



## TABLE TENNIS

### *Technical Guidelines & Ground Rules*

#### **I. EVENT**

- 1.1. Team Event
- 1.2. Individual Events
  - 1.2.1 Doubles
  - 1.2.2 Mixed Doubles
  - 1.2.3 Singles

1.3. **Delegations coaches in each category and level are required to fill in an official entry form for the said events to be submitted during the solidarity meeting before the scheduled draw. All entries are final upon submission. No proxy.**

#### **II. ENTRIES**

- 2.1. Four (4) boys and four (4) girls- both in Elementary and Secondary levels.

#### **III. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

**3.1. TEAM EVENT:** Corbillon Cup system (4 singles and 1 doubles)

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|--------|---------------|---|---------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| 3.1.1. | First Match   | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Singles         | -A  | vs | X |
|        | Second Match  | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Singles         | -B  | vs | Y |
|        | Third Match   | - | DOUBLES                         | -   |    |   |
|        | *Fourth Match | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reverse Single  | - A | vs | Y |
|        | *Fifth Match  | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reverse Singles | - B | vs | X |

**Note: \*if necessary**

- 3.1.2. A team will field four (4) players per match. The coach has the option to reassign players in every match. In case a team only have three (3) players on their roster, they will be allowed to play provided that they automatically fill in the first singles (A or X) and doubles, subsequently forfeiting the next singles match. (B or Y). Two (2) player entry will not be allowed.
- 3.1.3. A player can only play a maximum of two individual matches per fixture.
- 3.1.4. The **Single Elimination** format will be utilized and seeding will be based on the previous *Palarong Pambansa* 2018 team competition result.
- 3.1.5. All matches shall be played in the **best-of-five games** from the first stage to finals.

#### **3.2. SINGLES**

- 3.2.1. The coach has the **sole discretion** to choose two (2) players in the team compete in the Singles event.
- 3.2.2. The first stage will be played in a group league system (round-robin) using two groups: A and B, each with four clusters each. The top four (4) seeds will automatically be separated in the brackets where the first (1<sup>st</sup>) seed goes to Group A cluster 1, and one of the co-third place on Group A cluster 4/the other co-third placer will go to Group B cluster 1 and second seed will go to Group b cluster 4 the other clusters (Group A cluster 2 and 3/Group B cluster 2 and 3 shall be filled in via draw lots.

3.2.3. In case of tie in the bracketed group round robin, winner over the other rule shall prevail, in case of triple tie, point quotient difference shall be used to determine the bracket winner.

3.2.4. The quarterfinal stage will be played in a knock-out system with the following pairing: Group A cluster 1 vs 2 cluster 3 vs 4/ Group B cluster 1 vs 2 cluster 3 vs 4 subsequently Group A 1 vs 2 winner shall play group A 3 vs 4 winner/ Group B 1vs 2 winner shall play group A 3 vs 4 winner to determine the two (2) finalists. The losers of the semi-finals matches shall be co-third placers.

3.2.5. All matches will be played in the best-of-five games including the finals.

### **3.3. DOUBLES/MIXED DOUBLES**

3.3.1. Each Delegation can field one (1) entry per level.

3.3.2. The single elimination format will be utilized.

3.3.3. A doubles/mixed doubles pair should wear identical shirt.

3.3.4. All doubles/mixed doubles matches will be played in the best-of-five games Including finals.

#### **IV. RANKING:**

The result of the *Palarong Pambansa* 2018 for all levels shall be the basis in the seeding of team and individual events.

**V.** A player is entitled to participate in 1 team, and 1 individual event with the exception of **mixed doubles** wherein the coaches can select their **best combination**.

#### **VI. TOURNAMENT SESSION:**

Venue: Barangay Toril Gym, Toril, Davao City

Date of Competition:

Time: 8:00AM to 7:00PM

GRACE PERIOD FOR A TEAM/PAIR/PLAYER IS **5 MINUTES** AFTER THE OFFICIAL MATCH TIME. AFTER WHICH THE MATCH WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A WALK-OVER OR DEFAULT.

#### **VII. CALL AREA:**

A Call Area will be set up. The purpose of the Call Area is to minimize the inspection and checking made by the match umpire in the playing court and to resolve issues or problems, if any, before entering the playing court thereby assuring that matches will be played on time. All teams and players are required to report to the Call Area before their match; 40 minutes for the Team event and 30 minutes for the Singles event. If a team, pair or player fail to report 10 minutes before the scheduled match the right to choose fixture bracket will be voided and the player/players of the said team shall automatically change shirt if both team/players are wearing same colour.

7.1. To be conducted in the Call Area are the following:

- a. the draw for the team match
- b. Checking of the players' identification
- c. Checking of the teams/players' clothing
- d. Racket inspection

#### **VIII. CLOTHING/UNIFORMS OF ATHLETES:**

8.1. Teams shall be required to wear their designated Regional uniform as provided including the coaches for proper identification or shirt similar to their respective regional colour for the succeeding matches if necessary. Provided it is not similar to the colour of the ball.

8.2. In case of identical shirt colour by opponents, the official regional uniform shall prevail over the other.

8.3. The rules on playing clothing in the ITTF Handbook shall take effect.

- IX.** The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rules and regulations shall govern the conduct of the competition unless modified and superseded by ground rules agreed upon by all coaches and technical officials during the solidarity meeting.
- X.** Other unforeseen occurrence which is not covered by the ITTF rules shall be dealt upon by the **TABLE TENNIS TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** whose decision shall be final.
- XI.** Official coaches from other level can take the place of a designated coach if there will be simultaneous play in singles.
- XII.** **Use of mobile phone** by a coach/players during official match will not be allowed.
- XIII.** **The use of video camera with tripod is allowed provided that the player(s) /coach can independently set it. No spectator or other third party will be allowed to go inside the field of play to operate it.**
- XIV.** **APPEALS:**  
Appeals must be submitted to the Tournament Manager/Referee in writing thirty (30) minutes after the contested match, or before his/her/their next scheduled match, duly signed by constituted delegation authorities, and shall be dealt with in accordance with the ITTF Rules.