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Effective from and including 19 January, 2007

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Effective from and including 19 January, 2007

1. Allocation of Championships

1.1 TTNZ shall allocate the holding of future years' championships. Championships may be combined or omitted.

1.2 The following championships shall be allocated:

- New Zealand Open Individual and Inter-Association Teams Championships.
- New Zealand Veteran Open Individual and Teams Championships
- New Zealand Summer Open Individual and Teams Championships
- North Island Open Championships
- South Island Open Championships
- New Zealand Schools Open Teams Championships
(There shall be events for Open Secondary school teams, Girls Secondary school teams, and Open Intermediate / Primary school teams)

1.3 Applications to hold National championships shall be submitted to TTNZ on the form provided. Completed application forms shall be received by TTNZ at the time and place set when inviting applications.

1.4 Allocation Criteria

For all National Championships TTNZ will make allocation to applicant Associations on a fair and equitable basis having regard to the case presented by any given Association and giving cognizance to the following factors. From time-to-time TTNZ may, at its discretion, expand on or add to any of these factors:

- The **facilities** in which the Championship will be played
- The quality and experience of the personnel making up the **championship committee** that will organise and conduct the Championship
- The **enhancement** for the sport of table tennis that the Championship will bring to both the local area in which the Championship is held and to table tennis in general on a nation-wide basis.
- The **revenue** that the Championship will generate for the local association and for TTNZ.
- On-site **cafeteria/meal** and related services.
- Comprehensive **championship control** facilities allowing for full and effective communication with the monitor-board or computer-operated controllers and floor controllers so as to ensure the expeditious running of the championship.

- Support for previous national championships as indicated by the number of **teams/individuals** participating from an applicant association.
- Any **special features** that the association brings to the Championships. [eg. TV coverage; overseas trips as prizes; international players participating etc.].

In respect of the **New Zealand Open Championships** the following enhanced criteria will apply:

- A minimum of **16 tables** of uniform quality, individually barriered-off, with a court size at least equal to the standard set down in the TTNZ Handbook. Some relaxation in court size criteria may be allowed for team events.
- Comprehensive **monitor-board or computer operated or similar systems** easily readable from most positions in the stadium/hall.
- On-site **communication devices** for communication with the press, TTNZ website etc.
- **Lighting** at least equal to the lux standard set down in the TTNZ Handbook.
- Adequate **changing-room** and toilet facilities
- Adequate **parking** facilities
- Separate **glueing-room** with adequate ventilation.
- **Accommodation** of an adequate quality and quantity within reasonable proximity to the playing venue.
- Adequate **seating** arrangements for players and spectators that does not interfere with or impinge on the playing courts.
- Ability to re-arrange seating to provide a “**centre-court**” atmosphere for the Open finals.

1.5 TTNZ may allocate National Championships for up to 3 years. Allocations will be made by December 31st in each year on the basis of applications received by 30th September.

2. Setting up the Championships

- 2.1 TTNZ shall provide for and regulate the holding of annual championships, both individual and teams for; NZ Senior Open, NZ Junior Open, North and South Island Championships, NZ Veterans and Summer Nationals.
- 2.2 TTNZ shall invite applications and allocate the championships.
- 2.3 TTNZ shall enter into agreements with Associations for the use of, and preparation and maintenance of, tables and venues for championships.
- 2.4 TTNZ shall approve the entry fees for the various events.
- 2.5 TTNZ reserves the right to seed players and teams.
- 2.6 TTNZ reserves the right to prepare the draw.
- 2.7 TTNZ shall approve the selection of a Referee and Deputy Referee.
- 2.8 TTNZ will retain 35% of Total fees received excluding revenue that is specifically designated as belonging to the host association (eg. Programs; Socials). From the association's 65% share TTNZ will deduct costs specifically incurred by TTNZ (eg. Medals; certificates). TTNZ will pay 90% of amounts due to the host association within 14 days of the entry closing date and the balance within 14 days of the conclusion of the championship.
- 2.9 TTNZ shall appoint a Liaison Officer or Liaison Officers to report back to TTNZ on the conduct of the championships, and to delegate to such representative or representatives authority to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations for the management of the championships.
- 2.10 TTNZ shall have the right to alter these regulations from time to time and as appropriate, and in accordance with the constitution.
- 2.11 Any dispute arising between Associations and/or players and the Organising Committee in regard to the championships shall be referred to TTNZ, and the Association or player against whom the decision is given, may appeal to TTNZ in accordance with the Constitution of TTNZ.
- 2.12 For individual events the host association may choose to implement either (a) A knockout draw, with or without consolation events or divisions or (b) section play with post section knockout, with or without divisions or (c) Any other system which has been approved by TTNZ for that year.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 The championships shall be open to players who are registered to an Association affiliated to TTNZ or to an Association affiliated to the Oceania Table Tennis Federation (OTTF) or the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).
- 3.2 The age eligibility for age category events shall be:
- for under age categories (e.g. Under 15 years) as at 31 December of the previous year.
 - for over age categories (e.g. over 40 years) as at 31 December in the year of the championship.
- 3.3 In the event of any dispute, verification of birth may be required.

