

## 2017 World TT Championships Playing System

### 1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 There will be 5 individual events – Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- 1.2 The first round proper of Men's Singles and Women's Singles will have 128 places and the first round proper of Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will have 64 places.
- 1.3 Singles events will have 64 seeded players, 32 direct entries and 32 qualifiers. Doubles events will have 32 seeded pairs, 16 direct entries and 16 qualifiers.
- 1.4 Qualification for singles will initially comprise groups followed by one or two knockout rounds.
- 1.5 Qualification for doubles will be by knockout.
- 1.6 All singles matches will be best of 7 games. Doubles matches will be best of 5 games in qualification matches and best of 7 games in the main draw.

### 2. DRAWS

#### 2.1 Singles

- 2.1.1 Singles groups will comprise 3 (or 4) players with each group winner proceeding to the qualification knockout draw or first round proper. The draw for the groups will use a snake system.
- 2.1.2 The draw for the first round proper will have 2 stages with the first stage split. The initial first stage draw will take place on May 27 and draw the players seeded 17 – 32 and 33 - 64 into appropriate positions at random. The final first stage draw will occur on May 28 (but separately from the initial first stage draw) when seeds 1 – 16 will be drawn. Seeds 9 – 16 will be drawn first, followed by seeds 5 – 8, then seeds 3 – 4 and finally seeds 1 and 2.
- 2.1.3 The second stage draws of direct entries and qualifiers will be drawn following the completion of the qualification rounds and be drawn at random into the remaining 64 positions, subject to clause 2.3.

#### 2.2 Doubles

- 2.2.1 The initial draw for the first round proper will take place on May 27 when the seeded pairs will be drawn at random into appropriate positions.
- 2.2.2 The second stage draws of direct entries and qualifiers will be drawn following the completion of the qualification rounds and be drawn at random into the remaining 32 positions, subject to clause 2.3.
- 2.3 Players of the same Association shall be separated according to 3.6.3.1, 3.6.3.3, 3.6.3.4 and 3.6.3.5 only in preliminary rounds and groups and in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.

The World Ranking list which will be used for seeding and for the draws shall be the WR to be published in May 2017 (No.5).