

Technical Regulations - Table Tennis

1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee will be composed of the ICSD Technical Director for Table Tennis and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

----- - ICSD Technical Director
_____ - ITTF Representative
_____ - ITTF Representative
_____ - Sports Liaison Officer
_____ - Deaf Representative

2. PROTEST COMMITTEE

----- - ICSD Technical Director
_____ - ITTF Representative
_____ - ITTF Representative
_____ - Sports Liaison Officer
_____ - Deaf Representative

3. EVENTS

The table tennis competitions will comprise the following events:

- Men's and Women's singles
- Men's and Women's doubles
- Men's and Women's teams
- Mixed doubles

4. PARTICIPANTS

4.1. Age Eligibility

There are no age restrictions.

4.2. Each National Federation may enter a maximum number of four (4) men and four (4) women for all events; one team for the team events, four players for the singles, two pairs for the men's and women's doubles, and four pairs for the mixed doubles.

4.3. No reserves or substitutes are allowed for the singles. The composition of a pair may be changed only if an federation has entered less than four (4) men and four (4) women for the doubles and one of the players originally entered in a pair forfeits by a doctor's declaration. However, no changes may be made after the draw has taken place.

4.4. A fine of USD \$20 is levied on each non-starting athlete with the exception of those presenting a doctor's declaration that he/she should not be allowed to start.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. The preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of athletes in each event must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than

5.2. The final registrations with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

5.3. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after

6. VENUES

6.1. Competition Venue

The table tennis competitions will take place at

6.1.1. Number of Tables

There will be a total of 16 tables: 8 for competition and 8 for training.

6.1.2. Flooring

The floor is dark flooring and is a Taraflex.

6.1.3. Lighting

The light intensity is up to 1000Lux.

6.1.4. Surrounding

The colour of surrounding walls will be announced

6.2. Training Venue

The training venue will be the same as the competition venue. A training schedule will be set up according to the arrival of teams.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Competition Schedule

Refer to the competition schedule on the Games website.

7.2. Training Schedule

Refer to the training schedule on the Games website.

8. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.1. Technical Organisation

ICSD is responsible for the technical organisation of the Table Tennis competitions.

8.2. Competition Rules

The Table Tennis competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the ITTF (version). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules

and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

8.2.1. Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with Deaflympics Regulations, General Technical Rules – Summer Deaflympics, and this Table Tennis Technical Regulations.

8.2.2. Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the ITTF Rules and Regulations.

Only athletes who comply with the Deaflympics Regulations are entitled to take part in the Deaflympics Table Tennis competitions.

8.3. Competition Equipment

All equipment and implements used during competitions will comply with the ITTF Rules and Regulations.

8.3.1. Balls

The balls will be Donic three stars, white in colour.

8.3.2. Net

The net will be Donic Stress, blue in colour.

8.3.3. Tables

The tables will be Donic Waldner Classic 25, blue in colour.

8.4. Competition Clothing

All participants and officials must wear clothing, which is in conformity with the ITTF Regulations. Participants must observe the regulations contained in the Deaflympics Regulations regarding advertising on clothing, etc., in the competition areas.

8.5. Draw

The draw for all events will be conducted in accordance with ITTF Rules and Regulations. The technical committee at the technical meeting will seed an appropriate number of players and pairs in each event based on current ICSD table tennis ranking points. In case of disagreement the ICSD Technical Director alone will decide the seedings. Entries from any one country shall be drawn as follows:

- The first and second ranked entries by lot in opposites halves of the draw.
- The third and fourth ranked entries by lot in the quarters where first and second ranked are not drawn.

8.6. Competition Plan

8.6.1. Team Events

a. Preliminary Round

The entered teams will be divided into groups (two, four or eight groups) of 3 to 5 teams each. During the preliminary round, each team will play all the other teams of its group.

b. Finals

After the classification in the preliminary groups is established, the teams will play in the finals in the following way:

• Two Groups

Semi-finals: The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places and the defeated teams will play for 3rd and 4th places.

