

Regulations for Open Tournaments

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Permission	Apply to Tournaments Committee Secretary on form OT1 for approval four weeks before date of tournament.	Apply to Tournaments Committee on Form OT1 before 31 st March previous season.	As 1-Star.	As 1-Star	As 1-Star.
Tournament Category	Formal TC approval required.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.
Organising Committee	Recommended.	As Development.	Required.	As 2-Star.	As 2-Star.
Tournament Organiser	Required, and must be present and clearly identifiable at the event.	As Development. Responsible to TTE for observance of all the relevant Tournament Regulations.	TO2 or higher qualification	TO3 or higher qualification	As 3-Star
Referee	Suitably experienced person whose identity is made known to all at the event.	Experienced in tournament administration and approved by Tournaments Committee.	TR or higher qualification with suitably experienced assistant.	NR or higher qualification assisted by a second qualified referee.	As 3-Star.
Competitors	Every entrant must sign a form agreeing to abide by the decisions of the Referee.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.
Applicable Rules	Laws of Table Tennis and TTE Tournament Regulations.	As Development	As Development plus ITTF Regulations for International Competitions (except where indicated below).	As 3-star	As 3-Star.
Entry Form	Recommended. (Samples available from TTE)	Required and must be submitted to Tournaments Committee for approval before printing. (Samples available from TTE)	As 1-Star.	As 1-Star.	As 1-Star.
Restriction of Entries	Entries must be numbered on receipt. If it is necessary to restrict entries, this must be done on the "last received - first out" principle.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.	*See Note below..

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Refusal of Entries	The Referee may refuse any entry as long as the reasons are clearly stated and reported at the time to the Tournaments Committee. The competitor may appeal to TTE, whose decision is final.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.
Draw	Controlled by the Referee.	As Development.	The date of the Draw must be specified in the Entry Form.	As 2-Star	As 2-Star.
** Umpires		All matches to be controlled by an umpire, not necessarily qualified. Finals should be controlled by a qualified umpire.	As 1-Star, but finals shall be controlled by at least one qualified umpire.	Group matches as 1-Star. Rounds should be controlled by qualified umpires. Finals shall be controlled by qualified umpires.	Group matches as 1-Star. Rounds and Finals shall be controlled by qualified umpires.
Finals			Should be staged on a "show court" after public announcement.	As 2-Star. Preferably no play on immediately adjacent tables.	As 3-Star.
Draw Sheets	On display and updated regularly.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.
Programme			If possible, a programme with draw sheets should be supplied free of charge to all competitors.	Programme with draw sheets to be supplied free of charge to all competitors. Individual match times should be indicated.	As 3-Star.
Admission Charges	A separate charge may be made to spectators for admission to each session of play. Holders of TTE Official Passes are entitled to free admission.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.
Tournament Returns	Tournament results and details of entrants must be sent to the TTE within fourteen days of the Tournament.	Tournament results and player levies (if applicable) must be sent to the TTE within 14 days of the end of the Tournament.	Tournament results and player levies must be sent to the TTE within 14 days of the end of the Tournament together with any Day Licence fees.	As 2-Star.	As 2-Star.

**** If a match is not controlled by a qualified umpire a qualified Referee can give warnings (but points) for any bad behaviour he sees or is informed of. Where umpires are used as table managers the Referee can delegate this responsibility provided the umpire is a CU or above.**

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Flooring	Level and flat, with any covering firmly secured.	Level and flat, preferably of wood and semi-sprung, or solid and covered with a proprietary compound.	As 1-Star.	As 1-Star.	As 1-Star.
Walls	Not brightly reflecting. Windows to be covered if necessary to exclude direct sunlight.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.
Lighting	As uniform as possible and of suitable intensity.	As uniform as possible, with a target level of 300lux over tables; height at least 3m.	Target, 300lux over tables and at least half that intensity elsewhere in the playing area; height at least 3m.	As 2-Star, but with a target of 500lux over tables and at least half that intensity elsewhere in the playing area; height at least 3m.	Target, 500lux over tables with at least half that intensity elsewhere in the playing area; height at least 4m.
Tables & Nets	Of regulation size.	Of good quality, from a recognised manufacturer.	As 1-Star, but preferably all of the same brand and type.	Of the same ITTF-approved brand and type.	As 3-Star.
Playing Space	8.5m long x 4.12m wide x 3m high, with table at centre.	9m long x 4.57 wide x 3m high, with table at centre.	9m long x 5m wide x 3m high, with table at centre.	10m long x 5m wide x 3m high, with table at centre.	Seniors: 12m long x 6m wide x 4m high, with table at centre. Juniors: As 3-Star
Court Surrounds	Playing area clearly marked, using barriers if possible.	Barriers at each corner, and preferably all round each playing area.	Barriers across ends and along most of each side of each playing area.	Barriers all round each playing area.	As 3-Star.
Seating			Wherever possible for spectators and coaches.	As 2-Star.	As 2-Star.
Balls	Brand approved by ITTF.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.	As Development.
Score Indicators		For finals and, if possible, for all other matches.	Required for all matches.	As 2-Star.	As 2-Star.

*Note: 4-Star Restriction of Entries

If it becomes necessary to restrict entries, this will be on the basis of last received first out, with the following exception:

For players affiliated to the TTE, valid entries for Junior Boys rated 1-50 in the rating list current at the closing date, Junior Girls rated 1-32, Cadet Boys rated 1-32 and Cadet Girls rated 1-32 are guaranteed to be accepted. Thereafter, entries will be accepted in order of receipt, with priority given to Junior Boys rated 51-500 and Junior Girls rated 33-250.