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EVENT PROSPECTUS

2021 National Senior, Youth, Junior & Para
Championships

2-11 July 2021

Caloundra, Sunshine Coast



Rights	Table Tennis Australia Ltd. (TTA) are the sole commercial rights holder of the 2021 National Senior, Youth, Junior & Para Championships.
Dates and Location	Friday 2 July to Sunday 11 July 2021 Caloundra Indoor Stadium North Street, Golden Beach, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, 4551
Event Management	Table Tennis Australia CEO: Scott Houston, ceo@tabletennis.org.au Tournament Director: Phil Davis, phil@tabletennis.org.au Table Tennis Queensland CEO: Jason Walsh, jason@tabletennisqld.org Tournament Controllers: Bev and Brian James, nationals@tabletennis.org.au
Event Officials	To be confirmed.
Related Documents	TTA National Championships Regulations . Note the eligibility requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter 8 (team events) - Chapter 9 (individual events)
Key Dates	Friday 5 March 2021: Last day for Preliminary Entry Forms for Team Events to be released. Friday 2 April 2021: Last day for Final Entry Form for Team Events and Entry Forms for Individual Events to be released. Friday 21 May 2021: Last day for the Final Entry Forms for Team Events, and the Entry Forms for Individual Events to be submitted. Friday 18 June: Last day to pay entry fees. Note: no athlete may participate if entry fees are not paid. TTA strictly enforces a 'no pay, no play' policy. Monday 28 June 2021: Last day for TTA to release Event Draws for Senior, Youth & Junior events. NOTE: Draws for Para events will be released after Classification is complete on Thursday 1 July 2021.
What Events Can Athletes Compete In?	TEAM EVENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Team events will be played at the same time. Each athlete can only compete in one team event, e.g. an athlete cannot compete in a Junior team plus a Youth team, or a Para team plus an Open team etc. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OPEN – Open athletes may compete in Open events, and Para events (Classification permitting). - YOUTH – Youth athletes may compete in Youth and Open events, and Para events (Classification permitting). - JUNIOR – Junior athletes may compete in up to two Junior age groups (DOB permitting), and may also compete in Youth events, Open events and Para events (Classification permitting) - PARA – Para athletes may compete in Para events (Classification and/or DOB permitting), and may also compete in up to two Junior age groups (DOB permitting), Youth events (DOB permitting) and Open events.

Proposed schedule, subject to change, based on final entries:

	FRIDAY 2 JULY	SATURDAY 3 JULY	SUNDAY 4 JULY	MONDAY 5 JULY	TUESDAY 6 JULY	WEDNESDAY 7 JULY	THURSDAY 8 JULY	FRIDAY 9 JULY	SATURDAY 10 JULY	SUNDAY 11 JULY
PARA	Individual Events	Individual Events	Team Events	Team Events						
SENIOR & YOUTH			Team Events	Team Events	Team Events	Mixed	Doubles	Singles	Singles	
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NOTE: Classification for Para events will take place at the competition venue on Thursday 1 July 2021.

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Medals and Prize Money	<p>Medals will be awarded for all events.</p> <p>A total prize pool of up to \$13,250 will be available across all Senior, Youth and Para events. The breakdown of prize money for each event will be at the discretion of TTA. Prize money will not be awarded for junior events.</p> <p>NOTE: It is mandatory for all medal winners to attend their medal ceremony. Medals and prize money will not be awarded to athletes that do not attend their medal ceremony.</p>																																														
Equipment	<p>Official Equipment Sponsors: DHS and Nittaku Official Equipment Supplier: Table Tennis World Tables: DHS T1223, Nittaku Hannover T168 Balls: DHS D40+ 3-Star</p>																																														
COVID-19	<p>TTA is working in conjunction with the event venue and the Queensland Government to develop specific COVID-19 related guidelines and rules, which will be advised prior to the event. Specific COVID-19 requirements in line with Queensland government laws will be advised immediately prior to the event.</p> <p>TTA will not be liable for any additional expenditure incurred by participants due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Any additional expenditure incurred as a result of COVID-19, e.g. quarantine requirements, flight changes, flight cancellation fees, accommodation cancellation fees etc., is the responsibility of the participant.</p> <p>TTA recommends (but will not mandate) that wherever possible, participants receive a COVID-19 vaccination prior to competing.</p>																																														

