

**G GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS 2015/16****1 THE GRAND PRIX SERIES**

- 1.1 Tournaments participating in the Grand Prix Series will be classified as Grand Prix or Satellite Grand Prix.
- 1.2 In any season there shall be up to 10 Grand Prix and up to 10 Satellite Grand Prix.
- 1.3 The events to be included in each Grand Prix are set out in Annex A.
- 1.4 The Grand Prix tournaments will be played in accordance with the regulations for 3 star tournaments. Satellite Grand Prix tournaments will be played in accordance with the regulations for 2 star tournaments.

**2 BANDS**

- 2.1 All tournaments in the Grand Prix series must adhere to the bands contained in Annex B.
- 2.2 Eligibility for Banded Events shall be determined by players' ratings on the ETTA Ranking List current at the closing date for entries.
- 2.3 Players may enter their own band and/or the one above.
- 2.4 A player who does not appear on the ETTA Ranking List may be given a tournament dummy rating so that they are placed appropriately in the bands, but will have zero points on the ranking list unless they are in the top 30% of the ITTF World Ranking List.

**3 ENTRIES**

- 3.1 Where an event is oversubscribed the Referee will keep a list of those players whose entries have been returned and those players will receive priority as "scratch" entries, but they must still report to the Referee before the event in question starts.
- 3.2 Only players who have had their entry returned will be accepted as "scratch entries" before the day of the event.
- 3.3 Where a group is incomplete owing to the non-arrival of a player originally drawn into that group, the Referee will offer the place(s) to any player who has presented himself at the venue on the day of the event, giving priority to any player that had his entry returned because the event was originally oversubscribed.
- 3.4 A player who takes such a scratch entry and who did not send in an entry form shall pay a surcharge of £2 for the tournament as well as the normal entry fees.

**4 WITHDRAWAL & DISQUALIFICATION**

- 4.1 Where a player withdraws from the tournament before the draw has been made a full refund will be made.
- 4.2 After the draw has been made refunds will be made only to those whose withdrawal is to enable them to represent their country on international duty, or where proof of injury or illness is provided to the organiser (doctor's or physio's note). In the case of illness or injury the administration fee may be retained by the organising body. Claims to have any entry fees refunded must be received within seven days of the conclusion of the event.
- 4.3 If a player fails to respond to a call to play a match in the time allowed by the Referee they will be liable to be scratched. There will be no more than 3 repeat calls in any day for a player and a player who fails to respond to the fourth call for a match is liable to be disqualified from the event.

**5 GRAND PRIX POINTS**

- 5.1 Points won throughout the season's tournaments are totalled to determine the final positions in the Grand Prix Table. Points will be awarded as detailed in Annex C.
- 5.2 Points won for the Open Doubles will be allocated individually, with both players receiving them as specified in Annex C.
- 5.3 A player who deliberately fails to play or complete a match in a group will be penalised by the loss of 3 points.

**6 GRAND PRIX PRIZE FUND**

- 6.1 Only the Men's & Women's Singles and Men's & Women's Band 1 Singles events in each Grand Prix Tournament will receive prize money; for all other events the winner and runner up will each receive an award.
- 6.2 The minimum prize fund for each Grand Prix tournament is detailed in Annex E and is subject to approval by the Treasurer.
- 6.3 At the conclusion of the season the Final Prize Fund will be paid to the eligible players finishing in the leading positions in the Grand Prix points table.

- 6.4 To be eligible for prize money in the non-banded events players must have played in that event in at least 50% of the non-satellite tournaments; to be eligible for prize money in the Banded events players must have played in a Banded event in at least 50% of the non-satellite tournaments.

### Annex A: Grand Prix Tournament Events

Men's Singles  
 Women's Singles  
 Men's Band 1 Singles  
 Women's Band 1 Singles  
 Men's Band 2 Singles  
 Women's Band 2 Singles  
 Men's Band 3 Singles  
 Women's Band 3 Singles  
 Men's Band 4 Singles  
 Women's Band 4 Singles  
 Men's Band 5 Singles  
 Men's Band 6 Singles  
 Under 21 Men's Singles  
 Under 21 Women's Singles  
 Open Veterans' Singles  
 Open Doubles (players in this event may not enter the U21 or veteran events.)

