



## COVID-19 SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

### Table Tennis

This document describes the Sport Specific Regulations (SSR) outlining how a confirmed positive COVID-19 case or a close contact is managed within the table tennis competitions on the occasion of the Games of the XXXII Olympiad Tokyo 2020.

The following documents are in force and contain elements related to the SSR:

- International Table Tennis Federation Handbook ([LINK](#))
- Tokyo 2020 Playbooks (Athletes & NOCs, IFs, Workforce and Olympic Family) ([LINK](#))
- Late Athlete Replacement
- Qualification System

The content of this document has been confirmed by the ITTF Executive Committee (EC) and is subject to change.

#### A. SPORTS REQUIREMENTS

##### **Athletes per NOC**

An NOC can enter a maximum of six (6) athletes, three (3) women and three (3) men between the five (5) table tennis events.

##### **Team Events (men, women)**

The team event will consist of sixteen (16) teams competing in a straight knockout elimination. Each team is comprised of three (3) athletes from the same NOC that will play up to four (4) singles matches and one (1) doubles match. An NOC can qualify one (1) team per gender and will be seeded by the ITTF based on the ITTF Olympic Qualification Ranking list.

The winning teams of the semi-finals will progress to compete for the gold medal, while the losing semi-finalists will compete for the bronze medal.

##### **Mixed Doubles Event**

There are two (2) athletes, from the same NOC, for the mixed doubles event – one (1) man and one (1) woman.

The mixed doubles event will consist of sixteen (16) mixed pairs competing in a straight knockout elimination. An NOC can only qualify one (1) mixed doubles pair and will be seeded by the ITTF based on the ITTF Olympic Qualification Ranking list.

The winning mixed doubles pairs in the semi-finals, will compete for the gold medal, while the losing semi-finalists will compete for the bronze medal.

##### **Singles Events (men, women)**



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Each singles event shall consist of a maximum of seventy (70) athletes with a maximum of two (2) per NOC in each category. The sixteen (16) highest ranked athletes qualifying directly to the third round, athletes ranked seventeen (17) through to thirty-two (32) qualify directly to the second round and athletes ranked through thirty-three (33) to forty-eight (48) qualifying for the first round.

The entries ranked through sixty-five (65) to the total number of athletes - maximum seventy (70)- will qualify to the preliminary round and will be drawn randomly against athletes ranked through forty-nine (49) to sixty-four (64), with remaining athletes receiving a bye.

The final draw of 64 athletes, in each category, competes using a knockout single elimination format until the semi-finals, where the winners progress to compete for the gold medal, while the losing semi-finalists will compete for the bronze medal.

### **Draw and seeding**

The draw and seeding for all events will be conducted by the ITTF on 21 July 2021. The seeding will be based on the ITTF Olympic Qualification Ranking lists. Draws and seedings will remain unchanged if the draw is concluded before a team, player or pairing has withdrawn, and the opponent will receive a walkover.

### **Consequences of failing to appear for start of competition**

If an athlete is later for the scheduled match time than the allowance decided by the referee, the opponent will be awarded the match by Walkover unless there are exceptional mitigating circumstances. Competition draws and seedings will remain unchanged if the draw is concluded when the pair/individual/team withdraws, and the opponent will receive a walkover.

### **Team Officials and Additional Team Officials (Ao, Ac and ATO)**

There may not be more than one (1) team official on the field of play for each athlete/doubles pair/team competing at the time.

### **Technical Officials (J and NTOs)**

The following officials are required in order for a match to go ahead:

One (1) Referee

Two (2) Umpires per playing area

## **B. COMPETITION PROGRESSION**

All sport competition events should start and end as defined by the official Tokyo 2020 competition schedule, to ensure effective running of competition and operations, and that broadcast schedules are unaffected.

The Competition Schedule Change Committee (CSCC) will be activated in order to take any decision regarding the postponement. In principle no event shall be postponed to another day due to any COVID-19-related problems.

Competition schedules will not be adjusted to allow extra time for testing.



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An athlete/team, athlete official or technical official will follow the procedures outlined in the Playbook and they will be excluded from the current competition phase / event as soon as the test is confirmed as positive by the Tokyo Infectious Diseases Control Centre (IDCC).

An athlete, pairing or team not able to play due to a positive COVID-19 case or being identified as a close contact, will be withdrawn from competition and appear as DNS (Did Not Start) and their opponent/s eliminated in the previous round will replace them, allowing the event(s) to progress.

For athletes, pairs, or teams that have been withdrawn from competition, due to a positive COVID-19 case or identified as a close contact, their minimum results achieved will be protected, considering the phase of the competition in which they could no longer compete.

In the event both athletes, pairs, teams cannot play the gold medal match, due to a COVID-19 related withdrawal, both will be awarded silver medals and the losing semi-finalists, will be promoted to play for the gold and silver medals. The bronze medal match will then consist of the athletes, pairs, teams that were eliminated at the quarter final stage, by losing semi-finalists that have been promoted to the gold medal match.

The ITTF competition rules relating to withdrawals will apply with the above exceptions.

### C. DECISION MAKING AND COMMUNICATION

The Technical Delegates will decide on any Schedule Changes. The referee is responsible for making decisions on Competition Related Situations. If an appeal is made against any of these decisions, the Jury will be the final arbiter.

#### Designated IF Personnel

- ITTF Medical Officer
- ITTF Technical Delegates (2)
- ITTF Referee
- ITTF Jury Chair
- Secretary General

#### Timelines

The decision-making group should gather within 30 minutes of a person being notified by their Covid-19 Liaison Officer. Distribution of the final decision of athlete/pair/team participation should take place momentarily.