



2020 ITTF-Oceania Olympic Qualification Regulations

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1. Authority

Authority to host the 2020 ITTF-Oceania Olympic Qualification Teams, Singles & Mixed Doubles events will be granted by the ITTF-Oceania Management Committee.

The ITTF-Oceania Management Committee and Staff shall have the final say on anything covered or not in the following regulations.

2. Regulations

The tournament will be played in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions as detailed in the current ITTF Handbook.

The system will be different from those previously used and will comprise separate events for teams and singles/mixed doubles. For the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games there will be 5 events – Men's and Women's Teams, Men's and Women's Singles and Mixed Doubles. Oceania has one team quota, one singles quota and one mixed doubles quota. The Association winning the team event will have the option to select their team of three players, two of which will compete in the Singles event. The quota for Teams is allocated to the National Olympic Committee (NOC) and the quota for Singles and Mixed Doubles is allocated to the qualifying athletes.

3. Timing & Composition

The teams event shall be held prior to 31st December 2019 and the singles/mixed doubles event shall be held prior to 30th April 2020.

3.1 The tournaments shall comprise the following events –

- 3.1.1 Men's Team
- 3.1.2 Women's Team
- 3.1.3 Men's Singles
- 3.1.4 Women's Singles
- 3.1.5 Mixed Doubles





4. **Event Format Teams**

The ITTF-Oceania Olympic Qualification Tournament (Teams) will be organised in Mornington, Victoria, Australia, on 6th December 2019. Associations may enter one Men's Team and one Women's Team, with a maximum of 5 players. Each team match will comprise 3 players, using the Olympic Playing format as follows:

- 1) doubles B & C v Y & Z
- 2) A v X
- 3) C v Z
- 4) A v Y
- 5) B v X

If there are four or fewer teams entered a single round robin will be played, if more than 4 teams are entered a direct knockout will be played, with both a final and a third place playoff. Individual matches within the team match will be the best of 5 games.

Singles and Mixed Doubles

The ITTF-Oceania Olympic Qualification Tournament (Singles and Mixed Doubles) will be organised in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, on 19th – 20th April 2020. Associations may enter a maximum of three players in each of the Men's and Women's Singles events and three pairs in the Mixed Doubles event. The Association which has qualified a team cannot enter the respective Singles event as they already have two players qualified for Singles by virtue of the team quota.

The Men's and Women's Singles events and Mixed Doubles event will be conducted in two Stages. The First Stage will be groups of 4 with the top two in each group progressing to the Second Stage which will be a direct knockout with both a final and a third place playoff. Players/pairs will be drawn into groups with players/pairs from the same Association drawn into different groups as far as possible.

All matches will be the best of 7 games.

The team/player/pair finishing in second position of each of the respective events will be the reserve team/player/pair. Additional reserves, if required, will be determined from the final ranking for each event.

5. **Eligibility**

Qualification is open to all athletes selected by their National Association and approved by their NOC to take part in the Olympic Games. To be eligible to participate all athletes must:





- Comply with the rules of the ITTF as they appear in the latest ITTF Handbook (4.5.1.1),
- Comply with the eligibility criteria established by the ITTF for Olympic competitions (4.5.1.3),
- For Singles and Mixed Doubles be on the long list of athletes submitted by their NOC.

6. Organising Committee/Tournament Director

6.1 Following the decision by ITTF-Oceania to award these two events the Host Association must establish an Organising Committee and their obligations shall start immediately to organise these two events. The Organising Committee shall have authority to make executive/policy decisions about the organisation of the event. The host must also nominate a Tournament Director who will be in overall charge of the whole tournament and will chair the Organising Committee. There are various functions associated with the tournament and these functions should be allocated as seen fit but should, at a minimum, include persons in charge of the following areas:

- Venue
- Accommodation
- Transport
- Media, Marketing, Promotion & Advertising (including Tourism)

A secretary is to be appointed to keep records of matters discussed and decisions reached at meetings of the committee. The committee should include the referee and approximately five (5) other members. As the Cup is being hosted on behalf of ITTF-Oceania, the ITTF-Oceania Technical Director shall be an ex-officio member of the committee and is to be informed of decisions of the committee.

6.2 Where possible, the committee shall include the referee, the president of the Host Association, the Tournament Director, the ITTF-Oceania Events Officer, and the ITTF-Oceania Technical Director.

6.3 The committee shall appoint a publicity officer who shall have full liaison with newspapers, television, radio and overseas news media (e.g.: AAP), and should also be available to assist delegations with maps of the local area, hotels, stadium, entertainment etc. In addition, at the venue there should be an international telephone line available plus internet access for website and e-mail.

