

Oceania Table Tennis Federation

REGULATIONS for OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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(1) AUTHORITY

Authority will be granted only by the Oceania Table Tennis Federation at a Biennial General Meeting.

- 1.1:** Any Association affiliated with the OTTF, or individuals, groups, acting on behalf of an affiliated Association may tender an application to host the championships.
- 1.2:** The tenderer granted the right to organise the championship shall be termed the Host Association.
- 1.3:** The Management Committee of the OTTF shall have the final say on anything covered or not in the following regulations.

(2) REGULATIONS

The Championships will be played in accordance with The Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions as detailed in the current ITTF Handbook

(3) TIMING AND COMPOSITION

The championship shall be held every second year, at a time appropriate to the conditions in which the event is being held.

The date and time should be indicated in the tender but can be varied on application to the Management Committee.

- 3.1:** The Championship shall comprise of the following compulsory events.
 - TM1: MEN'S OPEN TEAMS
 - TM2: WOMEN'S OPEN TEAMS
 - E1: MEN'S OPEN SINGLES
 - E2: WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES
 - E3: MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES
 - E4: WOMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES
 - E5: MIXED OPEN DOUBLES
- 3.2:** The Championships shall include the following additional events as determined by the Management Committee
 - TM3: UNDER 18 JUNIOR BOYS' TEAMS
 - TM4: UNDER 18 JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS
 - E6: U/21 YOUTH MEN'S SINGLES
 - E7: U/21 YOUTH WOMEN'S SINGLES
 - E8: U/21 YOUTH MEN'S DOUBLES
 - E9: U/21 YOUTH WOMEN'S DOUBLES
 - E10: U/18 JUNIOR BOYS' SINGLES
 - E11: U/18 JUNIOR GIRLS' SINGLES
 - E12: U/18 JUNIOR BOYS' DOUBLES
 - E13: U/18 JUNIOR GIRLS' DOUBLES
 - E14: U/15 CADET BOYS' SINGLES
 - E15: U/15 CADET GIRLS' SINGLES
 - E16: U/15 CADET BOYS' DOUBLES
 - E17: U/15 CADET GIRLS' DOUBLES
- 3.3:** The date for determining eligibility shall be in accordance with ITTF policy.

- 3.4:** Any appropriate events shall be held in order to determine Oceania representation for World Title events.
These may be held as well as or instead of the above events as determined by the Management Committee.
- 3.5:** In addition the Host Association may include other events as it sees fit but with due regard to time and space available, but always with the approval of the Management Committee.

(4) ENTRY CONDITIONS

4.1: Team Events:-

4.1.1: Associations entering teams may nominate not more than five (5) players in each team event.

4.1.2: All team events shall be played in accordance with the system to be used at the next World Championships, or some other system as deemed appropriate by the Management Committee. All individual matches in a team match shall be played, except where in the final round two previously unbeaten teams are drawn to play against each other. In this case, that team match shall be terminated once a result has been achieved unless both teams agree to continue.
No substitutes shall be allowed in any team match once commenced.

4.1.3: All team events shall be played in a round robin series and may be played in two (2) groups depending upon the number of entries. The Organising Committee shall determine the method of grouping and reserves the right to invite additional team entries if it will assist the draw. Where there is more than one team from a country competing in a team event, those teams shall be drawn against each other in the earliest possible round. Furthermore, only the highest placed of those teams shall be eligible to receive medals.

4.1.4: Players shall be permitted to enter into no more than 2 consecutive categories in team events.

4.1.5: The South Pacific Cup and medals for Gold, Silver and Bronze shall be presented to those teams other than Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia competing in events TM1 and TM2. Where a full round is held between all teams, only the results of those team matches between teams eligible to win the South Pacific Cup shall be included when determining the order of teams., otherwise the final finishing order of all teams shall be used.

4.2: Individual Events:-

4.2.1: Depending on number of entries the Organising Committee may decide to conduct an event on a round robin basis, or a straight knockout system.

4.2.2: If group play is conducted, it is recommended that each group consist of three (3) or four (4) players, with the top one or two players in each group progressing through into the main knockout draw. The remaining players shall progress through into a separate 2nd Division draw. In addition some players may be given direct entry into the knockout draw, and these shall be determined by the Chairman of the Classification Committee in such a way that approximately half of the entrants shall compete in the main event and the remainder in the 2nd division

4.2.3: Players may be restricted to entering no more than 3 consecutive categories in individual events.

4.2.4: Any event with less than 6 entries may be cancelled at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

(5) SCHEDULING

All events shall be scheduled by the Referee in consultation with the Tournament Director, having due regard to television programming etc.