Event Withdrawals and Refunds	<p>Any participant withdrawing on Friday 18 June 2021 or earlier will be entitled to a full refund for entry fees.</p> <p>Any participant withdrawing on Saturday 19 June 2021 or later will not be entitled to a refund for entry fees. The only exception to this is if COVID-19 prevents a participant from participating, in which case a full refund for entry fees will be given.</p>
Accommodation	<p>Accommodation is the responsibility of the individual player.</p> <p>NOTE: Participants should check with your State/Territory Association as they may book accommodation in bulk for all team members.</p>
Transportation	Transportation is the responsibility of the participant.
Food and catering	Supermarkets and restaurants are available near the venue.
Official Functions	<p>To minimise the risk of COVID-19 negatively impacting the event, the following Official Functions may not be held at the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Team Photos - Opening Ceremony - Closing Ceremony
Rules	The Event will be conducted in accordance with the TTA National Championships Regulations, the current Laws of Table Tennis and ITTF Rules and Regulations.
Clothing	<p>Team Events: All athletes must wear their State/Territory Team uniform</p> <p>NOTE: President's Team players must wear the designated President's Team shirt.</p> <p>Individual Events: Athletes may wear any clothing that complies with ITTF Regulations.</p>
Racket Control	All rackets must comply with ITTF regulations. Racket control testing may be conducted.
Medical	Hospitals and clinics are available in Caloundra. A physiotherapist, osteopath or masseuse may be provided at the user's expense at the venue during competition hours.
Motion and picture	Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind to TTA.
Betting	In the context of betting, participants shall not, by any manner whatsoever infringe the principle of fair play, show unsporting conduct or attempt to influence the course or result of a competition or any part thereof in a manner contrary to sporting ethics. Any violation of this principle shall be disciplined according to provisions of ITTF Regulations 3.5.3.
Anti-Doping	All members, participants and non-participants are required to read and understand and agree to abide by the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy, effective from 1 January 2021, and found on the Sport Integrity Australia website (https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/anti-doping/world-anti-doping-code/australian-national-anti-doping-policy), being the anti-doping policy adopted by TTA and applicable to all members, participants and non-participants.

Classification Information – (Para Only)

What is Classification?

Classification is an assessment process, which allows us to group athletes whose impairment causes similar limitations in a particular sport in order to allow for meaningful competition.

Classification requirements for the 2021 National Para Championships – Athletes with a Physical Impairment (Classes 1-10) are required to hold an eligible classification with a Sport Class Status of National Review (NR) or National Confirmed (NC) by the close of entries. Athletes without a classification, or who hold a National Review (NR), or a Provisional (PrR) status classification may enter, however will be required to attend Physical Impairment Athlete Evaluation at the competition to be eligible to compete.

Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment (Class 11) are required to hold an eligible Sport Inclusion Australia classification with a Sport Class Status of National Review (NR) or National Confirmed (NC) by the close of entries. Provisional (PrR) status classifications will not be eligible for entry. No classification will be offered at this event. Athletes must be a member of Sport Inclusion Australia to compete in this event. To arrange a classification please contact Sport Inclusion Australia by visiting their website: <http://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/>

Athletes with a Hearing Impairment are required to hold an eligible Deaf Sports classification by the close of entries. Athletes must be a member of Deaf Sport Australia (DSA). To arrange a classification please contact Deaf Sports Australia by visiting their website: <http://www.deafsports.org.au/>

All Athletes in Classes 1-11 are advised to check whether they have been formally classified prior to entering the event. Refer to the Table Tennis Australia Classification master list at: www.tabletennis.org.au/Elite/Athletes-With-Disabilities/Classification

Classification for Athletes with a physical impairment at this event

National level classification will be delivered for athletes with a physical impairment only.

Table Tennis Australia will determine which athletes are required to attend classification according to the Australian master list for Table Tennis.

Athletes with a physical impairment in classes 1-10 who are:

- provisional (PrR) status,
- national review (NR) status,

will also be seen by the Classification Panel.

All Athletes that require classification will be scheduled for an assessment on Thursday 1 July 2021 and athletes who are scheduled must be available from the beginning of the classification period.

Athletes will be notified of the schedule via email no later than 1 week prior to the event.

Athletes must meet the Minimal Disability Criteria as defined by the ITTF Classification Rules to be eligible to compete at this event. If an athlete does not meet minimal eligibility during the classification evaluation period, they will be allowed to compete in the rounds but will not be eligible for finals or medals.

If an athlete disagrees with the final classification decision, the athlete will compete at the Nationals under the classification results determined by the National classification panel at this event.

What happens during a National classification evaluation?

Classification generally includes the following steps:

Medical Assessment	Assessment of impairment	Athletes will be asked questions about their impairment and will be required to perform physical tests
Technical Assessment	Assessment of events specific skills	As required, athletes will be asked to perform specific skills that are specific to their sport e.g. demonstrating a forehand
Competition Assessment	Observation and assessment of sport specific movement	As required, classifiers will observe athletes in competition

Athletes should refer to the Preparing for Classification document that will be provided with the classification schedule for full details of what to expect and what to bring to classification:

- Prior to being seen by the classification panel, athletes will be required to read and sign an Athlete Evaluation Consent Form.
- Athletes are advised to bring an athlete representative to classification (parent, coach or other). This is a requirement for athletes under 18 years.

Medical documentation requirements for athletes with a physical impairment selected to attend classification evaluation (physical Impairment) at the event:

- All athletes attending classification (except those with an obvious limb deficiency) will need to bring a letter or report from a specialist (e.g. neurologist, orthopaedic or spinal specialist) stating their diagnosis, and the physical signs. This letter should not be more than 5 years old.
- All athletes under 18 with short stature (Achondroplasia or other conditions causing short stature) must present with a letter from their treating specialist (endocrinologist, paediatric rehabilitation consultant or orthopaedic specialist) outlining the details of their diagnosis and an estimated likely terminal height (i.e. height as an adult). Documentation must include a brief rationale for their estimation of this height, and predicted growth curves compared to norms.

Where do I go for further information?

- TTA, contact Sue Stevenson at sue@tabletennis.org.au
- Paralympics Australia at www.paralympic.org.au or classification@paralympic.org.au

