



Technical Regulations - Table Tennis

Baden / Austria

6th to 12th 09.2015

1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee will be composed of the EDSO Technical Officer for Table Tennis and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

Horst-Peter SCHEFFEL	- EDSO Technical Officer
Guido ZANECCHIA	- EDSO Representative
Colbrie FISCHER	- ITTF Representative
Christoph THEIS	- Sports Liaison Officer
Günter DUTSCHKE	- Deaf Representative

2. PROTEST COMMITTEE

Guido ZANECCHIA	- EDSO Representative
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3. EVENTS

The table tennis competitions will comprise the following events:

Adults

- Men's and Women's teams
- Men's and Women's singles
- Men's and Women's doubles
- Mixed doubles

Youth

- Boy's and Girl's singles
- Boy's and Girl's doubles
- Mixed doubles

The European championship will be carried out for adults and youth. Both competitions have to obey the conditions of the below mentioned regulation. Only in the youth competitions there will be no team competition. Age border of the youth is from 12 years till 18 years.

4. PARTICIPANTS

4.1. Age Eligibility

There are no age restrictions.

4.2. Number of Players

Each National Federation may enter a maximum number of four (4) men and four (4) women for all events; one

team for the team events, four players for the singles, two pairs for the men's and women's doubles, and four pairs for the mixed doubles.

4.3. No reserves or substitutes are allowed for the singles. The composition of a pair may be changed only if an federation has entered less than four (4) men and four (4) women for the doubles and one of the players originally entered in a pair forfeits by a doctor's declaration. However, no changes may be made after the draw has taken place.

4.4. A fine of EURO €20 is levied on each non-starting athlete with the exception of those presenting a doctor's declaration that he/she should not be allowed to start.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. Preliminary Registration

The preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of athletes in each event must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **06.08.2014**. [Not less than 1 (one) year before the competition.]

5.2. Final Entry

The final entries with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **06.02.2015**. [Not less than 3 (three) months before the competition.] Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

5.3. Name Registration

The Name Registration with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **06.08.2015**. [Not less than 1 (one) month before the competitions.] Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

5.3.1. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **06.02.2015**.

6. VENUES

6.1. Competition Venue

The table tennis competitions will take place at sports hall Baden. For the attention rule of the table tennis rule is B "determination the international events" under ITTF after to take a current stand at 2. 3 Game conditions

6.1.1. Number of Tables

There will be a total of **14** tables: **9** for competition and **5** for training.

6.1.2. Flooring

The floor is bright flooring and is wood

6.1.3. Lighting

The light intensity is up to and is at 400 Lux

6.1.4. Surrounding

The colour of surrounding walls is at blue and no windows

6.2. Training Venue

The training venue will be the same as the competition venue. A training schedule will be set up according to the arrival of teams.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Competition Schedule

Refer to the competition schedule on the Games website.

1st day	Training and seeding for team play Technical Meeting
2nd day	Opening ceremony Pool play for teams – men and women
3rd day	Group play for teams – men and women

	Medal ceremony after the finals – men and women
4th day	Free day
	Technical Meeting and 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

7.2. Training Schedule

Refer to the training schedule on the Games website.

8. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.1. Technical Organisation

EDSO is responsible for the technical organisation of the Table Tennis competitions.

8.2. Competition Rules

The Table Tennis competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the ITTF to a current stand **01.02.2014**. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

8.2.1. Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with EDSO Regulations, EDSO General Technical Rules and this Table Tennis Technical Regulations.

8.2.2. Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the ITTF Rules and Regulations.

Only athletes who comply with the EDSO Regulations are entitled to take part in the EDSO Table Tennis competitions.

8.3. Competition Equipment

All equipment and implements used during competitions will comply with the ITTF Rules and Regulations. The brand of the table-tennis tables, nets and balls must be announced by the OK at the latest a year before the European Championships. The same applies to the conditions and colour of the floor in the hall. The holding country must inform this before about balls EDSO - technical Officer in writing over the brand of the table-tennis tables, nets, for 14 months.

8.3.1. Balls

The balls will be name of brand "Nittaku" Blue stamp, three stars, plastic and white in colour.

8.3.2. Net

The net will be name of brand "Donic", blue and grey in colour.

8.3.3. Tables

The tables will be name of brand "Donic", blue in colour.

8.4. Competition Clothing

All participants and officials must wear clothing, which is in conformity with the ITTF Regulations. Participants must observe the regulations contained in the EDSO Regulations regarding advertising on clothing, etc., in the competition areas.

8.5. Draw

The draw for all events will be conducted in accordance with ITTF Rules and Regulations. The technical committee at the technical meeting will seed an appropriate number of players and pairs in each event based on current EDSO table tennis ranking points. In case of disagreement the EDSO Technical Officer alone will decide the

seeding. Entries from any one country shall be drawn as follows:

- The first and second ranked entries by lot in opposite's halves of the draw.
- The third and fourth ranked entries by lot in the quarters where first and second ranked are not drawn.

8.6. Competition Plan

8.6.1. Team Events

a. Preliminary Round

The entered teams will be divided into groups (two, four or eight groups) of 3 to 5 teams each. During the preliminary round, each team will play all the other teams of its group.

b. Finals

After the classification in the preliminary groups is established, the teams will play in the finals in the following way:

• Two Groups

Semi-finals: The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places and the defeated teams will play for 3rd and 4th places.

