



2022 ITTF PARA TABLE TENNIS EVENTS

Fa20 and Fa40 TOURNAMENTS

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1. FACTOR 40 PARA TABLE TENNIS REGULATIONS **(to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)**

1.1 Application:

1.1.1 The application for the Factor 40 PTT Competition should be submitted to ITTF Headquarters from the Member Associations no later than the given deadline in the application form.

1.2 Sanction and participation fees:

1.2.1 A sanction fee of USD 400.00 must be paid at the time the application is submitted.
1.2.2 Participation fee of USD 42.00 per athlete must be paid on receipt of invoice. Coaches and staff are not considered participants for participation fees purposes.

1.3 Site inspections:

1.3.1 Before the Fa40 event is awarded, one site inspection (if needed) by a person/s nominated by the ITTF shall take place.
1.3.2 LOC shall pay for the travel expenses and provide hospitality during the period of the inspection.

1.4 Limit of entries:

1.4.1 Up to 4 players with an international classification card per association per gender per class into the competition.
1.4.2 The Host Association may enter up to 6 classified players per gender per class into the competition.
1.4.3 According to the number of tables and the availability of accommodation, a limit of entries per Association might be set for each event.
1.4.4 More information is in section 3.9 Format of Play.

1.5 Medals:

1.5.1 Gold, silver and two bronze medals will be awarded.

1.6 Technical requirements:

1.6.1 A minimum of 8 tables in the FOP.
1.6.2 A minimum of 4 days competition.
1.6.3 Approved ITTF floor in the FOP.
1.6.4 A warmup area near to FOP with a minimum of 8 tables.

- 1.6.5 LOC must provide internet streaming in at least 2 tables (1 for wheelchair and 1 for standing)
- 1.6.6 At least one 4* hotel must be offered for accommodation.

2. FACTOR 20 PARA TABLE TENNIS REGULATIONS **(to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)**

2.1 Application:

- 2.1.1 The application for the Factor 20 PTT Competition should be submitted to ITTF Headquarters from the Member Associations no later than the given deadline in the application form.

2.2 Sanction and participation fees:

- 2.2.1 A sanction fee of USD 300.00 must be paid at the time the application is submitted.
- 2.2.2 Participation fee of USD 35.00 per athlete must be paid on receipt of invoice. Coaches and staff are not considered participants for participation fees purposes.

2.3 Site inspections:

- 2.3.1 Before the Fa20 event is awarded, one site inspection (if needed) by a person/s nominated by the ITTF shall take place.
- 2.3.2 LOC shall pay for the travel expenses and provide hospitality during the period of the inspection.

2.4 Limit of entries:

- 2.4.1 Up to 4 players with an international classification card per association per gender per class into the competition.
- 2.4.2 The Host Association may enter up to 6 classified players per gender per class into the competition.
- 2.4.3 According to the number of tables and the availability of accommodation, a limit of entries per Association might be set for each event.
- 2.4.4 More information is in section 3.9 Format of Play.

2.5 Medals:

- 2.5.1 Gold, silver and two bronze medals will be awarded.

2.6 Technical requirements:

- 2.6.1 A minimum of 8 tables in the FOP
- 2.6.2 A minimum of 3 days competition

3. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS **(to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)**

3.1 Cycle of sanctioned international PTT competitions:

- 3.1.1 Yearly there will be an open number of Factor 20 tournaments, but a maximum 6 Factor 40 tournaments in different continents can be organized according to the applications. This may be changed by the ITTF.
- 3.1.2 A maximum of one (1) Fa20 and one (1) Fa40 event will be awarded per Member Association.

