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COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. Dates and Venues

The 23rd SEA Games Table Tennis Competition will be held from November 28 to December 4, 2005 at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium, Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, Malate, Manila.

2. Events

The 23rd SEA Games Table Tennis Competition will be contested in the following events:

1. Men's Team
2. Women's Team
3. Men's Singles
4. Women's Singles
5. Men's Doubles
6. Women's Doubles
7. Mixed Doubles

3. Competition Schedule

28 November 2005

09:00	Team	M-W	Stage I
14:00	Team	M-W	Stage I
19:00	Team	M-W	Stage I

29 November 2005

09:00	Team	M-W	Stage I
14:00	Team	M-W	Stage I
19:00	Team	M-W	Stage I

30 November 2005

09:00	Team	M-W	Stage I
14:00	Team	M-W	Semi-Finals
19:00	Team	M-W	Finals
21:00	Victory Ceremony (Team Events)		

01 December 2005

REST DAY

02 December 2005

09:00	Mixed Doubles (1 st Round/QF)
14:00	Men's and Women's Doubles (1 st Round/QF)

19:00 Mixed/ Women's/ Men's Doubles (Semi-Finals)

03 December 2005

09:00 Men's and Women's Singles (Stage I)

14:00 Men's and Women's Singles (Stage I)

19:00 Mixed/ Women's/ Men's Doubles (Finals)

20:30 Victory Ceremony (Doubles Event)

04 December 2005

09:00 Men's and Women's Singles (Semi-Finals)

14:00 Men's and Women's Singles (Finals)

16:00 Victory Ceremony (Singles Event)

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Rules

The 23rd SEA Games Table Tennis Competition will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the International Table Tennis Federation. In case of a disagreement in the interpretation of rules from versions in different languages, the English text will prevail. Any unforeseen incident not covered by the ITTF Rules shall be dealt with accordingly in the following manner:

1.1. Technical questions shall be resolved in accordance with the ITTF Rules.

1.2. Cases of general nature shall be resolved in accordance with the SEA Games Federation (SEAGF) Statutes and Rules (2005). Particularly, the following rules shall have precedence:

SEAGF Rule 31 – Eligibility Code

To be eligible for participation in the SEA Games, a competitor must comply with the SEA Games Federation Statutes and Rules as well as Rule 45 and the By-Laws to Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter.

SEAGF Rule 32 – Nationality of Competitor

Only nationals of the country of the NOC shall be qualified to represent the NOC in the Games. All disputes relating to the determination of the country which competitor may represent in the SEA Games shall be resolved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the By-Laws to Rule 46 of the Olympic Charter.

SEAGF Rule 34 – Medical Code:

- a. Doping violation as defined by the WADA Code is forbidden.
- b. All competitors are liable to medical control and examination carried out in conformity with the rules of the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission, the WADA Anti-Doping Code and Explanatory documents.
- c. Competitors in sports restricted to women must comply with the prescribed tests for femininity, when needed.

- d. Any competitor refusing to submit for a medical control or examination or is found guilty of an Anti-doping violation shall be excluded from the SEA games. The principles of exclusion for teams and individuals shall be in accordance with the WADA Code.
- e. A medal may be withdrawn by order of the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.
- f. A Medical Commission as approved by the Medical Committee of the SEAG Federation will be set up to implement these rules. Members of which be nominated by their respective NOC as approved by the Medical Commission of the SEAG Federation.
- g. The above regulations shall in no way affect further sanctions by the International Federation.

SEAGF Rule 38 – Number of Entries:

The maximum number of entries from each nation in each event is fixed by the Federation in consultation with the Host NOC. However, the following numbers cannot be exceeded:

- a. For individual events, including singles and doubles event, there shall only be two (2) entries from each NOC (excluding reserves). For the sports of Arnis, Bodybuilding, Boxing, Judo, Karate-do, Muay, Pencak Silat, Taekwondo, Weightlifting, Wrestling, and Wushu, there shall only be one (1) entry per weight category from each NOC, and for Sailing where there shall only be one (1) entry per event from each NOC. Any event with three (3) or more members to make up a team shall be deemed to be a team event, and there shall only be one team (entry) from each NOC.
- b. For team events, one (1) team per nation, the number of reserves shall not exceed the number of players allowed by the International Federation.
- c. For events where both team and individual competitions are conducted at the same time, the competitors for any one NOC cannot win more than two (2) medals in their respective individual events.

