



26th INTERNATIONAL FENERBAHÇE VETERANS TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Rules and Regulations

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. All individuals who are older than 40 years of age or who will be 40 years of age in the year of the 2026 are eligible to participate.
- 1.2. Upon the request of the organisers, the participants shall present their passport/ID Cards as proof of age.
- 1.3. All participants will sign a health form which says “ i am fit to participate “

2. CATEGORIES AND EVENTS

2.1. Categories

2.1.1. FOR MEN

- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60- 64 years
- 65-69 years
- 70-74 years
- 75-79 years
- + 80 years

2.1.2. FOR WOMEN

- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- + 60 years

2.1.3. DOUBLE MEN

- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60- 64 years
- 65-69 years
- 70-74 years
- + 75 years

2.1.4. DOUBLE WOMEN

- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- + 60 years

2.2. Each category will have the following events

- Men's and Women's Singles
- Men's and Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles



- 2.3. Each player is allowed to participate in one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event. A player must participate in her/his own age category, except in doubles. If players of a pair do not belong to the same age group, then they shall be placed in the category of the younger player.
- 2.4. If the doubles partner (according to the draw) is not present, a new partner will be given by the organiser if possible.
- 2.5. A doubles pair shall not be altered if both players are present and fit to play. However, injury, illness or the absence of one player may be accepted as justification for an alteration to take place, but only before the announced "deadline".

3. DOUBLES PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPANTS

- 3.1. A player entering a doubles event without a doubles partner (partner wanted) must accept any doubles partner assigned to her/him by the organiser.
- 3.2. Doubles pairs which are confirmed from both players or which are combined by the organisers may not be altered by a player (such a pairing may only be changed if one of its players has cancelled her/his participation in the competition).
- 3.3. A list of pairs entered in the doubles event – confirmed by both players – will be displayed on board as soon as possible. Players not having a partner (partner wanted) must acknowledge the organisation committee table during accreditation at the venue

4. ORGANISATION

- 4.1. 26th International Fenerbahçe Veterans Table Tennis Tournament is an official competition organised by the Fenerbahçe Veteran Table Tennis Players Sports Club
- 4.2. The Championship will be held from the 17th October to 18th October 2026 in the Caferağa Sports Hall in Kadıköy/İSTANBUL/TÜRKİYE
- 4.3. On the opening day, the competition will begin at 09.30 hrs local time.

5. SYSTEM OF PLAY for QUALIFYING COMPETITION

- 5.1. Singles matches will start round robin style with groups of four wherever possible. The first 2 positions go to the final eliminations , 3rd and 4th will play in consolation eliminations. Matches to determine the 3rd and 4th positions in the elimination finals four will not be played.
- 5.2. Doubles matches will start round robin style with groups of four wherever possible. The first 2 positions go to the final eliminations , 3rd and 4th will play in consolation eliminations. Matches to determine the 3rd and 4th positions in the elimination finals four will not be played.



- 5.3. Mixed doubles will start round robin style with groups of three wherever possible. The first 2 positions go to the final eliminations, 3rd will play in consolation eliminations. Matches to determine the 3rd and 4th positions in the elimination finals four will not be played.
- 5.4. Main Competition : Championship Competition will be played according to the knock-out system.
- 5.5. Consolation Competition : The Consolation Competition will be played according to the knock-out system.
- 5.6. Ranking order in a group shall be decided as follows
 - 5.6.1. Two match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match, and 0 for a loss in an un-played match.
 - 5.6.2. The ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained.
 - 5.6.3. If two or more members of the group have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively the numbers of match points, as far as is necessary to resolve the order.
 - 5.6.4. If at any step in the calculations the position of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of the matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the above procedure.

6. THE DRAW

- 6.1. The draw for the Qualifying Competition will take place approx 2 days before the beginning of the Veteran Championships.

7. MATCH OFFICIALS

- 7.1. The organiser will provide local umpires for the Championships Competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition.
- 7.2. In the group play, members of the groups, not playing, shall make themselves available as umpires.
- 7.3. In the Consolation Competition, the loser of the match shall be umpire in the next match at the table where he or she played.

8. EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. ITTF approved tables, surrounds, nets and balls will be used.
- 8.2. One side of a racket must be red, blue, violet, pink, or green and the other must be black.
- 8.3. Racket covering must be ITTF approved.
- 8.4. KBS 3 star (red) table tennis match balls, provided by the organizer. Or, by mutual agreement both players may use a ball of a different brand of their own.



9. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 9.1.** Access to a designated area for the glueing of racket coverings must be provided. Liquid adhesives shall not be used elsewhere in the playing venue.

10. PLAYERS OBLIGATIONS

- 10.1.** Players are responsible for their physical and mental fitness to compete in the Championships.
- 10.2.** Any necessary health and accident insurance policies must be taken out by the players themselves.
- 10.3.** Players may use only approved and authorised equipment according to the valid list provided on the ITTF website.
- 10.4.** Players must accept the ITTF Racket Control Regulations (according to the ITTF Handbook) as condition of participation.
- 10.5.** In the event of a violation of these regulations, the referee will decide about any sanctions.
- 10.6.** Each player is obliged to compete at the table and time set by the "Competition Schedule".
- 10.7.** The player is responsible for keeping her/himself informed when and where to play. Any player who fails to appear at the scheduled time will automatically lose the match, after a 5 minute waiting period.
- 10.8.** All players must sign the result of the score sheet after the match, before leaving the table.
- 10.9.** The organisers accept that no restrictions should be made with regard to "drinking water" in the duration of a match. However, drinking water will only be specifically allowed at the same time as the "towelling down regulation".
- 10.10.** No advertisement for alcoholic drinks and tobacco shall be worn by the players in the playing halls.
- 10.11.** Only the members of the respective group/individual match played at that table and one coach per player/pair (two coaches for doubles containing two associations) are allowed to enter the playing area. All other players/spectators not playing in the respective group/individual match have to be outside of the playing area (stands/spectators area).

11. REST BETWEEN MATCHES

- 11.1.** Each player is entitled to a 5 minute rest between two matches, or at the Table Manager`s discretion.



12. CEREMONIES/PRIZES

- 12.1.** Following the final matches in each category of the tournament, the champions will be awarded a special tournament trophy by the Fenerbahçe Veteran Table Tennis Sports Club. Medals will be presented to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th place finishers and the winner of the consolation group._

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