

BALTIC TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

REGULATIONS

1. AUTHORITY

Table Tennis Federation of Latvia, under the authority granted by the Baltic Table Tennis Union, will organize Baltic Table Tennis Championships 2011.

2. DATES AND PLACE

The Championships will be held in Dobele on September 17-18, 2011 in the Sports Centre of Dobele, Tervetes street 10, Dobele, Latvia.

3. PROGRAM OF COMPETITIONS

3.1. Team events (closed competitions only for Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian national teams).

Men's or women's teams shall be the best of 5 singles. A team shall consist of 3 players. The order of play shall be A-X, B-Y, C-Z, A-Y, B-X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches. Team events will be played in round robin system. All individual matches in team events will be the best of 5 games.

3.2. Individual events (competitions opened also for the players from other neighbour countries)

Men's Singles and Women's Singles will be played in groups of 4-5 players (round robin system). In groups matches will be the best of 5 games. The two highest placed players from groups will form the final group, which will be competed in knockout system with determination of the 3rd place. In final group matches will be the best of 7 games. Individual tournament is free for team members, but for additional players entry fee is 20 EUR.

4. SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 17 th	10:00	Opening ceremony
	10:15	Men's and Women's Team Events Lithuania - Latvia II Estonia - Latvia I
	12:00	Men's and Women's Team Events Lithuania - Estonia Latvia I - Latvia II
	13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
	15:00	Men's and Women's Team Events Lithuania - Latvia I Estonia - Latvia II
Sunday, September 18 th	10:00	Men's and Women's singles Group competitions
	12:30	Men's and Women's Singles Final competitions
	15:00	Closing of the Competitions

5. RULES

The Championships will be played in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions **with one exception**. As ITTF Annual General Meeting on May 10, 2011 in Rotterdam has accepted to study and discuss our proposal **to change the service rule in terms of Law 2.13.3.**, all matches in the tournament will be played with the experimental rule **“the next server of the rally is the player, who has lost the point in the previous rally”**.

6. EQUIPMENT

The following equipment will be used:

Table: STIGA - blue

Net: STIGA

Ball: STIGA (white, ***)

7. ELIGIBILITY

The team Championships will be open to teams and players nominated by Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian Table Tennis Associations. Estonian and Lithuanian Table Tennis Associations have the right to nominate 1 Men's and 1 Women's teams (each consisting of 5 players) and up to 5 players in Men's and Women's singles events. Table Tennis Federation of Latvia has the right to nominate 2 Men's and 2 Women's teams and up to 10 players in Men's and Women's singles events. Men's and Women's singles events are opened also for additional players from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia and players from other neighbour countries.

8. SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Preliminary Entries with the names of players and coaches must be sent not later than September 12th to the fax of the Referee of the tournament Egils Purinsh +371-67288924, or e-mail latgtf@latnet.lv. Final Entries must be submitted in the written form with the names and dates of birth not later than on arrival on September 16th.

9. UMPIRES

Qualified umpires of Table Tennis Federation of Latvia and invited umpires from Estonia and Lithuania (one from each country) will control all matches. Referee Egils Purinsh (“IU”, “IR”, Latvia).

10. HOSPITALITY

Table Tennis Federation of Latvia will cover expenses for 2 day starting September 16th dinner until September 18th lunch up to 3 men, 3 women players, 1 umpire and 2 coaches of Estonian and Lithuanian Associations and all expenses connected with organization of the Championships. Accommodation of the participants will be in the hotel “Dobele” Uzvaras street 2, phone +371-63721229, www.hoteldobele.lv. For additional persons accommodation will be 60 EUR per person per day, entry fee for individual events for additional person will be 20 EUR.