

Singapore National Table Tennis Championship League 2017

Background

With the success of Singapore Copytron Table Tennis League Championship in 2016, the championship league this year is bigger and better. Proudly organised by Singapore Table Tennis Players (STTP) and Tampines West CSC, Singapore National Table Tennis Championship 2017 will have teams vying for the coveted trophies in 5 Divisions and the first-ever Masagos Zulkifli Challenge Trophy!

As an all-inclusive society, another first for this year's championship league is having para athletes competing in Division 5.

There will be 2 tournament legs played over the year and the official Champion for each Division will be declared with the highest aggregate results. This year, the categorisation for Division 1 to 4 is determined by the Singapore Copytron Table Tennis League Championship 2016 results which are listed in Annex A.

Objectives

The Singapore National Table Tennis Championship League 2017 is organised with the following objectives:

- 1) To have a mass participation from all levels of table tennis enthusiasts in Singapore
- 2) To allow a level playing field for teams/club/organisations to compete
- 3) To raise the local table tennis standards and discover local talents

Rules and Regulations

1. Tournament Date/Time/Venue

	Date	Time	Venue
1 st leg	1 – 2 July 2017 (Saturday & Sunday)	9am to 9pm	Our Tampines Hub Sports Hall 51 Tampines Avenue 4
2 nd leg	2 – 3 December 2017 (Saturday & Sunday)		

2. Registration Fees/Prizes

- 2.1 The registration fee is based on per team of maximum 14 players for the 2 tournament legs in the entire year in 2017.
- 2.2 All prizes including cash, trophies and medals will be awarded based on the aggregate results from the 2 tournament legs in 2017.

S/N	Event	Reg. Fee	Cash Prizes							
			1st	2 nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1	Division 1	\$300	\$2000 Trophy + Medals	\$1000 Medals	\$600 Medals	\$500 Medals	\$400 Medals	\$300 Medals	Medals	Medals
2	Division 2	\$250	\$1000 Trophy + Medals	\$500 Medals	\$300 Medals	\$250 Medals	\$200 Medals	\$150 Medals	Medals	Medals

3	Division 3	\$200	\$600 Trophy + Medals	\$400 Medals	\$250 Medals	\$200 Medals	\$150 Medals	\$100 Medals	Medals	Medals
4	Division 4	\$150	\$400 Trophy + Medals	\$300 Medals	\$200 Medals	\$150 Medals	\$100 Medals	\$75 Medals	Medals	Medals
5	Division 5	\$100	\$300 Trophy + Medals	\$200 Medals	\$150 Medals	\$100 Medals	\$75 Medals	\$50 Medals	Medals	Medals

3. Registration, Changes to Team Player, Draw, Fixtures Dates

3.1 Summary of key dates

Event	Date	Time
Registration Open	17 March 2017	
Registration Close	19 May 2017	
Draw for Division 5 (grouping)	2 June 2017 (1 st leg) 3 November 2017 (2 nd leg)	7pm
Fixtures release date	16 June 2017	
Change of team players deadline	10 June 2017 (1 st leg) 11 November 2017 (2 nd leg)	12pm
Opening Ceremony	1 July 2017	8.30am
Prize Presentation & Closing Ceremony	3 December 2017	4pm

- 3.2 Pre-registration can only be done online through www.sttp.com.sg. Please complete your required information online and you will receive your completed form via email. Thereafter please print, sign and submit together with the full payment at: Tampines West CSC (5 Tampines Avenue 3, Singapore 529705) by cash in person or cheque by mail. Registration is only completed upon full payment and receipt will be issued.
- 3.3 Please sign-up an online account with STTP (formerly known as STTC), whereby you can log-in, enter players' particulars and/or make changes to the team players **before** you register for the tournament. If you have signed-up under STTC before in 2016, you need not sign-up again.
- 3.4 After you have registered for the tournament, you can only make changes to the team players by emailing to admin@sttp.com.sg before the deadline (reference 3.1).
- 3.5 Minimum information require to register the player is the ID (Fin No or NRIC No), full name, contact number and email.
- 3.6 Registration fee paid is not refundable.
- 3.7 All original team names are allowed to carry a sponsored name. E.g ATT is a sponsor to KTS Sports Club (original name), then ATT-KTS Sports Club is allowed.
- 3.8 The Organising Committee reserves the right to cancel the tournament if there is a short of entries. If the tournament is cancelled, registration fees will be refunded.
- 3.9 The Organising Committee at its sole discretion, reserves the right to change the date, time and venue of the tournament if such need arises. Notifications of such changes will be posted on the STTP website and STTP Facebook. It is the sole responsibility of the teams and players to visit the website and facebook for any updates or changes.

