



2018 WINTER INTERCLUB RULES – ALL GRADES

Administration

All Table Tennis Wellington (TTW) interclub will be administered by the TTW Interclub Subcommittee, on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Venue

Empire Stadium, Marine Parade, Petone.

Starting Time

7.00pm. Doors open at about 6:30pm

Dates and Structure of Winter Interclub

Winter interclub will be played over two separate Series.

- Series One will run from 15/16 May to 3/4 July (8 weeks)
- Series Two will run from 24/25 July/1 August to 11/12 September (8 weeks)

Entries for Series Two will be taken in the period between the two Series (deadline for entries 17 July).

Fees

The team registration fee will be \$12.00 per 3 person team, \$8.00 for 2 player teams, with a pro-rata charge to clubs involved in composite teams. The fee to be charged at the same time as affiliation fees.

Waged	\$8.00 per night
Unwaged	\$7.00 per night
Students	\$6.00 per night

Playing of Matches as Scheduled

To ensure up to date recording of results, it is essential that all matches are played on the scheduled night. A change of date or venue will only be approved if a player (or players) in a team is away on an official table tennis engagement (e.g. National Secondary School Championships) or in any other exceptional circumstances. Any change to scheduled matches is at the discretion of the interclub subcommittee.

Eligibility

Entries shall be accepted from clubs affiliated to TTW. All players must be a bona fide member of the club they represent. No player may play for two clubs in one season unless exceptional circumstances occur, in which case prior permission must first be obtained from the interclub subcommittee.

If the interclub subcommittee is satisfied that the club or team captain knowingly permitted an ineligible player/s to represent the club the match shall be recorded as an 11-0 (5-0 for two player team fixtures) win to the opposition. If however, the subcommittee is satisfied there was a reasonable degree of doubt regarding eligibility then only those matches involving the player/s concerned shall be awarded to the opposition.

Clubs can nominate reserves at any stage. The interclub subcommittee will first determine a minimum grade for a reserve who can then be played by that club without further request in round-robin rounds in one team only. For non-round-robin rounds any player (reserve or otherwise) should have played for that team before in the current series or have received dispensation by the interclub committee (when given enough notice and determined to be of a similar or lesser standard than the player replaced).

Format

Where possible, grades will be of either six or eight teams. It may be necessary to have a bye in grades to make up these numbers. The timing of the competitions will be such that six and eight team grades will operate over 8 consecutive weeks.

Each contest shall comprise 9 singles and 2 doubles matches. All matches are the best of 5 advantage sets to 11.

For 2 player teams, each contest shall comprise 5 singles and 1 doubles match. Singles are best of 7 advantage sets, the doubles, best of 5.

Six Team Grades

One round of five round robin matches, followed by one further round of playoff matches (see below) and one finals round. The extra night will be a grade championship event.

Eight Team Grades

One round of seven round robin matches, followed by one finals night.

Premier

This grade will play on Tuesdays as two separate competitions: Series I & II. If Series I has six teams it will be a full round robin followed by semi-finals, a final and playoffs for other positions from three to six. The playoff positions will determine seeding for Series II and if a playoff is required, the team finishing 6th will play in that match or matches. If an eight team Series, the final night will be structured as 1v2, 3v4, 5v6, 7v8.

The format for Series II will be decided when entries are confirmed.

Remaining Divisions

Subject to entries, these grades will play on Tuesdays (for Division 2*) and Wednesdays (for Divisions 1 & 3*) as two separate competitions: Series I & II.

*Assuming three divisions below Premier.

A combined finals night will be held for premier and all divisions on 18 September.

TTW retains the right to modify the Winter competition formats once entries are finalised.

Grading

A club entering a team into a grade that contains players graded higher previously must request a re-grading of those players. Once a player has played two contests (six singles) in a higher grade, that player must obtain a re-grading before returning to the lower grade. Acceptance of the team and players by the interclub subcommittee will constitute a re-grading of a previously higher graded player.

Points

Premier

1 point for a win, no points for a loss and no bonus points.

Remaining Divisions

Winner 2 points plus 1 point for each match won.

Loser 1 point for each match won

e.g. If a team wins 7-4 the winners get 9 points and the losers 4 points.

In the remaining divisions, if a team wins all five of their round robin contests in a series, and hasn't had points taken off for disciplinary reasons, they will progress straight to the final even if another team has

accrued more points overall. Teams that finished 2nd and 3rd will playoff to decide the other finalist. If all teams lose at least one contest then two semi-finals will be held – 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 to decide the finalists.

If, at the completion of a series/competition, two teams have the same number of points, then matches won will be counted to decide placings if necessary (subject to the rule above). If the teams are still equal then the winner of the round robin match, between those teams, will be used to break the tie.

Teams

For teams Divisions One and Two, teams consist of three or more players. While only three players from a team can play singles in a contest a fourth player can be introduced to play in one or both doubles matches only. The same pairing cannot play in both doubles. The doubles pairs are to be decided by the team captain.