(A1 v B2)

(B1 v A2)

• Four Groups

Quarter-finals: The winners of the quarter-finals will play semi-finals and the defeated teams will play for fifth (5th) to eighth (8th) places.

A. (A1 v C2)

B. (B1 v D2)

C. (C1 v A2)

D. (D1 v B2)

Semi-finals: The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places and the defeated teams will play for 3rd and 4th places.

(winner of "A") v (winner of "D")

(winner of "B") v (winner of "C")

• Eight Groups

The matches for the quarter-finals with (A1 v E2) (B1 v F2) (C1 v G2) (D1 v H2) (E1 v A2) (F1 v B2) (G1 v C2) (H1 v D2). The match winners will play quarter-finals and the defeated teams will play for 9th to 16th places.

Quarter-finals: The winners of the quarter-finals will play semi-finals and the defeated teams will play for fifth (5th) to eighth (8th) places.

A. (A1/E2) v (B1/F2)

B. (C1/G2) v (D1/H2)

C. (E1/A2) v (F1/B2)

D. (G1/C2) v (H1/D2)

Semi-finals: The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places and the defeated teams will play for 3rd and 4th places.

(winner of "A") v (winner of "D")
(winner of "B") v (winner of "C")

c. Classification

The teams placed, third, fourth and fifth in each group will play for the ninth and following places with A3 v C3 or D3, B3 v C3 or D3; the winners playing for ninth and tenth places and the losers for eleventh and twelfth places, etc.

d. The classification of teams will follow the ITTF rules for group competitions (Regulation 3.7.5.).

e. System

The format for teams events will be that currently used for World Championships with a team consisting of 3 players. The order of play will be A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X. Teams comprising 2 players will not be permitted to compete. A team must have three (3) or four (4) athletes.

f. Before a team match the right to choose A, B, C or X, Y, Z shall be decided by lot and the captains shall name their teams to the referee, assigning a letter to each player.

g. A team match shall end when one team has won a majority of the possible individual matches.

h. All matches shall be the best of 5 games. All matters not provided for above will be referred to the ITTF Rules of the team competitions at the ITTF World Championships.

8.6.2. Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles

There shall be not more than 128 entries in the first round proper of a singles event or more than 64 entries in the first round proper of a doubles event. Singles events a qualifying competition shall be held with groups of 5 or 6 players. The first and second placed player of each group shall proceed to the first round proper. All matches of the qualifying events shall be the best of 5 games.

All events proper shall be played on a knockout basis, all matches being the best of seven games.

8.7. Officials

8.7.1. Referee

The referee shall be fully qualified and certified by the ITTF. The referee shall act in concert with the ICSD Technical Director. However, in matters concerning the interpretation of the rules of table tennis, the referee's decision shall be final.

8.7.2. Appointment

The Organizing Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referees and umpires.

9. PROTESTS

9.1. Procedure for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the ITTF Rules and Regulations and will be managed by the Table Tennis Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official Deaflympics Protest Form. The form must be given to the ICSD Technical Director with USD \$50 within 30 minutes after the end of the respective event.

The ICSD Technical Director will decide whether the protest is sporting related or eligibility related. The Table Tennis Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the ICSD Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of USD \$50 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

9.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest

The Table Tennis Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Directors office in at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The ICSD Technical Director will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The ICSD Technical Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.

The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing Games Headquarters GHQ and the ICSD Technical Director will be responsible for informing ICSD Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.

10. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

10.1. Hearing Aids

The use of any hearing aid/amplification or external cochlear implant parts are not permitted within the restricted zone area.

10.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter the competition area on both inside and within the training sector during the warm-up and competition period.

10.1.2. Violation and Penalty

When this rule is violated, refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), Article 6: *VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

10.2. Medical Control

Refer to [General Technical Rules - Summer Deaflympics](#), Article 4 - CONTROL AND SANCTIONS.

11. TECHNICAL MEETING

11.1. Date and Location

The Table Tennis technical meeting will be held on

11.2. Attendance

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.