SEAGF Rule 41 – International Federation:

- a. The Organizing Committee shall write to the International Federation or the Asian Sports Federation concerned for their permission to hold their sport in the Games. The Organizing Committee may invite a representative who shall arrive at least three (3) days before the beginning of the first event of their sport in order to check the facilities and equipment and arrange the entries, which conform to its rules and the rules of the SEAGF.
- b. The Organizing Committee shall pay the accommodation, meals and local expenses of its representative at the established rate of the Organizing Committee until two (2) days after the closing of their competition.
- c. In exceptional cases, if for technical reasons the presence of additional delegates is necessary, the appropriate arrangements shall be made with the Organizing Committee; the Executive Committee must be previously informed. In case of disagreement, the Executive Committee shall decide.

SEAGF Rule 42 – Technical Officials and Jury of Appeal:

- a. The necessary Technical Officials (referees, judges, umpires, timekeepers, inspectors, etc.) and a Jury of Appeal for each sport shall be appointed by the appropriate National Federation of the Host Country, which shall direct their work in conjunction with the Organizing Committee.
- b. If technical officials are needed from the other Member Organizations, to be invited to the Games, the Organizing Committee shall seek approval from the Executive Committee. Should the Executive Committee approve the request, the Organizing Committee shall pay their expenses for accommodation, meals, and local transport for the whole period of the Games.
- c. The technical officials and the members of the Jury of Appeal must have never been professionals in sport.
- d. No official who has participated in a decision may serve in the Jury of Appeal that reviews it. The findings of the Jury shall be communicated as soon as possible to the Organizing Committee and the Executive Committee.
- e. Technical officials may not live in the Games Villages, but the Organizing Committee shall ensure and bear the cost of their living accommodation, including board and local transport facilities.
- f. The Jury of Appeal's decision on all technical questions concerning its respective disciplinary nature is final. They shall, however, be without prejudice to any further penalty, which may be imposed by the Executive Committee.
- g. The Jury of Appeal shall be composed of a Chairman/ woman, which position shall be filled up by the Host Country of the Games with a representative of each member country as members.
- h. The International Technical delegates to the Games may be appointed ex-officio members of the body and shall act only in an advisory capacity, unless their respective International Federation requires otherwise
- i. In the event of a dispute or protest relative to technical questions concerning its respective sporting event, representatives of countries in the Jury of Appeal whose countries are involved in the dispute or protest may be allowed to participate in the deliberations, but cannot vote in the resolution of the protest or dispute.

SEAGF Rule 43 – Court of Appeal

The Executive Committee on behalf of the Federation is the Court of Appeal, which will decide finally on all questions concerning the Games. NOCs or the Organizing Committee may submit questions to the Court of Appeal. In addition the Court of Appeal may intervene in all questions of non-technical nature outside the Jurisdiction of the Juries of Appeal set up for each sport in the programme.

SEAGF Rule 44 – Claims and Protests

- a. Claims and protests made to the judges on the grounds concerning matters of fact are decided by them without appeal. Appeals against other decisions of the Judges or with regard to any other matter must be addressed to the

- Chairman of the Jury of Appeal for the sport concerned by a representative of the NOC of the country making the appeal.
- b. For exceptional circumstances, any claim must be made within thirty (30) minutes of the decision giving rise to the claim. The Jury of Appeal after an investigation shall then give a decision and this decision shall be irrevocable, except for the case of a disqualification of a team or of a competitor for infraction of the Southeast Asian Games Federation, which shall be decided by the Court of Appeal. All claims and appeals must be made in writing.

SEAGF Rule 45 – Penalties in Case of Fraud:

A competitor proved fraudulently to have transgressed the Rules and Regulations of the Southeast Asian Games Federation, shall be disqualified and lose any position he/she may have gained. If this competitor's NOC is proved to have been a party to the fraud, his/her country shall be disqualified in the sport involved.

2. Participants

- 2.1. The 23rd SEA Games Table Tennis Competition is reserved for teams representing National Federations affiliated to the SEA Games Federation.
- 2.2. Only competitors who comply with the conditions laid down in the SEAGF Statutes and Rules (2005) and the ITTF Rules are entitled to participate.
- 2.3. Each country may enter up only one (1) team per event. Each team (men and/or women) shall consist of not more than five (5) players
- 2.4. In the individual events, each country may enter the maximum two (2) Players in Singles event and two pairs in Doubles event.

