

13.5 FACILITIES. The swimming pool shall be either 25 meters or 25 yards in length, with a minimum of 6 competition lanes (preferably 8 competition lanes). A 25-meter pool is preferred for World Dwarf Games competitions.

13.6 EQUIPMENT. The swimming pool shall be equipped with starting platforms, lane lines, and backstroke flags. Automatic timing equipment shall be used whenever possible. A back-up timing system consisting of either buttons or stopwatches or both shall be used. FINA (<http://www.fina.org>) equipment standards should be used as guidelines.

13.7 UNIFORMS. Swimwear shall include only a swimsuit, cap, and goggles. Ear plugs and nose clips may be used if desired. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials. For males the swimsuit shall not extend above the navel nor below the knees. For females the swimsuit shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knee. Swimmers who choose high-tech swimsuits shall wear FINA-approved swimwear (go to <http://www.fina.org> and then search for "FINA Approved Swimwear").

13.8 OFFICIALS

13.8.1 Minimum number. The minimum number of officials shall be one referee, one starter, two stroke-and-turn judges, two timers per lane, one announcer, and a sufficient number of administrative personnel to conduct the meet. The referee and starter may double as stroke-and-turn judges.

13.8.2 Qualifications. The referee, starter, and stroke-and-turn judges must be certified by a national governing body for swimming within the host country or by FINA.

13.8.3 Uniforms. Officials shall wear either a uniform provided by the competition host or the customary uniform of the official's home country.

PART 14: TABLE TENNIS TECHNICAL RULES

14.1 ELIGIBILITY

14.1.1 Age divisions. Table tennis may be offered for the Junior A (7-11 years), Junior B (12-15 years), Open (any age), and Master's (35 years and older) age divisions. Players who choose to compete in the Open Division may not compete in the same event (e.g., singles) in another age division.

14.1.2 Sex divisions. Separate singles competition may be conducted for males and females. Doubles competition may be conducted for males, females, and/or mixed-sex teams.

14.1.3 Classifications

13.1.3.1 World Dwarf Games. The IDAF lower-body classification system shall be used in Open and Masters Division table tennis events. The IDAF juniors division classification system shall be used in juniors division events. Refer to Part 2 of this rule book for further information.

13.1.3.2 Other IDAF sanctioned or approved competitions. Use of classifications at other IDAF sanctioned or approved events is at the discretion of the competition host.

13.1.3.3 ITF sanctioned or approved competitions. The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Para Table Tennis classification system may be substituted for the IDAF lower-body system when IDAF events are sanctioned or approved by ITTF.

14.2 EVENTS

14.2.1 Event selection. The following table tennis events may be offered in IDAF sanctioned or approved competitions. Sex divisions and/or classification divisions may be combined whenever there are fewer than four competitors in an event (e.g., combine males and females, combine riser and regular divisions, etc.). When sex and/or classification divisions are combined, separate awards may be presented to players in the different divisions (e.g., when males and females compete in the same event, awards may be presented to the highest ranking male and to the highest ranking female players).

	Junior A 7-11 years	Junior B 12-15 years	Open Class any age	Masters 35 & older
Singles	X	X	X	X
Doubles			X	X

14.2.2 Event formats. The competition host shall determine whether separate standing, riser, and wheelchair events shall be offered.

14.2.2.1 Standing. Athletes compete from a standing position on the floor.

14.2.2.2 Riser. Athletes use risers to better reach the table.

14.2.2.3 Wheelchair. Athletes use wheelchairs while playing.

14.3 RULES

14.3.1 ITTF rules. The Laws of Table Tennis (Part 2) from the International Table Tennis Federation Handbook (http://www.ittf.com/ittf_handbook/ittf_hb.html) will apply with the following exceptions.

14.3.2 Exceptions

14.3.2.1 Serve. A let shall be called if in service the ball: (a) leaves the table by either of the receiver's side lines (on one or more bounces); (b) on bouncing on the receiver's side returns in the direction of the net; or (c) comes to rest on the receiver's side of the playing surface. However, if the receiver strikes the ball before it crosses a sideline or takes a second bounce on his/her side of the playing surface, the service shall be considered good and no let shall be called.