*Note: Satellite Grand Prix not being able to run all the banded events must not run consecutive bands omitting an end band, but must run alternate bands (eg 1, 3, 5) to give the largest spread of possible entrants. In such cases players may enter only 1 band. Dispensation may be given to Satellite Grand Prix to replace the standard events with events of their own choosing.*

### Annex B: Grand Prix Tournament Bands

|              |             |                |             |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Men's Band 1 | 2201 – 3000 | Women's Band 1 | 2301 – 2800 |
| Men's Band 2 | 1701 – 2200 | Women's Band 2 | 1701 – 2300 |
| Men's Band 3 | 1501 – 1700 | Women's Band 3 | 1201 – 1700 |
| Men's Band 4 | 801 – 1500  | Women's Band 4 | up to 1200  |
| Men's Band 5 | 401 – 800   |                |             |
| Men's Band 6 | up to 400   |                |             |

### Annex C: Grand Prix Points

|           |                                   |     |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Groups    | For each match won                | 1   |
|           | Group winner                      | 10  |
|           | Group runner-up                   | 5   |
| Knock-out | Loser of 1 <sup>st</sup> KO match | 0   |
|           | Winner of preliminary round       | 6   |
|           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Round winner      | 10  |
|           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round winner      | 16  |
|           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round winner      | 25  |
|           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Round winner      | 40  |
|           | 5 <sup>th</sup> Round winner      | 64  |
|           | 6 <sup>th</sup> Round winner      | 100 |
|           | 7 <sup>th</sup> Round winner      | 160 |

- C1 A preliminary round is one where more than half the matches of a round are byes (this excludes byes caused by gaps in groups where players have failed to appear). Eg with 11 groups, 22 players qualify for the knock-out stage, so a preliminary round of 6 matches (and 10 byes) is required.

- C2 Points shown above for the knock-out stage are the total points awarded for the knock-out stage (eg a person eliminated after 4 rounds would receive 25 points plus the points from the group stage).
- C3 If an event is not completed the competitors still left in will be credited with the average of the points won at the time of the event being abandoned and the number of points the winner would have received. Eg if an event is abandoned with 1 semi-final (round 5) still to be played then those semi-finalists will receive 70 points (half of 40 points plus 100 points) for the knock-out stage; the other finalist would receive 82 points.
- C4 For Satellite Grand Prix 50% of the above points will be awarded, but no points will be awarded for Satellite Grand Prix events that are not events in the main Grand Prix.
- C5 Players having the same number of points will be declared in equal positions and will split any prize money equally.
- C6 Where there are fewer than 8 entries for an event it may be run as a group competition. Each group match win will be warranted with 1 point, and bonus points will be awarded depending on the size of the group and final position. Points will be awarded as per the table below.

| Size/Pos | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 7        | 20  | 14  | 5   | 5   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 6        | 17  | 11  | 5   | 5   | 0   | 0   | X   |
| 5        | 15  | 9   | 5   | 0   | 0   | X   | X   |
| 4        | 12  | 7   | 0   | 0   | X   | X   | X   |
| 3        | 10  | 5   | 0   | X   | X   | X   | X   |
| 2        | 5   | 0   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |

#### Annex D: Entry Fees 2015/16

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Men's/Women's Open Singles                         | £16.75                                |
| Men's/Women's Bands 1-6                            | £15.25                                |
| U21 Singles  | £15.25                                |
| Veteran Singles                                    | £15.25                                |
| Open Doubles (per player)                          | £ 7.80                                |
| Administration & Equipment Hire Levy (per entrant) | £13.00                                |
| Player number deposit (refundable)                 | £10.00                                |
| Ranking levy (per singles event)                   | £ 2.75 (included in entry fees above) |

#### Annex E: Prize Fund 2015/16

- E1 The minimum prize fund for each Grand Prix tournament will be:

Grand Prix event prize

| Final placing          | Winner | Runner Up | Semi Finalist | Total         |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Men's Singles          | £320   | £130      | £65           | £580          |
| Women's Singles        | £320   | £130      | £65           | £580          |
| Men's Band 1 Singles   | £65    | £30       | £0            | £95           |
| Women's Band 1 Singles | £65    | £30       | £0            | £95           |
| Grand Total            |        |           |               | <b>£1,350</b> |

- E2 Continues on next page...

E2 At the conclusion of the season the following Prize Fund will be paid to those eligible players finishing in the leading positions in the Grand Prix points table:

| <b>Final Placing</b>              | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Men's Singles                     | £1,575                | £840                  | £420                  | £210                  | £105                  | £3,150         |
| Women's Singles                   | £1,575                | £840                  | £420                  | £210                  | £105                  | £3,150         |
| Men's Band 1 Singles              | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Women's Band 1 Singles            | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Men's Band 2 Singles              | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Women's Band 2 Singles            | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Men's Band 3 Singles              | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Women's Band 3 Singles            | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Men's Band 4 Singles              | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Women's Band 4 Singles            | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Men's Band 5 Singles              | £365                  | £180                  | £95                   | £65                   | £35                   | £740           |
| Men's Band 6 Singles              | £335                  | £160                  | £80                   | £55                   | £25                   | £655           |
| U21 Men's Singles                 | £315                  | £160                  | £80                   | £45                   | £25                   | £625           |
| U21 Women's Singles               | £315                  | £160                  | £80                   | £45                   | £25                   | £625           |
| Mixed Veteran Singles             | £295                  | £135                  | £55                   | £25                   | £15                   | £525           |
| Open Doubles                      | £295                  | £135                  | £55                   | £25                   | £15                   | £525           |
| <b>Grand Total of Prize Money</b> |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       | <b>£15,915</b> |