



# WTT HANDBOOK

WTT YOUTH SERIES 2026

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### 1. DESCRIPTION

This handbook, alongside with the relevant Event manuals, stands for all participants and/or any other entity related to them who are interested in competing in any WTT Youth Series Event from 2026 and onwards.

This handbook among others:

- defines the rules and the WTT Youth Series Events format,
- ensure a high-level playing field for all players,
- upholds and preserves the integrity of ethical sporting series Events, and
- preserves the international nature and the high-class standard of the WTT Series Events.

### 2. CONSTITUTION

- This handbook incorporates and formulates a framework of essential standards, and guidelines which governs the participation in WTT Youth Series Events.
- This handbook may be amended or revised by World Table Tennis (WTT) in its sole discretion and will be updated online in the official WTT website at: <https://www.worldtabletennis.com>
- All matters relating to the regulations described in this handbook are subject to the determination by, and approval of, WTT in its sole discretion.
- All decisions of WTT related to WTT Youth Series Events (including the regulations on this handbook) are final and binding on all participants.
- By participating in WTT Youth Series Events all participants acknowledge and agree that they shall comply with the WTT rules and regulations, as described in this handbook, and shall remain primarily liable to WTT for any non-compliance therewith.
- By participating in WTT Youth Series Events all participants acknowledge and agree that they shall comply with the WTT Dress and Equipment rules.
- In accordance with the regulations set in this handbook the WTT selects and schedules the WTT Youth Series Events being responsible for the resolution of any matter of dispute pertaining to the

WTT, including imposition of penalties on players, and any other entity related to WTT Youth Series Events.

- The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rules of table tennis shall apply to all WTT Youth Series Events except as amended otherwise by this handbook. The current ITTF rules and regulations can be found in the ITTF Statutes at the official ITTF website at: <https://www.ittf.com>
- The rules, regulations, definitions, and terms include supporting all players and their entourage requiring a visa and must provide reasonable assistance to them.
- The rules and regulations in this handbook are to be interpreted and applied in conjunction with relevant parts of the ITTF Statutes, where applicable.
- The WTT may impose appropriate sanctions, including monetary ones, upon any person or entity, subject to the rules and regulations described in this handbook, who participates in or helps and violates any part of them. Such rules violation which do not specify a process for imposition of a penalty shall be decided by the WTT Board.
- The rules and regulations in this handbook shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Singapore.

### 3. ADMINISTRATION

WTT Youth Series Events are owned, controlled, and managed by WTT.

### 4. DEFINITIONS/TERMS

Accreditation Policy	Means the accreditation policies and procedures for every person participating in the WTT Youth Series Events. Accreditation is personal and non-transferable.
Anti-Corruption Policy	<b>Means the ITTF’s Code of Conduct on Sports Betting for Players</b> and Officials and the Code of Ethics insofar as they relate to anti-corruption measures, and such other anti-corruption rules and regulations as the WTT may implement and/or

	communicate to players, match officials and other participants from time to time.
Anti-Doping Rules	Means the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules (which were implemented in <b>accordance with the ITTF’s responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code</b> ) as set out in the ITTF Statutes, and such other anti-doping rules and regulations as the WTT may implement and/or communicate to players, match officials and other participants from time to time.
Anti-Harassment Policy	Means the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures as set out in ITTF Statutes, and such other anti-harassment rules and regulations as the WTT may implement and/or communicate to players, match officials and other participants from time to time.
Default	Losing player was defaulted under provisions of Code of Conduct after match had begun.
Designated Authority	<b>A player’s designated authority (including Member Association)</b> for managing and processing Event entry related matters.
Direct entry players	Players or pairs who are directly placed into a Main or Qualifying draw by virtue of their position in the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Rankings.
Event Organiser (EO) (Host)	The organizing entity of a WTT Event.
Field of Play (FoP)	The floor space within the official venue where the WTT Event will take place. To include, but not limited, to the table, <b>surrounds, benches, scoring tables and umpires’ areas.</b>