3.2 Other competitions sanctioned:

- 3.2.1 No other competitions will be sanctioned within a period of 2 weeks prior to or following:
 - 3.2.1.1 the Paralympic Games
 - 3.2.1.2 World PTT Championships
 - 3.2.1.3 Continental PTT championships
 - 3.2.1.4 Other international PTT competitions except in the same region one week before, or one week after the competitions in this region as well as a multi-sports games in the continent.
- 3.2.2 No other competitions will be sanctioned within a period of 3 weeks prior to the World Qualification Tournament for the Paralympic Games:

3.3 Minimum participations requirement for a tournament

- 3.3.1 If according to the entries less than 8 class events can be organized in total at a PTT event, or there are less than 50 players entered, the competition can be cancelled by the ITTF.
- 3.3.2 If one tournament is cancelled due to the low number of players, ITTF has no financial responsibility with LOC or the participants.

3.4 Sanction and participation fees:

- 3.4.1 Should an application be declined; the sanction fee will be refunded.

3.5 Appointment of technical officials:

- 3.5.1 Officials will be appointed by the ITTF as follows:
 - 3.5.1.1 one Competition Manager
 - 3.5.1.2 one assistant Competition Manager for tournaments with more than 200 players or more than 1 playing hall.
 - 3.5.1.2 a team of classifiers:
 - 3.5.1.2.1 One classifier for competitions that do not allow revaluation or class 11 classification.
 - 3.5.1.2.2 Two to five classifiers for international competitions that allow revaluation or class 11 classification.
- 3.5.2 Officials (referees, umpires, and other officials) will be appointed according to the Directives for Match Officials at World Title Competitions and ITTF Sanctioned Events. Continental and international PTT competitions are defined as ITTF Sanctioned Events in terms of those Directives.
 - 3.5.2.1 Umpires:
 - 3.5.2.1.1 for Fa40 and Fa20 international competitions: the number of tables x 3 plus 4, of whom 75% may be from the Host Association and at least 25% from foreign Associations representing at least 3 Associations.
 - 3.5.2.2 ITTF staff as necessary.
 - 3.5.2.3 computer operators for Result Management System, as necessary.

3.6 Expenses for technical officials:

- 3.6.1 The Host Association shall cover the following costs for officials appointed by the by the ITTF (CMs, classifiers, referees, umpires, and any other specified in 4.5):
 - 3.6.1.1 Competition manager:
 - 3.6.1.1.1 Full hospitality in single room from dinner 2 days before the first day of competition to lunch on the day after the end of the competition.
 - 3.6.1.1.2 Local transportation from the destination airport to the hotel and venue.

3.6.1.2 Classifiers:

- 3.6.1.2.1 Full hospitality in single room from dinner 3 days before the first day of competition to lunch on the day after the end of the competition.
- 3.6.1.2.2 Daily allowance of 50 USD for every overnight in the tournament.
- 3.6.1.2.3 Local transportation from their home to the airport of origin, visa, and airport parking.
- 3.6.1.2.4 Local transportation from the destination airport to the hotel and venue.

3.6.1.3 Referees:

- 3.6.1.3.1 Full hospitality and daily allowance as stated by the last published version of Directives for Match Officials in the URC section of ITTF.com
- 3.6.1.3.2 Transportation from place of origin according to the ITTF financial policy for service providers (flight ticket in economy class, train in 1st or 2nd class or mileage.)
- 3.6.1.3.3 Local transportation from the destination airport to the hotel and venue.

3.6.1.4 Umpires:

- 3.6.1.4.1 Full hospitality and daily allowance as stated by the last published version of Directives for Match Officials in the URC section of ITTF.com
- 3.6.1.4.3 Local transportation from the destination airport to the hotel and venue.

