



Table Tennis Rules

The Table Tennis competition will consist of two categories: Men's teams and Women's teams.

Team Events

- If a player is injured, he or she will take no further part in that particular match. However, if deemed fit, the player may take part in the subsequent matches. If a player is not able to play, the team may continue the competition with two players.
- For the men's team event, each team match consists of five matches in the given order and shall end when one team has won a majority of the possible individual matches. Each individual match shall be the best of five games.
- Before the start of the match, the team that won the toss shall choose to be either the ABC team or the XYZ team. The captain shall nominate the players who will play the singles matches. The remaining matches (if necessary) will be set in a way to ensure that each player plays a maximum of two matches according to the following system:

Order	Type	ABC team		XYZ team
1	Singles	A	X	
2	Singles	B	Y	
3	Doubles	Any two player		Any two players
4	Singles	A	Y	
5	Singles	B	X	

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- After choosing ABC or XYZ team, the captain shall nominate players in position A, B, C or X, Y, Z.
- For the women's team events, each team match will consist of three matches, the second match is a doubles match. Each match will be best of three games.

Order	Type	ABC team	XYZ team
1	Singles	A X	
2	Doubles	Any two players	Any two players
3	Singles	B Y	

- The team competition will follow a Group and Knockout (single elimination) format. The teams will be divided into four groups. In each group, every team will play against each of their opponents (in the same group) once. The top teams will qualify for the knockout phase.
- Prizes and medals will be awarded to the top two teams only.

Disqualification: General principles

- The referee shall have the power to disqualify a player from a match, a team match, an event or a competition for seriously unfair or offensive behavior.
- If a player is disqualified from 2 matches of the team event, he or she shall be automatically disqualified from that team event.

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Specific rules for team events: Withdrawal of a team

- The team will be considered withdrawn from the team match if it does not start the first match of a team match (walkover) or decides not to finish the team match. If a team withdraws from a team match, the team match will be won 3-0 by the opponent.
- If a team is disqualified or withdraws after the draw but before the start of the competition: the team will not be replaced.
- If a team is disqualified or withdraws during or after the competition:
- During a scheduled team match: The team will lose that match by forfeit (the team match by 3-0, each match by 3-0 and each game by 11-0). The opposing team will advance to the next round.
- After the results of a team match have been approved: The team will lose the last team match by forfeit (the team match by 3-0, each match by 3-0 and each game by 11-0). The team disqualified will not be ranked, the ranks of the remaining teams will be adjusted accordingly, and the ranks of the teams that have already finished the competition will be shifted up.

Clothing and Equipment

- Playing clothing shall normally consist of a short-sleeved shirt and shorts or skirt, socks, and playing shoes; other garments, such as part or all of a tracksuit, shall not be worn during play except with the permission of the referee.

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- *Clothing may be of any color or colors except that the main color of shirt, skirts, or shorts, other than sleeves or collar of a shirt and trimming along side seams or near the edges, should be clearly different from that of the ball in use.*
- *Any markings or trimming on the front or side of a playing garment and any objects such as jewelry worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to insight an opponent.*
- *Only non-marking shoes will be allowed on the playing court.*

*****Rules & schedule are subject to change in the spirit of the game & festival. The final decision rests with the VAJRA organizing team. The rules of the ITTF Handbook 2013-2014 as adopted from time to time by the Table Tennis Federation of India shall apply unless otherwise modified.***

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