



Technical Regulations

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1. EVENT STATUS

1.1 Event Authority

The European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) Table Tennis competition is organised under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

The sport-specific organisation and technical supervision shall be conducted by the EDSO Table Tennis Director in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

The LOC shall be responsible for venue operations, logistics, scheduling, and on-site organisation.

All technical and regulatory authority remains with EDSO.

1.2 Event Type / Sport Status

EDYG Table Tennis is a youth development competition.

It is designed to:

- promote participation in international Deaf sport,
- support athlete development,
- provide competitive experience for young athletes,
- and encourage long-term engagement in Table Tennis.

EDYG Table Tennis is not an elite championship and does not serve as a qualification event for ICSD competitions, World Deaf Championships or Deaflympics.

1.3 Event Level

EDYG Table Tennis is conducted at the continental youth level under EDSO authority. It constitutes an official European youth competition for Deaf athletes.

1.4 Sport Classification

Table Tennis is classified as an individual sport.

The competition may include singles events and, in addition:

- doubles events,
- mixed doubles events,

provided that the minimum participation requirements are met.

1.5 Competition Categories

The following categories may be organised:

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- Boys
- Girls

Mixed events (e.g. mixed doubles) may be organised if the minimum participation criteria are fulfilled.

1.6 Qualification Competitions

No qualification competitions are required for EDYG Table Tennis.

Participation is based on open entry, subject to the limits defined in these Technical Regulations.

1.7 Advancement Pathways

The EDYG Table Tennis competition does not serve as a qualification event for:

- European Deaf Championships (EDC)
- World Deaf Championships
- World Deaf Youth Games
- Deaflympics

The competition serves exclusively as a developmental and educational platform.

1.8 Ranking, Seeding and Cycle Systems

Results from EDYG Table Tennis do form part of any official ICSD ranking system.

EDSO may, where appropriate, use results for internal youth development tracking and seeding purposes in future youth competitions.

2. PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Invitation / Nomination

Participation in the EDYG Table Tennis competition is subject to official nomination.

All National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) in good standing with EDSO are entitled to nominate athletes for participation.

Only athletes duly nominated by their respective NDSF are eligible to compete.

Entries may only be submitted by authorised representatives of the respective NDSFs.

2.2 Eligibility

Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes who fulfil all eligibility requirements defined by EDSO and ICSD.

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All athletes must:

- hold a valid ICSD athlete registration number,
- be registered with a National Deaf Sports Federation recognised by ICSD,
- possess a valid and ICSD-recognised audiogram in accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

Athletes without a valid ICSD ID and recognised audiogram are not eligible to compete.

2.2.1 Hearing Eligibility

Participation is restricted to athletes who are deaf and/or hard of hearing.

All athletes must comply with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

A minimum hearing loss of 55 dB in the better ear is required.

Audiograms shall be verified in accordance with the applicable ICSD procedures.

The use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited in the Restricted Zone.

2.2.2 Age Eligibility

EDYG Table Tennis is a youth-level competition.

Age eligibility is defined by year of birth, not by exact date of birth.

The following age categories apply:

Category	Year of Birth
Boys U16	2011 – 2012
Boys U19	2008 – 2010
Girls U16	2011 – 2012
Girls U19	2008 – 2010

The standard age categories defined above may be modified by Addendum where necessary.

The exact grouping into competitions depends on the number of registered athletes and shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

EDSO reserves the right to merge or adapt age categories if required to ensure meaningful competition.

All athletes who are sixteen (16) years of age or younger must obtain written permission from their parents or legal guardians and, where applicable, from their educational authorities.

2.2.3 Compliance

Only athletes who comply with:

- the EDSO Statutes,

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- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDYG General Provisions (Part I1),
- and the present Technical Regulations

are eligible to participate.

2.3 Number of Teams

Not applicable.

There will be no team competition in Table Tennis.