3.7 Prospectus and entry forms:

- 3.7.1 Once the competition is confirmed, the Host Association shall submit the prospectus as well as other information to the ITTF for approval and publication on the website.
- 3.7.2 Entries:
 - 3.7.2.1 Local Organizing Committee (LOC):
 - 3.7.2.1.1 must not accept entries if they are not sent to the ITTF at the same time.
 - 3.7.2.1.2 accept the final entries by name only if they are approved by the ITTF.
 - 3.7.2.1.3 can never accept changes on the final entries without preliminary approval of ITTF.
 - 3.7.2.1.4 must use data of the entries only for own needs (hospitality, payment, transportation etc.).
 - 3.7.2.1.5 must manage the entries using only offline template documents or online software that ITTF authorizes.
 - 3.7.2.1.6 must not accept entry after the publication of players list on ITTF-website.
 - 3.7.2.1.7 must keep the player list confidential until publication on ITTF website.
 - 3.7.2.1.8 must not accept any entry without Date of Birth.
 - 3.7.2.2 The Participant Associations:
 - 3.7.2.2.1 must send all entries to ITTF and to LOC. If ITTF does not receive the entry, this entry will be void.
 - 3.7.2.2.2 For participation of new players in a tournament, the participant Association must firstly send a scanned copy of passport to ITTF together with player's personal details. Then the Association will receive an ID number for player from ITTF. This ID number will be used in the final entry.
 - 3.7.2.2.3 Changes in the final entry are similar to new entry and need to follow the procedure for entries by name.
 - 3.7.2.2.4 Final entry must include the player Date of Birth, without it the entry will not be accepted.
 - 3.7.2.2.5 must send the entries using only offline template documents or online software that ITTF authorizes.

3.8 Events:

3.8.1 The events in competitions specified shall be:

- 3.8.1.1 class singles for men and women in classes 1 to 10, combined as necessary plus class 11;
- 3.8.1.2 double events for men and women in classes 1 to 10 (class combinations are to be decided) plus class 11;
- 3.8.1.3 mixed doubles in classes 1 to 10 (class combinations are to be decided) plus class 11
- 3.8.1.4 any other event decided by the ITTF from time to time for international competitions, combined as necessary.
- 3.8.1.5 The singles events will be played before the doubles event.
- 3.8.1.6 In all events, gold, silver and two bronze medals will be awarded except:
 - 3.8.1.6.1 Bronze medals will be awarded in Fa20 and Fa40, events to both players and pairs without a play off.
 - 3.8.1.6.2 Where a round robin involving 5 players or 5 pairs in an event is played, only one bronze will be awarded.

| Singles | Medals awarded | Doubles | Medals awarded |
|-----------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| 4 players | Gold and silver only | 4 pairs | Gold and silver only |
| 5 players | Gold, silver, 1 bronze | 5 pairs | Gold, silver, 1 bronze |

- 3.8.2 In Fa 20 and Fa40, single events will be organized if there are 4 or more players from two different Member Associations. Single events with less than 4 players or with only 1 Member Association must be combined by the CM in cooperation with the referee such that the lower classes are given priority.
- 3.8.3 Only double events with 4 or more pairs will be played and events with less than 4 pairs must be combined by the CM in cooperation with the referee such that the lower classes are given priority.
- 3.8.4 If there are less than 4 pairs in the highest-class possible combination, the event will be played. In that case, rating points will be awarded together with the title, but medals will not be awarded.

Example:

| Entry for doubles | No of pairs | Event possible |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| WD1 | 0 | No event possible |
| WD1-2 | 1 | No event possible |
| WD1-3 | 4 | Event must be organised |
| WD4 | 2 | No event possible |
| WD4-5 | 3 | Event organised, rating points and title will be awarded but no medals |

3.9 Format of play:

3.9.1 Singles events:

- 3.9.1.1 In Factor events
 - 3.9.1.1.1 When 4 players per Association per class are allowed to enter;
 - 3.9.1.1.1.1 if 2 classes are combined, there may be up to 5 players per Association with a maximum of 3 players from the same class;
 - 3.9.1.1.1.2 if 3 classes are combined, there may be up to 7 players per Association with a maximum of 3 players from the same class;

