



# African Table Tennis Federation

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## Technical Rules for Table Tennis in the 12<sup>th</sup> All Africa Games – Morocco 2019

### 1- DATE AND VENUE:

Competitions of table tennis will take place in Rabat - Morocco (Moulay Al Hassan Hall, including 8 tables in the main venue plus 4 tables in another practice hall closer to the main one) during 10 days (20-29 August 2019), 4 days for Team events followed by one rest day followed by 5 days for Individual events.

### 2- PARTICIPATION:

In order to be allowed to participate in the all Africa Games, every competitor must fulfill the following conditions:

- To be a citizen of the country that he represents and to confirm to the eligibility rules set by the international Federation.
- To be a member of the National Federation conducting its sport; this latter must be affiliated to both the African Federation and the international Federation under which it comes.
- *No country shall enter more than:*
  - 01 Team in Men including minimum 3 players & maximum 5 players
  - 01 Team in Women including minimum 3 players & maximum 5 players
  - 05 Players in Men's singles
  - 05 Players in Women's singles
  - 02 pairs in Men's doubles
  - 02 pairs in Women's doubles
  - 04 pairs in mixed doubles.
- Pairs must be from the same country (NOC)

### 3- General rules of the Games

After submitting entry forms by names, no entry or medication will be taken into consideration, except in case of illness duly proved.

### 4- EVENTS:

The Tournament comprises the following 7 events:

- 1) Men's teams
- 2) Women's teams
- 3) Men's singles
- 4) Women's singles
- 5) Men's doubles
- 6) Women's doubles
- 7) Mixed double

### 5- GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GAMES:

- Events can be organized only insofar as the number athletes and teams is at least equal to (05) five coming from (05) five different countries.
- In the case the above quotas are not reached, the events in question could only be organized of except contest.

### 6- REGULATIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT:

#### **6-1- Technical Organization:**

The technical organization of the Tournament shall be entrusted to the African Table Tennis Federation in presence of a delegate & a competition manager of the International Federation.

#### **6-2- Competition System:**

**A) Team Events:** the four first days:

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- Best of 5 games in each match.
- **Both men's & women's teams event will be played by teams consisted of 3 to 5 players.**
- **The order of play shall be the same as the Olympic Team Format: doubles B/C – Y/Z, A - X; C – Z; A – Y; B – X.**
- When there are not more than 5 teams entered, this event will be played in one stage in one group.
- When there are between 6 and 10 teams entered, this event will be played in two groups in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage.
- When there are between 11 and 15 teams entered, this event will be played in three groups in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage.
- When there are between 16 and 20 teams entered, this event will be played in four groups in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage.
- When there are more than 20 teams entered, the Jury will decide the number of groups in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage.
- The allotment of the teams in the groups will take place according to the African ranking of the last edition preceding the Games (AUG 2019), established according to the Regulations of African Table Tennis Federation.
- In the first stage: each group will be played according to the round robin system.
- In the other stages:

## **Case of 2 Groups:**

- In the 2nd stage, when the team's events will be played in two groups (6 to 10 teams entered in the draw), crossed system will be applied.
- In the 3rd stage, the winners of the 2nd stage will meet together and the losers of the 2nd stage will meet together in order to allow a definite ranking of all participating teams.
- The allotment in the 2 groups will be as follows:  
Group A: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9  
Group B: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10.
- The Teams not ranked, will be allotted by draw.

## **Case of 3 Groups:**

- In the 2nd stage, when the team's events will be played in three groups (11 to 15 teams entered in the draw), progressive QF knock-out will be applied, winners & runners-up of all groups will be drawn to play quarter final for positions 1-6, 3rd & 4th positions to do the same for positions 7-12 and so on for the remaining participating teams.
- In the 3rd stage, the winners of the 2nd stage will meet together and the losers of the 2nd stage will meet together in order to allow a definite ranking of all participating teams.
- The allotment in the 3 groups will be as follows:  
Group A: 1, 6, 7, 12, 13  
Group B: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14  
Group C: 3, 4, 9, 10, 15.
- The Teams not ranked, will be allotted by draw.

## **Case of 4 groups:**

- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, when the team's events will be played in four groups (16 to 20 teams entered in the draw), progressive QF knock-out will be applied, winners & runners-up of all groups will be drawn to play quarter final for positions 1-8, 3rd & 4th positions to do the same for positions 9-16 and so on for the remaining participating teams.
- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, the winners of the 2nd stage will meet together and the losers of the 2nd stage will meet together in order to allow a definite ranking of all participating teams.
- The allotment in the 4 groups will be as follows:  
Group A: 1, 8, 9, 16, 17  
Group B: 2, 7, 10, 15, 18  
Group C: 3, 6, 11, 14, 19  
Group D: 4, 5, 12, 13, 20.
- The Teams not ranked, will be allotted by draw.

