



## **ITTF-Oceania Championships Regulations**

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### **1. Authority**

Authority will be granted only by the International Table Tennis Federation – Oceania (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 Management Committee of ITTF-Oceania 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 in the even numbered years, 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.
- 3.2 The Championships shall comprise the following compulsory events:
  - TM1 Men's Open Teams
  - TM2 Women's Open Teams
  - TM3 Under 21 Men's Teams
  - TM4 Under 21 Women's 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
  - E6 Under 21 Men's Singles
  - E7 Under 21 Women's Singles
  - E8 Under 21 Men's Doubles
  - E9 Under 21 Women's Doubles
  - E10 Under 21 Mixed Doubles
- 3.3 The Championships may include the following additional events as determined by the Management Committee.
  - 3.3.1 Any Para Table Tennis Events
  - 3.3.2 Any Veteran Events
- 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. Entry Conditions**

##### **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 five (5) players in each Senior team event, and in Under 21 team events, a maximum of four (4).
- 4.1.2 All open team events shall be played in accordance with the system to be used at the next World Team Championships. The Under 21 team events shall use the same system or some other system as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee, Technical Director and approved by the Management Committee. All individual matches in a team event shall be played, 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, such 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.
- 4.1.3 All team events shall be played in a round robin series, but may be played in groups depending upon the number of entries. The Organising Committee, in conjunction with the Technical Director and Competition Manager, shall determine the method of grouping.
- 4.1.4 Finals shall be played for all team events. It is preferable that semi-finals also be played in all team events. A 3<sup>rd</sup> place playoff shall be played if it is a Qualification event, or if necessary for the Pacific Teams Trophy, otherwise not. Further playoffs for lower positions shall be played.
- 4.1.5 The Pacific Teams Trophy and medals for Gold, Silver and Bronze shall be presented to those teams other than Australia & New Zealand, competing in events TM1 and TM2. Pacific Teams not wishing to be considered for the Pacific Teams Trophy should advise the Competition Manager prior to the event commencing. Where a full round is held between all teams, only the results of those team matches between teams eligible to win the Pacific Teams



Trophy shall be included when determining the order of teams, otherwise the final finishing order of all teams shall be used. Where the 2 top teams did not previously meet, a final shall be played.

4.1.6 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.

4.1.7 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, in conjunction with the Technical Director and Competition Manager, may decide to conduct an event on a round robin basis, or a straight knockout system.

4.2.2 All singles matches will be best of five (5) games in the group stage and best of seven (7) games in the knockout stage. All double events will be straight knockout with all matches being best of five games.

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 Individual Singles in all grades a maximum of 4 per association

4.2.4.2 For doubles in all events a maximum of 2 pairs per association with 4 for the Mixed

4.2.4.3 The Host country may have 1 more in each event

4.2.4.4 Players are restricted to no more than 2 categories

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

4.2.6 An entry fee of no more than AUD20 per person per event or equivalent in local currency will be charged. The actual amount to be agreed upon is between the host association and ITTF-Oceania.



## 5. Scheduling

5.1 All events shall be scheduled by the Referee in consultation with the Organising Committee, Technical Director and Competition Manager, having due regard to television programming etc.

## 6. Organising Committee/Tournament Director

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

## 7. Competition Manager

7.1 A Competition Manager will be appointed by ITTF. If this is not possible then a suitably qualified person will be appointed by ITTF-Oceania. The main responsibility of the Competition Manager is to implement ITTF/ITTF-Oceania's objective on how to run the ITTF-Oceania Championships and their responsibility is defined as follows:

- 7.1.1 The Competition Manager is the official representative of ITTF/ITTF-Oceania and has the final authority in all matters relating to the agreement.
- 7.1.2 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.
- 7.1.3 The ITTF/ITTF-Oceania Competition Manager will work closely with the Referee in the tournament in all "technical" matters of the event such as:

- 7.1.3.1 Entries, eligibility, seeding and draw
- 7.1.3.2 Time schedule (in both structure and detail)
- 7.1.3.3 Allocation of matches by tables for each round
- 7.1.3.4 Advertisement banners
- 7.1.3.5 Exposure of ITTF-Oceania sponsors
- 7.1.3.6 Organisation of presentations
- 7.1.3.7 Links with the media
- 7.1.3.8 Responsibility to send articles and photos to ITTF and ITTF-Oceania
- 7.1.4 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.
- 7.1.5 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.

## **8. Referee**

- 8.1 A Referee, who shall be appointed by the ITTF-Oceania 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 Championships 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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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.

## **9. Umpires**

- 9.1 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 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.



## 10. Clothing

10.1 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 with the same shirts and shorts/skirts, which are generally the colours of their country.

## 11. Seeding

11.1 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 and advised to the Host Association and Referee.

## 12. Managers Meeting

12.1 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.

12.1.1 The Chairman of the meeting shall be the ITTF-Oceania President or their nominee.

12.1.2 The Referee, and Technical Director and Competition Manager shall also attend.

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

12.1.4 This meeting shall also appoint the Jury from nominations received at the meeting.

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

## 13. Prospectus

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

Listed prominently in the Prospectus should be:-

13.1.1 Organising Committee/Tournament Director

13.1.2 Competition Manager

13.1.3 Referee and Deputy Referee (s)

13.1.4 Venue and Playing Conditions

13.1.5 Details of accommodation plus packages if available

13.1.6 Format for play in all events

13.1.7 Prize Money (if applicable)

13.1.8 Any other items deemed applicable to the Championships



#### **14. Entry Form**

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

14.1.1 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.

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

#### **15. Draw**

15.1 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.

#### **16. Jury**

16.1 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.

#### **17. Equipment**

17.1 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.

#### **18. Ceremonies**

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



## 19. Awards

### 19.1 Team Events

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

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

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

### 19.2 Individual Events

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

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

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

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

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

## 20. Trophies

Men's Team –

Paul Pinkewich Shield

Women's Team –

Ballarat Shield

Men's Singles –

Ken Wilkinson Perpetual Shield

Women's Singles –

Keith Bowler Perpetual Shield

Men's Doubles –

Philip & Sylvia Males Shield

Women's Doubles –

Harwood Shield

Mixed Doubles –

David & Helen Jackson Shield

Pacific Teams Trophy Men –

Uy Kong Le trophy

Pacific Teams Trophy Women –

Viviane & Patrick Gillmann trophy

## 21. Presentations

21.1 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 is set-up and tested for use.

## 22. Social

22.1 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.





## 23. Publicity

23.1 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.

## 24. Flags

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

## 25. Hospitality

25.1 The Host Association must provide:

25.1.1 Accommodation and meals for:

25.1.1.1 The Referee (s)

25.1.1.2 Four (4) invited Umpires

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

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

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

25.2 ITTF-Oceania will provide:

25.2.1 Accommodation and meals for:

25.2.1.1 The President

25.2.1.2 Technical Director

25.2.1.3 Events Officer

25.2.1.4 Personal Honorary Members

25.2.2 Travel subsidy of 100% for:

25.2.2.1 The President

25.2.2.2 Technical Director

25.2.2.3 Events Officer

25.3 Visiting delegations must pay for:

25.3.1 Accommodation and all meals for all members

25.3.2 All travel costs

25.3.3 All expenses for any extra accompanying persons

## 26. International Eligibility

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



**27. Racket Testing**

27.1 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.

**28. Playing Conditions**

28.1 A minimum of eight (8) courts, preferably 14m x 7m, but minimum 12m x 6m, with own barriers

28.2 Lighting should be a minimum of 600 Lux

**29. Results**

29.1 Full results shall be made available online