Table Tennis competitions will be conducted as individual events, with additional doubles and mixed doubles events.

2.4 Qualified Teams / Athletes

Participation in EDYG Table Tennis is based on open entry.

No qualification tournaments are required.

If the number of registered athletes exceeds the operational capacity of the event, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- entry caps per NDSF,
- or prioritisation criteria.

Any such measures shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.5 Maximum Number of Athletes and Team Officials per NDSF

2.5.1 Athletes

Each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may enter a maximum of four (4) athletes in Table Tennis for EDYG 2026:

Category	Maximum
Boys	2
Girls	2

This quota defines the maximum number of athletes who may be accredited and allowed to compete per gender and per age category.

This quota defines the maximum number of athletes who may be accredited and allowed to compete for each NDSF.

No NDSF may exceed this overall athlete quota.

2.5.2. Team Officials

In addition to the registered athletes, each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may accredit team officials in accordance with its own organisational needs.

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For EDYG Table Tennis events, no fixed maximum number of team officials per delegation is prescribed. The composition and number of team officials (e.g. coaches, head of delegation, medical staff, support personnel) shall be determined at the discretion of the respective NDSF, subject to overall event capacity and accreditation policies.

The final confirmation of accredited team officials, including categories, numbers and access rights, shall be determined by the Organising Committee and communicated via the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.6 Number of Athletes per Discipline / Event

Based on the maximum number of athletes defined in Article 2.5, each NDSF may enter a maximum of:

Event	Boys	Girls	Mixed
Singles	2	2	-
Doubles	1 pair	1 pair	-
Mixed Doubles	-	-	2 pairs (1 boy + 1 girl per pair)

All entries must be composed exclusively of athletes entered under Article 2.5.

No additional athletes may be entered for the purpose of participating in any discipline.

2.7 Number of Reserves / Substitutes

Each NDSF may nominate reserve athletes within the overall maximum athlete quota.

No additional athletes beyond the permitted maximum shall be accredited.

Replacements must be made from within the originally registered group of athletes, unless otherwise approved by EDSO.

2.8 Competition Entry Standards

No minimum performance standards apply.

EDYG Table Tennis is a development-oriented competition.

2.9 Competition Entry Rules

Only an authorised representative of each NDSF is allowed to submit entries.

All entries must be submitted using the official EDSO forms or platforms.

2.10 Non-Starting Athletes (DNS / No-Show)

A fine of EUR 30 shall be levied on each non-starting athlete.

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits a medical certificate or a doctor's declaration stating that he/she is not allowed to start.

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3. ENTRIES & REGISTRATION

3.1 Entry Procedure

Entries for EDYG Table Tennis shall be submitted exclusively by the National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs).

All entries must be submitted using the official EDSO registration forms or platforms.

Entries shall be sent to the EDSO Table Tennis Director, with a copy to the EDSO Representative and the Organising Committee.

3.2 Entry Phases

EDYG Table Tennis follows the standard multi-phase entry system for individual sports.

Due to the youth-development character of the EDYG, flexibility may be applied within the defined framework.

The following phases apply:

Phase 1 – Preliminary (Form 1)

NDSFs shall submit a non-binding preliminary entry indicating their intention to participate and the expected number of athletes.

Standard deadline: **30 June 2025**

This phase serves to:

- estimate participation numbers,
- support scheduling and court allocation,
- enable early planning of age categories and formats.

Phase 2 – Final Entry (Form 2)

NDSFs shall submit their binding number of athletes per gender and age category.

Standard deadline: **16 January 2026**

Special EDYG provision for Table Tennis:

An NDSF may initially register 0, 1 or 2 athletes.

An increase from 0 → 1 or 0 → 2, or from 1 → 2 athletes is permitted until Phase 3, to allow the late identification of talented youth athletes.

After Phase 3, no further increases are permitted.

Phase 3 – Provisional Name List (Form 3)

NDSFs shall submit a provisional and extended list of athletes, including reserve athletes.

