



ITTF CONTINENTAL CUP
OCEANIA

ITTF-Oceania Cup Regulations

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1. CHAPTER 1 – ITTF-OCEANIA CUP

1.1 Application of Regulations

1.1.1 These Regulations apply to the following events conducted by the International Table Tennis Federation – Oceania (ITTF-Oceania):

- 1.1.1.1 ITTF-Oceania Cup
- 1.1.1.2 ITTF-Oceania Pacific Cup

1.2 Variation

- 1.2.1 ITTF-Oceania may vary any of these Regulations at its discretion.
- 1.2.2 Any ITTF-Oceania Member Association (MA) may apply to ITTF-Oceania to amend any of these Regulations. The request must be in writing and special circumstances must be demonstrated. ITTF-Oceania will determine the request at its discretion.

1.3 Eligibility

- 1.3.1 The ITTF-Oceania Cup is open to any player registered with an MA that is affiliated to ITTF-Oceania. Such players must also comply with the general eligibility requirements set out in Chapter 8.
- 1.3.2 The ITTF-Oceania Pacific Cup is open to any player registered with an MA that is affiliated to ITTF-Oceania, with the exception of Australia and New Zealand. Such players must also comply with the general eligibility requirements set out in Chapter 8.
- 1.3.3 The date for determining eligibility shall be in accordance with ITTF policy.

2. CHAPTER 2 – HOSTING OF ITTF-OCEANIA CUP

2.1 Hosting

- 2.1.1 ITTF-Oceania shall be the event host for the ITTF-Oceania Cup.
- 2.1.2 However, ITTF-Oceania may call for tenders and may allocate hosting rights to an MA or any other entity at its discretion. Where an MA or another entity are allocated hosting rights, they must implement the event and fulfil all responsibilities as set out in these Regulations that would otherwise be undertaken by ITTF-Oceania.

2.2 Holding of Cup

- 2.2.1 The ITTF-Oceania Cup shall be held in each category set out in Regulation 1.1.1 once in every calendar year.
- 2.2.2 The ITTF-Oceania Cup shall be held at a time that wherever practicable aligns with ITTF calendar requirements.



3. CHAPTER 3 – COMMITTEES OF ITTF-OCEANIA CUP

3.1 Organising Committee

- 3.1.1 An Organising Committee shall be appointed by ITTF-Oceania and shall consist of such members as deemed desirable, but should usually comprise an Event Director, a Competition Manager, the ITTF-Oceania Technical Director, the Referee and any other people as deemed appropriate.
- 3.1.2 The function of the Organising Committee shall be to organise and conduct the ITTF-Oceania Cup in accordance with these Regulations.

4. CHAPTER 4 – GENERAL RULES OF ITTF-OCEANIA CUP

4.1 Events at an ITTF-Oceania Cup

- 4.1.1 The ITTF-Oceania Cup and ITTF-Oceania Pacific Cup shall include the following events:

| Men's Singles | Women's Singles | Men's Pacific Cup Singles | Women's Pacific Cup Singles |
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| X | X | X | X |

- 4.1.2 Any appropriate events, which may include events not listed above, shall be played in order to determine Oceania representation for World Title events. These may be held as well as or instead of the above events as determined by the Organising Committee.

4.2 Governing Regulations

- 4.2.1 The ITTF-Oceania Cup will be played in accordance with The Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions as detailed in the current ITTF Statutes.

4.3 General Conditions

- 4.3.1 The ITTF-Oceania Cup shall be conducted in a maximum of two (2) consecutive days, unless varied by the Organising Committee.

4.4 Times of Play

- 4.4.1 Where matches are played in the morning, no match shall be scheduled to commence before 9:00am. Where matches are played in the evening, no match shall be scheduled to commence after 9:00pm. However, these time limits may be altered by the Organising Committee in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.4.2 The timing of all matches shall be scheduled by the Organising Committee, with a view to maximising broadcasting viewership and spectator attendance.
- 4.4.3 As the event will be produced for broadcasting, all matches within a session will be played on a continuous basis.



