



The Guide of The 9th Mungyeong Asian Soft Tennis Championships

- 1. Name of Event :** The 9th Mungyeong Asian Soft Tennis Championships
- 2. Organized by :** Asian Soft Tennis Federation(ASTF)
- 3. Managed by :** The 9th Mungyeong Asian Soft Tennis Championships Organizing Committee
(9th ASTCOC)
- 4. In Association with :** Korea Soft Tennis Association, Mungyeong City, Mungyeong Soft Tennis Association, Mungyeong Sports Council, Gyeongsangbuk-do Soft Tennis Association
- 5. Sponsor :** Ministry of Culture Sports and Tourism, Korean Sport & Olympic Committee, Korea Sports Promotion Foundation
- 6. Period :** September 13th(SAT) – September 23rd(TUE), 2025
- 7. Competition venue :** Mungyeong International Soft Tennis Stadium
(Main Stadium : Dorm 7 clay courts, Open 3 clay courts, 2 artificial turf courts, Total of 12 courts
Supplementary : 3 artificial turf courts / Total of 3)
- Address : 20, Jeomgo-gil, Mungyeong-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Korea
- 8. Accommodation :**
 - 1) STX Resort
 - Address : 509, Cheonghwa-ro, Nongam-myeon, Mungyeong-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Korea
 - Telephone : +82-54-460-5000
 - 2) Motels and Hotels in Mungyeong

9. Kinds of the Events : Total of 8 events

- 1) Individual Singles for Men and Women
- 2) Mixed Doubles
- 3) Individual Doubles for Men and Women
- 4) Team Events for Men and Women
- 5) Mixed Team Event
- 6) Consolation Matches : Individual Singles & Mixed Doubles

10. Schedule of the Event :

Date	Contents
Sep 13(Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arrival in Mungyeong- Players' Training
Sep 14(Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arrival in Mungyeong- Players' Training- Meeting for Technical officials①- Welcome Party
Sep 15(Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arrival in Mungyeong- Players' Training- Meeting for Technical officials②- Managers' Meeting- Opening Ceremony
Sep 16(Tue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Individual Singles for Men and Women①
Sep 17(Wed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Individual Singles for Men and Women②- Awards Ceremonies
Sep 18(Thu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mixed Doubles- Awards Ceremonies- Individual Doubles for Men and Women①
Sep 19(Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Individual Doubles for Men and Women②- Awards Ceremonies- Consolation Matches(Individual Singles & Mixed Doubles)
Sep 20(Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Team Events for Men and Women①, Mixed Team Event①- ISTF General Assembly
Sep 21(Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Team Events for Men and Women②, Mixed Team Event②- Awards Ceremonies- Closing Ceremony and Farewell Party
Sep 22(Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Departure and Sightseeing
Sep 23(Tue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Departure

***Depending on the number of participating teams and broadcasting schedule, the above schedule can be adjusted.**

11. Eligibility :

- 1) Participating players shall be those who have been approved by the respective national Soft Tennis Association/Federation which are the ISTF member countries/regions (here in after called “Countries”), in accordance with the constitution of the IOC, as players belonging to the respective organizations, and primarily involved in the soft tennis competitions and other activities of the said countries. Also, they must meet the conditions as described in item 16 of this guide to participate in the competitions.

The players who play in both individual and team events, which are competed on a country basis, shall have the nationality of the countries they represent.

- 2) Managers and coaches of attending team shall be those who have been approved by the respective organizations of the countries they represent.

12. Entry :

- 1) Each country shall comprise its men and women teams with a maximum of 6 players respectively.

Each country shall be allowed to enter;

- a maximum of two(2) pairs each for men’s and women’s doubles
- a maximum of two(2) players each for men’s and women’s singles
- a maximum of two(2) pairs for mixed doubles
- a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six(6) players each for men’s and women’s team event

Each player shall be allowed to concurrently enter more than one event.

- a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six(6) players each for mixed team event.

However, Korea, Japan, Chinese shall not apply for the event.