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Standard deadline: **16 May 2026**

This phase serves for:

- eligibility verification,
- age category confirmation,
- scheduling and draw preparation,
- safeguarding and supervision planning.

Phase 4 – Final Name List (Form 4)

NDSFs shall submit the final and binding list of athletes.

Standard deadline: **16 July 2026**

Only athletes included on the Final Name List are eligible to compete, unless replacement rules apply.

3.3 Entry Limits

Entry limits per NDSF, discipline or event may apply.

For EDYG Table Tennis, the following limits refer to the maximum number of athletes who may actively compete:

Boys	Girls
2	2

These limits apply to competition participation only and do not restrict the total size of a national delegation.

These limits refer exclusively to athletes and do not include coaches, team officials, interpreters or support staff.

No fixed maximum number is imposed on the total number of non-athlete delegation members per NDSF.

However, the number of coaches and officials allowed in the field of play, competition area or restricted zones shall be limited and regulated in accordance with the sport-specific competition rules.

All additional delegation members may only access spectator areas or non-restricted zones.

3.4 Reserve Athletes

Reserve athletes may be designated only within the maximum number of athletes defined in Chapter 2.5 (Number of Athletes per NDSF).

No additional athletes beyond this limit shall be accredited.

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3.5 Late Entries & Changes

Late entries, changes after deadlines or exceptional modifications require explicit approval by EDSO.

Such approvals shall only be granted in justified youth-development cases.

3.6 Non-Start, Withdrawal & Penalties

A fine of EUR 30 shall be levied for each non-starting athlete (DNS).

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits an official medical certificate or a doctor's declaration confirming that he or she is not allowed to start.

Additional sanctions may apply in accordance with the EDSO Schedule of Fees.

3.7 Maximum Numbers of Teams and/or Athletes

The maximum number of athletes admitted to EDYG Table Tennis may be limited for organisational, scheduling or safeguarding reasons.

If necessary, restrictions shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

3.8 Accreditation Fees

Participation in the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) is subject to an accreditation fee payable to EDSO.

Unless otherwise specified in the sport-specific Technical Regulations, an accreditation fee of EUR 30 per person shall apply for:

- athletes,
- coaches,
- team officials,
- team leaders,
- physiotherapists,
- interpreters,
- and any other accredited delegation members.

This accreditation fee is payable to EDSO and is mandatory for all persons accredited for participation in EDYG events.

3.8.1 Sport-Specific Exception – Beach Volleyball

For EDYG Beach Volleyball, the following exception applies:

- An accreditation fee of EUR 50 per pair shall apply for each competing beach volleyball pair (two athletes together).
- This pair-based accreditation fee replaces the individual athlete fee for beach volleyball athletes only.

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All non-athlete delegation members (coaches, officials, interpreters, etc.) remain subject to the standard EUR 30 per person accreditation fee.

3.8.2 Local Organising Committee (LOC) Fees

Any additional fees charged by the Local Organising Committee (LOC), including but not limited to accommodation, meals, transport or local services, are not included in the EDSO accreditation fee.

Such LOC-related fees shall be invoiced separately by the LOC and are governed exclusively by the event-specific participation package.

4. COMPETITION RULES

4.1 Governing Rules

All EDYG Table Tennis competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the ITTF Laws of Table Tennis (International Table Tennis Federation) in their valid version.

Where necessary, adaptations may be applied to reflect the youth-development character of the EDYG.

In case of conflict between ITTF rules and these Technical Regulations, the EDYG Table Tennis Technical Regulations shall prevail, for example in matters related to youth-specific adaptations such as match format or competition procedures.

4.2 Deaf-Specific Adaptations

The following deaf-specific adaptations shall apply:

- Visual signals shall replace acoustic signals where required.
- Referees and officials shall ensure that all instructions are clearly visible.
- Written or visual announcements may be used for scheduling and calls.
- Match supervision shall take into account communication accessibility.

