

# Gottfried von Cramm Trophy

## Concept

The basic considerations and goals of this new IC event are :

1. To create an attractive tournament for young high level players (male and female) in order to motivate them to become member in their national IC in case they are not yet a member.
2. To keep the costs for participants as low as possible aiming to have an event with many former international players.
3. To have a format which enables many ICs to send a team.

## The format

**8 teams** from different ICs. In case of 7 entries only, the hosting IC should nominate 2 teams.

Ties to be played in a **knock-out-system** with a **main round** and a **consolation round**.

Each tie consists of **1 male single, 1 lady single and 1 mixed double**

Each team should consist of in minimum 1 man and 1 lady; in maximum of 2 men and 2 ladies (inclusively a playing or non-playing captain).

The restriction to 2 singles and 1 mixed double should help getting 8 teams. Nevertheless each team should have the right to nominate 2 men and 2 ladies. The 2<sup>nd</sup> man and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lady could play the mixed double and could be the reserve players in case of an injury

## Age categories

Men and ladies: **Not younger than 28 and not elder than 44** in the year of the event. No obligation to have been an IC member prior the year of the event. Confirmed membership at the time of the event is enough.

## Entry deadline

3 months prior the event.

## **Terms of acceptance**

More than 8 teams applied: 1 team of the hosting IC, 3 teams by invitation, 4 teams according the dates of their entry. Less than 8 teams applied: The hosting IC should has the right to nominate a 2<sup>nd</sup> team. All participants should be international players (former top 10 in their country).

## **Entry fees:**

150,00 € for each team member.

## **Dates and venues:**

This event should take place in years without an IC week. Venues should be attractive tennis clubs or tennis resorts close to international airports. IC Germany is prepared to host the first event **end of August or early September 2023 in Mannheim** (close to the International Airport Frankfurt). The exact weekend will be fixed when the ITF calender 2023 for young seniors is published.

## **Name of the new event:**

“Gottfried von Cramm Trophy” in memory of the former French Open winner (1934), 3 times Wimbledon finalist (1935, 1936, and 1937) and founding president of IC Germany.

## **Travel and accommodation:**

Arrival on Thursday, departure on Sunday evening = 3 nights. 2 single or double rooms according to the number of players. Hotel costs will be paid by the organzing IC. Travel costs to be paid by the participating ICs or by the players themselves. 3 lunches and 3 dinners free of charge (paid by the hosting IC).

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