



**Joola Irish Senior Classification 2020**

**Saturday 19/Sunday 20 September 2020**

**IWA Hall, Blackheath Drive, Dublin**

(Irish Ranking Tournament – Grade 1)

**Closing Date : 5pm, 11 September 2020**



**Referees: Jamie McConkey NR, Tony Martin NR, Con O’Ceadagh NR**

**Assistant to the Referee: Niall O’Flaherty**

**CHECK IN TIME Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 0845\*/Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 0945\***

**Entry Fee – 25 euro**

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	<b>Club</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>					<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Entered by</b>	<b>Phone:</b>						

**\*Check In Times subject to change, to manage COVID capacity restrictions; Please check TTI web-site for event updates**



**Format of Event:** *(Subject to sufficient entry numbers)*

Groups to knockout (top two in each group advance to knockout). Play will cease when the six qualifiers in the Mens and 3 qualifiers in the Ladies have been determined and no subsequent rounds will take place on Saturday. The beaten quarter finalists will be requested to play a 5-8 play off to determine their order of qualification in event of an unexpected withdrawal or in the event that more than 6 players are needed to qualify. In the circumstances where such a play off is not played the order will be determined by the best result in the quarter final, in the first instance by the number of sets won and subsequently by the number of points won.

Subject to entry numbers, a consolation event may take place.

Players who qualify for the main event, will be required to play on **Sunday 20 September 2020** at 10.00am in IWA Hall, Clontarf, Dublin 3. The main event will take place in groups of 9, with the top two from each group advancing to the semi-finals, with crossover playoffs for all other positions.

**Event Categories**

Table Tennis Ireland, the Management Committee, and the Events Committee, ask for the cooperation of all our clubs and entrants with the attempts to resume competitive domestic activity. The circumstances and implementation of protocols, event restrictions, format changes and entry limits are not ideal, however we will hope to learn from this event with regard to limitations and/or relaxations that might be applied for future events. Please note that we expect to have a limited number of official Umpires at the event, and players must be available to Umpire per the regulations.

**Event start times and check in times will be posted on the TTI Website. Please note that there will also be limitations on arrival times. Where staggered start times are in place, players will not be permitted to be in the hall in advance of their own event, and should not arrive at the venue ahead of the times stated on the TTI Website.**

Groups/times will be posted on the website two days before the tournament.

Joola Prime 3\*\*\* Plastic White Balls will be used at this event.

**Please note the additional Protocols that will be in place for this event.**

**Tournament Regulations**

1. No **late entries** will be accepted (as per Table Tennis Ireland policy).
2. **No refunds will be paid out after entries are entered into the draw format.**
3. Players may enter **only one event per day**. Maximum entry numbers may apply to different events. In the event of numbers being capped, the general rule of last in=first out will be applied, however, if necessary, certain events may also have entries restricted or rejected on the basis of ranking.
4. **Date of Birth required** for all age-restricted events.
5. No refunds for players who enter events for which they are not eligible: **please check your entry form carefully.**
6. All matches will be played according to the Rules and Regulations of Table Tennis Ireland and the I.T.T.F.
7. Competitors must be **affiliated** to Table Tennis Ireland. **An affiliation check will be carried out by Table Tennis Ireland prior to the event.**
8. Players will be scratched if not present and ready to play when called upon.
9. All competitors will be required to **Umpire**.
10. The draw will be **seeded** in all main events.
11. Matches will be **“Best-of-5”** (except early round Plate matches: “Best-of-3”)
12. Group standings as per I.T.T.F. Regulation 3.7.5 for group competition.
13. The decision of the **Referee** will be final on points of law and in all cases of dispute. The decision of the **Umpire** will be final on points of fact.
14. Due to the revised format, time between playing rounds will be condensed, and players should expect to play rounds in quick succession to each other.
15. **Only ONE designated Coach per Club, that must be nominated in advance..**
16. Table Tennis Ireland policy on **Video/Photography** will apply. Details must be registered with organizers.
17. Doping control tests may take place.
18. Table Tennis Ireland including all its Branches, Leagues, Committees and others who are affiliated to Table Tennis Ireland reserves the right to cancel, postpone, discontinue or abandon any event or tournament at any time and for any reason whatsoever (hereinafter “an occurrence”). Where such an occurrence arises, the liability of Table Tennis Ireland shall be limited to a maximum of a refund of the entrance fees paid by the entrant. Table Tennis Ireland does not accept responsibility or liability for any associated and/or consequential losses (including, but not limited to travel or accommodation expenses), whether monetary or otherwise, incurred by the entrant. Table Tennis Ireland does not accept responsibility or liability in respect of any costs, expenses or other losses incurred by spectators, officials, coaches, members of the media or other attendees of any event or tournament.
19. COVID-19 restrictions, protocols, regulations and conditions will be in place. All participants must have familiarised themselves with these details.
20. **Acceptance of these Regulations is itself a condition of entry**

