



El Gouna / Gezira Senior Amateur Tennis Classic - 13th Edition

بطولة الجونة الجزيرة كلاسيك لتنس الرواد الهواة – النسخة ١٣

February 7 – 10, 2026

Welcome to the 13th Edition of the El Gouna / Gezira Senior Amateur Tennis Classic!

What began over a decade ago as a friendly rivalry between two great clubs — El Gouna and Gezira — has evolved into one of the most anticipated annual tennis gatherings. Those who know it look forward to it year after year — not only for the matches, but for the friendships, the memories, and the shared love of the game that define it.

For this **13th edition**, we turn a new page in the tournament's story — continuing a **legacy of competition and camaraderie** that has made this event truly special. The tournament will **no longer be played as El Gouna Club versus Gezira Club**, but as an **open-format event welcoming players from all clubs and communities**. While the club rivalry has been set aside, we proudly keep the name “**El Gouna / Gezira**” as a tribute to its roots and the friendship that built it.

There will no longer be a winning club or a losing one — because after reaching this milestone 13th edition, **everyone who gathers in El Gouna each year is already a winner**. This tournament is a celebration of tennis, of friendship, and of the beautiful memories we continue to create together under the sun and by the sea of El Gouna.

مرحباً بكم في النسخة الـ ١٣ من بطولة الجونة الجزيرة كلاسيك لتنس الرواد الهواة!

بدأت هذه البطولة قبل أكثر من عقد من الزمان كمنافسة ودية بين ناديي عريقين – الجونة والجزيرة – وتطورت مع مرور السنوات لتصبح واحدة من أكثر البطولات التي ينتظرها محبوها عاماً بعد عام. ينتظرها المشاركون ليس فقط من أجل المباريات، بل من أجل الصداقات والذكريات الجميلة، ومن أجل شغفهم المشترك بلعبة التنس التي تجمعنا جميعاً.

في هذه النسخة الـ ١٣، نفتح صفحة جديدة في مسيرة البطولة، مواصلين إرث المنافسة والصداقة الذي جعل من هذا الحدث مناسبة مميزة واستثنائية. لن تُقام البطولة هذا العام بصيغة "نادي الجونة ضد نادي الجزيرة"، بل ستكون بطولة مفتوحة ترحب بجميع اللاعبين من مختلف الأندية والمجتمعات. ورغم أن المنافسة بين النادييين لم تعد محور الحدث، إلا أننا نفخر بالاحتفاظ باسم "بطولة الجونة / الجزيرة" تقديراً لجذورها وللصداقة التي كانت أساس انطلاقها.

ولن يكون هناك نادٍ فائز أو آخر خاسر، لأننا بعد الوصول إلى هذه النسخة الـ ١٣، نؤمن بأن كل من يجتمع في الجونة كل عام هو فائز بالفعل. فهذه البطولة هي احتفال بلعبة التنس، واحتفال بالصداقة، وبالذكريات الجميلة التي نواصل صنعها معاً تحت شمس الجونة وعلى شاطئها الساحر.

Tournament Setup

- **Venue:** El Gouna Tennis Club
- **Surface:** 6 Clay Courts
- **Dates:** February 7 – 10, 2026
- **Pre-Tournament Event:** Free Cocktail Reception on **February 6, 2026**
- **Gala Dinner: February 10, 2026** – open to all players, families, and spectators. Dinner vouchers will be available during the tournament or online with registration.
- **Prizes / Awards:** Awarded to Winners and Runners-up in each category.
- **Participation Fees:** EGP 2500 per doubles team
- Each category will include a **minimum of 4 teams** and a **maximum of 10 teams**.

- Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis once registration and payment are confirmed.

Group Names and Categories

This is an open, social-format tournament — players may form any combination of teams, regardless of gender. Men and women can play together or against each other.

(Choose your group based on your playing level and age bracket. Every category holds its own character and prestige — all contributing to the unique spirit of the Classic.)

Group Name	Category	Age Group	Combined Team Age	Skill Level	Description
Sharks	A+	35	70	Premier Division	Top-level players blending experience and skill with a passion for the game.
Dolphins	A	35	70	Advanced Division	Energetic competitors who enjoy a lively, fun match.
Sailfish	B+	50	100	Competitive Division	Experienced players who love a good rally and a friendly challenge.
Barracudas	B	50	100	Club Division	Friendly and steady players who bring passion to the court.
Manta Rays	C+	60	120	Experienced Division	A welcoming group enjoying tennis at a comfortable pace.
Seahorses	C	60	120	Classic Division	Relaxed and social, perfect for those who cherish the joy of the game and community.