Any further sport-specific adaptations shall be announced at the Technical Meeting

4.3 Competition Format

The competition format depends on the number of participants and may include:

- round-robin group stages,
- knockout (KO) stages,
- or a combination of both.

The final format shall be determined after the Final Discipline Entry (Form 2) and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

Possible formats include:

- group play followed by semifinals and finals,

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- direct knockout tournaments,
- consolation matches (if time permits).

The objective is to guarantee a meaningful match experience for all participants.

4.4 Field of Play & Equipment

All matches shall be played on indoor Table Tennis courts.

Competition venue:

Swiss Life Hall
Ferdinand-Wilhelm-Fricke-Weg 8
30169 Hannover

All courts, nets, balls and equipment must comply with ITTF standards.

Only ITTF-approved Table Tennis balls shall be used.

4.4.1 Competition Equipment

TT-Balls

- Nittaku Premium 40+ plastic, white, 3-star balls

Table Tennis Tables

- TBA

Nets

- TBA

Flooring

- TBA

Lighting

- The lighting level in the field of play shall be a minimum of 1000 lux, evenly distributed, non-glare and suitable for international table tennis competition.

4.5 Equipment Control / Verification

Equipment checks may be conducted before or during the competition.

Players are responsible for ensuring that their rackets, rubbers and equipment comply with ITTF rules.

Non-compliant equipment may be rejected by the referee.

Athletes shall wear sportswear in accordance with ITTF regulations and EDSO advertising rules.

National identification on clothing is mandatory. Additional provisions may be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

4.6 Youth-Specific Provisions

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Due to the youth-development character of the EDYG, the following principles apply:

- The number of matches per day per athlete may be limited.
- Adequate rest periods between matches shall be ensured.
- Match formats (e.g. best-of-3 instead of best-of-5 games, reduced match length) may be used if necessary.
- Medical supervision and hydration breaks shall be prioritised.

Any such adaptations shall be communicated in advance and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

5. EVENT PROGRAMME

5.1 Disciplines / Events Offered

The following disciplines and events shall be offered in EDYG Table Tennis, subject to the minimum participation requirements being met.

5.1.1 Singles Events

- Boys' Singles
- Girls' Singles

Events shall be conducted in accordance with the age categories defined in Article 2.2.2.

5.1.2 Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events

The following additional events may be organised if the minimum participation criteria are fulfilled:

- Boys' Doubles
- Girls' Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

These events shall only be conducted if the minimum participation requirements defined in this Regulation are met.

5.2 Confirmation of Programme

The final event programme shall be confirmed after the completion of the final entry phase (Form 2).

The Organising Committee, in cooperation with the EDSO Table Tennis Director, shall determine:

- which disciplines and events will be conducted,
- whether group formats, knockout formats, or combined formats will be used,
- and the final structure of each competition.

The confirmed programme shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

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5.3 Timetable

The EDYG Table Tennis competitions are scheduled within the official EDYG event period:

17–23 August 2026

The table tennis competition days are planned as follows:

21–22 August 2026

The exact number of competition days shall depend on the number of registered athletes and events.

The duration of the competition may be shortened if required.

The provisional and final timetables shall be:

- published on the official event website: www.dg-sportjugend.de/de/edyg-2026
- confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

5.4. Minimum Participation Requirements

Competitions shall only be conducted if the following minimum participation criteria are met:

5.4.1 Singles Events

- At least 4 athletes per gender category
- From at least 2 different countries

5.4.2 Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events

Each doubles or mixed doubles event shall be conducted only if:

- at least four (4) teams are entered in the respective event category, and
- teams represent at least two (2) different countries.

Multiple teams from the same country are permitted.

If the minimum requirements are not met, the respective event may be cancelled or merged with another age category, where appropriate.

5.5. Competition System and Formats

The competition format shall depend on the number of registered athletes and may include:

- Round-robin (group) formats,
- Knockout (single elimination) formats, or
- Combined formats (group phase followed by knockout phase).

