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# 1 Tournaments and participation criteria

## 1.1 Tournaments

The table below specifies which tournaments shall be organised according to the kind of events.

Type of tournament	WTC, WUTC	CTC CUTC	WYTC	WBT
Open Men	✓	✓		✓
Open Women	✓	✓		✓
Junior M18 Boys	(✓)	(✓)	✓	(✓)
Junior M18 Girls	(✓)	(✓)	✓	(✓)
Junior M15 (Boys, Girls)	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)
Junior M12 (Boys, Girls)	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)

✓ = compulsory, (✓) = optional, ✕ = possible but not an FITB tournament

Following are the criteria for “FITB Friendly Match ” and “FITB Invitational Event”

- “FITB Friendly Match” is an exchange of one official match between a maximum of two countries, organized by any FITB members or non-member.
- “FITB Invitational Event” is an FITB Event between a minimum of three countries, the number of teams coming from the same countries is limited to one, organized by any FITB members or non-member.
- The result of the above events will be entered into the FITB ranking. The points awarded from the above events will be dependent on the categories (Table table 1.1)
- A fee is payable to FITB for the above events

## 1.2 Registration of teams to WTC, WYTC, CTC and WBT tournaments and their names

The table below specifies the number of teams allowed per country and per category according to the type of events. In each cell the first row specifies the number of teams, and the second the way to name the teams.

Categories	WYTC	WTC;WUTC	CTC, CUTC	WBT
Men, Women		- 1 team <sup>a</sup> - Name of the country		- No limit <sup>b</sup> - Free, but subject to the approval of the FITB
Junior (M18, M15, Boys, Girls)	-1 team <sup>a</sup> - name of the country	- 1 team <sup>a</sup> - Name of the country		
	<sup>a</sup> Host country can send two teams. <sup>b</sup> See section 1.3.			

Participation to any FITB events (unless otherwise specify in the “Rules & Regulations of FITB Events”), WTC, WYTC, and CTC, is in principle reserved for national federations which are member of the FITB. However, in order to give an opportunity to experience a FITB event, team(s) from non-member country can attend up to two (2) FITB events, then they either have to join the FITB or they will be denied their participation to third and following event. See also “Rules & Regulations of FITB Events” document: EE-01-RR

Participation to WBT stopovers need to go through a national federation. Participation is governed by the WBT’s own regulations which edited at the beginning of each WBT stopover.

In order to allow small federations to participate to tournaments even if they do not have enough players to form a complete team, exception to article 1.3 can be allowed if the following cumulative conditions are met:

- a. Two or more national federations join together to form a team; and
- b. This team bears the name of the country represented by the majority of the players in the team. In this view, the team is registered by the national federation of that country; and
- c. Players can only play for another country provided that their country is not playing in the same category.
- d. Special exception may be made by FITB upon the appeal of countries.

### 1.3 Players allowed to be part of a team

The table below specifies the general conditions of a player's participation in a team taking part in FITB events.

Criteria	WTC, WUTC WYTC	CTC, CUTC	WBT
Nationality or country of residence	Holding citizenship of the country one is representing OR permanent citizenship in the resided country for 4 years <sup>a</sup>		free <sup>b</sup>
Age	Adults	From 16 years old <sup>c</sup>	
	M18 <sup>c</sup>	Maximum 18 years old <sup>c</sup>	
	M15 <sup>c</sup>	Maximum 15 years old <sup>c</sup>	
	M12 <sup>c</sup>	Maximum 12 years old <sup>c</sup>	
<sup>a</sup> Derogations can be granted in accordance with article 1.2. <sup>b</sup> Teams can be composed of players coming from various countries. Not all players need to come from a national federation member of the FITB. <sup>c</sup> All age limits mentioned mean the age reached by the player during the civil year of the event.			

A player can only play for 1 team in any FITB Event.

## 2 Tchoukball rules

### 2.1 General points

In all tournaments the rules to be applied are the official FITB rules, as well as official interpretations of the FITB rules.

In WBT stopovers the "Official Beach Tchoukball Rules" must be applied.

The FITB expects from the players, coaches, referees, spectators, to respect the Tchoukball Charter and to play for the sake of the game, however, during a tournament, if a dispute arise regarding Tchoukball rules or after protest application by a team (various interpretations of the same rule by different referees, objection by a delegation, etc.), the competent authority is the Technical Director of the tournament, if he is not present, then the representative of the FITB Technical Commission. Then and as a last recourse, in the absence of the FITB representative, the organising committee of the tournament will have competence over the matter.