(A1 v B2)

(B1 v A2)

Classification

The teams placed fourth and fifth in each group will play for the fifth and following places with

(A3 v B3)

(A4 v B4)

The winners playing for fourth and sixth places and the losers for seventh and eighth places, etc.

• Four Groups

Quarter-finals: The winners of the quarter-finals will play semi-finals and the defeated teams will play for fifth (5th) to eighth (8th) places.

A. (A1 v C2)

B. (B1 v D2)

C. (C1 v A2)

D. (D1 v B2)

Semi-finals: The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places and the defeated teams will play for 3rd and 4th places.

(winner of "**A**") v (winner of "**D**")

(winner of "**B**") v (winner of "**C**")

Classification

The teams placed, third, fourth and fifth in each group will play for the ninth and following places with

(A3 v C3, B3 v D3) The winners playing for ninth and tenth places and the losers for eleventh and twelfth places, etc.

(A4 v C4, B4 v D4) The winners playing for thirteenth and fourteenth places and the losers for fifteenth and sixteenth places, etc.

• Eight Groups

The matches for the quarter-finals with

A. (A1 v E2)

B. (B1 v F2)

- C. (C1 v G2)
- D. (D1 v H2)
- E. (E1 v A2)
- F. (F1 v B2)
- G. (G1 v C2)
- H. (H1 v D2).

The match winners will play quarter-finals and the defeated teams will play for 9th to 16th places.

Quarter-finals: The winners of the quarter-finals will play semi-finals and the defeated teams will play for fifth (5th) to eighth (8th) places.

- 1. (A) v (B)
- 2. (C) v (D)
- 3. (E) v (F)
- 4. (G) v (H)

Semi-finals: The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places and the defeated teams will play for 3rd and 4th places.

(winner of "1") v (winner of "2")
(winner of "3") v (winner of "4")

Classification

The teams placed, third, fourth and fifth in each group will play for the ninth and following places with

(A3 v E3)(B3 v F3) (C3 v G3) (D3 v H3) The winners playing for seventeenth till twenty places and the losers for twenty-one to twenty-four places.

(A4 v E4) (B4 v F4) (C4 v G4) (D4 v H4) The winners playing for twenty-five to twenty-eight places and the losers for twenty-nine to thirty-two places, etc.

c. The classification of teams will follow the ITTF rules for group competitions (Regulation 3.7.5.).

d. System

The format for team's events will be that currently used for World Championships with a team consisting of 3 players. The order of play will be A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X. Teams comprising 2 players will not be permitted to compete. A team must have three (3) or four (4) athletes.

Before a team match the right to choose A, B, C or X, Y, Z shall be decided by lot and the captains shall name their teams to the referee, assigning a letter to each player.

A team match shall end when one team has won a majority of the possible individual matches.

All matches shall be the best of 5 games and the game ends if 3 singles are won by a team per the best of five games. All matters not provided for above will be referred to the ITTF Rules of the team competitions at the ITTF World Championships.

8.6.2. Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles

There shall be not more than 128 entries in the first round proper of a singles event or more than 64 entries in the first round proper of a doubles event. Singles events a qualifying competition shall be held with groups of 5 or 6 players. The first and second placed player of each group shall proceed to the first round proper. All matches of the qualifying events shall be the best of 5 games.

All events proper shall be played on a knockout basis, all matches being the best of seven games.

8.7. Officials

8.7.1. Referee

The referee shall be fully qualified and certified by the ITTF. The referee shall act in concert with the EDSO

Technical Officer. However, in matters concerning the interpretation of the rules of table tennis, the referee's decision shall be final.

8.7.2. Appointment

The Organizing Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referees and umpires.

9. PROTESTS

9.1. Procedure for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the ITTF Rules and Regulations and will be managed by the Table Tennis Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official EDSO Protest Form. The form must be given to the EDSO Technical Officer with EURO €50 within 30 minutes after the end of the respective event.

The EDSO Technical Officer will decide whether the protest is sporting related or eligibility related. The Table Tennis Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of EURO €50 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

9.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest

The Table Tennis Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Officers office in Taipei at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The EDSO Representative will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The EDSO Technical Officer will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.

The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing the hosting Deaf Sport Federation and the EDSO Technical Officer will be responsible for informing EDSO Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.

10. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

10.1. Hearing Aids

The use of any hearing aid/amplification or external cochlear implant parts are not permitted within the restricted zone area.

10.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter the competition area with red zone in sports hall Baden and within the training sector during the warm-up and competition period.

10.1.2. Violation and Penalty

When this rule is violated refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), *Article 8: VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

11. TECHNICAL MEETING

11.1. Date and Location

The Table Tennis technical meeting will be held on

Draw for the Woman and Men – Team

Technical Meeting: 04th September 2015, 12 p.m. Office-Room sports hall Baden with be recorded by video
06th September 2015, 10 a.m. sports hall Baden
09th September 2015, 10 a.m. sports hall Baden
12th September 2015, after Medal ceremony sports hall Baden

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) distribution of the starting numbers
- d) drawing of the team competitions
- 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

11.2. Attendance

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.

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