



ITTF-Oceania Cup Regulations

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1. Authority

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

- 1.1 Any Association affiliated with ITTF-Oceania, 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 ITTF-Oceania 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.

- 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 3rd 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/Tournament Director

- 5.1 Following the decision by ITTF-Oceania to award the ITTF-Oceania Cup to a particular country the Host Association must establish an Organising Committee and their obligations shall start immediately to organise the ITTF-Oceania Cup. The Organising Committee shall have authority to make executive/policy decisions about the organisation of the event. The host

must also nominate a Tournament Director who will be in overall charge of the whole tournament and will chair the Organising Committee. There are various functions associated with the tournament and these functions should be allocated as seen fit but should, at a minimum, include persons in charge of the following areas:

- Venue
- Accommodation
- Transport
- Media, Marketing, Promotion & Advertising (including Tourism)

A secretary is to be appointed to keep records of matters discussed and decisions reached at meetings of the committee. The committee should include the referee and approximately five (5) other members. As the Cup is being hosted on behalf of ITTF-Oceania, the ITTF-Oceania Technical Director shall be an ex-officio member of the committee and is to be informed of decisions of the committee.

- 5.2 Where possible, the committee shall include the referee, the president of the Member Association, the Tournament Director, the ITTF-Oceania Events Officer, and the ITTF-Oceania Technical Director.
- 5.3 The committee shall appoint a publicity officer who shall have full liaison with newspapers, television, radio and overseas news media (e.g.: AAP), and should also be available to assist delegations with maps of the local area, hotels, stadium, entertainment etc. In addition, at the venue there should be an international telephone line available plus internet access for website and e-mail.

6. Competition Manager

- 6.1 A Competition Manger will be appointed by ITTF-Oceania and approved by the ITTF. If this is not possible then a suitably qualified person will be appointed by the ITTF. The main responsibility of the Competition Manager is to implement ITTF/ITTF-Oceania's objective on how to run the ITTF-Oceania Cup and their responsibility is defined as follows:
 - 6.1.1 The Competition Manager is the official representative of ITTF/ITTF-Oceania and has the final authority in all matters relating to the agreement.
 - 6.1.2 In case of disputes relating to the agreement, the Competition Manager may over-rule the referee and/or the Tournament Director. However, in matters regarding the interpretation of the rules and racket control outcome, the referee's decision will be final.
 - 6.1.3 The Competition Manager will work closely with the referee in the tournament in all "technical" matters of the event such as:
 - Entries, eligibility, seeding and draws
 - Time schedule (in both structure and detail)
 - Allocation of matches by tables for each round
 - Advertisement banners



- Exposure of ITTF-Oceania sponsors
- Organisation of presentations
- Links with the media
- Responsibility to send articles and photos to ITTF and ITTF-Oceania

6.1.4 The host will provide free hospitality to the Competition Manager, who will arrive up to two (2) days before the start of the event. The Competition Manager will prepare an evaluation report of the event and this report will be used to improve the Championships.

6.1.5 A control centre close to the playing area and with a clear view of actual play shall be available to the Competition Manager and referee team.

7. Referee

7.1 The ITTF-Oceania Umpires and Referees Committee (URC) shall appoint an International Referee who will arrive two (2) days before the event starts.

7.2 The ITTF-Oceania URC shall also appoint a suitable deputy referee, who must be from a different Association from that of the referee who will arrive one (1) day before the event starts.

7.3 The Organising Committee must cover all expenses for both the referee and deputy referee, including airfares, accommodation and meals.

8. Umpires

8.1 The ITTF-Oceania URC, with assistance from the Organising Committee, shall appoint eight umpires for the duration of the tournament. Of the eight umpires, at least four shall be international umpires, representing at least two Associations.

8.2 The Organising Committee must cover all hospitality expenses, excluding travel costs, for all umpires.

9. Seeding

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

10. Invitations

10.1 Invitations will be sent to the Member Associations of the athletes who have qualified to participate in the ITTF-Oceania Cup. The invitations will be sent in March of the year in which the tournament is taking place, or at the earliest convenience once the event location has been confirmed and following the completion of the final ITTF-Oceania Tour event.

10.2 Only athletes who meet the ITTF eligibility regulations for participation at the ITTF World Cup shall be invited to participate in the tournament.



- 10.3 A maximum of two athletes, per gender per Member 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 Member Association, additional athletes may be invited from the next highest positions on the ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List, who could come from a Member Association which already has two invited athletes.
- 10.4 From 2019 onwards, athletes will only be invited if they have participated in a ITTF-Oceania Tour event which appears on the ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List prior to the event in which they are invited. This is also applicable to the host quota. If the Host Association does not have any Athletes who have qualified for the ITTF-Oceania Cup prior to the event, they will be guaranteed at least one entry in both the Men's Singles and Women's Singles, which will be determined in consultation with ITTF-Oceania.
- 10.5 Athletes may qualify for invitation through the following methods –
- 10.5.1 **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 having competed in the previous ITTF-Oceania Tour will be eligible to receive an invitation. The top eligible 7 Men and 7 Women who have accumulated the largest number of points, based on the ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List at the completion of the ITTF-Oceania Tour will receive invitations, with a maximum of two athletes, per gender, per Member Association receiving invitations. Should there be fewer than 8 men and 8 women confirmed through a maximum of two athletes per gender per Member Association, additional athletes may be invited from the next highest positions on the ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List, who could come from a Member Association which already has two invited athletes.
- 10.5.2 **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 eligible athlete on the ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List.