4.5 Managers Meeting

- 4.5.1 A meeting of the managers of all MAs competing at the ITTF-Oceania Cup shall be held on the evening prior to the event commencing.
- 4.5.2 Organising Committee members shall attend the meeting and appoint the Chairperson of the meeting.
- 4.5.3 The function of this meeting shall be to provide any relevant information to participants in relation to implementing the event.

4.6 Player Uniforms

- 4.6.1 The clothing criteria as outlined under ITTF Regulations for International Competition / Equipment and Playing Conditions / Clothing shall be enforced.
- 4.6.2 All players must have their names printed on the back of their shirt from the beginning of the event.

4.7 Obligations

- 4.7.1 All players entered must compete against any other participating player and by entering, agree to be bound by the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, Code of Ethics, Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures, and ITTF Integrity Regulations during the event. The entry form contains an undertaking to be signed by a responsible official of the nominating MA and the team member covering these matters and no entry will be accepted unless such an undertaking has been given.

4.8 TV, Motion Picture & Internet Coverage Conditions

- 4.8.1 By entering the event, players agree to abide by all ITTF Rules and by the rules and regulations of the Organising Committee. All entered MAs and individual players agree to be under the auspices of ITTF and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video, internet web casting, motion picture coverage and photographic coverage of any kind.
- 4.8.2 Participants release all rights or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage and photographic coverage of any kind. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the event.

4.9 Betting

- 4.9.1 All participants must comply with the ITTF Code of Conduct on Sports Betting for Players and Officials. This Code of Conduct sets out the guiding principles for all table tennis players and officials (technical, team and administrative) on the issues surrounding the integrity of sport and betting.

4.10 Anti-Doping

- 4.10.1 Doping tests may be conducted during the event in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules covered in Section 5 of the ITTF Statutes.



- 4.10.2 Please note that for players under the age of 18 years, a parent or guardian must accompany them during the testing process. The parent or guardian must be over the age of 18 years.
- 4.10.3 Should any players require a therapeutic exemption, this should be registered with ITTF at least 30 days prior to the event.

5. CHAPTER 5 – ITTF-OCEANIA CUP DOCUMENTS

5.1 Event Prospectus

- 5.1.1 A Prospectus for the event shall be prepared and sent to all MAs three (3) months prior to the ITTF-Oceania Cup commencing. It shall also be published on the ITTF-Oceania website. Wherever practicable, the Prospectus should include:
- Organising Committee names and roles
 - Referee
 - Venue
 - Equipment
 - Details of hospitality packages (if applicable)
 - Prize Money (if applicable)
 - Any other items deemed applicable

5.2 Entry Forms

- 5.2.1 The entry form for the event shall be sent to all MAs who have received an invitation to enter players three (3) months prior to the commencement date of the ITTF-Oceania Cup. It shall also be published on the ITTF-Oceania website.
- 5.2.1.1 The entry form shall allow MAs to list their individual entries for each event.
- 5.2.1.2 Any other forms deemed appropriate, e.g., accommodation, delegations, transport details etc. shall also be provided.
- 5.2.2 All forms must be returned to the Organising Committee by each MA wanting to compete no later than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement date of the ITTF-Oceania Cup.

5.3 Valid Entry Into ITTF-Oceania Cup

- 5.3.1 Entries may be accepted to the ITTF-Oceania Cup only if the relevant entry form has been:
- 5.3.1.1 Received by the Organising Committee not later than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the ITTF-Oceania Cup;
- 5.3.1.2 Duly authorised by an accredited representative of the MA of which the players entered are registered; and
- 5.3.1.3 Relevant fees paid by the MA, as listed on the entry form.