- 3.10 For more information, please visit www.sttp.com.sg or contact Grace @ 67497840 ext 122 or Andrew Tan @ 67497840 ext 166 or email admin@sttp.com.sg if you need further clarifications.

4. Eligibility of Players

- 4.1 The competition is open to all players regardless of gender, race, age and nationality.
- 4.2 Foreigners who are permanent resident, foreign students with student pass, employment pass, work permit holders, dependant pass, long term visit pass, and/or any other pass that allow foreigners to base in Singapore are also allowed to compete.
- 4.3 Players who are physically challenged are also welcome to compete in Division 5 category.
- 4.4 The following groups of players are not eligible to participate :
- Current full time salaried National players as at 19 May 2017
 - National coaches, national sparring trainers.
 - Players on entry permit passes, visitors' pass and tourists.
- 4.5 Players who competed in Singapore Copytron Table Tennis League Championship in 2016 have been categorised in the respective divisions listed in Annex B. Players who did not register in 2016 are ungraded players and are open to register to play in any divisions.
- 4.6 All Players are only allowed to register with **ONE** club/team.
- 4.7 For players listed in Annex B, they are allowed to register and compete in a higher or same division, but **NOT** allowed to register in a lower division. Players listed in Annex B are ONLY allowed to compete in a lower division for the following year if he/she did not register for this year. There is no restriction for the listed players to compete at higher divisions but there is restriction for the listed player to compete at the lower division.
Example: Player A in Division 2 (2016) can register in Division 1 or 2 club/team but not Division 3 club/team in 2017. The same Player A is only allowed to downgrade to compete in any division for the following year in 2018 if he/she did not register in 2017.

5. Tournament System & Rules

- 5.1 A team must comprise of a minimum seven (7) and maximum fourteen (14) players and no repetition of players is allowed in the same team match.
- 5.2 Each player can only register for one (1) team.
- 5.3 All players will be requested to produce their ID (e.g. NRIC/Work Permit/Student Pass) for verification during the tournament, failing which they will not be allowed to compete.
- 5.4 The team match system consists of three (3) Single matches and two (2) Double matches. A Singles or Doubles match will be played best of 5 games of 11 points each.
- 5.5 The competition shall run in accordance with the latest rules and regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). Rules and regulations of the ITTF can be downloaded from www.ittf.com.
- 5.6 The ITTF approved 3-star 40+ white ball will be used during the competition.
- 5.7 No white apparels (shirt and shorts) are allowed. The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify players who fail to conform.
- 5.8 All Doubles pairs must wear the same attire colour.
- 5.9 All match-fixing is illegal and the team(s) involved will be disqualified.
- 5.10 Umpires will be provided throughout the matches.

- 5.11 Division 5 will be open to all teams for registration who does not fall under Division 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- 5.12 In the event that the team who qualify for Division 1, 2, 3 or 4 but does not register for the event, this vacancy will be filled up by the next qualified team.
- 5.13 All new teams will only be allowed to register from Division 5.
- 5.14 Teams may include all men or all women players.
- 5.15 Players who registered with the team will only be allowed to play for the team throughout the 2 legs in 2017. No transfers are allowed.
- 5.16 Each team is allowed to add, remove or replace players before the tournament starts, provided that the newly added players must not be competing in any other teams during the same championship year. The organising committee must be notified officially through email admin@sttp.com.sg for verification and approval. Please refer to clause 3.1 for the tournament leg 1 & 2 deadlines.
- 5.17 Teams are not allowed to add, remove and replace players during the tournaments.
- 5.18 For Divisions 1-4, the 8 teams within each division will be competing in a round robin, i.e. all teams in the same division will have the opportunity to compete with every team within the division.
- 5.19 For Division 5, the teams will form into different groups through draws (reference 3.1) and will play round robin during the preliminary group stage. The top 2 teams of each group will advance to the knock-out stage. There may be play-off for the 3rd to 8th and 9th to 16th positions depending on the number of teams. Otherwise, if team A lost to the eventual champion team during the semi-final and Team B lost to eventual 1st runner-up team during the semi-final, then team A will be 3rd position and team B will be 4th position. Same principle applies to the rest of the teams.
- 5.20 After the 2 tournament legs in 2017, the new championship league in 2018 will begin based on the results in 2017:

Division	Stay	Promoted to next higher Division	Relegated to next lower Division
1	Top 6	N.A.	7 th & 8 th Positions
2	3 rd to 6 th Positions	Top 2	7 th & 8 th Positions
3	3 rd to 6 th Positions	Top 2	7 th & 8 th Positions
4	3 rd to 6 th Positions	Top 2	7 th & 8 th Positions
5	3 rd to 8 th Positions	Top 2	N.A.

