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GENERAL

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

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 apply to ISF Table tennis event in 2024.

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/teams.
- The competition is categorized as: boy categories, girls categories.
- Mixed teams are not allowed.

AGE CATEGORY

Year	U18* YEAR OF BIRTH
2024	2006-2007-2008-2009

2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Field of Play Officials (umpires) - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional
- Young reporter - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

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.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

TEAM OFFICIALS

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- 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.

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.

Minimum number of field of play officials (umpire) per delegation:

- from 1 to 4 athletes = 1 FOPO (umpire)
- 5 or more athletes = 2 FOPOs (umpires)

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, 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.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

YOUNG REPORTER

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
 - **Team**
 - **Single**



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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)
 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

team competition match order

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.



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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

International Rankings

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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