Notes:

- **Players aged 25–34** may participate in the event; however, they will **only be eligible to compete in the highest categories (A or A+)**, regardless of their playing level.
- **Players under 35** will not be placed in lower age or skill categories and will be **automatically assigned to A or A+ divisions** at the organizers' discretion.
- **Older players** may choose to compete in younger categories if they wish.
- **Younger players** may not compete in older age brackets.
- **The tournament organizers reserve the full right** to place, adjust, or accept teams that do not fully meet the age or combined-age requirements in order to balance categories and maintain fair competition. Final placement decisions are **at the sole discretion of the tournament organizers**.

Tournament Format

The El Gouna / Gezira Senior Amateur Tennis Classic is designed to provide a fair, enjoyable, and social competitive experience for all players. The format ensures that every participant plays multiple matches, with balanced opportunities for competition, fun, and interaction throughout the event.

Group Stage (Days 1 – 3)

- Each category will follow a **round-robin** structure.
- Each team will play **all other teams in their group**, ensuring every participant enjoys several matches before the finals knock-out stage.

Match Format:

- Matches are played as a **single set to 9 games (win by 2)**.
- **Tie-break at 8–8:** A 7-point tie-break (win by 2).
- **With ad scoring.**
- Each match is expected to last between **45-60 minutes**, allowing for smooth scheduling and efficient court rotation.

Scoring and Standings:

- **Win:** 3 points
- **Loss:** 0 points
- **Ranking Criteria:**
 1. Total points accumulated.
 2. If two or more teams are tied, the following tiebreakers will apply:
 - Total games won.
 - Head-to-head result (if applicable).
 - Percentage of games won (if necessary).

Finals (Day 4)

- The **top 2 teams from each group** will advance to the finals knock-out stage of their respective categories.
- Finals will be played under the **same format** — one set to 9 games (win by 2, tie-break at 8–8).
- Depending on total entries, the organizers may schedule **bronze matches** or **additional playoff rounds** for 3rd and 4th place finishes.
- All finals will be supervised by tournament staff to ensure smooth play and fairness.

Match Flow and Scheduling

- Daily schedules will be posted at the tournament desk and sent to the tournament's Whatsapp group.
- Players must be ready **15 minutes before match time**.
- **Warm-up:** 5 minutes before each match.
- Matches begin promptly to maintain timing across all courts.

Organizer's Discretion

In the event of unforeseen circumstances — such as weather delays, time constraints, or scheduling adjustments — the **tournament organizers reserve the right to modify the match format, scoring system, or daily schedule** as needed to ensure smooth completion of the event.

Any such adjustments will be communicated clearly to all participants in advance.

Rules & Regulations

- The tournament is **self-refereed** - players call their own lines and scores.
- In case of any dispute, play must stop and a **tournament organizer** will make the final decision.
- Players must be **ready 15 minutes before** their scheduled match time.
- **Proper tennis attire** and are required on all courts.
- If weather becomes an issue, the **organizers may adjust** the match format or schedule as needed.
- Withdrawals must be communicated early; substitutes in doubles are allowed.
- All final decisions regarding draws, schedules, and disputes are at the **sole discretion of the tournament organizers**

Registration

All players must register online through: www.sportsalliance.team/register

- Players choose from **six doubles categories** based on their **skill level & combined team age**.
- Registration is **confirmed** once payment is received.
- **Registration deadline: Jan 31st, 2026**

Schedule Overview (Tentative)

Day	Activity
Feb 6	Cocktail Reception (Early Evening). Exact time will be announced at a later time.
Feb 7	10 AM - 4 PM >>> Round Robin Early Rounds
Feb 8	10 AM - 4 PM >>> Round-Robin Continuation
Feb 9	10 AM - 4 PM >>> Round-Robin Continuation / Semifinals
Feb 10	12 PM - 4 PM >>> Finals + Closing Reception. Gala Dinner (Evening)

Tournament Management Team:

- **Hussein El Arousy** – Tournament General Coordinator.
- **Hany Helmy** – Co-Founder and tournament advisor.
- **Rafik Barrada** – Co-Founder and tournament advisor.
- **Marwa El Shorbagi** – Event Hospitality Supervisor / Technical Assistant
- **Sobhy Zeitouni** – Doubles Event Supervisor.
- **Khalil El Arousy** – General Operations Supervisor.

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The Tradition Continues, the Challenge Awaits!