## 3 Sport infrastructures and equipment

### 3.1 General points

The FITB and the organiser are going to pay attention to the choice of sport hall and/or beach Tchoukball sand court (location, sport infrastructure, reception and comfort of spectators, etc.), since this choice will have a strong incidence on the success of the event.

### 3.2 Sport infrastructure

The organiser must provide a sport court corresponding to FITB rules included in the document "Tchoukball courts setting and marking regulations" (A-01) for all games of the events. The FITB may authorize derogation if necessary

The organiser shall make sure that Tchoukball marking can be clearly distinguished from other markings on the court, so that it can be very easily seen by the players and the referees, and on the pictures or videos. For WTC, the organiser must undertake any means for the court to display no other marking than Tchoukball marking.

The organiser shall make sure that the surface of the court(s) is not slippery, OR that the sand layer on Beach Tchoukball court(s) is thick enough, the sand thin and containing no sharp objects.

The table below gives details on infrastructures needed according to the type of events.

Infrastructure	WTC, WUTC	WYTC, CTC, CUTC	WBT
Events courts	Meeting the FITB standards <sup>a</sup>		
Warm-up courts	Minimum size of 26 x 14 meters, available to the teams 1 hour before the beginning of the match. The two teams can share the same court. The latter must be close to the court used for the match.		Recommended but not required. Details to be set down in the contract.
Changing-rooms, toilet and showers for players	1 per team, available at least 1 hour and a half before the match and until 30 minutes after its end.		Recommended but not required. Details to be set down in the contract.
Changing-rooms, toilet and showers for referees	1 separate changing-room reserved for referees available 30 minutes before the match and until 30 minutes after the end of it.		Not required.
Seating places for spectators	Minimum 600	Minimum 200	Minimum 400
Space for photographs	Along the two sides of the court, minimum 1 meter in addition to the space provided for referees, benches and the official table.		
Media room	A room (or space) accessible to media representatives and each delegation's media liaison officers with tables and chairs, high speed internet access if possible, and electricity. These services must be provided free of charge. The room (or space) must be located in the area immediately around the events court and shall always be accessible to authorised persons during reasonable open hours.		
Room and equipment for TV broadcasting	See "Rules & Regulations of FITB Events" EE-01_RR		
Benches for players and training staff	Room for a minimum of 8 persons	Room for a minimum of 6 persons	Room for a minimum of 3 persons
Official table	The table must have room for 4 persons (1 person in charge of the score sheet, 1 person in charge of the chronometer and scoreboard, 1 speaker and 1 FITB representative).		
Air conditioning	If required by the climate.	To be set down in the contract.	Not available
Catering for spectators	Required from the first to the last match of each events day.	Advised. Required for the finals of each tournament.	Required from the first to the last match of each events day.
<sup>a</sup> See "The Rules of the Game", FITB document no ER-01.			

When not used for official games, events and warm-up court(s) can be used by teams for training. The organiser is responsible for equally allocating time of use of the court(s) between the teams willing to train. The organiser shall put suitable Tchoukball equipment (frames, balls, etc) at the disposal of the teams for training.

At least a copy of the Tchoukball Charter shall be in display in any room in the sport complex (locker, rest room, Internet Cafe, Media Room, entrance of the sport facility, etc) and at least 4 copies shall be displayed, in the warm-up gyms, as well as the main gym. In addition, a copy of it shall be given to each coach, and be posted at the teams' bench next to the side line of the court.

### 3.3 Tchoukball equipment

The organiser must provide quality equipment in appropriate quantity for the smooth progress of the tournaments throughout the whole duration of the event. In addition, he must have the tools and spare parts necessary to repair rebound frames at hand, as well as tape of a colour clearly different from the court's one to reinforce visibility of certain marks if needs be.

During games, rebound frames are chosen and provided by the organiser. They have to display the mentions "FITB Top Quality Certified – Official Competition Frame" and "FITB Top Quality Certified – Official Competition Net".

During games, rebound frames must be ballasted with sufficient weight to improve their stability. Weights shall not be dangerous for the players. Rebound frames must not be fixed mechanically to the ground; they have to be allowed to move in the case of violent choc with a player.

