



TABLE
TENNIS
NEW ZEALAND

EVENT PROSPECTUS

2024

New Zealand

Veteran Open Championships

28 March—1 April

Taupo



New Zealand

Open Veteran Championships 2024

VENUE

Taupo Events Centre
26 AC Baths Avenue, Tauhara, Taupō 3330

CONTACT

Table Tennis NZ : entries@tabletennis.nz

TIMES OF PLAY

Thursday 28th March (evening)

NZ v Australia Test Match - Penberthy Cup. 6pm players arrive for official ceremony. 7pm matches begin .

Friday 29th March

Team events start at 8.30am until conclusion and prizegiving.

Saturday 30th March

Team events start at 8.30am until conclusion and prizegiving.

Sunday 31st March

Individual events start at 8.30am until conclusion and prizegiving.

Monday 1st April

Individual events start at 8.30am until conclusion and prizegiving.

The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the referee and Competition Manager based on final entries and any contingencies.

HOW TO ENTER

Team entries and payment are to be submitted via the excel entry form by NZ Associations or Australian Member States of TTA or National Members of ITTF only.

All individual entries are to be submitted online via the following link <http://ttnz.tournamentsoftware.com>

Closing date — 11.59pm, Wednesday 28th February

There will be NO late entries accepted under any circumstances.

ENTRY FEES

\$40 per singles event entered
\$25 per doubles event entered (*per person*)
\$120 per 2-3 player team event entered
\$60 per player for teams draft pool

EQUIPMENT:

Tables: Donic Waldner 909 (ITTF approved)

Ball: Donic 3 star

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All players submitting entries for the tournament will be deemed to have read and accepted the conditions under which the tournament events are to be conducted.

Players must be a member of an association affiliated with Table Tennis New Zealand (TTNZ), or their overseas National Association, which must be affiliated to ITTF and meet the age requirements set out in this prospectus.

TTNZ are the sole commercial rights holder of the NZ Open Veteran Championships.

All Australian entrants must have Table Tennis Australia or Australian Member State approval for entry. Registered players of TT Australia can only represent one Member State . It must be the same Member State for the team competition and the individual competition.

REGULATIONS AND TOURNAMENT REFEREE

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the TTNZ Handbook and Tournament Guidelines, the current Laws of Table Tennis and ITTF Rules and Regulations. The Tournament Referee will be confirmed at a later date.

KEY DATES AND ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Closing Date - 11:59pm, Wednesday 28th February 2024

Draw Release - Friday 22nd March

Team entries will be accepted via email from NZ Associations or Australian Member States of TT Australia or National Members of ITTF only, using the appropriate entry form. Please contact your Association for more information.

Individual entries will only be accepted online via the TTNZ Tournament Software website <http://ttnz.tournamentsoftware.com>

All entries will require payment by the due date of 28 February 2024 via the PAYPAL entry system. No late entries will be accepted under any circumstances, and any payment of entries after the closing date will not be accepted. For any queries regarding entry or help with login, please contact ttnz@tabletennis.nz

DRAFT SCHEDULE *(subject to change depending on entries)*

Thursday 28th March	Penberthy Cup — NZ v Australia O40, O50, O60, O65, O70, O75, O80	6.00pm
Friday 29 March	Team events to commence until completion	8:30am start
Saturday 30 March	Team events to commence until completion	8:30am start
Saturday 30 March	Individual events to commence	7.00pm start
Sunday 31 March	Individual events to commence until completion	8:30am start
Monday 1 April	Individual events to commence until completion	8.30am start

TEAM EVENTS INFORMATION

Eligibility for age group events is determined by age as at 31st December 2024. Proof of age may be required.

Any player may enter a maximum of two team age categories, which must be consecutive age categories.

Teams require a minimum of two players, and can have a maximum of three players.

Teams will be graded and seeded using the average player rating points of the top two players, at the close of entry date.

Any Association which has one player may enter this player in the draft pool, who will then be allocated to a Presidents team with another draft player(s) from the same age category, subject to availability.