Host Wildcards	Host Wildcards are players included in the draw at the sole discretion of the host.
ITTF	International Table Tennis Federation.
ITTF Statutes	ITTF Statutes in force on the date of issue of this handbook as may be amended, updated, or revised from time to time.
ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking (ITTF YR)	The objective merit-based method used for determining seeding and selecting players at WTT Youth Series Events' draws.
Main Draw	The main Event draw.
Match	Means a singles, doubles, or mixed doubles match between two players or pairs.
Match Officials	Refers to Referee, Deputy Referee(s), Umpires and TTR system officials.
Medical Retirement	A player or pair who retires (and loses) from a match, after a match has commenced, because of illness or injury.
No Show	Player does not appear for his first match and there has been no contact or prior notification from the player that he would not appear for the match.
Non-WTT Table Tennis Event	Includes any table tennis Event (i.e., club match, exhibition match, national, regional, continental etc)
Participants & Related Persons	<p>Participants for the purpose of this Handbook refers to all accredited persons entered to an Event, including players, Match Officials and other participants (i.e., coaches, entourage, accompanying persons, staff, Event Organiser personnel).</p> <p>Related Persons are any accredited persons related to a player (i.e. Coach, training partner, family member, partner etc)</p>

Player ITTF ID	The unique registration number that is mandatory to identify each player.
Qualifiers	Qualifiers are players who are included in the main draw as a result of their success in a Qualifying stage.
Qualifying	The Qualifying stage which takes part prior the main draw Event.
Seeding	The players position on the draw according to the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Rankings.
Snake-system	In the group competition the highest ranked entry is placed in the first group, the second in the second group, the third in the third group and so on, until there is one in each group. In the simplest form, the next highest-ranked entries are similarly placed into the groups, starting this time with the last group and ending at the first. Process continues until all entries have been <b>placed, so that they form a continuous “snake” in ranking order.</b>
Table Tennis Laws	The Laws of Table Tennis for International Competitions as set out in the ITTF Statutes.
Table Tennis Review (TTR)	The electronic system which gives players the right to review a decision made by an umpire, they believe is incorrect.
Technical Retirement	A player or pair who retires (and loses) from a match, after a match has commenced, for reasons other than those of a medical retirement.
World Table Tennis (WTT)	Governing body of the WTT Event program, an affiliated commercial arm of the International Table Tennis Federation.
WTT Event Supervisor	The WTT Event Supervisor will be responsible for delivery of the Event and ensuring the Event is delivered in accordance with the WTT Rules and Event Manual requirements and overseeing

	the conduct and sanctioning of the Events, players and other participants.
WTT Future Stars Cup	TBD
WTT Youth Contender Series	A series of Events <b>with flexible playing systems with Boys' and Girls' Singles</b> sub-events for U11, U13, U15, U17 and U19 age category. and Mixed Doubles for U15 and U19.
WTT Youth Grand Smash Series	A series of up to 4 Events <b>that include Boys' and Girls' Singles</b> sub-events for U15 and U19 age category.
WTT Youth Series team	The WTT Youth Series team is responsible for the WTT Youth Series handbook and for overseeing the Events preparation and delivery.
WTT Youth Star Contender Series	A series of up to 8 Events <b>that include Boys' and Girls' Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles</b> sub-events, for U15 and U19 age category.

In this handbook, the above definitions/terms used shall have their respective meaning unless the context requires to be expressed differently.

## II. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The regulations are applied in all WTT Youth Series Events, unless differently specified in any other relevant document. All WTT Youth Series Events are subject to the jurisdiction of WTT and shall comply with, be bound by, and conduct the Series Events in accordance with WTT regulations.

### 1. CATEGORIES

The WTT Youth Series structure is comprised of:

- WTT Youth Grand Smash
- WTT Youth Star Contender
- WTT Youth Contender

#### WTT YOUTH GRAND SMASH

TIER 1 [UP TO 4 EVENTS]

- **U15, U19 BOYS & GIRLS' SINGLES [32]**

Preferably and where possible incorporated in WTT Grand Smash, or other WTT Series Events, the Youth Grand Smash Events will be the Youth top tier Events, with innovative playing systems and other elements.