The applicable format for each event shall be determined after the close of entries and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

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5.6. Programme Adjustments

EDSO reserves the right to adapt the competition programme in order to ensure:

- meaningful competition,
- athlete safety,
- appropriate workload for youth athletes,
- and operational feasibility.

Possible adjustments include:

- merging of age groups,
- cancellation of events,
- modification of formats,
- or rescheduling.

All adjustments shall be communicated to the participating NDSFs without delay.

6. TECHNICAL MEETING

6.1 General Provisions

A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to the start of the EDYG Table Tennis competitions.

The Technical Meeting serves as the official forum for:

- confirmation of entries and eligibility,
- clarification of competition rules and procedures,
- presentation of technical and organisational information,
- addressing questions from participating delegations,
- and the adoption of binding technical decisions.

All decisions taken at the Technical Meeting shall be binding for the competition.

6.2 Date, Time and Location

The date, time and location of the Technical Meeting shall be determined by EDSO and the Organising Committee.

Date - Time		Location
TBA	First Technical Meeting	TBA
TBA	Second Technical Meeting	TBA

This information shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations.

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6.3 Attendance

Each participating National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may send up to two officials, at least one of whom must be deaf. In addition, a maximum of one interpreter may accompany the country if the second official is not deaf.

6.4 Chair and Organisation

The Technical Meeting shall be chaired by the EDSO Table Tennis Director or by a person designated by EDSO.

The Organising Committee and the Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) shall support the organisation of the Technical Meeting, including:

- room booking,
- provision of interpretation,
- distribution of documents,
- and preparation of attendance lists.

6.5 Languages and Accessibility

The official working language of the Technical Meeting shall be English.

International Sign Language (ISL) interpretation shall be provided.

All important information shall be communicated in a visually accessible manner.

6.6 Agenda and Content

The agenda of the Technical Meeting shall normally include:

- confirmation of participating delegations,
- confirmation of athlete eligibility,
- explanation of the competition format and schedule,
- explanation of applicable rules and special provisions,
- court allocation procedures,
- explanation of match formats and draw procedures,
- training schedules,
- protest procedures,
- restricted zone for field of play (FOP)
- safety instructions,
- and any other relevant technical matters.

6.7 Binding Effect of Decisions

All technical clarifications and decisions made during the Technical Meeting shall be binding. Delegations are responsible for informing their athletes accordingly.

7. TRAINING & WARM-UP

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7.1 Official Training

Official training sessions may be organised prior to the start of the EDYG Table Tennis competitions.

The availability, duration and structure of official training sessions shall depend on:

- venue capacity,
- competition schedule,
- number of participants,
- and organisational feasibility.

Participation in official training sessions is optional unless explicitly stated otherwise.

7.2 Training Schedule

The official training schedule shall be determined by the Organising Committee in coordination with EDSO.

For EDYG Table Tennis, the following applies:

- Training period: TBA
- Daily time slots: TBA
- Venue: Swiss Life Hall, Ferdinand-Wilhelm-Fricke-Weg 8, 30169 Hannover

The detailed training schedule shall be published on the official event website and/or in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

7.3 Warm-Up Areas

Designated warm-up areas shall be provided where possible.

Warm-up areas may include:

- practice courts,
- physical warm-up zones,
- or designated indoor or outdoor areas.

Athletes must respect the instructions of officials and venue staff when using warm-up facilities.

7.4 Restricted Zone

The Restricted Zone includes the entire field of play, designated warm-up areas, the Call Area, athlete seating areas, team benches, and any other areas designated by the Technical Committee.

The Restricted Zone extends to the edge of the spectator area.

The use of any hearing aids, amplification systems, cochlear implants, or external cochlear implant parts is strictly prohibited within the Restricted Zone.

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All applicable ICSD and EDSO regulations apply.

