



By-Law 7

STATE TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT

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Name

1. This By-Law shall be referred to as the State Tournament Circuit By-Law.

Source

2. This By-Law is made pursuant to rule 33 of the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria Incorporated.

Intent

3. The Table Tennis Victoria annual program of tournaments (State Tournament Circuit) is designed to provide:
 - all members, from lower skill up to elite skill levels, with the opportunity to compete against others in tournament play; and
 - a basis for measuring relative performance for selection into State teams, for State rankings and for other awards.
4. In conducting an annual program of tournaments, Table Tennis Victoria also seeks to improve the management, administration, and the conditions of play in tournaments.

Scope

5. This By-Law is intended to regulate the conducting of –
 - the Victorian Open Championships;
 - the Victorian Closed Championships; and
 - all Table Tennis Victoria approved open tournaments conducted by affiliate members.
6. In respect of all other tournaments conducted within Victoria, the rules and processes are governed by the event owner [for example, the Australian Championships are conducted under the authority of Table Tennis Australia].

Tournament calendar

7. Subject to regulation 8, Table Tennis Victoria shall develop and publish a tournament calendar for each year which shall balance the requirements and preferences of Table Tennis Australia, Table Tennis Victoria, and affiliate members in that respective order.

Expressions of interest

8. The Chief Executive Officer of Table Tennis Victoria shall seek on or around 1 April, expressions of interest from affiliate members to conduct open tournaments in the following calendar year.
9. Table Tennis Victoria will start the draft calendar process in May, collaboratively working with the affiliates to ensure a balanced calendar for the following year.

Tournament loading factor

10. As set out in regulation 11 of By-Law 11 – State Team Points, a tournament conducted by an affiliate member has a loading factor of 1; a Victorian Closed tournament has a loading factor of 1.5 and a Victorian Open tournament has a loading factor of 2.0.

Tournament Director

11. A Tournament Director shall be appointed by the host association who is responsible for the management of the relevant tournament. Affiliates who run a State Tournament Circuit event are expected to put someone from their community forward for this role to learn this role if an outside Tournament Director is sourced.
12. The Tournament Director will have access to the appropriate training on Zermelo by TTA and TTV if required to ensure the tournament is run to the highest standards.

Administration and Technical officials

13. All tournaments shall be controlled by a qualified referee assigned by the Table Tennis Victoria Umpires League.
14. All tournaments shall charge an “Administration Fee” on top of the usual individual event entry fees that goes towards paying for the referees and umpires and TTV administration and promotion for that event. This fee shall be communicated to host affiliates as part of tournament planning for the following year.

15. This fee will be collected by the host affiliate through RevSport and passed onto Table Tennis Victoria
16. In addition, the Victorian Open and the Victorian Closed shall have at least 3 qualified umpires assigned by the Table Tennis Victoria Umpires League – all other tournaments conducted by affiliate members shall have 1 or more qualified umpires assigned by Table Tennis Victoria Umpires League (dependant on the number of entries).
17. It shall be the Table Tennis Victoria's responsibility to arrange for the assignment of referees and umpires from the Table Tennis Victoria Umpires League for all events on the State Tournament Circuit.
18. It shall be the Table Tennis Victoria's responsibility to pay all referees and umpires at the approved rate set down by the Table Tennis Victoria in conjunction with the Table Tennis Victoria Umpires League.
19. It shall be Table Tennis Victoria's responsibility to arrange for accommodation for the referees and umpires assigned to affiliate events if they need to travel more than 2 hours each way to complete the assignation. One night per one day of an event.
20. If shall be the host affiliates responsibility to arrange for catering for the referees and umpires assigned to their event.

Participation in Victorian tournaments

21. In respect of all Table Tennis Victoria approved tournaments conducted in Victoria [including the Victorian Open but excluding the Victorian Closed tournament], a player may participate provided he or she is registered with a state, national or international table tennis governing body.

Victorian Closed tournament

22. In respect of the Victorian Closed tournament, a player may participate provided he or she is registered with Table Tennis Victoria and ordinarily resides within the State jurisdiction.

Blue & Teal Tournaments

23. The Victorian Open, Victorian Closed and Affiliate Open hosted at venues larger than 20 courts shall be designated “Blue” Tournaments and include, as a minimum, the events as outlined in Appendix A, Blue column that is marked as **M**.
24. All Affiliate Open hosted at venues smaller than 20 courts shall be designated “Teal” tournaments and include, as a minimum, the events as outlined in Appendix A, Teal column that is marked as **M**.
25. Blue tournaments may include optional events as outlined in Appendix A, Blue column that is marked as **O**
26. Teal tournaments may include options events as outlined in Appendix A, Teal column that is marked as **O**.

