

1. Playing System

- 1.1. The tournament shall consist of 2 stages, each of which will have 2 knockout (KO) draws. Each day, two KO draws will be played; day 1 KO1 and KO2, day 2 KO3 and KO4. For draw purposes, draws will be considered the top and bottom half of the same draw. All pairs will have two opportunities to qualify for Paris 2024.
- 1.2. Seeding for Stage 1 will be done according to the latest available World Ranking for Mixed Doubles Pairs.
- 1.3. Seeding for Stage 2 will be based firstly on the results of Stage 1 and secondly on World Ranking used for this event i.e. losing finalists will receive priority over losing semi-finalists. The two losers in the finals of KO1 and KO2 will be seeds 1 and 2. The two highest ranked losing semi-finalists of KO1 and KO2 will be seeds 3 and 4. The two lowest ranked semi-finalists of KO1 and KO2 and the two highest ranked losing quarterfinalists of KO1 and KO2 will be seeds 5 to 8. The same system will be used to determine the remaining seeded players.
- 1.4. In Stage 1 the pairs will be drawn into 2 KO draws, KO1 and KO2.
- 1.5. The highest-ranked pair will be placed in position 1 of KO1, the 2nd highest in position 1 of KO2, 3rd and 4th ranked pairs will be drawn in the bottom position of each KO. The remaining pairs will be drawn into KO1 and KO2 in seeding order in terms of Regulation 3.6.2.
- 1.6. The winners of KO1 and KO2 will qualify for Paris 2024 and will not compete in Stage 2.
- 1.7. Stage 2 of the competition shall consist of 2 KO draws, KO3 and KO4.
- 1.8. The draws for Stage 2 will be done in the same manner as Stage 1 (see 1.5 above).
- 1.9. The winners of KO3 and KO4 will qualify for Paris 2024.
- 1.10. All matches will be the best of seven (7) games.
- 1.11. The tournament shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions.