



2016 brothers HABET 8th Annual Table Tennis Team League



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Belize Elementary Auditorium
Belize City, Belize

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- Rules and Regulations -

1. Format:

- a) Round Robin followed by Single Knockout

2. Categories:

Teams are placed into categories based on their team rating. The team rating is determined by adding the current rating of each player from the BTTA 2016 June ratings which can be found here

<http://www.belizetabletennis.com/RATINGS/2016/June/BTTA%20National%20Ratings%20June%202016.pdf>

For each division there is a cap on how high a team rating can be, as well as upper and lower team rating limits which determines which division a team can play in.

a) 1st Division

- i) Team rating must not exceed 3107. (The average rating of the first 20 ranked players X 3)
- ii) Team rating must be higher than 2540. (The 20th ranked person's rating X 3)

b) 2nd Division

- i) Team rating must not exceed 2286. (The average rating of players ranked 21-60 X 3)
- ii) Team rating must be higher than 1489.

c) 3rd Division

- i) Team rating must not exceed 1489. (The average rating of players ranked 61 and lower X 3)

3. General Rules

- a) A team consists of maximum 3 players. A team of two players is allowed to participate in the team match if the third player is absent. If a player is not able to play a match he or she will forfeit the match but can participate in subsequent matches of the team match. The team may continue the competition with two players. A team may have a substitute player. This player must come from the most recent ratings list and once introduced onto the team roster submitted for a particular match must not disrupt the division criteria the team is playing in. Please notify the tournament organizers if you wish to have a substitute player before the start of competition. Once the tournament has begun all requests for the addition of a substitute player will be denied.
- b) Each team match consists of five individual matches and shall end when one team has won a majority of the possible individual matches. Each individual match shall be the best of seven games.
- c) A team match consists of two singles matches followed by a doubles match, followed, if necessary, by one or two singles matches, until a team wins three matches.
- d) The captain shall nominate the players at the start of each match and becomes final upon submittal. The third player will play in the doubles match with either of the two players who played the first two matches, selected by the captain after the second singles match is completed. The remaining matches (if necessary) will be set in a way to ensure that each player plays a maximum of two matches according to the following system:

Order	Type	ABC team	XYZ team
1	Singles	A	X
2	Singles	B	Y
<i>Captain chooses DBL pair. 5 minutes break</i>			
3	Doubles	C + A or B	Z + X or Y
<i>5 minutes break</i>			
4	Singles	A or B (non-playing Doubles)	Z
5	Singles	C	X or Y (non playing Doubles)

- e) Before the start of the match, the team that won the toss shall choose to be either the ABC team or the XYZ team.
- f) After choosing ABC or XYZ team, the captain shall nominate players in position A, B, C or X, Y, Z.
- g) After the captain hands over the nomination sheet for doubles (once the 2 first singles matches have been played), the match order of the 4th and 5th matches is automatically decided.
- h) There shall be a 5-minute break prior to and following the doubles match.
- i) Players may only participate in one division at any point in time, but may move to another division in the event of a change to team formation. All changes must satisfy division requirements.
- j) Teams must play in approved team colours (*Defined before the start of competition*).

Procedure when a team has only 2 players.

- a) A team of two players is allowed to participate in the team matches if a third player of the team is unavailable.
- b) Before the start of the match, the team winning the toss shall choose either to be the ABC team or the XYZ team and the two team captains should decide the order of players. The team with the absent player will lose the match(es) supposed to be played by this player automatically by walkover following the established order of matches. The final result of the team match will be the played matches scored plus walkover matches scored.

Procedure when both teams have only 2 players.

Order	Type	ABC team	XYZ team
1	Singles	A	X
<i>5 minutes break</i>			
2	Doubles	AB	XY
<i>5 minutes break</i>			
3	Singles	B	Y

The competition format will be as follows:

- a) If both teams have only two players participating in the team match, the team match shall end when one team has won a majority of the possible matches and this team will be declared the winner of this team match (2:0 or 2:1).

Replacement of a player in a Table Tennis Team

- a) After the start of round robin competition only 1 change of a team member is allowed per team provided that the change satisfies the requirements of the division the team is currently playing in.
- b) Team member change is only allowed from most recent ranking list.
- c) No team member change is allowed after the start of final round robin match for each team.

Withdrawal of a team

- a) The team will be considered as withdrawn from the team match, if it does not start the first match of a team match (walkover) or decides not to finish the team match. If a team withdraws from a team match, the team match will be won 3-0 by the opponent.

If a team is disqualified or withdraws during the competition:

a) During a scheduled team match.

- i. The team will lose matches that have not yet been played by forfeit (All scores recorded for games played will remain and rankings will be adjusted accordingly). The opposing team will advance to the next round.

b) During the Team Tournament.

- i. Ratings will be calculated up until the last match played. All scheduled matches thereafter, the team will lose by forfeit (the team match by 3-0, each match by 4-0 and each game by 11-0). These results however will have no effect on ranking of the members of the withdrawn team, but will contribute towards overall team standings of the remaining teams for the event.