Events

27. In respect of the events outlined in Appendix A, all aged singles matches shall be played in round robin groups of 3 with the winner progressing to a knockout format [for avoidance of doubt, this format may be altered where there are insufficient or unequal number of players entered in an event]. All singles matches shall be the best of 5 games only.
28. All Open Mens and Open Womens singles matches shall be the best of 5 games in the round robin groups and best of 7 games in the knockout.
29. In respect of the events outlined in Appendix A, all doubles matches shall be played in a knockout format [for avoidance of doubt, this format may be altered where there are insufficient or unequal number of players entered in an event]. All doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games only.
30. In respect of the events outlined in Appendix A, all Division singles matches shall be played in a knockout format. All singles and doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games only.

Para events

31. The types of para events that may be conducted in a Senior Blue tournament include the following:

- Class 1 – 5 Singles
- Class 1 – 5 Doubles
- Class 6 – 10 Singles
- Class 6 – 10 Doubles
- Class 11 Singles
- Class 11 Doubles

or a combination thereof, depending on the number of participating players.

Restriction on age events

32. In all junior tournaments, a player may only play in 2 consecutive age category events [for example, an U/13 player may only play in U/13 & U/15 events but not in U/13, U/15 & U/17 events or U/13 & U/17 events].
33. In all veteran tournaments, a player may only play in 2 consecutive age category events [for example, an O/60 player may only play in O/60 & O/50 events but not in O/60, O/50 & O/40 events or O/60 & O/40 events].
34. Regarding regulation 54, the following exception is allowed, where a player enters O/80 Womens singles, or a player enters O/85 Singles, that player is allowed to play in three consecutive age categories.

Restriction on division singles events

35. In all tournaments, a player may only play in 2 consecutive division events [for example, where a player has 1150 points, he or she may enter Division 2 & 3 Singles but not Division 1, 2 & 3 Singles or Division 1 & 3 Singles].

Entry forms

36. Entry forms shall include the following information and shall be published on the Affiliates' RevSport portal:
- date of tournament
 - closing date of entries – 15 days before date of tournament
 - name & address of tournament venue
 - contact details for Tournament Director
 - name of all events, entry fees and prizes
 - event restrictions – players are limited to a maximum of 6 events and any other restrictions, such as doubles.
 - timetable for events
 - entry payment information
 - all tournaments entry fees must be paid before the day of the event

Timetable of events

37. In preparing a timetable of events, events shall commence ***no earlier*** than 9.00 am [and expected completion time should be estimated at ***no later*** than 7.30 pm].

Entry form conditions

38. Entry forms shall also include a link to the [TTV universal conditions of entry](#) with any variations being listed on the online entry form.
39. As to age classification, the following rules shall apply:
- all junior ages [and including U/21] shall be taken as of 31 December in the previous year
 - all veteran ages [and including O/30] shall be taken as of 31 December in the current year.
 - Twenties age group is anyone outside the above 2 cut-offs
40. As to event classification, the following rules shall apply:

Band 1: (Can be run at Blue tournaments)

- *Division 1* – players with a rating of 2000 or below points
- *Division 2* – players with a rating of 1700 or below points
- *Division 3* – players with a rating of 1400 or below points
- *Division 4* – players with a rating of 1200 or below points
- *Division 5* – players with a rating of 1000 or below points
- *Division 6* – players with a rating of 800 or below points.

Band 2: (Can be run at Blue or Teal tournaments)

- *Division 1* – players with a rating of 1900 or below points
- *Division 2* – players with a rating of 1600 or below points
- *Division 3* – players with a rating of 1200 or below points
- *Division 4* – players with a rating of 1000 or below points

Amendment of tournament conditions

41. The stipulation of the above events, format and conditions in a tournament may be amended or modified only in exceptional circumstances.
42. For avoidance of doubt, a senior tournament may include O/30 events provided such events are conducted in the same manner as if included in a veteran tournament.

Publication of entry forms

43. All tournament entry forms are to be submitted to Table Tennis Victoria at least 10 weeks prior to the tournament date for approval.
44. Upon approval, the tournament entry form shall be published on the Affiliates' RevSport portal and included on the Table Tennis Victoria website and made available to all affiliate members at least 8 weeks prior to the tournament date.

Late entries

45. Late entries shall not be allowed after the closing date for entries unless there are exceptional circumstances, **and** the draw has not already been conducted by or on behalf of the Tournament Director.
46. After the relevant draw has been conducted, no late entry may be accepted.

Responsibility of Tournament Director prior to seeding

47. In preparation for seedings, the Tournament Director shall:
- prepare a list of entries for the tournament
 - allocate the player ranking next to each entrant [see *By-Law 16 – Athlete Rankings*]
 - ensure eligibility for players in each event
 - advise which events are to be conducted and which events are to be cancelled – however, no singles event prescribed as a “non-optional” event may be cancelled unless there are less than 2 players or pairs entered
 - pair up all double’s players where practicable [where players have not entered with a partner, or that preferred partner is not playing with preference given to pairing higher ranked players with each other].
48. The Tournament Director shall forward the above information to the Table Tennis Victoria State Selection Panel via email as soon as possible after the closing date for.

