

**FEDERATION
OF
TABLE SOCCER
INDIA**



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Article 1- PLAYERS ADMITTED TO COMPETITION

- Official competitions are strictly reserved to FTSl and ITSF licences
- Players recognized by the State Table Soccer Associations can take part in FTSl competitions, in accordance with the current statutory provisions (i.e. only players registered with their respective State Table Soccer Associations).

Article 2- Competition categories and tournament formats

- For an official event to be organized, the required regulations must first be approved by the Sports Commission.

Article 3- CLASSIFICATION OF SANCTIONED OFFICIAL EVENTS

The tournaments sanctioned by FTSl are divided into 4 categories:

District, State, NATIONAL and MAIN EVENT

(See appendix n°1 for point's details)

Article 4- Ownership and denomination of sanctioned championships

1. As the FTSl Statutes and regulations are its work and property, official events which are played under these Statutes and regulations are also the exclusive property of the FTSl.

2. Associations which organize official events must indicate properly 'under the aegis of the FTSl' on all official documents (posters, schedules and other printed material).

To insert the name of the main sponsor into the title of the competition, a written agreement of the FTSl is necessary.

The sports aspect of the event is subject to specific FTSl rules.

Article 5- Game rules

All competitions under the aegis of the FTSl must be conducted according to the Game Rules established by the Rules Commission.

Article 6- Tournament requests

1. Tournament requests must be sent to the FTSl Sports Commission, at the latest at a date permitting to comply with the various deadlines set by the current regulation.

2. No competition may be organized without permission.

3. The application to submit an event in the FTSl Tour must contain the following:

- the precise name of the competition;
- the name of the in charge, their e-mail address;
- the event venue and date requested;
- the categories of competitions and name of the table(s) to be played on;

Article 7- Granting of an official competition

1. In order to be granted the organization of an official event, the state association submitting the request must pay a tournament sanctioning fee to the FTSl. This fee must be paid at least 3 months before the opening date of the competition (fees differ depending on the categories of events); if the fee is not paid, the competition shall be removed from the calendar of events. In any case, this fee must be paid to and remains the property of the ITSF

even if later and for whatever reason the competition is not held.

Article 8- Duration of a competition, number of tables

1. The normal duration of a competition is three to four days.
2. The organizer shall make all necessary arrangements to have a sufficient number of tables to ensure the smooth running of the competition.
3. The FTSI Executive Committee is authorized to depart from the present article's provisions in case of particular circumstances.

Article 9- Organization rights

1. The attribution of an official competition, which is under the authority of the FTSI, is definite only after the sanctioning fees, set periodically by the Executive Committee, are paid.
2. After the bill is received, the amount set must be paid to the FTSI account within the time frame allowed (3 months before the competition is to take place).
3. The paid sum remains the property of the FTSI even if, for whatever reason, the competition is not held.

Article 10 - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

FTSI rules

Qualification WCHS

Players can qualify for the World Championships in several ways:

- *Through the ITSF World Rankings* (top world ranking)
- *By winning a competition at the previous World Championships*
- *By winning the national championships**
- *By benefiting from special Wild Cards, when their association is an FTSI Member*

➤ *ITSF World Rankings* Those players whose accumulated ITSF rankings points for a season place them in the top 16 in Men's, top 8 in Women's and top 3 in Junior and Senior Singles Rankings worldwide will qualify to compete in the Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Junior Singles and Senior Singles events – the definite list of these players will be known after the last tournament of the Tour.

➤ *World Championships titleholders* All titleholders (in Singles and Doubles) from the previous World Championships edition are automatically qualified, except when the champions are too old to qualify in their categories; for example, Junior champions who are no longer Juniors the following year or champions who become Seniors. These players are NOT entitled to a travel package. There can be no substitute players for these qualified players (neither in Singles nor Doubles).

➤ *National Champions* All FTSI member associations (regardless of their membership category) are entitled to send their champions in the following categories: Men, Women, Junior (18 and under) and Senior (50 years & over). There is no limit to the number of teams that member federations can send for the Disabled Doubles category. As a general rule, if a national champion (male or female) cannot make it to the World Championships (in Singles or Doubles), the *next highest placing PLAYER in Singles* in the national qualifying event can go instead in the case of Singles. In the case of Doubles, the *next highest placing TEAM in Doubles* in the national qualifying event can go instead (*only next; not consecutively next**). The national federation's Selection commission has the final say and must select its national champions in a clear and fair way.

➤ *Wild Cards:* All FTSI Member associations benefit from special Wild Cards to have an extra team (only 1) of players in all the Singles, & Doubles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior.

Article 11- RANKING, & COMPETITION PROCESS

Categories in Singles and Double events

Men/Women: between 19 to 49 years old on December 31st of the year the touring season starts

Junior: under 18 years old on December 31st of the year the touring season starts

Senior: 50 years old and older on December 31st of the year the touring season starts

Series:

BEGINNER	0 to 100 points
AMATEUR	101 to 200 points
SEMI-PRO	201 to 400 points
PRO	401 to 700 points
PRO-MASTER	over 700 points

The players ranked from Beginner to Semi-Pro can only move up.

Pro and Master-Pro ranked players can move down one level maximum from their highest ranking.

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Number of participants

1. The number of participants may be unlimited as long as the deadlines set by the organizers are respected.

- Registration

1. Registration of teams in an official competition must be sent to the FTSI Sports Commission (to the FTSI Head Office), with a copy sent to the state association organizing the event.

2. The registrations shall be closed within the deadline set by the Executive Committee before the opening date of an official competition so as to enable the organizers to finalize their schedule.

For an open competition which accepts registration at the event venue, the registration deadline applies only to national teams.

3. Associations are solely responsible for complying with the deadlines mentioned above. Delays due to postal mail delivery cannot be accepted as a valid excuse.