During the game, the organiser provides the balls. The balls have to display the mention "FITB Top Quality Certified – Official Competition Ball". The organizer may provide other balls for warm-up and training sessions.

The number of frames and balls provided by the organiser and which have to be available on the court(s) varies; the table below gives details. Old events balls having become inappropriate for use must be quickly replaced for official game but could be used for training and warm-up sessions.

Events	WTC, WUTC		WYTC, CTC, CUTC		WBT	
Courts <sup>a</sup>	Events	Warm-up	Events	Warm-up	Events	Warm-up <sup>b</sup>
Rebound frames	4	3	3	3	3	3
Balls	5 x size 2	16 x size 2	4 x size 2	10 x size 2	3 x size 2	6 x size 2
	5 x size 3	16 x size 3	4 x size 3	10 x size 3	3 x size 3	6 x size 3
<sup>a</sup> Events = Events court; Warm-up = Warm-up court.						
<sup>b</sup> If there is no warm-up court, the organiser distributes 3 balls per team which have to be given back at the end of the tournament.						

In addition, the organiser must provide the following equipment:

- a. Events court: 1 pump for balls, 1 manometer, 2 sets of blouses of different colours, 2 brushes and floor cloth to wipe up the floor (in case of spilled water, sweat, etc).
- b. Warm-up court: 1 pump for balls, 1 manometer, 2 brushes and floor cloth to wipe up the floor (in case of spilled water, sweat, etc).

### 3.4 Chronometer and scoreboard

For WTC, WUTC, WYTC, and CTC, CUTC, the organiser must provide a reliable chronometer clearly visible from the official table. The chronometer must be able to display time between 0 and 15 minutes with second precision. One shall be able to control the chronometer from the official table and to freeze it when the match is interrupted by the referee. If the chronometer is not equipped with automatic sound system to mark the end of the period, the organiser must provide some kind of sound system that can be controlled from the official table.

For WTC, WUTC, WYTC, and CTC, CUTC, the organiser must provide a chronometer with the same functions as the one mentioned above to be kept in store (this chronometer can be a pocket stopwatch).

For WTC, WUTC, WYTC, and CTC, CUTC, the court must be equipped with an electronic scoreboard that must display at least:

- a. Names of the teams (complete or abbreviation);<sup>a</sup>
- b. Main colour of the teams' shirts;<sup>a</sup>
- c. The score;
- d. Time elapsed in the period (or time left in the period);
- e. Number of the current period of time played.

The organiser must also provide a system to display the score in case of breakdown of the electronic scoreboard. For WTC, a second electronic scoreboard located opposite the other one is recommended.

<sup>a</sup>if possible

For WBT stopovers, the organiser must provide a scoreboard system which shall allow displaying of at least:

- a. Names of the teams;<sup>a</sup>
- b. Main colour of the teams' shirts;<sup>a</sup>
- c. The score;
- d. Sets already won by each team;<sup>a</sup>
- e. Number of the current set.<sup>a</sup>

Two scoreboards at least must be standing on the official table and at one of the corners of the court opposite the official table. A third scoreboard standing in the opposite corner is recommended.

<sup>a</sup>if possible

### **3.5 Medical team**

If needs be, a general practitioner must be available on call for the whole duration of the event. Transport procedure to his practice shall be organised in advance. Members of the delegations must be informed of the procedure at the latest upon their official arrival.

During the games, a first-aid worker must be present in the area immediately around the event court.

Transport procedure of a possibly seriously injured person to the closest hospital must be planned in advance.

The closest hospital must be informed in advance of the holding of the event. Name and address of this hospital must be communicated to each delegation and posted on the walls in all court(s) (events, warm-up, etc.). The telephone number of a means of transport to this hospital must also be communicated to each delegation and be posted on the walls in all court(s) (events, warm-up, etc.).

### **3.6 Flags**

For WTC, WUTC, WYTC, CTC, CUTC, and WBT stopovers, the organiser shall clearly and neatly hang the flags of invited nations in the events hall/stadium.

## **4 System of a tournament and match schedule**

### **4.1 General principles**

Tournaments' systems and match schedules strictly fall within the competence of the FITB, however the FITB shall consult the organiser and work together. The FITB can delegate its competence, in whole or in part, to the organiser or an FITB representative.

The selected system is communicated to national federations at least 3 months before the beginning of the event. The FITB shall send the match schedule to national federations as soon as possible but no later than 14 days before the beginning of the event. The FITB can decide to later change the match schedule by force of circumstances (cancellation of a team, important flight delays, arrangements regarding the media coverage of the event, etc).

