

Over 60 Men's Team Grade

The number of teams nominated for the Over 60 Men's Grade this year is 19, which is a record for the National Veteran's Championships.

We have previously played Grades with more than 10 teams in 2 Divisions, followed by crossover matches to determine the medallists etc. The number of teams this year means that we must use 4 Divisions to complete the matches in time. Three of the Divisions will have 5 teams and the other Division will have 4 teams, and all Divisions will play a Round Robin. The top 2 teams from each Division at the end of the Round Robins will play in one knockout, the next 2 teams will play in another knockout and the 5th team from the 3 Divisions will play in a final Round Robin. This will determine the final positions in the Grade.

The knockouts will be progressive, i.e. the first round losers of a knockout will play in another knockout to determine the lower places for the knockout. The second round losers also play another match to determine final positions so there are 3 rounds of knockout matches rather than 2. All teams will have either 6 or 7 matches.

The draw for the knockouts is done according to ITTF rules;

- Winner of Division 1 placed in top position,
- Winner of Division 2 placed in bottom position,
- Winners of Divisions 3 and 4 drawn between bottom of top half and top of bottom half (subject to Association separation),
- Runners-up from each Division are drawn at random into the opposite half to their Division winner (this takes precedence over Association separation),
- Finally separate by Association where possible,
- Repeat for 3rd and 4th placed teams in each Division

Graeme Ireland
Referee

Bev and Brian James
Tournament Controllers