Team entries will only be accepted via email from Associations only using the appropriate entry form. Any changes to team personnel must be advised to the Tournament Director immediately once known.

TEAM EVENTS FORMAT

All team events will follow a 5-match format, with 2 singles, and 2 further singles, followed by 1 doubles. The order shall be A v X, B v Y, A v Y, B v X, doubles,.

All round robin and pool teams contests MUST be played to completion. Only knockout team contests can finish once a result is obtained.

Once a result is obtained in any contest an association may substitute in an eligible player, or players, to take the place of a starting player for his or her remaining matches.

All matches will be best of five advantage games to 11.

TEAM EVENTS PAYMENT INFORMATION

Team entry fee — \$120 per team

Draft player entry fee — \$60 per player

All team player payments are the responsibility of the Association or TTA Member State, and are due by the close of entries at 11:59pm on 28 February. **Late payments will not be accepted under any circumstances and any related entries will be removed.**

TTNZ Bank Account 12-3136-0548431-52

Particulars NZ Association Name or TTA Member State or National ITTF Member name

Details 2024

Reference NZ Vets



INDIVIDUAL EVENTS INFORMATION

Eligibility for age group events is determined by age as at 31st December 2024. Proof of age may be required.

Any player may enter a maximum of two age categories, which must be consecutive age categories.

Individual entries will only be accepted online via the TTNZ Tournament Software website <http://ttnz.tournamentsoftware.com>

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS FORMAT

Where possible all individual singles events will be played with groups of four players with two to qualify to the main draw for the knockout stage.

Doubles events will be played as a knockout stage where possible.

TTNZ reserves the right to regrade players and to combine events when an event has insufficient entrants to proceed, provided this does not breach age grade or grading eligibility.

All players must be available at the start of group play. All matches must begin at the timetabled start time.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS PAYMENT INFORMATION

PayPal is the payment method for individual entries for this tournament, which allows credit card payment when entering. The direct credit option is available if you do not have a credit card. If there are any problems with PayPal functionality please contact , entries@tabletennis.nz

Individual payment via direct credit (if not able to use PayPal)

TTNZ Bank Account 12-3136-0548431-52

Reference : NZ Vets /Last name/ member Association or State

International Payments (payee must cover all bank charges)

Account Name: Table Tennis New Zealand Inc.

Address: PO Box 303 053, North Harbour, North Shore 0751

Account Number: 12-3136-0548431-52

SWIFT Code: ASBBNZ2A

All individual player payments are the responsibility of the individual, and are due by the close of entries at 11:59pm on 28 February . **Late payments will not be accepted under any circumstances and any related entries will be removed.**

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUND PROCESS

Any withdrawals on or before the closing date of Wednesday 28 Feb will be entitled to a full refund.

Any withdrawals on Thursday 29th Feb or later will not be entitled to a refund for entry fees.

The only exception is due to medical or COVID-19 related reasons, outlined in the TTNZ COVID-19 Policy, or injury/ illness. A medical certificate or proof of medical condition is required by TTNZ in order to process a refund.



SEEDINGS, DRAWS AND RESULTS

Team seedings and draws will be constructed using the average player rating of the top two rated players in each team, with the Referee having jurisdiction to sign off and make any changes deemed necessary for the benefit of the tournament.

Individual singles and doubles seedings and draws will be constructed using player rating, with the Referee having jurisdiction to sign off and make any changes deemed necessary for the benefit of the tournament.

Draws and results will be visible in real time at <http://ttnz.tournamentsoftware.com>

All matches will be best of five advantage games to 11.

All singles matches in both Teams and Individual events will count towards player rating points, with a weighting of two(2) being applied.

AGE CATEGORIES OFFERED

The age eligibility for each event shall be as at 31 December in the year of the championships. In the event of any dispute, verification of date of birth may be required.

Players shall be restricted to two consecutive age groups in both individual and team events.

	Men's Teams	Women's Teams	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Over 40	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Over 50	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Over 60	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Over 65	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Over 70	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Over 75	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Over 80	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

TEST MATCH — *Penberthy Cup*

The Penberthy Cup test match between NZ and Australia will be contested on the evening of Thursday 28th March.

