



10th Edition of the Foreign Affairs Open

Table Tennis Championship

16 June – 24 June 2012

PLAYERS

At the Table Tennis Championship can be registered members of the diplomatic corps and administrative personnel assigned in Bucharest, as well as Romanian diplomats and administrative personnel. Their family members are allowed to participate into the competition;

The table tennis championship is structured as follows: women's, men's and double competition. As far as the doubles competition is concerned, there is no nationality or sex constraint in the making up of the teams.

GENERAL RULES

Eliminatory system: 2 games out of 3. The final match is played 3 out of 5 games.

If it is raining during the match, either player may decide to call a halt to the match, but the match must still be completed.

If a player wants to reschedule a match – he/she must give his or her opponent a minimum of 24 hours notice. If the notice is given less than 24 hours the match may be recorded as a walkover in favor of the opponent (although it is still preferable to play the match if possible). In either of these two cases, the organizer must be informed as soon as possible. In case of withdrawal after the drawing lots, the concerned players are disqualified and the opponent/s is/are declared qualified for the next round. Players cannot agree to play their match AFTER the round has ended. The player who cannot play the match when the round is scheduled will be considered forfeiting the match. In any of the above mentioned cases referee's and/or organizer's decision is final.

TABLE TENNIS RULES

For each game, the first player to reach 21 points wins. However, a game must be won by at least two points margin.

The edges of the table are part of the legal table surface, but not the sides.

THE ORDER OF PLAY

Each player serves five points in a row and then the server is switched. If a score of 20-20 is reached in any game, each server serves only one point and then the server is switched. After each game, the players switch sides of the table.

For double competition, the server shall first make a good service, the receiver shall then make a good return, the partner of the server shall then make a good return, the partner of the receiver shall then make a good return and thereafter each player in turn in that sequence shall make a good return.

The ball must rest on an open hand palm. Then it must be tossed up at least 6 inches and struck so the ball first bounces on the server's side and then the opponent's side. If the serve is legal except that it touches the net, it is called a let serve. Let serves are not scored and are reserved.

REGISTRATIONS

For registration - the participants must fill the application form and send it, with a scanned copy of a valid ID (diplomatic / staff member) issued by the MFA at: mihai.munteanu@mae.ro.

The registration is possible by E-mail only.

VERY IMPORTANT: WHEN REGISTERING, DO NOT FORGET TO PROVIDE YOUR MOBILE PHONE NUMBER.

The registration period starts on June 7, 2012 and ends on 13 of June, 2012, 16.00h.

The competition starts on June 16, 2012 and ends June 24, 2012.

No late registration will be accepted.

The drawing lots will be conducted in a public manner on June 14, 2012, at the MFA.

COMPETITION TABLE

The playing list will be decided through drawing lots. An invitation will be extended to all enlisted players who may want to attend the event (further information concerning the venue and hour will be sent out after the closure of the registration).

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