

National Table Tennis Grand Finale 2017

Rules and Regulations

TOURNAMENT PERIOD

1) 4 January (Thursday) to 14 January 2018 (Sunday)

TOURNAMENT TIME

2) 7:00pm to 10:30pm (Monday to Friday)
9.00am to 10.30pm (Saturday to Sunday)

TOURNAMENT VENUE

3) The Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) 297C Lorong 6 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319389

REGISTRATION FEES / PRIZE MONEY

4) The events, registration fees and prize money are as follows:

S/N	Event	Registration Fee (Inclusive of GST)	Cash Prizes		
			1 st	2 nd	Joint 3 rd
1	Men's Team	* \$ 65 / \$ 110	\$1,200 & 1 Trophy + 4 Medals	\$600 & 4 Medals	\$200 & 4 Medals
2	Women's Team	* \$ 65 / \$ 110	\$1,200 & 1 Trophy + 4 Medals	\$600 & 4 Medals	\$200 & 4 Medals
3	Men's Doubles	\$ 22	\$400 & 2 Medals	\$200 & 2 Medals	\$100 & 2 Medals
4	Women's Doubles	\$ 22	\$400 & 2 Medals	\$200 & 2 Medals	\$100 & 2 Medals
5	Mixed Doubles	\$ 22	\$400 & 2 Medals	\$200 & 2 Medals	\$100 & 2 Medals
6	Men's Singles	\$ 12	\$800 & 1 Trophy	\$400 & 1 Trophy	\$150 & 1 Trophy
7	Women's Singles	\$ 12	\$800 & 1 Trophy	\$400 & 1 Trophy	\$150 & 1 Trophy

* Rate of \$ 65 per team is applicable to STTA affiliates but limited to a maximum of 2 teams (Men's Team and/ or Women's Team) per affiliate

* Rate of \$ 110 per team is applicable to STTA affiliates (3rd team onwards) and Non-affiliates

REGISTRATION

- 5) Registration forms are available at the STTA Reception Counter from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Monday to Friday.
- 6) Registration form(s), together with CASH PAYMENT(S) must be submitted to STTA General Office during the above stated hours.
- 7) Registration by any other method(s) will NOT be accepted.
- 8) A photocopy of participant's identity card/identification document is required for all events.
- 9) Late, unclear and incomplete forms will NOT be accepted.
- 10) Registration fee paid will not be refundable.
- 11) The closing date for registration is **30th November 2017 (Thursday) at 12:00noon.**

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 12) **Participants with outstanding payments due to STTA must make full payment by 12.00 noon on 30th November 2017 (Thursday) otherwise he/she will not be included for the open draw. There will be no refund of registration fee, if paid.**

Team Events

- 13) All team events are open to all players, regardless of nationality.
- 14) Criteria to be graded 'A+' players:
 - o Invited foreign players (not based in Singapore)
 - o Permanent Resident, foreign students with student pass, employment pass, work permit holders, and / or any other pass that allow foreigners to base in Singapore
 - o Foreign sports talent

- Ex-national players who have represented Singapore in SEA games, Commonwealth games, Asian Games, SEA Championships, Asian Championships, Commonwealth Championships and World Championships from year 2013 – 2017
- Former sparring partners with STTA from 2013 to 2017
- Current sparring partners and coaches who are employed by STTA
- Full time players of high standard listed by Organising Committee

15) The following will be graded as 'Other' players:

- Singapore citizens
- Players who have represented Singapore in the 2017 SEA Junior and Asian Junior Championships.
- Current Intermediate Squads (IS), Youth Training Squads (YTS) and School Within School (SWS) players

Individual Events

16) All singles and doubles events are open to Singapore citizens only.

TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

Team Events

17) A team shall consist of a minimum of 3 players and maximum of 4 players, including a reserve.

18) The team match system shall be played according to the Olympic's latest system, in the best-of-5-matches (4 singles and 1 doubles). The order of play shall be

- i) A vs X
- ii) B vs Y
- iii) Doubles C & A or B vs Z & X or Y
- iv) B or A vs Z
- v) C vs Y or X

Note: Player A, B, C or X, Y, Z must be nominated before the match.

19) The name of the team captain, playing or non-playing, shall be designated beforehand to the umpire.

20) Please refer to table below for example of team configuration.

Team should comprise of:

Player	Type 1	Type 2
1	A+	Other
2	Other	Other
3	Other	Other
4	Other	Other

21) Substitution(s) of 'A+' player is allowed before **30th November 2017 (Thursday) at 12:00noon**.

22) Should there be less than 6 participating teams, team events shall be played on a single group round robin system. All matches shall be played to the best-of-5-games of 11 points each.