The format will be the same as the teams format, with all age categories offered for both men and women. Teams will be selected by Table Tennis New Zealand, and Table Tennis Australia.



APPAREL and RACKETS

- Teams Apparel:** All athletes must wear their Association/State/Territory Team uniform. All players participating in the Penberthy Cup are required to wear matching national team apparel.
- NOTE: President's Team players must wear a navy team shirt and black shorts.
- Individual Apparel:** Athletes may wear any clothing that complies with ITTF Regulations. White tops are not permitted
- Racket Control:** All rackets must comply with ITTF Regulations. Racket control testing may be conducted at any time without prior warning.

UMPIRING

Players will be required to umpire their own teams contests, as well as their matches in their pool for individuals. TTNZ will advise players of their umpiring requirements for the knockout phases of play.

Players shall arrange their own umpires in the individual competition, except in the case of finals where the Referee will arrange the umpire where possible.

MEDALS AND PRESENTATION

A medal will be presented to the winner and runner up in both teams and individual events.

Any individual categories with 16 or more singles entries, or 8 doubles pairs will have bronze medals awarded to the losing semi finalists.

If there is any event with fewer than four entries, TTNZ reserve the right to determine how many medals and certificates are awarded.

There will be scheduled daily presentations at the conclusion of each playing session. It is mandatory for all medal winners to attend their respective presentation(s) in order to receive their medal(s).

Please refer to the proposed schedule for an indication of when prizegiving may be for specific events.

CLOSING DINNER & FUNCTION

On Monday night , 1st April ,there will be a dinner and social function at the Taupo Golf Club , adjacent to the Taupo Events Centre . Dinner tickets can be pre ordered and paid for with entries, at a cost of \$45. This ticket is for the dinner only and not drinks at the bar.

Dinner tickets sold during the days of the tournament will be \$50.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are permitted at these championships.



ACCOMMODATION and SIGHTSEEING

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Accommodation for these Championships are the responsibility of the individual. There is plenty of accommodation available in Taupo.

FOOD

There will be some catering provided at the event. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own food to meet their individual dietary requirements.

There are supermarkets 3-4 km from the playing venue plus many cafes and restaurants available

TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Transportation is the responsibility of the participant, and plenty of parking is available at the venue.

BETTING POLICY

Participants shall not, by any manner whatsoever infringe the principle of fair play, show unsporting conduct or attempt to influence the course or result of a competition or any part thereof in a manner contrary to sporting ethics. Any violation of this principle shall be disciplined according to provisions of ITTF Regulations 3.5.3.

MEDIA POLICY

Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of the Championships.

If you would like to opt out of the publishing of photos or any TTNZ-organized streaming involving yourself, please inform TTNZ by contacting the TTNZ Events Manager.

COVID-19 POLICY— [Click Here](#)

While current restrictions have lifted that allow unlimited numbers of people inside a venue, there is still an expectation that all participants, spectators and workforce practice healthy hygiene standards. This includes, but is not limited to regularly washing and/or sanitizing hands, social distancing and the use of masks where possible.



DRUG FREE SPORT NZ DOPING GUIDELINES

All members, participants and non-participants are required to read and understand and agree to abide by the Drug Free Sport NZ Anti-Doping Rules 2022, and found of the Drug Free Sport New Zealand website, or link below. TTNZ have adopted this policy, which is applicable to all members.

<https://drugfreesport.org.nz/assets/resources/SADR-2022-Final.pdf>

APPENDIX

Tournament Planner Website (entry and draws)

www.ttnz.tournamentsoftware.com

TTNZ Veterans Championships Rules and Regulations

[Click Here](#)

TTNZ Handbook and Constitution

[Click Here](#)

Drug Free Sport NZ Guidelines (2022)

[Click Here](#)

TTNZ Anti Match-Fixing Policy

[Click Here](#)

TTNZ Events and Programmes COVID-19 Policy

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