

Table Tennis Rules & Regulations of the European Maccabi Youth Games London 2024

1. Organisation

- a. The Table Tennis Committee of the European Maccabi Youth Games 2024 (EMYG24) will be responsible for the Table Tennis Competitions of the emyg24.
- b. The Table Tennis Organising Committee will consist of the appointed Table Tennis Sports Director and the EMYG24 Organising Committee
- c. The Table Tennis Competitions will be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis and the Rules and Regulations for International Competitions, which are published by the International Table Tennis Federation (**ITTF**), except where otherwise specified in these rules and regulations.
- d. Participation in the competition is open to athletes who are in possession of a Participant/Accreditation Card, issued by the Organising Committee of the EMYG24 and registered for the Table Tennis Competitions.

2. Venues & Times

- a. The Table Tennis Committee of the 2024 European Maccabi Youth Games will determine the venues and times of the Table Tennis Competitions and the teams will be notified accordingly.
- b. The Table Tennis Committee is authorised to change the venues and times of the competitions as it considers necessary and these decisions will be final.

3. General rules applying to the Table Tennis Competition

- a. Team Event Format
 - i. U18 Male: 2 participants per team (plus reserves), maximum 1 team per country.
 - ii. U18 Female: 2 participants per team (plus reserves), maximum 1 team per country.
 - iii. U16 Male: 2 participants per team (plus reserves), maximum 1 team per country.
 - iv. U16 Female: 2 participants per team (plus reserves), maximum 1 team per country.
- b. At the sole discretion of the Table Tennis Committee, teams may comprise players from different countries. In exercising its discretion, the Table Tennis Committee shall consider various factors including, but not limited to, the individual and combined abilities of the relevant teams.
- c. Each participating country may enter up to six players for each of the U18s Male and U18s Female events (01.01.2006-31.12.2007) and six players for each of the U16s Male and U16s Female events (01.01.2008 to 31.12.2009).
- d. A country wishing to enter players shall list its nominated players in descending order of strength (the best -#1, and so on) on Entry Form No.3.
- e. Each player is entitled to play only in one team event.

- f. Each player is only entitled to participate in ONE age category
 - g. In doubles events, a pair can comprise two players from different countries.
 - h. A maximum of 6 players may represent each country in each event other than Mixed Doubles events in which a maximum of 12 players (6 males and 6 females) can represent a country.
4. If no more than 3 entries are received for any event, the Table Tennis Committee may in its sole discretion cancel the competition.

5. System of Competition

a. Events

i. Individual events:

1. Event 1: U18s Male Singles
2. Event 2: U18s Female Singles
3. Event 3: U18s Male Doubles
4. Event 4: U18s Female Doubles
5. Event 5: U18s Mixed Doubles
6. Event 6: U16s Male Singles
7. Event 7: U16s Female Singles
8. Event 8: U16s Male Doubles
9. Event 9: U16s Female Doubles
10. Event 10: U16s Mixed Doubles

ii. Team events:

1. Event 1: U18s Male Team
2. Event 2: U18s Female Team
3. Event 3: U16s Male Team
4. Event 4: U16s Female Team

b. Medals:

- i. Medals shall be awarded to those placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the relevant event(s).
- ii. For the avoidance of doubt, mixed teams permitted to compete by the Table Tennis committee and who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the relevant event, as appropriate, shall be awarded medals.

c. Schedule:

- i. The number of competition days and the exact schedule for each day will be created and published separately.
- ii. The schedule will be prepared based on a number of factors including the number of participants and the number of tables that will be available in the playing hall.
- iii. The system of competition will be based on the final number of participants. If time and participant numbers permit, there will be consolation events held in the Individual events.

6. Competition Equipment Specification

- a. Tables: Type, brand and colour will be finalised towards the start of the European Maccabi Games.
- b. Nets: Type and colour will be finalised towards the commencement of the 2024 European Maccabi Youth Games.
- c. Balls: White and/or orange balls will be used. The exact make and model will be determined closer to the

commencement of the competition.

- d. All racket coverings must be of a type currently authorised by the ITTF.
- e. Playing clothing shall consist of a shirt and shorts, trousers, leggings or skirt, or a one-part sports outfit, socks and playing shoes. Other garments shall not be worn during play except with the permission of the Table Tennis Committee. ITTF 3.2.2.1 amended. The main colour of a shirt, shorts, trousers or skirt, other than sleeves and collar of a shirt, shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use. ITTF 3.2.2.2 amended.
- f. The Table Tennis Committee is authorised to change the type of equipment if necessary and its sole decision will be final.

7. Draw, format of play and seedings

- a. The draw will be a public draw before the opening of the 2024 European Maccabi Youth Games.
- b. Where possible, the format of the competitions will have a group stage followed by knockout but this will depend on a number of factors, including participant numbers, and will be at the sole discretion of the Table Tennis Committee.
- c. All Individual events, where sufficient participant numbers permit a group stage, will be drawn into groups of 3, 4 or 5 dependent on the number of entries received. The top two players in each group, where applicable, will qualify for the knockout stage of the competition and be placed in opposite halves of the draw.
- d. All matches shall be the best of five games. The final order in a group shall be determined as per ITTF regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions.
- e. Seedings for the Team events will be based on a number of factors including performance at the 2019 European Maccabi Games in Budapest. The Table Tennis Committee's decision will be final.
- f. Seedings for the Individual events will be based on ranking (by reference to the current world ranking list) and then performance in the Team events as well as countries' nominations. The draw will otherwise be random. The Table Tennis Committee's decision will be final.

8. Officiating

- a. The Table Tennis Committee will, if necessary, select a Referees Committee, which in turn will as required appoint the referee(s) of the competition.

9. General

- a. These rules and regulations are but one part of the complete 2024 European Maccabi Youth Games Regulations, and must be read along with the instructions found in the "General Rules & Regulations".
- b. In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between these rules and regulations and those appearing in the "General Rules & Regulations", these regulations will apply and be binding.
- c. The Table Tennis Committee's decision shall be final on a point of law and on any question arising not provided for in these rules and regulations, or in any dispute as to the interpretation thereof.