



55+ BC Games

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Table Tennis

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1. Age Categories:

Men and Women:

55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, **75 +**

2. Events:

 In all age categories and in both competitive and recreational divisions:

- (a) Men's Singles
- (b) Women's Singles
- (c) Men's Doubles
- (d) Women's Doubles
- (e) Mixed Doubles.

3. Participation:

- (a) Maximum of six men and six women per age category per event per Zone.
- (b) Both Recreational and Competitive Players shall be included in this maximum.

4. Divisions:

Zone Table Tennis Coordinators must list all players in each age category, men and women, according to their ability in singles only. Please use forms provided.

- (a) Competitive Division:
 - (1) Competitive group shall include all Gold medal singles winners from the past 55+ BC Games (Recreational and Competitive Divisions), except for categories in which there was only one entrant, plus players identified by B.C. Table Tennis Association as being Competitive through previous tournament or other play. (Subject to an opportunity to re-qualify as Recreational when they move to a new age group except if a Gold medal was won in the last year of the previous age category.)
 - (2) Recreational Silver medal winners from the previous 55+ BC Games may also be placed in this group depending on the number entered.
 - (3) A player may choose to play in the Competitive group and this must be stated on the Sport Form.
 - (4) Where four people or less are registered in an age category (including both Competitive and Recreational players), then they shall be combined into one group for playing purposes although, based upon win/loss record, medals shall still be awarded separately within the Recreational and Competitive Divisions.
 - (5) When a player is registered to play in the Competitive Division for singles, and also registers to play in the doubles competition, then that pair shall compete in the Doubles Competitive Division. (A Recreational singles player may play in Competitive doubles; however, Competitive players cannot play in the Recreational Division.)

- (6) Players registering for Recreational, but being changed to Competitive status, shall be notified before the Games by the Table Tennis Coordinator of the Host Society.
Note: Only the Table Tennis Coordinator of the Host Society has the authority to make this change.

- (b) Recreational Division:
All those players registering as Recreational Players and not being transferred to the Competitive Division shall play in the Recreational Division.

5. Competition:

- (a) The draw will be posted at the Table Tennis venue. All Participants should have a copy of their Round Robin schedule in their accreditation package. The Host Table Tennis Coordinator must avoid scheduling players from the same Zone competing against each other early in the draw.
- (b) International Table Tennis Rules shall apply subject to modification by the 55+ BC Games Rules. **Tournament grade balls as “approved” balls by the host society’s Sport Chair to adopt the best “orange-colour” balls available in the market.**
- (c) Participants may not wear clothing the same colour as the balls being used.
- (d) Participants must toss ball in air for serve, according to rules, and not serve “off the hand” or from the fingers.
- (e) Players may play in any or all events in their age category, as long as they qualify in Zone playoffs.
- (f) Participants are not permitted to play in more than one age category in the same event.
- (g) A player may participate in a younger age category in singles provided that there is not a full complement of players in that younger age category.
- (h) “Both divisions (Competitive and Recreational) shall play complete Round Robin in all events. A match will be the best three out of five games and each game will go to 11 points.
- (1) A Game. A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring 11 points unless both players or pairs score 10 points when the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of two points.
 - (2) A Match. A match shall consist of the best three out of five games.
 - (3) The Order of Serving, Receiving, and Ends. After each 2 points have been scored, the receiving player or pair shall become the serving player or pair and so on until the end of the game, unless both players or pairs score 10 points when the sequence of serving and receiving shall be the same but each player or pair shall serve for only 1 point in turn.
The player or pair serving first in a game shall receive first in the next game of the match, and in the last possible game of a doubles match the pair due to receive next shall change their order of receiving when first one pair scores 5 points.
The player or pair starting at one end in a game shall start at the other end in the next game of the match and in the last possible game of a match the players or pairs shall change ends when first one player or pair scores 5 points.
 - (4) If there are six or fewer players (or pairs) in an age category event, the group will play as one group.
 - (5) If there are seven or more players (or pairs) in an age category event, they may be divided and placed into groups, as required, with no fewer than 3 matches per player (or pair).
 - (6) The final format will be determined by the Games Table Tennis Sport Chair.

- (7) Umpires should be provided for medal games. Participants may volunteer to umpire, but should not umpire games involving their Zone or their friends.

6. Medals:

After Round Robin Play, Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded in all events in both Competitive and Recreational divisions.

- (a) For one group, Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded on the basis of the Round Robin play in accordance with the B.C.T.T.A. Rules.
- (b) If there are two groups, cross over playoffs will be held with the other group. The 1st place finishers in each group play the 2nd place finishers in the other group. The winners will play for Gold and Silver medals. The two losers will play for Bronze medals.
- (c) If there are three groups, the 1st place finishers from each group will hold a Round Robin playoff for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
- (d) Ties: If two or more Participants in an age category are tied in points – positions will be determined only by the results of the matches between them, i.e. by considering first the won/lost ratio for games played, secondly, the total won/lost ratio for points in games played between the players involved.

7. Zone Playoffs:

- (a) Zone playoffs may be held in Men's Singles and Doubles; Women's Singles and Doubles; Mixed Doubles, where sufficient numbers make this necessary.
- (b) If a player plays doubles in a younger age group, that player shall occupy only that slot in the younger age group, and must vacate the slot in his/her own age group.
- (c) Participants must play in each Table Tennis event for which he/she wishes to be eligible at the Games.
- (d) All players must state clearly on the Sport Form in which events, division and age category they will be competing at the Games.
- (e) Rule 5(g) above should be observed in Zone playoffs to ensure that no doubles players in their correct age category are displaced.