For Premier Grade (and Division Three if sufficient entries are received), in Series One teams will consist of two or more players. While only two players from a team can play singles in a contest a third player can be introduced to play in the doubles match only. The doubles pairs are to be decided by the team captain.

Combined (multiple-club) teams may be allowed; therefore clubs can enter individuals or pairs of players, with composite teams selected by the interclub subcommittee. All teams are subject to the approval of the interclub subcommittee.

A new player can be added to a team at any time subject to grading, eligibility and acceptance by the interclub committee.

Any team adding a new player to the interclub completion and/or one not listed on the entry form must obtain permission from the interclub subcommittee unless that player is a team member from a lower grade. If the player does not meet the stated requirements then all the matches they compete in will be awarded to the opposition.

Once a player has played for a Premier or Division team during a division Series (even as a reserve) he/she may not play for a different team in the same winter/Series without approval from the interclub subcommittee.

The interclub subcommittee may approve a permanent transfer between teams at any stage of the season in special circumstances, such as the loss of a regular team member.

Once the draw has been made and the competition commenced, an extra team can only be entered in order to remove a bye. No extra team can be entered where the grade has an even number of teams. The extra team will commence on zero points and teams already having a bye will receive points based on the interclub subcommittee's assessment of the teams involved.

All changes are subject to approval from the interclub subcommittee.

Bats and Balls

Only approved brands of bats and rubbers will be permitted. Rubbers must be red on one side and black on the other. Gluing of bats is not permitted in interclub venues. TTW will provide 3 star white balls for all contests.

Glue

In accordance with international and national regulations, all glues containing Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are banned. Any player has the right to request an opposing player's bat to be tested. When available, this will be done via the ENEZ testing machine. All tests must be first performed with standard bat (negative) to ensure the machine's effectiveness.

1st positive result = forfeit of their singles and doubles matches on that night.

2nd positive result = player ban from current competition.

Dress and Behaviour

The requirements under the Code of Conduct will be enforced and clubs are responsible for ensuring that their team members are fully aware of the requirements. **Club shirts must be worn.** However, where shirts are not available from a club or a player is only filling in, a shirt of similar design and colour is acceptable. Players participating in Premier must wear shorts/skirts during matches. Jeans and headwear (caps/beanies/hats) are not permitted in Premier or Division One. 'Street' shoes are not permitted in any grade. Some leniency will be

allowed on cold nights at the discretion of the Duty Officer, such confirmation to be granted prior to being the extra clothing being worn. The additional clothing should conform to the standards applying

Defaults

Defaults will not be tolerated in the Premier and Division 1 grades. Clubs should be careful not to enter a team or teams in any grade that it may not be adequately able to service with replacement players as required. Clubs who have teams defaulting will be charged for the loss of table fees from both teams scheduled to play. Any player who defaults a game will be fined \$10 per game defaulted (unless with due cause as agreed by the duty official on the night). The defaulted match shall show as a loss in the statistics of the player that defaulted.

Rules

- All matches shall be played under the rules of Table Tennis New Zealand, or the ITTF - if the rule isn't covered under TTNZ rules. Any questions relating to the rules of play shall be referred firstly to both team captains. If they cannot agree a ruling must be sought from the Duty Officer.
- TTW interclub subcommittee may take points off any teams/player that persistently ignore the requirements of the Code of Conduct.
- The service rule must be adhered to at all times.
- Points lost due to a 'wet' ball will be replayed subject of proof shown to both the opposition and Umpire and with the agreement of the Umpire.
- If a player catches the ball off the serve/during a rally they will be deemed to have lost the point and the umpire shall award the point to the other player/s.
- No excessive noise, intimidation, abuse or bad language.
- Further action may be taken against individual players involved in breaches of the Code of Conduct.
- To protect the integrity of the competition and the rights of players and officials to a safe environment, the TTW interclub and/or executive committees reserve the right to suspend or expel a player/s from the competition on these grounds and also to bar an individual/s from entry into or spectating/coaching at this competition. There shall be no rights of appeal.
- Entering a team or players constitutes an agreement of these rules by the club and the players.

Code of Conduct

The TTW Code of Conduct will be enforced in all interclub matches. The entering of teams by clubs is their agreement that the Code of Conduct applies and that the entering of players in those teams is similarly the agreement of the players that the Code of Conduct applies to them.

Score Sheets

An official TTW score sheet will be provided for each contest. This sheet must be completed fully, signed by both captains and returned to the duty official at the end of the evening.

Protests

Any protest by a club relating to any other team must be lodged in writing (including email) with the convener of the interclub subcommittee (Kevin Haines) within three days of the incident it relates to.

General

Any matters not covered by these rules or the Code of Conduct shall be decided by the interclub subcommittee whose decision shall be final.

THESE RULES APPLY FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2018 WINTER SEASON