23) When playing tables and umpires are available, teams will have to play their matches concurrently.

24) Players who are not sure of their grading, please submit your name to Ms Amanda Leong at 6354 1014 or amanda_leong@stta.org.sg .

25) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to include additional names into the list of 'A+' Players who are of high standard. The Organizing Committee's decision is final.

Individual Events

26) The number of seeded players/pairs will be determined by Tournament Referee.

27) The format of play will be dependent on the number of entries. If it is more than 16 entries, it shall be played in a single knock-out format. Up to the quarter finals, it shall be played to the best of 5 games. From quarter finals onwards, it shall be played to the best of 7 games.

28) The doubles events shall be played on a single knock-out system to the best-of-5 games of 11 points each. Any event with less than EIGHT (8) entries may be cancelled. If an event is cancelled, the registration fees will be refunded.

GENERAL

29) **If the player who fails to show up at any stage of the event and is unable to produce a valid written explanation within 7 days from the last day of the competition, he/she will be awarded penalty points per "no-show". The number of penalty points will be calculated as the double of the rating points the player is supposed to get for the stage of the event he reached. For players being awarded penalty points, rating points shall still be awarded**

based on the stage of the event he reached. For all the walk-over matches, prize money and placing shall be forfeited.

- 30) **Any withdrawal from the tournament must be emailed to Ms Amanda Leong of STTA at amanda_leong@stta.org.sg prior to the closing time of the registration.**
- 31) The tournament shall be run in accordance with the latest rules and regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). Rules and regulations can be downloaded from www.ittf.com.
- 32) The ITTF approved **3-Star 40+ white balls** shall be used during the tournament.
- 33) No white apparels (shirt and shorts) are allowed. All players in the team event and doubles event shall dress uniformly. Players who fail to conform shall be disqualified.
- 34) **Opposing players of every match (singles, doubles and teams) shall wear shirts that are of sufficiently different main colour to enable them to be easily distinguished by spectators.** When opposing players have shirts of similar main colour and cannot agree who will change, the decision shall be made by the umpire by lot. **Players are required to bring along at least 2 shirts of sufficiently different colours for the competition.**
- 35) Racket control will be implemented in this competition. It is the responsibility of the players to ensure their racket coverings will pass all parameters of the racket control tests successfully. Any player who failed **three** compulsory racket testing before or after match in the tournament will be **disqualified from the entire events of the tournament.** Prizes won prior to his/her disqualification to be determined by Disciplinary Committee. Please refer to Annex A for more information.
 - o Reporting Time:
 - Team events: **35 minutes** before match.
 - Individual events: **20 minutes** before match.
 - o Racket submission time:
 - Team events: **30 minutes** before match.
 - Individual events: **20 minutes** before match.

FIXTURES

- 36) Individual seedings will be first based on World Rankings and then followed by STTA National Rankings.
- 37) Team seedings will be based on the results of the Grand Finale 2016.
- 38) An open draw of tournament fixtures will be conducted on **12th December 2017 (Tuesday)** at the STTA Conference room from 7:00pm onwards. All are welcome to witness the draw.
- 39) Any discrepancy or omission of entries must be brought up to the attention of STTA by **19th December 2017 (Tuesday)**, 12:00noon.
- 40) Fixtures and match schedules will be displayed on STTA Website (www.stta.org.sg) from **26th December 2017 (Tuesday)** onwards. Kindly take note that it is the responsibility of the player to check for the latest competition fixture and schedule.

PRIZE PRESENTATION

- 41) The Prize Presentation Ceremony shall be held on **14th January 2018 (Sunday)** immediately after the finals of the last event. Refreshment will be served after the ceremony.
- 42) All prize winners **MUST** be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire (no singlet, slippers and sandals) in order to receive their prize/s. Player who concedes walkover from quarter final onwards will not be entitled to receive any prizes.
- 43) The Organizing Committee reserves the right not to award the prize money and trophy if Regulation 42 is breached. In addition, if a player who must attend the prize presentation failed to show up, the rating points that he should have obtained from the event would be forfeited.

GENERAL

- 44) Please log on to www.stta.org.sg for information on the tournament.
- 45) Please contact Ms Amanda Leong at 6354 1014 or amanda_leong@stta.org.sg for further enquiries.
- 46) By agreeing to participate in this tournament, you are granting STTA permission to use your/ your child's images for promotional and publicities purposes.
- 47) The Organizing Committee has the absolute rights to interpret or amend the rules and regulations of the Championships at any time without prior notification. Any other rules that are not covered by the Rules and Regulations will be decided by the Organising Committee, whose decision shall be **FINAL.**