

Player Information on Changes

There are a number of changes to the Regulations this year, and a few other things, of which players should be aware.

Teams

- Team Grades with 4 or 5 teams will play a double Round Robin. This includes 75 and Over Women and 80 and Over Women. Team Grades with 3 teams will be combined with another Grade. 30 and Over Women will be combined with 40 and Over Women. 65 and Over Women will be combined with 60 and Over Women. The knockout phase of the combined 60 and Over Women will be arranged to complete the Round Robin for 65 and Over Women teams.
- In grades with more than 10 teams, the teams finishing 3rd and lower in their Round Robin group will play 1 match in the knockout phase – against the team finishing in the same position in the other Round Robin group.
- When a teams match has been decided, either team may substitute one of their players. The other team must be notified before the new player plays, and the substitution must be clearly marked on the score sheet.

Individuals

- Each event will have a bronze medal match.
- Mixed Doubles and Men's and Women's Doubles will be played out on Thursday.
- Doubles pairs do not need to be dressed uniformly.
- Association separation in Individuals is for the first round only, which means the Round Robin groups for Singles.
- Singles events with less than 12 players will have 2 players progress from the Round Robin groups. This applies to 80 and Over Women's Singles, which has 11 players.
- With no need for Association separation in the knockout stage of singles, the progressions from the Round Robin groups to the knockouts are determined when the initial draws are done. This also means that the Player Timetables will show all matches in individuals, with the exception of the players who finish in second position in their Round Robin groups in 80 and Over Women's Singles – the matches in the knockout phase for that event will show the position of the winners of the groups.

TTA have updated the Awards for National Championships and full information is available in the Player Packs. In regard to Team Grades which are combined, as described above, TTA has ruled that only matches between the teams in each category will be counted for the teams component of the Awards.

We have live streaming on Wednesday evening and the final Saturday. We need to keep the live streaming tables occupied, so Tournament Management may need to shift matches from their published tables.

All medals for Teams and Individuals will be presented following the Singles finals on Saturday 19 October.

Scott Houston
Tournament Director

Graeme Ireland
Referee

Bev and Brian James
Tournament Controllers