



ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships Regulations

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1. Authority

Authority will be granted only by ITTF-Oceania at a General Meeting.

- 1.1 Any Association affiliated with ITTF-Oceania, 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 Championships 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

- 2.1 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 & Composition

- 3.1 The Championships shall be held annually, in which the ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships will take place during odd years, and the ITTF-Oceania Youth Mini Championships will take place during even years, however they will be branded simply as the ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships. The date and time should be indicated in the tender but can be varied on application to the Management Committee.
- 3.2 The ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships shall comprise the following compulsory events:
 - Under 19 Boys Teams
 - Under 19 Girls Teams
 - Under 15 Boys Teams
 - Under 15 Girls Teams
 - Under 19 Boys Singles
 - Under 19 Girls Singles
 - Under 19 Boys Doubles
 - Under 19 Girls Doubles
 - Under 19 Mixed Doubles
 - Under 15 Boys Singles
 - Under 15 Girls Singles
 - Under 15 Boys Doubles
 - Under 15 Girls Doubles
 - Under 15 Mixed Doubles



- 3.3 The ITTF-Oceania Youth Mini Championships shall comprise the following compulsory events:
- Under 19 Boys Teams
 - Under 19 Girls Teams
 - Under 15 Boys Teams
 - Under 15 Girls Teams
 - Under 19 Boys Singles
 - Under 19 Girls Singles
 - Under 15 Boys Singles
 - Under 15 Girls Singles
- 3.4 The date for determining eligibility shall be in accordance with ITTF policy.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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. Event Format & Schedule

4.1 Team Events

- 4.1.1 Each Association may enter no more than one team in each event, Associations entering teams may nominate not more than four (4) players in each Under 19 team event, and in Under 15 team events, a maximum of three (3).
- 4.1.2 All Under 19 Teams events shall be played in accordance with the system to be used at the next ITTF World Youth Championships. All Under 15 Teams events shall use the Corbillon Cup system (4 singles and 1 doubles).
- 4.1.3 All individual matches in a team event shall be played during the round robin or group phase, except where in the final round, two previously unbeaten teams are drawn to play against each other, or if the team match itself will determine the final positions of only those teams involved. In this case, and for all matches in a knockout phase, team matches 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.
- 4.1.4 For the ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships, the team events will be played in a single round robin should there be five (5) or fewer teams, if there are six (6) or more teams, groups with a maximum of four (4) teams within each group will be played as the first stage, followed by a knockout draw, in

which at least two teams per group will advance to the second stage. For the Mini Championships, if there are four (4) or fewer teams, a round robin will be played, but if there are five (5) or more teams, a progressive knockout will be played. The Organising Committee, in conjunction with the Technical Director and Competition Manager, shall determine the method of grouping.

- 4.1.5 Finals and semi-finals shall be played for all team events, except if the event is played as a single round robin group. A 3rd place playoff shall be played if it is a Qualification event, otherwise not. Further playoffs for lower positions shall be played.
- 4.1.6 For both the ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships, and the Mini Championships, players shall be permitted to enter only one age group for the team events.
- 4.1.7 Composite teams may also take part, but they shall not be eligible to receive medals ahead of national teams. Associations may enter players for composite teams, but only if they do not already have an Association team in that event. All players in a composite team must be from different Associations.
- 4.1.8 There will be no entry fee for any team event.

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 basis.
- 4.2.2 All matches will be the best of five (5) games in group play and best of seven (7) games in the knockout.
- 4.2.3 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 Technical Director in such a way that approximately half of the entrants shall compete in the main event and the remainder in the 2nd Division.
- 4.2.4 Each participating Association may enter: -
 - 4.2.4.1 For Boys and Girls Singles, a maximum of 4 per Association
 - 4.2.4.2 For Boy's and Girl's Doubles, a maximum of 2 pairs per Association; for Mixed Doubles, a maximum of 4 pairs per Association

- 4.2.4.3 The Host country may have 1 more in each event.
 - 4.2.4.4 Players may enter both age groups in the ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships, however for the Mini Championships players are restricted to one age group only.
 - 4.2.5 Any event with less than 4 entries may be cancelled at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
 - 4.2.6 An entry fee of no more than AUD\$15-00 per person per event or equivalent in local currency may be charged. If a fee is to be charged the actual amount will be agreed between the host association and ITTF-Oceania.
- 4.3 All events shall be scheduled by the Competition Manager in consultation with the Organising Committee, Technical Director and Referee, having due regard to television programming etc.
- 4.4 No event shall be programmed to be played after 22:00hr.

5. Organising Committee/Tournament Director

5.1 Following the decision by ITTF-Oceania to award the ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships to a particular country the Host Association must establish an Organising Committee and their obligations shall start immediately to organise the ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships. 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:

- 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 Championships are 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.



