



# TABLE TENNIS

## COMPETITION MANUAL

8<sup>TH</sup> MICRONESIAN GAMES

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## TABLE TENNIS

Dates: Saturday - Tuesday, July 26 - 29, 2014  
Venue: 2nd Gymnasium, COM-FSM National Campus Gymnasium  
Technical Meeting Friday, July 25, 2014

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## COMPETITION DETAILS

### **1. Technical Committee**

- 1.1 The Technical Committee shall ensure that the 2014 Micronesian Games Table Tennis competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).
- 1.2 In accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter, membership of the Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the host country/territory, one representative from each of the other competing countries/territories, and the international federation representative (or their nominee), all of whom shall have voting rights.

### **2. Technical Committee Meeting Schedule**

- 2.1 The Technical Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2014 at the 2nd Gymnasium COM-FSM National Campus Gymnasium complex in Paliker, Pohnpei. Any change in the schedule of the technical committee meeting will be announced at least a week before the actual start of the Micronesian Games.

## **THE COMPETITION**

### **3. Date and Venue**

3.1 The 2014 Micronesian Games Table Tennis competition will be held over 3 days from the July 26, 28 and 29, 2014. The competition venue shall be the 2nd Gym located at the COM-FSM National Campus Gymnasium complex in Paliker, Pohnpei.

### **4. Rules**

4.1 The table tennis competition shall be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis as defined by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). The Micronesian Games Council shall have complete direction and control over the Games as stated in the Micronesian Games Charter. However, the technical aspects of each individual sport shall be under the control of their respective international federation, which shall be represented in this competition by the Technical Committee.

### **5. Events and Medals**

5.1 The 2014 Micronesian Games Table Tennis competition will consist of the following events.

Men's Team Event  
Women's Team Event  
Men's Doubles Event  
Women's Doubles Event  
Mixed Doubles Event  
Men's Singles Event  
Women's Singles Event

5.2 Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in the 2014 Micronesian Games Table Tennis competition in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter. Should only two or three entries compete in an event, only the gold medal shall be awarded. Should four entries compete in an event, only gold and silver medals shall be awarded. Should five or more entries compete in an event, gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded, with both losing semi-finalists being awarded the bronze medal. Medals shall be presented to a maximum of six (6) persons in each team for the Team Events.

<b>MEDALS</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
Men's Team Event	1x6	1x6	2x6
Women's Team Event	1x6	1x6	2x6
Men's Doubles Event	1x2	1x2	2x2
Women's Doubles Event	1x2	1x2	2x2
Mixed Doubles Event	1x2	1x2	2x2
Men's Singles Event	1x1	1x1	2x1
Women's Singles Event	1x1	1x1	2x1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 (20)</b>	<b>7 (20)</b>	<b>14 (40)</b>

## 6. Schedule

DAY	DATE	START TIME	GENDER	EVENT	COMPETITION
1	26 July 2014	9:00 am	Men / Women	Men's Team	Round 1
		12:00 nn		Women's Team	Round 1
		1:00 pm	Men / Women	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
		4:30 pm		Men's Team	Round 2
				Women's Team	Round 2
				Men's Team	Round 3
				Women's Team	Round 3
2	28 July 2014	9:00 am	Men / Women	Men's Team	Round 4
		12:00 nn		Women's Singles	Round of 16
		1:00 pm	Men / Women	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
		4:30 pm		Men's Team	Round 5
				Women's Doubles	Round of 8
				Women's Singles	Semi-Finals
				Mixed Doubles	Quarterfinals
					Round of 32
					Round of 16
					Quarterfinals
					Semi-Finals
					Round of 32
					Semi-Finals
3	29 July 2014	9:00 am	Men	Men's Doubles	Qualifying Match
		12:00 nn			Round of 32
		1:00 pm	Men / Women		Round of 16
		4:30 pm			Quarterfinals
				Men's Singles	Semi-Finals
				Women's Singles	Finals
				Mixed Doubles	Finals
				Women's Doubles	Finals
				Men's Doubles	Finals
				Women's Singles	Finals
				Men's Singles	Finals
		4:30 pm	Men / Women	Medals	Awarding Ceremonies

## **7. Equipment**

- 7.1 TABLES: Stag International DX1000 (There will be 4 tables used simultaneously)
- 7.2 NETS: Stag International
- 7.3 BALLS: Stag International 40 mm. 3-star orange colored balls (Athletes and coaches are advised to bring their own practice or training balls)

## **8. Playing Area**

- 8.1 The playing venue shall consist of four (4) playing areas defined by barriers or surrounds. The dimension of each playing area is 14 meters long by 7 meters wide. The playing venue has a ceiling height of at least 15 meters above the ground. The organizers shall attempt to achieve an illumination of at least 600 lux over the playing areas as specified by the Regulations for International Competitions of the ITTF. However, it is possible that the actual illumination shall fall slightly short of 600 lux, which may affect the level of play.

