



Lawn Tennis Competition Manual

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1 TABLE TENNIS

1.1 General Information

Dates	18-21 June 2024 (Pending submission of numerical entry forms)
Venue	International Convention Center (ICC), Delap
Technical Meeting	TBD
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2 COMPETITION DETAILS

2.1 Technical Committee

Technical Delegate Barry Griffiths

Competition Manager: Dimitrius Tarkwon

One representative from each participating member association.

2.2 Officials

2.2.1 Officials for the tournaments will be drawn from accredited referees nominated by the participating MGAs. All MGAs entering teams are expected to send one suitable referee per team. Referees will be assigned to games and evaluated under the supervision of the International Table Tennis Federation Oceania (ITTF-Oceania). Officials will be supplied and assigned by the host country, in consultation with the recognized institution. All officials must attend the official clinics to be presented by the representative of the ITTF-Oceania.

3 CONDUCT OF THE TOURNAMENT

3.1 Dates & Venues

3.1.1 The MAJOL2024 Table Tennis Tournaments for men and women will be held at the International Convention Center (ICC), Majuro RMI from 18-21 June 2024

(Pending submission of numerical entry forms).

3.2 Practice Schedule

3.2.1 This will be determined at a later date and distributed to all teams when they arrive.

3.1 Technical Committee

3.1.1 The Technical Committee shall ensure that the Majol2024 Table Tennis competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of the ITTF.

3.1.2 The Technical Committee shall be chaired by the Technical Delegate or the chair will be appointed by the Technical Delegate.

3.1.3 In accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter, membership of the Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the host MGA, one representative from each of the other MGAs, and the international federation representative (or their nominee), all of whom shall have voting rights.

3.2 Technical Committee Meeting

3.2.1 The Technical Meeting will be held no more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition. Schedule will be communicated prior to your arrival. Visit Sport Information Center (SIC), located in the Athletes' Village, for technical meeting schedules.

3.2.2 Two (2) Representatives from each team may attend the Technical Meeting. The Technical Delegate will welcome and preside over the meeting. All matters pertaining to the competition will be covered at this Meeting.

3.3 Agenda

1	Welcome remarks by the Competition Manager
2	Introduction of Relevant Key Competition Technical Officials
3	Final Timetable
4	Confirmation of the Jury of Appeal
5	Protests and Appeals to the Jury
6	Confirmation of Entries
7	Failure to Participate

8	Medal Ceremonies and Procedures
9	Draws
10	Other Concerns

4 COMPETITION DETAILS

4.1 Competition Date/Venue

DATES	18-21 June, 2024 (Pending submission of numerical entry forms)
VENUES	International Convention Center (ICC), Delap

4.2 Events and Medals

MEN & WOMEN
Singles
Teams
Doubles
Mixed Doubles

4.3 Competition Schedule

4.3.1 To be finalized during technical meeting, following final registration through Accreditation and Sport Entry System May 15 deadline and consultation with the technical delegate.

4.4 Medal Awards

4.4.1 Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in the MAJOL2024 Table Tennis competition in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter. Should only two or three entries compete in an event, only the gold medal shall be awarded. Should four entries compete in an event, only gold and silver medals shall be awarded. Should five or more entries compete in an event, gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded, with both losing semi-finalists being awarded the bronze medal. Medals shall be presented to a maximum of six (6) persons in each team for the Team Events.

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Men's Team	1x6	1x6	2x6
Women's Team	1x6	1x6	2x6
TOTAL	7 (20)	7 (20)	14 (40)

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Men's Doubles	1x2	1x2	2x2
Women's Doubles	1x2	1x2	2x2
Mixed Doubles	1x2	1x2	2x2
Men's Singles	1x1	1x1	1x1
Women's Singles	1x1	1x1	1x1
TOTAL	7 (20)	7 (20)	14 (40)

5 COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

5.1 Playing Area

5.1.1 Competition playing area will comply with ITTF regulations.

5.2 Equipment

5.2.1 Competition Tables will comply with ITTF regulations. There should be a minimum of two competition tables being used simultaneously for the Games.

5.2.2 Nets will comply with ITTF regulations.

5.2.3 Balls will be compliant with ITTF regulations. (Athletes and coaches are advised to bring their own practice or training balls)

6 COMPETITION FORMAT

6.1 Team Events

6.1.1 For team events, a maximum of five (5) players of each gender may be entered into their respective teams. The combined total number of men's and women's team players shall not exceed ten (10).

6.1.2 For team matches, the Swaythling Cup competition format shall be used. Opposing teams shall select three players each from their pool of players registered for the Team Events for a particular match. The selected players shall play a round-robin format against each of their opponents, making a total of nine (9) individual matches.

6.1.3 The team match shall be won by the team that wins five (5) out of the 9 individual matches. All individual matches are played in a best of five (5) games/

sets format, with the player who wins (3) out of the five (5) games/sets being declared the winner. All individual matches shall be played, regardless of whether a team has already won the team match.

