



## **ITTF-Oceania Cup Regulations**

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### **1. Authority**

Authority to host the ITTF-Oceania Cup will be granted by the OTTF Management Committee.

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

### **2. Regulations**

The tournament 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 & Composition**

The tournament shall be held annually, prior to the month of August.

- 3.1 The tournament shall comprise the following events –
  - 3.1.1 ITTF-Oceania Cup Men's Singles
  - 3.1.2 ITTF-Oceania Cup Women's Singles
  - 3.1.3 Pacific Cup Men's Singles
  - 3.1.4 Pacific Cup Women's Singles

### **4. Event Format & Schedule**

- 4.1 The ITTF-Oceania Cup will be played in two stages. The first stage will have two groups of four athletes, with the top three advancing into the second stage main draw. The athletes placing first in their first stage group will go straight into the semi-finals, whereas the athletes placing second and third will play crossover quarter finals. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> place playoff.
- 4.2 The Pacific Cup will be a straight knock out event.
- 4.3 The tournament will take place over two days. As the tournament will be produced for television and/or live streaming, all matches within a session will be played on a continuous basis. There will be three sessions each day.
- 4.4 The tournament shall be played on two show court tables, with at least 4 practice tables available.



## **5. Organising Committee**

- 5.1 An Organising Committee shall be formed, and will have the authority to make executive/policy decisions about the organisation of the tournament. This committee shall be setup by the Host Association.
- 5.2 Where possible, the committee shall include the Referee, the Tournament Director and the ITTF-Oceania Technical Director.
- 5.3 The President of the Host Association, or their nominee, shall be the Chairperson of the committee and shall have a deliberate and casting vote if required.

## **6. Referee and Tournament Director**

- 6.1 The ITTF-Oceania URC shall appoint an International Referee.
- 6.2 The ITTF-Oceania URC shall also appoint a suitable Deputy Referee, who must be from a different Association from that of the Referee.
- 6.3 The Organising Committee must cover all expenses for both the Referee and Deputy Referee, including airfares, accommodation and meals.

## **7. Umpires**

- 7.1 The ITTF-Oceania URC, with assistance from the Organising Committee, shall appoint seven umpires for the duration of the tournament. Of the seven umpires, at least four shall be International umpires, representing at least two Associations.
- 7.2 The Organising Committee must cover all hospitality expenses, excluding travel costs for all umpires.

## **8. Invitations**

- 8.1 Invitations will be sent to the National Associations of the athletes who have qualified to participate in the ITTF-Oceania Cup. The invitations will be sent in January of the year in which the tournament is taking place, or at the earliest convenience once the event location has been confirmed.
- 8.2 Only athletes who meet the ITTF Eligibility regulations for participation at the ITTF World Cup shall be invited to participate in the tournament.
- 8.3 A maximum of two athletes, per gender per National Association will be sent invitations, however, should there be fewer than 8 men and 8 women confirmed through a maximum of two athletes per gender per National Association, additional athletes may be invited from the next highest positions on the ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List, who could come from a National Association which already has two invited athletes.
- 8.4 Athletes may qualify for invitation through the following methods –



- 8.4.1 **ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List** – The Points List will be the primary means of qualification for the ITTF-Oceania Cup. Only athletes appearing on this list will be eligible to receive an invitation. The five highest placed athletes on the Points List at the end of the year will receive invitations, with a maximum of two athletes, per gender, per national association receiving invitations.
- 8.4.2 **Direct Qualification** – The two national associations which played in the final of the preceding ITTF-Oceania Championships Teams event will be encouraged to organise their own qualification event, for example a Top Ten, or National Closed Championships. This event must provide a clear winner, and reserve, who must both meet the ITTF Eligibility criteria for participation in the ITTF-Oceania Cup. These two national associations will maintain the privilege of conducting their own qualification event for the two years following their success at the ITTF-Oceania Championships Teams event.
- 8.4.3 **Host Quota** – If the Host Association does not have a participant qualified through the above qualifications, they will be allocated one entry for each of the events in which they are eligible to participate. Should the Host Association already have athletes qualified for the tournament, then the additional place will be awarded to the next highest athlete on the Points List.

## 9. Managers Meeting

- 9.1 The Manager's Meeting shall be held on the evening prior to the tournament commencing.

## 10. Seeding

- 10.1 Each country will list their players in ranking order. The seeding for each event will be determined by the Technical Director and Oceania Development Officer taking into consideration those listings, current ITTF or Oceania ranking, or results from relevant Oceania events such as Oceania Championships/Cup, Pacific Games, etc.

## 11. Draw

- 11.1 The draw for the events shall take place on the evening prior to the tournament commencing. All participants are required to attend the public draw, and should they fail to attend will not receive any prize money.

**12. Equipment**

- 12.1 All equipment used for the tournament shall be ITTF approved, and meet international standards.
- 12.2 The lighting in the venue shall be at least 600 lux, but preferably higher.

**13. Clothing**

- 13.1 All athletes shall have clothing that meets the ITTF regulations in regards to colour, as well as sponsor regulations.
- 13.2 All athletes shall have at least two different coloured uniforms to ensure there are no uniform clashes with opponents.

**14. Ceremonies**

- 14.1 There shall be an opening function, in which the public draw will take place.
- 14.2 Prize giving ceremony will close the competition.

**15. Awards/Trophies**

- 15.1 The ITTF-Oceania Management Committee shall determine prize money for the tournament annually.
- 15.2 The Organising Committee shall provide trophies for the winners of each event.

**16. Results**

- 16.1 Full results shall be made available online.



## Appendix A

### ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List

Events – ITTF-Oceania Cup, ITTF-Oceania Championships, Pacific Cup, Pacific Games, Mini Pacific Games, Micronesian Games and up to 24 National Open Championships (1 per National Association of OTTF Member Associations).

There will be three tiers of events, with the groupings below –

Tier 1 – ITTF-Oceania Cup, ITTF-Oceania Championships

Tier 2 – Pacific Games, Mini Pacific Games, 2 x National Opens

Tier 3 – Pacific Cup, Micronesian Games, 22 x National Opens

Points will be awarded based on finishing position in each event. Only athletes eligible to participate in the ITTF-Oceania Cup will receive points. A minimum of eight athletes at each event shall receive points. The weightings for each tier and points for each round will be advised in due course.

The 2 x National Opens that will be allocated as Tier 2 events, will be the National Open championships of the two finalist teams at the most recent ITTF-Oceania Championships, based on the gender. For example, there may be 3 x National Opens that are in Tier 2, however it will only be the Men's or Women's singles event that will be classed as Tier 2, based on the previous ITTF-Oceania Championships Team event final.

### Bonus Points

Each event has the opportunity to be awarded with a bonus weighting, based on the number of countries in attendance. These numbers refer to Oceania countries and do not include the host association. Every three countries from outside Oceania in attendance are equal to one Oceania country.

There will also be bonus weightings on offer for athletes who compete in multiple events throughout the year.

For every additional event participated (up to a maximum of 6), the overall points of that athlete will be multiplied by the weighting factor shown below.

The weighting tables are shown below –

Host only	1.0	1 event	1.0
1 country	1.1	2 events	1.1
2-3 countries	1.2	3 events	1.2
4-6 countries	1.3	4 events	1.3
7-10 countries	1.4	5 events	1.4
11+ countries	1.5	6+ events	1.5