4. In case of force majeure, delays of less than three days from the registration deadline may be accepted. The Sports Commission is then solely competent.

5. Registration fees are due immediately after registering, even if the player does not take part in the competition. Not showing up in the competitions after registering may be followed by other negative consequences.

- Admissible competitors

1. Only competitors who comply with the provisions of the FTSI Statutes and whose association/club/institutions are not under an ineligibility sanction are entitled to participate in official competitions.

2. Competitors will be qualified by their State association and only by them. A competitor who has been suspended by his/her association cannot take part in any competition of the FTSI & ITSF Tour.

- Approved registrations

1. The responsibility to set the list of participants is solely given to the organizing association under the aegis of the Sports Commission.

2. No objection against a qualification or the validity of a registration may be retained during the official competition.

3. Each objection of this kind is to be submitted in writing to the FTSI Sports Commission.

4. Any participant who believes he/she has been wronged by a decision against them may appeal through their association to the FTSI Executive Committee. The FTSI Executive Committee decides in first instance and its decision is final.

– Competitors' compensation

1. The organizer/incharge of an official event may pay compensation to the competitors according to the decisions of the Executive Committee.
2. The competitors ranked 1 to 3 must attend the announcement of the results for any official competition under the aegis of the FTSI.
3. In addition to paying tournament sanctioning fees, set by the Executive Committee, the organizer of an official event shall pay compensation to the players in accordance with the provisions in effect (if the case applies). It also applies to the official delegate of the FTSI.
4. If a competition is cancelled while the players and the FTSI official delegate have already set out on their journey to go there within a reasonable period of time, the organizing association will, besides the payment of the tournament sanctioning fee which remains the property of the FTSI, pay the unnecessarily occurred expenses of the players and the FTSI official delegate, except in case of unavoidable circumstances (case of force majeure) duly checked and accepted by the FTSI Executive Committee.

-Events

1. The Singles and Doubles competitions will count towards the individual ranking of the competitors, in the Women's, Men's, Junior, Senior and other categories recognized by the FTSI & ITSF.

- FAILURE TO APPEAR, FORFEITURE, EXPULSION, TRANSGRESSION

– Seeded players failing to appear

1. During a competition that includes seeded players, if one of them doesn't attend the beginning of the competition, the official delegate of the FTSI, after consulting with the delegate of the organizing association, fills in the vacancy at his/her discretion up to the required number of players.

- Expulsion

1. If a player is expelled from a competition, all the matches played as well as future matches are cancelled. Technical results of played and cancelled matches will not be taken into account for the rankings.
2. In case a player is expelled during the competition, his/her compensation payment is fully cancelled. This also applies to money awards. If it applies, the amounts already paid to the player shall be reimbursed.

- Forfeiture

1. Any player who doesn't finish a match shall lose that match as forfeit.

- Transgression

1. The following are considered to be transgressions towards the Statutes and the regulations and are treated as such by the Executive Committee, when a player
 - does not respect the regulations in effect;
 - does not pay his/her registration fees;
 - fails to appear at the beginning of a competition;
 - withdraws from one or several matches;
 - is expelled from a competition.

Article 12 - GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ORGANIZATION

– Smoking and alcohol

1. Neither players nor referees may smoke during the competition.

The tournament director shall remind all participants about the smoking ban in the hall at the beginning of each playing session. In case of a transgression, the FTSl official delegate can have the competition continue behind closed doors or interrupt it; while telling the organizers that the results will not be accepted; he will then leave the room.

In such circumstances, the obligation to pay compensation to the players for the whole normal duration of the competition still applies.

2. Neither players nor referees may be served alcoholic substances during their playing.

3. Any player or referee, who breaks the provisions of the present article, after the FTSl delegate made the remark to him/her, may be excluded from the competition.

– Anti-doping struggle

1. Any player taking part in a competition organized by, recognized by or relating to the ITSF, as well as any person giving their support in the interest of that player, is under the obligation of respecting the instructions and prescriptions to be enforced in the field of anti-doping struggle, which form the subject of particular rules: the Anti-Doping Rules.

2. The Executive Commission establishes the Anti-Doping Rules of the FTSl. These Rules are published by the FTSl. The same applies to the list of prohibited medicines and measures. Any modification to these documents shall also be published.

3. Those associations affiliated, recognized or bound by contract to the FTSl have to include the prohibition of doping in their regulations and the provisions that apply in regards to testing and in case of transgressions.

4. Any transgression to the provisions enacted in the present article is punishable. Any infringement will be treated in accordance with the Anti-Doping Rules. Depending on the type of products used or held, resorting to penal jurisdiction is not excluded (see the Anti-Doping Rules).

– Match schedule, players' commitment

1. The event organizer shall take all necessary measures for the match schedule to be respected. He/she will check that the matches start and finish at suitable times so that players can rest sufficiently, especially at night time.

– Broadcasting the results

1. The organizer of an official competition shall take all necessary measures to try and obtain Internet live or differed broadcast.

Careful precautions must be taken in order to disturb the players the least possible during takes, in particular with regards to noise or light. Under no circumstances the player may refuse to be filmed and he/she shall not express demands of any kind.

2. The association organizing an event is under the obligation to forward on a daily basis the results of matches, with the provisional ranking, to the most qualified press agency and, if possible, to ensure that these results are broadcasted on the radio, television... Likewise, these results shall be forwarded to the FTSl Communication Commission.

Appendix n°1

The points allocated are as follows:

Place	National	State	District
1	150	100	50
2	135	90	45
3	120	80	40
3	105	70	35
5	90	60	30
9	75	50	25
17	60	40	20
33	45	30	15
65	30	20	10
129	15	10	5
257	9	6	3
513	3	2	1