



## **RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH TEAM EVENTS**

### **The Van Alen Cup (USA v UK) The Clothier Cup (Australia v USA) The George Limb Trophy (UK v Australia)**

#### **1. Event Format**

Teams will comprise four players, with players ranked by RTO handicap 48 hours before the start of play. To avoid a tie, there will be nine matches in each event.

Day 1: Four Singles - 4 v 4, 3 v 3, 2 v 2, 1 v 1, plus one doubles 2 & 3s

Day 2: Four doubles - 1 & 2s, 3 & 4s, 1 & 3s, 2 & 4s

All matches will be best of three six-game sets

Players to be provided with at least 30 minutes' break if required to play consecutive matches.

Teams to be provided with at least two hours' practice per team on the day before the matches start.

Matches will be played under the Laws of Tennis of the host country.

#### **2. Injuries & Substitutions**

The intent is to always allow a team to compete, and not need to suffer forfeits wherever possible due to injury. Teams are encouraged to travel with a reserve, to ensure they can field a full team.

However, should a team be short of a player due to injury, a locally provided substitute should be made available. All existing players must shuffle up to occupy the first three places in the team and the substitute must be no better in singles handicap than the third best player. If at all possible, the substitute should also be an under-26 player.

#### **3. Eligibility**

Players must be aged under twenty-six years of age on 1 January of the year of the event. Selection is open to amateur players regardless of gender.

#### **4. Responsibilities of hosts**

Court and marking fees for the event will be covered by the host nation or club.

Visiting players (and any accompanying manager) will be billeted for the duration of the event.

While players are responsible for their personal purchases (eg bar, rackets, lunches etc), it is hoped that hosts will make the teams their guests for any tournament dinner.

Host national associations may at their discretion provide prizes for winners (eg medallions or similar).