

## TABLE TENNIS - SINGLES (men and women)

2017

AUS Table Tennis competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of [Table Tennis Australia](#) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

Table Tennis singles is only contested at regional university games events.

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### 1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 1
- Maximum registered players – no limit

1.1. Should the event reach capacity due to venue restrictions, university team managers will be asked to rank their players and in turn players will be selected so that there is an even representation from all universities entered.

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### 2. Competition format

2.1. Each match is the best of 5 games to 11 points.

2.2. In the event that both singles players score 10 points in a match, the game shall be won by the first player subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points.

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### 3. Point score

3.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;

- Winning player: 3 points
- Losing player: 1 point
- Forfeiting player: 0 points

3.2. In the event that two or more players have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed player(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one player:

- a) Number of matches won during the competition
- b) Number of games won during the competition
- c) Number of points won during the competition
- d) Winner of the match between the two players

3.3. At the completion of the competition the top 3 competitors from each university will count towards overall mens and womens pennant.

3.4. A pennant will only be awarded if there are a minimum of 6 participants and 3 universities represented.

3.5. Points are allocated relative to number of university competitors:

- 1<sup>st</sup> number of competitors plus 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> number of competitors minus 1
- 3<sup>rd</sup> number competitors minus 2
- 4<sup>th</sup> number of competitors minus 3 and so on
- *For example: if there are 20 competitors 1st would get 21pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> 19, 3<sup>rd</sup> 18, 4<sup>th</sup> 17..... etc.*

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### 4. Forfeits

4.1. Table Tennis is run under the [AUS Guidelines – forfeit of competition requirements](#).

4.2. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play time when one of the players is unable to commence play.

4.3. The forfeit score is 1 match, 5 games, 55 points, 3 competition points to nil (0).

- 4.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the competition management or AUS), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the Competition Manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal.
- 4.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

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## 5. Uniform requirements

- 5.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 5.2. The specific uniform requirements for Table Tennis are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
- Shorts and polo tops
  - Due to the use of white balls, white shirts or shorts must not be used
- 5.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
  - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
  - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
  - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally, the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
  - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
  - Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
  - All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
  - Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
  - Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

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## 6. Award ceremonies

- 6.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.
- 6.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition.
- 6.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams:
- For regional university games events
    - Mens champion
    - Womens champion

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## Previous rule amendments

New rule in 2016 | April 2017