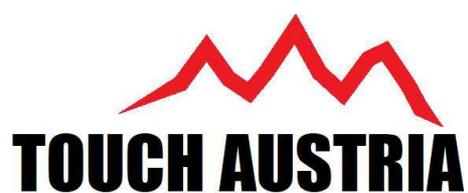




2013 Mainland Cup Touch Tournament

Brief No 2

17 June 2013





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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Federation of International Touch 2013 Mainland Cup Touch Championships (FIT MC2013) will be conducted in Schwechat (a satellite city of Vienna), Austria during the period 13th-14th July 2013.
- 1.2 This Participant Brief No 2 is designed to allow Member Country NTAs to continue planning and to advise timeline details for official Player Registration and Event Payments. It will also supply details of Finances, Facilities, and other Event Organization. This is the second MC2013 Brief.

2. Event Organisation

- 2.1 Information relating to the event location at Rudolf-Tonn Stadion, Schwechat was supplied in the Preliminary Brief dated January 2013 along with travel details and details regarding accommodation. Members are reminded that they need to arrange accommodation. Should further assistance be required contact: esther_mandl@yahoo.de
- 2.2 Information concerning accommodation, transport, and playing venue are regularly updated on the MC 2013 Website: <http://http://www.touch-austria.at/mainland-cup-2013>

3. Outline Timetable

- 3.1 An outline timetable for delivery of the tournament is set out below:

Friday 12th July 2013:	Teams arrive
Friday 12th July 2013:	5.00-6.00 pm Registration and Mangers Meeting
Friday 12th July 2013:	6.00-7.30 pm FIT AGM
Saturday 13th July 2013:	Pool games commence
Saturday 13th July 2013:	6.00 – 7.00 pm EFT AGM
Sunday 14th July 2013:	Pool games & Finals
Sunday 14th July 2013:	3.00-7.00 p.m. Barbeque at playing fields
Sunday 14th July 2013:	tbc Prize giving ceremony at playing fields
Sunday 14th July 2013:	8.00 p.m. Dinner & Party at Brauhaus, Schwechat
Monday 15th July 2013:	Teams disburse



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4. Team Entries and FIT Event Compliance

- 4.1 Team Entries have closed and all teams are now confirmed. There will be 20 teams from 10 countries participating at MC2013. This includes one invitational ‘development’ side from Guernsey. The competition will be run over three Open Divisions.
- 4.2 Participation in MC2013 is dependent on eligible countries meeting event compliance criteria. Country delegates will receive FIT event compliance authorities when compliance criteria are met. That compliance authority confirms participation in MC2013 and is dependent on:
- Receipt of Team Entries;
 - Receipt of Team and Individual Levies;
 - Receipt of Team and Individual Registration Fees;
 - Receipt of properly executed Participation Agreement (PA);
 - Receipt and approval of any updated Uniform Registration data;
 - Receipt of Team Registration data;
 - Confirmation of no other financial encumbrance, including affiliation fees or outstanding payments due to other members; and
 - Confirmation of adherence to other membership criteria and FIT policy guidelines.
- 4.3 Countries are reminded of their responsibilities as specified in the respective FIT policies and event PA document. The Federation specifically reminds participating countries of their responsibility with regards to insurance matters, including incidents of personal injury or material loss during travel to and from Austria, and during the delivery of MC2013.

5. Tournament Structure & Rules

- 5.1 FIT MC2013 will decide the Mainland Cup Touch Champion in Open categories. Due to lack of team entries no Senior Mainland Cup Champions will be decided. The Open categories will be conducted on a pool or round robin basis leading to a Championship Finals series with a Grand Final to decide the Mainland Cup Champion in each delivered playing division.
- 5.2 Invitational teams will be eligible to participate in semi-final or final matches, but will not be eligible to receive any Mainland Cup championship awards. If an invitational team wins the division, it would be declared “Division” champion and the best ranked Mainland Cup team would be declared the “MC Divisional” champion.



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- 5.3 Senior teams will join the opens division:
- SMX – will play in the MXO division
 - M30 - will play in the MO division.
- 5.4 A Team from another division merged into that division may contest the final (e.g. SMX from Country A vs MXO from Country B).
- 5.5 No two Teams from the same country in a merged division may contest the final of that division. The next highest placed Open or Senior team from another country will contest the final (e.g. if the M30 has been merged into the MO division, then the M30 team from country A and the MO team from the same Country A cannot contest the final of that division. The next highest placed team from another country will contest the final with the MO from country A).
- 5.6 All teams entered, even if merged from other divisions, will receive competition points towards the overall Mainland Cup championship nation.
- 5.7 The nation with most competition points will be awarded the title of overall Mainland Cup Champion nation, winning the overall Mainland Cup Championship trophy.
- 5.9 The Tournament Structure Guidelines and Playing Schedule will be issued shortly.
- 6.0 Tournament Rules and Regulations will be issued shortly.

6. Payment Schedule

- 6.1 An updated planning timeline detailing financial requirements is attached as Appendix 1.
- 6.2 Participation in the FIT MC2013 is dependent upon full payment of Entry Fees by members as follows:
- FIT Team Levy: (AUD) \$200 per team – to be paid to FIT directly
 - Referee Levy: €80 per team - to be paid to Touch Austria
 - Team Entry Fee: €150 per team - to be paid to Touch Austria
 - Participant Entry Fee: €30 per participant - to be paid to Touch Austria
- 6.3 Participant countries need to meet the obligatory deadlines as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 6.4 Participant countries need to meet the obligatory deadline of **June 21st for fee stage 3** payments.



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- 6.5 Team Entry Fees and Participant Entry Fees must be paid to an account nominated by the Host Nation. Details of this account is detailed on the official entry form and in Appendix 1. All fees must be paid into the account in Euros and must include any bank fees or transfer charges that may be added to the specified amount due.
- 6.6 Participant countries will be invoiced directly by FIT for the FIT team levy. Payment details for the FIT levy will be advised on the respective invoice.
- 6.7 Late withdrawal of teams will result in the forfeiture of all of the Entry Fees paid.

7. Playing Uniforms and Protocol

- 7.1 Members are reminded of uniform and eligibility policies together with protocol requirements appropriate to the nature of an international Touch tournament.
- 7.2 All players in each national team are to participate in registered Member country uniform design and colors as previously advised to the Federation. Any Member country that has not advised the Federation Secretary General of national uniform colours must do so prior to final acceptance of team entries– FIT Player and Referee Uniform policy applies.

8. Player Eligibility

- 8.1 The Federation Operational Policy No 3 – Player Eligibility will apply for FIT MC2013.
- 8.2 Members are advised to familiarize themselves with that policy. Special attention is drawn to nationality and residency requirements. The date for applying for exemptions has now passed – no further exemption requests will be accepted.
- 8.3 Player participants who have been subject to an eligibility exemption must ensure that they have available in Vienna/Schwechat, a copy of the respective eligibility decision.
- 8.4 FIT has contracted the services of the same online event management system that was used for WC2011 and EC2012. You will be requested to access the web site and upload your player details data prior to arrival in Vienna. The cut off point for online registration will be 5pm, Wednesday 10th July.
- 8.5 Participant Registration processes and associated details will be advised shortly.



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9. Cancellation of Technical Presentation/Info Sharing Evening

- 9.1 Due to lack of expressions of interest there will be no additional technical presentation and info sharing event on Friday evening at the MC2013. However, the Manager Meeting/Player Registration and the FIT AGM will take place on Friday 5.p.m.-730.p.m.

10. Delegates for Meetings

- 10.1 Member countries will be shortly requested to supply delegate details for the following meetings to be held in Schwechat/Vienna:

- Friday 12th July 2013, 5:00PM, Manager's Meeting and Player Registration
- Friday 12th July 2013, 6:00PM, FIT AGM (Details will be announced soon)
- Saturday 13th July, 6:00PM, EFT AGM (Details will be announced soon)

- 10.2 Location for the Manager's Meeting, the FIT AGM, and the EFT AGM is the Canteen at Rudolf Tonn Stadium Franz Schuster Strasse 1-3, 2320 Schwechat.

11. Austria Weather (July)

- 11.1 Austrian's weather in July is usually warm and sunny with maximum temperatures between 24-33 °C and minimum temperatures between 16-21°C. Hot periods of 25-30°C are not uncommon, with frequent rain showers and thunderstorms at night. The days are long with the sun raising at 5a.m. and setting at about 9pm.