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## Case of more than 4 groups:

- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, when the team's events will be played in more than 4 groups (more than 20 teams entered in the draw), progressive knock-out will be applied, winners & runners-up of all groups will be drawn to play for the top positions, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> positions to do the same for next level of positions and so on for the remaining participating teams.
- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, the winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage will meet together and the losers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage will meet together in order to allow a definite ranking of all participating teams.
- The allotment in the groups will be as follows: Direct snake rule for all ranked teams among all groups
- The Teams not ranked, will be allotted by draw.

## Case of parity between teams:

In the two team competitions, in case of parity between teams in a group which have won the same number of matches, the ranking positions will be determined according to the ITTF regulations (article 3.7.5 : Group Competitions).

- **The final ranking of team events is the qualification for Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 according to ITTF/ATTF rules.**

## B) Individual Events: the five last days:

### Single Events:

- The single events 3 and 4 will be played each on the knock-out system, best of 7 games, to determine the winners.

### Double Events:

- The double events from 5 to 7 will be played each on the knock-out system; best of 5 games, to determine the winners.

## 6-3- Disqualification after walk over (W.O.) at team events:

- Two (2) W.O.s in a group for up to 5 teams, mean disqualification in the team event.

## 6-4- Technical Meeting:

- The technical meetings with the delegates of the participating countries, the umpires and the members of the jury will take place as follows:
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> technical meeting regarding the draws of the two (2) team's events will be in the morning of the day preceding the team events **(Day 19/8)**.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> technical meeting regarding the draws of the two (2) singles events and the three (3) doubles events will be in the morning of the day of the rest **(Day 24/8)**, which means, the day preceding the Individual Events.

## 6-5- Draws:

- The seeding at the individual events and the draw will be conducted according to the ITTF and ATTF Regulations. These are conducted by the referee & the competition manager with the collaboration of the chairman of the ATTF technical and ranking committee and taking in consideration the accumulated points won by the players at the previous African Games, at the last African Cup for singles together with African Top 16 Cup, at the single events of the last African Championships in Singles in Seniors, at the last ATTF Zonal Championship and at the last world ranking published by ITTF before the games.
- The final ranking of the players and in consequence the doubles & teams, must take in consideration the total accumulation of each player, pair & team as per ATTF rules for this matter.

## 7- LITIGATIONS AND CLAIMS:

Litigations relating to the sport regulation are settled by the jury of the African Table Tennis Federation.

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## 8- MEDICAL & RACKET CONTROL:

A medical assistance & racket control will be provided by devices set up by the Organizing Committee of African Games in each Competition site.

## 9- ANTI DOPING CONTROL:

- Doping controls and tests concerning the prohibited substances will be carried out during all the duration of the African Games; these controls are under the responsibility the OC medical Commission the concerned International Sports Federations and the world Agency of Anti-Doping control will be responsible for those checking.
- Any competitor refusing to submit to an anti doping control, or is proved to be positive, shall be excluded from the games in accordance with the general regulations of the games and the ITTF Rules.

## 10- EQUIPMENT:

Halls shall be equipped with materials approved & donorship by ITTF/ATTF.

## 11- MEDALS:

- The prizes for rewarding teams and players shall be in accordance with the Olympic chart:
  - The 76 medals (19 gold, 19 silver and 38 bronze) will be presented for the 7 events as follows:

### Men's team event:

- First: 6 gold medals (5 players + the coach)
- Second: 6 silver medals (5 players + the coach)
- The ranked 3 and 4 (semi-finalists): 6 bronze medals (5 players + the coach) for each team.

### Women's team Event:

- First: 6 gold medals (5 players + the coach)
- Second: 6 silver medals (5 players + the coach)
- The ranked 3 and 4 (semi-finalists): 6 bronze medals (5 players + the coach) for each team.

### The single Events:

- Men's singles (1gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze to each semi-finalist)
- Women's singles (1gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze to each semi-finalist)

### The Doubles Events:

- Men's Doubles (2gold, 2 silver, 2 Bronze to each semi-finalist)
- Women's Doubles (2gold, 2 silver, 2 Bronze to each semi-finalist)
- Mixed Doubles (2gold, 2 silver, 2 Bronze to each semi-finalist)

## 12- DIPLOMAS:

Diplomas for participation will be awarded to all the participating athletes in the all Africa Games.

## 13- OTHERS POINTS:

For all points not mentioned in this regulation, it will be made application of the General Regulations of the 12<sup>th</sup> All Africa Games ITTF Rules.

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