11. Prospectus

- 11.1 A Prospectus for the event shall be prepared and sent to all member countries at least two (2) months prior to the ITTF-Oceania Cup. Listed prominently in the Prospectus should be: -
- Organising Committee/Tournament Director
 - Competition Manager (if required and appointed)
 - Referee and deputy referee
 - Venue and playing conditions
 - Details of accommodation plus packages if available



- Format for play in all events
- Prize money
- Any other items deemed applicable to the ITTF-Oceania Cup

12. Entry Form

12.1 Entry forms for the event shall be prepared and sent to all member countries that have had players qualify at least two (2) months prior to the ITTF-Oceania Cup.

12.1.1 Forms shall also be provided for Associations to list their players in ranking order for the purposes of seeding.

12.1.2 Any other forms deemed appropriate, e.g., accommodation, delegations, transport details etc. shall also be provided.

13. Managers Meeting

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

14. Draw

14.1 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. The draw will also act as a promotional function, and it is requested that athletes dress appropriately for the promotional function.

15. Equipment

15.1 All equipment used for the tournament shall be ITTF approved and meet international standards.

15.2 The lighting in the venue shall be at least 1000 lux, but preferably higher.

16. Racket Testing

16.1 Testing of rackets may be carried out without notice, and anyone found to be using an illegal racket will be subject to the provisions of ITTF Regulations for International Competition 3.2.4.

17. Clothing

17.1 All athletes shall have clothing that meets the ITTF regulations in regard to colour, as well as sponsor regulations.

17.2 All athletes shall have at least two different coloured shirts to ensure there are no clashes with opponents' shirts.

18. Ceremonies

18.1 There shall be an opening function, in which the public draw will take place.

18.2 A prize giving ceremony will close the competition.



19. Awards/Trophies

- 19.1 The ITTF-Oceania Management Committee shall determine prize money for the tournament annually.
- 19.2 The ITTF-Oceania Cup winners will be presented with the perpetual ITTF-Oceania Cup, transported by ITTF-Oceania to the event.
- 19.3 The Organising Committee shall provide trophies for the winners of the Pacific Cup events.

20. Flags

- 20.1 The flag of ITTF-Oceania is to be displayed/flown during the ITTF-Oceania Cup. The flags of competing nations shall be displayed in the venue.

21. Hospitality

- 21.1 The Host Association must provide:
 - 21.1.1 Accommodation and meals for:
 - 21.1.1.1 The referee (s) in single room
 - 21.1.1.2 Eight (8) invited umpires in twin share room
 - 21.1.1.3 Competition Manager in single room
 - 21.1.2 Travel subsidy of 100% for the referee(s) coming from another country or internally
 - 21.1.3 Internal travel from the nearest airport (*specified by the organisers in close dialogue with ITTF-Oceania*) for all participants
- 21.2 ITTF-Oceania will provide, if required:
 - 21.2.1 Accommodation and meals for the:
 - 21.2.1.1 ITTF-Oceania President
 - 21.2.1.2 ITTF-Oceania Technical Director
 - 21.2.1.3 ITTF-Oceania Staff
 - 21.2.2 Travel subsidy of 100% for the:
 - 21.2.2.1 ITTF-Oceania President
 - 21.2.2.2 ITTF-Oceania Technical Director
 - 21.2.2.3 ITTF-Oceania Staff
- 21.3 Visiting delegations must pay for:
 - 21.3.1 Accommodation and all meals for all members unless the Organising Committee offers free accommodation and/or meals to the players
 - 21.3.2 All travel costs
 - 21.3.3 All expenses for any extra accompanying persons

22. Results

- Full results shall be made available online.



Appendix A

ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List

Events – ITTF-Oceania Tour events.

The ITTF-Oceania Tour is now the pathway for players to secure their ticket to the ITTF-Oceania Cup. Points won at tour events will directly affect the ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List, with the top eight athletes earning the right to compete at the ITTF-Oceania Cup.

Placing	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
Winner	500	500
Finalist	300	300
Semi-Finalist	200	200
Quarterfinalist	100	100
Round of 16	50	50
Round of 32	25	25

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

For additional events participated in the overall points of that athlete will be multiplied by the weighting factor shown below.

Weighting tables

Host only	1.0	1 event	1.0
1 – 3 countries	1.1	2 events	1.1
4+ countries	1.2	3 + events	1.2

NOTES

- Athletes finishing equal on points for the last positions to be qualified, will be decided by their position (ranking place) on the last available ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List when the invitations are sent out.
- If athletes are still equal, reference will be made to the previous ITTF-Oceania Cup Qualification Points List and so on.
- ITTF-Oceania reserves the right to fill vacant positions by ranking positions if all other criteria are not met.