



# FORMAT AND SPORTING REGULATIONS



## MASTER'U BNP Paribas December 6th / 9th 2007 - Colombes

**The tournament is comprised of 6 teams which face each other  
over 3 days of competition and at 2 different sites :**  
4 clay courts at Colombes Tennis Club and 2 clay courts at Tennis Club Amiot

- A ranking of 1 to 6 is established at the outcome of the tournament.
- Team seeding is established based on the strength of the teams in order to program the matches (the national ranking in a given country is adjusted to the French ranking if there is no international ranking). It allows for scheduling matches in the following manner: team 1 vs. team 6; team 2 vs. team 5; team 3 vs. team 4.
- A draw is held in the presence of the teams during the technical meeting to determine which matches are held on which sites.
- Each tie is made up of seven matches: two men's singles, two women's singles, one men's doubles, one women's doubles and one mixed doubles.
- In each tie, the 3 men and the 3 women from each team must play at least one match (singles or doubles).
- The singles matches are played best of three sets with a tiebreak in every set.
- The doubles matches are played best of 3 sets with the third set in the form of a super tiebreak: the first team to 10 points with a 2 point lead. At deuce, "no ad" is applied with the receiving team choosing sides.
- The n°2 singles are played first, followed by n°1 singles, followed by doubles (1 court for the women, 1 court for the men). The foreign teams' rankings are adjusted by the FFT rankings department in order to determine the level of the players.
- The doubles start at the same time, 30 minutes after the end of the last singles.
- If possible, the mixed doubles will start after the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> doubles.
- At the end of the day on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>, the 3 winners are qualified as well as the best loser, taking into consideration the number of matches won, the number of sets won, the number of games won, the result of the mixed doubles and finally, a draw. The first place ranking is established using the same calculations.
- The two teams which finish with the lowest scores at the end of the first day play a match for 5<sup>th</sup> place, over two days, in the form of a first leg and return match.  
On Saturday for the singles, the number 1 of one team plays against the number 2 of the other team  
On Sunday, the numbers 1 play against each other and the numbers 2 also  
The formula of the doubles remains the same.
- In the case of retirement or disqualification during a match, the final score is given to the winner by attribution of all the games remaining to be played at the moment the match is stopped. The player having retired or having been disqualified in a singles match cannot participate in doubles.
- In the case of injury confirmed by the tournament doctor, the team is not disqualified but must finish the tie with other players: it is possible for a player to play two or even three matches with respect to sporting regulations (respecting recuperation time).
- In the case of multiple injuries confirmed by the tournament doctor within the same team, the team is not disqualified but the tie is lost (the matches played still count for individual rankings). If the same injuries remain the following day, the regulations stay the same (no disqualification but the tie is lost and the matches with the players remain valid).

- The captains, two maximum, must be clearly identified: only one captain is allowed on the court.
- Application of international regulations:
  - Time between 2 points : 20 seconds
  - Cramps / fatigue: 1 time per match
  - Code of conduct: warning / 1point t/ game penalty...
  - Warm-up: 3 min if play stopped > 15 min and < 30 min. 5 min if stopped > 30 min
  - Toilet break: men, 1 time per match; women, 2 times per match, preferably at the end of the set.
  - Communication player / captain / umpire: only the captain can communicate with the chair umpire; the player with his captain.

#### Site locations

- A vs. B > Courts 1 and 2 : Colombes Tennis Club (CTC), Centre Court
- C vs. D > Courts 3 and 4 : Colombes Tennis Club (CTC), Bubble
- E vs. F > Courts 5 and 6 : Tennis Club Amiot (TCA), Bubble

## Schedule

### Friday, December 7th 2007

#### Qualifying matches

9:30 am	FIRST ROTATION	Women's singles N°2 and men's N°2
11:00 am	SECOND ROTATION	Women's singles N°1 and men's N°1
30' after last singles	THIRD ROTATION	Women's and men's doubles (+/- 1 pm)
Followed by	FOURTH ROTATION	Mixed doubles

*NB : possibility of starting the mixed doubles after the end of the 1st doubles*

The end of first-day matches estimated towards 4 pm.

### Saturday, December 8th 2007

The winners of the 3 ties on Friday and the best loser are qualified for the semifinals:

#### Semifinal A :

> The best of the 3 winning teams vs. the best of the 3 losing teams : Courts 1 and 2, CTC, Centre Court

#### Semifinal B :

> The second of the 3 winning teams vs. the third of the 3 winning teams : Courts 3 and 4, CTC, Bubble

09:30 am	FIRST ROTATION	Women's singles N°2 and men's N°2
10:30 am	SECOND ROTATION	Women's singles N°1 and men's N°1
30' after last singles	THIRD ROTATION	Women's and men's doubles (+/-12:30 pm)
Followed by	FOURTH ROTATION	Mixed doubles

*NB : possibility of starting the mixed doubles after the end of the 1st doubles*

#### For the 5th place :

> The last two losers face each other : Court 5 and 6, Tennis Club Amiot, first leg

09:30 am	FIRST ROTATION	Women's singles N°2 place 5 vs. women's N°1 place 6 Men's singles N°2 place 6 vs. men's N°1 place 5
10:30 am	SECOND ROTATION	Women's singles N°1 place 5 vs. women's N°2 place 6 Men's singles N°1 place 6 vs. men's N°2 place 5
30' after last singles	THIRD ROTATION	Women's and men's doubles (+/-12:30 pm)
Followed by	FOURTH ROTATION	Mixed doubles

*NB : possibility of starting the mixed doubles after the end of the 1st doubles*

The end of second-day matches estimated towards 3:30 pm.

## Sunday, December 9th 2007

Final = Winner Semifinal A vs. winner Semifinal B : Courts 1 and 2, Colombes TC, Centre Court  
Match for 3rd place = Defeated Semifinal A vs. defeated Semifinal B : Courts 3 and 4, CTC, Bubble  
Match for 5th place = Second group vs. second group : Courts 5 and 6, TCA, return match

09:30 am	FIRST ROTATION	Women's singles N°2 and men's N°2
10:30 am	SECOND ROTATION	Women's singles N°1 and men's N°1
30' after last singles	THIRD ROTATION	Women's and men's doubles (+/-12:30 pm)
Followed by	FOURTH ROTATION	Mixed doubles

*NB : possibilité de commencer le double mixte après la fin du 1<sup>er</sup> double*

The end of last-day matches estimated towards 3:30 pm.

## Team composition sheets

Team composition sheets are distributed to each captain at the technical meeting held on Thursday at 4:30 pm. They must imperatively be handed in to the referee by Friday morning at 9 am.

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## Balls

The balls are Babolat:

- 4 balls and new balls in the 3<sup>rd</sup> set
- No new balls in doubles