#### WTT YOUTH STAR CONTENDER

TIER 2 [UP TO 8 EVENTS]

- **U15, U19 BOYS & GIRLS' SINGLES [32]**
- **U15, U19 BOYS & GIRLS' DOUBLES [16]**
- U15, U19 MIXED DOUBLES [32]

## WTT YOUTH CONTENDER

### TIER 3 [40 TO 60 EVENTS]

- **U11, U13, U15, U17, U19 BOYS & GIRLS' SINGLES**
- U15, U19 MIXED DOUBLES\*

The WTT Future Stars Cup is currently a tentative concept and when WTT elects to introduce it details will be published as needed.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- No player shall be eligible to participate and compete in any WTT Event unless that player is, at the time of the WTT Event in question, permitted by the ITTF to enter international table tennis Events according to the relevant part of the ITTF Statutes for International Events and is not prohibited from participating and competing in the Series Events in question by the WTT for any reason whatsoever.
- **A player's eligibility and** qualifying to participate and compete as a player in any Event does not **guarantee or create any entitlement whatsoever as to that player's eligibility and** qualifying for any other Event.
- All decisions of the WTT related to player eligibility and qualifying in each Event, including the selection of players, shall be final and binding.

## AGE CATEGORIES (FOR 2026)

U19 (born in 2007 or later)

U17 (born in 2009 or later)

U15 (born in 2011 or later)

U13 (born in 2013 or later)

U11 (born in 2015 or later)

### 3. COMMITMENTS

Any person who commits to enter or participate in any WTT Youth Series Events consents and agrees with the following:

- 1) To comply with and be bound by all the provisions of the WTT Handbook, including, but not limited to, all amendments to WTT Rules.
- 2) The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) may conduct anti-doping testing at WTT Youth Series Events according to the Anti-Doping policy as it is described in the relevant section of the ITTF Statutes. Players consent to the release to WTT of their Anti-Doping results obtained by the ITTF at WTT Youth Series Events, including missed tests and/or filing failures.
- 3) To comply with and be bound by all the provisions of the Anti-Corruption rules according to the ITTF Statutes.
- 4) For entry into WTT Youth Series Events, all players must be registered in the Players ITTF Database with a unique ITTF ID.
- 5) All players shall, as a condition of entering or participating in any WTT Youth Series Events, deliver to WTT a signed Consent and Agreement Participation form.

### 4. PARTICIPANTS' OTHER OBLIGATIONS

- 1) All participants should be sufficiently protected by medical, travel and other appropriate insurance and take all reasonable measures to protect themselves from the risks reasonably foreseeable in an Event.
- 2) All participants, playing or non-playing, shall be responsible for any hotel cancellation policies applied by the EO.
- 3) Event Organisers have the right to decline issuance of accreditation until initial payment of entry or hospitality invoices has been settled.
- 4) Event Organisers have the right to apply a surcharge of up to 5% on hospitality or accreditation packages for those late in submitting details past the respective deadlines as indicated on the Event Prospectus.
- 5) Event Organisers have the right to apply 5% interest after the payment due date of an invoice. This fee will increase up to 20% if payment has still not been received 30 days after the initial payment due date.

- 6) Such surcharges can only be applied provided that clear terms are pre-defined on the Event Prospectus and invoices.
- 7) Event Organisers have the right to decline official hospitality packages requests in case participants or their designated authority are late with submission of respective details. In this case the EO will have the right to assign participants on the Accreditation Only option where available (with respective notification to those concerned).
- 8) By entering the Event, each person or their designated authority is responsible for ensuring that all the participants are carrying regular sport medical check-ups.
- 9) All players and other participants entering in WTT Youth Series Events agree, as a condition of their participation, that all claims of any kind are waived, including past, present, or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in traveling to or from, or participating in, any WTT Youth Series Events, as against WTT, Event Organiser (EO), the sponsors or any other entity.
- 10) All players are responsible for ensuring that they show for their match as per the most recently published schedule.
- 11) All players aiming to participate in WTT Youth Series Events must submit every two (2) years a medical examination form which shall be approved by WTT in order to be eligible to enter and compete. The medical examination form is mandatory and must be submitted prior to a player participating in his/her first WTT Event of the year. (\*On request only for 2026)
- 12) Players and coaches are only allowed to bring in the FoP their smart phone or camera on a tripod, only for recording a match (livestreaming/videocalls are not permitted) they play at a table that is not streamed by WTT.
- 13) Players/coaches (or other entourage with access on FoP) may not use any phone, iPad, laptops, or any other PDA device transmitting data including electronic and/or smart watches in the field of play before or during matches.
- 14) Participants must adhere to the Dress and equipment regulation included on the WTT Series & Feeder Series Handbook (4.2.1 Dress and equipment).

