

Irish Table Tennis Association Limited

Tournament Regulations

It is a condition of entry to tournaments that players agree to abide by the Code of Conduct of the ITTA.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TOURNAMENTS

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Code of Conduct are:

- To uphold the good name of the Irish Table Tennis Association Limited and of the sport of Table Tennis;
- To resolve any issue relating to the conduct of any of its members (and other persons under its jurisdiction) in their relations with each other, with officials and with the public.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The following activities/behaviour are expected of Players, Officials, or Parents whether in playing, advisory or supervisory roles

1. Must wear appropriate Table Tennis clothing (No attire which could be conceived as provocative will be permitted e.g. Football, GAA or other Sport Shirts).
2. Must not verbally, visually or physically abuse his/her partner/opponent, the umpire, officials or spectators.
3. Must not use offensive language on court.
4. Must not physically abuse his/her racquet, the ball, the table, surrounds or any other equipment while on court.
5. Must fulfil his/her commitment having entered a tournament or accepted an invitation to play in a tournament or match.
6. Must not bring the good name of the Irish Table Tennis Association Limited into disrepute by any unreasonable behaviour.
7. Must at all times comply with the rules and the spirit of the games as applied by the Irish Table Tennis Association Limited and approved by the ITTF.

SCOPE

The Code of Conduct will apply in all events run under the auspices of the Irish Table Tennis Association Limited and to its members and all persons under its jurisdiction taking part in events outside the country.

PROCEDURES

All events against the Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with Clause 3.5.2 of the ITTF Handbook.

In addition any breaches brought to the notice of the Tournament Referee must be included in the Tournament Referee's Report to the Management Committee.

Any offences so recorded may be subject to further disciplinary action.

During the Tournament

Players must wear rubber soled shoes and proper dress. White clothing is not allowed.

Bats must have a combination of approved RED and BLACK rubbers. The gluing of racquet and rubber must be carried out in accordance with the current regulations. In the event that a bat becomes unusable, players must have access to a reserve bat, which must also comply with these rules. No gluing of rubbers is allowed during the tournament and bats may be tested. Players should be aware that some cleaning products will show a positive result in bat testing.

All players will be required to umpire.

The decision of the umpire on points of fact and of the Referee on points of Law will be final. All complaints about the conduct of players or coaches must be brought to the Tournament Referee.

A group tie will be resolved as follows:

Three or more players tied, the result will be determined by the ratio of games won/lost between those players. If two players are still equal, the winner will be the player who won the set between those two players. If more than two players are still equal in the number of sets and games, then the result will be determined by the ratio of points won/lost between those players.

Players who are not available to play at the appointed time will be scratched.

Gambling of any description is not allowed.

Coaching and Support

All participants and observers are asked to respect players involved in every event and refrain from any unsportsmanlike conduct. In particular, support should be of a positive nature and be devoid of any intimidatory behaviour or barracking.

There should be no coaching of players during U10 events. Coaches, parents, friends and other players are asked to observe this ruling meticulously. Time outs are not permitted in U10 events. Only one nominated coach is allowed per player in U12 events.

Photography and Video Recording

Because of the requirements of Child Protection legislation, the taking of photographs and video recordings of junior players can only be allowed with the written permission of the ITTA and of the parents of the children involved. This includes the use of camera phones. Full details can be obtained from the ITTA Office at Sport HQ, Park West, Dublin 12. Permission to take photographs can be obtained at most tournaments.

By entering a tournament Senior players are agreeing that photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity and marketing.

Drugs

The taking of banned drugs either before or during a tournament is not permitted. From time to time random drug testing may take place and players should make themselves available upon request.

Affiliation

All players entering tournaments must be fully affiliated to the ITTA or to a member association of the ITTF.