6. CHAPTER 6 – PLAYING CONDITIONS AT THE CUP

6.1 Playing Venue and Equipment

- 6.1.1 The tables and nets used in the ITTF-Oceania Cup must be ITTF approved, and the brand, model and colour of the tables and nets shall be specified in the Event Prospectus.
- 6.1.2 The ball to be used in the ITTF-Oceania Cup must be an ITTF approved white 3-star plastic ball, and the brand and model of the ball shall be specified in the Event Prospectus.
- 6.1.3 The field of play space of each court shall be not less than 14 metres long, 7 metres wide and 5 metres high. A minimum of two (2) competition courts and two (2) practice courts are needed with barriers.
- 6.1.4 The light intensity in the competition and practice hall shall not be less than 1,000 lux evenly distributed.
- 6.1.5 A control centre close to the playing area and with a clear view of actual play shall be available to the Organising Committee.

6.2 Racket Testing

- 6.2.1 Testing of rackets may be carried out without notice, and anyone found to be using an illegal racket will be subject to the provisions of ITTF Regulations for International Competition 3.2.4.

6.3 Temperature in Venue

- 6.3.1 The playing venue shall be of a reasonable temperature – artificial heating or cooling may be arranged to ensure playing conditions are suitable for play.

6.4 Medical Services

- 6.4.1 A first aid medical service will be on hand at the venue during the event. In addition, access to a medical service for serious injuries or illness should be available and all participants should know the name and location of the person to refer to in case of a medical emergency.

7. CHAPTER 7 – EVENT DIRECTOR, COMPETITION MANAGER, OFFICIALS

7.1 Event Director and Competition Manager

- 7.1.1 An Event Director and Competition Manager will be appointed by ITTF-Oceania. The main responsibility of the Event Director and Competition Manager is to implement ITTF-Oceania's objective on how to run the ITTF-Oceania Cup and their responsibility is defined as follows:
 - 7.1.1.1 The Event Director and Competition Manager are the official representatives of ITTF-Oceania;
 - 7.1.1.2 In matters regarding the interpretation of the rules and racket control outcome, the Referee's decision will be final;



7.1.1.3 The ITTF-Oceania Event Director and Competition Manager will work closely with the Referee and the ITTF-Oceania Technical Director in all technical matters of the event such as:

- 7.1.1.3.1 Entries, eligibility, seeding and draw
- 7.1.1.3.2 Time schedule (in both structure and detail)
- 7.1.1.3.3 Allocation of matches by tables for each round
- 7.1.1.3.4 Advertisement banners
- 7.1.1.3.5 Exposure of ITTF-Oceania sponsors
- 7.1.1.3.6 Organisation of presentations
- 7.1.1.3.7 Links with ITTF and the media

7.2 Referee & Umpire Appointment

- 7.2.1 The Referee appointed to the ITTF-Oceania Cup shall be an active International Referee. An Assistant Referee from the host may also be appointed.
- 7.2.2 Selection of the Referee and where necessary, Assistant Referee, shall be made by the Organising Committee in consultation with the ITTF-Oceania Umpires and Referees Committee.
- 7.2.3 A minimum of four (4) umpires are required. Where practicable, umpires should be qualified at National, Oceania or International level. Selection of appointed umpires shall be made by the Organising Committee in consultation with the ITTF-Oceania Umpires and Referees Committee.
- 7.2.4 The travel, accommodation, meal expenses and the daily per diem for the Referee, Assistant Referee and umpires shall be communicated prior to them accepting their position.

8. CHAPTER 8 – REGULATIONS FOR ITTF-OCEANIA CUP

8.1 Eligibility

- 8.1.1 Eligibility shall be determined by ITTF Regulations for International Competitions / International Eligibility.
- 8.1.2 Players are eligible for the ITTF-Oceania Cup if the MA they are a member of is affiliated to ITTF-Oceania. More specifically:
 - 8.1.2.1 Only entries of players endorsed by their MA will be accepted.
 - 8.1.2.2 Only players who meet the ITTF/WTT eligibility regulations shall be invited to participate in the event.
 - 8.1.2.3 Only MAs that are not in arrears with ITTF-Oceania may nominate players to participate.

8.2 Seeding & Draws

- 8.2.1 The seeding for each event will be determined by the Organising Committee in order of the latest ITTF World Ranking List published before the draws are completed.