14.3.2.2 Table height. Either an adjustable-height table or risers may be used to accommodate athletes who are unable to reach the table. Risers, when used, must be approximately 2-3m wide, 2-3m long, and 12-18 inches high. The top surface of the riser shall be of non-slippery material.

14.3.2.3 Spotters. An average-height adult shall serve as a spotter for each player who uses a riser. The spotter's responsibility is to prevent the player from falling off of the riser.

14.4 COMPETITION PROCEDURES

14.4.1 Practice opportunities. Players shall have a minimum of two minutes pre-match warm-up on the competition court prior to the start of each match. The competition host shall determine the schedule and location of additional practice time opportunities.

14.4.2 Entry limit. At World Dwarf Games, each country shall be allowed to enter as many individuals or doubles teams as desired into each division of the table tennis tournament. Countries that enter more than one doubles team within a division shall designate one team "Team A," the next "Team B," etc.

14.4.3 Tournament format. The competition host shall determine the tournament format (e.g., pool play, bracket play).

14.4.4 Check-in procedures. The competition host shall determine check-in procedures.

14.4.5 Awards. At the discretion of the competition host, when sex and/or classification divisions are combined, separate awards may be presented to players in the different divisions (e.g., when males and females compete in the same event, awards may be presented to the highest ranking male and highest ranking female players).

14.5 FACILITIES

14.5.1 Table and net. Required characteristics of the table and net assembly are specified in Rules 2.01 and 2.02 respectively of the International Table Tennis Federation Handbook (http://www.ittf.com/ittf_handbook/ittf_hb.html). Table height may be adjusted per rule 14.3.2.2.

14.5.2 Playing area. The playing area shall be rectangular and not less than 10m long, 5m wide, and 5m high. The playing area shall be enclosed by surrounds about 75cm high, all of the same dark background color, separating it from adjacent playing areas and from spectators.

14.6 EQUIPMENT. Required characteristics for the ball and racket are specified in Rules 2.03 and 2.04 respectively of the International Table Tennis Federation Handbook (http://www.ittf.com/ittf_handbook/ittf_hb.html). Players may use personal equipment that is in compliance with these rules.

14.7 UNIFORMS. Player uniforms consist of a short-sleeved or sleeveless shirt, shorts or skirt, socks, and playing shoes. Alternately players may choose to wear a one-part sports outfit. The main color of the clothing shall be different than the color of the ball in use (usual ball colors are white and orange).

14.8 OFFICIALS

14.8.1 Minimum number. The minimum number of officials shall be one referee for the overall competition and one umpire for each match.

14.8.2 Qualifications. The referee must be certified by an international or national governing body for table tennis. The umpire must have prior experience officiating table tennis matches.

14.8.3 Uniforms. The referee and umpire shall wear either a uniform provided by the competition host or the customary uniform of the official's home country.

PART 15: TRACK & FIELD TECHNICAL RULES: TRACK EVENTS

15.1 ELIGIBILITY

15.1.1 Age divisions. Track events may be offered in the Futures (6 years and younger), Junior (three subdivisions of 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years), Open (any age), and Masters (35 years and older) Divisions. Athletes who choose to compete in the Open Division may not compete in the same event (e.g., 60m run) in another age division.

15.1.2 Sex divisions. Separate events shall be held for males and females in all individual events. The competition host shall determine whether separate relay events shall be held for males and females, or whether to offer mixed relays consisting of two males and two females.

15.1.3 Classifications

15.1.3.1 World Dwarf Games. The IDAF lower-body classification system shall be used in Open and Masters Division swimming events. The IDAF juniors division classification system shall be used in juniors division events. Refer to Part 2 of this rule book for further information.

15.1.3.2 Other IDAF sanctioned or approved competitions. Use of classifications at other IDAF sanctioned or approved events is at the discretion of the competition host.

15.1.3.3 IPC sanctioned or approved competitions. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) classification system may be substituted for the IDAF upper-body system when IDAF events are sanctioned or approved by IPC.

15.2 EVENTS. The following events may be offered at IDAF sanctioned or approved meets.

15.2.1 Individual events

	Futures 6 & younger	Juniors 7-9	Juniors 10-12	Juniors 13-15	Open	Masters 35 & older
Wheelchair slalom	X	X	X	X	X	X
15m run	X					
20m run	X	X				
40m run		X	X			
60m run			X	X	X	X
100m run				X	X	X
200m run					X	X