7. Competition Manager

7.1 A Competition Manger will be appointed by the ITTF. If this is not possible then a suitably qualified person will be appointed by ITTF-Oceania. The main responsibility of the Competition Manager is to implement ITTF/ITTF-Oceania's objective on how to run the Olympic Qualification events and their responsibility is defined as follows:





- 7.1.1 The Competition Manager is the official representative of ITTF/ITTF-Oceania and has the final authority in all matters relating to the agreement.
- 7.1.2 In case of disputes relating to the agreement, the Competition Manager may over-rule the referee and/or the Tournament Director. However, in matters regarding the interpretation of the rules and racket control outcome, the referee's decision will be final.
- 7.1.3 The Competition Manager will work closely with the referee in the tournament in all "technical" matters of the event such as:
- Entries, eligibility, seeding and draws
 - Time schedule (in both structure and detail)
 - Allocation of matches by tables for each round
 - Advertisement banners
 - Exposure of ITTF-Oceania sponsors
 - Organisation of presentations
 - Links with the media
 - Responsibility to send articles and photos to ITTF and ITTF-Oceania
- 7.1.4 The host will provide free hospitality to the Competition Manager, who will arrive up to two (2) days before the start of the event. The Competition Manager will prepare an evaluation report of the event and this report will be used to improve the event.
- 7.1.5 A control centre close to the playing area and with a clear view of actual play shall be available to the Competition Manager and referee team.

8. Referee

- 8.1 ITTF-Oceania shall appoint an International Referee who will arrive two (2) days before the events starts.
- 8.2 ITTF-Oceania shall also appoint a suitable deputy referee, who should, if possible in line with ITTF Directives, be from a different Association from that of the referee who will arrive one (1) day before the event starts.
- 8.3 The Organising Committee must cover all expenses for both the referee and deputy referee, including airfares, accommodation and meals.

9. Umpires

- 9.1 The ITTF-Oceania URC, with assistance from the Organising Committee, shall appoint eight umpires for the duration of the tournament.
- 9.2 The Organising Committee must cover all meals and a per diem, excluding travel costs, for all umpires.





10. Prospectus

10.1 A Prospectus for the event shall be prepared and sent to all ITTF-Oceania member countries at least two (2) months prior to each of these two events. Listed prominently in the Prospectus should be: -

- Organising Committee/Tournament Director
- Competition Manager
- Referee and deputy referee
- Venue and playing conditions
- Details of accommodation plus packages if available
- Format for play in all events
- Any other items deemed applicable to these two events

11. Entry Form

11.1 Entry forms for the event shall be prepared and sent to all member countries at least two (2) months prior to these two events.

11.1.1 Forms shall also be provided for Associations to list their players.

11.1.2 Any other forms deemed appropriate, e.g. accommodation, delegations, transport details etc. shall also be provided.

12. Managers Meeting

12.1 The Manager's Meeting shall be held on the evening prior to the tournament commencing.

13. Draw

13.1 The draw for the events shall take place on the evening prior to the tournament commencing.

14. Equipment

14.1 All equipment used for the tournament shall be ITTF approved, and meet international standards.

14.2 The lighting in the venue shall be at least 1000 lux, but preferably higher.

15. Racket Testing

15.1 Testing of rackets may be carried out without notice, and anyone found to be using an illegal racket will be subject to the provisions of ITTF Regulations for International Competition 3.2.4.

16. Clothing

16.1 All athletes shall have clothing that meets the ITTF regulations in regards to colour, as well as sponsor regulations.

16.2 All athletes shall have at least two different coloured shirts to ensure there are no clashes with opponents' shirts.





17. Ceremonies

- 17.1 There shall be an optional opening function.
- 17.2 A ceremony will close the competition.

18. Awards/Trophies

- 18.1 The Local Organising Committee shall provide the winners of these events with a memento in qualifying to participate at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

19. Flags

- 19.1 The flag of ITTF-Oceania is to be displayed/flown during the ITTF-Oceania Cup. The flags of competing nations shall be displayed in the venue.

20. Hospitality

- 20.1 The Host Association must provide:
 - 20.1.1 Accommodation and meals for:
 - 20.1.1.1 The referee (s) in single room
 - 20.1.1.2 Competition Manager in single room
 - 20.1.2 Travel subsidy of 100% for the referee(s) coming from another country or internally
 - 20.1.3 Internal travel from the nearest airport (*specified by the organisers in close dialogue with ITTF-Oceania*) for all participants
- 20.2 Visiting delegations must pay for:
 - 20.2.1 Accommodation and all meals for all members unless the Organising Committee offers free accommodation and/or meals to the players
 - 20.2.2 All travel costs
 - 20.2.3 All expenses for any extra accompanying persons

21. Results

- Full results shall be made available online.