For the elaboration of the schedule, the following general principles shall be followed:

- a. For WTC, WUTC: to offer the best game conditions possible to the teams;
- b. For CTC, CUTC, WYTC,: to offer a maximum of quality games to allow the teams to multiply high level game experiences;
- c. For WBT stopovers: to offer the most interesting and motivating match schedule for players, spectators, and the media.

### **4.2 Recommendations on how to choose a tournament system and conceive the most appropriate match schedules**

The following articles describe FITB recommendations on how to choose a tournament system and conceive the most appropriate match schedules for both Men and Women tournaments. The FITB can modify its recommendations if circumstances justify it. Tournament systems for all tournaments are set by agreement between the FITB and the organiser.

Tournaments will usually take place in two rounds: a preliminary round and a final round.

During the preliminary round: if the number of registered teams allows, all teams will play once against each other; if not, teams are equally distributed in several groups within which all teams play against each other.

Ranking at the end of the preliminary round is established by applying the following rules (in the presently set order):

- a. Number of points (2 points for a victory, 1 point for a draw, 0 point for a loss or forfeit);
- b. Result of the direct confrontation;
- c. If more than 2 teams have the same number of points, the difference between scored and received points in the direct confrontations between those teams will apply;
- d. The difference between scored and received points in all the games of the preliminary round;
- e. The best defense;
- f. By drawing lots.

During the final round: teams play against each other taking into account their ranking at the end of the preliminary tour (see also note a. in table 0); for instance, following the system of a tournament with quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. In principle, matches are eliminatory. Finals for the ranks 1 to 4 at least must be played.

In the final round, matches cannot end up in a draw. If there is a draw at the end of the prescribed time, extra time is played in periods of 5 minutes until a team wins.

In principle, all teams (Men, Women, mixed, and Junior) shall play the same number of matches to within two units in the same event.

In principle, the number of matches per day and per team shall be of one to two for WTC, WUTC. This number is limited to one on the day of the final. For CTC, CUTC, the number of matches per day and per team shall be of two to three. For WBT stopovers, there is no limit but the common sense (fatigue, etc) should be taken in account.

For WTC, WUTC, there shall be at least a 5 hour lapse between the beginnings of two matches played by the same team. For CTC, CUTC, this lapse of time is not set, but one must be attentive to respect as much as possible players' normal resting needs between matches.

## 5 Refereeing

### 5.1 Organisation

The FITB has competence for organising refereeing. The FITB shall consult the organiser and work as a team. The FITB can delegate its competence, partly or wholly, to the organiser.

The refereeing schedule must as far as possible respect referees' resting needs between matches.

Referees are selected by the director of the FITB Technical Commission, who can delegate, if he so wishes, his competence, in whole or in part, to the organiser or an FITB representative. During WTC, WUTC, WYTC, and CTC, CUTC referees with FITB certification will be refereeing the games. At WBT events referees shall be selected by the organiser in consultation with the FITB for approval.

Exhaustive selection criteria are: FITB referee qualification; quality of refereeing during previous matches before and during the event; experience in refereeing high level games; and nationality of the referee (this last criterion is taken into account only in view of article 0).

Gender discrimination is prohibited in selecting referees. In particular, a woman referee can referee matches of the Men tournament.

Briefing sessions to discuss and coordinate refereeing must be scheduled during the event, one of them before the beginning of the tournaments. The sessions are run by the organiser and the director of the FITB Technical Commission who can delegate, if he so wishes, his competence, in whole or in part, to the organiser or a FITB representative. These sessions are used to clarify general questions regarding refereeing and rules, and/or possible problems encountered during the day.

### 5.2 Referees

In principle, only FITB referees are allowed to referee matches of the Men and Women tournaments, with the exception of referees in the process of FITB refereeing training who are allowed to referee under supervision of an FITB referee trainer.

In principle, only national or FITB referees are allowed to referee matches of the Junior tournaments, with the exception of referees in the process of FITB refereeing training who are allowed to referee under supervision of an FITB referee.

Referees can also be players in any tournaments of the event.

A referee will not referee a match played by a team of his own country whatever the category of tournament, with the exception of the Open tournament.