7.4.1 Hearing Devices (Audiogram Regulations)

In accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations, athletes participating in EDYG 2026 are strictly prohibited from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant devices during competition within the Restricted Zone.

7.4.1.1 Definition of the Restricted Zone

The Restricted Zone covers:

- the Call Area
- the field of play (FOP), including table tennis tables
- team benches
- training and warm-up areas

The Restricted Zone extends to the edge of the spectator area.

7.4.1.2 Authority

The authority within the Restricted Zone lies with the two (2) umpires officiating the match. The authority to inspect athletes outside the field of play but within the Restricted Zone lies with the Referee and/or Deputy Referee.

7.4.1.3 Inspection Location

Inspections for hearing devices take place in the Call Area.

During racket control, umpires shall also check that athletes are not wearing any hearing devices before entering the field of play (FOP).

Athletes shall also be checked at the main entrance to the field of play.

7.4.1.4 Violation

Only the Referee is authorized to issue a disqualification if an athlete is found wearing a hearing device inside the Restricted Zone.

The violation shall be documented:

- on the scoresheet by the Referee and/or Deputy Referee, and
- on the official EDSO Violation Form by the EDSO Table Tennis Director.

7.4.2 Violation and Penalty

If this rule is violated, the match shall be stopped immediately.

The offending athlete(s) shall be disqualified from the event.

Further sanctions shall be applied in accordance with the [ICSD Audiogram Regulations](#), Article 8: Violations and Penalties.

8. CHECK-IN / CALL ROOM

8.1 Procedures

Check-in procedures shall apply for all EDYG Table Tennis competitions.

All athletes must report to the designated check-in area prior to their scheduled match in order to:

- confirm their presence,
- verify identity and accreditation,
- confirm eligibility,
- receive last-minute instructions,
- and ensure proper competition flow.

A classical “Call Room” system is not mandatory for Table Tennis; however, structured check-in procedures shall apply.

8.2 Timing

The timing of the check-in procedures, including:

- first call,
- last call,
- and reporting deadlines,

shall be communicated during the Technical Meeting and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

Failure to report within the prescribed time limits may result in:

- loss of match,
- walkover,
- or DNS (Did Not Start),

in accordance with the applicable competition rules.

8.3 Substitution & Replacement

Substitution and replacement rules shall be governed by:

- the entry phase regulations (Chapter 3),
- the eligibility rules (Chapter 2),
- and the youth safeguarding principles of EDYG.

Once the final name list deadline has passed, replacements shall only be permitted:

- for medical reasons,
- in case of injury,
- or for other exceptional circumstances,

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and must be approved by the Technical Committee.
Failure to appear in time at check-in may result in DNS.

8.4 Table Tennis-Specific Provisions

For EDYG Table Tennis, the following sport-specific check-in and call procedures shall apply:

- Players must be present at the designated check-in point no later than the time specified in the daily competition schedule.
- Failure to appear at check-in without valid justification may result in DNS (Did Not Start).
- Check-in may be conducted physically on-site or digitally, as specified in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

8.4.1 Match Coordination and Waiting Rules

Due to the possibility of athletes participating in multiple events (e.g. singles, doubles, mixed doubles), the following applies:

- Match scheduling shall consider potential overlaps between events.
- If an athlete is still actively competing in another official EDYG Table Tennis match, the next scheduled match involving that athlete may be delayed.
- The Referee or Technical Committee shall decide on reasonable waiting times.
- Repeated or unjustified delays may result in forfeiture of the match.

8.4.2 Warm-Up and Court Access

- Access to warm-up courts shall be regulated by the Organising Committee.
- Warm-up times and procedures shall be published in the daily schedule.
- Priority shall be given to athletes who are scheduled to compete next.

8.4.3 Call Procedure

Where applicable:

- A first call and a final call may be announced before each match.
- The timing and method of calls shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.
- Athletes must be ready to play at the time of the final call.

