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Regulations Part B: TOURNAMENTS

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Forms OT1, OT3, OT4 and OT5 can be downloaded from the TTE website under Coach-Officials-Tournament Organiser Forms

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An All-comers Tournament is a tournament for which entry is open to all eligible TTE Affiliated Members including members of home country Associations with reciprocal membership and members of other ITTF Associations with visiting membership.
- 1.2 A Closed Tournament is a tournament for which entry is restricted to bona fide members of a particular Affiliated Organisation.
- 1.3 An Invitation Tournament is a nationally authorised tournament which complies with all the regulations for an All-comers Tournament except that it is not open to every Affiliated Member.
- 1.4 If any question arises as to whether a particular competition is an All-comers Tournament, an Invitation Tournament or a Closed Tournament it shall be determined by the Tournament Approval Panel (TAP).

2 CLASSIFICATION

- 2.1 ~~Open~~ All-comers Tournaments will be classified by the Tournament Approval Panel (TAP) as 1*, 2*, or 4* in order of rising standards. The Competitions Committee may give each standard of tournament a brand name for publicity, marketing or sponsorship purposes.
- 2.2 Unless a dedicated women and girl's event, all main events and all banded events in a 1*, 2* and 4* tournament must offer men's open and women's categories at the point of entry. The Referee may combine the ~~male~~ men's open (or boys' open) and women's (or girls') categories into All-comers combined event if the number of entries is insufficient to support separate events.

3 PERMISSION

- 3.1 TAP is responsible for arranging the Competition Calendar for nationally authorised competitions for each Membership Year.
- 3.2 Application to run an All-comers Tournament must be sent on Form OT1 to the TAP Secretary:
 - 3.2.1 for a 1* tournament not later than 3 months before the proposed date.
 - 3.2.2 for a 2* or 4* tournament not later than 6 months before the proposed date.
- 3.3 TAP may, at its discretion, accept late applications.

4 OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

- 4.1 The Regulations Part A: Regulated Competitions (including the use of ITTF regulations where Part A specifies that) apply to all tournaments.

5 TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

- 5.1 The Organiser and Referee of an All-comers Tournament must be separate Affiliated Members and they, or responsible deputies, must be present throughout play.
- 5.2 The Organiser, Referee and Deputy Referee must not participate in the tournament as a player, umpire or coach.
- 5.3 The identities, and whereabouts during play, of the Organiser and Referee must be made known to participants.
- 5.4.1 The Organiser of a 2* tournament must be qualified to at least Level 2 (T02).
- 5.4.2 The Organiser of a 4* tournament must be qualified to at least Level 3 (TO3) or be an experienced TO2 as approved by TAP and TOC for a maximum of one year.
- 5.5 The Referee of a 1* tournament must be a suitably experienced person.
- 5.6.1 The Referee of a 2* tournament must be qualified to at least Level 1 (Tournament Referee).
- 5.6.2 The Referee of a 4* tournament must be qualified to at least Level 2 (National Referee), or be an experienced Level 1 as approved by TAP and TOC for a maximum of one year.
- 5.6.3 A Deputy Referee of a 4* tournament must be qualified to at least Level 1.
- 5.7 All matches in an All-comers tournament must be controlled by someone acting in the role of an umpire.
 - 5.7.1 Umpires for 4* finals and 4* main event semi-finals must hold a valid umpire qualification.
 - 5.7.2 4* main events semi-finals and finals must include two umpires qualified to at least Level 2.

6 ENTRY FORM AND ENTRIES

- 6.1 An entry form is required for all All-comers tournaments.
- 6.2 The entry form must include the items shown in the Entry Form Check List and is to be submitted for TAP approval.
- 6.3 Entries must be numbered in order of receipt; if it is necessary to restrict entries, priority shall be given in order of receipt except that, in a 4* tournament, valid entries from the top 50 ranked men's open (or boys' open) players and top 30 ranked women (or girls') in the event age group must be accepted.

7 THE DRAW

- 7.1 The Referee of an All-comers Tournament is responsible for the conduct of the draw in accordance with section 3.6 of the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.

- 7.2 The draw for all events must be displayed in the playing venue and regularly updated to show the progress of play.
- 7.3 The draw will use the rating list current at the time of the draw.

8 BANDED EVENTS

- 8.1 An All-comers Tournament may include events from which players above and below certain rating points totals are excluded, the limits being by the ratings shown on the relevant National Rating List.
- 8.2 Such events must be called 'Band 1 Men's Open Singles', 'Band 2 Women's Singles', 'Band 3 Boys' Open Singles' etc, as appropriate.
- 8.3 Bands must be clearly indicated in the entry form – e.g. 'from 1000-1499', or 'above (or below) 1000'.
- 8.4 To be eligible for a banded event a player must have a rating (or a dummy rating allocated by the Referee) within that band at the time the draw takes place.

9 PLAYING CONDITIONS AND EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 The playing conditions and equipment appropriate for each class of All-comers Tournament are set out in Annex A to the Regulated Competitions Regulations.
- 9.2 Score indicators must be provided for at least the finals of a 1* tournament and for all matches in 2* and 4* tournaments.

10 MATCH SCHEDULE

- 10.1 For Senior 4* tournaments, a match schedule shall be made available on the day

11 FINALS

- 11.1 Finals of 2* and 4* tournaments must be played on a clearly defined show table.

12 REPORTS

- 12.1 Not later than 7 days after an All-comers tournament, or by the published ranking deadline (whichever is sooner), the Organiser must send to the Table Tennis England Office
- 12.1.1 the results together with a list of entries and, for an All-comers tournament, completed draw sheets and 2 copies of any programme produced. *(Form OT4)*
- 12.1.2 a report of disciplinary actions, if any, taken by umpires or the Referee. *(Form OT3)*
- 12.2 TAP may appoint a Tournament Observer to report on the conduct of an All-comers Tournament, and the Organiser of a 1* or 2*, can submit a self-assessment. *(Form OT5)*

13 NATIONAL INVITATION EVENTS

- 13.1 The schedule of events in closed National Championships/ Cups Series organised by TTE will be determined by the Competitions and Events Manager and published on the TTE website.
- 13.2 All competitors must meet all the following criteria:
- Be a current Compete or Compete Plus member of Table Tennis England
 - Be a British national, and be born in or have their main residence in England
 - Have indicated 'England' nationality in their membership profile, and hence be eligible to appear on the Table Tennis England 'rankings' list
- And additionally in the case of players transitioning from eligibility for another federation:
- Hold a current British Passport

- Not have played in a National Championship of any other country in the same membership year (1 August to 31 July)