

EUROPEAN DEAF SPORT ORGANIZATION



11TH EUROPEAN DEAF TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

24TH - 31TH MARCH 2007 MALMOE - SWEDEN



Dear Sport Friends,

after the inspection travel of EDSO president Isabelle Malauire and myself, EDSO-TO for table tennis. I would like to give you important information of the Swedish Deaf Sports Federation:

Surface in the sports hall: plastic flooring

Lighting in the sports hall: 1500 LUX

Number of tables: 9

Brand of tables: Stiga (blue)

Brand of nets: Stiga

Brand of balls: Stiga (white)

Registration by name of participants has to be sent to EDSO president Isabelle Malauire till 22 February 2007. Registrations that arrive after this deadline won't be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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(Table Tennis Technical Official)

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

For the 11th European Deaf Table Tennis Championship 24th – 31th March in Malmoe (SWE)

1. Organisation

- 1.1. The host country is responsible for the complete organisation of the European Table Tennis Championships which take place every four years.
- 1.2. Technical Committee and Match Commission (Jury)

The Technical Committee and the Match Commission will be composed as follows:

1. Technical Official for table tennis (EDSO)
2. EDSO-Official
3. Technical Official of the Organising Committee (OC)
4. Member of the OC
5. Member of the OC

Chairman of the Match Commission will be the EDSO-Technical Official for Table Tennis. The Jury will be composed of: EDSO-TO, EDSO-Official, 1 member of the OC.

1.3. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will be held one day before the beginning of the Table Tennis-EC. Place and time of the Meeting must be announced to the participating countries in writing by OC of the TT-EC prior to their arrival at the competition venue.

Each participating country may be represented by 2 officials of whom at least one must be deaf.

The agenda of this meeting includes the following

- a) report of the person responsible for the organisation
- b) checking of the eligibility
- c) drawing of the team competitions
- d) distribution of the starting numbers
- e) dealing with questions concerning the rules

The draws for the singles-, doubles- and mixed competitions will be conducted after the team competitions are over

2. Rules, equipment, sportswear, etc.

2.1. General Rules

The table tennis competitions will be conducted in accordance with the rules of ITTF/ETTU. Any unforeseen incidents not covered by the rules will be dealt with as follows:

- 2.1.1. Cases of general nature shall be resolved accordance with the EDSO-Statues and Regulations.
- 2.1.2. Technical questions shall be resolved according to the ITTF/ETTU-Rules.
- 2.1.3. Only athletes who comply with the conditions laid down in the EDSO-Statues and EDSO-Regulation are entitled to take part in the European Table Tennis Championships of the Deaf.

2.2. Equipment

All equipment used during the competitions must comply with the rules of ITTF/ETTU. In addition to this the following regulations have to be observed:

- 2.2.1. The make of the table tennis boards and the table tennis nets which are used as well as the make of the table tennis ball must be announced by the OC at least one year in advance. The same applies the condition and the color of the floor of the hall.
- 2.2.2. In the hall where the Table Tennis-EC is carried out at least 9 table tennis boards according to the rules of ITTF/ETTU together with the boarders have to be set up.
- 2.2.3. The OC has to set up a training schedule for all participating countries with regard to the times arrival. The OC must guarantee the adherence to this training schedule in the hall.

2.3. Sportswear

- 2.3.1. All competitors have to wear the sportswear of their home country which is accepted by the ITTF/ETTU
- 2.3.2. The EDSO-Regulations regarding advertising on the sportswear in the competition area must be observed
- 2.3.3. White sportswear is only allowed if yellow or orange-colored balls are used.
- 2.3.4. Each contestant takes part in the competitions and training at his/her own risk.

2.4. Protest

Protest or appeals must be made in writing (English language) within 30 minutes after the end of the respective event. There is also a charge of €50,- wich must be paid to the Match Commission or the jury.

3. Disciplines, time schedule, participants, etc.

3.1. The table tennis competitions of the EDSO will comprise the following disciplines:

- Team competition – women and men
- Singles competition – women and men
- Doubles competition – women and men
- Doubles competition – women and men (mixed)

3.2. Time Schedule

1st day:	Training and seeding for team play
2nd day:	Opening ceremony Pool play for teams – men and women
3rd day	Group play for men and women Medal ceremony after the finals – men and women
4th day	Free day Seeding for single, double and mixed – men and women
5th day	Double and mixed – men and women. In the evening finals and medal ceremony
6th day	Pool play single – men and women
7th day	Pool play single and finals – men and women Medal ceremony Closing and Banquet

3.3. Contestants

- 3.3.1. Each national association is allowed to enter a maximum of 4 women and 4 men for the table tennis competitions as well as one team each for the team competitions of women and men. Only up to 4 women and 4 men are allowed for the singles competitions as well as 2 doubles pairs and 4 mixed pairs.
- 3.3.2. Each participant must have a hearing loss beyond the decibel limit of at present 55 dB which must be proved by an audiogramme.
- 3.3.3. Each table tennis competitor must be a member of his/her respective national association which must be affiliated to the EDSO. He/she must also be in possession of a respective starting permission by his national association which is approved of by the EDSO.

