

# COMMUNITY GAMES & SINGAPORE NATIONAL GAMES 2012

## TABLE TENNIS

### TECHNICAL RULES & REGULATIONS

(as at 24 November 2011)

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The tournament shall be administered in accordance with the Community Games 2012 & Singapore National Games 2012 Rules and Regulations.
- 1.2 The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF, <http://www.ittf.com>) and Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA, <http://www.stta.org.sg>).

#### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1 All participants shall be Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs) with Singapore Blue Identity Card, or non-Singapore Citizens residing in Singapore with the following passes:
  - a) Student's Pass;
  - b) Long Term Pass;
  - c) Dependant's Pass;
  - d) Work Permit;
  - e) S Pass; and
  - f) Employment Pass.
- 2.2 Participants are allowed to represent only one Cluster and they must reside in that Cluster. The validity of the participant's residential eligibility is at the point of registration. Please refer to Annex of the General Rules and Regulations for the listing of Clusters.
- 2.3 If a participant were to register for more than one sport, the first confirmed address shall be used throughout the games.
- 2.4 The checking for Cluster boundaries is available on the web at <http://pa-online.pa.gov.sg/NASApp/sim/AdvancedSearch.jsp>

#### Non-Singapore Citizens

- 2.5 Registration of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) is up to 20% of the team size.

## National Athletes

2.6 Registration of National athletes is up to 20% of the team size.

### **3. Team Composition**

3.1 The team composition shall consist of a minimum of 8 participants and up to a maximum of 14 participants. Among these participants in each team, there must be representation from at least one participant staying in HDB estate and one in non-HDB estate.

3.2 The age eligibility and the list of five ties are as follows:

No of Ties	Age	Team Size		Team Age Composition
		Min	Max	
Men's Doubles Master	≥ 50	8	14	≥ 50 yrs old: 2 to 4 paxs
Women's Singles Mixed Doubles Men's Singles Men's Doubles	Open			≤ 35 yrs old: 3 to 5 paxs  Any age: 3 to 5 paxs

3.3 The age of participant shall be taken as at 1 January 2012.

3.4 If the registered team has less than 10 participants, the number of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) who can be registered is one participant per team and the number of National athletes who can be registered is one participant per team.

3.5 If the registered team has 10 or more participants, the number of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) who can be registered is two participants per team and the number of National athletes who can be registered is two participants per team.

3.6 The team line-up to be fielded could comprise up to 20% of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs), which is at most one participant.

3.7 The team line-up to be fielded could comprise up to 20% of National athletes, which is at most one participant.

3.8 The team line-up to be fielded should also have representation from at least one participant staying in HDB estate and one in non-HDB estate.

#### 4. Format of Play

- 4.1 Each match shall consist of five ties and the order of the play shall be as follows:
  - a) Men's Doubles
  - b) Women's Singles
  - c) Men's Doubles Masters
  - d) Men's Singles; and
  - e) Mixed Doubles;
- 4.2 Men's Doubles Masters' Participants must be at least 50 years of age or above as at 1 January 2012 to participate in the tournament.
- 4.3 Female participants are allowed to compete in Women's Singles and Mixed Doubles only.
- 4.4 There shall be no repetition of players for each tie.
- 4.5 The results of each match shall be based on the best of five ties. Once a team has won three ties that team shall be declared the winner and the match shall end. Any non-consequential tie(s) in progress will be stopped (in the event multiple courts are used for a given match).
- 4.6 Each tie shall be based on the best of five games based on 11 points. A game shall be won by the player/pair scoring 11 points first. If both players/pairs score at 10 points, the game shall be won subsequently by the player or pair who first gains a two-point lead.
- 4.7 A team match shall be based on the best of five ties. Once a team has first won three ties, they shall be declared the winner and the match shall end.
- 4.8 The decision of presiding umpires and officials on all matters shall be deemed as final.

#### 5. Walkover

- 5.1 A team shall concede a walkover if the team line-up fails to meet the team composition criteria (as stipulated in point 3 of the Technical Rules and Regulations).
- 5.2 A team shall concede a walkover if they fail to register and be present within the 15-minute grace after the scheduled time of play. (E.g. Scheduled time of play is 7.30 pm, by 7.45 pm teams should be registered and be on court to play, otherwise they would concede a walkover.)
- 5.3 A team shall automatically concede a **MATCH** walkover, if they do not have enough registered participants to play 3 out of 5 ties.

- 5.4 A participant or pair who fails to complete a match shall be deemed as RETIRED from the match. The opposing player or pair shall be awarded the required match points or games to win the tie.
- 5.5 Participant(s) shall concede a walkover if they fail to be present on court within the 5-minute grace immediately when the tie is called.

## **6. Disqualification**

- 6.1 Individual or team may be disqualified in the event of fielding ineligible participant(s) or unruly conduct of participant(s).
- 6.2 The Organisers reserve the right to disqualify team(s)/participant(s) at their discretion and take further disciplinary action that could be in the form of a fine and/or term ban in Community Games 2012 and/or Singapore National Games 2012.

## **7. Equipment and Attire**

- 7.1 The Organisers shall decide on the tournament table tennis balls to be used.
- 7.2 3-Star 40mm orange balls will be used. Orange and Yellow playing attires are not allowed. Long pants, track pants and jockey cap should not be worn in a match unless the Tournament Referee permits.
- 7.3 All team managers, assistant team managers, coaches, captains and participants must be appropriately attired for the matches. Participants shall preferably wear non-marking shoes during the tournament.
- 7.4 All doubles players from the same team are encouraged to be in uniformed attire throughout the tournament.
- 7.5 It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that the racket coverings are attached to their racket blade with adhesives that do not contain harmful volatile solvents. Random tests may be carried out and any player whose racket is found to contain such solvent is liable to disqualification from the tournament.

## **8. Reporting**

- 8.1 Participant(s) must bring along and produce either his/her valid Singapore pink or blue identity card, valid passport, student pass with NRIC number or driving license for verification at every match. Failing which, he/she will not be allowed to compete in the match.
- 8.2 Participant(s) who are non-Singapore Citizens residing in Singapore must bring along and produce one of the following valid passes:

- a) Student's Pass;
- b) Long Term Pass;
- c) Dependant's Pass;
- d) Work Permit;
- e) S Pass; and
- f) Employment Pass.

8.3 Team managers, assistant team managers and coach of the team shall undertake to submit their players' identity cards and team line-up sheet to the presiding Tournament Official 15 minutes before the scheduled time of play.

## **9. Tournament Jurisdiction**

- 9.1 The Organisers reserve the right to interpret or amend the rules and regulations of the tournament at any time. Notifications of such changes will be posted on the tournament website. All participants are advised to visit the tournament website for any notices or updates to draws or fixtures.
  - 9.2 In the event of any dispute arising over any participant, the match shall be played under protest and the Organisers shall determine the matter on receipt of the protest.
  - 9.3 While reasonable precautions will be taken, the Organisers, their servants and agents will not be responsible or in any way liable for any death, disability, personal injury, loss of property or any other loss howsoever arising from any cause whatsoever at any time during the course of this tournament.
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