

TECHNICAL REGULATION

1. The 37th International Youth Championships of Luxembourg, designated hereafter by either '**LUX-IJM**' or '**the event**', are organised by FLTT from the 9th to the 11th of June 2023.
2. The participation in the event is reserved to national and regional Associations as well as to clubs and players^(#) personally invited by FLTT.
(#) if not otherwise specified, the denomination 'player' is hereafter used independently for a male as well as for a female player
3. The event venue is the "Centre National Sportif et Culturel" d'Coque, located in Luxembourg-Kirchberg. All matches are played in the hall 'Arena'. Tables for practice are arranged in the FLTT training centre, at level '-2'.
4. The event playing areas (up to max. 24) are **10,50 x 6,00 meters** each.
5. The event tables are of the brand DONIC Delhi 25, with a blue coloured playing surface.
6. The event ball is the white coloured ***-ball of the brand DONIC P40+.
7. There is no players' call-up for the different matches. Each player is held to be present at the table of any match of him latest five (5) minutes before this match is scheduled to be started. In this regards, the match tables and starting times as indicated in the official schedule are decisive.
8. All matches are played best of five (5) games. Any game is won by the player first scoring 11 points unless both players score 10 points, in which case the game is won by the first player subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points.
9. The participating players are held to act as umpires at the table and time as provided in the official schedule. Normally a player will be the umpire of the match to be played at that table where this player has played himself the match just before. If a player is leaving a table without acting as umpire, as required according to the official schedule, and without having been discharged by the Referee, this player may be sanctioned by the Referee with a forfeit defeat in his next match.

Round robin group matches are supervised by neutral official umpires. Semi-final and final matches will principally be umpired by neutral official umpires.

10. Racket controls may be organised randomly or on spec by the neutral official umpires. In case of suspicion, a racket control according to the relating ITTF regulations may be performed by the (assistant) Referee.
11. The Event includes eight categories as follows:

U19 boys	(B19)	boys born during the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007
U19 girls	(G19)	girls born during the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007
U15 boys	(B15)	boys born during the years 2008 and 2009
U15 girls	(G15)	girls born during the years 2008 and 2009
U13 boys	(B13)	boys born during the years 2010 and 2011
U13 girls	(G13)	girls born during the years 2010 and 2011
U11 boys	(B11)	boys born on or after the 1 st of January 2012
U11 girls	(G11)	girls born on or after the 1 st of January 2012

A very strong player in his proper age category may, at the organiser's discretion, be admitted in the next higher age category.

12. The maximum number of players in any category is either 12, 18 or 24. The playing system for each type of category is described in detail in Annex [**A**].
13. The tournament is carried out in three stages as follows:
- 1) a preliminary stage, in round robin groups of max. 6 players each
 - 2) a qualifying stage, in round robin groups of max. 6 players each
 - 3) a final stage, on a knockout basis^(#)
 (#) only for categories with more than 12 players participating
14. **a)** In any round robin group, all players of this group shall compete against each other and shall gain one (1) match point for a win and zero (0) points for a loss.
- If a player is defaulted after the completion of a match for any reason, he or she shall be deemed to have lost this match 0:3.
- If a player is prematurely abandoning in a group, he or she shall be deemed to have lost all his or her matches in this group 0:3.
- b)** The ranking order in a group shall be determined by the number of match points gained.
- If two or more players of a group have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions in the group are determined by the ratio of wins to losses in the games of only those matches these players have played between them in the group concerned.
- If it is not possible to resolve equalities by means of the procedure specified in the previous section, the relative positions of the players concerned in the group are decided by the ratio of wins to losses in the games of all the matches these players have played in the group concerned.
- c)** If at any step in the calculations the positions of one or more players of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of **a)** and **b)**.
- d)** If it is not possible to resolve equalities by means of the procedure specified in **a)** to **c)**, the relative positions of the players concerned in the group are decided by lot.
15. There is a team ranking set up, taking into account the final positions of the players in the different categories.
- In each category, the twelve top ranked players score points for their team as follows:
- the winner of a category: 12 points
 - the 2nd ranked player of a category: 11 points
 - the 3rd ranked player of a category: 10 points
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 - the 12th ranked player of a category: 1 point
- In any category, only the best ranked player of a team in this category is taken into account for computing the points for the team ranking.
- In case two or more teams have scored the same number of points, their relative positions in the team ranking shall be determined by considering successively the number of category winners, finalists, 3rd ranked players etc., as far as is necessary to resolve the final ranking order.
16. The following awards will be provided by the organiser:
- an award for the 4 top ranked players of each category
 - a trophy for the winner team of the team ranking
 - a gift for the best ranked boy and the best ranked girl of 'Team Lëtzebuerg'; in case two or more players finish at the same ranking, the gift will be given to the youngest of these players.

