

**SINGAPORE PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL
NATIONAL INTER-PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

TABLE TENNIS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1 RULES & REGULATIONS

All games shall be played under the current Rules as adopted by the International Table Tennis Federation except where otherwise stated in the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council.

2 DIVISIONS

2.1 Players shall be placed under 2 Divisions as follows :

Senior Division – 13 years and under (as of 1st Jan 2009)

Junior Division – 11 years and under (as of 1st Jan 2009)

2.2 Competitions for both Divisions will be organised at National level.

2.3 Option to participate in a higher division is not permitted. All players are to compete in their respective age groups.

3 ENTRIES

3.1 The school that is the Champion Team in the Zone Team Competition is eligible to enter three players for the Individual Championship (Boys/Girls, Junior/Senior Division).

3.2 The school that is the Runner-up Team in the Zone Team Competition is eligible to enter two players for the Individual Championship (Boys/Girls, Junior/Senior Division).

3.3 Schools that are unplaced or are placed in 3rd/4th position in the Zone Team competition are eligible to enter one player for the Individual Championship (Boys/Girls, Junior/Senior Division).

3.4 Schools that did not take part in the Zone Team competition are eligible to enter one player for the Individual Championship (Boys/Girls, Junior/Senior Division).

3.5 All entries must be submitted to the Convenor concerned on the stipulated closing date.

3.6 The entry forms should include the date of birth and NRIC number of the students.

4 COMPETITIONS

4.1 Single Knock-out system is to be used in the Individual Championship.

4.2 INTERVAL (TIME-OUT)

One request of time-out per match by will be allowed during competitions. The duration of such time-out will be one minute.

4.3 SCORING

4.3.1 A game shall be won by the player first scoring 11 points unless both players score 10 points, when the game shall be won by the first player or subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points. A match shall consist of the best of 5 games.

4.3.2 After each 2 points have been scored, the receiving player shall become the serving player and so on until the end of the game, unless both players score 10 points, when the sequence of serving and receiving shall be the same but each player shall serve for only 1 point in turn.

4.4 UMPIRES

National School Convenor is to provide an umpire for each match schedule.

4.5 COMPETITION BALL

The 40mm ORANGE-coloured table tennis balls will be used for the competition.

5 SEEDING OF PLAYERS

5.1 Ranking of seeded players for the present year Senior Division Championship will be based solely on the results of last year's National Inter-Primary Schools Table Tennis Individual Championship

Results in Last Year	Seeding in Present Year	Remark
Senior Division Champion	1	
Junior Division Champion	2	If there is no Senior Division Champion from last year playing this year the Junior Division Champion from last year will be seeded no. 1
Senior Division Runner-up	3	If there is no Senior Division Champion from last year playing this year the Senior Division Runner-up from last year will be seeded no. 2
Junior Division Runner-up	4	<p>If there is no Senior Division Champion from last year playing this year the Junior Division Runner-up from last year will be seeded no.3.</p> <p>If there is no Senior Division Runner-up from last year playing this year the Junior Division Runner-up from last year will be seeded no.3.</p> <p>If there is no Senior Division Champion and Runner-up from last year playing this year the Junior Division Runner-up from last year will be seeded no.2</p>

5.2 Ranking of seeded players for the present year Junior Division Championship will be based solely on the results of last year's National Inter-Primary Schools Table Tennis Individual Championship

Results in Last Year	Seeding in Present Year	Remark
Junior Division Champion	1	
Junior Division Runner-up	2	If there is no Junior Division Champion from last year playing this year the Junior Division Runner-up from last year will be seeded no.1.
Junior Division Joint 3rd	3 & 4	If there is no Junior Division Champion from last year playing this year these 2 players will do a draw to determine which player is to be seeded no.2 and seeded no.3
Junior Division Joint 3rd	3 & 4	If there is no Junior Division Runner-up from last year playing this year these 2 players will do a draw to determine which player to be seeded no.2 and another player to be seeded no.3 If there is no Junior Division Champion and Runner-up from last year playing this year these 2 players will do a draw to determine which player to be seeded no.1 and another player to be seeded no.2

5.3 A player seeded number 1 will be placed in the position 1 of the Single knock-out fixture, a player seeded number 2 will be placed in the position 32 of the Single knock-out fixture.