## 5. HOSPITALITY

The Prospectus will specify the name and address of the hotel/s to be used during the Event as **“Hospitality package”**. **The types and categories must also be indicated.**

The official hospitality packages include:

- accommodation (3 nights minimum) in the selected hotel,
- Three (3) meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) starting from dinner on the check-in day and ending on breakfast on the check-out day.
- free transportation from/to the official airport or railway station\*, shuttle bus from/to the hotel from/to the venue and entry fee. (\*transfers from/to the designated pick-up points are provided only on the check-in and check-out days.)

**In case there's a fully booked option, a "first come first served" policy** is applied and the designated authority will be notified by the EO. In case needed, WTT and EO reserve the right to move participants to an additional hotel (same or higher level than the one selected by the designated authority).

**In case there's no hospitality package** (non-hospitality Event), the prospectus will specify that participants shall make their own arrangements (accommodation, meals, transfers, etc).

#### WTT YOUTH GRAND SMASH

The EO should provide hospitality **packages in line with WTT's requirements as per the respective** Event Manual.

Accreditation Only fee option will be available only in case agreed with the EO (entry fee is decided by the WTT Youth Series team) or if the required hospitality rates are not followed. Meals, accommodation, transport, and shuttle bus are not included in this option.

#### WTT YOUTH STAR CONTENDER

**The EO should provide hospitality packages in line with WTT's requirements as per the respective** Event Manual.

Accreditation Only fee option will be available only in case agreed with the EO (entry fee is decided by the WTT Youth Series team) or if the required hospitality rates are not followed. Meals, accommodation, transport, and shuttle bus are not included in this option.

## WTT YOUTH CONTENDER

**The EO should provide hospitality packages in line with WTT's requirements as per the respective Event Manual.**

Participants however have the right to choose their own hospitality arrangements but if they do so, they are still obliged to pay the accreditation/entry fee, which is capped at USD \$225 (prices are applied for players and officials/accompanying persons accredited). Meals, accommodation, transport, and shuttle bus are not included in this option.

In the Youth Contender Events with 7-day format, the entry fee is applied per gender Event, which means that non-players participating in both the girls and boys Events will be capped at USD \$400.

## 6. FEES

### 6.1 PARTICIPATION CANCELLATION FEE

For cancellations before the entry deadline, no cancellation fee is applied.

In the Youth Grand Smash and Youth Star Contender Events, players in Waiting List (WL) or NER (National Entry Restriction) and invited after the entry deadline are only subject to cancellation fee penalties after confirming participation. If participation is not confirmed within 48 hours, the next player in WL will be invited.

The participation cancellation fee and the room cancellation fee are cumulative.

In case the cancelled player is replaced by a player, not previously confirmed in the Event for any sub-event, from same Member Association, only participation cancellation fee is applicable (room cancellation fee is not charged).

**These cancellation amounts will be added to the Member Association's invoice to be paid, together with the hospitality costs, to the EO.**

For cancellations after the entry deadline, a cancellation fee will be charged for each entered person:

- WTT Youth Star Contender Event – USD \$150
- WTT Youth Contender Event – USD \$150\*

This is valid for all players and other participants (including those who did not book the official hotel package).

\*Players entered in Accreditation/Entry fee option which participation is cancelled less than 14 days prior Event start or no show, will be charged in USD \$225.

For the WTT Youth Grand Smash Events, cancellation fees will be indicated on the Event prospectus.

## 6.2 ROOM CANCELLATION FEE

This is valid for players and other participants who booked the official hotel package in WTT Youth Star Contender and WTT Youth Contender Events.

- For cancellations sent not more than 14 days before the Event start, the entering association will be charged with one-night costs of the official hospitality package (Single Room, Chosen Option) for each entered person. Additionally, the cancellation penalty fee (USD \$150) will be charged.
- For cancellations less than 7 days before the Event start, the full hospitality will be charged (unless otherwise stated on the Prospectus). The Participation cancellation fee will not be charged in this case.

For the WTT Youth Grand Smash Events, room cancellation fees will be specified in the Event prospectus.

## 6.3 ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

- Member Associations are required to enter the accommodation details on the Online Entry System prior to the respective deadline indicated on the Event Prospectus.
- In case a Member Association provides the accommodation details after the given deadline they are subject to a surcharge of 5% on the hospitality rates. The same surcharge (5%) is applicable for participants on the entry fee option who submit the details late or not at all.
- In case a Member Associations requests a change on the check-in/check-out dates after the accommodation deadline, the change is subject to the availability at the official hotel. The EO has the right to charge the original number of nights (if more), unless the hotel and other EO partners provide the flexibility for the mentioned adjustments without a penalty.

