



# PLAYING SYSTEM

ITTF-ATTU 28<sup>th</sup> Asian Table Tennis  
Team Championships 2025



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### 1. Structure

1.1 There will be a total of two (2) events:

- (1) Men's Team (MT)
- (2) Women's Team (WT)

1.2 The event will be played in accordance with the ITTF Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions.

### 2. Playing System

2.1 Team Events will be divided into two divisions.

#### a. 1<sup>st</sup> Division

Based on the number of entries, all teams excluding the top 6 teams from the last Asian Championships will be divided into groups of 3 or 4 teams. In the first stage, all groups play in a round robin system to determine their positions. In the second stage, group winners play in a progressive knock-out system to determine the joint top 2 teams that directly enter the Champion Division. Other teams play in the progressive knock-out system to decide their final positions.

#### b. Champion Division

Champion Division consists of top 6 teams from the last Asian Championships and the top 2 teams from the 1<sup>st</sup> Division. Play starts directly in a progressive knock-out system to determine the final positions.

Match order in team events are A vs X, B vs Y, C vs Z, A vs Y, B vs X.

All individual matches of a team match shall be played in best of 5 (five) games in all stages.

2.2 The ITTF-ATTU 28th Asian Table Tennis Team Championships 2025 is a qualification event to the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals 2026.

### 3. Draw Procedures

#### 3.1. Stage 1

- Seeding of the teams for both Champion Division and 1<sup>st</sup> Division shall be based on the results of the last Asian Championships. For the positions of 8 teams in the Champion Division, Team Champion and Team Runner-up of the last Asian Championships shall be placed in position 1 at the top and position 8 at the bottom of a knock-out draw respectively. Team No.3 and Team No.4 shall be drawn randomly to position 4 or position 5.
- Team No.5, Team No.6, and the top 2 teams from the 1<sup>st</sup> Division shall be drawn randomly to position 2, position 3, position 6 and position 7.



- For Association that did not participate in the last Asian Championships in 2024, their team ranking will be decided by the Technical and Umpire Committee of ATTU, with reference to the latest ITTF World Team Ranking.
- The draw for Stage 1 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division will be done by the modified snake system.

### 3.2. Stage 2

- Winners & runners-up of all groups will be drawn in the second stage.
- Winner of group 1 shall be placed at the top of the draw. Winner of group 2 shall be placed at the bottom of the draw. Winners of groups 3 and 4 shall be drawn to bottom of the upper half or top of the lower half.
- Runners-up of each group shall be drawn randomly to the opposite half of their group winners.
- Any disputes because of absentee or new teams/players shall be resolved according to the ITTF/ATTU Team Ranking and at the decision of the Technical and Umpire Committee of ATTU.

## 4. ITTF Regulations

### ▪ 3.7.5.1

In a group, or "round robin", competition, all members of the group shall compete against each other and shall gain 2 match points for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match; the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained. If a player is defaulted after the completion of a match for any reason, he or she shall be deemed to have lost the match, which shall subsequently be recorded as a loss in an unplayed match.

### ▪ 3.7.5.2

If two or more members of the group have gained the same number of matches points their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively the numbers of match points, the ratios of wins to losses first in individual matches (for a team event), games and points, as far as is necessary to resolve the order.

### ▪ 3.7.5.3

If at any step in the calculations the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of 3.7.5.1 and 3.7.5.2.

### ▪ 3.7.5.4

If it is not possible to resolve equalities by means of the procedure specified in 3.7.5.1-3 the relative positions shall be decided by lot.

## 5. Eligibility

- Player's eligibility is regulated by 3.8 and 4.1.3 (ITTF Handbook).