

BY-LAWS FOR SOUTHERN TABLE TENNIS COMPETITIONS

Southern Table Tennis has a dedicated committee which is responsible for organising and running competitions. There are 3 competitions each year comprised of Summer, Winter and Spring. Players nominate as individuals and are placed into teams. All matches shall be conducted under the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) "The Laws of Table Tennis" and the Attachment to these By-Laws.

1. NOMINATION:

- A. Players nominate to compete by submitting a competition application form on which they advise on which nights they are available
- B. Players may nominate to play on more than one night. The fee for the 2nd night of play shall be the adult practice fee or if they are under 18 years at the commencement of the competition the junior practice fee, multiplied by the number of minor round team matches to be played.
- C. A player who joins the competition as a full time player part way into the competition will be required to pay a weekly fee equivalent to the adult practice fee or if they are under 18 years the junior practice fee.
- D. Players are invited to nominate as a reserve player only.
- E. A player must pay the competition fee or make arrangements for payment with the duty official prior to playing in the competition. Failure to pay the competition fee or make arrangements for payment with the duty official may result in the player being excluded from the remainder of the Competition.
- F. A person who competes as a full time player in a Southern Table Tennis competition is considered to be a member of Southern Table Tennis for that calendar year.
- G. A written complaint that a person has breached the Southern Table Tennis Code of Conduct will be referred to a Tribunal hearing set up under the Table Tennis Australia Member Protection By-Law.

2. NIGHTS OF PLAY:

- A. Competitions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- B. Matches will commence at 7.30 pm.

3. COORDINATORS:

- A. A coordinator shall be appointed for each division. Coordinators will be responsible for organising reserves and resolving any minor disputes.
- B. Any disputes or issues unable to be satisfactorily resolved on the night of play by coordinators are to be referred to the Southern Table Tennis Executive Committee for resolution.

4. ARRANGEMENTS OF PLAY:

- A
1. **3 person teams.**
All players shall play 3 singles matches and there will be 2 doubles matches, each player must play in at least 1 doubles match. Matches will consist of the best of 5 games.
 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 competition committee. All players will play 3 singles matches.
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 team match.
Matches will consist of the best of 5 games.
 3. **5 person teams.**
The five 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 competition committee.
All players shall play 3 singles matches. In the first two doubles the number 1 and 2 players play together and the 4 and 5 players play together.
The number 3 player shall play in the third doubles.
No player can play more than 2 doubles.
The same combination of players cannot play doubles twice in the same team match.
Matches will consist of the best of 5 games.
- B. 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.
- C. Matches 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. Team captains shall toss to decide umpiring before the team match and then alternate down the score sheet.
- E. When entering variable doubles combinations or three person teams onto a score sheet the home team captain should write their players onto the score sheet first and then ask

the other team captain to nominate their players without that captain first sighting the order of play of the home team.

- F. Score sheets shall be handed in at the canteen at the finish of the team match.
- G. Two premiership points shall be awarded to the team winning the greater number of matches in a team match. One premiership point shall be awarded to the team winning one match 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 matches won in the minor round, finishes the higher on the premiership table. If matches are equal then games percentage will be used. If teams are also tied on games percentage the direct results between those teams will be used to determine who finishes the higher on the premiership table.

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. Where the coordinator has not been advised prior to the commencement of play that a player will not be competing then that players matches may be forfeited unless the coordinator can make acceptable alternative arrangements.
- D. If a coordinator is unable to organise a suitable reserve player then the coordinator may allocate any other players from other teams of a similar standard to cover the matches for the missing player. In the case of a 3 person team both doubles matches may be played by the 2 remaining regular players for that team.
- E. If multiple players are missing coordinators may change the format to one utilising less players.
- F. If a player intends to arrive later than 8.00 pm they must advise the coordinator otherwise forfeits may be awarded.
- G. If a player having started a team match is unable to complete their remaining matches, those matches will be forfeited and no substitute players will be allowed.
- H. Reserves are expected to pay the adult practice fee or if they are under 18 years of age the junior practice fee.
- I. Full time players who fill in for another team in the division in which they are a full time player or in a division which is conducted on the same night of play do not need to pay any other fees.

6. FINALS:

For Summer, Winter and Spring Competitions

The top 4 teams in a division play in the finals which take place over 2 weeks.

1. Semi-finals shall be played as follows, 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. The winners go through to the Grand Final.
2. The winner of the grand final will be adjudged Premier for the season with the loser taking second place.
3. The home team for finals matches shall be the team which finished higher on the premiership table at the end of the minor round.

Eligibility

To qualify for the finals a full time player must play in at least half of the minor round team matches.

Reserves for finals

If a full time player is unable to compete in a finals team match they must let the coordinator know as early as possible prior to the commencement of the team match and the coordinator will allocate a replacement. The replacement will be the most suitable player from a team not playing in the finals or a regular reserve player. The replacement player where possible will have a lower percentage in the competition than the player they are replacing.

In the case of a reserve player being required for a full time player who has played less than half of the minor round team matches the ranking points of that player will be used to determine the reserve player rather than their playing percentage