

Table Tennis New Zealand - Clothing Information

Clothing

Section 3.2.2 of the Regulations for International Competitions (International Competitions is defined as “**competition between two or more associations**”) contains the following statements;

- 3.2.2.1 Playing Clothing shall normally consist of a short sleeved or sleeveless shirt and shorts or skirt or one part sports outfits, socks and playing shoes; other garments, such as all or part of a track suit, **shall not** be worn during play **except with the permission of the Match Referee.**
- 3.2.2.2 The main colour of the shirt, skirt or shorts, other than the sleeves and collar of a shirt shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use.
- 3.2.2.3 Clothing may bear numbers or lettering on the back of the shirt to identify a player, his association, or in club matches, his club, and advertisements in accordance with the provisions of 3.2.4.9: if the back of the shirt bears a player's name, this shall be situated just below the collar.
- 3.2.2.4 Any numbers required by organisers to identify a player shall have priority over advertisements on the centre part of the back of the shirt; such numbers shall be contained within a panel having an area not greater than 600cm².
- 3.2.2.5 Any markings or trimming on the front or side of a playing garment and any objects such as jewellery worn by a player shall nor be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to unsight an opponent.
- 3.2.2.6 Clothing shall not carry designs or lettering which might cause offence or bring the game into disrepute.
- 3.2.2.7 Any question of the legality or acceptability of playing clothing shall be decided by the referee.
- 3.2.2.8 The players of a team taking part in a team match, and players of the same Association forming a doubles pair in a World or Olympic Title Competition, shall be dressed uniformly, with the possible exception of socks, shoes, and the number, size, colour and design of advertisements on the clothing. Players of the same Association forming a doubles pair in other international competitions may wear clothes of different manufacturers, if the basic colours are the same and their National Association authorises this procedure.
- 3.2.2.9 Opposing players and pairs shall wear shirts that are of sufficiently different colours to enable them to be easily distinguished by spectators.
- 3.2.2.10 Where opposing players or teams have similar clothing and cannot agree which of them will change, the decision shall be made by lot.
- 3.2.2.11 Players competing in a World or Olympic title competition, or Open International Championships shall wear shirt and shorts or skirt of types authorised by their Association.

It is the desire of the Umpires and Referees Committee, that the standard players' clothing at Open Competitions be set at a high level in accordance with the provisions of section 3.2.2 of the regulations.

Definitions:

- **Shirt.** A collared polo style shirt is preferred. T shirts manufactured by recognised Table Tennis Equipment suppliers are acceptable but ordinary T shirts are acceptable providing they are of tidy appearance and display only authorised advertising. Singlets or tank tops are **not** defined as Sleeveless shirts.
- **Shorts.** Sports shorts **do not** extend past the knees. Shorts will ideally be black, or one solid dark colour, without designs other than maker's logo or authorised advertising.
- **Socks.** Sport socks of ankle length or lower. Rugby type socks are not considered suitable for competition wear.
- **Shoes.** Non-marking sport shoes.

REMEMBER THAT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF ANY PLAYER'S CLOTHING IS A MATTER OVER WHICH THE REFEREE HAS THE FINAL DISCRETIONARY POWER TO EXERCISE. ANY PLAYER WHO WISHES TO SEEK A VARIATION FROM THE ABOVE RULES MUST APPLY TO THE REFEREE PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN EVENT

Clothing shall not contain any alcohol or tobacco advertising or the brand names of their companies.