

SINGAPORE SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL

NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES

TABLE TENNIS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

1 RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1.1 according to the laws/rules established by the respective international federations/boards/governing bodies
- 1.2 in the event that the rules and regulations are modified for safety /developmental reasons to suit the level of our students, it must be clearly stated in the respective sports/games rules and regulations and
- 1.3 as governed by the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Schools Sports Council.

2 DIVISIONS

- 2.1 All students shall compete in their respective divisions according to their year of birth as follows **except for the conditions** as stipulated in this paragraph.

A Division* 2 Jan 1997 - 31 Dec 1997
 1 Jan 1998 - 31 Dec 1998
 1 Jan 1999 - 31 Dec 1999
 1 Jan 2000- 31 Dec 2000
 1 Jan 2001

B Division* 2 Jan 2000 --- 31 Dec 2000
 1 Jan 2001 --- 31 Dec 2001
 1 Jan 2002--- 31 Dec 2002
 1 Jan 2003

C Division* 2 Jan 2003 - 31 Dec 2003
 1 Jan 2004 - 31 Dec 2004
 1 Jan 2005

Except for the following conditions:

- 2.1.1 All students in the Junior Colleges and Centralized Institute must compete in the 'A' Division.
- 2.1.2 Year 1 to Year 4 students in the Integrated Programme (i.e. Through-Train Programme) and International Baccalaureate Programme will compete in their respective age group. Those in Year 5 (equivalent to JC 1) and Year 6 (equivalent to JC 2) must compete in the 'A' Division.
- 2.1.3 All students in Secondary Schools must compete in the 'B' or 'C' Division according to their year of birth.

2.1.4 All students in Secondary Schools not born in the stipulated year for 'B' or 'C' Division must compete in the 'A' Division.

2.1.5 All students in the 'C' Division will not be able to opt to represent the school in the 'B' Division, in all individual and team sports/games from 2012.

2.2 Competitions for three divisions will be organised at National level.

2.3 For individual championship, option to participate in a higher division is not permitted. All students must compete in their respective age groups.

3 ENTRIES

3.1 All JCs and CIs are allowed to send a maximum of 2 players per division.

3.2 Schools in the top four position of the zone team competitions for C and B Division are allowed to send a maximum of 2 players for the division.

3.3 All other schools can send only 1 player per division.

3.4 The number of players a school can send in the C Division excludes the top 8 players from Primary School Table-Tennis Individual Senior Division championship in 2015. For example a school qualifying under (3.2) can send 2 players plus any of their Sec.1 player was the top 8 ranking of the last year Primary School Individual Championships.

3.5 The number of players a school can send excludes those players in the Singapore Schools Team for 2015 only. For example, a school qualifying under (3.2) can send 2 Players on top of any other players in the Singapore Schools Team 2015.

3.6 The entry forms should include the date of birth and NRIC number or Student Pass of the students.

4 COMPETITIONS

4.1 Single Knock-out system is to be used in the Individual Championship

4.2 Players who achieved Top 8 positions in the National Inter-school Table Tennis Individual Championships 2015 will be seeded.

4.3 INTERVAL (TIME-OUT)

One request of time-out per match by will be allowed during competitions. The duration of such time-out will be one minute.

4.4 SCORING

4.4.1 A game shall be won by the player first scoring 11 points unless both players score 10 points, when the game shall be won by the first player or subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points. A match shall consist of the best of 5 games.

4.4.2 After each 2 points have been scored, the receiving player shall become the serving player and so on until the end of the game, unless both players score 10 points, when the sequence of serving and receiving shall be the same but each player shall serve for only 1 point in turn.

4.5 UMPIRES

National School Convenor is to provide an umpire for each match schedule.

4.6 COMPETITION BALL

The 40mm WHITE colour table tennis balls will be used for the competition.

5 GRACE PERIOD

15 MINUTES GRACE PERIOD SHALL BE ALLOWED. The Convenor/Referee may at his/her discretion extend this grace period if he/she thinks the extension of grace period is justified. (eg. in special case when delay may be caused by traffic jam, floods, etc.) However, the player concerned must make every effort to contact the Convenor/Referee at the venue concerned to inform him/her of the delay.

6 POSTPONEMENT

No postponement shall be allowed. However, the Convenor/Referee shall, at his/her discretion, decides to postpone a match if he/she thinks the venue is unfit for play, or for any other valid reasons which he/she deems a postponement is in order. Players must abide by the decision of the Convenor/Referee.

7 WITHDRAWAL / WALK-OVER

7.1 Any withdrawal or walk-over by a player is considered contrary to the spirit of the game.

7.2 Players participating in the competition should not withdraw or give a walk-over. A written explanation is required for each withdrawal or walk-over.

7.3 For each withdrawal or walk-over, a written explanation duly endorsed by the Principal shall be submitted to the Convenor within two working days. A copy is to be sent to the Advisor.

7.4 Players which concede walkovers without any valid reason shall be liable to disciplinary action.

8 ABANDONED GAME

8.1 If a match cannot be completed due to inclement weather, the score remaining shall be retained and the match shall be continued and completed on another day.

8.2 Any player causing a game to be abandoned by walking out, shall be liable to disciplinary action.

9 PROTEST

9.1 Any protest on points of rules during a game must be lodged immediately by the teacher-in-charge. The decision of the referee/umpire shall be final.

9.2 All questions relating to the qualification of players/competitors, or interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest whatever shall be referred to the Tournament Organising Committee, whose decision shall be final.

9.3 All protest on points of regulations must be followed in writing and endorsed by the Principal concerned. The letter of protest must reach the convenor within two working days following the end of the game. The decision of the Tournament Organising Committee shall be final and no further appeal shall be entertained.

10 APPEAL

10.1 Any player dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee may appeal to the Council.

10.2 Notice of appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Council within two working days on the receiving the Committee's decision.

10.3 A Board of Appeal will be appointed by the Council to deal with any appeal, otherwise, the Standing Committee shall deal with the appeal. The decision of the Board of Appeal or the Standing Committee shall be absolute and final.

11 SUSPENSION

A player who is suspended by any of the following bodies is barred from participating in any capacity for the period of suspension:

- the Zone Sports Council
- the Singapore Schools Sports Council
- the Singapore Table Tennis Association

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the following position:

Champion,
Runner-up
2 Joint third

4 Consolations (Not applicable for U20 Category)

13 TEACHER-IN-CHARGE OF PLAYER

13.1 Each participating player must be accompanied by a teacher whom shall remain with the player throughout the duration of play.

13.2 Failure to comply with 13.1 shall lead to the disqualification of the player.

14 EXTERNAL INSTRUCTOR

14.1 External instructors are expected to conduct themselves well in carrying out their duties.

14.2 External instructors are not allowed to approach the game officials to query their decisions. Only teachers-in-charge are allowed to approach game official to seek clarifications. Failure to comply with the rule, shall lead to action being taken against the school.

14.3 The onus for external instructor to adhere to the above rules lies with the school.

15 SUPPORTERS

School sending supporter to any competition shall ensure that there are sufficient teachers on duty to maintain discipline.

16 CODE OF CONDUCT

School must brief its players, teachers, external instructors and parents on the code of conduct stipulated by SSSC and ensure that they fully adhere to it.

17 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

All matters not provided for in the rules and regulations shall be dealt with by the respective committees.

18 AMENDMENTS

The Singapore Schools Sports Council reserves the right to delete, add and amend the rules and regulations laid down.