- **In case a Member Association doesn't provide accommodation and/or travel details prior to the** respective deadlines the EO reserves the right to move participants from the Official Hospitality Packages to the Accreditation option.
- In case a Member Association does not provide any information at all regarding the accommodation details, the EO shall apply the entry fee option for all members of the associations concerned.

#### 6.4 PAYMENT

- The EO is requested to send the invoices to the Member Associations not less than 15 days prior to the Event start.
- Payments by bank transfer must be done prior to arrival onsite.
- For onsite payments in cash, the Member Associations shall inform and have the prior agreement of the EO in advance.
- Requests for separated invoices shall be done no less than 14 days prior to the Event start. The EO has the right to decline this service or otherwise in case they agree to provide it, a surcharge of USD \$15 per invoice shall be charged if requested after the given deadline.
- Event Organisers have the right to decline issuance of accreditation until initial payment of entry or hospitality invoices has been settled.
- Event Organisers have the right to apply 5% interest after the payment due date of an invoice. This fee will increase up to 20% if payment has still not been received 30 days after the initial payment due date.

Member Associations may be restricted, by WTT, from entering future WTT Youth Series Events if any cancellation and/or hospitality fees remain outstanding for more than 14 days after the conclusion of an Event. Restriction can be applied not exclusively for WTT Youth Series Events.

## 7. PRIZE MONEY

### 7.1 GENERAL

- A minimum amount of prize money secured by WTT while EO may decide to add extra prize money.
- Players shall receive prize money for the last round in which they completed a match.
- The prize money in all WTT Youth Series Events shall be paid on site through WTT which shall take the overall responsibility and arrangements for the payments.
- The prize money shall be paid in USD \$ at the conclusion of the Event unless otherwise approved by WTT.
- The prize money shall be distributed based on breakdowns established by WTT. These breakdowns will be communicated to players, and EO at the commencement of each year and are shown below.
- Any changes in the prize money, including ones from year to year, must be approved by WTT.
- Each EO shall nominate a prize money coordinator to assist WTT with the prize money workbook and issuing prize money receipts onsite if needed.

### 7.2 PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

All prize money are indicated in USD \$.

- WTT Youth Grand Smash (USD\$ 20,000)

Sub-event	Champion	Finalist	SF	QF	R16
U15 Singles (per gender)	1,000	650	400	125	50
U19 Singles (per gender)	2,000	1,250	800	250	100

- WTT Youth Star Contender Events (USD\$ 15,000)

Sub-event	Champion	Finalist	SF	QF
U15 Singles (per gender)	800	400	200	100
U19 Singles (per gender)	1,600	800	400	200
U15 Doubles (per gender)	200	100	50	-
U19 Doubles (per gender)	300	150	75	-
U15 Mixed Doubles	200	100	50	-
U19 Mixed Doubles	300	150	75	-

- WTT Youth Contender Events (USD\$ 1,000)

Sub-event	Champion	Finalist	SF
U19 Singles (per gender)	225	125	75

- WTT Youth Contender Events (USD\$ 2,000)

Sub-event	Champion	Finalist	SF	QF
U19 Singles (per gender)	350	200	125	50

- WTT Youth Contender Events (USD\$ 3,000)

Sub-event	Champion	Finalist	SF	QF
U19 Singles (per gender)	500	300	200	75

### 7.3 TAXES

- Each EO shall confirm the withholding tax rate for domestic and foreign players.
- Each EO shall be responsible for the payment of the withholding tax amount to the relevant local authorities.
- Tax certificates must be provided to all players as requested within one (1) month after the conclusion of the Event.
- Players are responsible for their taxes and give any tax information needed providing other official documentation to the EO if requested.

### 7.4 ENTITLEMENT

Prize money shall be paid only for played matches.

Players who fail to play a match on the final day of the sub-event or a final match at any day of the Event shall forfeit prize money of the sub-event(s) in which they were scheduled to play on that day.

For purposes of this handbook a match is considered as played when it is won as a result of a retirement, default, walkover, or no show.

## 8. TROPHY PRESENTATION

Champions and finalists must attend and participate in the trophy presentations.

No sport equipment or accessories (personal accessories, including but not limited to mobile phones, watches, water bottles, flags and camera devices) are permitted for the award ceremonies.