8.4.4 Failure to Appear

If an athlete fails to appear after the final call:

- the match may be forfeited,
- the athlete may be marked as DNS,
- and further sanctions may apply, where appropriate.

9. PROTESTS & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

9.1 Protests

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All protests must be submitted in writing within the prescribed time limits.
For EDYG Table Tennis, the following procedures apply:

9.1.1 Lodging a Protest

All sport-related protests shall be resolved in accordance with:

- the applicable ITTF Laws of Table Tennis,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- these EDYG Table Tennis Technical Regulations.

Any official protest must:

- be submitted in writing in English,
- be completed on the Official EDSO Protest Form,
- be submitted to the EDSO Table Tennis Director,
- be accompanied by a protest deposit of EUR 100,
- be submitted within 30 minutes after the official posting of the relevant results.

9.1.2 Classification of Protests

The EDSO Table Tennis Director shall determine whether a protest is:

- sport-related (technical, rules, competition matters), or
- eligibility-related (participation, compliance, status).

Sport-related protests shall be reviewed by the Protest Committee.

Eligibility-related protests shall be referred to EDSO for decision.

9.1.3 Protest Deposit

The protest deposit shall be returned only if the protest is upheld.

If the protest is rejected, the deposit shall be retained.

9.2 Disciplinary Bodies

For EDYG Table Tennis, the following disciplinary and adjudication bodies may be appointed:

9.2.1 Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the technical organisation and supervision of the competition.

It shall normally be composed of:

EDSO Table Tennis Director (Chair)	Krisztina Szécsi
EDSO Representative	Burcu Piskin
ITTF-qualified Head Referee / Tournament Referee	TBA
Deaf Representative	TBA
Sport Liaison Officer	TBA

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The final composition shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

9.2.2 Protest Committee

A Table Tennis Protest Committee shall be established.

It shall normally consist of:

EDSO Representative (Chair – no Voting Rights)	Burcu Piskin
EDSO Table Tennis Director	Krisztina Szécsi
ITTF-qualified Head Referee / Tournament Referee	TBA

The Protest Committee shall adjudicate all sport-related protests.

9.3 Protest Review and Decision Procedure

9.3.1 Procedure for Reviewing a Protest

The Protest Committee shall meet at a location and time determined by the Chair of the committee.

Unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply:

- The EDSO Representative shall chair the meeting.
- The Sport Liaison Officer (SLO) shall arrange the meeting room and interpretation.
- The SLO shall notify all committee members of the time and location.
- The EDSO Table Tennis Director shall liaise with the relevant competition officials.
- The SLO shall inform the hosting Deaf Sport Federation.
- The EDSO Table Tennis Director shall inform the EDSO Executive Board of the protest and the decision.

9.3.2 Decision Authority

All sport-related protest decisions taken by the Protest Committee are binding for the competition.

EDSO retains final authority in all disciplinary and eligibility matters.

9.3.3 Unforeseen Cases

In cases not covered by these regulations, the Protest Committee shall decide.

If the Protest Committee is not available, the EDSO Table Tennis Director shall make a provisional decision, subject to later confirmation.

9.4 Penalties and Financial Sanctions

Sporting sanctions such as warnings, cards, suspensions, disqualifications and match forfeits shall be governed exclusively by the applicable ITTF Laws of Table Tennis and their official interpretations.

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These EDYG Table Tennis Technical Regulations do not replace or modify the ITTF disciplinary system.

In addition to the sporting sanctions defined by the ITTF, the following financial penalties shall apply under EDSO authority:

Person	Yellow	Yellow - red	Red
Athletes	EUR 40	EUR 80	EUR 120
Coach	EUR 50	EUR 100	EUR 150
Official	EUR 100	EUR 150	EUR 200

These financial penalties:

- are independent of any sporting sanctions,
- do not replace ITTF disciplinary consequences,
- shall be payable to EDSO,
- and shall be invoiced to the respective National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF).

