

Table Tennis By-laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

The Table Tennis competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitutional Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations they shall also operate under the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Rules

Section 2 - General

2.1 Island Representation

2.1.1 A squad to consist of a maximum of 4 men and 4 women per Member Island.

2.1.2 Individual Competition

2.1.2.1 Singles

Men	a maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island
Women	a maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island

2.1.2.2 Doubles

Men	a maximum of 2 pairs per Member Island
Women	a maximum of 2 pairs per Member Island

2.1.2.3 **Mixed Doubles** a maximum of 4 pairs per Member Island

2.1.3 Team Competition

1 Team per Member Island consisting of:

Men	Maximum of 4 and a minimum of 2 competitors
Women	Maximum of 4 and a minimum of 1 competitor

2.2 Age of Competitors

2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee

2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Tournament Referee and sufficient umpires all of whom shall be suitably qualified.

2.4 Events

2.4.1 Individual

Men's Singles
 Women's Singles
 Mixed Doubles
 Men's Doubles

Women's Doubles

2.4.2 Team Event

Each match in the Team competition shall consist of the following 7 events:

- Men's Singles
- 1 Women's Singles
- 1 Women's Doubles
- 1 Mixed Doubles

2.4.3 A Member Island will be able to take part in the Team Competition if they have sufficient competitors to compete in 6 of the 7 stated events.

2.5 Training

Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.6 Draws for Team Competition

Seeding for the 2 groups, if needed, is to be taken from the Team position in the previous Games in a Snake System. A new Member Island is to be placed at the bottom of the ladder. The system based on 10 Islands competing is as follows:

Group A	Group B
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7
9	10

2.7 Venues

A dimensional plan including details of lighting and of each playing area with the proposed table layout and their variations during the competition should be sent to the Table Tennis Technical Committee for approval.

2.8 Equipment

Competition tables, nets and balls to be provided by the Organising Committee. Competitors shall provide their own bats.

2.9 Clothing

The regulation of ITTF concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.10 Medical

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

2.11 Medals

A Gold, Silver and Bronze medal shall be awarded in each of the Individual competitions and Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to be awarded to each Member competing in the Team Event and Bronze medals will be awarded to both 3rd and 4th places

2.12 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Tournament Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

Section 3 – Technical Committee**3.1 Appointment**

The Technical Committee will be appointed at each Games Post-Competition Meeting and shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Members – a Chairman, Secretary plus up to 4 Members. Both of the future Host Island (if applicable) should be represented and if at all possible at least 1 of the positions should be permanent e.g. Secretary or Chairman to ensure continuity.

3.2 Meetings

The Technical Committee will meet if necessary at any time during the Games. In the period between the Games the Technical Committee will act as an advisory/consultative body on any matters arising.

Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Meetings

4.1 The Pre and Post-Competition Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Host Island Sports Coordinator and shall be attended by the Technical Committee and up to 2 representatives from each competing Member Island Team.

4.2 The Jury of Appeal will be appointed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. A panel of 5 Members (preferably from different competing Member Islands) plus a non-voting Secretary will be appointed. A minimum of 3 Members plus the Secretary would be required to hear an appeal. If the appeal concerns a competitor from the same Member Island as 1 of the Jury Members he/she cannot participate in any decision taken.

Section 5 – Individual Competition

5.1 Rules

Doubles pairings in the Individual Events once entered are not permitted a change of partner except in the event of an injury where the Referees decision will be final. A Doubles partners name is allowed to be submitted at the Games provided it is a player whose entry has already been submitted. Players should submit their entries indicating whether they wish to be entered for Singles and / or Doubles without the need to specify in advance who their Doubles partner(s) will be.

Section 6 – Team Competition

6.1 Rules

6.1.1 Any Team not competing in any one of the 7 events in a particular match forfeit that event to their opponents

6.1.2 In each of the Mens Team matches only 2 players are permitted to play Singles with each player playing against both of the opponents 2 Singles players.

6.2 Formula for Team Event

6.2.1 The formula for Team Event will be subject to the number of participating Member Islands:

6.2.1.2 Less than 7 Teams to be played with each Team playing the other Teams in a Round Robin with the medals being decided on the order of Teams after completion of all matches.

6.2.1.3 7 to 14 Teams to be played in 2 groups with each group playing on a Round Robin basis then crossover playoffs as diagram below

6.2.1.4 If more than 14 Teams the Host Island will adopt a 4 group system, similar to that used in Grand Prix events. The group seeds should be the finalists and semi finalists from the previous Games with the remaining members of the group being drawn at random. The Technical Committee shall have the power to alter this should extenuating circumstances apply. The choice of method to be decided by the Host Island.

6.2.2 After all group games winner Group A v Runner-Up Group B, Runner-Up Group A v Winner Group B the 2 winners of those fixtures will compete in a final to decide the Gold and Silver medals and the 2 losers will play off to decide 3rd and 4th places with a Bronze medal being awarded to the 3rd place Team.

This format should then follow the remainder of the groups. e.g.

Group A	Group B	
3	<---->	4
4	<---->	3

With the winners and losers playing off to decide 5th to 8th places and the same formula continuing to decide the final order for all Teams entered.