- 8.2.2 The draws for the events shall take place prior to the event commencing. Participants may be required to attend a public draw, and should they fail to attend will not receive any prize money. The draw will also act as a promotional function, and it is requested that players dress appropriately for the promotional function.

8.3 Invitations

- 8.3.1 Eight (8) men and eight (8) women will compete at the ITTF-Oceania Cup.
- 8.3.2 MAs will be invited to enter up to a maximum of two (2) players, per gender, based on the latest ITTF World Rankings List published three (3) months prior to the commencement of the event. MAs may select any players who are eligible subject to Regulation 8.1 to fill the invitations.
- 8.3.3 Where two or more players have the same number of points on the ITTF World Ranking List, invitations will be issued to MAs in the following tie breaker order:
- 8.3.3.1 To MAs who have no players invited, then
 - 8.3.3.2 To MAs who have one player invited, then
 - 8.3.3.3 At the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 8.3.4 Where an MA declines the invitation to enter a player(s), replacement players will be sourced by issuing invitations to MAs in the following order:
- 8.3.4.1 To the MA of the next highest ranked player on the ITTF World Ranking List referred to in Regulation 8.3.2, then
 - 8.3.4.2 To the MA of the next highest ranked player on the ITTF World Ranking List referred to in Regulation 8.3.2, then
 - 8.3.4.3 At the discretion of the Organising Committee as a wild card entrant, noting that Regulation 8.3.2 does not need to be adhered to.
- 8.3.5 If the MA where the event is held does not have a player invited through the Invitation Regulations listed above, they will receive an invitation to the event.
- 8.3.6 The ITTF-Oceania Cup will be played using the following format:

8.4 ITTF-Oceania Cup Playing System

- 8.4.1 The ITTF-Oceania Cup will be played using the following format:
- 8.4.1.1 Group stage: Two round robin groups of four players, with players drawn using the modified snake system.
 - 8.4.1.2 Knock-out stage: The players finishing first in their group will go straight into the semi finals. The players finishing second and third in their group will play crossover quarter finals. The winners of the semi finals will play off for the gold medal. The losers of the semi finals will play off for the bronze medal.
 - 8.4.1.3 All matches will be best of seven games.

8.5 ITTF-Oceania Pacific Cup Playing System

- 8.5.1 The ITTF-Oceania Pacific Cup will be played using the following format:



- 8.5.1.1 Knock-out stage: All matches will be knock-out. Once the semifinal stage has been reached, the winners of the semifinals will play off for the gold medal. The losers of the semifinals will play off for the bronze medal.
- 8.5.1.2 All matches will be best of seven games.

9. CHAPTER 9 – PRIZE MONEY

9.1 Allocation

- 9.1.1 Prize money may be offered for the ITTF-Oceania Cup. The Organising Committee shall determine prize money based on the overall financial position of the event.
- 9.1.2 Prize money will not be offered for the ITTF-Oceania Pacific Cup.

9.2 Forfeiture

- 9.2.1 Prize money shall be deemed forfeited by a player if such player does not attend the official presentation of trophies for an event, unless otherwise approved by the Organising Committee.

10. CHAPTER 10 – PERPETUAL TROPHIES

10.1 Perpetual in Nature

- 10.1.1 The ITTF-Oceania Cup winners will be presented with the perpetual ITTF-Oceania Cup.
- 10.1.2 The Organising Committee shall provide medals for the winner, runner up and third place for all events.

10.2 Presentations

- 10.2.1 The Organising Committee shall conduct a presentation ceremony upon completion of the event.

11. CHAPTER 11 – PUBLICITY

11.1 Publicity Officer

- 11.1.1 The Organising Committee shall appoint a Publicity Officer who shall have full liaison with newspapers, television, radio, and overseas news media. In addition, at the venue there should be internet access for website and e-mail.

11.2 Results

- 11.2.1 The Organising Committee shall issue detailed results of the ITTF-Oceania Cup in electronic format after each match finishes.
- 11.2.2 The Organising Committee shall ensure that all results are provided to ITTF for the purposes of ITTF World Ranking requirements.