

Isle of Man Table Tennis Association  
Special General Meeting  
National Sports Centre, Douglas  
**6pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
Agenda

1. Adoption of Audited Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013
2. Proposed Rule changes to formally update Rules for changes already made :
  - a. Introduction of team registration fees rather than fees per individual
  - b. Introduction of Junior Development teams
  - c. The season no longer being split into two separate half-seasons

It is proposed to amend the rules as follows (**amended wording highlighted in orange**):

Change rule 1(b) as follows:

Before the commencement of the season clubs must register at least three named players for each registered team by submitting **completed** registration forms to the Match Secretary.

Add rule 1(d) as follows:

**In addition, the Isle of Man Table Tennis Association may enter one or more Junior Development teams where it believes that this will help promote the development of table tennis. Any such team will not be classed as a registered team and accordingly will be exempt from the requirement to register players or to pay registration fees.**

Change rule 3 as follows:

All registered **teams** will pay a **registration** fee. This will be **payable in two instalments, the first being payable by 31st October and the second by 31st January**. Failure of any **team** to pay fees by the due dates will result in **the** team forfeiting all points **accrued to the date of payment**.

Change rule 5 as follows:

Any registered team players may play for the team for which they have been named and for any team above that team but NOT below it. The total number of appearances for teams other than that for which a player is registered should not exceed **FOUR**. Should a player exceed this number he/she is automatically deemed to be registered for the team immediately above that for which he/she was previously registered. This player may not then play for any other team without being reallocated to that team by the Management Committee prior to any appearance in that team. Any player registered after 31st January may only play for the team to which he/she is allocated by the Management Committee.

3. Proposed Rule changes to allow Management Committee the discretion to drop the doubles from any division if required and to accommodate the new “2-phase” match-night structure

Add rule 6(c) as follows:

Either

**Option 1: It will not be possible for a player to both play for his own team and to simultaneously play up for a higher team in a match which has the same scheduled start time.**

Or

**Option 2: It is not recommended for a player to both play for his own team and to simultaneously play up for a higher team in a match which has the same scheduled start time. However, if this does occur, it is the responsibility of the captains of that player's teams to ensure that this does not affect the flow of either match. If either team is unable to field the player to play a set at the required time then that set will be awarded to the opposing team.**

Change rule 9 as follows:

The league may be divided into as many divisions as may be considered necessary. Promotion and relegation shall apply at the discretion of the Management Committee. **The format of matches will**

be defined for each division before the season starts and will consist of nine singles sets and a doubles set at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Change rule 10(a) as follows:

Matches will be played at the National Sports Centre, Douglas, on set nights and **scheduled start times** as specified on the official website, which will be updated by the Match Secretary prior to the start of the season. The Management Committee reserves the right to change the venue and/or the date **or scheduled start time** in exceptional circumstances (see Rule 11 below).

Change rule 14 as follows:

Matches shall consist of 9 singles sets, **plus 1 doubles set if the match format for the division in which the match is being played contains a doubles set**. A set is the best of 5 games up to 11 points. In the singles each player plays against each of the opposing side. The doubles pairing will be optional and will normally be selected from the above players, but may include persons not playing in the singles. It is the duty of the team captains to provide match balls and to produce an umpire capable of properly controlling the match and keeping score.

Change rule 18 as follows:

In each match the total number of points to be played for will be 9 **or 10 if it includes a doubles set**. A team will be awarded points equal to the number of sets won (e.g. a match result 7-3 would give 7 points to the winning team and 3 points to the losers). In the event of a tie on points at the end of the season the record of match wins will decide. A further tie on match wins will be decided by the highest number of matches drawn, and in the event of this also being equal by the results of the league matches played between the tied teams. This rule will apply to both Championship and Runners-up positions and relegation in every division.

Change rule 21 as follows:

Matches should be started at the start time printed in the fixture list. If no member of a particular team is present to start the match within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time the opposing team captain should deliver to the Match Secretary a blank result card with the wording "Match claimed under Rule 21". **The total number of points available for the match** will then be awarded to that team and up to five points may be deducted from any points accrued by the defaulting team.

Change rule 22 as follows:

Prior to the start of a match there should be agreement between the team captains concerning the late arrival of a team member and the consequent deferment of his/her games and provided there is no loss of continuity to the match it is hoped that a spirit of goodwill would operate. However, after **20** minutes from the published start time, it is within the jurisdiction of a team captain to call for a certain set and if an opponent is not present, to claim such set for his/her team.

#### 4. Any Other Business