

# National Table Tennis Grand Finale 2018

## Rules and Regulations

### TOURNAMENT PERIOD

1) 3<sup>rd</sup> January (Thursday) to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (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 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup>
1	Men's Team	* \$ 65 / \$ 110	\$1,600 & 1 Trophy + 4 Medals	\$800 & 4 Medals	\$400 & 4 Medals
2	Women's Team	* \$ 65 / \$ 110	\$1,600 & 1 Trophy + 4 Medals	\$800 & 4 Medals	\$400 & 4 Medals
3	Men's Doubles	\$ 22	\$600 & 2 Medals	\$300 & 2 Medals	\$150 & 2 Medals
4	Women's Doubles	\$ 22	\$600 & 2 Medals	\$300 & 2 Medals	\$150 & 2 Medals
5	Mixed Doubles	\$ 22	\$600 & 2 Medals	\$300 & 2 Medals	\$150 & 2 Medals
6	Men's Singles	\$ 12	\$1,000 & 1 Trophy	\$500 & 1 Trophy	\$200 & 1 Trophy
7	Women's Singles	\$ 12	\$1,000 & 1 Trophy	\$500 & 1 Trophy	\$200 & 1 Trophy

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

\* Rate of \$ 110 per team is applicable to STTA's FULL / ORDINARY MEMBERS (3rd team onwards) and Non-STTA's FULL / ORDINARY MEMBERS.

### 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 **6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Thursday) at 12:00noon.**

### ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 12) **Participants with outstanding payments due to STTA must make full payment by 12.00 noon on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (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

- 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 2014 – 2018
  - Former sparring partners with STTA from 2014 to 2018
  - 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, if they do not fulfill any of the criteria listed for the 'A+' players:
- Singapore citizens
  - Players who have represented Singapore in the 2018 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.
- 18) The team match shall be played according to the Olympic's latest system. 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 and 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 **6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (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 Mr Leon Lee at 6354 1014 or [leon\\_lee@stta.org.sg](mailto:leon_lee@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 there are 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 with 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.

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- 29) **If the player 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 Mr Leon Lee of STTA at [leon\\_lee@stta.org.sg](mailto:leon_lee@stta.org.sg) before 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](http://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. Any player who failed **three** compulsory racket testing before or after match in the tournament will be **disqualified from all events of the tournament.** The Disciplinary Committee will decide whether to award the prizes won prior to his/her disqualification. Please refer to Annex A for more information.
  - Reporting Time:
    - Team events: **35 minutes** before match.
    - Individual events: **20 minutes** before match.
  - 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 2017.
- 38) An open draw of tournament fixtures will be conducted on **14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Friday)** 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 **21<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Friday)**, 12:00noon.
- 40) Fixtures and match schedules will be displayed on STTA Website ([www.stta.org.sg](http://www.stta.org.sg)) from **26<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Wednesday)** 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 **13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (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 will be forfeited.

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- 44) Please log on to [www.stta.org.sg](http://www.stta.org.sg) for information on the tournament.
- 45) Please contact Mr Leon Lee at 6354 1014 or [leon\\_lee@stta.org.sg](mailto:leon_lee@stta.org.sg) for further enquiries.
- 46) By participating 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.**