- 6.1.4 In case of a tie, the team with the greater percentage of games/sets won over games/sets lost shall receive the higher ranking. If the games/sets won/lost percentages are also identical, then the team with the greater percentage of points won over points lost shall receive the higher ranking. If the points won/lost percentages are also identical, then the head-to-head match result of the teams with the identical records shall be used to determine the final rankings.
- 6.1.5 If there is only 1 group of teams, the final positions/rankings are determined from the results of a round-robin format of matches between all the teams. The team with the best record shall be awarded the gold medal. The team with the 2nd best record shall be awarded the silver medal. The 3rd and 4th best records shall both receive the bronze medals.
- 6.1.6 If there are 2 groups, each team shall play the other teams in their group in a round-robin format. The team with the highest position/rank in the 1st group shall play against the team with the 2nd highest position/rank in the 2nd group, while the team with the highest position/rank in the 2nd group shall play the team with the 2nd highest position/rank in the 1st group. The winners of these matches shall proceed to play against each other in the gold/silver final match. The losers of these matches shall play each other in the 3rd/4th place match, but both teams shall be awarded bronze medals.
- 6.1.7 If there are 3 groups, each team shall play the other teams in their group in a round-robin format. The teams with the highest position/rank in their respective groups shall play a subsequent round-robin format of matches against each other. The gold medal shall be awarded to the team with the highest position/rank from this round, the silver medal awarded to the team with the 2nd highest position/rank, and the 1st bronze medal awarded to the team placed/ranked 3rd. The team with the 2nd highest position/rank in their respective groups shall also play a subsequent round-robin format of matches against each other, and the team with the highest position/rank from this round will be awarded the 2nd bronze medal.

6.2 Individual Events

- 6.2.1 SINGLES EVENTS- the format for singles events is Round Robin matches, and then move into Knock out, a common format is groups of 4, with the top 2

progressing into the knock out draw. All group matches would be best of 5 games, and the knock out best of 7 games.

- 6.2.2 **DOUBLES EVENTS** - For all doubles events, the competition format shall be that of a single elimination/knock-out system. All matches shall be played in a best of five (5) games/sets format, from the preliminary matches up until the finals matches.

6.3 Entries

- 6.3.1 The maximum number of athletes per MGA that may enter in the MAJOL2024 Table Tennis competition is ten (10) with no more than five (5) of the same gender, in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter. No more than five (5) competitors and no less than two (2) competitors are required to participate in the men's and women's team events respectively. No more than five (5) pairs may be entered by an MGA to compete in the mixed doubles event. No more than two (2) pairs may be entered by an MGA to compete in the men's and women's doubles events respectively. No more than five (5) individuals may be entered into the men's and women's singles events respectively.

- 6.3.2 Entry forms or name forms must be completely filled out and signed by the potential entries, and submitted to the MAJOL2024 OC no later than the 15 May 2024.

- 6.3.3 When an athlete is injured after being included in the final roster, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate signed by a doctor designated by the Competition Manager, provided this nomination is made before the opening event of the tournament in which the injured athlete is entered. The substitute must have been entered into the accreditation and sport entry system by the May 15 deadline.

6.4 Accreditation

- 6.4.1 Accreditation of participating officials and athletes for the Micronesian Games will be done online through the accreditation and sport entry system.

6.5 Draws and Seedings

- 6.5.1 The draw for Team Events will be conducted prior to the first Technical Committee Meeting by the Tournament Referee and the Tournament Controller.

- 6.5.2 For Singles Events, the seeding shall be determined by their current Oceania,

Pacific and each country's Rankings, which shall be updated to include their performance in the preceding Team Event in this tournament. Highest seeded players are given priority to receive byes should these be required during the scheduling of the elimination/knock-out format. The tournament draw will distribute players with rankings but who did not receive byes in a manner that minimizes the chances that they will face each other in the preliminary rounds. Players who currently do not have an Oceania or Pacific ranking shall be put into the general drawing pool. The Single Events draw will be done immediately after the results for the Team Events have been tabulated and the individual player's rankings are adjusted.

- 6.5.3 For Doubles Events, each MGA shall rank their doubles pairs in each event with the seeding to be determined by the Tournament Referee and Tournament Controller, taking into consideration their updated World, Oceania and Pacific rankings. Highest seeded doubles pairs are given priority to receive byes should these be required during the scheduling of the elimination/knock-out format. The tournament draw will distribute doubles pairs with rankings but who did not receive byes in a manner that minimizes the chances that they will face each other in the preliminary rounds. Doubles pairs that currently do not have an Oceania or Pacific ranking shall be put into the general drawing pool. The Doubles Events draw will be done immediately after the results for the Team Events have been tabulated and the individual player's rankings are adjusted.

7 TRAINING / PRACTICE

7.1 Practice Schedule

- 7.1.1 The Practice Schedule will be available at the Technical Meeting. The schedule will be set upon availability of the facilities.

