

NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY LEAGUE  
REGULATIONS

**COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAMS EVENTS DIVISIONS**

Teams events at Country Championships shall take place in such divisions as the Executive decides, each division being played as a separate event.

Each division shall consist of a minimum of 4 teams. Where there are 8 or more teams in a division the event may be split into two sections and playoffs held, the placegetters in each section to determine overall placings in the division.

Allocation of teams to divisions shall be at the discretion of Executive or organising committee appointed by the Executive, providing the following conditions are met;

- (a) In the first division, preference shall be given to the first or only team entered by member associations *for that division*,
- (b) In the first division second preference shall be given to the second team (if any) of the member association which won the second division teams event at the previous Country Championships.
- (c) Where possible association teams shall be separated by division or sections of draws

A request may be waived at the request of the member association concerned.

**MATCHES**

Matches shall consist of the best of 11 rubbers (9 singles and 2 doubles) or the best of 9 rubbers as decided by the Executive or organising committee. Only 3 singles players shall take part for a team in any one match, but other players may take part in doubles, provided no pair plays twice in one match. No player shall play in two teams at the one time.

At the conclusion of the teams competition the placing of teams in each division shall be decided firstly on the number of matches won, secondly on the number of rubbers won, thirdly on the number of games won and fourthly on the number of points won.

Any AWD events may be limited to singles only

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

The Executive or organising committee shall determine the number, type and other details of the individual events to be held at Country Championships.

Seedings for the individuals shall take into account firstly performances in the teams events at the championships, then other performances where necessary.

To enter the Individual Events participants should have participated in the Teams Events

**COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP GRADINGS**

The divisions adopted by Country League shall follow the grading system of the State Association, unless otherwise determined by the Executive. The following regulations shall apply to both team and individual events in Country Championships;

Mens – State Open and A grade shall not play below Division 1

Women – State Open and A grade shall not play below Division 1

Any player may play in a grade higher than his/her state grading. In teams events, the Executive may, at its discretion, permit one and only one player in a team to be of a higher grade than that provided for in the above regulations. However such a player shall not be permitted to participate in the Individual Events for that Grade.

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## **TROPHIES**

In both the teams and the individuals, medallions shall be awarded, however the winning team in Division 1 shall be presented with the Country trophy to be retained for the coming 12 months.

## **COUNTRY ASSOCIATION DEFINITION**

Country Associations are recognised as those that surround Sydney, such as Central Coast, Nepean and Illawarra, and all others that are either north, west and south of the listed associations to the NSW State borders.

## **INVITATIONAL AND ELIGIBILITY**

As the original Country League included ACT, the activities of the Country League now reflects that ACT is now recognised by TTA as a separate State. ACT is automatically invited to participate in all NSW Country League activities including teams and individuals events and tours

Former Country players will also be recognised as a country person if playing for a country association, even if that person now resides in Sydney or interstate.

Sydney residents, registered with Country associations and participating and supporting in their local leagues will also be eligible.

The Executive may at times “invite” others to participate, providing no country eligible person or association is precluded. Those invited players may be deemed ineligible for singles events

## **COUNTRY TOURS**

### **HOST ASSOCIATIONS**

Country Associations, including ACT will be invited to host a touring team from either intrastate or interstate. If the Association accepts a touring team then it is the responsibility of that host association to provide;

An evening meal for the whole team including Driver/Manager (up to 5)

Accommodation, including breakfast (can be billets)

Supper after the match

A small gift for the visitors ( for example a towel, spoon, glasses etc)

## **REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION**

No player who doesn't participate in the Country Championships in a particular year shall be eligible for selection in any Country representative team in that year unless an exemption has been given.

The main criteria for selection in Country representative teams shall be :

- (a) Country Championships team performance
- (b) Country Championships individual performance
- (c) Country Cup performances

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- (d) Not part of an invited team
- (e) Persons who have an exemption.

If the League can't get a representative team then an association or club may be invited to send a team.

Country players who have represented Country at any Junior level shall not be eligible for selection in the Country touring Junior representative team the following year.

**TOURS**

Tours by Country representative teams shall be organised at the discretion of the Executive. Representative clothing shall be provided for the teams as follows

1. Touring team to Victoria – shirt and badge
2. Combined team at home – shirt and badge
3. Junior touring team.

The touring tracksuits are to be the NSW tracksuit and purchased by the players.

No player who has previously received a shirt or badge shall be eligible to receive another except at the discretion of the Executive.

Provision of representative clothing for other tours or representative matches that may take place shall be at the discretion of the Executive.

A Player/Manager shall be appointed to each touring team with overall responsibility for the team. The manager is to provide a report on the conclusion of the tour to the secretary of the league.

The League will hire a small car for the tour providing up to \$400 towards costs. Selected players will then be required to contribute towards the expenses of a tour beyond the \$400.

**SELECTORS**

Nominations shall be called for 3 Selectors to select the touring representative teams.

**FEES**

The Association affiliation fee shall be \$2 per team or \$2 for an individual Team Entry Fee and Individual Fees are to be confirmed at AGM.

**HOSTING OF COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Country League will call for bids for hosting the Championships for 3 years in advance to allow associations to learn from the current host association. All bids are to be conveyed to the Executive.

Where no bids are received the Executive will determine venue based on financial viability.

**CONDUCTING THE COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The League will consider bids based upon the following;

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Opportunities to promote Table Tennis in a location through the local press and TV. Other factors considered are;

Expenditure:

- Venue Hire
- Trophy costs
- Ball purchase
- Transport Costs (postage, mail, photo copying, telephone costs
- Administrative Costs

Income:

- Anticipated Teams to be entered
- Anticipated Individual Entries
- Sponsorship in cash or kind

Budget:

The budget for running the Championships is approximately \$5,000 per year

- Venue should be approximately 2 basket ball courts which will accommodate 20 tables. Other items required for the championships are Score Counters for each table, surround barriers, Someone to be at the Control desk for distribution of score sheets and collation of results etc
- Hall Hire - \$1,500 to \$3,500 depending on location and subsequent negotiations. Venues in Country Locations may be more economical whereas Metropolitan venues are more expensive. Homebush hire costs about \$3,500 whereas Country venues may be available for under \$2,000.
- Balls cost up to \$300
- Trophies cost up to \$1,000
- Transport may cost up to \$1,500
- Administrative cost about \$200

These are indicative costs and need to be considered where ever the Championships are held.

An Association may bid to host and run the Championships, providing all facilities, tables, barriers, etc. This proposal will be considered by the Executive as will the distribution of any profit or loss.