

INTERNATIONAL VETERANS TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT COSTA DAURADA 2025

REGULATIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The tournament will be governed by the ITTF Laws and Regulations for international competitions (latest edition).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All persons aged 40 or over, or turning 40 in the year 2025, are eligible to participate.
- 2.2 Participants must present an identity card or passport as proof of age.

3. CATEGORIES AND EVENTS

- 3.1 Men's Categories:
 - 40–49 years
 - 50–59 years
 - 60-69 years
 - 70 years and above
- 3.2 Each category will include the following events: Singles and Doubles.
- 3.3 Women's Categories:
 - 40–49 years
 - 50–59 years
 - 60–69 years
 - 70 years and above
- 3.2 Each women's category will have Singles events, and Doubles will be organized in two age groups: 40–59 and 60+ years.
- 3.4 Mixed Doubles Categories:
 - 40–59 years
 - 60 years and above
- 3.4 If fewer than four players register for an event, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel the event or provide a reasonable alternative for all participants.
- 3.5 Each player may participate in one singles event, one doubles event, and one mixed doubles event. Players must compete in their own age category, except in doubles. If doubles partners belong to different age groups, they will compete in the younger player's category.

- 3.6 If one doubles partner (according to the draw) is absent at the time of play, a substitution may be allowed.
- 3.7 Doubles pairs will not be changed if both players are present and able to play. However, in case of injury, illness, or absence, a justified change may be accepted.
- 3.8 All singles and doubles registrations will be published on the tournament website immediately after the registration deadline. Players are responsible for checking their entries.

4. DOUBLES PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPANTS

- 4.1 A player who has not registered with a doubles partner must accept any partner assigned by the organizers.
- 4.2 A list of confirmed doubles pairs, approved by both players, will be published online as soon as possible.

5. ORGANIZATION

- 5.1 The Costa Daurada International Veterans Tournament (CDVc) is organized by the Catalan Table Tennis Federation.
- 5.2 The tournament will take place from 29 October to 2 November 2025.
- 5.3 The tournament will be held at the Salou Municipal Sports Pavilion, Pavelló de Salou Ponent at Carrer Maria Castillo 11-13, Salou. On the opening day, the pavilion will open at 09:00 local time for warm-up, and competition will begin in the afternoon according to the schedule established in the Master program.
- 5.4 A minimum of three warm-up tables will be available during the competition.

6. COMPETITION SYSTEM

- 6.1 Singles and doubles matches will be played as best of five games (3 games won).
- 6.2 A first qualifying phase will be played in groups of 3, 4, 5, or 6 players/pairs, as appropriate. The first, second, and in some cases the best third-placed players/pairs according to the competition system of each event will advance to the knockout phase. The other players/pairs will participate in consolation events. In some categories, a single group will be played, and its ranking will determine the final result of the event without a knockout stage. Consult the Master program for the competition system.
- 6.3 If fewer than 8 players or pairs are registered in an age category, the Organizers may decide to play the event in a single group. The exact system will be published before the competition begins.
- 6.4 If there are two or more players from the same association in a group, their matches must be played first.
- 6.5 The final phase of all events and consolation rounds will be played using a single-elimination system.

7. DRAW

- 7.1 The qualifying phase draw will be held approximately 7 days before the start of the Championship.
- 7.2 The draws for the final phases will take place immediately after the completion of the qualifying groups in each age category.

8. REFEREES

- 8.1 The competition will be directed by a Chief Referee and a delegate.
- 8.2 The organizers will provide referees only for the final stages of the competition or consolation events.

- 8.3 During the group phase, members of each group must serve as referees.
- 8.4 In consolation events, the loser of a match will referee the next match at the table where they played, if no official referee is provided by the organizers.

9. EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 ITTF-approved equipment will be used (tables, nets, and balls).
- 9.2 Rubbers must be ITTF-approved according to the latest active publication during the tournament.

10. PLAYING CONDITIONS

10.1 The playing area must be at least 10 m x 5 m.

11. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 11.1 Players are responsible for their physical and mental fitness to compete in the Championship.
- 11.2 A routine medical check-up a few days before the competition is recommended.
- 11.3 Players must have their own accident and health insurance.
- 11.4 Players must comply with ITTF anti-doping rules (according to the ITTF Manual) as a condition of participation. If a player is taking medication for health reasons, a written confirmation from their doctor is recommended.
- 11.5 Players may only use sports equipment approved and authorized according to ITTF-published lists.
- 11.6 Players must comply with ITTF racket control regulations (according to the ITTF Manual) as a condition of participation.
- 11.7 Each player is obliged to compete at the table assigned in the competition schedule. Players are responsible for knowing the time and table of their matches. Any player not present at the scheduled time will automatically lose the match after a 5-minute grace period.
- 11.8 All players must sign the results of their matches on the official score sheet before leaving the table.
- 11.9 Wearing the bib provided by the organizers is mandatory, if applicable.

12. REST BETWEEN MATCHES

12.1 Each player is entitled to a 5-minute rest between two consecutive matches of the same event, at the discretion of the referees or table officials.

13. APPEALS

13.1 Appeals will be resolved by a three-member jury designated before the start of the competition. The referee or their substitute will have a voice but no vote. Protests may be filed against the referee's decision and must be submitted in writing to the Organizing Committee immediately after the match.

No jury member may participate as a player in the tournament.

14. CEREMONIES / AWARDS

- 14.1 The top four players or pairs in each category will receive the corresponding medals.
- 14.2 Winners and runners-up of the consolation events will receive a souvenir or medal, presented at the table immediately after the final match.