4. Championship Organisation

- 4.1 All events shall be played in accordance with the ITTF Laws of Table Tennis, and the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions, as adopted from time to time by TTNZ. In addition TTNZ may grant dispensation to any Host Association who is unable to comply with certain items of the ITTF Regulations. However in no instances may this dispensation be used to the benefit or detriment of applicant associations in deciding the allocation of a championship.
- 4.2 The Host Association shall prepare a timetable of events and a copy shall be posted for viewing at the venue.
- 4.3 The Host Association shall provide a clear semaphore board, either manual or electronic, with both a 'now on' and 'next on' facility.
- 4.4 The Host Association shall provide sufficient timers, checked for accuracy, for expedite matches.
- 4.5 The Host Association shall provide flip score cards to be used by umpires.
- 4.6 Time tabling should try to ensure players have sufficient time for eating of meals throughout the day, but where there is no meal break, the Host Association must provide adequate catering.
- 4.7 The Host Association shall appoint a Media Officer, whose duties shall be to provide comments and detailed results to the print media, radio and television.
- 4.8 The Host Association shall provide a complimentary copy of the souvenir programme for the championships to each National Selector and also the TTNZ Liaison Officer(s) for the championships.

4.9 Recommendations

- a) The recommended playing area per table is 14m x 7m for the NZ Open and 12m x 6m for other championships. In show piece sessions, the playing area should be larger if practicable. A minimum playing area of 10m x 5m is required for all championships for all tables.
- b) Ideally, all tables should be individually barricaded. If this is not practical then as a minimum, bays of 3 to 4 tables should be barricaded off.
- c) Scoring flip charts should be used on all tables, and an additional two flip charts per table be used for individual semi-finals and finals and teams finals.
- d) Floors should be dust mopped daily; tables to be cleaned at the end of each session.
- e) It is desirable to have practice tables similar to those used for the tournament available.

f) Hours of Play

	<u>9-hour Day</u>	<u>11-hour Day</u>
Morning session	10.00-12.30pm	8.30-12.30pm
Afternoon session	1.30-5.00 pm	1.30- 5.30pm
Evening session	7.00-10.00pm	7.00-10.00pm

- g) The Referee shall have such duties as determined by the TTNZ umpiring committee, sanctioned by TTNZ

4.10 Championship Accounting

The organising committee shall within seven days of the completion of a national championship, forward to TTNZ the completed draw sheets for all events. At regular intervals throughout the national championship, the host association will electronically forward results to TTNZ.

4.11 Ball Colour

The ball colour adopted for National type tournaments is recommended to be white, effective from 1st January 2008. The Host Association of a National type tournament may, with the agreement of the Chairman of TTNZ Technical Committee, opt to utilize orange balls in the instance that playing conditions preclude the use of white balls.

5. Prize Money/Prizes/Trophies/Medals/Certificates

- 5.1 The option of granting prize money and/or prizes and/or medals will be the decision of the host association. The option(s) selected shall be stated on the championship entry form. Where prize money is a selected option it will be the decision of the host association whether or not the quantum of such prize money is shown on the entry form either in total and/or per event.
- 5.2 Certificates will be given to winners of plate/divisional/consolation events who have advised the host association that they wish to receive such a certificate. It is the responsibility of the host association to inform TTNZ of any such recipients and of TTNZ to forward certificates to such recipients. Alternatively, certificates may be prepared on-site and presented.
- 5.3 Where medals are awarded they shall be given out as follows:
- Gold To the winners of all team and individual events.
 - Silver To the losing finalist of all team and individual events.
 - Bronze To the losing semi-finalist in the individual events where there are at least 16 individuals participating.
To the third placed team in team events where there are at least 6 teams participating.
- 5.4 All permanent trophies and shields will be maintained and held by TTNZ. Prior to the holding of a championship TTNZ will forward the appropriate trophies and shields to the host association. On presentation to winners the host association may elect to have a photo taken of winners for latter presentation to recipients. Immediately following conclusion of the championship the host association will return all trophies and shields to TTNZ. TTNZ will have the trophies and shields engraved with the winners names. All costs incurred by TTNZ in dispatching, engraving, repairing any damages etc. shall be borne by the host association.