3.4. Entries

- 3.4.1. Preliminary Registrations with an indication of the probable number of participants must be submitted to the EDSO-Secretary General or the responsible EDSO official at least one year before the organisation of the Table Tennis-EC
- 3.4.2. The final registrations with names and birthdates of all participants and their participation in the respective disciplines must be submitted to the EDSO-Secretary General or the responsible EDSO official at least one month before the Table Tennis-EC. The registrations can be made by facsimile or e-mail if they comply with the official registration rules.
- 3.4.3. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after the deadline except in the case of an accident of a registered contestant. If a doctor's declaration is presented a substitute may be registered.
- 3.4.4. A fine five times as high as the normal fee must be paid to the EDSO for each non-starting athlete who was registered by name.

4. Rules of competition, draw, team competitions, singles, etc.

4.1. Rules of competition

The table tennis competitions will be conducted in accordance with the rules of ITTF/ETTU. In case of disagreement in interpretation of the rules the revised English version will be decisive.

4.2. Draw

The draws for the team competitions will be conducted at the first Technical Meeting. The draws of the singles and doubles competitions will be conducted according to the ITTF/ETTU-rules after the team competitions are over. The Technical Committee will set up probable number of participants and the number of the participants and the number of the participating teams (2, 4, 8, 16, 32) set up for each competition. In case of disagreement at the draw only the Technical Official of the EDSO will decide in this matter.

4.3. Team competitions

- 4.3.1. Preliminary round: The registered teams will be divided into 8, 4, or 2 groups consisting of 3, 4 or 5 teams each. in the preliminary round each team will play against each other team of this group (round Robin system).
- 4.3.2. Final round: After the qualifications of the preliminary round are over the teams will play the final round as follows:
- 4.3.3. 2 groups: Winner of group 1 against winner of group 2 in the final for places 1 and 2. Second of group 2 against second of group 2 for the bronze medal qualifies as per 4.4.5.
- 4.3.4. 4 groups: First and second of each group are to progress into the final round. The first and second placed of group A and D as well as the first and second placed of group B and C form 2 groups. The respective winners of these 2 groups bronze medal qualifies as per 4.4.5.
- 4.3.5. 8 groups: The winners of the groups are divided into 2 groups. Each team plays against the others team of its group. After these matches are over the winner of group A plays the final for place 1 and 2 against the winner of group B. The second placed teams bronze medal qualifies as per 4.4.5
- 4.3.6. Classification: The teams placed 3rd, 4th or 5th of each group play for places 5 and following according to the above-mentioned mode. The classification of the teams will determined by points. One point is awarded for each match won and no points for each match lost. If there are two or more teams with the same number of points the final decision on the classification shall be made by comparing between the two teams the matches won to the matches lost, singles won to singles lost, sets won to sets lost, points won to points lost.
- 4.3.7. A men or women team shall consist of 3 players. Each team shall appoint a playing or non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout a match. A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table. Before the match the captaints shall decide by lot the right to choose A, B, C or X, Y, Z and shall nominate their players to the referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player. The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

4.3.8. Any possible situation not mentioned in detail will be decided upon according to the ETTU-EC Rules. In case of disagreement the decision of the EDSO-Technical Official is final.

4.4. Singles and doubles competitions

4.4.1. Singles: All decisions shall be made on a play out basis. The wins determined by the best of 7 games will be counted.

4.4.2. Doubles: All decisions shall be made on a play out basis. The wins determined by the best of 5 games will be counted.

4.4.3. Mixed: All decisions shall be made on a play out basis as in the doubles competitions.

4.4.4. All matches in the singles, doubles and mixed competitions will be played on a knock out basis.

4.4.5. In general, all matches (team, single, double and mixed double) semi-finals' losers gonna get automatically qualified for bronze medal.

4.5. Seeding lists and referees

4.5.1. The seeding of the competitors and teams will be made in accordance with the rules of ITTF/ETTU. The results of the last European Championships are decisive. After the team competitions are over 25% of the seeding list for singles and doubles are to be filled by the most successful singles and doubles players of the team competitions.

4.5.2. In case of disagreement with the seeding list the EDSO-Technical Official alone decides about the seeding.

4.5.3. The referees are to be chosen by the OC. They must be absolutely qualified and should be in possession of a licence of the host nation.

4.5.4. The head referee is chosen by the OC. He must be absolutely qualified and should be in possession of an ITTF/ETTU-licence. He should act in accordance with the EDSO-Technical Official. In any case the decision of the referee concerning the interpretation of the rules of table tennis is binding.

4.5.5. Each referee is obliged to inform the athletes prior to the match that the use of hearing aids is forbidden. If during the competition it is discovered that an athlete uses a hearing aid this match is automatically regarded as lost for this athlete.

5. Miscellaneous

5.1. The participation fees for the Table Tennis EC are determined by the EDSO.

5.2. For every “yellow card” shown to a participant during the Table Tennis EC, a fee of €5,- and for every “red card” a fee of €25,- is to be paid to the EDSO. For any withdrawal in a following competition a fine of €25,- will be charged (for withdrawals due to illness a doctor’s declaration must be presented).