

**Regulations Part G: GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS****1 THE GRAND PRIX SERIES**

- 1.1 Tournaments participating in the Grand Prix Series will be classified as Grand Prix or Satellite Grand Prix.
- 1.2 In any season there will be up to 10 Grand Prix and up to 10 Satellite Grand Prix.
- 1.3 The events to be included in each Grand Prix are set out in Annex A.
- 1.4 The tournaments will be played in accordance with the regulations for 3 star tournaments. Satellite Grand Prix tournaments will be played in accordance with at least the regulations for 2 star tournaments.

**2 BANDS**

- 2.1 All tournaments in the Grand Prix series must adhere to the bands contained in Annex B.
- 2.2 Eligibility for Banded Events will be determined by players' ratings on the Table Tennis England Ratings List current at the closing date for entries.
- 2.3 Players can enter their own band and/or the one above.
- 2.4 A player who does not appear on the Table Tennis England Ratings List may be given a tournament dummy rating so that they are placed appropriately in the bands, but will have zero points on the ratings list unless they are in the top 30% of the ITTF World Ranking List.

**3 ENTRIES**

- 3.1 Where an event is oversubscribed the Referee will keep a list of those players whose entries have been returned and those players will receive priority as "scratch" entries, but they must still report to the Referee before the event in question starts.
- 3.2 Only players whose entry has been returned will be accepted as "scratch entries" before the day of the event.
- 3.3 Where a group is incomplete owing to the non-arrival of a player originally drawn into that group, the Referee will offer the place(s) to any player who has presented himself at the venue on the day of the event, giving priority to any player whose entry was returned because the event was originally oversubscribed.
- 3.4 A player who takes such a scratch entry and who did not send in an entry form must pay a surcharge of £2 for the tournament as well as the normal entry fees.

**4 WITHDRAWAL & DISQUALIFICATION**

- 4.1 Where a player withdraws from the tournament before the draw has been made a full refund will be made.
- 4.2 After the draw has been made refunds will be made only to those whose withdrawal is to enable them to represent their country on international duty, or where proof of injury or illness is provided to the organiser (doctor's or physio's note). In the case of illness or injury the administration fee may be retained by the organising body. Claims to have any entry fees refunded must be received within seven days of the conclusion of the event.
- 4.3 If a player fails to respond to a call to play a match in the time allowed by the Referee they will be liable to be scratched. There will be no more than 3 repeat calls in any day for a player and a player who fails to respond to the fourth call for a match is liable to be disqualified from the event.

**5 GRAND PRIX POINTS**

- 5.1 Points won throughout the season's tournaments are totalled to determine the final positions in the Grand Prix Table. Points will be awarded as detailed in Annex C.
- 5.2 Points won for the Open Doubles will be allocated individually, with both players receiving them as specified in Annex C.
- 5.3 A player who deliberately fails to play or complete a match in a group will be penalised by the loss of 3 GP points.

**6 GRAND PRIX PRIZE FUND**

- 6.1 Only the Men's & Women's Singles and Men's & Women's Band 1 Singles events in a Grand Prix Tournament will receive prize money; for all other events the winner and runner up will each receive an award.
- 6.2 The minimum prize fund for each Grand Prix tournament is detailed in Annex E and is subject to approval by the Board.
- 6.3 At the conclusion of the season the Final Prize Fund will be paid to the eligible players finishing in the leading positions in the Grand Prix points table, as detailed in Annex E.
- 6.4 To be eligible for prize money in the non-banded events players must have played in that event in at least 50% of the non-satellite tournaments; to be eligible for prize money in the Banded events players must have played in a Banded event in at least 50% of the non-satellite tournaments.

**Annex A: Grand Prix Tournament Events**

Men's Singles

Women's Singles

Men's Band 1 Singles

Women's Band 1 Singles

Men's Band 2 Singles

Women's Band 2 Singles

Men's Band 3 Singles

Women's Band 3 Singles

Men's Band 4 Singles

Women's Band 4 Singles

Men's Band 5 Singles

Men's Band 6 Singles

Under 21 Men's Singles

Under 21 Women's Singles

Open Veterans' Singles

Open Doubles (players in this event may not enter the U21 or veteran events.)

*Note: Satellite Grand Prix not being able to run all the banded events must not run consecutive bands omitting an end band, but must run alternate bands (eg 1, 3, 5) to give the largest spread of possible entrants. In such cases players may enter only 1 band. Dispensation may be given to Satellite Grand Prix to replace the standard events with events of their own choosing.*

**Annex B: Grand Prix Tournament Bands**

Men's Band 1	1701 - 2200	Women's Band 1	1601 - 2000
Men's Band 2	1351 - 1700	Women's Band 2	1201 - 1600
Men's Band 3	1101 - 1350	Women's Band 3	1001 - 1200
Men's Band 4	551 - 1100	Women's Band 4	0 - 1000
Men's Band 5	401 - 550		
Men's Band 6	0 - 400		

**Annex C: Grand Prix Points**

Groups	For each match won	1
	Group winner	10
	Group runner-up	5
Knock-out	Loser of 1 <sup>st</sup> KO match	0
	Winner of preliminary round	6
	1 <sup>st</sup> Round winner	10
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round winner	16
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round winner	25
	4 <sup>th</sup> Round winner	40
	5 <sup>th</sup> Round winner	64
	6 <sup>th</sup> Round winner	100
	7 <sup>th</sup> Round winner	160

- C1 A preliminary round is one where more than half the matches of a round are byes (this excludes byes caused by gaps in groups where players have failed to appear). Eg with 11 groups, 22 players qualify for the knock-out stage, so a preliminary round of 6 matches (and 10 byes) is required.
- C2 Points shown above for the knock-out stage are the total points awarded for the knock-out stage (eg a person eliminated after 4 rounds would receive 25 points plus the points from the group stage).
- C3 If an event is not completed the competitors still left in will be credited with the average of the points won at the time of the event being abandoned and the number of points the winner would have received. Eg if an event is abandoned with 1 semi-final (round 5) still to be played then those semi-finalists will receive 70 points (half of 40 points plus 100 points) for the knock-out stage; the other finalist would receive 82 points.
- C4 For Satellite Grand Prix 50% of the above points will be awarded, but no points will be awarded for Satellite Grand Prix events that are not events in the main Grand Prix.
- C5 Players having the same number of points will be declared in equal positions and will split any prize money equally.

