

# Table Tennis

Districts are encouraged to follow the technical information and guidelines found within this manual at all times. When changes are necessary at the District level, participants who qualify for Ontario 55+ Winter Games must be made aware that the following rules will be in use at Ontario 55+ Winter Games.

## A) FORMAT OF PLAY – DOUBLES

Division	Age Category	Number of Participants
Women	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age category
Men	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age category
Mixed	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age category
Participants may compete in only one division at Ontario 55+ Winter Games.		

**GOLD MEDAL DISTRICT WINNERS** who qualify for Provincial Games but whose playing partner is unable to attend, may choose a new playing partner for the Provincial Games but must pick their new playing partner from individuals who competed in the District qualifier.

Any person not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition is in default and is automatically disqualified from the competition. **If there are extenuating circumstances, exceptions to this may be granted by the Event Convenor.**

Competitors are obligated to complete the competition regardless of their record. If a competitor defaults part way through the competition, the results of that competitor will be removed from the standings. The organizers should have an extra team available to play as a “floater” team in case there is an uneven number of teams or in case a team defaults.

This floater team’s results will not count in the final standings.

**If there are any questions regarding rulings, the OSGA Winter Games Technical Manual will be considered correct.**

## B) ELIGIBILITY

Event	Requirements
District Games	Any person 55+ living in Ontario
Ontario 55+ Winter Games ( Provincial Championships)	Gold Medal Winners – District competition
<b>NOTE:</b> Previous Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Canada Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Winter Games level, but must qualify at the District level before going to the Winter Provincial Games.	

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. Play will be Round Robin format, followed by a playoff, if time permits
2. If possible, playoffs will consist of a Medal Round and a Consolation Round. The split will be determined by the number of teams participating. No more than 8 teams will qualify for the Medal Rounds.
3. Games will be played to a score of eleven (11) and matches will consist of five (5) games with a time limit of 45 minutes for a match.
4. The number of tables available and the number of teams entered will determine the number of pools used so that the round robin and playoffs can be completed in the allotted time.

Determining the Winners

1. In the Round Robin, the winning team in any game will be awarded **two (2)** tournament points. The losing team will receive **zero (0)**.
2. Placings in the Round Robin will determine seeding for the playoff format.
3. If at the conclusion of the Round Robin, there is a tie for placings, the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
  - a) Results of head to head games;
  - b) If necessary, the points scored for divided by the points scored against with the highest quotient winning;
  - c) If necessary, then an extra game should be played between the teams that are tied.

#### D) AWARDS

<b>Gold (12)</b>	Men's Doubles 55+	Women's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Men's Doubles 65+	Women's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+
<b>Silver (12)</b>	Men's Doubles 55+	Women's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Men's Doubles 65+	Women's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+
<b>Bronze (12)</b>	Men's Doubles 55+	Women's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Men's Doubles 65+	Women's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+

#### E) RULE SOURCE

The ITTF Handbook – Laws of Table Tennis will apply, with the exceptions listed under “Tournament Set-Up” and “Table Tennis Rules Summary.”

#### Websites

[www.ottacanada.com](http://www.ottacanada.com)

[www.ctta.ca](http://www.ctta.ca) (see Officials on side menu, then ITT F Handbook, then The Laws of Table Tennis on side menu)

#### F) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

##### **Equipment**

1. Regulation table tennis tables are required (minimum of four)
2. Regulation nets are required (minimum of four)
3. Regulation table tennis balls (adequate supply).
4. Participants are responsible for providing their own table tennis rackets.

##### **Facilities**

1. The facility **must** have the potential to hold 4-6 table tennis tables while providing adequate regulation spacing.
2. The facility should be wheel chair accessible.

G) OFFICIALS

The OSGA requires, at minimum, the following major officials for Ontario 55+ Winter Games:

For District Games, the following are only a suggestion. Participation numbers and availability of volunteers may result in fewer officials being required. Districts are encouraged to try to have the necessary officials to run the event successfully.

- A) One (1) Convenor
- B) One (1) Referee/Scorer per table
- C) One (1) Master Scorer

The host committee will ensure that all major officials have the required qualifications as specified by the OSGA prior to Ontario 55+ Winter Games. The host is also responsible for any other officials required to run this event.



## **Table Tennis Rules Summary**

1. A medical examination two months prior to the event is strongly recommended.