Clothing worn by players during the trophy presentations should otherwise be in line with clothing and advertising rules of this Handbook.

### III. SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

#### 1. PLAYING FORMAT

##### 1.1 WTT YOUTH GRAND SMASH

The WTT Youth Grand Smash will showcase innovative playing systems and other elements that may be adjusted during the year. Details on the playing system will be shared Event by Event before or together with the Event Prospectus release.

##### **a. Boys' and Girls' Singles:**

- The sub-events will be played in two stages defined as: Qualifying and Main Draw

Main Draw - Knock out of 16.

Qualifying (up to 32 players) – Groups OR Groups + Qualifying rounds

- Up to (30) thirty players selected based on the ITTF YR of the respective age category (ranking week as indicated on the Event prospectus)
- Up to (2) two host wildcard players

If there are less than (24) twenty-four players after the entry deadline, the WTT Youth Series team may change the playing format.

##### 1.2 WTT YOUTH STAR CONTENDER

All the matches will be played in best of 5 (five) games.

##### **a. Boys' and Girls' Singles:**

- The sub-events will be played in two stages defined as: Qualifying and Main Draw

Main Draw - Knock out of 16.

- 8 Winners and 8 Runners-up from the qualification stage.
- No direct entries in the main Draw.

Qualifying (up to 32 players) – 8 groups of 3 or 4 players played in Round-robin.

- Up to (30) thirty players selected based on the ITTF YR of the respective age category (ranking week as indicated on the Event prospectus)

- Up to (2) two host wildcard players

If there are less than (24) twenty-four players entered, the WTT Youth Series team may change the playing format.

**b. Boys' and Girls' Doubles:**

Main Draw - Knock out of 16.

- Players confirmed in Singles are automatically qualified for the Doubles of the respective age category.
- The host can enter different players than the ones who got a Wildcard for Singles Events.

**c. Mixed Doubles**

Main Draw - Knock out of 32

- Players confirmed in Singles are automatically qualified for the Mixed Doubles of the respective age category.
- The host can enter different players than the ones who got a Wildcard for Singles Events.

**1.3 WTT YOUTH CONTENDER**

All the matches will be played in best of 5 (five) games.

The number of the groups and the draw size will depend on the number of participants and number of tables.

**a. Boys' and Girls' Singles:**

- The sub-events will be played in two stages defined as: Qualifying and Main Draw
- In the Qualifying players will be divided in groups played in Round-robin.
- Winners and runners-up will advance to the Main Draw.
- No direct entries in the Main Draw.

**b. Mixed Doubles:**

- Main Draw – Knock out.

## 2. ENTRIES

Only registered players with an identification number (Player ID) who are eligible to participate in WTT Youth series Event shall be entered into the entry list for each Event.

Entries will only be accepted from ITTF Affiliated Member Associations (MA).

The registration of new players, who have never participated in a WTT/ITTF Event, and respective participation forms must be submitted not less than seven (7) days prior to the entry deadline.

**Player’s participation at the** Events is not confirmed prior to the entry deadline. We strongly recommend to not book flight tickets (or book refundable/flexible tickets) prior to getting the participation confirmation email from the WTT Event Supervisor.

For pairs composed by different Member Associations, changes are subject to the confirmation of both Member Associations.

### 2.1 ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

#### WTT YOUTH GRAND SMASH + WTT YOUTH STAR CONTENDER

WTT will open entries for each of the WTT Youth Grand Smash and Youth Star Contender Events, with Member Associations required to enter players into the sub-events. The number of entries per sub-event is restricted and players are selected based on ITTF YR of entered players of the respective age categories.

SUB-EVENT DETAILS			
WTT YOUTH GRAND SMASH	Direct Entry	Host Wildcard	Total
SINGLES	30	2	32

SUB-EVENT DETAILS			
WTT YOUTH STAR CONTENDER	Direct Entry	Host Wildcard	Total
SINGLES	30	2	32
DOUBLES	30	2	32
MIXED DOUBLES	60	4	64

National Entry Restriction (NER):

Singles – 4 players per Sub-event (the Event Organiser will be permitted to use its wildcards for additional players – i.e 4 direct entry + 2 wildcards = 6 players)

In case the Event is not fully subscribed, players above the NER (4) are accepted following the ITTF YR one at a time from Member Associations with NER players until all quotas are filled.

