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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Table tennis Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardised rules and regulations for all Table tennis competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy and the ISF General Competition Regulations.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Table tennis events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to all ISF events. In case of variation of rules and regulations in relation to the type of event, the variation will be specified in the text.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and ITTF (International table tennis federation) technical rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission of Table tennis. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the ISF Technical Commission.

- The ISF Table tennis events are open to individuals, school teams and/or selected teams. Specific sports formats shall be described in the event bulletins.
- The competition is categorised as: boy categories, girl categories.
- Mixed teams are not allowed.
- The composition of each delegation, the number of teams/individuals, and the final sport events that each ISF table tennis event is accepting will be defined for each event accordingly.
- The competition is held over five (5) days for any event type.

AGE CATEGORY

- For the **U15 category**, students aged 13, 14 and 15 on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.
- For the **U18 category**, students aged 16, 17, and 18 on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.



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2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation
- Deputy Head of delegation (where applicable)
- Additional adults
- Athletes
- Team officials
 - Coaches
 - Other team officials
- Field of play officials

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- HOD shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, the ISF Technical Commission and the ISF Delegate.
- They may not combine their role of HoD with that of a coach or any other official role.
- Each delegation is entitled to enter one (1) HoD.

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- Number of Deputy HoD depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.
- Number of additional adults depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

ATHLETES

- Athletes must be students attending schools that provide general education.
- Athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country which they represent.

TEAM OFFICIALS

Coaches

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- The maximum number of coaches is determined by the number of athletes.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per team.



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Other Team officials

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.
- Each delegation shall enter up to one (1) other team official each for each team, per gender.

FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- The field of play official (umpire) cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Umpires shall be in possession international or national (minimum) qualification depending on the event type. The Level of qualification shall be described in the events bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF table tennis technical commission.
- Delegations must provide certificates for umpires during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of umpires will lead to a fine of 900€ (per umpire) payable to the organiser prior to the competitions.
- Specific number of FoPO shall be defined in the event bulletins.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- Boys and Girls
 - Team
 - Single
 - Double

4. TECHNICAL RULES

RULES

All matches will be played in accordance with the ISF and ITTF technical rules.

SYSTEM OF PLAY

20 teams - 4 groups of 5 teams (all play all + play offs)

19 teams - 3 groups of 5 teams and 1 group of 4 teams (all play all + play offs)

18 teams - 2 groups of 4 teams and 2 groups of 5 teams (all play all + play offs)

17 teams - 3 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 5 teams (all play all + play offs)

16 teams - 4 groups of 4 teams (all play all + play offs)

15 teams - 3 groups of 5 teams (all play all + play offs)

14 teams - 2 groups of 5 teams and 1 group of 4 teams (all play all + play offs)



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13 teams - 2 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 5 teams (all play all + play offs)

12 teams - 2 groups of 6 teams (all play all + play offs)

11 teams - 1 group of 6 teams and 1 group of 5 teams (all play all + play offs)

10 teams - 2 groups of 5 teams (all play all + play offs)

9 teams - 1 group of 5 teams and 1 group of 4 teams (all play all + play offs)

8 teams - 2 groups of 4 teams (all play all + play offs)

7 teams - 1 group (all play all) - (or less)

Depends on the number of teams

- *Team competition (girls / boys – min 3 players/ max 4 players)*
 - *groups*
 - *knock out – play to a result*
- *For each team: 3 (min) or 4 (max) players - 1 coach*

Home	Away
A	Y
B	X
C	Z
DOUBLES	
A	X
C	Y
B	Z

- *Individual competition (girls / boys)*
 - *(if possible first groups)*
 - *knock out (if possible consolation)*

SPECIFIC RULES

Bulletin 2 will state the brand and color of the tables and the official balls. The color of the team equipment will be adjusted according to the rules of the ITTF.

5. DRAW

After closing of entries:

draw team competition:

Level 1: first ranked countries of previous event

Level 2: participating countries of previous event

Level 3: new participating countries

Draw individual competition (groups and/or knock out system)

Take into account:

Individual results in the team competition



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Rankings (world, region, ...)

Ranking of the teams themselves.

6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Appeal Jury. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be submitted in English to the TC. The payment (amount defined by ISF) must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.



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