Seedings

49. The seeding of players in all Table Tennis Victoria approved tournaments is performed by the State Selection Panel.
50. The seeding of players is governed by *By-Law 16 – Athlete Ratings*.
51. The State Selection Panel shall complete all seedings as soon as practicable and forward to the Tournament Director for production of tournament draws.

Tournament draws

- 52. A tournament draw shall be produced by the Tournament Director.
- 53. A tournament draw only becomes “official” once approved by the Referee appointed to the relevant tournament.
- 54. Notwithstanding the above, a tournament draw may be published prior to approval by a Referee provided the “unofficial” draw contains the caveat that the draw has not yet been approved by the relevant Referee or may be subject to change prior to the commencement of the event.

Tournament reports

- 55. The Tournament Director shall forward all event results to Table Tennis Victoria and the State Selection Panel within 48 hours of completion of tournament.
- 56. Table Tennis Victoria shall publish all events results on its website as well as an event wrap-up news article.
- 57. The Tournament Director shall ensure all event results are uploaded into the ranking system *Ratings Central* as soon as practicable. For avoidance of doubt, regulation 19 of *By-Law 14 – Privacy Policy* shall apply with any necessary amendment to include the provision of such information by the Tournament Director as such information is deemed to have been collected by Table Tennis Victoria.
- 58. The Referee shall submit a report to Table Tennis Victoria on the conduct of the tournament within 7 days of completion of the tournament.

Appendix A

M = Mandatory, O = Optional

Junior Tournaments

Event	Blue	Teal
U/19 Boys Singles	M	M
U/19 Girls Singles	M	M
U/19 Boys Doubles	M	O
U/19 Girls Doubles	M	O
U/19 Mixed Doubles	M	O
U/17 Boys Singles	M	M
U/17 Girls Singles	M	M
U/17 Boys Doubles	M	O
U/17 Girls Doubles	M	O
U/17 Mixed Doubles	M	O
U/15 Boys Singles	M	M
U/15 Girls Singles	M	M
U/15 Boys Doubles	M	O
U/15 Girls Doubles	M	O
U/15 Mixed Doubles	M	O
U/13 Boys Singles	M	M
U/13 Girls Singles	M	M
U/13 Boys Doubles,	M	O
U/13 Girls Doubles,	M	O
U/13 Mixed Doubles	M	O
U/11 Boys Singles	M	M
U/11 Girls Singles	M	M
U/11 Boys Doubles,	M	O
U/11 Girls Doubles,	M	O
U/11 Mixed Doubles	M	O
U/9 Singles	M	M
U/9 Doubles	M	O
Divisions Band 1	O	-
Divisions Band 2	O	O

Senior Tournaments

Event	Blue	Teal
Open Mens Singles	M	M
Open Womens Singles	M	M
Open Mens Doubles	M	M
Open Womens Doubles	M	M
Open Mixed Doubles	M	M
Para Singles	M	O

Para Doubles	O	O
U/21 Mens Singles	M	M
U/21 Womens Singles	M	M
U/21 Mens Doubles	M	O
U/21 Womens Doubles	M	O
U/21 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/30 Mens Singles	M	M
O/30 Womens Singles	M	M
O/30 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/30 Womens Doubles	M	O
O/30 Mixed Doubles	M	O
Twenties Singles	M	O
Twenties Doubles	O	O
Divisions Band 1	O	-
Divisions Band 2	O	O

Veterans Tournaments

Event	Blue	Teal
O/30 Mens Singles	M	M
O/30 Womens Singles	M	M
O/30 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/30 Womens Doubles	M	O
O/30 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/40 Mens Singles	M	M
O/40 Womens Singles	M	M
O/40 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/40 Womens Doubles	M	O
O/40 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/50 Mens Singles	M	M
O/50 Womens Singles	M	M
O/50 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/50 Womens Doubles	M	O
O/50 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/60 Mens Singles	M	M
O/60 Womens Singles	M	M
O/60 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/60 Womens Doubles	M	O
O/60 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/65 Mens Singles	M	M
O/65 Womens Singles	M	M
O/65 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/65 Womens Doubles	M	O

O/65 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/70 Mens Singles	M	M
O/70 Womens Singles	M	M
O/70 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/70 Womens Doubles	M	O
O/70 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/75 Mens Singles	M	M
O/75 Womens Singles	M	M
O/75 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/75 Womens Doubles	M	O
O/75 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/80 Mens Singles	M	M
O/80 Womens Singles	M	M
O/80 Mens Doubles	M	O
O/80 Womens Doubles	M	O
O/80 Mixed Doubles	M	O
O/85 Singles	M	M
O/85 Doubles	O	O
Divisions Band 1	O	-
Divisions Band 2	O	O