- 2) The host country of the championships shall be allowed to enter in addition to the entries as described in item 12-1, a maximum of four(4) players each for the individual events.

Two(2) pairs each for men’s and women’s doubles, two(2) players each for men’s and women’s singles, two(2) pairs for mixed doubles shall be allowed to enter.

- 3) Each county shall be allowed to register a maximum of three(3) officials(1 manager, 1 men’s coach, 1 women’s coach) in addition to its players. The host country of the event shall be

allowed to register additional two(2) coaches(1 men's coach, 1 women's coach), and only the registered coaches shall be allowed to sit on the team bench, including Team Event.

The officials and related persons(trainers, technical officials etc.)from the participant countries association/federation also need to apply for entry through additional format.

4) Applications for entry including preliminary entry and final entry

① Preliminary Entry (Entry by Number)

The countries planning to attend the Championship must send the Preliminary entry form to 9th ASTCOC, by Email or Fax and need to be received no later than 24:00(local time) June 10th(Tue), 2025.

The entry form must include the name of country/region Association/ Federation, the events of participation and the number of players and pairs.

② Final Entry(Entry by Name)

The countries planning to attend the Championship must send the their completed Entry by Name forms to 9th ASTCOC by Email or Fax and need to be received no later than 24:00(local time) August 1st(Fri), 2025.

The final entry forms must include all necessary information, including Name of the country/region association/federation, the name, sex, date of birth and nationality, etc. of officials and players in each team with photos.

Countries which plan to enter more than one player in each individual event must list them in the order of ability in their Entry by Name form.

5) Once the entries have been accepted, they shall not be allowed to change.

(Address for Entries)

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(9th ASTCOC)**

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13. Rules and Regulation for Competition :

1) The competitions shall be conducted according to the rules of soft tennis approved by ISTF,

based on the constitution and regulations of ISTF.

- 2) The official language for the event shall be English but Korean can also be used for convenience.

14. Method of Competition and Decision of Ranking:

The method of competition shall be concluded by 9th ASTCOC, depending on the total number of entries by event.

However, the competition shall be conducted basically by the method as follow;

[Individual Event]

- 1) A tournament system shall be applied for men's and women's individual singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches.

However, depending on the situation, the matches could be changed to round robin system(i.e. the first stage is round robin matches for preliminary and the second is tournament for final.)

- 2) Classification matches for 3rd-4th places and 5th-6th places will not be held in the tournaments system.

- 3) A doubles match shall be decided by the best of nine(9) games system and a singles match by the best of seven(7) games.

However, the number of games could be alterable, depending on the situation.

- 4) In the case when a preliminary round robin is held, the participating players/pairs shall be divided into several blocks for a preliminary round robin. The numbers of blocks will be determined by 9th ASTCOC and final tournament matches shall compete to determine the overall rankings by the top one(1) or two(2) players/pairs of each block in the preliminary round robin. Depending on the number of participants, the number of blocks will be decided by 9th ASTCOC and classification matches for 3rd-4th places and 5th-6th places will not be held.

In the case of round robin system, the order will be followed by ISTF rules.

- 5) A consolation matches(Individual Singles & Mixed Doubles) may be played by loser pair/player who are eliminated before the round of 16 and **players shall attend either individual singles or mixed.** The details of the consolation match shall be decided by 9th ASTCOC, depending on the number of participants.

[Team Event]

- 1) The competition method for team event shall be decided by 9th ASTCOC depending on the number of participants. In the case of round robin, final tournament shall be played after round robin match and the details of this case shall be determined by 9th ASTCOC.

