

BY-LAWS FOR SOUTHERN TABLE TENNIS WINTER COMPETITION

The winter competition is run by the Southern Table Tennis winter committee and has players nominate as individuals and then placed into teams. All rubbers shall be conducted under Table Tennis Australia regulations and the current laws of Table Tennis.

1. REGISTRATION:

- A. Players must nominate to compete by submitting a winter competition application form indicating on which nights of play they are available.
- B. Players may also indicate on the winter competition application form any other player with whom they have a particular desire to play and this shall be taken into consideration when the winter committee compiles the teams.
- C. Players are also invited to nominate as being a reserve player only.
- D. If a player has not paid their fees by the third round of competition they may be barred from competing unless other satisfactory arrangements can be organised.

2. NIGHTS OF PLAY:

- A. Divisions 1, 2 and 3 will be on Thursday nights and any other divisions will be on Wednesday nights.
- B. Matches will commence at 7.30 pm.

3. COORDINATORS:

- A. A coordinator shall be appointed for each division and will where possible not be a player in that division. Coordinators will be responsible for organising reserves and resolving any minor disputes.
- B. A chief coordinator will also be appointed for each night of play to help resolve any other issues which may arise.
- C. Any disputes/issues unable to be satisfactorily resolved on the night of play by coordinators are to be referred to the Southern Table Tennis winter committee for a final resolution.

4. ARRANGEMENTS OF PLAY:

- A.
 - 1. 3 person teams.
All players shall play 3 singles rubbers and there will be 2 doubles rubbers, each player must play in at least 1 doubles rubber.
Rubbers will consist of best of 5 games of 11 up advantage.
 - 2. 4 person teams.
The four singles players must be listed on the score sheet so as to correspond to their order of merit as determined by the Southern Table Tennis winter committee.
All players will play 3 singles rubbers.
The fourth ranked singles player must play in the first doubles and the first ranked singles player must play in the second doubles.
No player can play more than 2 doubles and each player must play at least one doubles.
The same combination of players cannot play doubles twice in the same match.
Rubbers will consist of best of 5 games of 11 up advantage.

- B. Team captains shall toss to decide umpiring before the match and then alternate down the score sheet.
- C. Rubbers shall be played in the order as set down on the official score sheet unless mutually agreed by both captains or at the request of the coordinator.
- D. All doubles combinations in a doubles round shall be listed on the Official Score Sheet prior to the commencement of that round.
- E. The captain of each team will be assumed to be the highest ranked player who is over 18 years or a player nominated by the team and who is over 18 years.
- F. Score sheets shall be handed in at the canteen on the night of play.
- G. Three premiership points shall be awarded to the team winning the greater number of rubbers in a match. One premiership point shall be awarded to the team winning one rubber less than the opposing team.
- H. If at the completion of the minor round, teams have an equal number of premiership points, then the team having the higher percentage of rubbers won in the minor round, finishes the higher on the premiership table, if rubbers are equal then games percentage will be used.

5. RESERVES/FORFEITS:

- A. All reserves will be organised by a coordinator.
- B. Any player unable to play in a round must advise the coordinator as soon as possible in order to allow time for a reserve to be allocated.
- C. A reserve may not be organised where the coordinator has not been advised prior to the commencement of play that a player will not be competing.
- D. If a coordinator is unable to organise a suitable reserve player then the coordinator may allocate any other players of a similar standard to cover the singles rubbers for the missing player. In the case of a 3 person team both doubles rubbers will be played by the 2 remaining regular players for that team.
- E. If a player intends to arrive later than 8.00 pm they must advise the coordinator otherwise forfeits may be awarded.
- F. If a player having started a match is unable to complete their remaining rubbers, those rubbers will be forfeited and no substitute players will be organised.
- G. Reserves may play their first 2 matches for free, for any consequent matches a reserve will be expected to pay the equivalent of the practice night fees.

6. FINALS:

- A. In divisions where there are 6 or more teams, the following will apply
 - 1. Semi-finals shall be played as follows, 1 vs 2 and 3 vs 4. The winner of 1 vs 2 will go straight through to the grand final and the loser of 3 vs 4 will take fourth position.
 - 2. The preliminary final will be the loser of 1 vs 2 against the winner of 3 vs 4. The winner will go to the grand final and the loser will take third position.
 - 3. The winner of the grand final will adjudged Premier for the season with the loser taking second place.
 - 4. The home team for finals matches shall be the team which finished higher on the premiership table at the end of the minor round.
- B. In divisions where there are less than 6 teams, the following will apply

1. The team finishing 1st at the end of the minor round automatically goes into the Grand Final.
 2. The elimination final will be 2 vs 3 with the winner going to the grand final and the loser taking third position.
 3. The winner of the grand final will adjudged Premier for the season with the loser taking second place.
 4. The home team for finals matches shall be the team which finished higher on the premiership table at the end of the minor round.
- C. If a player is unable to compete in a finals match they must let the coordinator know as early as possible so that a replacement player can be organised. The replacement player must not have a higher winning percentage for that season than the player which they are replacing.

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