5.4 Players seeded number 3 and 4 are to be drawn to determine position 16 or position 17 of the Single knock-out fixture

6 GRACE PERIOD

15 MINUTES GRACE PERIOD SHALL BE ALLOWED. The Convenor/Referee may at his/her discretion extend this grace period if he/she thinks the extension of grace period is justified. (eg. in special case when delay may be caused by traffic jam, floods, etc.) However, the player concerned must make every effort to contact the Convenor/Referee at the venue concerned to inform him/her of the delay.

7 POSTPONEMENT

No postponement shall be allowed. However, the Convenor/Referee shall, at his/her discretion, decide to postpone a match if he/she thinks the venue is unfit for play, or for any other valid reasons which he/she deems a postponement is in order. Teams must abide by the decision of the Convenor/Referee.

8 WITHDRAWAL / WALK-OVER

8.1 Any withdrawal or walk-over by a player is considered contrary to the spirit of the game.

8.2 Schools participating in the competition should not withdraw or give a walk-over. A written explanation is required for each withdrawal or walk-over.

8.3 For each withdrawal or walk-over, a written explanation duly endorsed by the Principal shall be submitted to the Convenor within two working days. A copy is to be sent to the Advisor.

8.4 Schools which concede walkovers without any valid reason shall be liable to disciplinary action.

9 ABANDONED GAME

9.1 If a match cannot be completed due to inclement weather, the score remaining shall be retained and the match shall be continued and completed on another day.

9.2 Any player causing a game to be abandoned by walking out, shall be liable to disciplinary action.

10 PROTEST

10.1 Any protest on points of rules during a game must be lodged immediately by the teacher-in-charge. The decision of the referee/umpire shall be final.

10.2 All questions relating to the qualification of players/competitors, or interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest whatever shall be referred to the Tournament Organising Committee, whose decision shall be final.

10.3 All protest on points of regulations must be followed in writing and endorsed by the Principal concerned. The letter of protest must reach the convenor within two working days following the end of the game. The decision of the Tournament Organising Committee shall be final and no further appeal shall be entertained.

11 APPEAL

11.1 Any school dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee may appeal to the Council.

11.2 Notice of appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Council within two working days on receiving the Committee's decision.

11.3 A Board of Appeal will be appointed by the Council to deal with any appeal, otherwise, the Standing Committee shall deal with the appeal. The decision of the Board of Appeal or the Standing Committee shall be absolute and final.

12 SUSPENSION

A player who is suspended by any of the following bodies is barred from participating in any capacity for the period of suspension:

- the School
- the Zone Sports Council
- the Primary Schools Sports Council
- the Singapore Table Tennis Association

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the following position:
Champion,

- Runner-up
- 2 Joint third
- 4 Consolations (Qualified in the top 8)

14 TEACHER-IN-CHARGE OF TEAM

14.1 Each participating player must be accompanied by a teacher who shall remain with the player throughout the duration of play.

14.2 Failure to comply with 17.1 shall lead to the disqualification of the **player**.

15 EXTERNAL INSTRUCTOR

15.1 External instructors are expected to conduct themselves well in carrying out their duties.

15.2 External instructors are not allowed to approach the game officials to query their decisions. Only teachers-in-charge are allowed to approach game officials to seek clarifications. Failure to comply with the rule, shall lead to action being taken against the school.

15.3 The onus for external instructors to adhere to the above rules lies with the school.

16 SUPPORTERS

School sending supporter to any competition shall ensure that there are sufficient teachers on duty to maintain discipline.

17 CODE OF CONDUCT

School must brief its players, teachers, external instructors and parents on the code of conduct stipulated by SPSSC and ensure that they fully adhere to it.

18 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

All matters not provided for in the rules and regulations shall be dealt with by the respective committees.

19 AMENDMENTS

The Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council reserves the right to delete, add and amend the rules and regulations laid down.