- 2) Both men and women competition shall be played in the order of (1)double-(2)singles-(3)doubles, total three(3) matches. The team, when it has won two(2) matches in a row in a tie, shall be the winner of the tie, and the remaining one match shall not be played.
- 3) The matches shall be played by the players in the order that is to be submitted prior to the competition. Each player shall be limited to play only one match in team event. If a team has three(3) or four(4) players, the team cannot play all of the three matches in a tie, i.e. the team can only play for the first match and the second match and retire from third match. However, if the score reaches 1 : 1, the team that doesn't have enough players will be considered as retiring, the final score will be 1 : 2. The related details shall be informed at the managers' meeting.
- 4) The order which is to be submitted prior to the competition cannot be changed. A. change of players and/or order of players to compete in a tie shall be allowed for each tie and the substitute players must be those who are registered for the event.
- 5) A doubles match shall be decided by the best of nine(9) games and a singles match by the best of seven(7) games.
However, the number of game can be changed by 9th ASTCOC, depending on the situation.
- 6) In the case where a round robin(i.e. the first stage is round robin matches for preliminary and the second is tournament for final.) is held, the decision of ranking shall be followed by the rule of ISTF.

[Mixed Team Event]

- 1) The competition method for team event shall be decided by 9th ASTCOC according to the number of participants. In the case of round robin, final tournament shall be played after round robin match and the details of this case shall be designed by 9th ASTCOC.
- 2) A tie shall be competed in the order of (1)Men's double-(2) Women's doubles-(3) Mixed doubles, total three(3) matches. The team, when it has won two(2) matches in a row in a tie, shall be the winner of the tie, and the remaining one match shall not be played.
- 3) The matches in a tie shall be played by the players in the order that is to be submitted prior to the competition. Each player shall be limited to play only one match in team event. If a team has three(3) or four(4) players, the team cannot play all of the three matches in a tie, i.e. the team can only play for the first match and the second match and retire from third match. If the score reaches 1 : 1, the team that doesn't have enough players will be considered as retiring, the final score will be 1 : 2. The related details shall be noticed at the managers' meeting.

- 4) The order which is to be submitted prior to the competition cannot be changed. A change of players and/or order of players to compete in a tie shall be allowed for each tie and the substitute players must be those who are registered for the event.
- 5) Both a doubles and a singles match shall be decided by the best of seven(7) games.
However, the number of game can be changed by 9th ASTCOC, depending on the situation.
- 6) In the case where a round robin(i.e. the first stage is round robin matches for preliminary and the second is tournament for final.) is held, the decision of ranking shall be followed by the rule of ISTF.
- 7) If the schedule of team event and mixed team event open in same time, the representative of country/region must decide which event will be participate. The other event which not chosen will be forfeited inevitably.

15. Draw:

The draw shall be determined by 9th ASTCOC in accordance with the guidelines as follows:

[Individual Event]

- 1) The seed shall be assigned to a country producing pair/a player who ranked from 1st to 3rd of the 8th Asian Soft Tennis Championships.
- 2) Except for Korea, Japan, Chinese Taipei, the quota system will be adopted to the other countries in the Individual matches.
- 3) The draw for the other participating players/pairs shall be determined, considering various factors such as their results of the last championships, areas, countries, etc.
- 4) The order of the players/pairs of each country described in their entry form shall be reflected in determining their draw, except for the seeded.

[Team Event]

- 1) Top three(3)countries in the last championships shall be seeded according to their rankings of the last event. In the case where any of the top four(4) countries in the last championships do not participate, the vacant seed(s) shall be designated to the countries which were to otherwise be seeded next to the absentee(s). The remaining vacant seed(s) shall be determined, considering the results of the last championships.
- 2) The draw for the other teams shall be determined, considering various factors such as the results of the last championships, areas, etc.

16. Conditions for Participation:

The participants of each country/region shall meet, in addition to the qualifications described in item 11 of this guideline, the conditions as follows:

- 1) Each participant shall adhere to the IOC constitution and the rules and regulations of ISTF and shall behave in an orderly manner based on sportsmanship.
- 2) Each participant shall follow the instructions issued by 9th ASTCOC during the period of this event, i.e. from the moment participants from abroad enter and leave Mungyeong and Korea.

In case any of them needs to behave otherwise than specified as above, one shall be obliged to submit the detailed information on one's intended travel or else, such as its purpose, place and schedule, etc. to 9th ASTCOC and obtain its permission in advance.