- 11.2 For more information see <http://www.weatheraustria.net/vienna/index.php> in English or the Website of the official Austrian Meteorological Institute (ZAMG) in German: <http://www.zamg.ac.at/cms/de/aktuell>

12. The Location and Pre -Event Activities

- 12.1 Vienna is the capital city of Austria. Schwechat is a satellite city south east of Vienna where the Vienna International Airport is located. The playing fields and closing function are located in Schwechat. See map in Appendix 2.

- 12.2 Vienna is internationally known as being the city of music and museums and is one of Europe's top tourist destinations. Schwechat is known for hosting the Vienna International Airport as well as the Schwechater beer brewery (where the Sunday evening function will be held).



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- 12.3 Information and recommendations for sightseeing, tours and restaurants in Schwechat and Vienna are provided on the Mainland Cup website <http://www.touch-austria.at/mainland-cup-2013>
- 12.4 Public transport information is available on the MC website <http://www.touch-austria.at/mainland-cup-2013>

13. The Playing Venue

- 13.1 The FIT MC2013 will be staged at Rudolf Tonn Stadium at Franz Schuster Strasse 1-3, 2320 Schwechat, Austria.
- 13.2 Rudolf Tonn Stadion is 13 km from Vienna city centre and 2,2 km from Kaiserebersdorf station and 2km away from Schwechat station of S7 train. The Stadium is home of a local football club and host of many different sport events, including Gaelic football, American football and Flag football.
- 13.5 The Mainland Cup will take place on three international size touch pitches. Recent visits showed that the pitches are in very good conditions even though this year's unexpected long and hard winter in Austria and the most recent heavy rains did cause some minor damage in certain areas. Updated photos of the playing pitches can be found in Appendix 3. For further information about Rudolf Tonn Stadion go to <http://www.touch-austria.at/mainland-cup-2013>
- 13.4 The stadium has excellent facilities. 10 changing rooms with showers and toilets, a large canteen with indoor and outdoor seating, a VIP facility with a sale option, additional indoor and out seating and toilets. Sufficient toilets at different locations around the pitches.
- 13.5 The venue has sufficient parking for cars and buses for all Teams.
- 13.6 A shuttle Bus service between the Arion Hotel, Kaiserebersdorf Station and the stadium will be provided in the morning and evening. Departure times will be announced soon.
- 13.7 A temporary taxi stand in the evenings at the stadium will be available. Taxis cost around 5-8€ within Schwechat. Taxis to Vienna cost between 15-30€ depending on the location.



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14. Shuttle Bus Service

- 14.1 A shuttle bus will connect the Arion Hotel and Kaiserebersdorf station with the playing fields twice a day. The bus has a capacity of 50 seats.
- 14.2 The bus starts its tour at the Arion hotel, going twice from the Arion Hotel to the playing fields. After that it goes from Kaiserebersdorf station (City Hotel Albrecht) to the stadium. In the evening the Bus goes the reverse way.

Between 7-8a.m.

Hotel Arion – Stadium – Hotel Arion – Stadium – Kaiserebersdorf Station - Stadium

Between 7-8p.m.

Stadium –Hotel Arion – Stadium – Hotel Arion – Stadium - Kaiserebersdorf Station

- 14.3 Detailed departure times will be issued as soon as the final draw is released. One tour takes approximately 45min.

15. Lunch

- 15.1 Lunch is not included in the participant fees. There are sufficient cheap and good quality lunch options available in and around the playing fields for all teams, participants and visitors.
- 15.2 The stadium has a well equipped canteen where small warm and cold meals (i.e.: filled rolls, pasta salad, sausages, etc.), other snacks (muesli bars, chocolate bars, etc.) and drinks are available at a cheap price. Small meals cost between €1,50-€3,50.
- 15.3 If necessary there will be a second canteen sale option at the VIP facility across the playing fields, where lunches can be purchased. However this facility is shared with tournament control and it has yet to be confirmed if a selling option is possible.
- 15.4 There are two BILLA supermarkets close to the playing fields. They are located north and south of the playing fields at Brauhausstraße 58 and Brauhausstrasse 14. Please note that supermarkets in Austria close on Saturday at 6 p.m. and remain closed on Sundays. Location and Opening hours can be found in Appendix 2.
- 15.5 Depending on the weather a Barbeque may be available, to start in the early afternoon until evening.
- 15.6 Two restaurant are located 3-5min. away from the playing fields: Wallhofwirt (Brauhausstraße 35) and Pension Tennisweber (Wallhofgasse 5). Opening hours and



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contact details can be found in Appendix 2. Please note that reservations are necessary for larger groups.