3. Entries

- 3.1. Entries in each participating country must be submitted in accordance with the regulation laid down by the Organizing Committee of the 23rd SEA Games.
- 3.2. Preliminary Deadline for "Entry by Number"
Preliminary entry forms by number from each participating country, forwarded through the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC), must be completed and should be received by PhilSOC not later than 31 May 2005 at 2400 hours Philippine time (GMT +8).
- 3.3. Final Deadline for "Entry by Name"
The entry forms by name must be received by PhilSOC not later than 27 October 2005 at 2400 hours Philippine time (GMT +8).
- 3.4. Both entries by number and name may be sent by fax or e-mail, but must subsequently be confirmed with the original documents, by mailing them to the following address:

PhilSOC Secretariat Office
3rd floor Room 358
Philippine International Convention Center
CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City
Tel no.: (632) 8342432/36
Fax: (632) 8342434
Website: www.2005seagames.com.ph

4. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting of the Team Managers/Captains from the participating countries will be announced later.

The draw for the team events will be held on November 15, 2005.

COMPETITION GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Technical Organization

The Table Tennis Association of the Philippines is responsible for and has full control of the technical organization of the Table Tennis competition, in consultation with the International Technical Delegate when necessary.

2. System of Competition

2.1 Team Events (Men & Women)

Both men's and women's team events shall be played as follows:

A	vs	X
B	vs	Y
C	vs	Z
A	vs	Y
B	vs	X

All individuals' matches in the team events will be based on the best of 5 games format.

The competition shall be conducted in two (2) stages. In the 1st stage, teams will be divided into two (2) groups and play according to single round robin group system.

In the 2nd stage, the winning teams will play a knockout system to determine positions 1-3 (The order of play shall be A1 vs B2; A2 vs B1).

2.2 Individual Events

The singles competition will be played in two (2) stages. In stage 1, players will be divided into four (4) groups: A,B,C, and D. The players in each group shall play each other in a round robin system. The matches shall be decided by best-of-five (5) games format.

In stage 2, the top ranked player of each group shall play on a knock-out basis. The match shall be decided by the best-of-seven (7) games format. The winner from group A shall play against the winner of group D, and the winner of group B shall face the winner of group C in the semi-finals, and so on.

The doubles events for men, women and mixed, will be held on an elimination system and will be determined by the best-of-five (5) games format.

3. Seeding

Seeding for team events shall be based on the results of the previous SEA Games

Seeding for individual events shall be determined according to the number of entries, and shall be based on the results of previous SEA Games as well as the latest ITTF Classification List.

4. Officials' Briefing.

On the day before competition begins, the Referee or his Deputy shall conduct a briefing for the Umpires and other personnel at which the Rules Committee shall be represented and to which the Technical Committee shall be invited to send representatives. In any match, the umpire shall be from a neutral NOC.

5. Officials

The Table Tennis Association of the Philippines (TATAP) and each participating country shall nominate the referees, umpires, and other personnel. Two (2) International Umpires from each participating NOC will be invited to officiate in the competition. Each visiting/invited umpire shall be provided with free accommodation, meals, and local transport.

6. Equipment

All tables and balls for the competition as well as paddle coverings shall be of an ITTF-Approved brand.

Table	:	DHS
Ball	:	Tibhar (orange)
Net Assembly	:	DHS

PRIZES AND COMMENDATION

1. Victory Ceremonies

The Victory Ceremonies shall normally be held after the completion of each event. Participants receiving awards must wear official NOC uniform.

2. Prizes

Team Events:

- First Prize:* Gold Medal and Diploma to each member of a winning team in each event.
- Second Prize:* Silver Medal and Diploma to each member of the Team that is placed second in each event.
- Third Prize:* Bronze Medal and Diploma to each member of the losing teams in the semi-final of each event.

Individual Events

- First Prize:* Gold Medal and Diploma to the winner in each event.
- Second Prize:* Silver Medal and Diploma to the athlete placed second in each event.
- Third Prize:* Bronze Medal and Diploma to the athletes placed third in each event.

There shall be no tie for gold, silver or bronze medal placing, except in events where there is no play-off between semi-finalists for the bronze medal. Should there be a tie at the end of a competition for the gold, silver, or bronze placing, a sudden death play-off shall be held to break the tie.