



**REGULATIONS – 2nd MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL VETERANS TABLE TENNIS
TOURNAMENT**

Article 1 – Organisation

- 1. The 2nd Madeira International Veterans Table Tennis Tournament is organised by the Madeira Table Tennis Association under the auspices of the Portuguese Table Tennis Federation (FPTM), in accordance with the regulations of the Portuguese Table Tennis Federation (FPTM), the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), where applicable, and these Regulations.*
- 2. The tournament is an international event intended for the participation of national and international veteran players.*

Article 2 – Objectives

The objectives of the tournament are:

- a) To promote the practice of table tennis among veteran players;*
- b) To encourage sporting fellowship between national and international players;*
- c) To promote the Autonomous Region of Madeira as a destination for international sporting events;*
- d) To provide a competition of a high technical and organisational standard.*

Article 3 – Eligibility

- 1. Players affiliated with the Portuguese Table Tennis Federation or with recognised foreign table tennis federations are eligible to participate.*
- 2. Players must reach the age of 40 years or older during the calendar year in which the competition takes place.*
- 3. Entries must be submitted within the deadlines established by the Organising Committee.*
- 4. Participation in the tournament implies full acceptance of these Regulations.*



Article 4 – Age Categories

The Singles events shall be contested in the following age categories:

- *Veterans I – 40 to 44 years;*
- *Veterans II – 45 to 49 years;*
- *Veterans III – 50 to 54 years;*
- *Veterans IV – 55 to 59 years;*
- *Veterans V – 60 to 64 years;*
- *Veterans VI – 65 to 69 years;*
- *Veterans VII – 70 to 74 years;*
- *Veterans VIII – 75 to 79 years;*
- *Veterans IX – 80 to 84 years;*
- *Veterans X – 85 to 89 years;*
- *Veterans XI – 90 years and over.*

The age considered shall be the age the player reaches during the calendar year in which the tournament is held.

Article 5 – Events

The 2nd Madeira International Veterans Table Tennis Tournament includes the following events:

- *Men's Singles;*
 - *Women's Singles;*
 - *Team Event.*
1. *The Team Event shall be played in two separate competitions:*
 - *Under-55 Teams – for players under 55 years of age;*
 - *55+ Teams – for players aged 55 years or over.*
 2. *Male, female and mixed teams shall be permitted in both competitions.*
 3. *Teams may be composed of players from the same club or from different clubs, whether national or international.*
 4. *The age considered for participation in the Team Event shall be the age the player reaches during the calendar year in which the tournament takes place.*



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5. *Each competition shall be held subject to the minimum number of entries established by the Organising Committee.*
6. *Each team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) players.*
7. *Entries deadline is 13 november*
8. *Entry fees for the Singles Event shall be:*
 - *€15.00 (fifteen euros) per player for entries submitted up to 31 October;*
 - *€20.00 (twenty euros) per player for entries submitted from 1 November onwards.*
8. *Entry fees for the Team Event shall be:*
 - *€10.00 (ten euros) per player for entries submitted up to 31 October;*
 - *€15.00 (fifteen euros) per player for entries submitted from 1 November onwards.*

Article 6 – Competition System

1. *The Singles events shall preferably be played using a combined competition system comprising:*
 - *First stage: Round Robin Groups;*
 - *Second stage: Knockout Draw, with the top two players from each group qualifying for the Main Draw.*
2. *Whenever the number of participants, the competition schedule and organisational conditions permit, a Consolation Event shall be held for players who do not qualify for the Main Draw.*
3. *The Team Event shall be played according to the competition system determined by the Organising Committee, depending on the number of teams entered.*
4. *Whenever an age category has fewer than four registered players, participants may be merged into the immediately younger age category or another suitable category, as decided by the Organising Committee and the Referee, in order to ensure a balanced competition.*
5. *Team matches shall be played in the following order:*
 - *Match 1 – Player A vs Player X*
 - *Match 2 – Player B vs Player Y*



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- Match 3 – Doubles

The team winning two matches shall be declared the winner of the tie.

- 6. All Singles matches shall be played as the best of five (5) games. The winner shall be the player who first wins three (3) games.*
- 7. All Team Event matches shall be played as the best of three (3) games. The winner shall be the player or pair who first wins two (2) games.*
- 8. The Organising Committee reserves the right to adjust the competition system according to the number of entries or organisational requirements, upon decision of the Referee.*

Article 7 – Group Composition and Draw

- 1. Groups shall be formed according to the FPTM Veterans National Ranking, the ITTF World Masters Ranking, or any other technical criteria established by the Organising Committee.*
- 2. Whenever possible, players from the same club shall not be placed in the same group during the first stage of the competition.*
- 3. Seeded players shall be determined according to the rankings available on the date of the draw.*

Article 8 – Playing Clothing

- 1. Players shall wear clothing that complies with the ITTF and FPTM regulations.*
- 2. Shirts whose colour may interfere with the visibility of the ball shall not be permitted. The Referee shall have the final decision in this matter.*

Article 9 – Playing Equipment

- 1. All events shall be played on ITTF-approved tables using ITTF-approved balls.*
- 2. The specifications of the official playing equipment shall be published in the tournament's official programme.*

Article 10 – Officiating

- 1. Matches shall be officiated by umpires appointed by the Organising Committee.*
- 2. Whenever necessary, players may be requested to act as umpires.*



Article 11 – Awards

- 1. Trophies or medals shall be awarded to the top three players in each Singles age category.*
- 2. Trophies or medals shall also be awarded to the top three teams in each Team competition.*
- 3. The Organising Committee may award special prizes, participation souvenirs or other complementary awards.*

Article 12 – Matters Not Covered

Any matters not covered by these Regulations shall be decided by the Organising Committee and the Referee in accordance with the regulations of the Portuguese Table Tennis Federation (FPTM) and the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), whenever applicable.

Article 13 – Final Provisions

- 1. The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend these Regulations whenever exceptional circumstances so require, provided that equal treatment of all participants is safeguarded.*
- 2. Entry into the tournament implies full knowledge and unconditional acceptance of these Regulations.*
- 3. Any situation not expressly provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the Organising Committee and the Referee, whose decisions shall be final.*