## COVID-19 Protocols

- **Players, registered Club Coaches and designated TTI Officials are the only people allowed to be present in the hall.**

### **NO PARENTS, PARTNERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, OR OTHER PERSONS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HALL.**

Each Club must register their Coaches in advance. No more than 1 Coach allowed per Club (subject to capacity restrictions).

- All participants must wear a face mask or visor at all times other than when warming up or playing.
- All participants should have their own hand sanitizer, and follow appropriate hygiene and distancing protocols. Appropriate hygiene and distancing protocols apply in the hall, aisles, seating area, toilets, showers, changing rooms, corridors, cafes and any ancillary spaces. Per HSE guidelines, generally persons are considered a close contact if they are 15 minutes or more within the vicinity of an infected person, and within two metres of them.
- All participants must wash/sanitize their hands on arrival in the building and hall, and each time they return to the hall.
- All participants must sign the TTI COVID-19 Self Declaration Form.
- All participants accept that their attendance at the event will be recorded, in the event of future requirements for contact tracing.
- Participants, when not playing, should remain within their own Club grouping.
- For additional peace of mind, it is suggested that all participants should download the HSE COVID-19 App for their phone.
- Ball receptacles containing a water/sanitizer mix will be placed at each table to facilitate rinsing of balls.
- Players should remain at the same end of the table for an entire match, and should not swap ends between sets or in the final set. Either player may, with specific reason, request special permission from the Referee for this derogation from the rules to be suspended.
- In any case, tables should be wiped down with antiviral spray between all matches, where the next table users will be different from the previous users.
- Players should avoid touching the table surface, however players may now use their towel every 2 points rather than every 6 points.
- Participants must sneeze or cough into their elbow, not into their hands or in an unguarded way. Used tissues should be binned or flushed immediately, and hands washed. All participants should have their own hand sanitizer. Spitting on the ground, floor, hands or into bins is prohibited. Spitting should only be done, in a guarded manner, in a sink or toilet.
- Participants who feel unwell should not attend at the venue.
- Handshakes, high fives and fist bumps are not allowed outside a participants own Club grouping.
- Tables will be separated at least in accordance with the TTI COVID-19 Return to Play Protocols.
- Any suspected case which presents at the event will be addressed in accordance with the TTI RTP Protocols.
- HSE COVID-19 guidelines will be displayed at the venue.
- The TTI COVID-19 Officer will be in attendance at the event, and will be responsible for managing the appropriate implementation of the guidelines. Participants in breach of the TTI COVID-19 Protocols could be subject to disciplinary action.

- Per TTI, SI, HSE and governmental protocols and guidelines, numbers attending in the hall may be capped. Where a capacity maximum is in place, this must be strictly adhered to. Only participants, coaches and officials should be present in the hall. No other persons, including supporters, parents, or family members can be allowed to be present in the hall during the event, due to these capacity restrictions. Each Club/Coach/Parent will need to evaluate their own capacities to suitably and adequately supervise and care for any entrants, including underage participants or participants with additional care needs, and also evaluate their commitment to any additional family responsibilities, and plan their entries accordingly. There can be no exception to the capacity regulations, and all entries to the tournament should be made in full knowledge of these limitations. Parents who wish to remain nearby can remain in the carpark. Please ensure that anyone moving between the carpark and the building adheres to the sanitizing requirements. Any participants not present in the building should accept that they may be called for a match at any time. Please note that, at the tournament itself, in the event of any failure or unwillingness of Clubs, coaches, parents, or participants to adhere to the TTI protocols or capacity regulations, the Referee may suspend or, if necessary, cancel, all play.