- 3) Each player shall wear a uniform, shoes and all other kinds of attire approved by the participating national organization which the participants belongs to.
- 4) Each player shall use a soft tennis racket which conforms to the specifications of ISTF rules of soft tennis.
- 5) Both professional and amateur players shall be allowed to attend.

Commercial displays on uniforms, etc. shall be allowed on condition permitted by the participating national organizations. However, a back number, possibly with an advertisement attached, which is to be designated by 9th ASTCOC shall be worn prior to all other commercial displays. However, manufactures company marks and/or logos on uniforms, shoes and rackets, etc. shall not be considered as advertisement.

17. Competition Officials: Competition officials shall be organized by 9th ASTCOC.

18. Technical Officials :

- 1) Technical officials will be designated by 9th ASTCOC including referees and umpires etc.
- 2) Referees shall guide umpires in conducting fair umpiring and also rule the questionable issues arisen in relation to the competition rules and regulations. Referees shall be less than five(5) in number and more than half of them invited from participating country. However, 9th ASTCOC shall invite 1 person per country/region. One of the referees, i.e. a Korean referee, shall be designated as a the chief referee, who is responsible for supervising all referees and umpires.
- 3) Umpires shall be organized by 9th ASTCOC and consisted of international umpires and Korean umpires.

- 4) Round trip airfare(economy seat*) and local expenses during the period of the event for referees and umpires from abroad shall be borne by 9th ASTCOC.

19. Balls and Other Equipment/Facilities:

- 1) Balls to be used for this event shall be Kenko Ball approved by ISTF & ASTF officially.
- 2) Nets, net posts and other required equipment/facilities for competition which conform to the standards specified by ISTF shall be used.

20. Doping Control:

- 1) Doping Control during the 9th Mungyeong Asian Soft Tennis Championships will be conducted in accordance with ISTF Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Asian Soft Tennis Championships and will follow the standards and procedures under the World Anti-Doping program.
- 2) All the participants must follow the result of doping test.
- 3) If an athlete may have an illness or condition that requires a particular medication, the athlete must request ISTF for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) one(1) month before the event.

21. Commendations:

- 1) In each individual event, the prizes shall be awarded to the first, second, third and fifth place winners. The matches for deciding the third and fifth place winners shall not be played, i.e. there shall be two(2) third and four(4) fifth place winners. In the case where a round robin is played by all the participants, thus no finalist-deciding tournament is held, only one player/pair shall be awarded the third place winners in each individual event.

In the case of consolation match, it shall be awarded in the same manner.

- 2) In each team event, top four(4), six(6) or eight(8) teams shall be awarded with the prizes depending on the number of participating countries and competition methods.

In the case of consolation match, it shall be awarded in the same manner.

- 3) As the prizes for the individual events, a diploma and a golden medal shall be awarded to each of the first place winners, a diploma and a silver medal to each of the second place winners, a diploma and a bronze medal to each of the third place winners, and a diploma to each of the fifth place winners by 9th ASTCOC.

The team event shall be awarded by 9th ASTCOC with ;

- 1st place winners : returnable championship cup, diploma and golden medals for its players
- 2nd place winners : diploma and silver medals for its players
- 3rd place winners : diploma and bronze medals for its player
- 4th - 8th place winners : diploma

In the case of consolation match's winner, it will be decided by 9th ASTCOC separately.

22. Expenses:

- 1) Each participating country shall be responsible for round air fares to/from Mungyeong, Korea for their participants. However, 9th ASTCOC shall make an exception of ISTF and KSTA guests.
- 2) The entry fee shall be USD 100 per person / per day including hotel, 3 meals, airport pick up and local transportation.
- 3) Expenses before and/or after the said period shall be paid USD 110 per day per person by each participating country. Also, private charges at accommodations, such as telephone, fax, laundry, etc. shall be for participant countries own account.

23. Managers' Meeting:

The Managers' meeting will be held at 10:00 on September 15th(Mon), 2025 when competition details will be disclosed. The maximum number of representatives per country shall be three(3).

24. Security:

To ensure a smooth management and security of the event, ID cards shall be issued as categorized.

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