## **COMPETITION FORMAT**

### **9. Team Events**

- 9.1 For team events, a maximum of five (5) players of each gender may be entered into their respective teams. The combined total number of men's and women's team players shall not exceed ten (10).
- 9.2 For team matches, the Swaythling Cup competition format shall be used. Opposing teams shall select three players each from their pool of players registered for the Team Events for a particular match. The selected players shall play a round-robin format against each of their opponents, making a total of nine (9) individual matches.
- 9.3 The team match shall be won by the team that wins five (5) out of the 9 individual matches. All individual matches are played in a best of five (5) games/sets format, with the player who wins (3) out of the five (5) games/sets being declared the winner. All individual matches shall be played, regardless of whether a team has already won the team match.
- 9.4 In case of a tie, the team with the greater percentage of games/sets won over games/sets lost shall receive the higher ranking. If the games/sets won/lost percentages are also identical, then the team with the greater percentage of points won over points lost shall receive the higher ranking. If the points

won/lost percentages are also identical, then the head-to-head match result of the teams with the identical records shall be used to determine the final rankings.

- 9.5 If there is only 1 group of teams, the final positions/rankings are determined from the results of a round-robin format of matches between all the teams. The team with the best record shall be awarded the gold medal. The team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> best record shall be awarded the silver medal. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> best records shall both receive the bronze medals.
- 9.6 If there are 2 groups, each team shall play the other teams in their group in a round-robin format. The team with the highest position/rank in the 1<sup>st</sup> group shall play against the team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest position/rank in the 2<sup>nd</sup> group, while the team with the highest position/rank in the 2<sup>nd</sup> group shall play the team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest position/rank in the 1<sup>st</sup> group. The winners of these matches shall proceed to play against each other in the gold/silver final match. The losers of these matches shall play each other in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place match, but both teams shall be awarded bronze medals.
- 9.7 If there are 3 groups, each team shall play the other teams in their group in a round-robin format. The teams with the highest position/rank in their respective groups shall play a subsequent round-robin format of matches against each other. The gold medal shall be awarded to the team with the highest position/rank from this round, the silver medal awarded to the team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest position/rank, and the 1<sup>st</sup> bronze medal awarded to the team placed/ranked 3rd. The team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest position/rank in their respective groups shall also play a subsequent round-robin format of matches against each other, and the team with the highest position/rank from this round will be awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> bronze medal.

## **10. Individual Events**

- 10.1 SINGLES EVENTS- the format for singles events is Round Robin matches, and then move into Knock out, a common format is groups of 4, with the top 2 progressing into the knock out draw. All group matches would be best of 5 games, and the knock out best of 7 games.
- 10.2 DOUBLES EVENTS - For all doubles events, the competition format shall be that of a single elimination/knock-out system. All matches shall be played in a best of five (5) games/sets format, from the preliminary matches up until the finals matches.

## **11. Entries**

11.1 The maximum number of athletes per Country or Territory that may enter in the 2014 Micronesian Games Table Tennis competition is ten (10) with no more than five (5) of the same gender, in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter. No more than five (5) competitors and no less than two (2) competitors are required to participate in the men's and women's team events respectively. No more than five (5) pairs may be entered by a Country or Territory to compete in the mixed doubles event. No more than two (2) pairs may be entered by a Country or Territory to compete in the men's and women's doubles events respectively. No more than five (5) individuals may be entered into the men's and women's singles events respectively.

11.2 Entry forms or name forms must be completely filled out and signed by the potential entries, and submitted to the Pohnpei 2014 Micronesian Games Organizing Committee no later than the 20 June 2014.

11.3 The names of the competitors finally entered for each event shall be confirmed to the Pohnpei 2014 Micronesian Games Organizing Committee within twelve (12) hours of arrival for the Games, or at the Delegation Registration Meeting, but before the first Technical Committee meeting of each sport in which there are entries. Only those competitors whose names appear on the Entry By Name Forms shall be eligible to compete in the Games.