Repeated or severe misconduct may result in further disciplinary measures under EDSO authority.

10. AWARDS & CEREMONIES

10.1 Location and Procedure of Award Ceremonies

The location, timing and procedure of award ceremonies shall be determined by the Organising Committee and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

Award ceremonies shall normally take place at or near the competition venue.

10.2 Medals

For EDYG Table Tennis, medals shall be awarded as follows:

- Gold medal for 1st place
- Silver medal for 2nd place
- Bronze medal for 3rd place

Only one bronze medal shall be awarded per event.

In doubles events, each athlete of the medal-winning pair shall receive one medal.

This means:

- Singles: 1 medal per placing
- Doubles: 2 medals per placing (one per athlete)

No additional bronze medals shall be awarded.

Medals shall be awarded to athletes only.

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Coaches, team officials, medical staff or other delegation members are not entitled to receive medals.

Commemorative items or certificates for coaches and officials may be provided at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

10.3 Trophies, Cups and Team Awards

No trophies, cups or team awards shall be awarded in EDYG Table Tennis.

Additional special awards (e.g. highest single game, highest series, perfect game, fair play award, or other special achievements) may be introduced at the discretion of the Organising Committee and/or the host federation.

Such special awards shall have no effect on official rankings, titles or medal classifications.

10.4 Certificates and Diplomas

Where applicable, certificates, diplomas or participation confirmations may be issued.

According to EDSO practice, official certificates may be awarded up to 8th place per event.

The design, format and distribution of certificates shall be defined by EDSO and/or the Organising Committee.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1 Event Modification or Cancellation

EDSO reserves the right to modify, reschedule, suspend or cancel the EDYG Table Tennis competition, in whole or in part, due to:

- safety reasons,
- weather conditions,
- force majeure,
- insufficient participation numbers,
- organisational or logistical constraints,
- or other exceptional circumstances.

Any such changes shall be communicated to all participating NDSFs as soon as possible.

11.2 Reactivated / Pilot Sports

As a youth and development-oriented event, EDYG Table Tennis may be conducted under adapted, simplified or transitional formats.

Such adaptations shall aim to:

- ensure meaningful competition,

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- protect athlete welfare,
- promote participation,
- and support long-term athlete development.

These adaptations shall not compromise fairness, safety or sporting integrity.

11.3 Authority

These Technical Regulations are issued under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

All participants, officials and delegations are bound by these regulations.

11.4 Language

This Technical Regulation is issued in English.

In case of any discrepancies, ambiguities or differing interpretations, the English version shall prevail.

11.5 Additional Provisions

Any matters not explicitly covered in this Table Tennis Technical Regulation shall be governed by:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- Part I – EDYG General Provisions,
- and the applicable Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

12. ADDENDUM

This Addendum supersedes the standard provisions defined in Chapters 1–11 where explicitly stated.

This Addendum is reserved for future supplementary provisions, clarifications and technical specifications relating to the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) Table Tennis competition.

It may be used to publish:

- additional competition details,
- late technical clarifications,
- updated procedures,
- modified formats,
- safeguarding-related adaptations,
- or newly introduced provisions

which could not reasonably be included in the main body of these Technical Regulations at the time of publication.

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Any future addenda shall form an integral part of these EDYG Table Tennis Technical Regulations and shall be published by EDSO.

Such provisions shall not conflict with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- Part I – EDYG General Provisions,
- or applicable ICSD Regulations (where relevant).

12.1. Age Eligibility (reference 2.2.2)

Due to the number of registrations received for the girls' categories, and in order to ensure fair and meaningful competition, the originally defined age categories have been adapted.

For the EDYG Table Tennis competition, the following age categories apply:

Category	Year of Birth
Boys U16	2011 – 2012
Boys U19	2008 – 2010
Girls U19	2008 – 2012

All other provisions of these Technical Regulations remain unchanged.