



TABLE TENNIS RULES (Men & Women)

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These championships are conducted in accordance with the current rules of the International Table Tennis Federation http://www.ittf.com/ITTF_Hand_Book/Regulations_pdf.html and Table Tennis NZ with the following exceptions and competition clarifications:

1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1 There are no limitations on the number of competitors a University can enter into either division of the Table Tennis competition.
- 1.2 Both divisions will have an individual singles competition and a doubles competition. (there is no Mixed doubles competition)
- 1.3 A competitor can enter both the singles and doubles competition, but may enter either competition without entering the other.

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 2.1 All matches shall be the best of five (5) games to eleven (11) points.
- 2.2 If a game reaches ten (10) all the winner shall be the first to reach a two (2) point lead.

3. FORFEITS

- 3.1 A forfeit will be declared ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to play.
- 3.2 The forfeit score shall be three (3) games to nil with each game being scored eleven (11) to nil, with zero competition points rewarded to the team that forfeits.
- 3.3 Penalties for forfeiture of playing commitment are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.
- 3.4 If a team is found to have played an unaccredited player any matches this occurred in will be recorded as a forfeit. The forfeit score or actual completed match score will be recorded; whichever is higher.

PRESENTATIONS AND EVENT POINTS (SHEILD)

- 4.1 At the completion of the championship gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the first three finishers in both divisions (men's and women's) of each format (singles and doubles). A trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the individual that wins the competition(s):
- Men's Individual Champion
 - Men's Doubles Champions
 - Women's Individual Champion
 - Women's Doubles Champions

- 4.2 At the completion of the championship a trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the university that wins the:
- Men's Overall University Team Championship
 - Women's Overall University Team Championship

- 4.3 To find the Overall University Team Champion in each division (men's and women's) each university's points will be based on the collation of the points earned by their best three placed competitors or pairs in both the singles and the doubles competition.

- 4.4 The singles competition will be based on the number of competitors. Competitors will score the following points for finishing in the following positions;

1 st	-	Number of competitors plus (+) 3
2 nd	-	Number of competitors
3 rd	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 1
4 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 2
5 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 3
6 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 4
7 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 5
8 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 6
9 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) next no. etc, etc

e.g. The men's singles competition has 30 competitors AUT's competitors finish 1st (33 points), 5th (27 points), 7th (25 points), 18th (14 points) & 30th (2 points), their total for the singles competition would be 85 points (33+27+25).

- 4.5 The doubles competition will be based on the number of doubles in the competition. Doubles will score the following points for finishing in the following positions;

1 st	-	Number of doubles plus (+) 3
2 nd	-	Number of doubles
3 rd	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 1
4 th	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 2
5 th	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 3
6 th	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 4
7 th	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 5
8 th	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 6
9 th	-	Number of doubles minus (-) next no. etc, etc

e.g. The men's doubles competition has 20 competitors (10 doubles combinations), AUT's competitors finish 2nd (10 points), 5th (7 points), & 10th (2 points), their total for the doubles competition would be 19 points.

- 4.6 The points awarded to each University in the singles and doubles competitions will be combined to find the Overall University Team Champion for each division (men's women's).

e.g. AUT would score (85 + 19) 104 points for the Overall Men's University Team Championship.

- 4.7 In drawn situations where universities are tied on total points (for the overall university team championship) they shall be separated by the position of their best placed finisher in the singles competition.
- 4.8 Event points (Shield) will be allocated to both divisions (men's and women's) using the overall university team championship rankings as per the USNZ Awards and Points Scoring Policy – Individual sports: Points allocation formula

5. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

5.1 General USNZ Uniform Requirements

- Each competitor shall wear the uniform of their university
- All required safety and protective equipment for that sport must be worn
- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
- Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped

- 5.2 Sport Specific Uniform Standards – The uniform requirements for each sport should be as per the National Sporting Organisations standard's with the following minimum requirements;

Table Tennis – Shorts and coloured shirts, skirt (women) and tops.

- Clean and tidy attire
- Non marking shoes

6. DUTY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 The duty requirement for **Table Tennis** will be:
- There currently is no duty requirement for Tennis.
- 6.2 Penalties for not fulfilling the officiating requirement are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.