsibility

- I. Nominate the tournament referee approved by the Federation and use the full tournament system. This includes scheduling, draws, and results, all of which are handled online through the federation's official platform.
- II. Prepare the courts in accordance with ITF rules.
- III. Creating the OOP and publishing it on the Federation website.
- IV. Provide new balls for each match.
- V. Provide Trophies.
- VI. Secure the venue.
- VII. Updating the federation website results.
- VIII. Report on any situation involving the Federation that occurred during the event.

5.2. Player Responsibility

- I. They need to arrive 30 minutes before their match.
- II. Players must use equipment approved by the UAE TF.
- III. Follow up on the OOP on the Federation website.
- IV. Show respect to opponents, referees, and spectators.
- V. Avoid unsportsmanlike conduct, including verbal or physical misconduct.
- VI. Wear appropriate tennis clothes according to tournament rules.
- VII. If a player participates in multiple tournaments with different organizers in the same week, the Federation or Organizer is not required to schedule matches for that player. If one of

the organizers is unable to adjust the match schedule, the player must withdraw from one of the tournaments and notify the tournament referee.

5.3. Default Policy

Players who do not show up within 15 minutes of their scheduled match time will be disqualified.

6. Match Rules and Formats

6.1. Format

- I. Singles match shall be the best of two Tie-Break sets. No-Ad scoring shall be used and a Match Tie-Break (10 points) in place of a third set, unless otherwise approved by the Federation.
- II. Double and mixed matches shall be the best of two Tie-Break sets. No-Ad scoring shall be used, and a Match Tie-Break (10 points) will replace a third set.
- III. In development and junior tournaments, the No Let Rule shall be in effect for all singles and doubles matches.

6.2. Draw Rules

- I. Single and double draw will be played on a knockout basis.
- II. If the number of players is less than 8, the system can use round-robin biases for the first round. In this case, both the Federation and organizer must agree.

7. Withdraw & No-Show

7.1. Withdraw & No-Show Regulation

Action	Repetition	Point Penalty	Fines	Remark
Online Withdraw	-	-	-	No action needed
Withdraw after the freeze Deadline (Late Withdraw)	1	Warning	-	Can replace a new player
	2	5	-	
	3	10	-	
Withdraw after the Draw making	1	Warning	-	Must be a maximum of 24 hours before the tournaments start, and can replace a new player
	2	10	100	
	3	15	250	
After OOP online was published WO or NO SHOW	1	Warning	Entry Fee	Adding or changing the draw is not allowed.
	2	15	100+Entry Fee	
	3	30	200+Entry Fee	

7.2. The regulations are applied in consideration of the following rules.

- I. The penalty is waived or reduced if at least one calendar year has passed since it happened.
- II. If the violation occurs more than three times, the federation will impose disciplinary actions against the player, such as banning participation in all federation activities for a specified period.
- III. The penalty is deemed repeated only if it happens within the same case and age category.
- IV. Penalties will be shown on the player's portal.
- V. The player has the right to request an exemption or a reduction of the penalty for a valid reason such as injury or illness, supported by a medical report.
- VI. The organizer must publish the match schedule OOP on the official tournament website by no later than Thursday of each week and 24 hours before the match. Otherwise, only administrative penalties, not financial, will be applied.
- VII. The organizer has the right to request the player's entry fee before conducting the draw; otherwise, the organizer can exclude the player from the tournament, and no penalties will be applied to the player.

8. Terms of Use

8.1. Accuracy of Information

- I. Members are accountable for submitting accurate personal and contact details during registration.
- II. Any discrepancies could result in membership suspension or invalidation.
- III. Players can choose their club during registration for individual or team competitions through their portal.

8.2. Misconduct and Membership Revocation

The UAE Tennis Federation reserves the right to revoke membership in situations such as:

- I. Misconduct at tournaments.
- II. Violation of federation rules or principles of sportsmanship.
- III. Providing false information during registration.

8.3. Communication

- I. All communications about TEPIN Membership, tournaments, and updates will be sent through the Ticket system in the player portal.
- II. Members are responsible for regularly checking their systems for updates.

9. Special Notes

I. Liability of the UAE Tennis Federation

Each Affiliate, Member, Player, Official, Coach, and participant in tennis activities does so entirely at their own risk. The Federation will not be responsible for any physical injuries, damages, or losses that may occur during Competitions, Tournaments, or any other tennis activities organized under these Regulations.

I. Data Privacy:

The personal data provided during registration will be stored securely and used solely for administrative purposes. Data will not be shared with third parties without the member's consent, except when required by law.

II. The UAE Tennis Federation reserves the right to modify or update the membership policies and fees.

III. Members will receive notification of any changes at least 30 days before they are implemented.

IV. Compliance with WADA: The UAE Tennis Federation strictly follows the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) guidelines to maintain a drug-free sporting environment.

10. Safety Training for Coaches and Officials:

I. Mandatory Certifications: Coaches and officials are required to complete safety training, including first aid and emergency response procedures, to ensure they can effectively handle on-court incidents.

II. Continuous Education: The UAE Tennis Federation provides ongoing training opportunities to ensure coaches and officials stay informed about the latest safety protocols and health guidelines.

By implementing these extensive safety and health measures, the UAE Tennis Federation seeks to create a secure and supportive environment for all participants, fostering the overall well-being of players, coaches, officials, and spectators involved in tennis.

11. Code of Conduct

I. The Board of Directors shall publish a Code of Conduct periodically on its website and shall be considered incorporated by reference into these Regulations for all purposes.

II. All Affiliates, Members, Coaches, and Officials must always comply with the applicable Code of Conduct.

III. Breaches and fines related to the Code of Conduct shall be reviewed and decided by the Disciplinary Committee.

12. Definitions

Affiliate	Refers to a person or entity with an Affiliation Certificate
Affiliation Certificate	Means the certificate issued by the UAE Tennis Federation to an individual or entity that has applied to become affiliated with the federation by these Regulations and Schedule 2 (EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS 2016).
Appeal Committee	Refers to the group of qualified individuals appointed according to the provisions of Schedule 6B (EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS 2016) to these Regulations and approved by the Board of Directors periodically.
Authority	Means the Ministry of Sports
Board of Directors	Refers to the Board of Directors of the United Arab Emirates Tennis Federation (UAE TF)
Code of Conduct / Ethics	Mean those guidelines for conduct published by the Board of Directors of the UAE Tennis Federation from time to time, which shall be incorporated by reference into these Regulations upon publication on the UAE Tennis Federation website.
Coach	Refers to a person with a valid Coaching License.
Coaching License	Means an annually renewable license provided by the UAE Tennis Federation to a person who has successfully applied to become licensed with the UAE Tennis Federation to provide tennis coaching services by these Regulations
Competition	Refers to any competitive tennis event in the United Arab Emirates; this may include open or closed tournaments, ranking or non-ranking events, etc.
Disciplinary Committee	Refers to the group of appropriately appointed individuals as specified in the Regulation.
Ministry of Sports	Organize the sports field and develop all its components, provide modern facilities to attract more athletes, and achieve
ITF	Means the International Tennis Federation
Official	Means a person who holds a valid Official Permit issued by the UAE Tennis Federation under these Regulations, including on-court and off-court officials such as umpires, referees, line judges, and/or other relevant officials.
Official Permit	Means a renewable permit issued by the UAE Tennis Federation under these Regulations, required for each official to officiate a competitive match in the United States.
Official Rules and Regulations	Refers to the ITF rules and responsibilities during the events.
Member	Means a Player or other individual registered on the Members' Register with the UAE Tennis Federation.
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