- 3.9.1.1.2 When 6 players per Association per class are allowed to enter;
- 3.9.1.1.2.1 if 2 classes are combined, there may be up to 7 players per Association with a maximum of 3 players from the same class;
- 3.9.1.1.2.2 if 3 classes are combined, there may be up to 9 players per Association with a maximum of 3 players from the same class.
- 3.9.2 In all competitions:
- 3.9.2.1 When after the 1st entry by number events are combined due to low entries in one event and the combination gives an Association more than the number of players allowed in the combined event, LOC will inform that Association that only the number of competitors allowed per event may be entered and its entry for that event will be revised;
- 3.9.2.2 if a singles class 5 or 10 does not have 4 entries, the CM must combine this with the next lower class or with the next lower combination of classes to make a minimum of 4 entries;
- 3.9.2.3 the first stage of the event will be played in round-robin groups and the second by knockout; the number of players in a group shall be 4 where possible but there shall not otherwise be less than 3 and more than 5 players in a group and priority must be given to groups of 4 players. Should the competition schedule be very tight, the Competition Manager may decide to give priority to groups of 3 players. If there are 5 or less players, the event will be played in a round-robin group only;
- 3.9.2.4 the numbers of groups will be decided by the referee in consultation with the CM;
- 3.9.2.5 if the number of groups in an event is not a multiple of 2, winners from the groups with the highest ranked seeded players shall have byes in the first round of the second stage, in seeding order;
- 3.9.2.6 the winner and the runner-up of each group will advance to the second stage which will be played as a knockout;
- 3.9.2.7 a player may only play in the class indicated on his/her international classification card unless, due to the low number of players, his/her class is combined with the next class when he/she may play in the event for the next highest class;
- 3.9.2.8 all matches will be the best of 5 games.
- 3.9.3 Doubles:
- 3.9.3.1 In Fa40 and Fa20 competitions, a maximum 2 pairs per Association may be entered where all players are from the same Association.
- 3.9.3.2 Players from different Associations may form a pair in a doubles event in Fa40 and Fa20 competitions, but if there are 3 players in the same event from the same Association, only the 3rd lowest rated player may form a pair with a player from another Association.
- 3.9.3.3 Mixed class pairs are allowed but the pair must play in the class of the player with the highest class.
- 3.9.3.4 No player may represent more than one doubles in a competition.
- 3.9.3.5 Where events are combined due to low entries in an event and the combination gives an Association more than 2 pairs in a combined event, LOC will inform the Association that only 2 pairs per event may be entered and its entry for that event is to be revised.
- 3.9.3.6 In all Para TT events under the authority of ITTF the doubles competition system will be organized in group system in the 1st stage with priority given to groups of 4 pairs with the winner and runner-up in each group advancing to play in the knockout rounds, without match for bronze medal. If there are 5 or less pairs, the event will be played in a round-robin format without knockout.

- 3.9.3.7 Should a large number of pairs cause trouble in the time schedule, the CM in cooperation with the Referee and the organizing committee may decide to play the doubles event under the knockout format only.

3.10 Seeding:

- 3.10.1 For all competitions, the latest world ranking list published on the 1st day of each month or as soon as possible thereafter will be used for seeding.
- 3.10.2 In a doubles event, the list of seeds will be decided by combining the rating points of the 2 players in the doubles.
- 3.10.3 Alterations to the draw may be made if a player is re-classified.

3.11 Draw:

- 3.11.1 For all competitions, the draw must be done by the Referee in cooperation with the CM, before the technical meeting, using the required competition management program and distributed at the technical meeting.

3.12 Jury:

- 3.12.1 The independent jury for Fa20, Fa40 championships and junior competitions, will be decided by the CM on arrival.

3.13 Discipline:

- 3.13.1 Walk over rules: if the match is not played for any reason, no ranking points are given to opponent.
- 3.13.1.2 If the match started, even if only 1 point is played, then points are given to opponent.
- 3.13.1.3 If the player is unable to play temporarily due to the nature of his/her disability or condition, the referee may, after consulting a medical classifier or doctor at the competition, allow a medical recovery time of the shortest practical duration, but in no circumstances more than 10 minutes.
- 3.13.2 Cancellations:
- 3.13.2.1 If a player cancels his/her participation
- 3.13.2.2 Before the second entry deadline, the entry fee paid in the first entry will be forfeited.
- 3.13.2.3 After the second entry deadline, an additional 30% of the entry fee must be paid, except for circumstances beyond his/her control.
- 3.13.2.4 If the penalties are not paid, the ITTF will publish the name of the Association and player on its website.

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