No Junior or cadet event shall be programmed to be played after 10pm

(6) ORGANISING COMMITTEE

An Organising Committee which shall have authority to make executive/policy decisions about the organisation, shall be set-up by the Host Association.

A Secretary is to be appointed to keep records of matters discussed and decisions reached at meetings of the committee.

The committee should where possible, include the Referee, Tournament Director and say five (5) other members.

The President of the Host Association, or his nominee, shall be Chairperson of the committee and shall have a deliberate and casting vote. All other members shall have one vote only.

As the championships are being hosted on behalf of the Oceania Table Tennis Federation, the Executive Director, OTTF shall be an ex-officio member of the committee and is to be informed of decisions of the committee.

(7) REFEREE AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Organising Committee shall appoint a Referee who must be a qualified International Referee/Umpire with a competent knowledge of the Laws of Table Tennis and experienced in Championship organisation.

The duties of the Referee shall be as defined in the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions / Jurisdiction of Officials, and his/her decision on points of law shall be final.

If the Host Association is required to invite a Referee from another country, the invitation is to include provision of free accommodation and meals in the country hosting the championships. There shall also be appointed a Deputy Referee to act as directed by the Referee who should preferably come from the host country.

The Referee, or Deputy Referee appointed to exercise authority in his absence, shall be present at all times during play.

Some form of recognition shall be worn by the officials.

The Organising Committee shall appoint a Tournament Director to conduct and control the day to day playing competition.

A control centre close to the playing area and with a clear view of actual play shall be available to the Referee,

Tournament Director and members of their staff.

(8) CLASSIFICATION and TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A Classification and Technical Committee shall be appointed by the Managers Meeting at the commencement of the championships.

This committee shall be made up of three (3) persons each from a different member country.

The Chairman of this committee shall be the person appointed under clause 23 of the Constitution, however should this person not be present at the championships, the meeting shall appoint a third (3rd) person.

The function of this committee shall be to prepare Merit Lists for all categories played at the championships, or as defined by the OTTF Management Committee.

They shall be announced following the completion of the championships.

This committee shall be limited to the current championships only.

(9) UMPIRES

All matches shall be controlled by an umpire whose decision on points of fact shall be final. Where possible, umpires should be qualified at National, Oceania or International level.

If the Host Association does not have qualified umpires, it is suggested that an invitation be extended to four (4) International Umpires from other countries to undertake the duties. An invitation should include the provision of free accommodation and meals during the period of the championships.

The Referee shall appoint an umpire co-ordinator to prepare a duties schedule for the umpires and to supervise the arrangements. The co-ordinator is also responsible for other details such as umpire chairs, score cards, score counters, pencils etc. Umpires are to wear some form of recognition

(10) CLOTHING

The clothing criteria as outlined under ITTF Regulations for International Competition / Equipment and Playing Conditions / Clothing shall be enforced.

For team events all players shall be dressed with the same shirts and shorts/skirts, which are generally the colours of their country. These are to be advised to the Secretary of the Organising Committee prior to the commencement of the championships.

(11) SEEDINGS

The Chairman of the Classification Committee shall prepare Seeding Lists for all events based on the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions / Seeding by Ranking / Seeding by Association Nomination etc. and using the current World Ranking List, the Association Nominations submitted and any other relevant information available.

(12) MANAGERS MEETING

A meeting of the managers of all teams competing at the championships shall be held as soon as possible after the arrival of all teams and other personnel, but before the commencement of the Championships.

The Chairman of the meeting shall be the OTTF President or his nominee.

The Executive Director, Referee and Chairman of the Classification and Technical Committee shall also attend.

The function of this meeting shall be to advise of any alterations to team composition and draw alteration requests.

This meeting shall also appoint the Classification Committee and the jury from nominations received at the meeting.

Any other matters concerning the organisation of the championships may be raised at this meeting.

(13) ENTRY FORM

Entry forms for team & individual events shall be prepared and sent to all member countries at least three (3) months prior to the championships.

Listed prominently on both of the Entry Forms should be the names of the:-

- a) Organising Committee
- b) Secretary of the Championships
- c) Referee and Deputy Referee (s)
- d) Tournament Director

The entry forms shall also include the playing conditions.

Forms shall also be provided for Associations to list their individual entries for each event in descending order of playing strength for the purposes of Seeding by Association Nomination.

(14) DRAW

The draw for all team events shall be carried out at least two (2) weeks prior to the tournament commencing.

The date and time shall be advised by the Secretary of the Organising Committee to all delegations under separate advice.

Where possible the draw will take place under the direction of the Referee or nominated Deputy Referee.

The draw for the individual events shall be carried out on the day following the Managers Meeting.

Draws for knockout events shall be prepared based on the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions / Draw for Knock-out Competitions, except that a doubles pair consisting of players from different Associations may be considered as a pair from both Associations.