6. Competition Manager

6.1 A Competition Manager 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 Youth Championships 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 ITTF/ITTF-Oceania Competition Manager will work closely with the Referee in the tournament in all "technical" matters of the event such as:

- Entries, eligibility, seeding and draw
- 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 A Referee, who shall be appointed by the ITTF-Oceania Umpires and Referees Committee (URC) in consultation with the Organising Committee, must be a qualified International Referee with a competent knowledge of the Laws of Table Tennis and experienced in Championship's organisation. The duties of the Referee shall be as defined in the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions / Jurisdiction of Officials, and their decision on any question of interpretation of Laws or Regulations shall be final.



- 7.2 A Deputy Referee or Referees, to act as directed by the Referee, of whom at least one (1) must come from a different country from the Referee.
- 7.3 Invitations to Referees must include provision of free accommodation and meals in the country hosting the Championships. The Referee, or Deputy Referee appointed to exercise authority in his absence, shall be present at all times during play. Officials shall wear some form of recognition.

8. Umpires

- 8.1 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 or Oceania 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.

9. Clothing

- 9.1 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 in 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.

10. Seeding

- 10.1 Seeding Lists for all events based on the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions / Seeding by Ranking / Seeding by Association Nomination etc. and using the Association Nominations submitted and any other relevant information available shall be prepared by ITTF-Oceania in conjunction with the Technical Director and advised to the Host Association and Referee.

11. Managers Meeting

- 11.1 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.
 - 11.1.1 The Chairman of the meeting shall be the ITTF-Oceania President or their nominee.
 - 11.1.2 The Referee, Technical Director and Competition Manager shall also attend if present.

- 11.1.3 The function of this meeting shall be to advise of any alterations to team composition and draw alteration requests.
- 11.1.4 This meeting shall also appoint the Jury from nominations received at the meeting.
- 11.1.5 Any other matters concerning the organisation of the Championships may be raised at this meeting.

12. Prospectus

12.1 A Prospectus for the event shall be prepared and sent to all member Associations at least five (5) months prior to the Championships.

Listed prominently in the Prospectus should be: -

- Organising Committee/Tournament Director
- Competition Manager (if required and appointed)
- Referee and Deputy Referee (s)
- Venue and Playing Conditions
- Details of accommodation plus packages if available
- Format for play in all events
- Prize Money (if applicable)
- Any other items deemed applicable to the Championships

13. Entry Form

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

13.1.1 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.

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

14. Draw

14.1 The draw for all team events shall be carried out at least three (3) days 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.

**15. Jury**

15.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairman of the Organising Committee (as Chairman), the Referee, the Technical Director 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 ITTF-Oceania 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

16.1 The Table Tennis equipment to be used shall be ITTF approved and notified to participants in the Prospectus. This includes the table, ball and type of flooring.

17. Ceremonies

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

18. Awards**18.1 Team Events**

18.1.1 Round Robin events there will be 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze awarded

18.1.2 Knockout events there will 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze awarded

18.1.3 A maximum of 5 medals shall be presented to each team

18.2 Individual Events

18.2.1 The winner/s or 1st placing shall receive - Gold medals

18.2.2 The losing finalist/s or 2nd placing - Silver medals

18.2.3 The losing semi-finalists or 3rd placing - Bronze medals

18.3 ITTF-Oceania shall provide the medals, but the Host Association shall pay for the engraving and ribbons.

18.4 Required numbers of medals are to be ordered from the ITTF-Oceania office at least three (3) months prior to the Championships.

19. Trophies

No trophies are applicable.



20. Presentations

20.1 The Organising Committee shall appoint a Master of Ceremonies and decide the appropriate time to make the presentations and provide a silver tray for carrying the medals and ribbons. They must also prepare a list of persons to make the presentations and ensure that they have prior advice of when to be there. For the finals it is a requirement that a PA system be set-up and tested for use.

21. Social

21.1 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

22.1 The Organising 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.

23. Flags

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

24. Hospitality

24.1 The Host Association must provide:

24.1.1 Accommodation and meals for:

24.1.1.1 The Referee (s)

24.1.1.2 Four (4) invited Umpires

24.1.1.3 ITTF Competition Manager (*from 2 days before event*)

24.1.2 Travel subsidy of 100% for the Referee coming from another country or internally

24.1.3 Internal travel from the nearest airport (*specified by the organisers in close dialogue with ITTF-Oceania*) for all participants

24.2 ITTF-Oceania will provide, if required:

24.2.1 Accommodation and meals for:

24.2.1.1 The President

24.2.1.2 Technical Director

24.2.2 Travel subsidy of 100% for:

24.2.2.1 The President

24.2.2.2 Technical Director



- 24.3 Visiting delegations must pay for:
 - 24.3.1 Accommodation and all meals for all members
 - 24.3.2 All travel costs
 - 24.3.3 All expenses for any extra accompanying persons

25. International Eligibility

- 25.1 Eligibility shall be determined by ITTF Regulations for International Competitions / International Eligibility.

26. Racket Testing

- 26.1 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.

27. Playing Conditions

- 27.1 A minimum of six (6) courts, 12.6m x 5.6m and with own barriers.
- 27.2 Lighting should be a minimum of 600 Lux.

28. Results

- 28.1 Full results shall be made available online.