Doubles\* – 4 players per Sub-event (the Event Organiser will be permitted to form its pairs and use its wildcard for 1 additional pair in any nation combination at its discretion)

Mixed Doubles\* – 8 players per Sub-event (the Event Organiser will be permitted to form its pairs and use its wildcard for 1 additional pair in any nation combination at its discretion)

\* Youth Star Contender Events

Participation Restriction per Player:

Singles – Up to 2 sub-events

Doubles – 1 sub-event

Mixed Doubles – 1 sub-event

### Host Wildcard

The Event Organiser has the right to nominate 2 Host Wildcard players per Singles Event. The EO must nominate its Wildcards, seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Event. Nominations can be changed until the day before the draw.

In case the Event Organiser **doesn't use the Host Wildcard(s), additional players from the Waiting List will** be added based on WR.

### WTT YOUTH CONTENDER

The limit of players is determined based on Event days and number of competition tables.

A minimum of 6 host players per sub-event is guaranteed for the Host.

The above limit is indicative and in case of very high number of entries, WTT reserves the right to approve less entries per sub-event per MA. If it is not possible to accept at least one (1) player per sub-event per MA, entries will be approved on the ITTF YR of the respective age categories with 1 player per sub-event per MA.

Participation Restriction per Player:

Singles – Up to 2 sub-events (must be consecutive age categories)\*

Mixed Doubles – 1 sub-event

\*U11 and U13 or U13 and U15 or U15 and U17 or U17 and U19

## 2.2 ENTRY DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

By default, the deadline for entries for the WTT Youth Series Events is automatically not less than 30 days (Wednesday, 20:00 SGT (UTC+8)) before the starting date of the Event or as otherwise stated on the prospectus of the Event. WTT will open entries for each of the WTT Youth Series Events where possible not less than 70 days prior, with Member Associations required to enter players and other participants into the Event.

Additional entries or changes between sub-events are not permitted after the entry deadline.

unless the entry deadline is officially extended by WTT.

## WTT YOUTH GRAND SMASH + WTT YOUTH STAR CONTENDER

### Singles:

Entries will be approved based on the initial entry list by the ITTF YR (last available ITTF YR published by the date of the entry deadline) of the respective age categories.

In case of cancellation, only the players in WL will be accepted – the Member Associations should enter their players before the entry deadline.

In case of cancellations in Singles after the entry deadline, the players in WL will be invited following the ITTF YR. The Member Association will have 48 hours to confirm participation.

If there are cancellations less than 2 days before the draws, the available spots can only be used by the players already qualified in other age category or Host players (National entry restriction and participation restriction per player are applied).

If the players in WL are not accepted, no fee will be applied for the respective cancellation.

### Non-ranked players

- 1) More spots than MA count in non-ranked
  - a) Equal distribution by MA
  - b) Priority to the Host Players
  - c) MA with less players confirmed in this sub-event
  - d) Player from the best Team WR in the specific age category
  - e) Draw

2) Less spots than MA count in non-ranked

- a) Priority to the Host Players
- b) MA with less players confirmed in this sub-event
- c) Player from the best Team WR in the specific age category
- d) Draw

Doubles:

Only the players entered in Singles are entitled to participate in Doubles on the respective age category.

Pairings can be changed not later than the entries changes deadline (as per the Prospectus).

Mixed Doubles:

Only the players entered in Singles are entitled to participate in Mixed Doubles on the respective age category.

Pairs can be changed not later than the entries changes deadline (as per the Prospectus). In case a pair is composed by players from different Member Associations, changes can be made only in case both MAs agree.

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Immediately after the entry deadline (as per the Event Prospectus), if schedule permits, the WTT Event Supervisor will accept all the players. Otherwise, the Member Associations will be contacted and requested to make adjustments on the entries following the restrictions decided by the WTT Youth Series team.

The Member Associations may change the entered player until the entry deadline changes (as per the Event Prospectus). These changes are allowed only in the same sub-event.

### 2.3 ENTRIES EXTENSION

WTT in co-operation with the EO may extend the entry deadlines when unforeseen circumstances arise.

For the Youth Star Contender Events combined with Youth Contender Events (same city), in case a player in WL is confirmed for the Youth Star Contender Event, due to a cancellation of other player, the player will be accepted in the Youth Contender Event (in case was not entered before the entry deadline). Same is applied for players awarded with a Wildcard for the Youth Star Contender Events – they are entitled to enter in the Youth Contender Event. Cancellation penalty fees apply as per Event prospectus. No other late entries will be permitted.