11.4 When a competitor is taken ill or injured after being included in the Final Entry By Name Forms, a substitute may be nominated, upon production of a medical certificate issued by the medical doctor designated by the Pohnpei 2014 Micronesian Games Organizing Committee, provided this nomination is made on the local calendar date before the first competitions of the event for which the injured athlete would have taken part. The substitute's name must have been entered in the Entry By Name Forms of that sport.

## **12. Accreditation**

12.1 Accreditation of participating officials and athletes for the Micronesian Games will be done online through the Sporting Pulse website (<http://www.sportingpulse.com>). Actual identification tags and meal tickets will be claimed from the MGOC Office located in the Games Village at PICS High School.

### **13. Draws and Seedings**

- 13.1 The draw for Team Events will be conducted prior to the first Technical Committee Meeting by the Tournament Referee and the Tournament Controller.
- 13.2 For Singles Events, the seeding shall be determined by their current Oceania, Pacific and each country's Rankings, which shall be updated to include their performance in the preceding Team Event in this tournament. Highest seeded players are given priority to receive byes should these be required during the scheduling of the elimination/knock-out format. The tournament draw will distribute players with rankings but who did not receive byes in a manner that minimizes the chances that they will face each other in the preliminary rounds. Players who currently do not have an Oceania or Pacific ranking shall be put into the general drawing pool. The Single Events draw will be done immediately after the results for the Team Events have been tabulated and the individual player's rankings are adjusted.
- 13.3 For Doubles Events, each Country shall rank their doubles pairs in each event with the seeding to be determined by the Tournament Referee and Tournament Controller, taking into consideration their updated World, Oceania and Pacific rankings. Highest seeded doubles pairs are given priority to receive byes should these be required during the scheduling of the elimination/knock-out format. The tournament draw will distribute doubles pairs with rankings but who did not receive byes in a manner that minimizes the chances that they will face each other in the preliminary rounds. Doubles pairs that currently do not have an Oceania or Pacific ranking shall be put into the general drawing pool. The Doubles Events draw will be done immediately after the results for the Team Events have been tabulated and the individual player's rankings are adjusted.

## **TRAINING / PRACTICE**

### **14. Venue**

- 14.1 The training / practice venue shall be determined at a later date. Teams will be informed upon arrival of the practice venue.

### **15. Equipment**

- 15.1 Six (6) training tables shall be made available. Tournament tables may also be used for training, should they be un-occupied. Athletes and coaches are advised to bring their own training / practice balls.

**16. Schedule**

16.1 Athletes and coaches will be provided with training schedules upon their arrival.

**17. Gluing Area**

17.1 Tables and benches shall be provided immediately outside the competition venue for those athletes who intend on using glue, or who practice a habit of re-gluing. Gluing inside the competition venue is strictly prohibited, in consideration of those present inside during the competition.

**18. Doping Control**

18.1 Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2014 Micronesian Games. The authoritative list of prohibited substances shall be that of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances. Any athlete that tests positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the 2014 Micronesian Games.

**MEDICAL SERVICES**

**19. Medical Facilities**

19.1 A medical facility for all accredited persons shall be located at each Games village. Primary care (first aid) medical services shall be provided twenty four (24) hours a day, for the duration of the Games.

**20. Medical Services At The Competition Venue**

20.1 There will be a first aid station available at the competition venue.

20.2 Additional medical services will be made available to all persons on the same basis(including payment) that they are available to the general public.

**21. Eligibility**

In order to be eligible to compete at the Micronesian Games, an athlete must comply with one of the following criteria:

- (1) The athlete must have been born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council -- that is, Palau, Guam, the CNMI, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, or Kiribati -- and must have lived in any of those states, countries, or territories for a period of three years up to and including the start of the Games; OR
- (2) The athlete must be the child of at least one parent, or two grandparents, who were born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above), without regard to residence; OR
- (3) The athlete must have resided in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above) for a period of seven years up to and including the start of the Games, AND, resides in the state, country, or territory for which the athlete will compete, as of the start of the Games, without regard to ancestry.

The temporary absence of an athlete from the territory of a member of the Micronesian Games Council for purposes such as education, sports, training, military service, and health care, or other legitimate absences of a similar kind, are not considered as interrupting a previously-established residency.

