



**2023 PALARONG PAMBANSA**  
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## TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR **TABLE TENNIS**

### I. **EVENT AND AUTHORITY**

The Department of Education (DepEd), in partnership with the DILG and the PSC, shall conduct the *Palarong Pambansa* Table Tennis Competition 2023 in accordance with the technical guidelines approved by the duly constituted *Palarong Pambansa* Board.

### II. **GENERAL RULES**

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rules and regulations shall govern the conduct of the competition complemented by ground rules when deemed necessary.

### III. **ATHLETES' ELIGIBILITY**

1. The provisions on the Eligibility of Athletes stipulated in the Enclosure 2 of DepEd Memorandum No. 5, s. 2023 shall apply.
2. Only athletes and coaches in the approved gallery of delegates shall be allowed to participate and compete.

### IV. **ENTRIES**

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

### V. **GAME EVENTS**

1. Doubles
2. Mixed Doubles
3. Singles

*\*Note: there shall be no team event for this edition*

Delegation coaches in each category and level are required to fill in an official entry form for the said events to be submitted at an assigned date before the solidarity meeting before the scheduled draw. All entries are final upon submission. Only Official coaches are allowed to assign and submit official entries.

A player shall be entitled to participate in two (2) individual events only.

### VI. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

#### 1. **Singles**

- 1.1. The coach has the sole discretion to choose two (2) players in the team to compete in the Singles event;

- 1.2. The first stage will be played in a group league system (round-robin) using two groups: A and B, each with four clusters each and shall be filled in via draw lots.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. 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 A2 winner shall play group A 3 vs A4 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.
- 1.5. All singles matches shall be played in the best-of-five games including finals.

## 2. **Doubles / Mixed Doubles**

- 2.1. Each Delegation can field two (2) entries per individual category/level;
- 2.2. The single elimination format shall be utilized;
- 2.3. A doubles/mixed doubles pair should wear identical shirts; and
- 2.4. All doubles/mixed doubles match shall be played in the best-of-five games including finals.

**\*Note: Doubles and Mixed Doubles shall be in single elimination format.**

## VII. **RANKING / SEEDING**

Ranking shall be waived for this edition. Teams shall be drawn in such a way that no two (2) regions belonging to one cluster (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao) shall meet in the first round in **doubles and mixed doubles**, while random draw to fill in the brackets shall apply to **singles**.

## VIII. **TOURNAMENT SESSION**

Tournament session shall be from 8:00am to 6:30pm.

Grace period for a pair/player to report at the scheduled match is **5 minutes** after the official match time after which the match shall be considered as a walk-over/default in favor of the waiting player/pair.

## IX. **PRE-MATCH PROCEDURES IN THE CALL AREA**

1. A Call Area shall 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 shall be played on time. All teams and players are required to report to the Call Area 30 minutes for the Singles event. If a pair or player fails to report 10 minutes before the scheduled match the player/pair of the said team shall automatically change shirt if both player/pair are wearing the same color.

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

- 2.1. Checking of the players' identification;
- 2.2. Checking of the teams/players' clothing;
- 2.3. Racket inspection; and
- 2.4. Identification of coach

#### **X. CLOTHING / UNIFORM OF ATHLETES**

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 color for the succeeding matches provided it is not similar to the color of the ball.
2. In case of identical shirt color by opponents, the official regional uniform shall prevail over the other.
3. The rules on playing clothing in the ITTF Handbook shall be in effect.

#### **XI. EVENTUALITIES**

Other unforeseen occurrences which are not covered by the ITTF rules shall be dealt upon by the **Table Tennis Technical Management Committee** whose decision shall be final.

#### **XII. ADVISE/COACHING DURING MATCH**

Only Coaches officially recognized in the NSAC screening gallery shall be allowed to seat on the bench.

Official coaches from other levels belonging to the same delegation can take the place of a designated coach if there shall be simultaneous play.

#### **XIII. GROUND RULES ON USE GADGETS**

The use of a video camera with a tripod is allowed provided that the player(s) /coach can independently set it **outside the surrounds as specified by the referee**. No spectator or other third party shall be allowed to go inside the field of play to operate it or manipulate it while an official match is going on. Calls/video calls to players/Coach during intervals is also prohibited.

#### **XIV. APPEALS**

Appeals must be submitted to the Tournament Manager/Referee 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 in accordance with the ITTF Rules.