



RUSSIAN  
LGBT SPORT  
FEDERATION

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS, TABLE TENNIS COMPETITIONS**

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## **I. PURPOSES OF THE COMPETITION**

1.1. The aims of the table tennis tournament are as follows:

- promoting and popularizing table tennis among the LGBT community;
- organizing leisure for amateur table tennis players and the development of a healthy lifestyle;
- raising the skill levels of the tournament's participants;
- determining the strongest amateur players.

## **II. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2.1. These regulations define the order of the amateur table tennis tournament;

2.2. The tournament will run in the context of the first Russian LGBT Open Games, and is an essential part thereof.

## **III. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITIONS**

3.1. The Russian LGBT Sports Federation will carry out the general organization and operation of the table tennis competitions;

3.2. The coordinator will have responsibility for the preparation, organization and operation of the competitions. The following functions come within the coordinator's obligations:

- a) drawing up the tournament table;
- b) ensuring that participants observe the conditions of participation in the competitions;
- c) accepting and reviewing disputes;
- d) naming judges and referees;
- e) maintaining and keeping records related to the competitions;
- f) bringing information about changes in the tournament table and about disqualifications of players, and other necessary information, to the attention of players and officials.

## **IV. PARTICIPANTS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITIONS**

4.1. Amateur athletes of different levels of preparation are admitted to participation;

4.2. Participants in the competitions should be registered. Each player is required to send an individual written form with confirmation of his participation in the competitions;

4.3. During registration, all athletes should select a category corresponding to the level of preparation (A, B, C+, C-);

4.4. Participants in the competitions are required to fulfil the requirements of these regulations and the tournament conditions, paying fees in a timely manner in the terms and by the date defined by the tournament conditions;

4.5. The players should have the relevant clothing and the necessary personal equipment (paddles); the tournament's organizing committee will provide tables, nets and balls;

4.6. Athletes 18 years of age and over will be admitted to participation in the competitions; they will indicate their ages on their applications;

4.7. Participants should present themselves at the competitions and enter their names on the register no later than 30 minutes before the start of the tournament;

4.8. Upon a failure to show or a late arrival at a game of more than 10 minutes, a player will be assessed a technical defeat by a score of 0-2;

4.9. Under exceptional circumstances, an official may delay the start of a game, but for no more than 10 minutes.

## **V. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITIONS AND DETERMINING THE WINNERS**

5.1. The competitions will include the following categories: men's singles; women's singles; men's doubles; women's doubles; mixed doubles;

5.2. The level in each category (A, B, C+, C-, etc.) will be determined on the basis of the players' preliminary applications and the number of players, but with no fewer than four people allotted to each separate category;

5.3. The matches will run until THREE game victories. Each game will run until 11 points;

5.4. The layout of the tournament grid will be defined by the coordinator, in accordance with the number of athletes who have applied;

5.5. For each match won, a player will be awarded 2 points, and for each loss, 0 points;

- 5.6. The player who collects the most points within a category will win the category;
- 5.7. The participants will keep score themselves; the winner of each match will tell the scorekeeper the result of the match;
- 5.8. In the event of a tie in any match, the players should play an extra match whose result will determine the winner;
- 5.9. The players themselves will form pairs for the mixed and doubles' categories, and applications should be submitted no later than 30 minutes before the start of the competition. The level of the pair will be determined according to the stronger player. During selection of mixed-doubles teams, the players are expected to ensure voluntarily that they did not both win the singles' categories; OR Mixed-doubles teams should not include the winners of both singles' categories;
- 5.10. In the event of an uneven number of men and women, one single-sex pair may be created from players of the same category (level? does this apply to mixed doubles?);
- 5.11. In each match, every player or pair may take two timeouts of up to 30 seconds;
- 5.12. A technical timeout of no more than three minutes is allowed once during the entire tournament, with the permission of the coordinator

## **VI. JUDGING AND OFFICIALS**

- 6.1. The players themselves will judge the matches. In the event of a dispute, the coordinator will decide;
- 6.2. In the event of a dispute and a disagreement with the coordinator's decision, the player may appeal to the main competition coordinator of the Games, who has full authority to make the final decision.

## **VII. ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLAYERS**

- 7.1. During the tournament, the athletes will be governed by the principles of respect for each other, the officials and the fans;
- 7.2. Each player has personal responsibility for the condition of his health and the existence of medical risks from physical exertion;
- 7.3. A player will be given a technical defeat for offensive gestures or words directed at partners, opponents, officials, coordinators or spectators;
- 7.4. A player will be given a technical defeat for threatening or hitting an opponent, or fighting during or after play;
- 7.5. The appearance at the tournament of a participant or spectator under the influence of alcohol or consuming alcohol is not allowed. The individual could be barred from the venue.

## **VIII. LEGAL ISSUES**

- 8.1. By participating in tournament matches, each player recognizes the organizing committee's exclusive right to place advertising materials about the tournament, and also materials from its sponsors or partners, on sporting equipment during tournament matches (by agreement with the owners of the equipment).
- 8.2. The organizing committee is required to maintain confidentiality of the participants, and also not to distribute photos or video footage about the participation of players, in the media or on the Internet without the players' permission.

Approved by the chairman of the organizing committee of the first Russian LGBT Open Games  
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