In addition, athletes must:

- (a) Complete all necessary entry and participation forms;
- (b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by any relevant authority;
- (c) Comply with all relevant rules and regulations of the Micronesian Games Council, the MGC Constitution, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

It is the responsibility of each participating state, country, or territory to ensure that all competitors comply with these requirements.

These requirements apply only to athletes. There are no eligibility requirements for coaches or technical officials.

Entries by name must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the Games. Late entries will not be accepted. At the close of entries, the Pohnpei Organizing Committee will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have ten days to challenge the eligibility of a competitor. A \$50 bond is required for each challenge. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful, but is forfeited if the challenge is unsuccessful.

The burden of proof of eligibility is on the sponsoring state, country, or territory, rather than the challenging state, country, or territory. In the event of a challenge, the sponsoring state, country, or territory must submit documents proving eligibility.

Challenges to athlete eligibility are made to the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board, not to the Pohnpei Organizing Committee, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board. All challenges to eligibility shall be decided at least 10 days prior to the start of the Games. The decisions of the Disputes Tribunal are final and may not be appealed.

A state, country, or territory whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a penalty in the amount of \$100. Failure to pay the penalty means that the state, country, or territory will not be allowed to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.

The contents of this section are a summary of the relevant provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution. While every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of this summary, in the event of any inconsistencies between this summary and the provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution, the provisions of the Constitution shall be controlling.

## **22. Jury of Appeal**

22.1 The Jury of Appeal will deal with any appeals lodged against a decision of the Technical Committee and arising from the conduct of the competition in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter. Each sport shall appoint a Jury of Appeal at its first Technical Committee meeting. The Jury shall be comprised of four (4) persons from different Countries or Territories, and a further four (4) alternate members, plus a chairperson. Whenever a dispute involves a member(s) of a juror's Country or Territory, the said juror shall be excused from the Jury of Appeal and an alternate juror shall take his or her place in the Jury for that particular dispute. The Jury decision for technical matters will be final.

## **23. Appeals Committee**

23.1 The Appeals Committee appointed by the Micronesian Games Council shall decide on all questions of a non-technical nature outside of the jurisdiction of the Juries of Appeal in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter.

23.2 The Appeals Committee shall have a regular schedule of meetings throughout the 2014 Micronesian Games. Protests/disputes pertaining to eligibility must be submitted in writing no later than forty eight (48) hours after the first Technical Committee meeting of the sport involved. Protests/disputes submitted thereafter shall no longer be addressed/considered/entertained.

## **24. Accommodations**

24.1 Official delegates from visiting island nations shall be given their accommodations in accordance with the arrangements made by the Pohnpei 2014 Micronesian Games Organizing Committee, as well as their meals. A per diem fee is charged to all visiting island nations, on a compulsory basis, which covers the costs of internally transporting, housing and feeding the delegates. No further payments are expected from participants once they have properly paid their per diem charges. Ultimate location of accommodations for participants shall be determined by the Pohnpei 2014 Micronesian Games Organizing Committee.

## **25. Meals**

25.1 Meals shall be served 3 times a day, for the duration of the entire of the 2014 Micronesian Games. No payment from the participant is expected beyond the per diem charges. Meals are Available in the cafeteria at each Games village. Meals may be delivered to the competition venue by prior arrangement, for those whose competition schedule prevents them from taking their meals at the cafeterias. Schedules of meal times as well as menus detailing the composition of the meal shall be determined by the Pohnpei 2014 Micronesian Games Organizing Committee. Participants with special dietary requirements are advised to contact and advise the Pohnpei 2014 Micronesian Games Organizing Committee as early as possible.

## **26. Transportation**

26.1 Participants in the Table Tennis tournament shall have transfer service between the airport and their accommodations. Transfer service will also be provided to the playing venue, in accordance with the arrangements made by the Pohnpei 2014 Micronesia Games Organizing Committee.

## **27. Accompanying Relatives/Supporters/Friends**

28.1 For those official delegates (athletes, officials and technical staff) who wish to bring along relatives, supporters or other friends to the Micronesian Games, their travel, transportation, accommodation and food expenses shall be their sole responsibility. Relatives, supporters or other friends shall not be issued any official passes or identification, and they shall be restricted from entering in any event or venue except to observe and cheer as spectators from the spectator's area.