In principle, each registered team must provide 2 referees for the whole duration of the event. Derogations can only be granted by the FITB Technical Commission. If a higher number of referees per team are required, the event's presentation document attached to the official invitation sent by the FITB to national federations must clearly state so.

If an invited country cannot provide 2 referees from its own country it may be requested to this country to pay the transportation and accommodation of 2 referees from another country. The FITB and the organiser shall try

to find referees coming from the closest countries where the event is held, in order to reduce the cost of transportation.

### **5.3 Official table**

The official table is composed of 4 people: a referee nominated by the FITB, a FITB representative, a person in charge of the chronometer and scoreboard, and a person in charge of the score sheet. The last two persons are nominated by the organiser who is responsible for the quality of their work. Persons in charge of the scoreboard and chronometer must have received appropriate training of their duties, and for using the systems before the beginning of tournaments.

The official table must be located opposite the scoreboard.

There must be at least 4 chairs at the official table.

Blank FITB score sheets, paper, pens, FITB Tchoukball rules, the equipment required in articles 0, 6 whistles, a manual stopwatch, and the scoreboard system must be placed on the official table or immediately around it.

A backup scoreboard shall immediately be available in case of failure of the main scoreboard.

### **5.4 Clothes and equipment of referees**

FITB referees must wear the clothes of FITB referees, that is:

- a. The full referee tracksuit; or
- b. The bottom referee tracksuit and the referee t-shirt; or
- c. Grey or black shorts and the referee tracksuit vest; or
- d. Grey or black shorts and the referee t-shirt.

Continental and national referees must wear their official clothes. Other referees must wear a t-shirt with the logo "Referee" provided by the organiser.

Other persons playing an official part in the game (score sheet, chronometer, scoreboard, etc.) must wear a recognisable shirt provided by the organiser.

The organiser shall provide the referees with 6 whistles that will be put on the official table. Referees using the whistlers must return them to the table at the end of the match.

The organiser may want to have a special distinctive t-shirt for the members of the staff in order to be recognized by the attendees.

### **5.5 Score sheets and score**

Score sheets provided by the FITB must be used for all matches of FITB tournaments.

All score sheets (original version) must be submitted by the organiser to the FITB Technical Commission within a time limit of 30 days, starting from the day of the closing ceremony. It is understood that the organiser can keep copies of the sheets.

Complete and detailed (score at the end of a period) results of all matches, as well as the ranking, must be given by the organiser to the director of the FITB Technical Commission or his representative within a time limit of 3 hours, counting from the end of the last match of the day.

## **6 Course of the games**

### **6.1 Participants to a game**

Participants to a game are the players of a team whose names are written down on the score sheet, 1 coach per team, 1 medical doctor or physiotherapist per team, other officials from each team, the 3 referees, the person in charge of the score sheet, the person in charge of the scoreboard and chronometer, and other official staff nominated by the organiser or the FITB.

Only persons referred to in article 6, as well as photographers and cameramen, are authorised to be on the court and its immediate surroundings (spectators' seats do not belong to the court or its immediate surroundings).

Players who are not on the score sheet, officials, medical doctors and physiotherapists must be wearing clothes that are clearly different from the players' ones. In case of confusion, the main referee can compel the person in question to change his clothes or leave the court and its immediate surroundings.

The score sheet must be filled in at the latest 15 minutes before the start of the match by each team's coaches who shall immediately sign on the list of players. This sheet is the proof to determine which players can play during the match.

## **6.2 Beginning and end of matches**

The time of a match's beginning is called "h".

- a. H minus 10 minutes: entrance of teams and referees on the court; the players can put their bags behind their assigned bench.
- b. H minus 5 minutes: teams are lined up, players' names are announced, captains are called by the referees and they draw lots.
- c. H minus 1 minute: players take their positions on the court; referees take their positions.

At the end of the match, the two teams shake hands; they also shake hands with the referees. Both teams and the referees bow to the audience. The 2 captains, the referees, and the persons in charge of the score sheet, the scoreboard and chronometer, all sign the score sheet.

The table referee is in charge of transmitting the fully filled and signed score sheet to the FITB Technical Commission or the organiser.

## **7 Issues not covered by the present rules and regulations**

Issues not covered by the "Rules & Regulations of FITB Events" must be discussed by the competent persons in order to find a reasonable solution. In case of dispute, the FITB is the appeal body.

If circumstances require so, the FITB or its on-site representative can grant derogations to the present rules and regulations.