Rules for the NZCTTA Challenge Series 2021

Initial rating point and ranking

The rating points are calculated based on Elo rating system, a well-recognized mathematical methodology adopted by many sport organizations globally. The initial rating point of each player will be assigned by the NZCTTA technical team based on the player's past performance records. The NZCTTA will update the match results and publish the new ranking list of all active players on a weekly basis.

WeChat platform

We strongly recommend all participants to join NZCTTA WeChat group so that it would be easier for them to make a challenge, report the result, receive the weekly ranking report, and communicate with each other. For the player who feels difficult in using WeChat App, please see our staff in the Day Club time for help.

Make a challenge

- Players can only challenge opponents up to 15 places above them in the latest ranking list. Challenge notifications can be sent to the opponent through WeChat NZCTTA group.
- Once a challenge is sent and being accepted, the players must complete the match before the new ranking report updated on Sunday of that week.   The higher ranked player has the right to choose and decide his/her preferred time to play the challenge match.
- Players can only challenge the same opponent once a week.
- Players should not refuse a challenge from a lower ranked player. Players could choose to refuse a challenge only if they have already played 3 challenge matches in a month.

Schedule a challenge match

- We recommend players to schedule the matches in the time of NZCTTA Day Club. The Day Club is open from 9:30am to 12:30pm on every Monday, Wednesday, Saturday

and Sunday. During these periods of time, the NZCTTA staff on duty could help to allocate the tables for matches, provide the scoreboard, and verify the results.

- The challenging player and the opponent could organize and play their challenge match in their own time. In this case, the players need to find another challenge series participant to umpire the match and sign on the scoresheet.

Eligibility of a challenge match and result

- A qualified challenge match needs a scoresheet with the signatures from both players and an umpire. It is the winner's responsibility to upload the copy of scoresheet to WeChat NZCTTA group. We put blank scoresheets in the flyer holder near the notice board in the ATTA stadium.
- We accept the matches between our challenge players in any tournament held by TTNZ or its affiliated table tennis organizations. Specifically, the match results from the ATTA interclub on every Wednesday & Thursday night are acceptable for rating calculation. In this case, the match winners should fill scoresheets and submit the results for the rating points, the rule of 15 ranking places will not be applied.
- A qualified challenge match should adopt a best-of-five format. The match results of best-of-seven format in the tournaments organized by other table tennis associations mentioned above are also acceptable for calculating the players' rating points.
- We input the match results in the order of time uploading. After a match finish, players should fill details of the match in the scoresheet, and upload the copy to WeChat NZCTTA group promptly.
- NZCTTA staff will update the results and publish the new rankings every Sunday.

Penalty, suspension and minimum matches required

- Participants must play minimum 3 matches in a monthly Elo point calculating period. Failure to do so will result in a rating point penalty that applies to everyone except for the #1 ranked player.
- If a player continues to refuse challenges or is unable to play matches, NZCTTA administration staff may issue a rating point penalty of forfeit or even remove the player from the challenge Series
- Players should apply for suspension temporarily because of their personal reasons, such as travelling, being sick etc.

NZCTTA Management Committee
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