- 5.21 The following scoring system shall apply for division 1-4:
- 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss, 0 point for conceding a walk-over.
 - The points will be added up for both tournament legs. The highest will be the winner.
 - If 2 teams have the same points, the organiser will look at their head to head. If team A wins both times, team A will be ranked higher. If both teams win one lose one, the organiser will take their small points to rank. If Team A wins 4-1 and B win 3-2, then Team A will be ranked higher.
 - If there are more than 2 teams having the same points, the organiser will calculate the ratio of wins. If ratio is the same, the organiser will calculate the ratio of matches follow by ratio of games.

5.22 Para Athletes

- a. For wheelchair-bound players, the opposing players will play in accordance to ITTF para rules and regulations.
- b. For standing players with disability, the opposing players will play in accordance to ITTF rules and regulations.

6. Supplementary Rules

6.1 Walkover

- a. Team managers are required to collect each team match line-up from the Officials 15 minutes before each team match starts. He/she is also required to submit the players' names for each of the team match line-up 5 minutes before each team match starts. A match will be considered a walkover if the player(s) is/are late for 5 minutes or more.
- b. Teams must follow the line-up order accordingly and not allowed to change, regardless players are late.
- c. Each team must compete in at least 3 matches out of 3 Singles and 2 Doubles matches. Failing which will constitute as a team match walkover.

6.2 Penalty/Ban

- a. A ban will be enforced by the Organising Committee when there are 2 or more team matches walkovers.
- b. A ban on the team would include the entire team and all the registered players and it is applicable on the championship league for the following year.

6.3 Appeal/Dispute/Protest

- a. Any appeal on a ban must be supported with valid reasons and write-in to the Organising Committee for review.
- b. In any event of any dispute or protest, please lodge your case in writing together with the protest fee of \$50 with the Organising Committee on the spot during the team match.
- c. The protest fee will be forfeited in the event that the protest is being dismissed by the Organising Committee.

7. Teams and Players Categorisation

- 7.1 This is based on Singapore Copytron Table Tennis League Championship 2016 results:
Team Ranking and Division (Annex A) – [View](#)
Players in Division 1 - 4 (Annex B) – [View](#)

8. Fixtures

- 8.1 An open draw of tournament fixtures will be conducted on :
Venue: Tampines West CSC conference room.
Date: 2 June 2017 (1st leg) and 3 November 2017 (2nd leg)
Time: 7pm
All are welcome to witness the draw.
- 8.2 Any discrepancy or omission of entries must be brought to the attention of the Organising Committee by 10 June 2017 12 noon (1st leg) and 11 November 2017 12noon (2nd leg).

- 8.3 Fixtures and match schedules will be displayed on www.sttp.com.sg from 16 June 2017. Kindly take note that it is the responsibility of the team manager to check for the latest tournament fixtures and schedules.

9. Prize Presentation

- 9.1 The Prize Presentation will be held on 3 December 2017 immediately after the end of the 2nd tournament leg.
- 9.2 All prize winners MUST be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire (no singlet, slippers and sandals) in order to receive the prize. The Organising Committee reserves the right not to award the prize money and trophy if these regulations are not adhered to.

10. General

- 10.1 The Organising Committee reserves the right to interpret or amend the rules and regulations of the Championship League at any time without prior notice. Any other rules that are not covered by the Rules and Regulations will be decided by the Organising Committee, whose decision will shall be FINAL.
- 10.2 While reasonable precautions are taken, the organising committee and its agents will not be responsible or in any way be liable for any death, disability, personal injury, loss of property or any loss whatsoever arising from any cause at any time during the course of the Singapore National Table Tennis Championship League 2017.
- 10.3 By agreeing to compete in the Singapore National Table Tennis Championship League 2017, you are granting the organising committee permission to use your / your child(ren's) pictures for promotional and publicity purposes.