17. Various items

- a) Upon a relating request of the Referee, a player shall exhibit to the Referee an identification document of himself, allowing among others to check his data, and particularly his birthday.
- b) The playing clothes of a player shall be in accordance with the relating ITTF regulations for international events.
- c) Practice is principally not allowed in the playing hall, except during breaks, up to 15 minutes before the start time of the next playing session. A separate practice hall is available at level '-2'.
- d) Any player may be coached during a particular match by just one person.
- e) During a playing session, only the players involved in the running matches, the coaches of these players and photographers (if any) are allowed to stay on the playing-ground, whereas - during this time - all other persons shall stay outside the playing-ground.
- f) The detailed time schedule is reproduced in Annex [**B**].

18. In any case of dispute or in any case not ruled by the present regulation, the Referee shall set-up a Jury, that shall consist of the Referee, the assistant Referee, two representatives of the FLTT and three representatives of foreign teams.

Any decision of the Jury shall be final and can't be challenged.

19. For any item, problem or question not dealt with in this Regulation, the relating provisions of the ITTF Handbook (in its most recent version) are applicable.

ANNEX [A] : PLAYING SYSTEMS

Category with 12 players

for final positions

PRL-St.: 2 groups with 6 players:	Group A:	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6	
	Group B:	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6	
QLF-St.: 2 groups with 6 players:	Group E:	1.A 2.A 3.A 1.B 2.B 3.B	1-6
	Group F:	4.A 5.A 6.A 4.B 5.B 6.B	7-12

Category with 18 players

for final positions

PRL-St.: 3 groups with 6 players:	Group A:	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6	
	Group B:	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6	
	Group C:	C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6	
QLF-St.: 3 groups with 6 players	Group E:	1.A 4.A 2.B 3.B 2.C 3.C	1-12
	Group F:	2.A 3.A 1.B 4.B 1.C 4.C	1-12
	Group G:	5.A 6.A 5.B 6.B 5.C 6.C	13-18
Ranking matches (4)		3.E-3.F 4.E-4.F 5.E-5.F 6.E-6.F	5-12
Semi-finals (2)		1.E-2.F 2.E-1.F	1-4
Finals (2)		Looser (1.E-2.F) – Looser (2.E-1.F)	3-4
		Winner (1.E-2.F) – Winner (2.E-1.F)	1-2

Category with 24 players

for final positions

PRL-St.: 4 groups with 6 players:	Group A:	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6	
	Group B:	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6	
	Group C:	C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6	
	Group D:	D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 D6	
QLF-St.: 4 groups with 6 players:	Group E:	1.A 1.B 2.C 3.C 2.D 3.D	1-12
	Group F:	1.C 1.D 2.A 3.A 2.B 3.B	1-12
	Group G:	4.A 4.B 5.C 6.C 5.D 6.D	13-24
	Group H:	4.C 4.D 5.A 6.A 5.B 6.B	13-24
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		Winner (1.E-2.F) – Winner (2.E-1.F)	1-2

Order of the matches in a group with 6 participants

Round	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3
Round 1	3 - 6	4 - 2	5 - 1
Round 2	1 - 6	2 - 5	3 - 4
Round 3	6 - 4	5 - 3	1 - 2
Round 4	2 - 6	3 - 1	4 - 5
Round 5	6 - 5	1 - 4	2 - 3

ANNEX [B] : TIME SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

16:00 | PRL : Rd 1-6 | 16:00 | 16:30 | 17:00 | 17:30 | 18:00 | 18:30 |

19:00 | Break | 19:00 - 19:30 |

19:30 | PRL : Rd 7-10 | 19:30 | 20:00 | 20:30 | 21:00 |

SATURDAY

10:00 | PRL : Rd 11-16 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | 12:00 | 12:30 |

13:00 | Break | 13:00 - 14:00 |

14:00 | QLF : Rd 1-11 | 14:00 | 14:30 | 15:00 | 15:30 | 16:00 | 16:30 | 17:00 | 17:30 | 18:00 | 18:30 | 19:00 |

SUNDAY

10:00 | QLF : Rd 12-16 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | 12:00 |

12:30 | Break | 12:30 - 14:00 |

14:00 | FIN : Rd 1 | 14:00 : Semi-finals + Ranking matches (P1) |

14:30 | FIN : Rd 2 | 14:30 : Semi-finals + Ranking matches (P2) |

15:00 | FIN : Rd 3 | 15:00 : Finals (P1) |

15:30 | FIN : Rd 4 | 15:30 : Finals (P2) |

16:00 | Ceremony | 16:00 : AWARDING CEREMONY |