8 ELIGIBILITY

8.1 Athlete Eligibility

- 8.1.1 In order to be eligible to compete at the Micronesian Games, an athlete must comply with one of the following criteria:

(1) The athlete must have been born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council -- that is, Palau, Guam, CNMI,

Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Nauru, or Kiribati -- and must have lived in any of those states, countries, or territories for a period of three years up to and including the start of the Games; OR

(2) The athlete must be the child of at least one parent, or two grandparents, who were born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above), without regard to residence; OR

(3) The athlete must have resided in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above) for a period of seven years up to and including the start of the Games, AND, resides in the state, country, or territory for which the athlete will compete, as of the start of the Games, without regard to ancestry.

The temporary absence of an athlete from the territory of a member of the Micronesian Games Council for purposes such as education, sports, training, military service, and health care, or other legitimate absences of a similar kind, are not considered as interrupting a previously established residency.

In addition, athletes must:

(a) Complete all necessary entry and participation forms;

(b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by any relevant authority;

(c) Comply with all relevant rules and regulations of the Micronesian Games Council, the MGC Constitution, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

It is the responsibility of each participating state, country, or territory to ensure that all competitors comply with these requirements.

These requirements apply only to athletes. There are no eligibility requirements for coaches or technical officials.

Entries by name must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the Games. Late entries will not be accepted. At the close of entries, the MA-JOL2024 OC will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have 10 days to challenge the eligibility of a competitor. A \$50 bond is required for each challenge. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful but is forfeited if the challenge is unsuccessful.

The burden of proof of eligibility is on the sponsoring state, country, or territory, rather than the challenging state, country, or territory. In the event of a challenge, the sponsoring state, country, or territory must submit documents proving eligibility.

Challenges to athlete eligibility are made to the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board, not to the MAJOL2024 OC, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board. All challenges to eligibility shall be decided at least 10 days prior to the start of the Games. The decisions of the Disputes Tribunal are final and may not be appealed.

A state, country, or territory whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a penalty in the amount of USD\$100. Failure to pay the penalty means that the state, country, or territory will not be allowed to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.

The contents of this section are a summary of the relevant provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution. While every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of this summary, in the event of any inconsistencies between this summary and the provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution, the provisions of the Constitution shall be controlling.

9 PROTESTS TO THE JURY OF APPEAL

9.1 PROTESTS

9.1.1 Any protest must be lodged with the Competition Manager in writing in English and signed by the leader of the delegation. A check or cash in the amount of \$100.00 must be included with each protest.

9.2 JURY OF APPEAL

9.2.1 The Jury of Appeal shall consult, all relevant person, including the Referee and Judges. If the Jury of Appeal is in doubt, other available evidence may be considered. If such evidence, including video evidence, is not conclusive, the decision of the Referee shall be upheld. The Jury Chairman gives the jury's decision to the Competition Manager, who institutes preparation of an Amended Result, if required.

10 ATHLETES' VILLAGE

10.1 Accommodations

10.1.1 Athletes and coaches will be housed at the Marshall Islands High School campus.

10.2 Meals

10.2.1 Meals will be provided at each Athlete's Village cafeteria upon presentation of an accreditation card and meal voucher. Only accredited persons will be provided meals.

10.2.2 If the sports competition schedule conflicts with the dining hall hours, teams may request takeout meals. It's the responsibility of the Chef de Mission to request takeout meals during the CdM meeting at least 24 hours in advance and to pick up the takeout meals in the dining hall; takeout meals will not be delivered.

10.3 Medical

10.3.1 Primary care medical facilities (first aid) will be available, without charge, at the sports venue. More advanced care will be on call. Care other than primary care is the sole responsibility of the individual, and will be made available on the same basis (including cost) as it is to the general public.

10.4 Sport Information Center (SIC)

10.4.1 The SIC located at the Athletes' Village, will be open and manned during regular business hours.

10.4.2 The SIC is the formal communication center for the receipt and distribution of all sports information and results.

10.4.3 A set of daily results will be prepared, and will be distributed to each Chef de Mission at a daily morning meeting.

10.5 Transportation

10.5.1 Transportation will be provided for teams by the MAJOL2024 OC. Games transportation schedule will be disseminated at a later date.

10.6 Security

10.6.1 Security will be provided at all MAJOL2024 venues.

11 DOPING CONTROL

11.1 Random Testing

11.1.1 Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2024 Micronesian Games.

11.2 Prohibited Substances

11.2.1 It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances. Athletes who test positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from, including but not limited to, the 2024 Micronesian Games.

11.2.2 Complete listing of prohibited substances can be found on WADA website.

12 CODE OF CONDUCT

12.1 Conduct

12.1.1 The conduct of athletes, coaches, managers, and team officials are expected to adhere to the highest standards reflective of national pride and the spirit of the 2024 Micronesian Games. All participants shall appreciate the goodwill and regional unity that are the objectives of these Games.

12.2 Tobacco, Betel-nut, Vape, Alcohol and Drugs

12.2.1 The use and consumption of Tobacco, Betel-nut, Vape, Alcohol and Drugs in or around any Games facility is prohibited.

Good Luck to all the Teams!!!!