### 3. DRAWS

The draw (Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles) shall be conducted, as following:

- Not more than two (2) days prior to the start of the sub-event.
- By the WTT Event Supervisor assisted by the Referee (if requested by the WTT Event Supervisor)
- Seeding is done with the latest ITTF YR (week indicated on the Prospectus)
  - Doubles/Mixed Doubles seeding **shall be done by combining each player's individual** Doubles/Mixed doubles ITTF TTYR position to form a combined pair rank. Players who have no ITTF Table Tennis Youth Doubles Individual Ranking shall receive the ranking of the lowest ranked player plus one (1) point.

Tie-Break procedures to determine seeding order of the pairs shall be as follows:

1. The pair with the greatest number of points in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.
2. The pair with the best Combined Rank considering the previous ranking week.
3. The pair with the most combined number of Events over the previous 52-week period.
- 4. The pair with the most combined number of points in the Men's/Women's Singles ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.**
5. Randomly sorted by the seeding software.

## WTT YOUTH GRAND SMASH

### Singles:

- The playing system and specifics about the conduct of the Main Draw will be published in detail Event by Event before or together with the Event Prospectus release.

## WTT YOUTH STAR CONTENDER

### Singles:

- The draw for the Qualifying follows the Basic Snake System with separation per Member Association, if possible. Member Association separation is not applied in case a Member Association has more than 25% of the Players entered in the sub-event. Seeding will take precedence over Member Association separation. Higher ranked players **can't be placed on a lower position in the** group than a player with lower ranking. The Main Draw is conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions but without any separation per Member Association.

### Doubles:

- The Draw is conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions but without any separation per Member Association.

### Mixed Doubles:

- The Draw is conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions but without any separation per Member Association.

## WTT YOUTH CONTENDER

### Singles:

- The draw for the Qualifying follows the Basic Snake System with separation per Member Association, if possible. Member Association separation is not applied in case a Member Association has more than 25% of the Players entered in the sub-event. Seeding will take precedence over Member Association separation. Higher ranked players **can't be placed on a lower position in the**

group than a player with lower ranking. The Main Draw is conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions with separation per Member Association as follows:

- There will be separation per Member Association for not more than 4 players per MA. Only the winners of groups (up to 4) may be separated (following the group number).
- Seeding will take precedence over Member Association separation.
- If there are byes they are firstly allocated and drawn to the seeded players. Allocation of byes will take precedence over Member Association separation.

Players from same Member Association shall not meet in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, if possible. This is not applicable for Member Associations with more than 25% of the Players entered in the sub-event (in the Qualifying).

Mixed Doubles:

- The Draw is conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions.
- There will be separation per Member Association for up to 2 pairs. No separation for pairs consisting of players from different Member Associations.
- Pairs from same Member Association shall not meet in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, if possible. This is not applicable for Member Associations with more than 25% of the Pairs in the sub-event.

#### 4. GENERAL SCHEDULE

- WTT Youth Grand Smash: Four (4) days
- WTT Youth Star Contender: Three (3) days
- WTT Youth Contender: Seven (7) days (Option A) or four (4) days (Option B)

##### WTT YOUTH GRAND SMASH

- **Day 1 to 4: Boys' & Girls' Singles**

##### WTT YOUTH STAR CONTENDER

- Day 1 and 2: Mixed Doubles
- **Day 1 to 3: Boys' & Girls' Singles & Doubles**

## WTT YOUTH CONTENDER

### Option A

- **Day 1 to 3: Boys' (or Girls') Singles**
- Day 4: Mixed Doubles (or Arrival/departure day)
- **Day 5 to 7: Girls' (or Boys') Singles**

### Option B

- Day 1 to 4: **Boys' & Girls' Singles**
- Day 2 and 3: Mixed Doubles

The above Schedules are subject to changes. More information will be included on the Event Prospectuses.

## 5. TIME SCHEDULE

Earliest start of matches is 09:00 during all days of the Event.

- The entire time schedule for the Event will be prepared by the WTT Youth Series team for discussion with the EO. Release of the provisional time schedule to the Member Associations shall be done no later than 20 days prior the Event (subject to changes).

## DISCLAIMER

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