

Regulation - TABLE TENNIS

ARTICLE 1

Each nation shall send six players (3 men and 3 women).

ARTICLE 2

Player List

Each nation shall submit to the Technical Committee a list of all six players representing it at the tournament.

However, no more than 2 men and 2 women may be listed on the match sheet for each encounter.

Substitution of a player during a match is not permitted.

ARTICLE 3

Matches shall be played using a modified version of the internationally recognised “**4-player cross system**”, including a mixed doubles match:

- 2 men compete against 2 men
- 2 women compete against 2 women

Matches are played **best of five sets**, with each set played to **11 points**.

Before each match, the captain of each team must provide the first and last names of the 2 men and 2 women selected to the referee and the opposing captain.

The player ranking (No. 1 or No. 2) is not fixed and may be changed for each match. The mixed doubles pairing is decided after the singles matches.

The home/away designation on the match sheet is determined by the Technical Committee before the start of the tournament.

Matches are played on two identical tables.

ARTICLE 4

All teams compete in a **round-robin format**.

All nations play each other according to the ranking established in the previous year.

The results of the tournament determine the order for the following year.

Tournament Schedule

Day 1 – Morning:

- HUN vs LUX (Match 1)
- FRA vs AUT (Match 2)

Day 2 – Morning:

- HUN vs AUT (Match 3)
- GER vs FRA (Match 4)

Afternoon:

- LUX vs GER (Match 5)
- FRA vs HUN (Match 6)

Day 3 – Morning:

- GER vs AUT (Match 7)
- LUX vs AUT (Match 8)

Day 4 – Morning:

- GER vs HUN (Match 9)
- AUT vs LUX (Match 10)

If a player is injured during a match, they may not be replaced.

The match shall be recorded as a loss for the injured player (the current set is recorded with the points scored up to 11, and subsequent sets are recorded as 0–11).

ARTICLE 5 – Chief Referee

The tournament is conducted under the authority of a Chief Referee appointed by the Technical Committee at its first meeting.

The Chief Referee applies the international table tennis rules and decides on unclear cases.

The host nation must provide scoreboards.

Players who are resting shall act as referees.

Each nation is responsible for officiating one table.

ARTICLE 6 – Points Allocation

The team with the highest total number of points wins the tournament.

- Win: 2 points
- Loss: 0 points

If two teams are tied, ranking is determined by the result of their direct encounter.

If more than two teams are tied, ranking is determined by:

1. Match difference (among tied teams only)
2. Set difference
3. Point difference

If the tie persists, the ranking shall be decided by drawing lots.

ARTICLE 7 – Equipment

The host nation must provide:

- Balls (in accordance with ITTF regulations)
- Referee score sheets
- Match reports
- Scoreboards