- 15.7 Referees will be provided a pre-ordered warm or cold lunch from the canteen corresponding with the food and dietary requirement information available to the MC organisation team.

16. Water

- 16.1 Vienna is internationally renowned for its clear mountain spring drinking water. Tap water is from high quality and MC organizational committee recommends to use tap water to refill bottles to minimize waste and to enjoy refreshing Austrian mountain spring water.
- 16.2 Additional bottled water will only be available in a limited amount of one bottle per person per day.

17. Dinner

- 17.1 Dinner is not included in the participant fees, therefore teams need to arrange their own dinner. There are plenty options available close to the playing fields and the hotels. The MC organizational team will provide some option in Appendix 2. If teams need assistance with reservations and recommendations please contact *Esther Mandl*, esther_mandl@yahoo.de
- 17.2 On friday and sunday evening we recommend the restaurant *Brauhaus* where the evening function on sunday will take place. It's a big restaurant with a nice garden which is part of the local beer brewery in Schwechat. It serves traditional Austrian food and beverages for a fair price and it has the capacity to host large groups. On saturday *Brauhaus* is closed due to a concert. Reservations recommended, contact details in Appendix 2.
- 17.3 Depending on the weather a Barbeque will be held at the canteen at the playing fields on Saturday and Sunday starting early afternoon until approximately 19:30. Teams can have a Barbeque dinner directly at the playing fields for a cheap price.
- 17.4 All three recommended Hotels in Schwechat include a restaurant with dinner option. We do strongly advise you to inform the respective hotels in advance if team dinner is planned with them.



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18. Evening function and After Party

- 18.1 After Party takes place at *Brauhaus* (location in Appendix 2). A small entry fee of 5€ will be charged from participants for the After Party. The fee covers the reservation of the venue and the Band.
- 18.2 A fantastic two men cover band will start playing at around 21:30-22:00 until the morning hours.
- 18.3 The after party location is accessible by foot from all three recommended Hotels in Schwechat. It is further located right next to the Kaiserebersdorf train station and easily accessible with public transport from Vienna (S7 train). The S7 train runs until midnight and starts its service again at around 5:00 a.m. For the time in between Taxis will be available.

19. Contact and Further Information

- 19.1 All enquiries should be directed to the Event Organiser/EFT Tournament Director, with e-mail contact as below: austriantouchassociation@live.com and/or EFT Tournament Director tom@toucheurope.org
- 19.2 Further information will be supplied in a final Brief to be released no later than two weeks prior to the event.

Attachments: Appendix 1: Planning Timeline: Financial Requirements
Appendix 2: Event Information Maps
Appendix 3: Updated Playing Field Pictures.



Appendix 1

**Updated FIT MC2013 PLANNING TIMELINE for
FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS (10 June 2013)**

Activity / Requirement / Key Stage	Date / Timeline
Fee Stage 1 (Final Deadline) FIT Team Levy due (\$200) Team Registration Fees due (€130) Referee Levy due (€80)	22 March 2013
Fee Stage 2 (Final Deadline) 50% of Participant Fees due (€15)	17 May 2013
Fee Stage 3 Final 50% of Participant Fees due (€15)	21 June 2013

FIT Team Levy will be invoiced by FIT directly, payment details will be on the respective invoice.

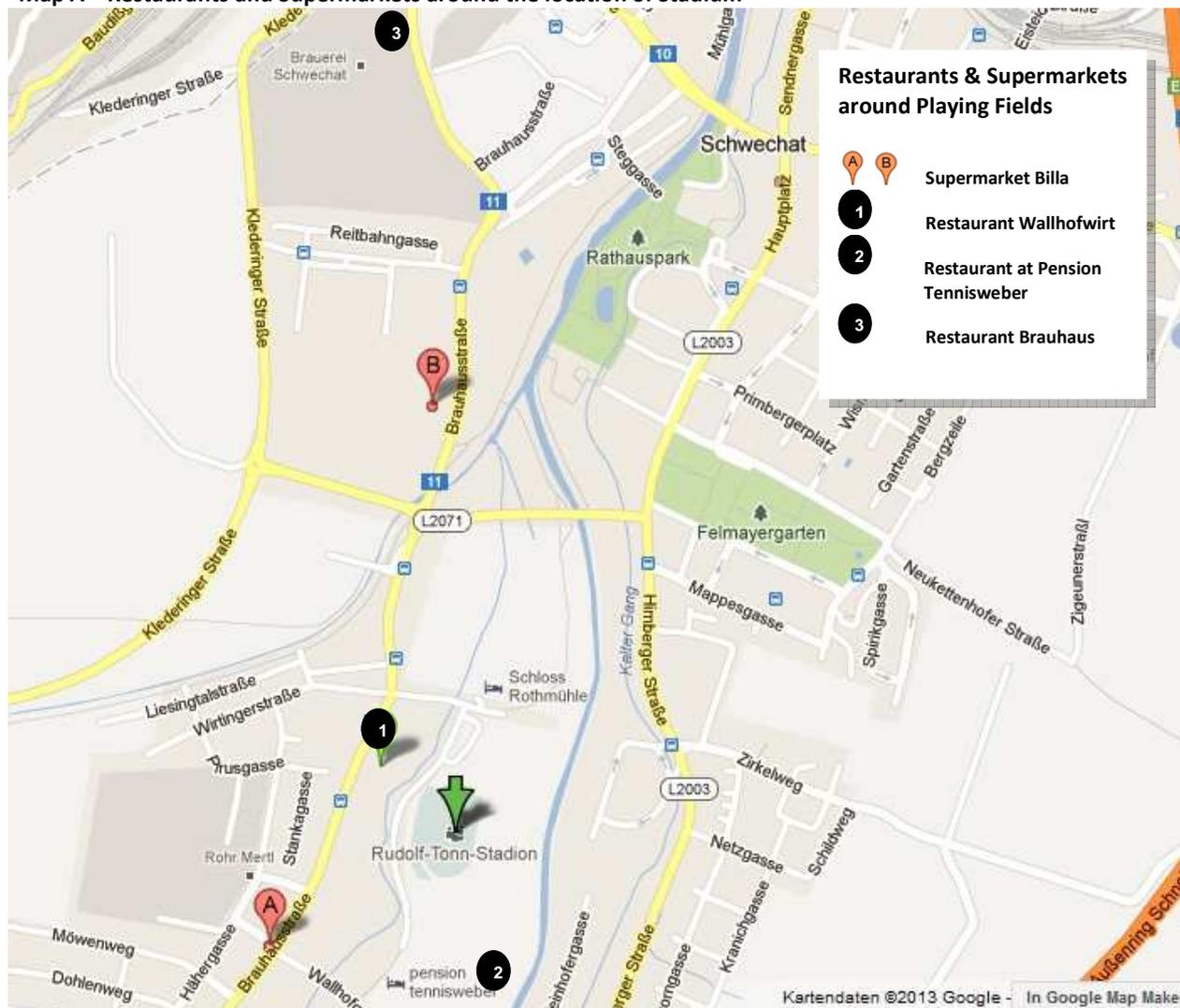
Team Registration Fee, Referee Levy and Participant Fees need to be transferred to:

Account : Touch Austria
Account Number: 7210055708
Swift / BIC: bawaatww
IBAN: AT781400007210055708
Bank Number: 14000
Bank Name: BAWAG P.S.K.
Please use your **country name** as payment reference!

MC 2013 VENUE– Restaurants and Supermarkets at Playing Fields

Appendix 2

Map A – Restaurants and Supermarkets around the location of Stadium



Billa

Brauhausstraße 58
and
Brauhausstrasse 14
2320 Schwechat-Rannersdorf
Opening hours Fr 7:30-19:30; Sa 7:30-18:00; Sunday closed

Restaurant Wallhofwirt

Brauhausstraße 35
2320 Schwechat-Rannersdorf
+43 (1) 706 57 65
www.wallhofwirt.at
Fr, Sa 10:00 - 23:00, Sun 11:00 - 15:00
(warm food until 14:00)

