

TABLE TENNIS - TEAMS (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 teams is only contested at the Australian University Games.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 4
- Maximum registered players – 6
- Maximum cross registrations – 3

2. Competition format – teams competition

- 2.1. Captains shall declare the 3 singles players and the 2 combinations of doubles players before the commencement of each rubber. Players can compete in both single and double formats.
- 2.2. A rubber between two teams shall consist of 11 matches.
 - The 3 singles players from each team play each other (9 singles matches)
 - The 2 doubles pairs from each team plays 1 doubles pair from the other team (2 doubles matches)
- 2.3. The team winning the majority of matches shall win the contest
- 2.4. A match shall consist of the best of 5 games to 11 points.
- 2.5. In the event that both doubles pairs or both singles players score 10 points in a match, the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points.

3. Additional competition format – singles and doubles competition

- 3.1. In the event that time and venue capacity permits, a separate singles and doubles competition may be conducted. The decision to include this will be made by event organisers in conjunction with competition management. Should this additional competition be offered, teams will be notified as soon as practically possible.
- 3.2. Any additional singles and doubles competition will not count towards the pennant award however medals may be awarded.
- 3.3. If an additional singles competition is offered, the format will be a round robin format for the first round (if entries and time permits) and then to a knockout competition. A contest shall consist of the best of 5 games to 11 points.
- 3.4. If an additional doubles competition is offered, the format will be a knockout competition and the contest shall consist of 1 game to 11 points.

4. Point score

- 4.1. Points for teams competitions shall be awarded as follows;
 - Winning team: 3 points
 - Losing team: 1 point
 - Forfeited team: 0 points
- 4.2. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:
 - a) Percentage of matches won during the competition
 - b) Percentage of games won during the competition
 - c) Result of the match in which teams played each other

5. Forfeits

- 5.1. Table Tennis is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 5.2. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.
- 5.3. The forfeit score is 11 matches, 33 games, 363 points, 3 competition points to nil (0).
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

6. Uniform requirements

- 6.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 6.2. The specific uniform requirements for Table Tennis are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following minimum uniform requirements:
 - Shorts and polo tops
 - Due to the use of white balls, white shirts or shorts must not be used
- 6.3. 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

7. Team duties

- 7.1. Team duty requirements for Table Tennis are:
 - Teams will be required to assist with scoring across the competition
- 7.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with the team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager
- 7.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

8. Award ceremonies

- 8.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.



8.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the competition.

8.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams:

- For the Australian University Games
 - Overall mens champion
 - Mens champion division 2
 - Overall womens champion
 - Womens champion division 2

8.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion teams at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at the closing presentation):

- Men's Overall Champions – AUS Men's Table Tennis Champion trophy
- Women's Overall Champions – Australian University Champions Table Tennis trophy

Previous rule amendments

June 2003 | July 2004 | May 2010 | March 2011 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017