(15) JURY

The Jury shall consist of the Chairman of the Organising Committee (as Chairman), the Referee, the Chairman of the Classification and Technical Committee and two (2) other members appointed at the Managers Meeting.

The Jury shall meet before the start of the championships to confirm or otherwise any alteration to team composition and draw alterations requested up to that time as proposed at the Managers Meeting. The Jury shall meet again only to consider appeals against its administrative decisions or decisions of the Referee or Tournament Director. Any Association or person directly affected by a matter under consideration shall be entitled to be represented at that meeting.

The OTTF President, or nominated person, may appoint other persons to the Jury to replace any of the members if there be a conflict of interest regarding an appeal.

(16) EQUIPMENT

The Table Tennis equipment to be adopted shall be ITTF approved and notified to participants as soon as possible

(17) CEREMONIES

There shall be an opening and closing ceremony, details of which must be advised to Team officials via bulletin

(18) AWARDS

In both team and individual events, the winners or 1st placing shall receive gold medals, The losing finalists or 2nd placing silver medals and the losing semi finalists or 3rd placing bronze medals.

For team events a maximum of 5 medals shall be presented. OTTF shall provide the medals but the

Host Association shall pay for the engraving and ribbons.

Required number of medals are to be ordered from the Executive Director at least two (2) months prior to the championship.

(19) TROPHIES

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| ▪ Men's Singles - | Ken Wilkinson Perpetual Shield |
| ▪ Women's Singles - | Keith Bowler Perpetual Shield |
| ▪ Men's Doubles - | Qantas Perpetual Shield |
| ▪ Women's Doubles - | Qantas Perpetual Shield |
| ▪ Mixed Doubles - | David & Helen Jackson Shield |
| ▪ Men's Teams - | Paul Pinkewich Shield |
| ▪ Women's Teams - | Ballarat Shield |
| ▪ South Pacific Cup Men's Teams - | |
| ▪ South Pacific Cup Women's Teams - | |

(20) PRESENTATIONS

Appoint a Master of Ceremonies and decide the appropriate time to make the presentations.

For the finals ensure that a PA system is set-up and tested for use.

Provide a silver tray for carrying of the medals and ribbons.

Prepare a list of persons to make the presentations and ensure that they have prior advice of when to be there.

(21) **SOCIAL**

A welcoming function and final dinner may be held if desired, however before making arrangements for the functions, check with overseas participants about their time and date of arrival & departure. Also obtain assurance of numbers that might be expected to attend.

(22) **PUBLICITY**

Appoint a Publicity Officer shall be appointed who shall have full liaison with newspapers, television, radio and overseas news media (eg: AAP), and should also be available to assist delegations with maps of the local area, hotels, stadium, entertainment etc

In addition there should be access at the venue to an international telephone line to facilitate web-site access.

(23) **OCEANIA FLAG**

The flag of the Oceania Table Tennis Federation is to be flown during the championships from a flagpole placed in a prominent place at the entrance to the stadium.

(24) **HOSPITALITY**

The Host Association must supply:-

- Accommodation and meals for the Chief Referee and four (4) invited Umpires.
- Internal travel from the nearest international airport for all participants.

OTTF will provide:-

- Accommodation and Meals for the OTTF President, Executive Director/Finance Director and Chairman of the Classification & Technical Committee
- Travel subsidy of 100% for the OTTF President and Executive Director/Director Finance
- Travel subsidy of 50% for the Chairman of the Classification & Technical Committee
- Accommodation and meals for Personal Honorary Members

Visiting delegations must pay for:-

- Accommodation and all meals for all members
- All travel costs
- All expenses for any extra accompanying persons

(25) **RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility shall be determined by ITTF Regulations for International Competitions / International Eligibility

(26) **GLUING**

All approved glue's as per the ITTF official list. Anyone found to be using illegal glue shall be penalised. Random testing of rackets may be carried out without notice

(27) **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

A minimum of five (5) courts, 14m x 7m and individually barriered.

Lighting should be a minimum of 600 Lux.

The balls to be used must be ITTF approved and specified in advance

(28) **BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Biennial General Meeting of the OTTF shall be held in conjunction with the championships at a time and venue to be advised by the Host Association. Each financial member Association shall be entitled to have two (2) delegates present and on all matters of voting shall be entitled to one vote. Other invited Associations or individuals may attend, but without a vote.

(29) **RESULTS**

The Host Association shall prepare a results booklet which shall contain the results of all matches played in the championships. One copy of this shall be given to:

each competing nation

the ITTF Secretariat

the Chairman of the ITTF Ranking Committee

the OTTF Executive Director

the OTTF Chairman of the Classification and Technical Committee

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