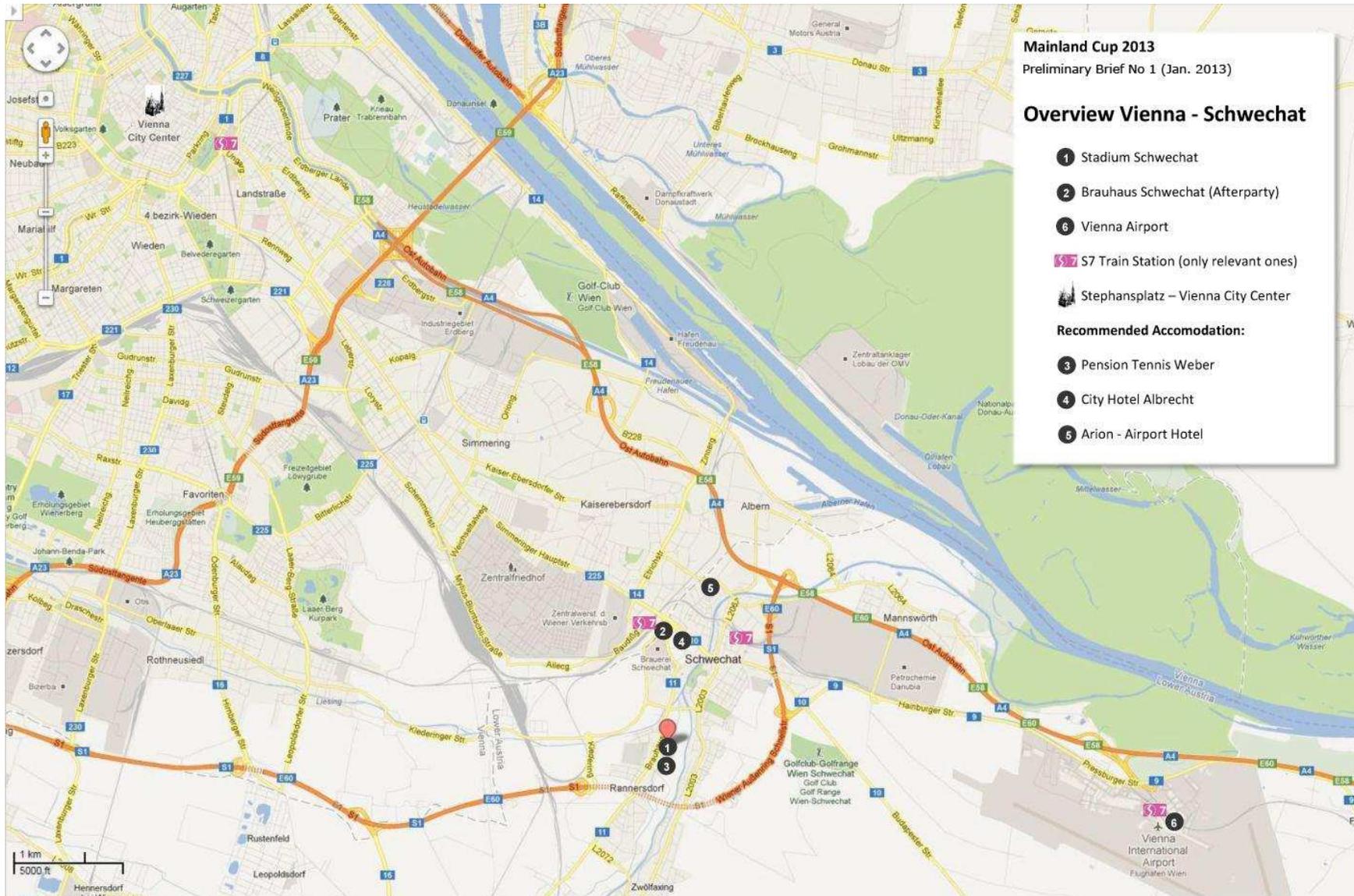
Restaurant Tennisweber

Wallhofgasse 5
2320 Schwechat- Rannersdorf
+43 1 707 34 11
www.tennisweber.at

Restaurant Brauhaus

Mautner-Markhof Straße 13
2320 Schwechat
+43(1)7068606
<http://www.brauhaus-schwechat.at>

Map B– Location of Stadium in relation to Vienna Airport and Vienna City Centre





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Updated Pictures of Playing Fields

Appendix 3

Field 1



Field 2





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Field3

